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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE EVA KARPATI



It has been only three months into my term as President and already I am overwhelmed.

I am overwhelmed with excitement at the monumental events going on right now within our organization. We have sold the building! We are looking for a new home, a new place to call Council House. We have an opportunity to find a home that reflects our spirit of unwavering dedication to ensuring better lives for the vulnerable in our midst. Our new home can reflect that we remain relevant and important as we tackle the needs of our community in new creative ways. The search is exciting and we have 18 months to do so.

During these months we can also take the time to appreciate what 4700 Bathurst Street meant to us over these 53 years. Let's celebrate and honour this legacy. Please share stories and photos that you have and we can make a wonderful album.

On all our behalf I would like to express my enormous gratitude to Ena Cord who has overseen this arduous and emotional process with dedication and diligence since its inception. She ensured a transparent and clear course of action working every step of the way with our brokers and lawyers. She and her team produced our best possible outcome. Thank you Ena.

I am overwhelmed with excitement by the amount of business that goes on in a single day. It is such a vibrant hub. The phone is always ringing and people are always coming and going. From calls about donations, to women dropping off wool for Mitzvah Knitters, to Branches coming in for

meetings, to Harvey Silver coming in to check on our paper supplies (and staying to kibbitz with the staff), to calls about volunteer opportunities, to committee members giggling at old photos for our 120 Celebration, to TAP puppeteers practicing in the auditorium, Council House is alive. This is all to say that we have such a rich diversity of programming. And this is still evolving. This full newsletter is a testament to our actions and the many ways we impact the community. I am so proud of this fabulous organization. Please drop in anytime, chat, laugh, and experience the feeling!

I am overwhelmed with excitement by the amazing women I am working with. NCJWC Toronto is a community and it has become my new family. My family of generous, selfless women who give time, energy, creativity so that we can be most effective in delivering our mission of service, education, and advocacy. I am so grateful to have a powerful Board, an engaged Past President's Advisory Council and committed staff made up of phenomenal women who make my job easy. I am overwhelming honoured to be part of a 120 year legacy of compassionate women.

This Rosh Hashanah truly feels like a New Year as we venture forth towards the next 120 years!

On behalf of the Board, I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. May you all be blessed with sweetness and light in this year 5778.

*Shannah Tovah!  
Happy and Healthy Year  
to you and your loved ones.*



## POINTS in OUR HISTORY

- 1 1897 – The first section of NCJW is founded in Toronto. Charter members organize English lessons, sewing classes and integration skills for new Canadian women.
- 2 1914 – Council House becomes a Red Cross Centre during WW1.
- 3 1924 - Move to 44 St. George St.
- 4 1918 – 1950 - Jewish Big Sisters begins, 44 St. George is purchased, Nursery School opens and NCJW joins the Jewish Camp Council. During WW 11, NCJW donates 9 mobile blood units to the Red Cross, organizes Ship-a-Box to soldiers and sponsors orphanages in Europe. NCJW promotes interest in legislation for fair employment practices and creates the Good Age Club, at Council House, for seniors.
- 5 1934 – The Canadian division of NCJW begins, renamed NCJW of Canada in 1943.
- 6 1964 - Move to 4700 Bathurst St.
- 7 60's, 70's – A Welcome Centre opens at Council House to help new immigrants, Council House becomes the forerunner of the Betel Centre, Head Start and Block Parents are created. ESL classes and basic literacy are taught at Council, Human Rights Day is initiated and members support and advocate for the rights of Refuseniks.
- 8 80's – Toronto Society for the Jewish Hearing Impaired is created, Council members host Citizenship Court, create the Task Force on Jewish Persons with Disabilities, Kids on the Block project starts and the Passover Food Drive is created.
- 9 1986 – NCJW Foundation partners with the Canadian government to build Bathurst/Prince Charles building, affordable housing for seniors, disabled and families.
- 10 90's - Participation in forums on abuse, a referendum on the Charlottetown Accord, Breast Cancer self-examination program is initiated, Wellness for Women, assistance to the homeless, forum on Racism is held at the St. Lawrence Centre with partners, Breakfast Club is formed for children in need, programs for seniors and more.
- 11 2000's – Seniors' Lunch and Learn, Snack Program for Kids, Reading Angels, Think Pink, JGAT, Council Awareness Players and numerous forums for health education.
- 12 Advocacy and education to support organ and tissue donation in the Jewish population and anti-human trafficking awareness. Quilters create blankets for individuals touched by cancer and knitters create items for people with dementia. Education for members continues and new projects are investigated.
- 13 2017- 120th anniversary of NCJWC and Toronto Section, making important changes to remain current and to continue our journey of SERVICE, EDUCATION and SOCIAL ACTION.



