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FALL 2002



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FOUR DAY SALE

PREVIEW NIGHT:

THURSDAY, October 17, 5pm-9pm (\$5 admission this night only)

FRIDAY, October 18, 9am-6pm
SATURDAY, October 19, 9am-5pm
SUNDAY, October 20, noon-5pm

Monday, October 21 OPERATION CLOTHE ME

(Social Service Agency Clients may shop free, by invitation only)

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We accept designer, new and nearly new clothing – including plus sizes, infants, and men's – (ON HANGERS, PLEASE); Furs, Jewelry, Collectibles, China, Silver, and Gently Used Furniture and Antiques. Your donations are tax-deductible.

DAYS TO DROP OFF ITEMS

Friday, October 4, 9am-3pm Saturday, October 5, 9am-3pm Sunday, October 6, noon-3pm

> Proceeds from this sale support SWA's contribution to the Kansas City Symphony and NCJW's community service projects.

CHAIR: Barbara Holzmark FOR INFORMATION: Symphony Office: 816-471-1100, ext. 258 NCJW Office: 913-648-0747



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS You can pick up your 2002-03 Entertainment Book in the office. The price is the same as last vear - \$20.00



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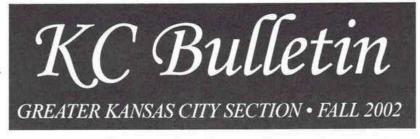
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Deaths_

Sarah Bromberg *Dorothea Jagoda

National Council of Jewish Women



As we look ahead to a new year, it is important that we reflect back to the year that is ending. I want to thank my Board and all of the volunteers who helped to make this past year such a huge success. Without each of you we would not have been able to do all that we have done to help women, children and families.

In this Bulletin, you will see that as the new year begins so do many of our wonderful projects. Preparation for Thriftique, chaired by Barbara Holzmark, has begun. Co-chairs Eileen Sherman and Berenice Haberman are working on Women Helping Women, which is scheduled for October 30 (invitation to follow). Kids and Teachers=School (KATS), chaired by Lisa Montague, has seen that students at M. E. Pearson Elementary School (Kansas City, KS) began the school year with school supplies, backpacks, shoes and underwear. Hello Israel, cochaired by Barbara Cosner and Phyllis Green, will again present a program on Israel to 6th graders in the Shawnee Mission Schools. The six Parties for the Blind have been set for the coming year by chairman, Symie Menitove. Hope Line will continue to collect used cell phones (they don't need to work). Luggage for Freedom, chaired by Sonny Singer, has given many women leaving shelters a piece of luggage to leave with rather than a black plastic bag. Eyes for the Needy, the collection of eye glasses, was begun. The first Oma Beth Lyon Scholarship was awarded to a student attending the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired.

If you have not already returned your Hen House Rewards and Price Chopper Shopper forms, please do so. This is an easy way to help us earn 1% on all of your shopping. Remember to show your rewards and shopper cards to the cashier every time you shop. Also, don't forget to drop your used inkjet and toner cartridges off at the NCJW office. We will get money from recycling these.

Again, let me thank each of you for all that you do.

L'shona Tovah Tikatevu. May you and your families be inscribed for a very Healthy and Happy New Year. Year. Fondly, Ellen Dalen

COMING OCTOBER 30th . . .

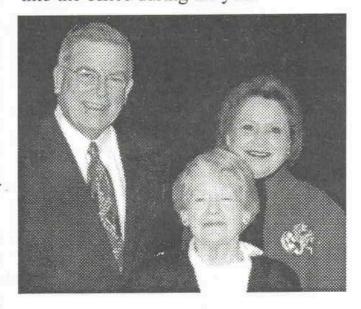
2nd Annual Luncheon "Women Helping Women"

Tou've heard it said before: "One around us?" good deed deserves another." In that spirit, the Greater Kansas City Section of NCJW announces the second annual "WOMEN HELPING WOMEN" luncheon to be held on October 30th, once again in conjunction with national sponsor Liz Claiborne, Inc. and The Jones Store Metcalf South.

