

Winter 2009

National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Minneapolis Section
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Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol *Turning Your Passion into Action*

Tuesday February 10, 2009

8:45 AM – 12:30 PM

State Office Building

100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Saint Paul, MN

SEE BACK COVER
TO RSVP

Please arrive promptly for registration.
Program begins at 9:15 AM

The event is free and open to all Jewish women.



If the historic election has ignited your interest in taking part in the political process, then Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol (JWMC) is the event for you!

JWMC is a unique educational and advocacy experience, designed to brief you on important legislative issues, train you on framing your advocacy message and inspire you to take action in support of social justice. You'll also have an opportunity to use your newfound knowledge in small group meetings with your local elected officials.

Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol is co-hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women - Minneapolis and St. Paul sections and the Upper Midwest Region of Hadassah.

For more information, call the NCJW office at 952-922-7900 or email us at info@ncjwmpls.org. To register, complete the registration form on the back cover. You may also register online at www.ncjwmpls.org.

President's Message

Kim Greene



An idea for this message was percolating in my mind but I couldn't quite capture its essence. So, the email I received from NCJW national this morning was beshert. It said "turn beliefs into meaningful action" and then went on to announce the NCJW 2009 Mission to Israel next November 3-9 (we have more information if you're interested). And, I thought, "That's it. That's what I wanted to say – 'turn beliefs into meaningful action.'"

Here is what happened to spark my thinking. I received an email from a friend in Atlanta requesting that I send a postcard to his grandson's fourth grade class for a geography project. I had three months to send it. I bought a postcard and two months later informed my friend that I'd bought it. He said, "Kim, the point is to mail it." I was surprised by the abrupt response but realized, he's right. The point is to complete the action.

We've all taken action by voting and I thought you might be interested in some ways that NCJW can help you continue to have an impact at this time of historic change in our country.

Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol is an opportunity for all Jewish women to make our opinions heard by our local lawmakers and the media. On February 10, we will gather at the Capitol, have a briefing and then speak directly with our legislators about issues important to our families, our communities and women. It's a critical time. On the one hand, there is an enormous sense of hope and potential. On the other hand, Minnesota is facing serious financial problems and it is essential that we make our voices heard about important issues. The more of us who participate, the greater the impact of our advocacy.

If you're interested in how to be a more effective advocate, we have a program on January 13 that will help you. The second of our new Lunch & Learn series features Glynis Shea, an expert in effective communication. She will lead an interactive session on how to "frame" issues that are important to you so that others are more likely to hear you. We are most likely to turn our beliefs into meaningful and effective action when our actions are understood.

I hope you all have a wonderful 2009, complete with the opportunities and support you need to have the impact you desire.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: Kim Greene

- **Name:** Kim Greene
- **Board Positions:** President (2008-2000), VP Leadership Development (2007-2008), Leadership Development Board Member (2003-2005)
 - **Reason for joining NCJW:** I joined NCJW as a lifetime member over 20 years ago because I believe in the mission and programs.
 - **Born:** Cincinnati, Ohio (an aberration for one year – on my maternal side I'm fifth generation Minnesotan and fourth generation on my paternal side)
 - **High School:** West High, Minneapolis
 - **College:** Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN
 - **Current Job:** Founder of GreeneLight Consulting – we design and facilitate processes for our clients to help them generate ideas for new products and services, solve organizational challenges and create strategies to strengthen work teams.
 - **Family:** Married to Cliff Greene for 35 years (attorney at Greene Espel Law Firm). Children: daughter, Cara Greene Epstein and son-in-law Ben Epstein; son, Jacob Greene and daughter-in-law Sarah Greene; son, David Greene
 - **Hobbies:** I love to dance, read, hike, snorkel, travel to quaint and naturally beautiful places with Cliff, take walks with friends and visit my kids.
 - **What inspired you to be an NCJW leader:** Soni Cohen. I had been a member of NCJW for many years but wasn't active. Soni has been a close friend since we were neighbors in the late 70's. When she became president, I took a closer look at the organization, its mission, its work in our community and at the terrific women involved and I was hooked.



