

2025-2027 NCJWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



PATTY NILES, PRESIDENT

Patty Niles is a longstanding member of NCJWC Toronto and has extensive experience serving the organization in many capacities. She has held leadership roles at both the Branch and Board levels. Patty has served as Treasurer of Toronto section and her Branch, chaired the NCJWC Toronto Education portfolio, served on the NCJWC Toronto Foundation Board and also chaired the NCJWC Toronto Chanukkah Toy drive for eight years. Most recently, Patty served as NCJWC Toronto Vice President, until she assumed the role of interim President and now President. Patty began her career as Office Manager and Accountant at ActionPak from 1986 – 1996. She then moved to Procom in 1996, where she began as bookkeeper and worked her way up to CFO until 2024.



BONNIE WELLS, VP

Bonnie Wells is a primary school teacher who teaches physical education to students in kindergarten through grade three. She has been a member of NCJWC Toronto since age 25, serving on the Board as membership chair, Secretary and Vice President. In her spare time she enjoys knitting, reading, going for walks and watching TV.



NAOMI KINGSTON, SECRETARY

Naomi is a retired ESL specialist and Literacy Mentor who spent 30 years teaching many grade levels in the elementary system. Naomi has been an active member of the NCJWC, Toronto Section for 46 years. She has held a range of leadership roles, including Membership Chair, Education Chair, Vice President of Communication, and currently serves as Secretary. On the NCJWC National Board, she previously served as Vice President of Membership and now holds the position of Vice President of Communication. Naomi also serves on the NCJWC Toronto Foundation Board. Currently, she serves as Chair of Zion Branch, where the amazing members bring commitment, energy, and warmth, carrying on NCJWC's values of service, education, and community. Naomi is a wife, mom and proud Bubby of four wonderful grandchildren.



EVA KARPATI, PAST PRESIDENT

Eva Karpati was born in Budapest, Hungary and came with her family as refugees to Toronto when she was two years old. Eva became a fitness professional after graduating. In November 2001 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. In 2003, she started a volunteer project where people hand-sew quilts for people touched by cancer. The Toronto Jewish Quilting Project was adopted by NCJWC Toronto in 2006. In 2008, she embarked on publishing a monthly newspaper called Good News Toronto. In 2015, Eva became Vice-President of NJWC Toronto and in 2017 she became President and led the organization for four years. She is very proud of the One Voice Project: multifaith women working to end violence against women and the Guidebook they have created for faith leaders.



BEV HUTNER, TREASURER

Bev is a Chartered Accountant and has been a member of Yachad Branch for many years. In 2016 she retired from her position as Director, Taxation at Kraft Heinz Canada ULC. She has been Treasurer of Toronto Section since 2017, and Treasurer of NCJWC Toronto Section Foundation board for the last four years. She is now assuming the role of President of the Foundation Board. For the last two years she has also been actively involved on the steering committee of the NCJWC Toronto Passover Food Drive. In her portfolio, she is responsible for overseeing the ordering of Passover food for over 2500 recipients in the GTA.



ENA CORD

Ena Cord has been volunteering with NCJWC Toronto for 55 years. In 1964 she started her own Branch of NCJWC Toronto to gather the women in her area who like her, wanted to contribute to the community. During her time with NCJWC Toronto, she has taken on various positions of leadership. She has served as Vice President, President, Co-President and Past President of NCJWC Toronto and in those roles has initiated and overseen programs. Ena is a proud mother and grandmother as well as a psychotherapist who deals with issues of bereavement.



SHELLY FELDMAN

Shelly Feldman has a long work and volunteer history and has made valuable contributions in both areas. Professionally, Shelly has held many roles most recently as a personal fitness trainer at Sports Clubs of Canada, Good Life Fitness and Improve your Balance. Shelly has always volunteered her time for the Jewish community including UJA, Leo Baeck Day School and NCJWC Toronto. Shelly chaired the Oran Branch for five years and since 2022 has served as Chair, NCJWC Toronto Passover Food Drive.



SANDY LEIDER

Sandy is a former General Counsel with years of in-house legal experience, bringing a deep commitment to service, leadership, and community. Her volunteer work spans many organizations and includes both hands-on and leadership roles, including being a wish granter for Make-A-Wish Canada and co-chairing Mitzvah Day with NCJW, Toronto. She is passionate about education, social justice, and community building, and continues to deepen her knowledge through lifelong learning in art, history, urban studies, and environmental conservation. She is excited to bring her experience, energy, and heart to the NCJWC Toronto Board.



IRENE PAPERNICK

Irene is an educator by profession and joined NCJWC-Toronto in 2012. Since her retirement as a Principal at an elementary school in Waterloo, Ontario and her move to Toronto she has volunteered for many NCJWC Toronto projects including the L'Chaim Cancer Support Program, the NCJWC Toronto Passover Food Drive and the NCJWC Toronto Section Foundation Board. Irene finds it gratifying to support and help to improve the lives of Jewish women and their families in Toronto.



STELLA SEIGEL

Stella came to Canada as a Jewish refugee with her family from the former Soviet Union in April 1975. Professionally, she has spent the last 30 years in the natural products industry. She has helped companies scale, expand into new markets, and build strong relationships. In addition to her professional work, she has always found meaning in giving back. She previously volunteered with the Youth Entrepreneurship Programs (YEP) coaching and mentoring young people. Currently, she serves on the NCJWC Toronto Antisemitism Committee and also serves on the Power of Small Conversations Steering Committee. This work has been especially important to her, given her family's background and lived experience.



LAURA SILVER

Laura Silver brings a lifelong commitment to social justice and community service to the board. A senior lawyer and adjudicator, she has dedicated her career to championing the rights of vulnerable populations, from victims of crime to individuals facing mental health challenges. Her work has spanned leadership roles in Ontario's justice system, advocacy for survivors of violence, and international human rights efforts with the United Nations. Alongside her professional contributions, she has given back through more than a decade of volunteer leadership with Mothercraft and other community organizations. She is excited to bring her passion and experience to advance NCJWC's mission.



ROBIN TAMESHTIT

Robin has been a member of NCJWC Toronto for over 20 years and chaired the Just for Me Backpack project for many years. More recently, she served as chair of Mitzvah Day, working with multiple agencies and volunteers to create a meaningful day of impact in Toronto. Professionally, she has a background in marketing and management and is the General Manager for Canada of Jellycat so she gets to spend her days with lots of stuffed animals. In her personal life, she is married and has three daughters, all of whom have "launched" the nest and are in university. She speaks French and Spanish and loves to knit.