Speaking of last year's inaugural event, Chairman Eileen Sherman explains, "The response of our local Council members was no less than phenomenal. Your presence was an exciting indication of how we as women feel about the insidious problems of domestic violence."

President Ellen Dalen picks up the story. "As the second only Section to undertake this program, the hardworking committee set the stage last year and you, as compassionate and caring women, responded. In lieu of the above, how could we not continue to focus our energies and best efforts on the fight against this scourge that exists

Co-chairman Berenice Haberman adds this comment, "Not only did we collect more than 400 'going back to work' garments at the first luncheon, additional donations continued to pour into the office during the year."



JUST IN! TV Anchorman Larry Moore and mrs. Moore have confirmed they will return as our celebrity co-hosts. We expect a sell-out crowd. Reservations are encouraged ASAP!

THRIFTIQUE is just around the corner!

Thriftique, "The Shoppers Dream" is around the corner. Literally and Figuratively! The address for this year's Thriftique is 7711 State Line. For those of you who remember "way back when" this is the former location of the NCJW Office until the early 1980's! We should be easy to find! We are most appreciative of the Tutera Group who have so graciously donated this space for our "third" annual Thriftique Sale. The sale, in collaboration with Symphony Women's Association (SWA) will be Thursday, October 17th through Sunday, October 20th. Operation Clothe Me will take place Monday, October 21st.

Help us make this Thriftique better than ever! We need your DESIGNER, NEW, NEARLY NEW, and GENTLY WORN: women's (including plus sizes), men's, children's (including infants) toddlers and teen clothing (**please on hangers**), furs, jewelry, household items, china, collectibles, new merchandise, toys, antiques and furniture. Plan on bringing your items to us the 1st weekend of October, Friday and Saturday from 9 to 3 and Sunday from 12 noon to 3 (October 4, 5th and 6th).

For members and their husbands or significant others, plan on spending a few hours on Wednesday evening, October 16th from 5 - 9 at a "Sneak Preview Party". Food, drinks and special vendors will be part of the evening's activities. Save the date and look for the details in your mail!

Remember, we are awarding some lucky volunteer with a wonderful prize after Thriftique is over. Each time you volunteer, your name will be entered in the drawing! If you



Thriftique Planning Meeting, left to right: Joyce Halper, Sherry Klein, Janet Stulz, Barbara Holzmark, Rosemary Gorin.

want to volunteer, please call Joyce Halper at 913-383-0520. She will be happy to schedule your services. Our 2nd Annual, "Operation Clothe Me" will take place on Monday, October 21st. This is a community service for the entire metropolitan area where social service agencies will be invited to send clients to shop free.

Questions? Days and times not good? Call the NCJW Office at 913-648-0747.

"WHAT IS NO LONGER BECOMING TO YOU, SHOULD BE COMING TO US!! Thank you for your support!

ANGEL PROJECT -

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW - We will again be doing the Angel Project at holiday time at our adopted school, M. E. Pearson, Kansas City, Kansas. Watch your mailbox in early October for detailed info.



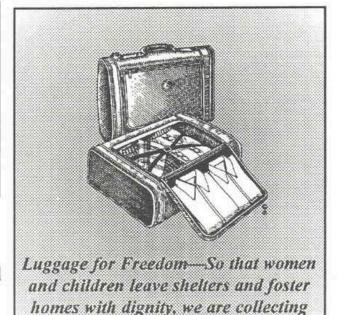
HELLO ISRAEL

Now, more than ever, it is important to communicate what a wonderful country Israel is and to share information about its people, culture and history.

The Social Studies Administrator of the Shawnee Mission School District has requested that every 6th grade Social Studies teacher be given the opportunity to include HELLO ISRAEL in their curriculum. As a result, we will be offering this program to more schools than ever before and we will need more presenters to cover the additional presentations.

Please consider becoming a presenter and being a part of this most rewarding and fun community service project.

PLEASE CALL Phyllis Green at 913.345.9939 or Barbara Cosner at 913.381.5365 and WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.



NCJW is a volunteer organization inspired by Jewish values, that works through a program of research, education, advocacy and community service to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and strives to ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

used luggage and backpacks.