Come Join the Party!

We are very excited to celebrate the 120th anniversary of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, and Toronto Section, this year. NCJWC was established in 1897 and Toronto was its first Section. The forward thinking Canadian Jewish women of 1897 dedicated themselves to identifying community needs and providing the leadership, energy and financial resources to bring about meaningful change for Jews and non-Jews alike.

As you know, we continue with these goals to this very day.

We, as an organization, have so much to be proud of. We have a long history of groundbreaking initiatives and expansion of existing projects for improvement in the social, economic and cultural lives of many.

Please Join Us...  
National Council of Jewish Women of Canada

120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017, 12:30 PM

Temple Sinai Congregation  
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

Celebrate with us at our **Reach for the Stars**  
120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon



We are honoured to have Dr. Roberta Bondar as our keynote speaker. Dr. Bondar, an exceptional and inspirational woman and a Canadian icon, journeyed into space 25 years ago.

We will recognize NCJWC's past leaders, our National and Toronto Section Presidents who have led us through the decades. Debbie Wasserman will be installed as President of NCJWC to continue our journey into the future.

Come celebrate with us at our Reach for the Stars 120th Anniversary Luncheon. It will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at Temple Sinai Congregation, 210 Wilson Ave., Toronto. We will be honouring our past National and Toronto Section presidents and ushering in the future with the installation of our next National President, Debbie Wasserman.

We are honoured to have Dr. Roberta Bondar, the first Canadian Woman in space, as our keynote speaker. She is truly a Canadian icon and continues her work as a researcher, educator, photographer and author.

We are very proud to celebrate NCJWC's "reach for the stars" as we honour the past, celebrate the present and look forward with excitement to the future.

To reserve, please call the office at 416.633.5100.

# Memories...



Council House accessibility for disabled 1973



Eastern Area Conference - 1958



Downsview Study 1984



Ottawa Councilettes - Circa early 60's



Triennial Convention 2007, Toronto



Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2017



NCJWC Toronto and JIAS Chanukah party 2015



The Reaching for the Stars Luncheon, NCJWC and NCJWC Toronto's 120th Anniversary celebration is quickly approaching on Sunday, October 22, 2017. We are in the process of creating our Program Booklet to commemorate this special occasion. Members, branches, sections and businesses have an opportunity to extend their good wishes by providing a written greeting to appear in the Booklet. Size of the greeting will be determined by the greeting level chosen. Please consider supporting our event in this special way. Thank you.

Sincerely yours, Sharon Allentuck, National President

Tickets are \$72 per person. To order call 416.633.5100  
To book your Greeting Ad call 1.866.625.9274

Yes! I wish to support  
THE REACHING FOR THE STARS 120TH ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS CAMPAIGN

► Greeting levels are as follows\*:

- Ray: One Line \$50       Star: Business card: \$120       Moon: Quoter page: \$350
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►  Tickets: \$72 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ \*Deadline for Greeting Ad submission is Monday October 2, 2017

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All ads are tax deductible. Charitable Donation #: 107761710RR0001

## UPDATE - SALE OF OUR BUILDING, 4700 BATHURST STREET ENACORD



I am pleased to inform you of the recent sale of 4700 Bathurst Street. We are very fortunate to have enlisted the team from Colliers International who from the onset offered us professionalism and attentiveness. We are so grateful to the Law firm of Blake, Cassels and Graydon LLP for offering legal support throughout the entire process of sale. Daniel Kofman and his legal assistant Jennifer Del Bianco anticipated our every need.

