

### From Defeat to Hope: Victims of Domestic Violence Find the Path to Independence

*“I wanted to make a better life for my children, but I didn’t know how to do it. I was just sitting at the shelter trying to figure out what to do next and where I would go. The meetings at the Center for Women helped me keep busy and focus on the steps I needed to take.”*



What happens when a woman – a victim of domestic violence – gets ready to leave the safety of a shelter and set out on the road to self-sufficiency? In most cases, she is unprepared to find employment, as a result of living in an abusive relationship.

That’s where the team from The Linda and Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women has stepped in. Recognizing that victims of domestic violence may need to learn the skills to gain financial independence, the Center for Women applied for a grant and received funding from the State of New Jersey, Division on Women, for a pilot program that began last May.

Six women from the Essex County Safe House (a program of Clara Maas Hospital) participated in the program. They came to the Center for Women for six sessions; the safe house provided transportation to the office, and NCJW provided lunch at the Center and babysitting at the safe house.

On each visit, the women received a full day of support: computer skill assessment and instruction, career assessment, job skill strategies, resume writing, information on financial and legal issues, and peer support group sessions. In addition to job readiness skills, the women were able to go to the NCJW Career Closet to select appropriate clothing for both interviews and the workplace.

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### SAVE THESE DATES!

#### LUNCH & LEARN

**Wednesday, January 21, 2009**

**12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

**IT’S A MAN’S WORLD...NO MORE!**  
**Empowering Women.**

**Learning the Rules of the Game.**  
with Janice Kovach, Director of New Jersey Division on Women

Temple Emanu-El  
264 Northfield Road, Livingston  
Members: \$15/ Nonmembers: \$20  
**Pre-registration is mandatory.**  
Call NCJW at 973-740-0588

#### A DAY IN TRENTON

**Thursday, April 23, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

(not including travel time)

Visit to Trenton to meet with legislators and advocate for the issues NCJW promotes: ...comprehensive sex education in the schools and greater protection for victims of domestic abuse.

We will also be honoring legislators who have supported pro-choice legislation.

To register, call NCJW at  
973-740-0588 or [ncjwessex.org](http://ncjwessex.org)

#### WE’RE GOING GREEN!

**NCJW, Essex County Section, is going GREEN as of July 1, 2009.**

Please send your e-mail address to [ncjw@ncjwessex.org](mailto:ncjw@ncjwessex.org) so that you will be sure to receive all our publications by e-mail. If you need to receive our publications in print, please call the NCJW office at 973-740-0588. All publications will also be available on our website at [www.ncjwessex.org](http://www.ncjwessex.org).

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I just turned my clock back and got that extra hour of sleep. It is the season of falling leaves, football, and Thanksgiving. This is a beautiful time of year with both nature and history playing a part. Thanksgiving sometimes gets lost in the cooking and preparations for the day, but let us not forget that for our early forefathers, Thanksgiving followed seasons of starvation, deprivation, loss of life, collaboration with people who were 'different', and finally a harvest that was worthy of celebration.

Thanksgiving has become a time of rejoicing, yet we must be ever mindful of the darkness that still surrounds the lives of many in our community, those who are in lands where the earth is not bountiful, those where disasters supersede all joy, and those where peace is not yet possible.

We address darkness at our Linda and Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women where clients young and old voice their fears. Where they can learn to navigate life's curveballs. Where they can rejoice in the abundance of new possibilities. This is a place where women with all different histories can get the skills and confidence which will allow them the freedom to fly.

We address rejoicing and darkness through our Career Closet where women, once without business skills have crossed over into lives where with the proper clothing they can now seek jobs that will change the complexion of their self esteem and the bounty of their family's lives.

We address darkness in the lives of youngsters entering foster care. NCJW wrote and illustrated new storybooks to ease a child's passage into the system. These books offer hope and comfort for frightened preschoolers and elementary age students.

We address rejoicing and darkness through our Wonder of Women film festival which entertains and informs us on the issues most pressing to women and their families. We witness traumas and triumphs. We laugh with our sisters and cry with equal energy.

