

# a word from the president

National Council  
of Jewish Women

NCJW

## Moving Forward



**W**hen New York and Washington were attacked on September 11th, we were all attacked. Freedom, innocence and safety; the pledge of allegiance; the Constitution; you, your families and I were all attacked. NCJW was attacked.

Like all Americans I have struggled to understand this tragedy and what it will mean to us in the days ahead. A long period of uncertainty and recovery lies before us. The way in which we move forward will define us as people, as a nation, and as an organization.

Since that fateful day, we have lost so much – more, it sometimes seems, than we can possibly bear. But now, it is time to consider what we haven't lost – hope, fortitude, determination – not merely words, but beacons of light that illuminate who we are and who we will be. And there are more –

A word from the president: **freedom.**

As Americans, we choose to live a life of freedom. NCJW was founded largely in defense of that freedom. And through the years our work has been defined by our commitment to it: religious liberty, separation of religion and state, civil liberties, reproductive rights, etc. Our mission has never been more important or more relevant. We must not let fear lessen our commitment to preserving our freedoms.

A word from the president: **strength.**

Our strength, as a country and as an organization, is in our hearts and in our numbers. It is in our ability to forge alliances, friendships and coalitions. America is doing this in the community of nations. NCJW does it in Washington and in cities around the country. Together we stand a little taller and speak a little louder. Together we make a difference.

A word from the president: **tomorrow.**

There is no telling what the days ahead may bring. But we must look onward with faith – faith in ourselves, in the work we do, in the future. Increasingly, I have been inspired by the men and women who have responded to unthinkable hatred with kindness, heroism and generosity. Following that example is not merely the best thing to do. It is the only thing to do.

In the days to come, I hope you will join me in moving forward, and continue to protect the women, children, families, individual rights and freedoms that we cherish, not only as NCJW members, but also as Americans.



Jan Schneiderman,  
National President

*Jan Schneiderman*



## Volunteers are *Special* People

We would like to apologize to Jill Minkoff and Jackie Golden for misspelling their names in the Donations for the KATS Project listed in the Fall issue.

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GREATER KANSAS CITY SECTION

### NEW MEMBERS

Michell Benjamin-Currie  
Nadina Indyk  
Claudia Keenan  
Sherry Klein  
Cantor Jodi M. Sered-Lever

### LIFE MEMBERS

\*Pam Fleischer  
\*Barbara Smoliar

### DEATHS

\*Cuddles Passer  
\*Jane Weinberg

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*As I began to write my President's Message for this Bulletin, I opened my mail and received a letter from our National President, Jan Schneiderman. I felt her message to be so compelling that it should be placed on this issue's front cover.*

*Enclosed in this issue you'll find a donation envelope. Please consider an end of the year gift to NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section to help us carry on our mission: National Council of Jewish Women (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.*

*I'd like to give special thanks to Eileen Sherman and her committee for the successful Women Helping Women Program. Thanks also to Symie Menitove and Gloria Goodfriend for implementing October and November Parties for the Blind.*

*I want to wish each of you a happy Chanukah.*

*Ellen Dalen*

## We'll Miss You . . .

### FOR JANE Of Blessed Memory

She held down the fort  
As 32<sup>nd</sup> President of NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section  
The years: 1969-1971  
Productive years; successful years!  
When the NCJW Entertainmobile on tour,  
Performing at nursing homes and retirement homes,  
Throughout the community.  
When the Greater KC Section also established a day care center  
At Menorah Medical Center.  
When the Greater KC Section hosted The 2<sup>nd</sup> Central District Convention.  
When the KC Section established recreational activities  
For residents at Twin Oaks apartment complex.  
When NCJW/KC began the Night Branch,  
Projects and programs for young marrieds,  
And adopted Annual National Support  
To help fund future projects.

### Jane Weinberg

Jane Levy Weinberg  
was at the helm,  
Steering it all in the right  
direction,  
Leading the board and  
volunteers  
Down these many new trails,  
Fulfilling community needs all around  
And attracting many new members  
To join the action.

Most importantly,  
Jane was a people/person  
Everyone enjoyed working with her.  
Kind and caring,  
Warm and sincere,  
A friend to all.  
She will be sadly missed  
By all who knew her.

Our hearts go out to daughter, Jill Jacob  
And grandsons, Andrew and Keith.

*Gloria Joffe Goodfriend*





# Annual Fund Raiser: Thriftique Huge Success

**T**he figures are in! Thriftique was again a big success for NCJW and SWA (Symphony Women's Association) – another \$16,000 was made in less time than the last sale. The new community service project, "Operation Clothe Me," was very well received and much appreciated. Five social service agencies sent nearly 75 adults and children to help themselves to items they wanted after the Thriftique sale closed. It was very heart warming to see the thrilled faces and hear the many thank you's from those less fortunate. The agencies represented were: SafeHome, Jackson County CASA, Johnson County CASA, Catholic Charities and Kansas Social Rehabilitation Services (SRS). The remainder of the merchandise went to other charities: Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Second Baptist Church at 39th and Prospect, Community Disability Network, "Sacks on Santa Fe" and Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association.