Section Community Service Projects

A big "Thank You" goes out to all of our 2001-2002 volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to carry out our very worthwhile projects that benefit women, children and families. If you do not see your name below, please consider becoming a volunteer.

ADVOCACY EDUCATION **PROGRAMS**

Barbara Holzmark, Chair

AWARDS EVENING - JUNE 9

Berenice Haberman, Chair Cathy Boyer-Shesol Merle Cole Ellen Dalen Naomi Kauffman Symie Menitove Alayne Mooney Rosanne Rosen Merna Siegler Barbara Warady

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Peggy Krigel, Coordinator

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Presenters Melanie Allmayer Estelle Berman Blossom Block Linda Braude Andrea Elyachar Judy Fudemberg Marlene Gasser Jody Kaplan Linda Katz Gerre Minkin Joan Napshin

Esther Pearlmutter Esther Rudnick Marilyn Schoenfeld Merna Siegler

Dolores Sosnow Judy Wasserman Shirley White

Lois Winston Carol Yarmo <u>Substitutes</u>

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Diane Arnell

THRIFTIQUE

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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

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*If we left your name off accidentally, please call the office so that we can correct our records.

CCVI Scholarship Award

"Fifty-eight years ago, my mom, Beth Lyon, and a few of her friends who belonged to National Council of Jewish Women in Kansas City recognized the need to help the visually impaired.

Ever since, NCJW has sponsored Parties for the Blind with the continued involvement and support of my mother and other NCJW members.

<u>CCVI</u> was a natural extension of my mother's interests.

In her later years (she was already in her 80's), she volunteered as an assistant in Ala's Friday kindergarten class where her great joy was to read to the children.

Her own five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren called her Oma Beth, a sweet and loving German word for grandmother, but here the children called her Gramma Beth maybe because she seemed like their own grandmas.

Our Beth passed away four years ago, but she left a fund to NCJW in hopes that the organization would be able to continue her interest in the visually impaired.

The NCJW Board of Directors chose to use some of that money to provide scholarships over the next five years to help one child a year attend CCVI.

Oma Beth would be thrilled with that choice and so are we all.

This year's recipient is two and one half year old Austin Parsons, NCJW is very happy to help make it possible for



Left to right: David Bernstein, Chairman CCVI Board; Betty Barnett; Ellen Dalen; Austin; his mother, Starla Parson and his sister.

Austin to attend CCVI.

Under the guidance of expert teachers and staff, we know he will receive the help he will need to make his dreams come true." - Betty Barnett

2002 – 2003 Scholarship Winners

Feld/Bograd Scholarship Winners

The Selma and Milton Feld Memorial Scholarship was established in 1984. Later a generous bequest from the estate of the late Abe Bograd was added to the scholarship to enable NCJW to help more people. The Scholarship Committee earmarked these funds for women over 35 in college or graduate school in the Greater Kansas City area. Grants are based on need and the applicant's potential. Many women who are finishing an interrupted education, who need to raise their status in life to support themselves and families or who desire a more meaningful career have been able to reach their goals through these funds.

Glenda Gochenour – Glenda is a 40 year old married mother of three attending UMKC and working on her Master's Degree in Social Work. She works full time in addition to her class work and intends to finish her degree in May, 2003. Her career goals include making a difference in the lives of the elderly. She maintains a 3.6 grade point average. She received the \$2,500 Feld Scholarship.

<u>Hazel Franklin</u> – Hazel is a 38 year old married mother of three working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science at UMKC. She hopes to finish her class work in two years. Her career goals include promoting issues that support the nation's welfare and those affecting international relations. She hopes to work with all levels of government; local, state, and national. She maintained a 3.6 grade point average at Penn Valley Community College prior to being admitted to UMKC. She received the \$1,000 Bograd Scholarship.

Geraldine Hawkins — Geraldine is a 54 year old divorced mother of 4 grown children. She is working towards a Bachelor of Liberal Arts Degree and then plans to apply for a Master's program in Social Work or Education at UMKC. Geraldine was forced to withdraw from high school at age fourteen and was basically on her own. She always had a dream of completing a degree program after earning her GED at age 28. She works full time and would like to give back to the community which helped her by helping children who have been physically and sexually abused. She maintains a 2.5 grade point average. She received the \$2,500 Bograd Scholarship.