At NCJW we champion women, children, and families. In so doing we dare to make a difference. We educate, we advocate, we raise funds and most of all we raise awareness and empower women to recognize the darkness, and then rejoice in the possibility of new beginnings. We need every member to help us continue to achieve our lofty goals. If you have not yet sent in a "special" gift please rejoice in the fact that you are able to help someone who is not yet able to help themselves.

My best wishes for a joyful holiday season,

Sharon Falkin,

President



## POWER, POLITICS, AND JEWISH WOMEN:

### A "How-To" Training Program

Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Alex Aidekman Family Jewish Community Campus  
901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ

Register at [ujcnj.org/crc](http://ujcnj.org/crc)

Calling all Jewish women in New Jersey interested in politics, running for office, working on a campaign, getting appointed, positioning themselves for public leadership, or becoming more informed about state and local political systems.

Presented by the Center for American Women and Politics of the Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers.

### The **National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)**

is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



National Council of Jewish Women  
Essex County Section

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

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At the end of the six sessions, the women had a realistic outlook on where they could go for employment and what they could do. With resumes in hand, computer skills under their belts, and support from their peers, they left The Center for Women ready to embark on the next phase in their lives.

“I can still remember the first day these women walked into the Center. They were defeated, downtrodden, sad and hopeless,” says Barbara Kudish, who serves as the volunteer facilitator for the group. “Several weeks later,” she adds, “they are standing up straight, they are smiling, they have purpose...and they have resumes. They feel validated. It was a complete turnaround in just a few weeks.”

“These are extraordinary women,” says Sue Fass, NCJW’s computer instructor. “They have a lot of courage to get themselves out of a situation like that and on the road to being financially independent. It’s very uplifting.”

NCJW is thrilled to announce that funding has been received from a SHE (Shelter, Housing, Exit) from the State of NJ, Division



on Women – to continue this program. In partnership with the Rachel Coalition and the Essex County Safe House, a new group of domestic violence victims will be able to learn the skills to become self-sufficient at a six-week session planned for this fall.

Additionally, because Essex County has the highest rate of domestic violence of any county in the State, a collaboration of organizations is planning to set up a victim’s service center – an Essex County Family Justice Center - that will aid victims of domestic violence. Convened by Partners for Women and Justice, with funding from the Nicholson Foundation, the collaboration

includes NCJW, Essex County Section; Rachel Coalition; Jewish Family Service of MetroWest, local shelters, legal aid, police, Babyland and other area organizations.

“I’m thrilled to be a part of this team because I feel that we can make a difference in the lives of women who are suffering,” says Carol Kenny, job developer for the Center for Women. “They are moving on. And NCJW can be very proud of the part they play in this successful program.”

## VOLUNTEER

### AT THE LINDA AND RUDY SLUCKER NCJW CENTER FOR WOMEN

Kids back in school?

Recently retired?

Looking to do something rewarding?

### WE NEED YOU!

Our Center for Women has a myriad of opportunities:

- Greet and register workshop participants
- Schedule client meetings or workshop programs
- Facilitate a peer support group
- Help women dress for interviews
- Enter client lists into the database

Work with children or adults.

Evening or daytime options are available.

Training and supervision will be provided.

For more information, call Gail Sample,  
Coordinator of Volunteers at 973-740-0588

## NCJW LUNCH & LEARN

*How Far We’ve Come...Or Have We?*

More than 70 women attended the September Lunch and Learn program, **How Far We’ve Come...or Have We?** at Temple



Emanu-El of Livingston. The event featured Diane Finn, third from right, LCSW, Coordinator of Client Services for Rachel Coalition, a program of Jewish Family Service of MetroWest. Finn discussed current issues facing women who are victims of domestic violence. With Finn are, from left, Lunch and Learn co-chairs Arlene Garten and Elyce Perlstadt, Rachel Coalition clinical social worker Sandy Chiles, NCJW advocacy vice president Karen Feinblatt, and NCJW president Sharon Falkin.

## POLITICS & PASTRY

Interested in politics and government? Then Politics & Pastry is just the place for you. Join us for get-togethers each month. Michelle Bobrow and Sandy Newman, facilitators for the group, bring a slew of issues to the table with background information to get the discussions started. Check the NCJW calendar at [ncjwessex.org](http://ncjwessex.org) for future meetings.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

## FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION The 2008 Nancy & Robert Eskow NCJW Community Service Award Winners

The Nancy and Robert Eskow NCJW Community Service Award is bestowed on graduating Essex County high school students who have demonstrated a commitment and dedication to making life better for others, whether locally or globally. The four students chosen, in four different ways, confirm their feelings of duty and responsibility for making this world a better place.