Introducing the 2008-09 Board of Directors

The NCJW-Minneapolis Section 2008-2009 Board of Directors was installed at Fall Event on October 23. *From left, front row:* Christine Hausman, Rachel Saturn, Sherry Stern, Kim Greene, Hillary Feder, Susan Byers, Soni Cohen, Rochelle Rubin. *Back row:* Francine Gersh Gottlieb, Sally Bressler, Ellyn Marrell, Sarah Badower, Cindy Amberger, Rhonda Stein, Sherri Feuer, Alaine Wilensky, Judith Kahn, Cher Harris, Reida Lazar-Chein, Freddie Weisberg, Amy Lieberman. *Not pictured:* Marilyn Colby Rivkin, Toni Hults, Judie Liszt, Amy Paster, Renee Popkin, Layne Rosen, Lisa Swartz.

Online Registration Now Available

Last fall, we launched our new and improved website with more robust and up-to-date content. We are now delighted to introduce our new online registration capability, enabling you to easily register for NCJW events. Go to www.ncjw.org, click on the Calendar of Events tab, select an event and follow the registration directions. We encourage you to visit the site, learn more about us, go to our events – and go green!

Three ways to go green:

- Send us your Email, so we can send you Enews
- Visit our new and improved Website
- Register Online for member events

Reflections from the Executive Director

Debbie Stillman



If you watch TV, listen to the radio, or read the newspaper, it's nearly impossible not to be troubled by the news of the day and what it will ultimately mean to so many Americans. While hope and change will definitely be among the buzz words for the rebuilding of our future, there is another idea that will likely be at the forefront. Commitment. Not only will each of us be asked to improve ourselves, but also to commit to helping lift up those around us as well.

Certainly sacrifice will be part of this message, but sacrifice means to give up or go without – so the idea of sacrifice alone falls short. Making a commitment to getting personally involved will also be integral to creating the kind of change we need. Commitment means remaining aware of and dedicated to something until it is attained. If we are to rebuild the country we want to be a part of – relighting the beacon to the world – then it will take commitment and dedication on all our parts. And while we wait and watch to see what kind of solutions our lawmakers propose, we should not wait at all to think of ways we, as individuals and as an organization, can be part of the solution.

At NCJW Greater Minneapolis, we are already working on programs we feel will have an impact on those who are most vulnerable at this critical time. Some of these programs are our signature programs, others are things we have envisioned or are re-visioning. We invite you to join us in our efforts. Whether you have a lot of time to dedicate or just a few hours here and there, NCJW has a place for you to use your time and talents to benefit our entire community.

We hope you'll join us.

Unleashing the Leader Within

"...This is our time... to reaffirm that fundamental truth – that out of many, we are one, that while we breathe, we hope, and where we are met with cynicism and doubt and those who tell us that we can't, we will respond with that timeless creed that sums up the spirit of a people. Yes We Can."

President Elect Barack Obama, 2008

For Our members

Thank You, Volunteers

Many thanks to our volunteers for your tremendous gift of time and talent during the period September – December 2008. We encourage your continued participation in our success in 2009. For a list of volunteer opportunities, please see page 9 or contact the NCJW office.

Heart of the Home

Nance Alexander
Haley Arenson
Susan Byers
Mary Dworsky
Sherri Feuer
Sara Gottlieb
Joanne Gruen
Melissa Grossman
Cher Harris*
Toni Hulst
Susan Hughes
Amy Lieberman
Liz Mack
Andy Rovner
Terri Shapiro
Debbie Stillman
Brenda Soumekh
Rhonda Stein
Freddie Weisberg

Donor Campaign

Sarah Badower
Fran Bayer*
Joan Carples
Soni Cohen
Hillary Feder
Sherri Feuer
Francine Gersh Gottlieb
Lisa Gottstein
Amy Lieberman
Debbie Mann
Nancy Rhein
Sherry Stern
Hindy Tankenoff
Freddie Weisberg
Alaine Wilensky*

Jenny Lind

Myrna Abrams
Merle Kane
Millie Segal

Fall Event

Soni Cohen
Kim Greene
Amy Lieberman
Judie Liszt
Peggy Mandel*
Renee Popkin
Jane Stemberg

Directory and Donor

Stuffing

Betsy Abramson
Sarah Badower
Fran Bayer
Susan Byers
Soni Cohen
Marilyn Colby Rivkin
Hillary Feder
Paula Fields
Sherri Feuer
Francine Gersh Gottlieb
Kim Greene
Cher Harris
Reida Lazar Chein
Amy Lieberman
Sherry Stern
Alaine Wilensky

A very special thanks to the following for many hours of hard work and dedication on the 2008-2011

Directory:

Sarah Badower
Reida Lazer-Chein
Amy Lieberman

Rose Rees 2008

Correction: We take special pride in honoring our amazing volunteers and we hate to make a mistake when doing so... unfortunately errors do sometimes occur. Below you will find the corrected list of women who hosted our 2008 Rose Rees recipients.

