

Spring 2011

## **NCJW Spring Event 2011** **Assuring Access: Meeting the Sexual Health Needs of Homeless Youth**

Thursday, April 14

Temple Israel  
2324 Emerson Avenue  
Minneapolis

6:00 p.m. Registration  
Appetizer Reception

6:45 p.m. Program

- Keynote speaker: Bill Smith, Executive Director, National Coalition of STD Directors, Washington, DC
- Panel of local experts

8:30 p.m. Dessert reception

Cost: \$10

### **This is your official invitation.**

*To register, you may:*

- *Complete and mail the registration form on the back of this newsletter with payment, or*
- *Call the NCJW office, 952-922-7900, to register using a credit card, or*
- *Go to [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org), enter [ncjwmpls](http://www.ncjwmpls.org), and scroll down to "Assuring Access" or go to: <http://www.razoo.com/story/Assuring-Access-Meeting-The-Sexual-Health-Needs-Of-Homeless-Youth>.*

- To learn more about the Ford Foundation Grant, go to the article on page 6.
- For details about the event, contact the NCJW office at 952-922-7900 or [info@ncjwmpls.org](mailto:info@ncjwmpls.org).



All young people deserve access to quality sexual health information and services. Assuring access looks different, however, when trying to meet the needs of youth on the street.

Join us on April 14th for our annual NCJW-Minneapolis Spring Event, where we will explore the sexual health needs of homeless youth. The event features keynote speaker, **William (Bill) Smith**, Executive Director, National Coalition of STD Directors, Washington, DC.

Smith will address what is going on in Washington to ensure all young people have access to the information and care they need, including policies and practices that either support or hinder access and highlight implications unique to homeless youth. His presentation will be followed by a lively discussion with a panel of Minnesota experts.

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Ford Foundation and is sponsored by NCJW in collaboration with a newly formed coalition of concerned providers and advocates.

# President's Message

## Marilyn Colby Rivkin



NCJW works each day - through our community service programs and advocacy efforts – on behalf of the women, children and families in our community. We fight to ensure that their rights are protected, their access to quality healthcare, childcare, housing and education is preserved, and they live in homes and neighborhoods free of violence.

As we are all too well aware, our work is needed more than ever right now. With budget cuts looming and a conservative majority in the legislature poised to cut many of the programs and policies that support the women and children in our state, we have a lot to do.

We must ramp up our actions and amplify our voice. I was recently at a policy briefing on children's issues sponsored by the MN Council of Nonprofits. Although the situation presented was bleak, one positive message was delivered over and over again: our voices are the most powerful resource we have. We must never underestimate the power of sharing the stories, experiences, hopes and dreams of the women and children in our community, with those empowered to make decisions on their behalf.

I invite you to use your voice at Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol on March 15, as well as other advocacy education opportunities throughout the year. Those of you who've been there before know what an inspiring and empowering morning you will experience. Those of you who haven't joined us in the past, I urge you to dip your toes in the advocacy waters. It can be a bit daunting to advocate on your own, but it is a whole different story when done within the circle of a welcoming, smart and committed group of women.

Nelson Mandela said that a good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination. NCJW is filled with "formidable combinations" – women who have the passion and take the action necessary to make things happen. I am awed by what we accomplish, by the breadth of issues we touch and by the hard work, perseverance and patience that go into getting the job done. I am honored to be President of such a remarkable organization and pledge to do my best to live up to the challenge. I commend and thank those of you who already give so much, and with open arms, invite the rest of you to join us in this important work.



### NCJW Board of Directors, 2010-11

Pictured (from left): Front row – Sarah Badower, Cher Harris, Julie Burton, Wendy Lovell-Smith, Francine Gersh, Sherry Stern, Alaine Wilensky. Middle row – Joanne Gruen, Pamela Friedland, Susan Byers, Rochelle Rubin, Cindy Amberger, Rhonda Stein, Mary Dworkys. Back row – Kim Greene, Nina Stillman, Christine Hausman, Carrie Abramson, Amy Lieberman, Pam Ottenstein, Robin Stein, Marilyn Colby Rivkin, Sally Bressler, Jodi Wolk, Judith Kahn, Reida Lazer-Chein, Freddie Weisberg. Not pictured: Soni Cohen, Sherri Feuer, Melissa Reed.

## Wanted: Your Feedback on NCJW Communications!

NCJW-Greater Minneapolis Section is committed to keeping our members informed, involved and inspired. We prepare and distribute various member communications to make sure you are aware of our advocacy and educational programs, community service projects and fundraising events. These communications include our bi-annual bulletin, monthly eNewsletter, website and Facebook page.