**Sarah Drill**, a graduating senior at Solomon Schechter High School, decided to help women with breast cancer by designing, making, and selling beaded bracelets. The money Sarah raised single-handedly was donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The first year, Sarah worked on the project alone, but by the second year, she encouraged her classmates to join her, a strategy that will

keep the project alive for years to come. Sarah is now attending Muhlenberg College.



**Zev Fagin**, a graduating student from Montclair High School, participated in StreetSquash, an academic and sports enrichment program for kids in Harlem for three years. Traveling into New York City every week, including the hot summer months, Zev participated in the STARS tutoring program. The program paired visiting high school students with youngsters from Harlem in an effort to combine tutoring with

an enjoyable sport like squash. Zev also found the time to serve as an active volunteer at his synagogue. He is attending the University of Pennsylvania.



**Gabrielle Flaum**, a graduate of Millburn High School, founded "Save Our Soldiers," a teen group dedicated to advocating for and securing the release of three Israeli soldiers and five others who were missing in action. Gaby's efforts helped bring a human face to the conflict in the Middle East. Sharing a stage with Elie Weisel and other world leaders at the Free the Soldiers Rally, she read the petition addressed to the UN

Secretary General, demanding that the UN implement Resolution 1701 to free the soldiers. She also spoke in front of the NJ Senate and Assembly. "These eight soldiers represent eight sons, eight brothers, eight friends, but to me they also represent all people who are being held captive in the world," says Gaby. She attends Johns Hopkins University.



**Wynneh Nagbe**, a graduate of Irvington High School, is the consummate American Red Cross volunteer. When she and her family lived in Liberia, where suffering from many health issues was widespread, the Red Cross was there for them. Wynneh said, "I always told myself that one day I want to become a member of the Red Cross so that I, too, can travel around the world bringing hope to the hopeless." She worked at a Red

Cross Jamboree in her community, teaching residents about the assistance the Red Cross offers. Her aspirations are to become a research physician and find a cure for AIDS. She hopes to establish a homeless shelter in Irvington and create an exchange program so students can go to Africa to assist the large African population dying from AIDS. Wynneh is attending Montclair State University.

## NCJW VOLUNTEER EXPO 2008

### *Lifting Spirits Touching Lives*

The annual Volunteer EXPO, sponsored and coordinated by the NCJW Volunteer Network, was held at the Livingston Mall on Tuesday, October 28 and featured a large variety of local nonprofit agencies offering diverse volunteer opportunities.



NCJW thanks Marion Finkel, M.D., and Prudential Financial for sponsoring the EXPO and to Prudential Financial for sending employee volunteers to help out at the fair. And thank you to Simon Management who graciously opened the Livingston Mall to the EXPO.



Many thanks to all those participating at the EXPO. From left are, Volunteer Network co-chair Linda Jacobs, EXPO co-chair Mo Menzel, NCJW President Sharon Falkin, Volunteer Coordinator Gail Sample, EXPO co-chair Berverly Trust, Janet Saultier of Prudential Financial, and Volunteer Network co-chair Hélène Dreskin.

# BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORE

## GET READY...GET SET...IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL! An Update from the Chairs of the Back to School Store

Lunches are packed. Pencils are sharpened. Shiny new shoes are ready at the door. That's right...school is back in session! The current school year is well underway... but at NCJW, Essex County Section, we're already planning for next year!

In August, we'll open our first annual **Back-to-School Store**. For one day, we'll hold a mega-shopping event – Sunday, August 2, 2009 – for 200 children in need of clothing, school supplies, and personal care items to help them prepare for that most important first day of school!

The Back-to-School Store is modeled on a program run by NCJW, St. Louis section. We visited there in July to see and experience the store firsthand. Our counterparts in St. Louis graciously shared seven years of experience, success and miscues to help the Essex County store get off to a great start. We, in turn, worked as volunteers for the weekend: setting up the night before, restocking as the day wore on, and actually shopping with the children. It was an amazing, rewarding, exhausting experience that we brought back to our committees through notes, photos and anecdotes.