Our property has been sold to Front Door Development whose plan is to use the lot for re-development, most likely stacked townhouses. We have the option of staying no longer than 18 month and are working diligently with Colliers to find a future location.

I gratefully acknowledge the Board of 2015-2017 whose members strongly supported the sale as they witnessed Council House aging and in need of many repairs that our treasury could no longer afford. They had the vision of our organization moving forward with vitality in another location. As I look to the new Board of 2017-2019, I am confident the members will guide us through the many aspects of relocating.

Strategic planning continues with much vigor as we evaluate our programmes and determine their future. All members are welcome to attend these meetings. Your input counts.

I thank you for the opportunity of representing NCJWC Toronto during this significant time in our history.

Next strategic planning meeting will be Monday September 25, 7:00 pm at Council House. Please let Shabina know if you will be attending.

# National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section Foundation | Bathurst/Prince Charles Building

LINDA STEINBERG

It is my pleasure to introduce our new BPC Board:

President: Linda Steinberg

Past President: Roz Fine

VP/Secretary: Dahlia Rusinek

Treasurer: Karen Fenwick

Board: Gita Arnold, Ena Cord, Barbara Greenglass, Bev Hutner, Eva Karpati, Patty Niles, Debbie Wasserman

All new Board members met with Alan Alexander, the BPC Property Manager, and were apprised of essential information regarding the administration, tenant units, programming for tenants, mortgage held by CMHC and role of the Officers of the Foundation Board.

At our first Board meeting on June 19, 2017 several important items were introduced. Energized and engaged, our Board discussed and will continue to investigate the impact of the following:

1. Our mortgage will end in November 2018. Future repairs will necessitate a renegotiated mortgage.
2. Our original agreement with the City re rent supplements will end when our mortgage is finished.

Programs involving food are always a highlight for our tenants and provide an opportunity for the Board to mingle while helping to serve. The annual barbeque catered by Big Al's Delish was held on August 30, 2017.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to Roz Fine for her passion and dedication as President of the BPC Board for the past four years. Under her mentorship, we will continue to strive for the best decisions regarding the Foundation Building and tenants.

*We look forward to a busy and exciting future and Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year!*

## OFFICE CLOSINGS 2017-18

### 2017

OCTOBER: Thursday 5, Sukkot  
Monday 9, Thanksgiving  
Thursday 12, Shemini Atzeret,

DECEMBER: Monday 25, Christmas Day  
Tuesday 26, Boxing Day

### 2018

JANUARY: Monday 1, New Year's Day  
FEBRUARY: Monday 19, Family Day  
MARCH: Friday 30, Good Friday  
MAY: Monday 21, Shavuot and Victoria Day



## Serviette Sale!!

- Buy
- 1 packet for \$3.00
  - 2 packets for \$5.00
  - 3 packets for \$6.00
  - 4 packets for \$7.00

Good news! Supply of gold leaf serviettes is available.  
Place your order 416.633.5100 or drop in to pick them up

## WELCOME BACK! YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

Questions or concerns:  
Sophie Doman 416.633.5100 or  
accounting@ncjwctoronto.org

## BINGO

Volunteers – July 2016 to July 2017

*THANK YOU... THANK YOU!!!*

Susan Austin	.....	Eva Karpati
Laura Berkley	.....	Frances Klinger
Marci Capland	.....	Roslyn Levy
Debby Conn	.....	Patty Niles
Elaine Cooper	.....	Melissa Potashner
Ena Cord	.....	Gary Polonsky
Phyllis Dubin	.....	Deanna Samuels
Karen Fenwick	.....	Elayne Shuster
Paula Frisch	.....	Linda Steinberg
Jill Garazi	.....	Marion Tully
Susan Glickman	.....	Saul Unterman
Elkie Handelman	.....	Debbie Wasserman
Phyllis Kaplan	.....	Betty Weisz
	.....	Bonnie Wells



Did we omit your name? Please get in touch with us at Council House so that we can include your name in the next Newsletter.