To help us learn what information you need and how you like to receive it, please watch for our Communications Survey, coming soon via eNews and Facebook. You may also contact the office for a paper version to complete and mail. Please respond promptly to the survey; we greatly appreciate your valuable feedback and time!

# National Office Welcomes New CEO

On January 13, National Council of Jewish Women (the national organization) welcomed Nancy K. Kaufman as its new chief executive officer. Nancy comes to NCJW with an extensive background in advocacy and social services in nonprofit and state government arenas, as well as a commitment to NCJW's vision and the skills to build on our history of working for social justice. "I am honored and humbled to begin my work at NCJW as the first CEO in its illustrious 117-year history," said Kaufman. "I am looking forward to working with a talented group of leaders to bring this incredible organization from great to greater."

To learn more, go to [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org).

## NCJW's 45th National Convention, March 3-5

In early March, hundreds of women from around the country gathered in Dallas for NCJW's National Convention, where they voted on the resolutions that will set the stage for the next triennium. Participants also built leadership skills to bring back to their local section in the areas of membership development, fundraising, and more.

The NCJW-Minneapolis delegation included President Marilyn Colby Rivkin, board members Judith Kahn, Rhonda Stein and Francine Gersh Gottlieb.

Congratulations to these NCJW-Minneapolis programs, which were nominated for Showcase Awards at the National Convention: Judaism & Israel (chaired by Sally Bressler), Stuff for Kids (chaired by Christine Hausman), and Rose Rees Peace Awards (chaired by Reida Lazer-Chein and Robin Stein).

## With Gratitude

The Board and Staff of NCJW-Minneapolis would like to pay special tribute to NCJW national board members Marge Weiser and Mindy Wexler, who continue to lend our community's voice to the national and international conversation.

### Unleashing the Leader Within

Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.

- Thomas Alva Edison

## Reflections from the Executive Director

### Debbie Stillman



So here's the thing – Jewish guilt has been an effective tool used by Jewish men and women for centuries. That guilt has gotten many a knuckleheaded kid to do their Hebrew School homework...or gotten a young professional to come to Shabbat dinner at Mom's after a long week's work... or gotten a middle aged son to visit Bubbe in the nursing home. But the secret you perhaps have yet to unlock is that the very same persuasive capabilities that have been in-bred in our Jewish community have had some very real influence on the larger community and world we live in.

What we learned in European cities and shtetles in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, we imported right along with our candlesticks and tablecloths. Perhaps you've heard of a few of our successes: The Civil Rights Movement, the Fight for Equal Rights for Women, or the fight for Freedom for Soviet Jews.

So what is NCJW and why do we want you to be a part of it? NCJW is community service, advocacy, education, volunteerism, leadership development and more! Consider the many ways you can get involved and make a difference – just this spring alone:

- **Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol** (March 15) is dedicated to taking your dinner table discussion to the next level: to give voice to the issues that affect the lives of women, children and families in our state and beyond – and not simply Jewish women and their families, but all women and their families. Jewish women have never simply advocated for themselves when called to stand up and fight – we have advocated for those who aren't able to advocate for themselves.
- **Spring Event** (April 14) will explore the sexual health needs of homeless youth. NCJW is committed to addressing the needs of homeless youth, through our advocacy, education and community service programs.
- **Rose Rees Peace Awards Luncheon** (April 27) is our annual event to recognize high school students whose essays demonstrate their commitment to world peace. The award was named after former NCJW president and passionate advocate, Rose Rees. Channel your own passion for a better world by volunteering to assist at this inspirational event.

No experience is necessary, just bring your passion, your compassion and, if you want, a friend! We hope you'll join us!

### Thank You, Volunteers

August 15, 2010 – Feb 15, 2011

\*Designates chairs

#### Books for Home

\*Christine Hausman  
Soni Cohen  
Pam Friedland  
Kay Kieval  
Pam Ottenstein  
Heidi Roston

#### Circle of Giving Donor Campaign

\*Alaine Wilensky  
Sarah Badower  
Sherri Feuer

#### Fall Event

\*Reida Lazer-Chein  
\*Robin Stein  
Joan Carples  
Judith Kahn  
Eileen Kohn  
Amy Lieberman  
Rita Lusky  
Dana Shapiro  
Sherry Stern  
Freddie Weisberg  
Alaine Wilensky