The Back-to-School Store is already generating an exciting buzz among our members who've been asking what they can do to help **right now!**

Here are a few suggestions:

- Mark Sunday, August 2, on your calendar. We'll need more than 100 volunteers on shopping day – including men who make excellent shoppers for the boys and even better *schleppers!* Check future publications and our website for updates on volunteering at the store.

- If you knit or crochet, you can make scarves for the children using any pattern you like. Each scarf should be at least 5 inches wide and 42-72 inches long. Scarves can be brought to the NCJW office, at your convenience.

- Let us know if you have contacts that might be helpful for donations or good deals on clothing, school supplies and personal care items.



**BACK-TO-SCHOOL**  
*Store*

- Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses and individuals. Contact Cathy Silverman at [csilverman@ncjwessex.org](mailto:csilverman@ncjwessex.org) for more information.

Thanks to everyone for their support, interest and enthusiasm. We're already looking forward to the grand opening!

**Penina Barr, Janet Berger  
and Deborah Schatz  
Back to School Store Co-Chairs**

# ADVOCACY

## TACKLING ISSUES OF INTEREST TO NCJW WOMEN!

In its second year, our section's Advocacy Department is offering activities that are attracting many of our members of all ages and encouraging them to act on behalf of women, children and their families.

The word **advocacy** shouldn't scare anyone away; it can be as simple as attending a section program and learning about the issues, or as active as participating in a voter registration drive. There's something for everyone!

## Teen Advocacy Program Off To A Dynamic Start!



Teen Advocacy Program members, from left, Ashley Lynette, Melanie Harrison, Alison Sussman, and Julia Ring.

The NCJW Teen Advocacy Program is designed for high school girls who want to learn how to speak out on issues that are important to them. At our first meeting, we decided to focus on eating disorders because many of our friends have this problem. Abby Sarrett Cooper, a licensed professional counselor, met with us and helped educate us on this critical illness. We began a letter writing campaign targeting editors of our favorite magazines telling them that we want to see more real life models who can be healthy role models and more articles that focus on improving our eating habits.

In October we brought our friends to the NCJW Young Women's Group Family Volunteer Day to get involved and meet new people in nearby communities. In preparation for Election Day, we reached out via Facebook to our friends who will be eligible to vote and encouraged them to register and become informed about all the issues.

If you know of any teenage girl who would be interested in joining our group, please email Ashley Lynette at [ashleynette@gmail.com](mailto:ashleynette@gmail.com)

This project is sponsored by Lesley and Neil Greenstein through a generous gift to *The Legacy of the Future* Endowment Fund.

## FOSTER CARE PROJECT

Always looking for ways to make a difference, a state grant offered NCJW the opportunity to help children entering the foster care system. Lila Bernstein, section board member and a state advocate for children, brought this grant project to our section and chaired the project that produced books geared to pre-K and K-3 children. The books will be read to the children by their foster care families in an effort to help the children adjust to their new homes.



Lila Bernstein, left, and Mo Menzel look over the book that NCJW created for children in the foster care system.

## NCJW Promotes The Vote

As the Presidential Election took center stage, NCJW launched its Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote, a nonpartisan Election 2008 initiative to ensure that every eligible voter is registered to vote and to make certain that every vote cast is counted. "As a tax-exempt organization, NCJW is nonpartisan and does not support or oppose any candidate running for public office. Yet, we still had an important role to play by registering new voters and working to ensure that elections are administered fairly and effectively," says Carla Boden, Promote the Vote chair.

An informed electorate insures that the democratic process is met!



Promote the Vote chair Carla Boden, left, and committee member Michelle Bobrow.

## Plan A: NCJW's Campaign For Contraceptive Access

■ **Plan A**, NCJW's action plan for emergency contraception, recently received coverage in local newspapers. In letters to the editor, we outlined the results of a pharmacy survey taken by our members. As an educational tool, the letters detailed the laws governing the dispensing of Plan B emergency contraception.



■ **SEX ED WORKS**. NCJW urges its members to support comprehensive sex education and give our children the information they need to make safe and responsible decisions.

