

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
OF CANADA, VANCOUVER SECTION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT THE TEMPLE SHOLOM: 31 MEMBERS ATTENDING PLUS 8 GUESTS

1. WELCOME AND YEAR IN REVIEW

President Jordana Corenblum presented her report (attached) and thanked the officers of Vancouver Section for their support and work over the past year.

2. DISPENSATION OF READING MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:
Rochelle Garfinkel proposed, and Ellen Gordon seconded a Motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the November 10, 2022 AGM. MOTION PASSED.

3. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Lisa Pozin, the Treasurer of the Society presented her report for the year from May 2022 to April 30, 2023 (attached. Lisa noted that she will be stepping down as Treasurer in the new year at the first Board meeting after the AGM.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: As per section (9) of the Bylaws the following directors were presented for positions for the 2023-2024 fiscal year;:

Jordana Corenblum	}	Brief biographies of the proposed Officers
Gail Gumprich	}	attached to the Minutes
Yamila Chikiar]	
Barb Gelfant)	

Past Presidents: Ellen Gordon.

The above slate of officers was proposed by Jackie Krystal and seconded by Linda Arato and PASSED BY ACCLAMATION.

5. Marsha Lederman- journalist key-note speaker, was introduced by Ellen Gordon. When Ellen Gordon originally reached out to Marsha Lederman about speaking at the Vancouver NCJWC AGM, we were thrilled. Not only that she said yes, but by the topic she proposed, How my Jewish identity, something I was careful to leave out of my work as a journalist, found its way back in, sounded so interesting and relevant. We had no idea how relevant it would actually be. On Saturday October 7th, our lives as Jews changed forever and the subsequent war being fought in Israel and Gaza is being fought on many fronts, including

global media. Marsha shared her perspective as a journalist and more personally, as the daughter of two Holocaust survivors. Marsha was able to articulate so much of what so many of us have been feeling over the last 6 weeks. Marsha spoke about the intergenerational trauma she continues to experience in her life and the collective fear, anger, and heartache that is currently consuming us.

In her book *Kiss the Red Stairs The Holocaust, Once Removed: A Memoir*, Marsha tells her family's story and how trauma migrates through generations. Marsha's openness about her reactions to recent events and all that it triggered, validated everyone that was lucky enough to be in attendance. After the recent slaughter of 1200 Israelis, and the capturing of over 200 hostages, of us are feeling the rise in antisemitism across the world. The atrocities of the Holocaust feel too close and the promise of never again has been betrayed. Marsha's vulnerability created safety and a sense of belongingness, voicing what each of us are holding in our hearts. Thank you, Marsha, for bragging us together, there is nothing we need more as a community right no congregation

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Anne Melul made a motion to adjourn the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Gail Gumprich seconded, Vancouver Section . Motion Passed by all attendees at 8:10 p.m.