

## Bulletin

Fall, 2008, Vol 101 No. 1

Order your honey  
By September 4  
See Inside!

### INSIDE

2

From the President  
Calendar  
Book Club

3

Programs and Community Action

4

Officers and Directors  
Plan A

5

Awards' Evening Contribution

7

We Thank Our Volunteers

8

Tributes

10

Kansas Election Update



**Award Winners** (L-R): Sylvan and Merna Siegler, Community Service; Jane Pollock Duggan, Service to Section; Ida Levine, Emerging Leader; Ellen Dalen, Hannah G. Solomon.

### AWARDS' EVENING A HUGE SUCCESS!

In the spirit of celebration, NCJW's awards night 2008 was off to a rousing start with a musical overture presented by the Blue Valley High School band.

The evening's guest speaker, **Shane Knight**, principal of M.E. Pearson Elementary School in KCK, praised NCJW for its continued support of his school's pupils and their families through the KATS program.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of NCJW's annual awards denoting leadership and commitment to the organization and the community. Honorees included **Ellen Dalen, Jane Pollock Duggan, Ida Levine, and Merna and Sylvan Siegler.**

Reviewing the events of the past year, outgoing president **Ellen Portnoy** thanked her board, committees and the (cont. on p. 4)



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**July 20, 2008**

Last day to request  
absentee ballots in Kansas

**September 4, 2008**

Last day for Rosh Hashanah  
Honey orders

**November 5, 2008**

Women Helping Women  
Luncheon

**December 4, 2008**

Kick off for the  
"Light Up a Life"  
fundraising campaign

**January 22, 2009**

Roe v. Wade Day

**February 26, 2009**

Interfaith Luncheon

## BOOK CLUB

NCW in collaboration with Temple B'nai Jehudah hosts a book club. We meet next on Monday, July 21 from 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. at The Temple.

The group will discuss *The Lemon Tree*, a highly readable and evocative history of the Palestinian-Israeli conundrum, by Sandy Tolan. Bring a sack lunch; drinks will be provided.

On August 18, The group will discuss *Rashi's Daughters, book 1: Joheved* by Maggie Anton.

To participate, call Rochelle Barrash, Program Director, at The Temple, (913) 663-4050 x132.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Greetings!



Dear Members,

When I was asked to consider the office of president of this organization, I was, of course, extremely honored, though admittedly a bit nervous about accepting. However throughout both my personal and professional life wonderful opportunities with big challenges have often presented themselves – and by accepting these opportunities, my life has been greatly enriched. I know the next year as president of this organization will bring many new and wonderful experiences that will further enhance my life and help me develop as an individual, a wife, mother and grandmother, and an engaged citizen.

As I begin in my role, I plan to continue working in the direction so clearly forged by my predecessors. Our mission will stay front and center of everything we do as we:

- ⇒ Identify and develop new community service projects, both large and small, to add to our existing portfolio of accomplishments
- ⇒ Increase and strengthen our advocacy efforts and by so doing, spread the word about NCJW's newest initiative, "Plan A," designed to ensure contraceptive access for all
- ⇒ Raise our visibility in the community through our advocacy and community service efforts and through our new partnering opportunities
- ⇒ Recruit new members and encourage all our membership to "find their passion" and get involved.

We are positioned for continued success because of the remarkable women whom I consider my partners in leading this organization. I know they are as committed and passionate about NCJW as I am. Working together with a faith in the future and a belief in action, we the women of NCJW assume the many challenges that lie before us.

## Berenice

### The Bulletin

Is a publication of

The Greater Kansas City Section, National Council of Jewish Women

5750 W. 95th Street, Suite 118  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66207  
Phone: (913) 648-0747

Fax: (913) 648-4126  
Email: ncjw@swsbell.net  
Administrative Assistant: Linda Kelley



# COMMUNITY ACTION

## KATS FOR KIDS



From left: Maureen Salz, Berenice Haberman, Merna Siegler, and Ellen Dalen ready books for the children at M.E. Pearson Elementary School

What is KATS you may ask? Ellen Dalen, long-time chairperson of the NCJW outreach program, explains it this way: "Kids and Teachers =School." However detailing the scope of the KATS program this past school year requires more time and space.