#### Ford Foundation

\*Judith Kahn  
\*Melissa Reed  
Marilyn Colby Rivkin

#### Get Smart

\*Rochelle Rubin  
Judith Kahn  
Nina Stillman  
Jodi Wolk

#### Heart of the Home

\*Cher Harris  
Nance Alexander  
Susan Byers  
Mary Dworsky  
Sherri Feuer  
Pam Friedland  
Nancy Grobovsky  
Joanne Gruen  
Pam Ottenstein  
Debbie Simon  
Randi Wolfish

#### Jenny Lind

\*Melissa Grossman  
\*Christine Hausman  
Julie Burton  
Patti Engler  
Karin Phillips  
Millie Segal  
Elyssa Swartz

#### Judaism and Israel: Then and Now

\*Sally Bressler  
Cindy Amberger  
Merrie Forstein  
Gayle Kaplan  
Eilat Harel  
Harriette Krasnoff  
Cissy Labofsky  
Louise Ribnick  
Wendy Rubinyi  
Susi Saxl  
Judy Shapiro  
Joye Sigelman  
Judy Snitzer  
\*Sherry Stern  
Linda Tell  
Lori Tenenbaum  
Lori Weissman  
Jodi Wolk

#### Marketing/ Communications

\*Susan Byers  
Julie Burton  
Louise Ribnick  
Nina Stillman

#### Nominating Committee

\*Wendy Lovell-Smith  
\*Amy Lieberman  
\*Marilyn Colby Rivkin  
Soni Cohen  
Lynn Goldbloom  
Michele Mader  
Betsy Sitkoff  
Alaine Wilensky

#### Stuff for Kids

\*Christine Hausman  
Betsy Abramson  
Carrie Abramson  
Sarah Badower  
Soni Cohen  
Dyanne Cooperman  
Mary Dworsky  
Pam Friedland  
Francine Gersh  
Sasha Hausman  
Toni Hults  
Kay Kieval  
Amy Mastbaum  
Pam Ottenstein  
Leslie Parker  
Noa Parker  
Marilyn Colby Rivkin  
Elaine Robashkin  
Heidi Roston  
Artis Silverman  
Heather Stesin

#### Stuff for School (Planning Committee)

\*Hindy Tankenoff  
\*Toni Hults  
Francine Gersh  
Gottlieb  
Jane Zeman

#### Tool Kit

Soni Cohen  
Pam Friedland  
Francine Gersh  
Gottlieb  
Christine Hausman  
Amy Mastbaum  
Pam Ottenstein

#### Volunteer Recognition

\*Joanne Gruen  
Pam Friedland  
Pam Ottenstein  
Freddie Weisberg



#### Stuff for Kids

Picture: Nechama Yardley, Shoshana Yardley and Artice Silverman assembled backpacks, school supplies, gloves, books and other essential items for homeless students in the Minneapolis Public Schools.



#### Mother/Daughter Yoga Event

Picture: Mindy and Jordyn Stillman participated in the afternoon, where they donated yoga mats for homeless students.



#### Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour

Picture: Francine Gersh Gottlieb, Fern Badzin, and Pam Ottenstein participated in our Kitchen Tour fundraiser last October.



Pictured: Honorary Rose Rees Peace Award recipient, Josie Johnson, alongside Bob Rees (Rose's grandson) and Audrey Rees (Rose's daughter-in-law).

## NCJW Honors Josie Johnson

Last October, NCJW bestowed an honorary Rose Rees Peace Award to civil activist, local leader and Minneapolis heroine, Josie Johnson. The award was given at a special Fall Event celebration, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rose Rees Peace Awards, aptly named for the former NCJW president who worked passionately for peace.

Rose Rees once wrote, "The world is better for everyone who is living at her best." Josie Johnson truly epitomizes a woman who has always lived "at her best," demonstrating civility, generosity, warmth and resolve to address issues in the community – from civil rights, to fair housing and employment, to diversity and equality.

## Jewish Film Festival

Join us at the Jewish Film Festival, Sunday, March 27 at 3 p.m. at the Sabes JCC, where we are sponsoring the film, *Ahead of Time*. The film profiles Ruth Gruber, who defied tradition in an extraordinary career as a foreign correspondent that has spanned almost eight decades. She escorted Holocaust refugees to America, covered the Nuremberg trials, documented the story of the Haganah ship Exodus, and interviewed world leaders including Roosevelt, Truman, and Ben-Gurion. The 73-minute film received Best Documentary honors at the Berkshires International Film Festival and Washington DC Jewish Film Festival.

For more information, visit [http://www.sabesjcc.org/arts\\_film\\_festival\\_films.htm](http://www.sabesjcc.org/arts_film_festival_films.htm)

## Art Tour – April 12

Join NCJW members for a private tour of *Titian and the Golden Age of Venetian Painting: Masterpieces from the National Galleries of Scotland* at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The tour, which will be held April 12 at 1:30 p.m., will be led by NCJW member and MIA docent, Pam Friedland.