Six reasons why you should support comprehensive sex education:

- It's medically and scientifically accurate
- It includes information about abstinence, contraception, and diseases
- It's age appropriate
- It's unbiased and nonsectarian
- It supports a healthy body image
- It works!

For more information, visit [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org) or email [plana@ncjwdc.org](mailto:plana@ncjwdc.org)

## YAD B'YAD: NCJW's INITIATIVE TO NURTURE KNOWLEDGE SUMMIT: Foster Care for Children and Youth at Risk

Yad B'Yad, NCJW's grant program supports grassroots organizations serving at-risk children and their families in Israel. One of these programs is SUMMIT – an organization whose five emergency foster care shelters help rehabilitate at-risk Israeli children and young adults and prepare them to integrate into mainstream Israeli society. This grant provides children at the shelters with books, clothing, and toys that they will be able to take with them upon leaving the shelter to live with a foster family.

Many of the children have been abandoned or orphaned; others have been physically, sexually or psychologically abused; and a large number of children had parents who were suffering from mental illness. The foster families who care for these children are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year.



One of these children is Avi, the 11-year-old son of immigrants from Ethiopia. Avi was born with AIDS and his father was unable to care for him after Avi's mother died of the

same disease. Avi has been placed in a nurturing foster family on the outskirts of Jerusalem. Although he has been hospitalized several times over the last six months, his foster parents are always by his side. Today Avi remains ill, but through SUMMIT's support network, his foster family has developed strong and effective coping mechanisms that give him strength and hope.

NCJW, Essex County Section, expresses its deep appreciation to Barbara and Dan Drench for supporting this program with a generous contribution.

## MEMBERSHIP

### NCJW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SURVEY We'd Like To Get To Know You!

Please take a few minutes to fill out our NCJW Membership Interest Survey. This information will help us plan our activities and find the appropriate volunteer opportunities for you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (B) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Member of NCJW since: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

- Interested in Young Women's Group
- Interested in being involved in Section activities
- Interested in volunteering
- Prefer:  daytime events  evening events  either

Special Skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be accompanied to events or programs by another member? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the areas of interest to you:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service Volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising       | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy Efforts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Volunteer            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations  | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member Recruitment      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Squad       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting a Meeting           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips         | <input type="checkbox"/> Book Discussions            |

Please clip out and return to:

NCJW, Essex County Section, Membership, 513 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039

# FUND DEVELOPMENT



## SPECIAL GIFTS CAMPAIGN

### Compassionate Courageous Powerful

You can make a difference in the lives of women, children and families with a contribution to our Special Gifts Campaign. Any donation, in any amount, will help NCJW, Essex County Section, to continue working to support grieving children, provide job readiness skills to single mothers, and advocate for reproductive choice. New and increased gifts will be matched by a Special Angel. Please give generously!

For more information, please call the Section Office at 973-740-0588 or visit [ncjwessex.org](http://ncjwessex.org).

## NCJW TRIBUTES

### A SPECIAL WAY OF SHARING CONGRATULATIONS, GET WELL WISHES OR SYMPATHY THOUGHTS

NCJW tributes are now available on line at [www.ncjwessex.org](http://www.ncjwessex.org). There are a variety of tributes for every occasion, and now you can easily order as many as you need on the NCJW website. Or, call NCJW at 973-740-0588 or Marcia Nebel at 973-763-0099.



#### Section Tributes

- Birthday cards: \$15 for 10 cards
- Blue and white tributes: \$5 each or 6 for \$25
- Silver tributes: \$10 each or 3 for \$25
- Gold tributes: \$18 each or 3 for \$50
- Diamond tributes: \$36 each



#### Center for Women Tributes

- Blue and white tributes: \$5 each or 6 for \$25
- Copper tributes: \$10 each or 3 for \$25



#### Hannah's Sisters Tapestry

- \$100 for the initial patch and tribute
- \$50 for jewel embellishment and tribute



## NCJW 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF INVITATIONAL

Mark your calendar!

**Monday, June 8, 2009**

Preakness Hills Country Club  
Wayne, NJ

Buffet Brunch, Contests, Prizes, Cocktails,  
Silent auction, and Elegant dinner

More details coming soon!