During '07-'08, KATS, in collaboration with the Shawnee Mission East Share program (Students Helping in Areas Related to Education), held monthly birthday celebrations at 7 KCK and KCMO elementary schools. With the emphasis on early reading skills, 3rd graders at M.E. Pearson School received dictionaries, 4th graders enjoyed a trip to the Kansas State Capitol, and all students were presented with from 5-10 books for their personal libraries. In addition, books were donated to area shelters, preschools, CASA, KC Reads, and The Children's Place. And, many children received eye exams and glasses through WE CARE FOR EYE CARE.

KATS appreciates the generosity of its donors: Cherrios, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Heart to Heart, the United Way and NCJW members.

If you care and would like to help, either by the donation of new or gently used clothing, books, household goods, or funding or to volunteer, please contact Ellen Dalen at (913) 888-8852.

## SAY "HELLO" TO HELLO ISRAEL

For the 24<sup>th</sup> year NCJW will present *Hello Israel* to 6th grade students in the Shawnee Mission School District. This program offers a hands-on approach to Israel and its people, past and present. Students and teachers have praised *Hello Israel* as a valuable addition to their social studies Middle East curriculum.

Please plan to be a part of this important program. The script is provided. Present individually, with a co-presenter, or serve as a substitute.

If you're interested, contact Co-chairs **Lois Winston** at (913) 649-6264, **Barbara Cosner** at (913) 381-5365 or **Phyllis Green** at (913) 345-9939.

## BRIDGE, ANYONE?

Seventeen couples and 48 women participated in NCJW Bridge groups. Foursomes met monthly from September to May or on their own schedules.

The women's group finished the year with a luncheon at Homestead Country Club. Prizes were awarded to **Heather Aronoff** and **Sally Slabotsky** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Bonnie Buchbinder** and **Natalie Hammer** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Joanne Tankel** and **Eileen Palder** (3<sup>rd</sup>). The couples' group celebrated at the Oakwood Country Club. Prize winners included **Sue and Joe Vile** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Patsy Shanberg** and **Jack Forman** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Sally and Gordon Slabotsky** (3<sup>rd</sup>).

If bridge is your passion, grab a partner and join in. Contact **Tootie Brown** for Women's Bridge at (913) 649-9452; **Sue Vile** for Couples' Bridge at (913) 649-1749; or **Heather Aronoff** at (913) 381-6395.

*Remember, playing schedules are flexible!*



## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2008—2009

**President**  
Berenice Haberman

**VP of Fund Development**  
Meg Adler

**VP of Membership**  
Ida Levine

**VP of Community Service**  
Ellen Dalen

**Treasurer**  
Janelle Flacks

**Immediate Past President**  
Ellen Portnoy

**Board of Directors**  
Adrianne Applebaum

Dierdre Baker

Patty Gilgus,

Naomi Kauffman

Gina Malashock

Lynn Murray

Bev Newman

Teri Sackin

Sandy Suffian

Evy Tilzer

## EXPLAINING PLAN A: NCJW'S CAMPAIGN FOR CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS



**Plan A: NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access** educates and empowers individuals to advocate for women's universal access to contraceptive information and health services.

Through a combination of education and advocacy initiatives at the community, state, and national levels, **Plan A** aims to secure and protect access to contraceptive information and health services for all, putting individuals back in control of their personal health decisions.

In the United States, there is overwhelming popular support for comprehensive sexuality education and there is widespread use of contraceptives. However, an extreme religious minority is increasingly influencing policy and practices -- spreading misinformation, blocking women's access, and signaling that access to complete and accurate information and to safe and effective contraceptive options can no longer be taken for granted. **Plan A** is poised to help individuals and groups stand up and speak out.

June 7, 2008 marked the one year anniversary of the **Plan A** campaign. NCJW sections and **Plan A** advocates across the country have spent the past year engaging in this community-based grassroots campaign by:

- ⇒ Ensuring pharmacies in their area stock emergency contraception
- ⇒ Asking local school boards to require comprehensive sex ed programs
- ⇒ Advocating for affordable contraception on college campuses
- ⇒ And so much more.