This is a rare opportunity to experience magnificent paintings abundant with goddesses, nymphs, and wonderful tales. Come see why they are widely considered the most poetic creations of the Italian Renaissance, and some of the most significant works by Titian outside of Italy and Spain.

The exhibit entrance fee is \$6.00, payable at the door (no charge for Minneapolis Institute of Arts members). **Space is limited, and pre-registration is required by April 1.** To pre-register, contact NCJW at 952-922-7900, [info@ncjwmpls.org](mailto:info@ncjwmpls.org), or go to [www.ncjwmpls.org/calendar](http://www.ncjwmpls.org/calendar).

For more information on the exhibit, visit <http://artsmia.org>.

## Raising Awareness about Israel

NCJW-Minneapolis is dedicated to providing and supporting local education programs about Israel. Recent Israel activities have included:

- Supporting the Israel Women's Network visit to Minnesota
- Co-sponsoring a film at the Jewish Film Festival Film on Israeli-Palestinian Joint School
- Co-sponsoring Parallel Lives programs in 2009 and 2010
- Supporting the Israel @60 event
- Developing our own Judaism and Israel education program (formerly known as Hello Israel and Impact Israel)
- Hosting various Get Smart educational programs and member events, focused on Israel

Going forward, we are committed to continuing to raise community awareness and educating members about Israel and the issues affecting women and children in Israel.

## NCJW'S STANCE ON THE ISSUES

For more on other public policy issues, go to [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org) > Our Work > Public Policy Issues

### NATIONAL EFFORTS

Listed below are NCJW's positions on key legislative issues currently being considered at the Federal level:

#### **Oppose Bill to Restrict Abortion Access**

On January 20, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (HR 3) legislation was introduced in an attempt to prevent women from accessing safe and legal abortion services and impose a single religious view of abortion. Specifically, HR 3 would expand and make permanent the already restrictive ban on federal dollars for abortion services that exists under the "Hyde Amendment." While Hyde currently allows for funding of abortions in cases of rape, incest, or when a woman's life is at risk, HR 3 would actually deny abortion care to certain survivors of rape and incest. Further, the bill goes after private insurance coverage by raising taxes on insurance companies and employers who offer abortion coverage; prohibiting women and families from buying private, abortion-inclusive insurance coverage in state-based exchanges; and effectively banning abortion coverage for low-income, civil servant, and military women who rely on federally provided health services and subsidies.

#### **Protect Social Security**

Last year, President Obama signed an Executive Order creating the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform and tasking its members to provide recommendations for reducing our nation's annual deficits to 3% of the national economy by 2015. In recent weeks, various deficit reduction proposals have been released – although the Commission's official report has not been announced. NCJW believes that those proposals have included dangerous cuts to the Social Security program, the program that guarantees a minimum standard of living to seniors, survivors, and disabled workers.

#### **Speak out against Repeal of Health Care Reform**

As one of the first acts of the new Congress, the House voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the 2010 law designed to improve our nation's health care system.

NCJW believes that repeal would mean sending our families backwards – back to the days when kids could be denied coverage because of pre-existing conditions, when insurance companies could take away our coverage when we got sick, and when we had to pay high out-of-pocket costs for critical preventive care like mammograms and flu shots. While a full repeal of health reform will probably not make it through both the House and Senate, the upcoming House vote will likely determine how aggressively opponents of health reform move forward with additional plans to dismantle and defund it.

#### **Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform**

In the vacuum of federal leadership on immigration reform, local and state lawmakers have begun enacting cruel and ineffective laws that exacerbate the already enormous problems with our system. Lawmakers in Arizona, for example, passed a law (SB 1070) that breaks the trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement officials and orders local police to demand proof of citizenship from anyone they 'reasonably suspect' of being undocumented -- a reprehensible effort to use profiling to intimidate people of color. NCJW supports comprehensive, humane immigration reform that restores the rule of law, encourages a path to citizenship for more people, unites families, and guarantees the fair treatment of workers.