## LEGACY FOR THE FUTURE TRIBUTE FUNDS

By becoming a member of The *Legacy for the Future* Endowment Fund (\$10,000 minimum commitment) you have the opportunity to create a personalized tribute fund. Call the NCJW office at 973-740-0588 or [ncjwessex.org](http://ncjwessex.org)

Judith Abrams  
Sylvia Amster  
Harriet & Max Bass  
Jaimee & Bruce Baumgarten  
Dianne & I. Allen Chirls  
Susan & Jeffrey Claman  
Nancy & Eric Cohen  
Cathy & Lenny Dinnerstein  
Barbara & Daniel Drench  
Hélène & Jerry Dreskin  
Nancy & Robert Eskow  
Sharon & Stuart Falkin  
Mimi & Sanford Feld  
Barbara & Joel\* Feldstein  
Joan & Paul Gabin  
Audrey & Norbert Gaelen  
Susan & Alan Gallinson  
Leslie & Neil Greenstein  
Judith P. Gordon  
Anita & Franklin Hanoach, Jr.

Mimi & Howard Hirsch  
Ellen & David Hyman  
Linda & Mel Jacobs  
Barbara & Arnold Janofsky  
Jill & Alan Johnson  
Ellen M. & Peter M. Klein  
Susan & Richard Kogan  
Betty & William Krupkin\*  
Naomi & Philip\* Kruvant  
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Margo & Arnold Lidsky  
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Marion & Howard Medow  
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Laurie & Albert Richman

Bertha Rudd  
Sue & David Rudd  
Susan & Walter Schenker  
Leah & Alan Schneier  
Deborah & David Schultz  
Diane\* & Jimmy Schwarz  
The Schofel Family  
Poppy & Richard Segal  
Sylvia & Saul Seltzer  
Penny & Greg Sherry  
Robin and Richard Singer  
Linda & Rudy Slucker  
Judy & Larry Stern  
Valerie Sternberg Smith  
Judy & Mark Tabak  
Marjorie & Matt Weil  
Margo & Michael Weill  
Joanne & Arthur Weinbach  
Betti & Morton Weisman  
Myrna & Marvin Wertheimer

\*deceased

# FUND DEVELOPMENT

## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS (as of October 30, 2008)

The following life cycle events represent tributes sent through the Section office.

Out of respect for the privacy of our members, good wishes for speedy recovery have been omitted from this list.