**2008-2009 Officers** Back(L-R): Ellen Dalen, VP, Community Service; Ellen Portnoy, Past-President; Ida Levine, V.P. Membership; Meg Adler, V.P. Fund Development. Front (L-R): Janelle Flacks, Treasurer. Berenice Haberman, President.

## AWARDS' EVENING (from p.1)

membership for their support and good will. **Janelle Flacks** presented the proposed 2008-2009 slate of officers and board members.

All eyes turned to **Emi Adler**, daughter of **Meg and Randy Adler**, as she installed the new board and presented a personal donation to incoming President, **Berenice Haberman**.

In a special moment, **Emi** was declared the Section's newest Life Member and presented with a pin.



## ***AWARDS EVENING - CONTRIBUTIONS***

### **Ellen Dalen**

Meg Adler  
Heather Aronoff  
Betty Barnett  
Roni & Mark Beshears  
Cathy Boyer-Shesol  
Jean Brown  
Barbara & Jerry Cosner  
Jody Cosner  
Mike Dalen  
Jane Duggan  
Jackie Fleschman  
Sharon Hellman Freiberg  
Roz Ginsburg  
Berenice & Roger Haberman  
Barbara & Scott Hecht  
Helen Henkin  
Barbara & Jim Holzmark  
Sandy & Larry Jabenis  
Jill Jacob  
Joan Jacobson  
Gloria & Stuart Kagan  
Naomi Kauffman  
Ida & Sandy Levine  
Sharon Lund  
Janet Mark  
Alayne & JD Mooney  
Lynn Murray  
Ellen Portny  
Lara Portnoy  
Debra Rubin  
Gerean Rudnick JCF Fund  
Maureen Salz  
Ruth Shechter  
Eileen & Neal Sherman  
Merna & Sylvan Siegler  
Connie & Richard Simon  
Ann & Dan Stern  
Lorraine Stiffelman  
Janet Stulz  
Sandy Suffian  
Evy Tilzer  
Janice Wasserman  
Judy Wasserman  
Lois Winston

### **Merna & Sylvan Siegler**

Marge & Mickey Adler  
Meg Adler  
Heather Aronoff  
Betty Barnett  
Roni & Mark Beshears

Cathy Boyer-Shesol  
Betty Brand  
Charlotte & Richard Brockman  
Jean Brown  
Rosalyn Burnstein  
Teri Cohn  
Harryette Cooperman  
Barbara & Jerry Cosner  
Jody Cosner  
Ellen Dalen  
Jane Duggan  
Lea Endlich  
Gert Epstein  
Janelle Flacks  
Bea & Paul Flam  
Jackie Fleschman  
Sharon Hellman Freiberg  
Louise Garfinkle  
Susie & Ron Goldsmith  
Carol Goldstein  
Phyllis & Rudy Green  
Berenice & Roger Haberman  
Ricki Haith  
Natalie Hammer  
Helen Henkin  
Marilyn Hoffman  
Barbara & Jim Holzmark  
Jill Jacob  
Joan Jacobson  
Marcelle & Bill Kaiser  
Lee Kanter  
Marlene Katz  
Naomi Kauffman  
Susan Lebovitz  
Sunie & Lee Levin  
Ida & Sandy Levine  
Judy & Gary Liberson  
Janet Mark  
Marlene & Arthur Meltzer  
Symie & Jay Menitove  
Alayne & JD Mooney  
Beti Moskowitz  
Lynn Murray  
Bev & Peter Newman  
Esther & Lee Pearlmuter  
Ellie Penner  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Janet & Harold Price  
Annie & Gerald Rabin  
Suzy & Moti Rieber  
Diana & Richard Routman