## GET SMART YEAR-ROUND!



Get Smart advocacy education programs are designed to provide information, ignite interest and inspire action by NCJW members. Recent programs included a session on the changing demographics in Minnesota (held this winter), an

overview of the U.S. Supreme Court (held last fall), and a State Legislative Wrap-Up session (held last summer). We hold these events at various locations and at various times of day to appeal to the differing needs and interests of our members. *Stay tuned to our monthly eNews for upcoming Get Smart advocacy education events.*

## Ford Foundation Grant Update

The work of the Ford Foundation continues to build momentum. In Fall 2010, NCJW-Greater Minneapolis Section held the first meetings of a Coalition of 22 individuals working in the area of youth homelessness, sexual health services/advocacy and faith-based organizations. The focus of this Ford Foundation-funded Coalition is to identify policies and laws that create barriers for homeless youth seeking comprehensive, quality sexual health information and services, and working to eliminate these barriers.

During these meetings, Coalition members wrestled with the question: What needs to happen to meet the sexual health care needs of homeless and highly mobile youth? Their recommendations fell into four categories:

- Create better access and better places for youth to receive quality information and services.
- Provide better/more appropriate care.
- Leverage convenience by making services available at multiple locations.
- Create stronger coordination and cooperation among programs and organizations.

## Next Steps

Minnesota currently has a statute in place that allows youth to access mental health, sexual health and alcohol/drug-related care and information without the consent of their parent or guardian. Though important for all young people, this law is particularly vital to ensuring homeless and highly-mobile youth get the care they need. The coalition has decided to focus its advocacy efforts on making sure this statute remains in effect.

In April, the Coalition and NCJW-Minneapolis will offer a public education event on this topic as part of our Spring Event.



## Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol

On Tuesday, March 15, Jewish women from throughout the metro area will gather for our annual event, Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol (JWMC), to be educated, empowered and excited.

Beginning with hamantaschen, participants will greet old friends and new, before Rabbi Esther Adler leads us in prayer and elucidates the Jewish values that inspire us to advocate on behalf of women, children, families and the most vulnerable individuals in our communities.

Next, Marcia Avner, former policy director of the MN Council of Nonprofits, will speak to the importance of "showing up, speaking our mind, and standing up for what we believe in."

To prepare us for our legislative meetings, we will be briefed on a number of important issues facing the state legislature including:

- A ban on state funding of abortions (legal since a 1995 MN Supreme Court case)
- Repeal of Minnesota's background check on gun purchases.

Energized and knowledgeable, we will meet with our state senators and representatives, in an effort to make a difference. Following our purposeful discussions, we will share lunch with legislators, including Senators Bonoff, Latz, Pappas and Cohen, as well as Representatives Simon, Benson and Hornstein.



## Rose Rees Peace Awards Luncheon – April 27 Features Gail Rosenblum



Plan to join inspirational high school students and their families at the 76<sup>th</sup> annual Rose Rees Peace Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Temple Israel in Minneapolis. The luncheon honors exceptional high school seniors from 20 area schools who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to international relations and world peace.

This year's keynote speaker is Star Tribune columnist Gail Rosenblum, who writes about people, issues and trends. Before joining the Star Tribune, Gail worked for nearly 20 years as a reporter, editor and essayist for many newspapers and national magazines, focusing on family issues and women's health. Her first book of collected essays on motherhood, marriage and mortality, entitled "A Hundred Lives Since Then," will be published this Spring (2011) by Nodin Press.



The awards have been given annually since 1935, in honor of Rose Rees who died that same year while serving as our section president. Rees's passion for international peace and cooperation was a guiding principle for her at NCJW and at the World Affairs Council of Minneapolis where she was a founder.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with the luncheon. Contact Reida Lazer-Chein (rlazer@aol.com) or Robin Stein (rkstein@comcast.net).

## NCJW JUDAISM & ISRAEL Judaism & Israel: Extending Our Reach then and now

Judaism & Israel volunteers are continuing to influence student perceptions about the impact of Judaism and Israel on world civilization and culture. During this second year of presenting the interactive Judaism & Israel modules, volunteers have taught 70 sixth-graders about ancient Jewish history, 75 eighth-graders about modern Israel, and 200 ninth-graders about Jewish holidays and customs. About 100 high school students will be learning about Jewish history during the rise of Christianity and Islam.

Extending the reach of our program to schools that are most in need of our resources is a continuing challenge. Volunteers from NCJW's St. Paul Section are being trained to present the Judaism & Israel modules, so that they can fill requests from schools in St. Paul and the outlying suburbs. We are also working on a collaborative arrangement with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) to train JCRC Speaker's Bureau volunteers as well. JCRC's connections to communities in out-state Minnesota and the Dakotas will give our program greater exposure. By expanding their repertoire of educational resources, JCRC speakers will be better equipped to present information about Judaism & Israel to school-aged audiences.

For more information about Judaism & Israel volunteer opportunities, contact Sally Bressler (sbressler@subrad.com).