Flarsheim Fellowship Recipient

Louis Flarsheim was the grandson of the founder of the Kansas City Section, Bertha Lieberman. It was after her death in 1933 that the Section's Scholarship Program was established in her memory. Mr. Flarsheim maintained his interest in the program throughout his lifetime and contributed to it regularly. At the time of his death, he left a bequest to the Scholarship Program. It was with this funding that the Flarsheim Fellowship was established to be awarded to a Jewish woman younger than 35 entering her first year of graduate school as a full-time student.

<u>Carly Farbman</u> – Carly graduated from Indiana University in May of 2002 with a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics. During her collegiate career, she was inducted into several honor societies. Carly was also very active in philanthropic activities and intramural sports. She is enrolled in the Masters of Profession Accountancy Program at the Kelly School of Business. Carly received \$1,500.

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NCJW High School Scholarships

The following 2001-02 high school seniors were awarded scholarships from the funds listed below. Congratulations to these students and thank you to the donors.

Yelena Abramova - Johnson County Community College - \$750 - Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Stella Abramova - Johnson County Community College - \$300 - Nathan Levy Sara Bassin - Lafayette College - \$1000 - Special Name Scholarship Monique Bryson - Penn Valley Community College -\$500 - Chuck Levy Elizabeth Buner - Smith College - \$1000 - Sylvia Eveloff Sabrina Coons - Ft. Scott Community College - \$1000 - Alfred & Dorothy Benjamin Lasheka Davis - Southwest Missouri State - \$1000 - Jeannette & Jerome Cohen Anna Drakhlis - Pace University - \$1000 - Robert E. & Robert L. Rosenwald Brandi Eisen - Kansas State University - \$1000 - Serina Lorsch Rachel Eisen - Kansas University - \$500 - Lillian & Phillip Small Kenneth Hum - Southwest Mo. State - \$500 - Special Name Scholarship Mary Harkness - Drake University - \$1000 - B & D. Newburger, Dr. Robert Krigel Alycia Hightower - UMKC - \$1000 - Setma & Stanford Block Alicia Hill - Northwest Mo. State - \$500 - Air. & Mrs. Bert Berkley Adriene Hobdy - Xavier University of LA - \$250 - R. L. Baer, Harvey Kipen, H. & T. Sharp Robbie Howard - Johnson County Community College - \$250 - Irwin & Regina Holzmark Tiffany Howard - Kansas Statel niversity - \$500 - Chuck Levy Elisha Jenson - Longview Community College -8500 - Jeann the & Jerome Cohen Leonid Khayet - Kansas University - \$500 - Policky Family Fund Jamekia Leathers - Missouri Western - \$1000 & Dr. & Mrs. Eliot Berkley Yiwen Lu - Kansas University - \$1000 - Serina Lorsch Sara McIntyre - Carleton College - \$1000 - Bertha & Josephine Lieberman Marina Magilevskaya - New York University - \$1000 - Margery Rosenstock Vogel Chalonda Moore + Langston University - \$750 + Harold B. Brown, B. & J. Lieberman Ella Mullokanaova - UMKC - \$1000 - Robert E. & Robert L. Rosenwald Mona Patel - Bently College - \$1000 - Eleanor & Joseph Wolff Dina Shkotnik - Kansas University - \$1000 - Krasne/Maizlish and S. & S. Block Starr Slavin - Kansas University - \$500 - Gail Achtenberg Eric Smith - Kansas State University - \$500 - Robert E. & Robert L. Rosenwald Anita Stubenrauch - Art Institute Of Chicago - \$500 - Special Name Scholarship Elisha Talbert - Xavier University of LA - \$1000 - Mr. & Mrs. Bert Berkley Katrina Vandeputte - Kansas University - \$250 - Jules Mayer Alfred White - UMKC - \$500 - Friday Study Group, Joffee/Goodfriend Mikhail Zeltser - Kansas State University - \$1000 - B. & J. Lieberman, Gail Achtenberg Svetlana Zhezmir - Kansas University - \$500 - Dr. & Mrs. Eliot Berkley

hank you to all who participated in the purchase of tickets for *Jones Store Charity Day* at Oak Park on August 12. The day was a huge success. *Meg Adler Constance Bernstein Sherry Blumenthal Cathy Boyer-Shesol*