Cindy Amberger
Cheryle Atkin
Joan Carples
Soni Cohen
Reida Lazer-Chein
Amy Lieberman
Shari Grunes
Rita Lusk
Wendy Morris
Leslie Orenstein
Louise Ribnick
Susan Sadowsky
Rhonda Stein
Marcy Strauss
Elyssa Swartz
Katherine Tane
Hindy Tankenoff
Linda Tell
Freddie Weisberg

Bulletin

Sheri Lear
Louise Ribnick

*committee chairs

BAKE HAMENTASHEN WITH NCJW

With Purim just around the corner, plan now to join NCJW for a Hamentashen baking party on March 1. This fun-filled afternoon will be a chance to get together with children and friends for baking, noshing and schmoozing. To help plan this event, or if you are interested in attending, please contact Reida Lazer-Chein at RLazer@aol.com.

NCJW Winter Member Night Out - Shalosh

Mark your calendar to attend *Shalosh* – a performance by Israel's dance company Batsheva – at Northrop Auditorium on the University of Minnesota campus on Wednesday February 18. Tickets range from \$18 - \$41, and there will be a discussion with the company at 6:30 PM, before the performance. Please RSVP to Reida Lazer-Chein at RLazer@aol.com by February 1.

Find Us On Facebook

It seems that the Facebook generation has moved from college campuses to homes all over the Twin Cities. Now NCJW has a page on Facebook as well. If you are on Facebook, make NCJW Minneapolis your friend and stay connected with us! Check out our profile, events and photos to learn all about what our section has to offer!



Fall Event featured advocate and activist Arvonne Fraser NCJW welcomed Arvonne Fraser to our annual Fall Event, held just 12 days before the election. Fraser recognized NCJW's history of leadership and advocacy, and shared her perspectives about changes that have occurred since women got the right to vote in 1920.

Welcome
New Members

Christine Hausman
Debbie Simon
Randi Wolfsh
Judith Snitzer (life member)

MEMBER EVENT CALENDAR

- **January 13:** Lunch & Learn – Framing Your Message
12 noon at Byerly's-Ridgedale
- **February 10:** Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol
8:45 AM at State Office Building (see article on page 6)
- **February 18:** Winter Member Night Out - *Shalosh*
6:30 PM at Northrup Auditorium
- **March 1:** Hamantashen Baking Party (see eNews for details)
- **March 5-15:** Jewish Film Festival (see eNews for details)

For more info or to register, visit www.ncjwmppls.org or call the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.

MEMBER PROFILES: Betsy and Carrie Abramson

When her good friend Soni Cohen was serving as president of NCJW, Betsy Abramson decided it was a good time to get involved with the organization. She jumped right in, serving a three-year term on the Board as Publicity Chairperson.

In the past five years, she has been involved with many NCJW projects and programs, including Stuff for Schools, Books for Home and a "Knit-In" at the State Capitol. She is currently trying to develop a new program – Stuff for Kids - that would provide homeless children with some of life's basics, such as hats, mittens, snacks and backpacks.

While she first got involved for the volunteer opportunities, Betsy has reaped the added bonus of meeting many new friends through her association with NCJW. Further, she wanted to provide a good example for her children. She is thrilled that her daughter Carrie is now becoming involved with NCJW, making their volunteerism a family affair. In fact, Carrie is taking a co-leadership role in the development of Stuff for Kids, making her a part of the next generation of NCJW leaders.

A Minneapolis native, Betsy works as an insurance investigator. She currently lives in St. Louis Park with her husband David, a semi-retired attorney. They have two grown children, Michael, 25 and Carrie 24, who live in town.

"I love the projects that [NCJW] is involved with and the things they believe in," says Betsy. "We have so much; it feels good to be able to provide for others." NCJW is thrilled to have Betsy on board as a committed and energetic volunteer.



NCJW Supports Mental Health Awareness Events

Over 80 people attended **Flowers Aren't Enough** on October 30, sponsored by Jewish Domestic Abuse Collaborative (JDAC) and supported by various local organizations including NCJW. This one-woman show told the story of a young woman who finds herself in an abusive relationship and how she took charge of her life. It is written and powerfully performed by Naomi Ackerman, an American-born Israeli. The event, which used art to open dialogue about domestic abuse, attracted a large community audience, including women who have experienced abusive relationships and have now come forward for help. Therapists were available to them in a survivor suite, following the performance.