Volunteers are still needed for the following sessions

Please arrive 2 hours before designated time.

Thursday October 19, 2017	10 am to 12:30 pm
Thursday October 19, 2017	1 pm to: 3:30 pm
Wednesday November 22, 2017	1 pm to 3:30 pm
Wednesday November 22, 2017	4 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunday December 3, 2017	1 am to 3:30 am
Monday December 4, 2017	10 pm to 12 am
Monday December 11, 2017	4 pm to 6:30 pm

## BOARD MEETINGS DATES 2017-18



All meetings are on MONDAY at 7:30 pm  
at Council House

October 16, 2017  
November 13, 2017  
December 11, 2017  
January 8, 2018  
February 12, 2018  
March 12, 2018  
April 9, 2018  
May 14, 2018  
June 11, 2018

ALL MEMBERS  
ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND  
BOARD MEETINGS



*Yes!*  
you can.



**Saving a Life Is The Greatest  
Mitzvah a Jew Can Perform**

At this time of year our prayers and thoughts  
focus on our actions, past and present.

Please take a moment to consider the mitzvah of saving a life.

The Halacha around Organ Donation says *Yes!* you can.  
One person can save 8 lives and enhance as many as 75 more.

- Q: Do all movements within Judaism agree with organ donation?**  
**A: YES.** Organ donation is a principle shared by the entire community.
- Q: Doesn't Judaism require us to be buried intact?**  
**A:** Judaism draws a distinction in this case in order to save a life.
- Q: Will my decision to donate compromise how I am treated?**  
**A:** Donation will be considered only after every effort has been made to save and cure.

Now is the time to say *Yes!*  
**Organ and Tissue Donation Saves Lives**  
**Register Now**

[www.beadonor.ca](http://www.beadonor.ca) [www.ncjwctoronto.com](http://www.ncjwctoronto.com)

Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donation Program  
416-633-5100 \* [www.ncjwc-ts.org](http://www.ncjwc-ts.org)

A project of National Council for Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto  
together with Trillium Gift of Life Network and Toronto Board of Rabbis

# Toronto Jewish Quilting Project



Join us every Wednesday 1:30 to 3:30 pm and help us sew handmade quilts.

The Angel Quilters have been continuously busy sewing their quilts of comfort for those touched by cancer. In these thirteen years we have gifted 340 quilts.

We are now honoured to be asked to create a quilt for Dr. Roberta Bondar as a gift from NCJWC for speaking at our 120 Gala Luncheon in October. We are thrilled at the opportunity and look forward to making everyone proud. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this creation.

On occasion we get letters of thank yous from our Angel Quilt recipients. This one particularly touched our hearts and demonstrated that we are in fact making a difference.

*Dear NCJWC members,  
I want thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the exquisite quilt that was given to me on your behalf.  
At a time like this, where so much of my life is in turmoil due to lung cancer, this act of kindness and generosity means so very much to me and to my family. I'm happily covered and kept warm by it on this cool day as I write this note of thanks. It is simply beautiful in every aspect and I know that I will cherish it for a long time.  
Once again, please accept my thanks and my gratitude for such a thoughtful gesture.*

*Sincerely, Philippe*

WELCOME TO



WELCOMING QUILTS

On Sunday, September 10 Welcome Quilts #9, #10 and #11 were gifted to three

sisters and their families. The new refugees were all overwhelming grateful for our gesture of warmth and friendship.

They could not stop extolling their gratitude towards JIAS, their sponsoring synagogue and our Welcome Quilt Project.