## ***AWARDS EVENING - CONTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)***

### **Merna & Sylvan Sielger (continued)**

Debra Rubin  
Gerean Rudnick JCF Fund  
Rhea Salasche & Harold Kaseff  
Carol Lee Seliger  
Patsy Dunn Shanberg  
Ruth Shechter  
Eileen & Neal Sherman  
Judy & Steve Sherry  
Elizabeth & Mitch Siegler  
Ginny & Manny Siegler  
Stacy & Jerry Siegler & Family  
Connie & Richard Simon  
Sheila & Ken Sonnenschein  
Dolores Sosnow  
Ann & Dan Stern  
Lorraine Stiffelman  
Sandy Suffian  
Shirley & Earl Unell  
Sue & Joel Vile  
Judy Wasserman  
Suzi & Stan Weiner  
Lois Winston

### **Jane Duggan**

Meg Adler  
Betty Barnett  
Roni & Mark Beshears  
Cathy Boyer-Shesol  
Jean Brown  
Anne Chasnoff  
Ellen Dalen  
Sharon Hellman Freiberg  
Roz Ginsburg  
Louise Gruenebaum  
Berenice & Roger Haberman  
Barbara & Jim Holzmark  
Jill Jacob  
Joan Jacobson  
Ro & Howard Jacobson  
Susie & Jerry Klinock  
Susan Lebovitz  
Ida & Sandy Levine  
Janet Mark  
Alayne & JD Mooney  
Beti Moskowitz  
Lynn Murray  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Eileen & Neal Sherman  
Merna & Sylvan Siegler  
Ann & Dan Stern

Lorraine Stiffelman  
Janet Stulz

### **Ida Levine**

Meg Adler  
Debby Agron  
Betty Barnett  
Roni & Mark Beshears  
Jean Brown  
Ellen & Michael Dalen  
Jane Duggan  
Janelle Flacks  
Eileen Gaffen  
Diane & Howard Gaden  
Carol Goldstein  
Jill Goldstein  
Berenice & Roger Haberman  
Alicia Klein  
Susan Lebovitz  
Carol & Mark Loftus Winograd  
Family Fund of the Houston  
Community Foundation  
Janet Mark  
Lynn Murray  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Eileen & Neal Sherman  
Merna & Sylvan Siegler  
Connie & Richard Simon  
Andi Wildman  
Elizabeth Winograd  
Judy Winograd

### **Meg Adler**

Marge & Mickey Adler  
Jody Cosner

### **Berenice Haberman**

Barbara & Jerry Cosner  
Jackie Fleschman  
Miki Herman  
Natalie Hammer  
Ellie Penner  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Connie & Richard Simon



**Thank You** to our 2007-2008 volunteers who helped us fulfill our mission of providing programs and services that benefit women, children and families.

**ABOUT AND BETWEEN**

Gina Malashock  
Ellen Portnoy

**ADVOCACY/E-MAIL TREE**

Barbara Holzmark

**AWARDS EVENING**

Ida Levine, Chair  
Meg Adler

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Janet Mark Chair

**BRIDGE**

Co-Chairs  
Heather Aronoff  
Tootie Brown  
Ginger Lewin  
Sue Vile

**FRIDAY STUDY GROUP**

Betty Barnett  
Virginia Brown  
Saurine Brown  
Dee Dee Dale  
Thelma Dreyer  
Julie Gerson  
Midge Grossman  
Edith Hellerstein  
Jean Hiersteiner  
Ann Kander  
Pinky Kase  
Joe Levine Kratchman  
Peggy Krigel  
Ellen Laner  
Grace Lenk  
Marilyn Melcher  
Marjorie Montague  
Dorothy Rosenwald  
Elaine Ryder  
Myra Siegel  
Betty Slegman  
Estelle Sosland

**GRANTS**

Dierdre Baker  
Berenice Haberman  
Ellen Portnoy

**HELLO ISRAEL**

Judy Fudenberg – Co-Chair  
Marlene Katz – Co-Chair  
**Presenters**  
Melanie Allmayer  
Estelle Berman  
Linda Cohen  
Barbara Cosner  
Sharon Friedman  
Phyllis Green  
Gloria Kagan