The **Journey to Wellness** Mental Health Education Project conference was held November 16, sponsored by the Jewish Community Health Awareness Initiative (J-CHAI) and supported by various organizations including NCJW. More than 400 people attended. Keynote speaker Marley Prunty-Lara (pictured here) shared her journey to wellness, after being diagnosed with bi-polar disease at



age 15. Prunty-Lara is now a 23-year-old U of M public policy student, who actively worked on the mental health parity bill. Following her keynote, workshops were held on 20 mental health topics. The conference concluded with a healing service.

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A BELIEF IN ACTION.SM

NCJW Presents Lunch & Learn Series

If the recent historic election has ignited your passion for advocacy and action, then you will want to take advantage of our new Lunch & Learn Series to educate and inspire the advocate in you. This ongoing program is designed to help you understand the issues of the day, develop a stance, and learn how to advocate your position.

The next Lunch & Learn event will be held January 13 at the Byerlys-Ridgedale Community Room. This session will focus on developing a clear and compelling message. Glynis Shea, Communications Coordinator, Konopka Institute for Best Practices in Adolescent Health, will discuss ways to frame your advocacy message so others hear you.

You may bring a bag lunch or grab something to eat at Byerly's. The cost for the session is just \$5.00.

Lunch & Learn Launched in December

NCJW members gathered for the first Lunch & Learn event in December. The event featured Marcia Avner, Public Policy Director for the Minnesota Council on Nonprofits, and public affairs consultant Cristine Almeida, who focused on effective strategies for advocating for the issues you believe in with your state elected officials.

For more advocacy education, plan now to attend the next Lunch & Learn program on January 13, as well as Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol on February 10.

Approaches to Advocacy for Nonprofit Programs

1. Frame your case in the context of your organization's work on behalf of others in need.
2. Operate from a position of strength. Help legislators understand the impact of their decisions.
3. Be specific in asking for what you need, using clear messages and compelling stories.
4. Advocate for your priority programs, without sacrificing other programs.
5. Support the idea that adequate revenues need to be part of the solution.
6. Plan a sustained advocacy effort at key stages of the sessions.
7. Be realistic. Expect cuts and parallel your advocacy efforts to include strategic rapid responses.

Excerpted from Marcia Avner, Minnesota Council on Nonprofits

Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol



Join Jewish women around the metro area for our annual Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol (JWMC) event, February 10, 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM at the State Office Building.

Co-hosted annually with the St. Paul Section and the Upper Midwest Region of Hadassah, JWMC provides a briefing on important legislative issues and training on how to effectively frame your message, plus an inspirational sendoff to give the day's events a Jewish and global perspective. From there, you will gather with other Jewish women from around the Twin Cities and use your newfound knowledge to meet with your local elected officials to discuss the issues.

We hope you will join us for this important event to demystify the advocacy process and inspire you to take an active role in supporting the causes you care about.

For more information or to register for any of these events, call the NCJW office at 952-922-7900 or email us at info@ncjwmppls.org. You may also register online at www.ncjwmppls.org.

Why Attend JWMC?

- Learn about timely legislative issues.
- Build advocacy skills toward effectively communicating your position.
- Understand the political landscape in a Jewish and global context.
- Seize the opportunity to meet with your elected officials.
- Gather with other Jewish women for a memorable experience.
- Get inspired to participate in advocacy and action on an ongoing basis.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES AND UPDATES

Israeli Property Law Amendment is a Victory for Israeli Women

In November, the Knesset voted to approve an amendment to the Property Relations Law that permits the division of assets before the finalization of divorce. Prior to its passage, Jewish women in Israel were at the mercy of their husbands who had to grant them a get before jointly held property or accounts could be divided. Passage of the new law reduces the amount of coercion Israeli men are able to leverage during divorce proceedings and puts women seeking resources for themselves and their children on equal footing.

Ballot Initiatives Yield Mixed Results

Election 2008 gave voters opportunity to weigh in on several ballot initiatives. NCJW advocates worked hard on these important issues: In Florida, Arizona, Arkansas and California, discrimination defeated inclusion, as voters adopted measures restricting the rights of LGBT individuals from forming families, and in Nebraska, affirmative action was dealt a blow. However, there were victories in Colorado and California to preserve reproductive justice, and in South Dakota, voters again thwarted an attempt to impose an extreme abortion ban.