They exuberantly expressed how the hardships they endured have begun to melt away as they have received such kindness.

Below: Eva Karpati (far left) and Elana Milman (far right) gifting Welcome Quilts to the three families.



JOHN TORY  
MAYOR

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*Proclamation*  
Human Trafficking Awareness Day

May 10, 2017

WHEREAS human trafficking can be defined as “a crime that exploits women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex.”

This day of awareness is the first step in the campaign to ensure that potential victims are protected and that perpetrators are caught and convicted.

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto has been an active advocate for the elimination of trafficking in persons since 2013 and has now called for this day to be proclaimed to raise awareness.

City Council has been committed to promoting fundamental human rights and enhancing the quality of life for refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S, women, children, indigenous peoples and others who are at risk of experiencing discrimination or violence.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2017 as “Human Trafficking Awareness Day” in the City of Toronto.



John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto



# HUMAN TRAFFICKING - AWARENESS DAY

RACHEL ORNOY

In January 2017 the committee approved of the concept of making Toronto a human trafficking free zone. This developed in time into a proclamation of May 10th as a Human Trafficking Awareness Day announced by the John Tory and the city of Toronto.

Five months later we had the event in Nathan Phillip Square. We invited 8 other organizations, who work on eradicating Human Trafficking in the GTA, to join us. They each had a table for their material, for the community to get to know them.

Mayor John Tory welcomed the attendees and read out the proclamation that he presented to us. The four excellent speakers who are all involved in combating human Trafficking addressed the audience; Jennifer Richardson, Cassandra Diamond, Kevin Vowles and Bruce Rivers.

There were about 20 students from 2 colleges who made signs with messages against human trafficking, walking the Square to encourage passers by, to join the event. We gave out buttons, bookmarks with our information and sheets of SIGNS OF LURING AND BEING TRAFFICKED.

That the city of Toronto announced that this proclamation was initiated by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto was an excellent publicity for our organization.





# HEALTH ISSUES

LINDA STEINBERG and BARB RAVKA

Women and Heart Disease. Understanding the Issues - Protecting Your Loved Ones!!



Cheryl Hochman Z"L

On May 3, 2017, Zion Branch hosted a lecture by Dr. Beth Abramson on 'Women and Heart Disease' to honour the memory of our cherished friend and valued member Cheryl Hochman Z"L. Cheryl was actively involved in Zion Branch for close to 20 years and

also led many Toronto Section programs: Just for Me Backpack, Prom Dresses for Students, Lunch and Learn Enrichment for Seniors, Reading Angels and Breakfast Program for Children, Drive for Dreidels, and Women's Shelter Program.

Dr. Beth Abramson, a renowned cardiologist and leader in her field delivered an outstanding and informative presentation to an audience of 140 including Cheryl's family and friends. Drawing on her own research, as well as the research of others, Dr. Abramson discussed the realities of heart health, the disturbing statistics, risk factors for heart disease and prevention. A lengthy Q & A followed this engaging presentation. Dr. Abramson was very pleased to connect with NCJWC Toronto and generously waived her speaker's fee.

Cheryl's sister Linda Kremer, who is also a council member spoke on behalf of the family, thanking Zion Branch and Toronto Section for this special evening, a tribute to Cheryl.



Dr. Beth Abramson



The Hochman and Kremer Families

# HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

FLORENE MOSKOVITZ



On Saturday November 4, at 7:30 pm at Council House, NCJWC Toronto is once again pleased to sponsor a program during Holocaust Education Week.

Our speaker, Dr. Edna Magder, has special connections to our organization; her late mother-in-law, Rose Magder, was a long-term member of the NCJWC in Montreal. As a student, Dr. Magder was the recipient of an NCJSC scholarship in 1964.

In her recently published book, "Searching For My Grandmother," she describes the search for the fate of her maternal grandmother who vanished from Vienna in 1942.

The initial aim of memorializing her grandmother turned into a thirty-year time-independent tie to her grandmother, forging a link to future generations and more.