### IN HONOR OF:

Judy Abrams – Special Birthday  
Marsha Atkind – New Position at Healthcare Foundation of NJ  
Mr. Max Bass – Special 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
M/M Gary Beckerman – Zachary's Bar Mitzvah  
Lila & Ron Bernstein – Grandson Noah's Bar Mitzvah  
Diane & Robert Blumenfeld – Son Jed's Engagement  
Sunny Brody – Grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
Suzanne Brooks – Very Special Birthday  
Karen & Robert Cherins – 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Harold & Rita Cohen – 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Rita & Harvey Cohen – Birth of Grandson, Stephen  
Joanne & Martin Dinzes – Chad's Engagement to Elysa Silbersmith  
Hélène & Jerry Dreskin – 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Carol & Barry Eckenthal – Son Aaron's Engagement  
M/M Stephen Ehrlich – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Betty Eisenberg – Special Birthday  
Lenore & Alan Eskow – Engagements of sons Scott & Josh  
Nancy Eskow – Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher  
Phyllis & Martin Feigenson – Birth of Granddaughter Rachel  
M/M Herb Feldman – Birth of Twin Grandchildren  
Barbara Feldstein – Granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah  
Beatrice Ferber – Birth of Great Granddaughter Hunter Blake  
M/M Sam Filreis – Marriage of Son, Allen, to Jane  
Dr. & Mrs. Milton Fischgrund – Stacy's Marriage  
Marilyn & Gerald Flanzbaum – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Joan Gabin – Many thanks  
M/M Paul Gabin – Aaron's Marriage  
Bonnie & Lew Garely – Birth of Granddaughter Milla  
Lori & Robert Gelman – Jordan's Bar Mitzvah  
Sylvia & Howard Goldbas – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Phoebe Greenfield – Birth of Great Granddaughter  
M/M Howard Hirsch – Steven's Marriage to Emily Pogash  
Marsha Ingber – Three Generations of Wonderful Women  
Bruce & Ilene Jacobs – Lauren's Marriage to Adam Lazer  
Linda & Mel Jacobs – 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Bonnie Jaffe – Birth of Grandson, Samuel  
Ronnie & Al Konner – Birth of Granddaughter, Hunter Blake  
Linda Lakin – Son's High School Graduation  
Zanna & Scott Lantzman – Birth of Great Granddaughter, Hunter Blake  
Dale & Ron Lazarovitch – Daughter's Bat Mitzvah  
Donald Legow – Special Birthday  
Doreen Lesnik – Birth of Granddaughter, Annabelle  
Ellen Lynette – Thank you for being such a wonderful teacher.  
M/M Charles Mandelbaum – Birth of Grandson, Drew Boden  
Carol & Bob Marcus – Son, Daniel's Engagement to Jessica  
Arleen & Dick Muney – Birth of Grandson, Maxwell  
Debbie & Ted Pearlman – Birth of Grandson, Simon Asher  
Rachel & Matthew Poggie – Son, Leo's Bar Mitzvah  
Phoebe Pollinger – Honored by Montclair Economic Development Corporation  
Mimi Puder – Special Birthday  
Jane Cee & Glenn Redbord – Britton's Marriage to Drew Bitterman  
Jane & Michael Reimer – Birth of Granddaughter, Isabel Rose  
Kay Reinhart – Special Birthday  
Sandy & Fred Roth – Son's Marriage  
Linda & Morris Schuller – Birth of Grandson, Zev  
Deborah & David Schultz – Granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah  
Adrienne & Stanley Schwartz – Birth of Granddaughter, Cassandra  
Sylvia & Saul Seltzer – 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Alexis Sherry – Many thanks  
Penny & Greg Sherry – Thanks for all your assistance  
Linda & Rudy Slucker – Thanks for all your assistance  
Sharon & Norman Spindel – Marriage of Carrie to Evan Bishoff  
Barbara & Pat Stein – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Judy & Mark Tabak – Daughter Lindsay's Engagement to Michael Levin  
Marilyn & Henry Taub – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Jackie Vogelmann-Testa – Grandson's Bar Mitzvah  
Robin & Michael Ware – Nicole's Marriage to Josh Slavitt  
Michael Wildstein – Very Special Birthday  
Stephen Wildstein – Very Special Birthday

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Beloved Mother – Felicia Anchor  
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Beloved Sister – M/M Jerome Beller  
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# MEMBERSHIP

## NCJW OPENING EVENT



From left, NCJW president Sharon Falkin, Ellen Legow, Dee Dee Myers, and Donald Legow.

The ballroom of The Wilshire Grand in West Orange was packed with a record crowd of women who came out to hear author and political commentator Dee Dee Myers. The event, held the week before Election Day, attracted more than 500 women. Myers spoke about her recent book, *Why Women Should Rule the World*. After her remarks, she invited questions from the audience. Opening Event was made possible through a generous donation from Ellen and Donald Legow.



Opening Event chairs Dianne Chirls, left, and Sheila Kornisch, with Dee Dee Myers and Sharon Falkin.



Dee Dee Myers, right, talks with, from left, Arleen Winston, Gella Seiden, Ellen Harris and Janet Berger.

## SAVVY SOLOS

More than 20 women enjoyed an evening of Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting, at their September opening event held at the home of Roberta Rabin in Millburn.

If you would like to enjoy an array of eclectic events geared for active single women in their 40s, 50s, and 60s, call NCJW at 973-740-0588.



Roberta Rabin, left, event chair, with Hedy Messinger, Savvy Solos chair.

Watch for our upcoming events!



Elaine Searing, left, and Diana Carlin prepare the cheese plates.



## WELCOME NEW AND LIFE MEMBERS

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# YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

## YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP BRINGS FAMILIES TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS



▲ Many thanks to the Family Volunteer Day committee: back row, from left, Aviva Gutnick with daughter, Rachel, Tracy Levine, Penina Barr, Lori Bright, Meredith Bright, and Juliet Rudy. Front row, from left, LauraSue Steinman, Lori Katzman, Tracey DeAlto, and Elinor Schwind. Also on the committee are Lisa Ivler and Michele Landau.



▲ Kids in action packing boxes for Operation Shoebox.