Jean Brown
Bonnie Buchbinder
Ellen Dalen
Betty Deutch
Jackie Fleschman
Paulette Giarratana
Karin Golden
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Jill Minkoff
Alayne Mooney
Ellen Portnoy
Rosanne Rosen

Eleanor Rosenfeld
Rae Rubins
Maurine Salz
Marilyn Schoenfeld
Lee Shulkind
Merna Siegler
Sarah Small
Donna Thalblum
Barbara Warady

Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Thank you National Council of general women for considering me once again for your schelarship.

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Dear Mr & Mrs Bert Lerkley,

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ara came into the court system when she was nine years old, along with three other siblings. Her home life at that point was dismal - incidents of abuse, neglect and molestation occurred frequently. Her mother, a drug abuser who was under court jurisdiction, was scheduled for a drug test, knew she would fail, and fled to another state leaving the children alone. They were initially placed in the care of relatives, but this only perpetuated the abuse cycle.

Tara's mother's parental rights were terminated when she was 10. All of the children were separated. Tara was placed in numerous foster homes, group homes

and hospitals for the next five years.

In February of 2000, Tara ran away from her foster home. She used her older sister's identification to enroll in school, get a job and access the Free Health Clinic. She told everyone that she was 19. She had given up on the system and was trying to take care of herself, although she made many mistakes in judgment. She was identified and picked up by the KCMO police the day before Thanksgiving 2000, placed in detention and remanded to the court's custody once again. She was angry, depressed and disheveled in every way.

Jackson County CASA attorney, Deb Greenburg Baron, was asked to be the Guardian Ad Litem for Tara, and along with staff and a CASA volunteer, formed a

powerful advocacy team for this young girl.

Tara was placed in a group facility where she was able to complete the 8th grade. Her health and behavior stabilized and she began believing in herself again. Her situation was monitored closely by Jackson County CASA and she was able to have outings with a caring adult mentor.

Although there have been many ups and downs in the last two years, Tara has managed to form positive relationships, regain trust in adults and actually reside in a home with a stabilizing foster family for several months. With strong CASA advocacy, Tara has continued positive progress with her DFS Case Worker and has gained the ability to identify and appropriately seek and ask for what she needs. She is now also able to have regular contact with her younger sister, occasionally speaks with her young brother, who is now adopted, and her older sister, who has a baby of her own.

Tara came to the attention of National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, through her CASA volunteer. NCJW generously provided Tara with luggage and clothing in order to begin the new chapter of her life at Job Corps, where she moved on her 17th birthday. Tara hopes to be a successful cosmetologist and learn carpentry skills as a result of her favorite home improvement show "Trading Spaces" through the Job Corps.

August 10, 2002

National Council of Jewish Women Scholarship Committee 5750 W 95th Street Suite 118 Shawnee Mission, KS 66207-2969

Dear members of the Scholarship Committee:

I have received your letter informing me of the Rosenwald Scholarship renewal for the upcoming school year. Your support has helped me a great deal financially, especially since I transferred to a more expensive university this past year. It has helped me keep my loans under control, so I could concentrate more on my studies, rather than worrying about my financial situation.

Since NCJW has been so supportive, I would like to share the successes of this year with you. I have been working very hard this past year, and made the Dean's Honor Roll, as well as the National Honor Roll list for college students. The diversity of New York City has done me a world of good, and helped me expand my horizons. I also had a chance to participate in several rallies in support of Israel, and hopefully make at least a drop of difference in the journey toward peace in my historical nation. Besides all those interesting things, I have been taking summer classes, and working at a non-paid internship directly related to my major in Information Systems.

The excitement of Fall semester is right around the corner, and I cannot repeat "thank you" enough to express my appreciation for helping me get a college education. Please accept my best wishes for peace and happiness to you and your families.