Dr. Edna Magder, a psychologist in private practice in Toronto, will discuss her book with the audience.

This should be a very emotional and inspirational program. We look forward to the support of our Council Members. Please save the date.



## Be a TAP Volunteer Puppeteer

*Join an innovative educational program educating young students in Toronto and the GTA*

Learn table top puppetry  
Meet wonderful people

Teach about disabilities and differences through scripted performances 1/2 day a week

Full training provided

**All you need is enthusiasm and a sense of fun!**

For more information please contact [tap@epilepsytoronto.org](mailto:tap@epilepsytoronto.org) or call 416 964-9095



## UJA WALK

Eva Karpati and Ena Cord  
at Ontario Place, UJA Walk 2017



*Many thanks to Glenda Cooper and Dara Nathanson for a successful Passover Food Drive 2017!!*





*Best wishes  
for a Happy and Healthy  
Year 5778*

Eva Karpati, President  
The Board

Gita Arnold

Ronnee Alter

Susan Austin and Family

Eveline Berger and Family

Ena Cord and Family

Paula and Stan Epstein and Family

Toby and Saul Feldberg and Family

Karen Fenwick, Saul Unterman and Family

Abe and Marcy Fish and Family

Paula and Irving Frisch and Family

Sheila and David Freeman and Family

Barbara and Martin Greenglass and Family

Eva Karpati and Richard Prupas and Family

Helen Marr and Family

Sheila and Alan Mostyn and Family

Gloria Roden and Family

Marsha and Eric Slavens and Family

Elaine and Harvey Socol and Family

Linda and Gary Steinberg and Family

Esther and Marvin Tile and Family

Debbie and Jack Wasserman and Family

Marcie Weinman and Lou Brzezinski,

Jack and Michael

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Orah Branch

Study and Service Branch

Suburban Study Branch

Yachad Branch

York Mills Study Branch

Zion Branch

The Staff of NCJWC Toronto

Shabina Arfeen, Sophie Doman,

and Andreas Terriminy



# MITZVAH KNITTERS

RENEE BIRNBAUM and ELAINE BARKIN



We begin our second year at National Council with a successful first year behind us.

In addition to the 200 hats for the Backpack Project and the hats for the Council's

Chanukah Project we have donated over 1500 items to many charities across the GTA. Our June fundraiser, attended by our knitters, featured film, food and fun.

Our membership has grown steadily and we always welcome new knitters and crocheters.

Our new email address is [mitzvahknitters@ncjwctoronto.org](mailto:mitzvahknitters@ncjwctoronto.org)

Looking forward to a great year!!

Visit our website at [www.ncjwctoronto.org](http://www.ncjwctoronto.org)

# TRIBUTE CARDS

Send a card to acknowledge special occasions or in memory of loved ones and you will be supporting the many worthwhile projects of Toronto Section.

Income tax receipt with a minimum \$18.00 donation  
Call Council House 416.633.5100



# JUST FOR ME BACKPACKS - A HUGE SUCCESS!

*THANK YOU Robin Tameshtit, Dinah Branch and Families!*



## THORNHILL STUDY GROUP – 2016-17

SUSAN AUSTIN

The only constant is change. That is our mantra. We are forever changing. We have been together for many years and really enjoy the camaraderie and yet we thrive on change. Our program this year reflected this. We are always open to new members and have two charming women who have joined us this year.

We have covered a wide and varied cornucopia of topics and events this time. In September, we had a delicious dinner together and the speaker, Robert Hawke, was informative and funny. Then we had an enthralling evening with Dr. Sima Goel, speaking about her experience as a refugee and talking about her book. Before we could catch our breath, we were whisked into the world of mystery writing – so enlightening and entertaining. Then we joined Orah Branch for an instructive evening listening to Dr. Steven Blitzer telling us everything we wanted or did not want to know about chronic pain.