Rescind HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine Requirement for Immigrant Women

In July, the US Citizen and Immigration Services added the HPV vaccination to a list of required vaccinations for all immigrant females between the ages of 11 and 26 who are applying to either adjust their immigration status or obtain visas to enter the US. The cost for the three shot regimen is at least \$360 and out of reach for many immigrant women and their families. The vaccine is not required for US citizens. In addition, this requirement eliminates their ability to make the choices they feel are best for them.

Demand Evidence-based HIV/AIDS Prevention

December 1, 2008 marked the 20th anniversary of World Aids Day. While treatments for HIV/AIDS have improved, there is still not enough being done to prevent the spread of this devastating disease. NCJW calls upon the new administration and Congress to pass a strategy that would ensure that all individuals have access to the full range of information and services needed to protect themselves against HIV infection. This would include the elimination of ideologically driven restrictions (i.e., abstinence-until-marriage and anti-prostitution oaths) that are contrary to sound public health practices.

Women Maintain Presence in the Minnesota Legislature

As a result of the recent election, women were elected to serve in 70 (34.8%) of the 201 seats in the Minnesota Legislature in 2009. This is the same number of women who served in the 2008 legislative session, maintaining the highest number of state legislative seats held by women in Minnesota history. For a fact sheet on women in the Minnesota legislature, visit <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/oesw/wmnpuboff/2008.pdf>.

ADVOCACY EVENT CALENDAR

- **January 13:** Lunch & Learn – “Framing Your Message” (12 noon, Byerly’s-Ridgedale)
- **February 10:** Jewish Women’s Morning at the Capitol (8:45 AM, State Office Building)

For more info or to register, visit www.ncjwmpis.org or call the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.



Stuff for Kids: New NCJW Initiative To Serve Homeless Kids

Children, youth, and young adults make up about half of the homeless in Minnesota. According to Minneapolis Public Schools, 5458 children and youth were homeless or highly mobile in Minneapolis between July 2007 and July 2008 - an increase of 18.6 % from the previous year. On any day during the school year, 1200 youth are homeless.

The issues facing these children and families are complex and require responses that are multi-faceted and comprehensive, including expanded services, support systems and strong public policy.

As an outgrowth of our close relationship with the Minneapolis Public Schools through Stuff for School (an NCJW program that distributes school supplies to more than 10,000 students each fall), we were asked to expand our work to include the growing group of homeless kids.

In keeping with our commitment to thoughtful strategic planning and evaluation, a committee was formed to assess needs and how we might best fill these needs. Committee members met with school officials, teachers, and staff at homeless shelters around the city to learn more about the issue, define current gaps in service and assess what role NCJW might play in responding to the identified needs. These discussions led to the creation of the newest NCJW initiative – Stuff for Kids.

The initial focus of Stuff for Kids will be limited in scope – to distribute backpacks to 500 students in grades K-6 who are homeless and highly mobile, and to offer nutritious snacks for these students when they stay for after-school programs. The backpacks will be filled with school supplies and other basic items (e.g., mittens, books, etc.) and will serve as a

consistent way for the children to transport schoolwork to and from school during this mobile period in their lives.

Stuff for Kids will launch in early 2009 – and we would love to have you involved! If you are interested in working on this important new initiative, please contact the NCJW office.

Volunteers Sought for Jenny Lind School Inventor's Fair

NCJW is proud of our deep and sustaining commitment to help educate children at Jenny Lind School. On March 17, the school will sponsor an "Imagination and Inventor's Fair." This exciting and educational event will be open to all "Hi 5" - 4th graders. Students will put on their inventors' hats, build models, conduct science experiments, even create a fabulous piece of artwork – and then explain their creation to a panel of judges.

According to Aura Wharton-Beck, Jenny Lind's principal, "The event promises to give our students the same learning opportunities that all schools have."

To ensure its success, ten NCJW volunteers are needed to help with set-up and tear-down (approximately 5 - 8 PM). Volunteers can be as young as eight years old, making it the perfect family volunteer opportunity. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Christine Hausman at christinehausman@msn.com, or 763-546-0539.

Service Projects



Rose Rees Peace Awards Luncheon – Save the Date!