## Gearing up for Stuff for School 2011

No pencils, no paper, no glue! What's a kid supposed to do? Through our Stuff for School program, NCJW provides the most poverty-stricken schools in the Minneapolis Public School district with complete packages of school supplies for each classroom. The program is funded through generous in-kind donations, grants and family foundations, as well as individual contributions. You may designate a donation to Stuff for



School via the quick link to GiveMN.org on our website, [www.ncjwmpls.org/support-ncjw](http://www.ncjwmpls.org/support-ncjw), or by purchasing Stuff for School Tribute Cards from the NCJW office. Your support enables us to give as many students as possible the tools they need to succeed in school. If you are interested in volunteering for this fabulous program, contact Hindy Tankenoff at [HindyT@aol.com](mailto:HindyT@aol.com).

# Service Projects



## Lakeshore Learning Stores Team Up with Stuff for Kids

Lakeshore Learning Stores, which provide educational materials that spark imaginations, has teamed up with NCJW's Stuff for Kids program to support homeless and highly-mobile students in Minneapolis Public Schools. Mention "NCJW" at checkout at Lakeshore Learning in St. Louis Park, and 10% of the value of your purchase will be donated to Stuff for Kids to fund basic homework supplies. The partnership continues year-round.

## Books For Home Delivers 1,500 Books

Thanks to the hard work and intrepid spirit of eight dedicated volunteers, NCJW's Books for Home program packed up and delivered more than 1,500 reading books for the homeless and highly-mobile students, grades K-8, in seven Minneapolis public schools. These students will visit with their school's literacy coach, and choose several books from a variety of donated fiction and non-fiction popular titles. They'll be able to call these books their very own, and, in turn, strengthen their love of reading.

## Mothers & Daughters Learn About Homeless Students

On a cold January afternoon, more than 20 mothers, daughters and friends warmed up the JCC Studio, practicing yoga, bonding, and learning about how they can make a difference in the lives of homeless and highly-mobile students. The event raised awareness, as well as much-needed funds and supplies for the Stuff for Kids program, including 40 yoga mats for the students to rest on during the school day. The event was organized by Leslie and Noa Parker and Christine and Sasha Hausman. Yoga instructor, Laura Condon Leventhal, donated her time and expertise to lead the practice.



Pictured left to right: Christine Hausman (Stuff for Kids chair), Sasha Hausman, Laura Condon Leventhal, Noa Parker, and Leslie Parker.

## NCJW WANT ADS

Join us in meeting the needs of women, children and families in our community.

### GIVE YOUR TIME!

#### SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

- **Wanted – Jewish Film Festival:** Hand out flyers at the NCJW-sponsored film on Sunday March 27. Contact Freddie Weisberg (freddie@logojoeptions.com).
- **Wanted – Judaism and Israel Presenters:** Present the new curriculum to middle school students. Training provided. Contact Sally Bressler (sbressler@subrad.com).
- **Wanted – Stuff for School:** Assist with Stuff for School mailings and planning this spring, and in the warehouse this summer. Contact Hindy Tankenoff (Hindy@aol.com).
- **Wanted – Rose Rees Peace Awards Hostesses:** Assist at the awards luncheon on April 27. Contact Reida Lazer-Chein (rlazer@aol.com) or Robin Stein (rkstein@comcast.net).
- **Wanted – Jenny Lind School Tutors:** Provide tutoring for young students and assist in the classroom at Jenny Lind School. Contact Christine Hausman (christinehausman@msn.com).

### SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION

- **Wanted- One-time assistance:** Pitch in on a one-time basis with stuffing envelopes or and assembling kits. Contact Susan Hughes (shughes@ncjwmpls.org).

### GIVE YOUR USED GOODS TO DO GOOD

- **Wanted – Cell Phones:** Donate your used cell phones and batteries to NCJW, which will be used to support Domestic Violence Prevention Programs.
- **Wanted – Used Furniture:** NCJW's Furniture Hotline matches people wishing to donate used furniture with new Americans and other families in need in the greater Minneapolis area. Furniture must be clean and in good condition.

For more information, contact Susan Hughes at the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.

## Tutor at Jenny Lind School

"I love my time at Jenny Lind School. The class was wonderful, and the teachers are so welcoming and appreciative."

- Patti Engler, New Jenny Lind Volunteer

If you have a few hours a month and want to make a difference, please consider joining our team at Jenny Lind School. Contact Christine Hausman at 763-546-0539, or christinehausman@msn.com.

## MAKE A TRIBUTE

If you imagine NCJW-Minneapolis as a fruit bearing tree, it is easy to see why supporting our Grow Toward the Future Fund is a great way to honor the people you know or love.



