

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

NCJW's Government Relations and Advocacy Department (GR&A) coordinates all of NCJW's public policy work, representing the organization to Congress and the Administration. In addition, the department is a resource on advocacy and public policy work for NCJW members and sections. 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

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