

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Government Relations and Advocacy Legislative Team

NCJW's Government Relations and Advocacy Department coordinates all of NCJW's public policy work, representing the organization to Congress and the administration and engaging our 225,000 advocates and 49 local sections in advocacy efforts.

The Government Relations and Advocacy Department:

- Monitors legislation, public policy, and the federal judiciary and advocates on behalf of NCJW's concerns;
- Represents NCJW on national coalitions;
- Works with Washington representatives of major Jewish and other national organizations;
- Coordinates advocacy network and the national legislative activities of the State Policy Advocacy (SPA) network;
- Provides resources and assistance to SPAs, Sections, and advocates on federal, state, and local legislation;
- Creates talking points, action alerts, and policy and training resources;
- Publishes advocacy updates; *and*
- Coordinates NCJW advocacy and organizing programs that educate and mobilize NCJW's grassroots.

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Jody Rabhan (she/her/hers)

Chief Policy Officer

- Oversee NCJW's policy efforts nationwide along with the Israel Department
- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and coalitions
- Fundraise and manage program-related grant proposals and reports
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Gender-based violence
 - Gun violence prevention
 - Israel
 - Judicial nominations
- Support eight Courts Matter coalitions to engage in federal judicial nominations
- Staff coordinator of:
 - BenchMark: NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign
 - Interfaith Courts Coalition
 - National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Darcy Hirsh (she/her/hers)

Director, Government Relations & Advocacy

- Supervise and manage department
- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and coalitions
- Determine federal legislative priorities
- Establish and implement policy and advocacy strategies to advance department and organizational goals
- Manage election mobilization and voter education efforts
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Economic justice, tax, and care economy
 - Health Care, as it relates to abortion
 - LGBTQ+ equality
 - Reproductive Health, Rights, & Justice, including abortion access and contraception
 - Religious freedom
- Staff co-coordinator of:
 - Jewish Abortion Access Coalition

Talya Steinberg (she/her/hers)

Associate Director, Government Relations & Advocacy

- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and coalitions
- Manage NCJW's representation and advocacy at the United Nations
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Appropriations and NDAA
 - Hate crimes, and antisemitism
 - Immigration
 - Voting rights
- Staff coordinator of:
 - Internship/Fellowship Program

Alex Lehman (she/her/hers)

Legislative Associate

- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and coalitions
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Reproductive health, rights, and justice
 - Health care, as it relates to abortion
- Staff coordinator of:
 - Jewish Abortion Access Coalition

Glenn Northern (he/him/his)

Health Equity Policy Analyst

- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Reproductive justice
 - Economic justice and health equity issues
 - Paid leave policies, equal pay legislation
 - Maternal health disparities
 - Women's health care access
- Provide education, training, and support to policymakers, NCJW advocates, and community leaders and infuse with NCJW's Jewish values
- Build support among NCJW stakeholders and allied organizations for policies that prioritize the needs of marginalized communities, particularly women of color, low-income individuals, and LGBTQ+ populations