In order to be able to develop, run and evaluate programs and initiatives (the branches and fruit of our tree), NCJW itself must provide the leadership development and infrastructure (the roots and trunk of our tree) necessary to respond to the ever changing needs of women, children and families in our own community and beyond.

By supporting NCJW Minneapolis' Grow Toward Our Future Fund, not only are you supporting the trunk of our tree... you're supporting a piece of every program we do!

You can make a donation in the name of a family member, a colleague, a friend, or a loved one and help support NCJW's work here in Minneapolis, across the country and around the world. NCJW offers tribute cards at several giving levels to acknowledge meaningful events and pay tribute to loved ones – offering messages of support, celebration, and sympathy. An NCJW tribute card will be sent to the honoree or the family of the person you wish to remember.

There are three ways to make a tribute: online, by phone and by mail. As always, if you have questions or would like to speak to someone over the phone about your tribute or the work we do, feel free to call our office at 952-922-7900.

Help us ensure the trunk of our tree is stable, vital and strong – it is the best way to ensure we continue to produce strong branches and the best fruit!

Thank you for your support!

## 2010 Donor Campaign

Despite a slightly more positive economic outlook, these continue to be difficult times for nonprofits to raise funds, and NCJW is no exception. Our Donor campaign chair and workers have done an amazing job attempting to leave no stone unturned in their effort to match last year's total and this year's goal of \$65,000. But from where we stand today, we will come up short – currently, 20% shy of our goal.

If you have already made a donation to NCJW's Circle of Giving Donor Campaign, we want to thank you for your incredible generosity. Your support enables us to continue to address the needs of women, children and families in our community.

If you haven't yet made your gift to the campaign, there is still time to do so. You can call the office at 952-922-7900 or make a donation online at GiveMN.org (simply type NCJW into the search box). Again, thanks for your support!



## YOU CAN NOW MAKE A TRIBUTE TO NCJW THREE WAYS!

### ONLINE

By using this link: <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Make-A-Tribute> or simply go to [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org) and type "NCJW" in the search box

### BY PHONE

Simply call our office at 952-922-7900 during our regular hours 9am-3pm Monday-Thursday and we can help you... or

### BY MAIL

Simply cut out and fill in the form below and mail it and your check (minimum of \$10) to:

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# Tribute Funds

## 21st Century Discretionary

Speedy recovery to Paul Swenson  
In memory of Sheila Goldstein's sister, Barbara  
*Judie Liszt*

In honor of Marilyn Rivkin becoming President  
of NCJW-Mpls  
*Heidi Baill*

In honor of the marriage of Nancy and Rick  
Grobovsky's daughter Amy  
*Peggy Bloom*

Speedy recovery to Nancy Malmon  
In honor of David Meshbesh's 80th birthday  
In honor of Donamae Koppelman's 80th  
birthday  
*Carol Garrison*

In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
*Cher Harris*

Speedy recovery to Jeff Rudoy  
*Eileen Kopman*

In memory of Richard Ozer's mother  
In memory of Betsy Sitkoff's sister Bonnie  
Mjelde  
*Reida Lazer-Chein*

In honor of Lanny and Char Berke's new  
grandchild

In memory of David Prass  
*Marshall Levin*

In memory of Bess Kirschbaum  
In memory of Wallie Harris  
In memory of Charles Zalk  
*Amy Lieberman*

In honor of Marilyn Rivkin becoming President  
of NCJW-Mpls.  
*Martin and Michelle Lubetsky*

In memory of Betsy Sitkoff's sister Bonnie  
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In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
In memory of Rochelle Rubin's father, Manly Rubin  
In memory of Soni Cohen's mother  
*Sherry Stern*

In honor of Teresa and Irv Victor's Special  
Anniversary  
*Randy Victor*

## Affirm

In memory of Barbara Kass  
*Lili Chester*

## BenchMark

In honor of Mindy Wexler being re-nominated  
to the National Board  
*Susan Kuller*

Wishing Betsy Sitkoff a speedy recovery  
*Beth Laiderman*

In honor of Ronnie and Mel Burstein's 50th  
anniversary  
*Marshall Levin*

## Books for Home

In honor of Betsy Sitkoff  
*Freddie Weisberg*

## Hello Israel

In honor of Audrey Hillman's special birthday  
*Melissa Cohen Silberman*

## Rose Rees

In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
In memory of Betsy Sitkoff's sister