Linda Katz  
Sylvia LaVine  
Evie Lowenthal  
Sharon Lund  
Joan Napshin  
Esther Rudnick  
Arlene Shalinsky  
Merna Siegler  
Sue Stonefield  
Evy Tilzer  
Shirley White  
Lois Winston  
Carol Yarmo

**HONEY**

Barbara Cosner, Co-Chair  
Berenice Haberman, Co-Chair  
Lynn Murray, Co-Chair  
Bev Newman, Co-Chair  
Meg Adler  
Roselyn Burnstein  
Miki Herman  
Sandra Jabenis  
Evy Lowenthal  
Janet Mark  
Gerre Minkin  
Shirley Nelkin  
Esther Pearlmutter  
Ellie Penner  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Laurel Rogovein  
Merna Siegler  
Dolores Sosnow

**INTERFAITH SERIES**

Melanie Allmayer  
Beti Moskowitz  
Ellen Portnoy

**INTERFAITH LUNCHEON**

Patty Gilgus, Co-Chair  
Beti Moskowitz, Co-Chair  
Meg Adler  
Barbara Cosner  
Ellen Dalen  
Berenice Haberman  
Ida Levine  
Alayne Mooney  
Ellen Portnoy  
Lara Portnoy  
Merna Siegler  
Sheila Sonnenschein  
Sylvia Stone

**KATS**

Ellen Dalen, Chair  
Bonnie Buchbinder  
Berenice Haberman

Carol Price  
Maureen Salz  
Sonny Singer  
Special Thanks to Meg &  
Randy Adler

**LIGHT UP A LIFE**

Meg Adler, Chair  
Dierdre Baker  
Berenice Haberman  
Ida Levine  
Janet Mark  
Ellen Portnoy  
Merna Siegler

**SCHOLARSHIP**

Ro Jacobson, Chairman  
Bonnie Buchbinder  
Jane Duggan  
Deb Feingold  
Bud Krasne  
Ellen Portnoy  
Sally Reicher  
Sonny Singer

**SUNSHINE**

Heather Aronoff

**THRIFT SALE**

Meg Adler, Co-Chair  
Bev Newman, Co-Chair  
Janelle Flacks  
Berenice Haberman  
Joan Jacobson  
Ida Levine  
Lynn Murray  
Ellen Portnoy  
Merna Siegler

**WE CARE FOR EYE CARE**

Ellen Dalen, Chair  
Ellen Portnoy

**WOMEN HELPING WOMEN**

Merna Siegler, Chair  
Dierdre Baker  
Sheryl Davidow  
Evie Grant  
Berenice Haberman  
Joan Jacobson  
Ellen Portnoy  
Eileen Sherman  
Elaine Singer  
Sylvia Stone

## BULLETIN STAFF

### Editors

Symie Menitove  
Sylvia Stone

### Contributors

Heather Aronoff  
Ellen Dalen  
Barbara Holzmark

## VOTING IN KANSAS MADE SIMPLE

Don't wait in line to vote! Request an *Application for Advance Voting Ballot (AAVB)* for the August 5 Primary Election from the Johnson County Election Office at [www.jocoelection.org](http://www.jocoelection.org) or by calling 913-782-3441. This form is also available from Johnson County city halls and libraries.

Only those who have declared a major party affiliation may vote in the primary. Change of party affiliation is an option on the *Application*. Democrats regain their unaffiliated status automatically. Republicans must re-register after the primary in order to regain their unaffiliated status.

Completed AAVBs must be received at the Election Office before 5:00 p.m. on August 1. Vote early and avoid the long lines.

For more information, or to become an election worker, contact **Barbara Holzmark** at (913) 381-8222 or [bjbagels@aol.com](mailto:bjbagels@aol.com).

NCJΣ<sup>®</sup>

National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Kansas City Section

5750 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 118  
Shawnee Mission, KS 66207

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Kansas City, MO  
Permit No. 698

- ⇒ 'Looking for another Bridge Game?
  - ⇒ 'Have just a few hours to help some children in need?
  - ⇒ 'Want to teach Shawnee Mission kids about Israel?
- Then, see page 7!