▲ Ethan Landau gives his coins to tzedakah.

More than 160 people, including 80 children, attended the first-ever Young Women's Group Family Volunteer Day, co-hosted by Solomon Schechter Day School, Lower Campus, West Orange, on Sunday, October 5. Participants included families from NCJW, Essex County section, NCJW's Young Women's Group, and the community. Several high school students from the NCJW Teen Advocacy Program were also on hand to help out.

Over 400 hands-on volunteer projects, including cards, bookmarks, treasure boxes, flower pots, dental kits, and blankets, were created to benefit women, children and seniors in our community. Many of these items will be distributed through NCJW programs such as YWG Mitzvah Nights and the Job Readiness and RAINBOWS programs sponsored by The Linda and Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women.

Volunteers also packed 150 boxes filled with toiletries, snacks and handwritten cards to be sent to U.S. troops overseas via Operation Shoebox NJ, a nonprofit organization that coordinates shipments to NJ-based soldiers overseas.

In addition, local author Danielle Speckhart offered a well-attended reading of her children's book *The Littlest Volunteers*, presented by JLOSH (Junior League of Oranges and Short Hills). Attendees had the chance to learn more about NCJW, The Young Women's Group and the Volunteer Network at information tables.



▲ Lori Katzman and daughters, Hallie and Rayna, make cards to be included in boxes sent to U.S. troops overseas.



▲ Three generations of NCJW! From left, Meredith Stoma with daughters Sara and Samantha, and her mother Natalie Peck.



▲ Author Danielle Speckhart reads her book *The Littlest Volunteers*.



▲ Rachel Gutnick and her mom, Aviva, make colorful flowerpots.

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# YOUNG WOMEN'S GROUP

## Mark Your Calendars!

### YWG 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MITZVAH NIGHT

**Monday, December 8**

Saint Barnabas Healthcare Systems Cafeteria  
95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange (across from main hospital)

Our signature event! Help wrap gifts for children at local hospitals and service agencies. Don't miss the extravagant door prizes! Don't forget to sign up for presorting on Sunday, December 7.

Call LauraSue Steinman at [Lsmstei@aol.com](mailto:Lsmstei@aol.com) for more information.

#### New This Year – Sponsor A Mitzvah!

Take your participation in Mitzvah Night one step further and help make a child's holiday sparkle this year! For a suggested donation of \$36, you can ensure that a child receives a toy and a warm winter coat or blanket. If you decide to sponsor one or more children, please make checks payable to: NCJW – Essex County Section and indicate on the check it is for "Sponsor A Mitzvah"

The check can be mailed to: NCJW Section Office,  
513 West Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, NJ 07039

### HOSPITAL PARTIES

Come join a fun group of women for a heartfelt and rewarding experience. Bring your warmth and kindness to the kids at St. Barnabas and Beth Israel Newark. Parties are being planned through May at both facilities. We spend approximately two hours in the morning with the children helping them to create beautiful and simple arts and crafts projects.

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!!**

Please contact Brooke Weinstein at [brookenw@verizon.net](mailto:brookenw@verizon.net) or Aviva Gutnick at [algutnick@yahoo.com](mailto:algutnick@yahoo.com) to sign up or if you have any questions.

### Thanks to all for making Spring Mitzvah Night a HUGE success!!!

Dozens of women gathered this past spring to assemble layettes to send to agencies that help children and babies in need.

Thank you to our many volunteers who worked passionately to make this event possible.

A special thank you to our donors as well, for providing funding and items to put into the layettes: The Children's Place; Children's Wear - East Hanover; Citigroup; NCJW's knitting group Creative Hands; The Lock-up; Magic Kids; Michelle Indyke/COUQ Foundation; Starbucks



*Working Together: Stacy Ennis, Lori Bright, Amy and Alexis Schwartz, Laura Shur, Jordana Horn, Nancy and Dani Wolk.*



*Penina Barr and Aviva Gutnick are busy organizing clothing to be donated.*



*Volunteers brought new towels to donate to Camp Happy Times. The Valerie Fund operates this free one-week overnight camp for kids ages 5-21 who have or have had cancer. Event co-chairs Jordana Horn and Laura Shur present the donated towels to Karen Feinblatt.*

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