

We acknowledge with gratitude that our work takes place on the traditional and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓íl̓wətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations.

Vancouver section fiscal year runs from May 1st through to April 30th.

At last years AGM, we added new board members who had brought great enthusiasm and vision to our section. Two of these new board members, Gail Gumprich and Yamila Chikiar travelled to Toronto this month with myself to attend the NCJWC AGM and the ICJW Executive Council Meeting. We often feel disconnected from our National and International umbrella organizations, but having three Vancouver board members attend these meetings helped reinforce and revitalize these relationships.

The Vancouver Section wishes to once again thank our incredible National president Linda Steinberg for being at the National helm this past year and keeping us vibrant as a National organization. Part of her leadership has prioritized a strategic planning initiative to determine a successful path forward for NCJWC.

In Vancouver, like many Jewish organizations, this year has been disproportionately focused on Israel and the growing concerns of increased global antisemitism.

We also continue to find our path forward with diverse programs and collaborations. Our priority continues to be trying to bridge the incredible work of NCJWC's past, with all the potential of the future. We see so many opportunities.

To see all that we accomplished this year, please see our “year in review” that we sent out in the spring: <https://mailchi.mp/1cf8329a33f4/txqr8n8egs-9438929>

We are really leaning into collaboration with other groups doing social action work, and supporting important passion projects brought to us.

This year I'm particularly excited about continuing the food security learning programs in the Jewish Community Garden, our International Women's Day screening of [She Rises Up](#), as well as starting a youth mentorship program to support youth mitzvah projects so they can learn the impact they can make in their communities (here's a first draft of the proposal) :

NCJWC Vancouver Youth Social Action Program: *NCJWC Vancouver will launching a new Youth Social Action Program to support young people committed to making a positive impact. With our expertise in fundraising and redistributing resources to grassroots organizations and projects, we are excited to offer youth the tools and infrastructure to bring their social justice ideas to life.*

Through this program, we will provide:

- *Individually tailored online platforms for donations*
- *Tax receipts for donors*
- *Guidance on how to create and manage a social action project*
- *Support in reaching and engaging potential supporters*

Whether you're planning a B'nei Mitzvah project or simply passionate about supporting a cause you care about, NCJWC Vancouver is here to offer guidance. In addition, we have some funds available to match a portion of the money raised in the program's pilot year, helping you maximize your impact. Join us in making a difference through youth-led social action!

This youth focussed program is a fresh way of both introducing younger generations to NCJWC as well as fulfilling our mandate of *Social Action, Education and Advocacy*.

On Sunday November 24th we held a beautiful celebration for our 100th Anniversary. We had attendees spanning 7 - 95 years old. Our beloved past president Debby Altow wrote this reflecting on the event “*What a tour de force! What a positive, engaging vibe! How wonderful to see so many people that I didn't know! NCJWC 's future is full of hope with all your tremendous efforts. Thank you for putting on such a great party.. it truly signalled a dynamic and contemporary path forward. Congrats to you and all who worked so hard to make it happen.*” We were honoured to pay tribute to our history and create space for all that may lay ahead.

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