Our next program was a return visit by our favourite movie critic, Kevin Courrier. What an enjoyable evening! Then came a very serious issue for everyone – Human Trafficking. It is unbelievable to listen to the heart-breaking stories and their awful reality. We all committed to help and ensure we spread the message. We then learnt to quilt, courtesy of our delightful Toronto Section VP, Eva Karpati. One of us even managed to sew the quilt to her scarf! What a great evening.

Soon afterwards, the snowbirds in our group left for the winter sun and a much smaller group of us had a truly marvelous evening at the end of November, listening to Kitty Wintrob talk about her wartime experiences as a child evacuee in the UK. It was fascinating.

We decided on a winter hiatus and came roaring back after Pesach with a superb speaker, Ian Leventhal,

showing us how Art Transforms a City. It was a mesmerizing presentation.

Next came an amazing presentation by Rouhama Danto showing us Michelangelo's Hidden Jewish Symbols and Messages on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. It was so interesting and revealing.

After Pesach we had our joint Maj Jongg fundraiser with Zion branch. As in previous years, it was a huge success and raised much needed revenue for NCJWC –Toronto. Soon after, we had another excellent joint program with Orah branch, a presentation of the music of Judy Garland by Mike Daley. Our final program was exceptional, Dr. Julia Zarankin created a wonderful presentation on The Magic of the Ballet Russes and how this revolutionized the world of modern dance. It was a fitting way to close of a year of outstanding programs.

At Thornhill Study Group, we will continue to volunteer and serve wherever we are needed while enjoying every moment of our time together. I am so proud to have served this past two years as Chair of TSG and am thrilled to hand the torch to our two incoming joint-chairs, Beryl Mosselson and Irene Papernick. I wish you much success in your two-year term.

*On behalf of all the special women in our branch we wish each and everyone of you "Shanah Tovah Umetukah" – a Good and Sweet Year.*

### CHAI BRANCH

Chai Branch is once again selling Mah Jongg Cards.  
 Large cards: \$13, Small cards \$12.  
 Increase due to exchange on US \$.  
 Receive your 2017 cards by calling  
 Council House at 416.633.5100



THE L'CHAIM PROJECT

ELIZABETH ERLICH and MARSHA UROWITZ

In April of 2017, L'Chaim held another extremely well received and attended therapeutic program featuring popular facilitator Claire Edmonds, PhD. Entitled "Surviving and Thriving after Cancer", the evening provided a forum for frank and moving discussion about the great challenges that cancer brings, transforming those all who face its trials. The evening's program went on to discuss the ways in which the difficulties faced on one's cancer journey can also bring about growth and even positive change.

Susan Austin, L'Chaim's Phone Call Intake Coordinator, continued to speak sensitively to new clients, explaining L'Chaim's services. Marsha Urowitz, L'Chaim's Co-Chair and "matchmaker", continued in her duties of matching new clients with L'Chaim volunteers who have had a similar cancer experience; and arranging for gift bags to be delivered to each new client.

After many years of service, Elizabeth Erlich and Marsha Urowitz announced that they will be stepping down as co-chairs of L'Chaim in June of 2017. In the spring of 2017 they met with President Ena Cord, and VP Eva Karpati, providing them with needed materials, an outline of L'Chaim's present administrative procedures; and input as to how L'Chaim might best continue its operation under new leadership.

A Summer Social was held providing clients and volunteers with an evening of relaxation, fun and fellowship. This year's Social featured magician Ben Train who amazed everyone with his fabulous tricks and mindreading, and had everyone roaring with laughter, too! A magical evening indeed.



**VOLUNTEERS**  
We need you!!

Please sign up for a session.  
Detailed information on page 8.

416.633.5100

## POSITIVE CHANGE

**WOMEN SUPPORT & NETWORKING**

POSITIVE CHANGE is a social group that is open to women from our organization and from the community.

The idea is to get to know other women in a social, pleasant environment, to celebrate holidays, birthdays and share and discuss every day topics.



We meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 10 - 11.30 am in Council House. We have picnics in the park in the summer and listen to guest speakers. In our annual survey the members always express their satisfaction from the meetings and the topics discussed.

For more information please call the office and leave a message for Rachel Ornoy.



Picture left to right: Linda Steinberg, Bonnie Wells, Naomi Kingston, Bev Hutner, Eva Karpati, Patty Niles, Ena Cord, Elkie Handelman, Marion Tully and Elayne Shuster. Absent: Hazel Wayne, Gail Crystal, Wanda Wintrobe

## TORONTO SECTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017 - 2019



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Ena Cord and  
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# TEACHING AWARENESS THROUGH PUPPETRY RINDY BRADSHAW AND KIRSTEN SIXT

## Working in Schools

Fall is an important time for TAP. As teachers and students head back to school, we are busy recruiting and training our puppeteers and booking workshops for the 2017/2018 school year. Teaching Awareness through Puppetry helps teachers and administrators build kinder, more inclusive communities. TAP's workshops help students and teachers become more aware of each other's differences and learn strategies that build acceptance and understanding both in the classroom and in the playground. Using inquiry based learning techniques to reinforce learning, our leaders support busy teachers working hard to create dynamic learning environments for their communities.



## What people are saying about TAP

*Our new Autism Spectrum Disorder workshops are very well received in schools:*

*The workshop was an amazing opportunity for our students to discuss inclusion and conflict resolution in a safe and non-judgemental environment. It generated very thoughtful questions and discussions. The presentation was fantastic. Our group needed more time than allotted to fully discuss the topics because our students were so engaged!! Dana Tulsieram, Teacher, General Crerar Public School*

*The students really enjoyed the awesome puppet workshop. What you guys do is so important- thank you for helping us to make our school more inclusive and welcoming for all students. K. Green, Teacher*

*Richmond Rose Road Public School*

## Getting in touch with us

The National Council of Jewish Women - TS provides important support to the TAP program. We would love to hear from you! We are always looking for volunteers and we would be pleased to come and provide a workshop for your school or community program or talk to you and tell you what we are up to. We have launched a newsletter, let us know if you would like us to add you to our contact list. Please contact [info@tap-toronto.com](mailto:info@tap-toronto.com) or call Kirsten or Rindy at 416 964 9095. Visit our website at [www.tap-toronto.com](http://www.tap-toronto.com) and Facebook site @tappuppets!

## Getting Married? Mazel Tov! Planning a family? Make genetic screening a priority.

Toronto Section of NCJWC is still working closely with Jacob's Ladder and Mount Sinai Hospital in planning future screenings in the community for Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Diseases.



## The Dash

By Linda Ellis  
Submitted by Roz Fine

*I read of a man who stood to speak  
at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on her tombstone  
from the beginning...to the end.*

*He noted that first came her date of birth  
and spoke the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all  
was the dash between those years.*

*For that dash represents all the time  
that she spent alive on earth  
and now only those who loved her  
know what the little line is worth.*

*For it matters not, how much we own,  
the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love  
and how we spend our dash.*

*So think about this long and hard;  
are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left  
that can still be rearranged.*

*If we could just slow down enough  
to consider what's true and real  
and always try to understand  
the way other people feel.*

*And be less quick to anger  
and show appreciation more  
and love the people in our lives  
like we've never loved before.*

*If we treat each other with respect  
and more often wear a smile...  
remembering that this special dash  
might only last a little while.*

*So when your eulogy is being read  
with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say  
about how you spent your dash?*

## WE REMEMBER

Vivian Lachovitsky offered her assistance at the front desk during Passover Food Drive. Her friendly and efficient manner endeared her to staff, volunteers and visitors. She was so adept at all of the tasks that she was given. When Shabina, our office manager, informed us that she was taking holidays, Vivian very enthusiastically offered to fill in.

We were so looking forward to her return. How shocked we were to learn of her sudden and tragic death. We offer our deepest sympathies to her family and we will miss her dearly.



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