Very Truly Yours,

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Kids and Teachers = School

Thank you to all who helped on the school supply drive for M.E. Pearson:

Dierdre Baker Heather Berger Cathy Boyer-Shesol Ellen Dalen Jackie Fleschman Judy & Mark Fudemberg Cynthia Gensheimer Bronna Gerber Martha Gershun Jacquelyn Golden Gloria Goodfriend Ro Jacobson Judith Kahn Naomi Kauffman Sharon Lund Betty Jo Marder Judith Mayer Gerre Minkin Jill Minkoff Alayne Mooney Lisa Montague Susan Osman Roselle Poisner Ellen Portnoy Janet Price Marjorie Sackin Gloria Schlossenberg Barrett Schroeder

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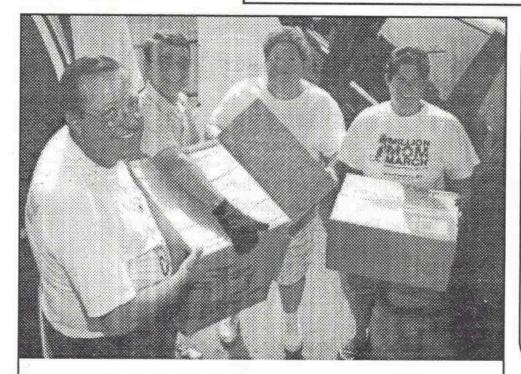
KATS - Sort school supplies: left to right: Lisa Montague, Janet Wasserman, Merna Siegler

Parties for the Blind - Party Dates

October 15
November 19
December 17
March 18
April 15
May 20

Kids and Teachers=School (KATS) Wish List

There is a need at M. E. Pearson (our adopted school) for a small refrigerator and a sewing machine. Anyone wanting to donate either of these two items may call the NCJW Office at 913.648.0747.



NCJW Recipient of HEART TO HEART Giveaway

NCJW took part in the recent Heart to Heart giveaway of women's and children's items valued at over \$20,000. The items were donated to the following agencies: CASA, Jackson County, Joyce Williams (a domestic violence shelter in Wyandotte County), M. E. Pearson Elementary School, Beth Shalom (these items will be given away Christmas Day at the soup kitchen), Synergy Services and Parties for the Blind.

HEN HOUSE COMMUNITY REWARDS AND PRICE CHOPPER XTRA HELPINGS

You should have already received your Hen House/Price Chopper mailing. If you did not, please call the NCJW office at 913.648.0747. If you have not already filled out your Hen House and Price Chopper form, please do so. Register and all you have to do is shop at Hen House or Price Chopper and 1% of your purchase comes back to NCJW.

This is not limited to NCJW members, so please ask your family, friends and neighbors to fill out a form also.

REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR CARD SCANNED EACH TIME YOU SHOP!

CONGRATULATIONS RONI BESHEARS

Roni Beshears has been appointed Commissioner by Marsha Atkind, National President. She will be working with three Sections during the coming year.

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When people volunteer, they choose an area of interest, or an area where they have a vested interest. NCJW appealed to me 20 some years ago because of its priorities. I felt comfortable advocating for them, and met a wonderful group of women through many projects and years of active involvement. I felt challenged and comfortable.

As I interview people for SAFEHOME volunteers, I always ask if there are domestic violence issues in their past, either with friends, extended family, or themselves. In order to be an effective volunteer and have any contact with residents/clients, you must feel comfortable. One woman's answer surprised me this week and made me extremely grateful that NCJW sponsors the Silent Witness Program through SAFEHOME. She told me she and her daughter attended church two or three years ago and happened upon the Silent Witness Exhibit in the foyer. They separately walked around reading the breast plates, then met and headed for the sanctuary and the Sunday morning service. At one point during the service the daughter whispered in her mother's ear, "At least Dad hasn't killed us." That statement made this potential volunteer know she needed to take action. She went to her minister who referred her to SAFEHOME. After going through counseling, leaving her husband, and

trying to get their lives back to "normal," they came to me asking how they can volunteer for SAFEHOME.