In memory of Maxine Davis' mother, Ruth  
Ackerman Davis  
In memory of Soni Cohen's mother  
In honor of the marriage of Soni and Michael  
Cohen's son Aaron  
*Freddie Weisberg*

In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
Wishing Randi Wolfish a speedy recovery  
In honor of Aaron Cohen and Katie Clark's  
wedding  
Special thanks to Susan Hughes for her work  
on Rose Rees and Fall Event  
*Reida Lazer-Chein*

Special thanks to Susan Hughes for her work  
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*Robin Stein*

## Stuff for Kids

In memory of Soni Cohen's mother, Micki  
Fiedler

*Lynn Goldbloom*  
*Christine Hausman*  
*Reida Lazer-Chein*  
*Tina Rafowitz*  
*Louise Ribnick*  
*Jackie Sinykin*  
*Hillary Feder*

In honor of Carrie Abramson's engagement  
*Reida Lazer-Chein*

In honor of Molly and Sid Bader's 60th  
anniversary

In honor of Don and Helen Swartz's 70th  
anniversary

In memory of Sara Halperin's husband, Larry  
Halperin

In memory of Debbie Simon's mother, Renee  
Barinbaum

In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
In memory of Jerry Fishbein

In honor of Sid Bader's 80th birthday  
*Pam Ottenstein*

In honor of the marriage of Soni and Michael  
Cohen's son  
*Jackie Sinykin*

## Stuff for School

In memory of Debbie Simon's mother  
*Susan Hughes*

## Theresa Berman Leadership

In memory of Soni Cohen's mother  
In memory of Alaine Wilensky's mother  
In memory of Betsy Sitkoff's mother  
*Hillary Feder*

Speedy recovery to Phil Snyder  
*Nancy Jane Gordon*

## Yad b'yad

In honor of the birth Eloise and Jeff  
Gershone's granddaughter  
*Eileen Kopman*

In memory of Sybil Lipshultz  
*Elyssa Swartz*

## Mother's Day Campaign

In honor of Kim and Cliff Greene on  
becoming grandparents of Eliana Claire  
*Sherri Feuer*



## Heart of the Home: A Look Back, A Look Ahead

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Heart of  
the Home fundraiser was a  
resounding success, thanks to the  
generosity of our four gracious homeowners and  
their magnificent homes:

At the lovely home of Elyn Wolfenson and  
Mick Belzer, we learned how to make beautiful  
harvest centerpieces from floral arranger Mickey  
O'Kane and sampled scrumptious macaroni and  
cheese from Loring Kitchen and bountiful sweets  
made by Elyn.

The artistic flair  
of Toni and Buzzy  
Dachis was evident  
throughout their  
wonderful home. We  
worked on a project  
in her art studio, and munched on tasty heart  
shaped sandwiches they had prepared for us.

We went on a guided tour of the beautiful  
and historic home of Marcia Cohodes and David  
Goldsteen, where Marcia provided an abundant  
display of delicious homemade sweets.

The uninterrupted panoramic views of  
Minneapolis' skyline from the condominium of  
Susie and Hart Kuller set the tone for a relaxed  
tour of their art-filled home. We enjoyed assorted



cheeses, wine, and  
finger foods – plus  
Susie's daughter's  
famous almond  
cookies.

Save the date for our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Heart of the  
Home event on Sunday, September 18, 2011.

The tributes on this page reflect donations made  
directly to the NCJW-Greater Minneapolis Section  
office, during the time period July 15, 2010 – January  
31, 2011. This list does not include donations to  
National, nor Tribute cards sent directly from one  
member to another.

If you would like us to make mention of other  
memorials, milestones or mitzvahs in the next Bulletin,  
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# CALENDAR 2011

## MARCH

1 Get Smart

3-5 National Convention

15 Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol

27 Jewish Film Festival: Ahead of Time -  
Sabes JCC - 3 p.m.

## APRIL

12 Art Tour - 1:30 p.m. - Minnesota Institute of Arts

14 Spring Event - 6:30 p.m. - Sabes JCC (see cover)

May 4: Board Meeting

June 15: Board Meeting

July 27: Board Meeting

September 18: Heart of the Home

Stay tuned to eNews for event updates!

### To register for Spring Event 2011, you may:

- Clip and return the form below with your check.
- Call the NCJW office to register using a credit card.
- Go to [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org), enter "ncjwmpls", and scroll to "Assuring Access" or go to <http://www.razoo.com/story/Assuring-Access-Meeting-The-Sexual-Health-Needs-Of-Homeless-Youth>.

YES! I would like to attend NCJW's Spring Event 2011.

No, I am unable to attend, but please accept my donation.

Cost: \$10.00

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