



The Basics

When: April 23 – 25, 2020

Who: Anyone and everyone who is passionate about social justice and wants to be part of the powerful NCJW community! Whether someone is a seasoned section leader or a new NCJW advocate, Convention is for them. Convention is a great tool for recruiting new members, re-engaging previously active leaders, and strengthening ongoing leaders.

What: Convention! It comes along once every three years, and it gives advocates the chance to shape the future of NCJW in a real way, by voting on the proposed resolutions and bylaws that drive our work.

AND, there will be engaging speakers, networking opportunities, and chances to up your social justice knowledge. Attendees will return home feeling invigorated and inspired to continue social justice work back home.

Where: Chicago, IL, where Hannah G. Solomon founded NCJW 125 years ago. More specifically:

[Westin River North](#)
320 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60654

Why: Convention is an opportunity to:

- Celebrate 125 years of making change happen and envision the next 125 years of what we can accomplish together
- Shape the focus of NCJW for the next three years by voting on bylaws and resolutions that will guide our work.
- Hear a vision and path forward for NCJW from our new CEO Sheila Katz
- Learn from our amazing speakers on how they're turning their passion into action
- Strengthen your leadership and advocacy skills through interactive trainings
- Network with smart, outspoken, and daring advocates from across the country
- Connect with the Jewish values that guide our work

- Experience the dynamic energy of our national movement
- Return home energized and inspired to continue your social justice work with new skills, ideas, and knowledge!

The Details

Registration Options & Cost: [Customize your Convention 2020 experience.](#)

- **Full Conference Ticket** gives you access to three days of action-packed programming, starting with the Opening Plenary on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at 2pm CT and ending with the Leadership Gala Saturday night, April 25. This ticket includes the business sessions, where your vision will help set the direction for NCJW's future during debates and votes on new resolutions and bylaws. Until January 20, 2020, the price is \$525. After January 20, the price will be \$600. All full tickets include four meals over the course of the 3 days.
- **Shabbat Ticket** begins Friday at 2:30pm CT – directly after the business session – and ends with the Leadership Gala Saturday night. It includes two meals. The ticket price is \$450 and there is a subsidized option available for \$275 for individuals under 40 or with a limited income. *If you have further questions about these requirements, please call Lindsay Morris.*
- **Day Tickets** are available for participants who need additional flexibility and dinner tickets for those who want a guest to experience our powerful movement.
- **Subsidies:** Every section in good standing with their national partnership dues is eligible to receive one Full Conference Ticket for an emerging leader who is also a first-time attendee at an NCJW Convention. The subsidy will cover the full cost of registration. More details to come about how to nominate your recipient.
- **Pre-Institute Trainings:** There will be a pre-Institute training for Section Presidents, State Policy Advocates, and Israel Representatives. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Workshops:** [Apply to lead a workshop at Convention!](#) We hope you'll apply to lead a workshop and share your wealth of knowledge, wisdom, and talent. NCJW is accepting applications in four workshop tracks: Leadership; Dynamic Programming; Organizing and Advocacy; and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. *Applications are due January 6, 2020.*
- **Section Leadership Awards:** This is your chance to share how NCJW sections and leaders are making an important difference at the local, state, or national level, and to inspire others to work for social change. [Apply today](#) for the Elissa Froman Inspiring Leadership Award; the Visionary Leadership Award; and the Enduring Advocate Award. *Applications due January 6, 2020.*

- **Section Showcase:** This is an opportunity to highlight a program or initiative and present it to your peers in an idea's marketplace. It's also a chance to view the amazing efforts of our network and gather ideas for programs, projects, and systems that you can implement back home. Applications opening soon.
- **Sponsorship Opportunities:** If you're interested in becoming a Convention sponsor, please contact Page Yarborough, Associate Director of Development, at pyarborough@ncjw.org to learn about our menu of sponsorship opportunities.
- **Recognition Book:** Celebrate the contributions of your section, leaders, and members by purchasing an ad in our recognition book. [Purchase your ad today.](#)
- **Important Dates:**
 - Mid-December, 2020 Section Showcase Applications Open
 - January 6, 2020 Workshop Applications and Section Leadership Awards applications close
 - January 20, 2020 Early bird registration closes, subsidy application deadline, section showcase sign-up closes
 - February 28, 2020 Last day to purchase recognition book ads
 - March 22, 2019 Convention registration refunds end
 - April 5, 2020 Convention registration closes

Questions: Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#). Still more questions? Contact Samantha Weil at sweil@ncjw.org.

The Convention 2020 planning committee includes NCJW Inc. Board Directors Amy Straus and Stephanie Rodgers, NCJW Director of Engagement and Leadership Lindsay Morris, and NCJW Field Services Associate Samantha Weil. The committee receives ongoing guidance and support from the NCJW Inc. staff and volunteer leadership.