Listening to her I knew the Silent Witness Exhibit helped them escape their abusive situation. Did it save their lives? I don't know, but it helped them get their lives on track and now they live in a safe environment. Think how many other women this exhibit influenced and impacted in the four years NCJW has sponsored it. After she left, I sat thinking of my connection between NCJW and SAFEOME. It almost seemed "beshert" that I should work for SAFEHOME, who enjoys a wonderful partnership with NCJW!

In Judaism we grow up learning a basic Jewish tenet, if you can save one life, it's as if you have saved the whole world.

This week I felt that NCJW and SAFEHOME exemplified that value.

I wish everyone a healthy, safe, peaceful, and joyous L'shannah Tova!

Susan Lebovitz

Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator 913.432.9300, Ext. 18

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She was someone's daughter. She was someone's friend She had a name...her name was...

Karen – On December 18, 1998, Karen and her boyfriend of six months, Brad, went partying. There was a dispute and Karen found a ride home by herself. When Brad arrived, he began to beat her. The neighbor called the police. On December 21st, Karen was found to be unresponsive; her daughter called 911 and the med techs worked on her, but she did not respond. Karen had slowly bled to death from a ruptured spleen from being kicked by Brad. Her ribs were broken and her head and body were severely bruised. Her boyfriend was found guilty of Second Degree Murder-Unintentional-and sentenced to 146 months.

Hope Line - Drop your used cell phone off at the NCJW office. In collaboration with Verizon Wireless we are collecting used cell phones to be refurbished or sold and the proceeds go into a fund for domestic violence shelters to apply.

Phones do not need to work.

Rethink Ink - Please bring your used inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges to the NCJW office. Money earned from the sale of these used cartridges will benefit our community service projects.



Eyes for the Needy

NCJW is collecting used eye glasses. Just drop them off at the NCJW office: 5750 West 95th Street, Suite 118.

ONE VOICE: Jewish Women for Israel Coalition

What is ONE VOICE?

A unique coalition whose strength is that it represents a broad spectrum of Jewish political and religious views in a united effort. We stand in solidarity with the State of Israel and its people and for a strong and enduring US-Israel relationship. We support Israel and America in the fight against terror and commit to fighting the scourge of antisemitism, bigotry and racism. The following organizations make up the One Voice: Jewish Women for Israel Coalition:

Hadassah: Women's Zionist Organization of America Jewish Women International JOFA (Jewish Orthodox Feminist Alliance) NA'AMAT USA National Council of Jewish Women Task Force on the Jewish Women and UJA-Federation Women's American ORT Women's Branch of the Orthodox Union Women's League for Conservative Judaism Women of Reform Judaism

LIFE MEMBER LETTER

As many of our members are Life Members, there was a separate mailing at dues time to you. We asked you to please consider sending in a voluntary contribution. Thank you to those of you who so graciously responded to this request. If you have not already done so, please consider making a contribution to help us carry on our important work that benefits women, children and families.

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If you would like more information as to what this job entails, please call Linda at the NCJW office, 913.648.0747.

Membership

MAKE MEMBERSHIP A PRIORITY

You recently received your dues renewal notice for the 2002-2003 year. Please, if you have not already done so, take a moment and write a check for your dues now. Your membership is a must if we are to continue our work to help women, children and families.

SEND YOUR DUES TODAY

Please send checks for new members or your renewal made out to NCJW in the amount of \$36.00 to:

NCJW 5750 W. 95th Street, Suite 118 Shawnee Mission, KS 66207

If you have already sent your dues, THANK YOU! Berenice Haberman, Financial Secretary

DO YOU KNOW ANY VOTERS IN KANSAS OR MISSOURI?