The 74th annual Rose Rees Peace Awards luncheon will be held April 29 at Temple Israel. The event honors exceptional high school seniors from 20 area schools who have demonstrated an interest in and commitment to international relations and world peace. At the luncheon, you will hear an incredible motivational speaker, and each student will speak briefly about his/her aspirations. You will be seated with students and their families, teachers and school administrators. It will be an inspirational event for a reasonable cost.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with room set up and centerpieces and to organize speaker and student gifts. We are also looking for hosts for each table. This is a fun and easy way to get involved in NCJW. For more information, contact Ellyn Marell (763-559-2668, memarell@comcast.net) or Layne Rosen (763-545-8340, laynerosen@yahoo.com).

DONATE YOUR USED GOODS TO DO GOOD

- **Wanted – Clothing Donations:** NCJW collects clothes from time to time for donation to consignment shops, which helps us raise funds to support our community service programs.
- **Wanted – Cell Phones:** Donate your used cell phone and battery to NCJW, which will be used to support Domestic Violence Prevention Programs.
- **Wanted – Used Furniture:** Remodeling? Moving? Donate your used furniture to help new immigrants and other families in need. Furniture must be clean and in good condition.

NCJW WANTS ADS

For more than 100 years, our volunteers have worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families. Our commitment to volunteerism continues today. We have many exciting opportunities for volunteers to get involved and to make a difference in our community.

NCJW Wants You! Variety of Volunteer Opportunities Available!

EVENTS AND OUTINGS

➤ Wanted – Rose Rees Luncheon Planners and Table Hosts: Assist with room set up and centerpieces, organize speaker and student recognition gifts, or serve as a table host seated with students, families and teachers. To volunteer, contact Ellyn Marell (memarell@comcast.net) and Layne Rosen (laynerosen@yahoo.com).

➤ Wanted – Member Event Planners: Help brainstorm, plan and organize member events and fun outings throughout the year. For more information, contact Reida Lazer-Chein at Rlazer@aol.com

CHILDREN AND EDUCATION

➤ Wanted – Lind/Olson School Helpers: Become a tutor, lunch buddy, media assistant or literacy helper for young students at Lind/Olson School. You can also help with set-up and tear-down at the Imagination and Inventor's Fair on March 17. Contact Christine Hausman at christinehausman@msn.com.

➤ Wanted – Community Service Program Planners: Help us develop the next phase of our Stuff for School and Books for Home programs, as well as our new initiative, Stuff for Kids.

OFFICE AND ORGANIZATION

➤ Wanted – General Office Helpers: Come learn what NCJW is all about by pitching in with administrative tasks and special projects, such as stuffing, mailing, sorting, filing, etc. A great opportunity for those who want to help once, now and then, or regularly.

For more information on our amazing volunteer opportunities and programs, contact Susan Hughes at the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.

Make a Difference a Month

You can support NCJW programs throughout the year with NCJW Tribute Cards to recognize any mitzvah, memorial or milestone in your life. Regardless of the amount you contribute (minimum \$5), your gift will be priceless.

Here are just a few of the NCJW funds and projects you can support:

- **In January:** Ring in the new year with a donation to the **21st Century Discretionary Fund** to support the greatest community needs.
- **In February:** Invest in the future with a donation to our community service projects on behalf of school age children.
- **In March:** What would Queen Esther do? Perhaps make a donation to the **Theresa Berman Leadership Training Fund** in support of training for tomorrow's leaders.
- **In April:** Join us for the Rose Rees luncheon on April 29 – and designate your donation to the **Rose Rees Peace Award Fund** – to honor high school students who show special interest in international affairs and world peace.

Thank you for supporting NCJW's efforts on behalf of women, children and families.

Heart of the Home 2008 Heralded as "A Hit" by Attendees

Mark your calendars for Heart of the Home 2009, to be held Sept. 13



The dreary September weather was no match for the cheery enthusiasm that 90 participants brought to our first annual Heart of the Home event. From the savory warmth of Sylvia and Sam Kaplan's soups, to the refreshing sweetness of Dean and Karin Phillip's libations, from the stunning artwork in Marge

and Irv Weiser's home, to the comfortable ease of Wendy and Colin Smith's kosher kitchen, everyone on the tour had a warm and memorable experience. Said one participant, "It was wonderful to see how others live and to meet such incredible women and their families." Another said, "Loved it ... it is a must do!" Yet another, "I have told many people about the tour and how creative the idea is. You have a hit on your hands!"