elp us "GET OUT THE VOTE"!!!! NCJW Members MUST be ADVOCATES in getting "18" year olds and "over" to vote on or before November 5th in Kansas and Missouri! We have very important races in both states and we NEED YOUR HELP! Included in this Bulletin is a separate page with the same message. This is a form to request an advance ballot in Kansas. It must be filled out and returned to the election office (by car, by mail or by fax) in order for you to receive a ballot to vote in advance of the elections. You can copy this form and use it for another member of the family or a close friend. If you live in Missouri, please solicit your friends and family members who live in Kansas! Copy them and hand them out personally! Remember your children who are 18 and older, or will be 18 before November 5th, even someone in assisted living, or moving to Kansas before the elections! I urge you to take this request very seriously, even if you will be in town. It is very important to "get out the vote" with such an easy vehicle as the advance ballot. Please begin to fill out the forms now, they can be filled out and sent in now so that the ballots will be mailed to you on October 16th the first day of advance voting. The last day to REGISTER to vote is Monday, October 21st in case you (or someone you know) is not registered! The last day to advance vote is Monday, Noon,

November 4th, the day before the elections. For any questions, to find out how to vote advance "in person, on a machine", or to help register a "Kansan" call 913-782-3441. In Missouri, the phone number for the Election Board is 816-842-4820.

Again, please be vigilant, help "get the vote out" and vote advance yourself! Avoid the lines! Help register your friends and neighbors in both Kansas and Missouri! For any other questions, feel free to call me, Barbara Holzmark at 913-381-8222.

(I have a fax at home and will be happy to fax your forms for you!)

SAVE REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE! SUPPORT NCJW'S FIRST MONDAY LOG ON DAY!

"...We believe that Roe was wrongly decided and that it can and should be overruled..."

- Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, June 29, 1992

ON OCTOBER 7, 2002 - THE FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER - THE SUPREME COURT WILL BEGIN ITS 2002-2003 TERM. WHEN THE JUSTICES TAKE THEIR SEATS, WE MUST TAKE ACTION! LOG ON TO WWW.BENCHMARKCAMPAIGN.ORG.

It is important -

In 1973, in its historic *Roe v. Wade* ruling, the Supreme Court affirmed women's constitutional right to abortion.

Today, that freedom hangs by a thread. A majority of the Court, including Chief Justice Rehnquist, no longer supports *Roe* as written, and recent Court decisions indicate that four Justices would vote to overturn *Roe* if they could.

And in the federal appellate courts, which often have the last word on such issues, the balance is shifting away from support of reproductive rights.

It is urgent -

The President, a staunch opponent of women's reproductive rights, is already nominating judges. Over the next few years alone, more than 30 percent of federal appellate courts seats and, very likely, some Supreme Court seats will become available to such nominees.

It is essential that judges who fill these lifetime positions hold firm to the constitutional principles so essential to our democratic way of life. And, make no mistake, if we lose reproductive rights, other core rights – like religious liberty and civil rights – may be close behind.

It is easy -

It is the duty of the US Senate to hold hearings and decide whether to confirm the President's nominees to both the Supreme Court and federal appellate courts.

Let your Senators know that you are relying on them to preserve your right to reproductive choice by joining BenchMark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe.

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All you need to do is log on, sign up, and speak out!

Log on to the BenchMark campaign website:
www.benchmarkcampaign.org.
Sign up for BenchMark.
Learn how you can speak out to your Senators.

As a BenchMark supporter, you will receive special breaking news and action alerts on the campaign.

Don't miss your chance to make your mark on the future of reproductive freedom in America.

Join BenchMark today!

BenchMark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe is a national effort to educate and mobilize NCJW members, the Jewish community, and friends and allies everywhere to promote a federal bench with judges that support fundamental freedoms, including a woman's right to choose.



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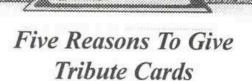
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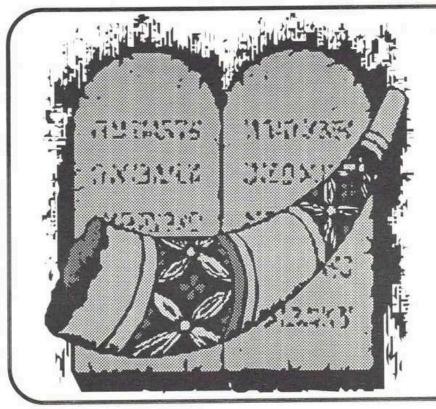
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