The momentum is already building for next year's event and plans are underway to tour four fabulous homes in the Western Suburbs and Lake Minnetonka area. Be sure to mark your calendars now for our second annual Heart of the Home, to be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

2008 DONOR CAMPAIGN UPDATE

With the support and generosity of our membership and supporters, the 2008 Donor Campaign is going strong! We are more than halfway to our goal of \$85,000. Thanks to those of you that have contributed already. Please help us reach our goal by making a personally significant gift today. Your gift will enable NCJW to continue to provide education, advocacy and community service to women, children and families.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with this important campaign!

If you have any questions, please contact Fran Bayer at Franlam99@aol.com or Alaine Wilensky at Alainew@comcast.net or the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.



Heart of the Home hosts Sam and Sylvia Kaplan (center and center right) share their home – and some tips for entertaining a crowd – with event attendees (from left) Judy Liszt, Susan Hughes and Amy Litman.



21st Century Discretionary

- In honor of Micki Fiedler's birthday
Betsy Abramson
- In honor of Soni Cohen's mother's 80th birthday
Cindy Amberger
- In memory of Ethie Rutzik
- In honor of Gloria Weisskoph's birthday
Nancy Gordon
- In memory of Leslee Segal Cairncross' mother Helen Segal
- In honor of the birth of Wendy and Steve Rubin's twin granddaughters
Susan Hughes
- In honor of Ros and Yoav Segal's 20th wedding anniversary
- In honor of Deb Tevelson's 50th birthday
- A healthy and speedy recovery to Vivian Forman
- Mazel Tov on Brian Atkin's Bar Mitzvah
- In memory of Richard Goldblatt
Layne Harris Rosen
- In memory of Terri Shapiro's father
- In memory of Louise Ribnick's father-in-law, Leonard Ribnick
Cher Harris
- In memory of Terri Shapiro's father
- In memory of Louise Ribnick's father-in-law, Leonard Ribnick
Debbie Stillman
- In honor of the birth of Marcy Strauss' grandson, Matthew Robert Strauss
Ann Hunegs

Leadership Development

- In memory of Debbie Stillman's step grandfather-in-law
Hillary Feder

Rose Rees

- In honor of Lili Chester's special birthday
Jane Sternberg

Stuff for School

- In honor of Cher Harris and the Heart of the Home Tour
Sherri Feuer
- In honor of Max Gottstein's 1st birthday
Mark Bevins
Kathleen Galvin
Francene Kaplan
Richard Kleinbaum
Heidi Rivkin

Women and Gender Studies Forum

- In memory of Idith Almog's mother
Beth Puchtel

Israel Programs At-A-Glance: Coalition Efforts

Through its coalition work in Israel, NCJW is actively involved in social action and advocacy issues in the areas of poverty, tolerance, co-existence, and promotion of equal citizenship for Israeli minorities, as well as children's and women's empowerment, including the rights of agunot (women who are refused a "get," or Jewish divorce by their husbands), human trafficking, and equal participation and representation of Israeli women in national conflict resolution processes.

Save the Date: NCJW Mission to Israel

The next NCJW Mission to Israel
is November 3-9, 2009.

For more information, please contact:
ncjwisrael@gmail.com.

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If you would like us to make mention of other memorials, milestones or mitzvahs in the next Bulletin, please contact the NCJW office at 952-922-7900.

CALENDAR 2009

JANUARY

- 13 Lunch & Learn – “Framing Your Message”
12 noon at Byerly’s-Ridgedale
- 20 Board Meeting - Sabes JCC - 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

- 10 Jewish Women’s Morning at the Capitol -
8:45 AM at State Office Building
- 18 Winter Member Night Out - *Shalosh* -
6:30 PM at Northrup Auditorium
- 17 Board Meeting - Sabes JCC - 7:00 PM

MARCH

- 1 Hamantashen Baking Party (details TBA)
- 16 Board Meeting - Sabes JCC - 7:00 PM
- 5-15 Jewish Film Festival

To make your reservation for Jewish Women’s Morning
at the Capitol please cut and return the form below
by Wednesday, February 4.

YES! I’d like to attend JWMC 2009

Number attending _____

I will be staying for lunch _____ yes _____ no

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Please send to:

Judie Liszt
9701 Oak Ridge Trail
Minnetonka, MN 55305

or email to judiel@comcast.net

Thank you!



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