A very warm thanks go to the many members and friends of NCJW and SWA who donated their nearly new clothing and bric-a-brac and who worked so hard for a solid three weeks! The proceeds will go to support the Kansas City Symphony and NCJW community service projects. A very worthwhile project, we couldn't have done it without your support.

Thank you!

**Barbara and Caryn**  
Thriftique Co-Chairs



(left to right) Jackie Lloyd (SWA) treasurer; Barbara Holzmark, Chairman; Joyce Halper, volunteer Chairman.

Thriftique volunteers get ready for the sale



(left to right) Dierdre Baker and Susie Osman

**Thank you to the following business for their donations to Thriftique.**

**Steve Choikhit–**

*donation of sale and storage space*

**Linda Horn / FAO Schwartz –**

*donation of shopping bags*

**Jim Sloss / Sign Pro–**

*donation of Thriftique sign*

**Ronnie Baker / B&G Maintenance–**

*donation of pre and post facility cleaning*

**Diane Wright / LL Wright–**

*donation of sale merchandise*

**Michael Klein and Frances Gershon/**

**U. S. Toy Company–**

*donation of new toys*

**House of Lloyd–**

*donation of sale merchandise*

**Jim Gerson / Gerson Company–**

*donation of costume jewelry*

**Natalie Nearenberg /**

**Fashions at Large–**

*donation of "after five" plus dresses*

**Jim Holzmark / New York Bakery & Delicatessen–**

*donation of bread for sale*



## THE MAN BEHIND THRIFTIQUE

Pickups! Setting up! Hauling! Delivering! Taking out the trash! Jim Holzmark was the husband who did it all. Working along side his wife, Barbara (NCJW Thriftique Chairman), Jim was an invaluable volunteer. Thriftique's success was due, in many ways, to Jim's tireless efforts. Our many thanks go out to Jim for his devotion, support and dedication to this project and NCJW. He and Barbara are both NCJW volunteers extraordinaire.

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# Local Section Community Service Projects

## "WOMEN HELPING WOMEN" PREMIERE EVENT A WINNER

The committee was in complete agreement. "Wouldn't it be nice if we have 50 people at our first 'Women Helping Women' luncheon?" The question was acknowledged in the affirmative. Someone added, "As long as we're wishing, let's wish for 75." Actual attendance figure 96!!! Needless to say, the committee was thrilled.

Joining NCJW in the Greater Kansas City Section's premiere event on October 25<sup>th</sup> were national co-sponsors **Liz Claiborne Inc.**, **REDBOOK** Magazine and **Famous Barr's Jones Store** Metcalf South. **Larry Moore** of KMBC-TV 9 and his wife **Ruth** served as co-hosts. As the area's longest-serving anchor, Mr. Moore is one of Kansas City's best known television personalities. Both he and his wife are identified with many community causes, including the Rose Brooks Center for Domestic Violence.

An all-star line-up followed. Cantor Lisa Levine of Temple B'nai Jehudah offered the traditional Hamotzi and led the group in singing "God Bless America" to begin and end the program.

Speaking for the thousands of domestically abused women to whom the program was dedicated, guest speaker Shari Sova did so from the standpoint of personal experience.

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Jenny Baker, Liz Claiborne  
Berenice Haberman, winner  
\$150 shopping spree

## LETTERS

On behalf of SAFEHOME'S residents, I would like to thank National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, for donating the wonderful fruit centerpieces, and for collecting clothes for our clients and residents at the Women Helping Women program in October. Your support of SAFEHOME through donations and monies is important, but the programs NCJW plans for members at large help educate people about domestic violence. When people increase their knowledge about area resources, they can help others to find help. Thank you for educating a very important group of women with a delightful luncheon program!

Sincerely,

Sharon Katz

Executive Director

Dear Ellen,

On behalf of Synergy Services, Inc., I want to thank you and NCJW for providing us with professional clothing for clients in our domestic violence shelters. Attractive outfits will certainly help foster the confidence and enhance self-esteem so essential to their recovery. We also enjoyed the fashion show and appreciate the support that NCJW provides in the effort to overcome domestic violence. Having previously spent 23 years working within the Jewish community, it makes me very proud to now see the impact of Jewish organizations from a different prospective.

I have enclosed several fact sheets about the programs of Synergy Services. As you can see, we are a comprehensive violence intervention agency. We have nine locations throughout the Northland (Clay, Platte and Ray Counties); but almost 60% of our clients are from across the metro area. We have the only shelter for Homeless and Runaway Teens in Western Missouri. The others are in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau. Thanks again – fond regards to all.

Sincerely,

Robin Winner

Executive Director

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Dierdre Baker, Larry Moore, Ruth  
Moore, Eileen Sherman, Chairman,  
Ellen Dalen, President



A snapshot of some members and guests in  
attendance . . .

## NCJW Scholarship Recipient

Elisha Jensen and "Freedom"



Dear Ms. Jacobson and friends at the  
NCJW,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. This money helps pay for my attendant and helps allow me to be able to attend Longview College. I am currently enrolled in Math 20 (Pre-Algebra) and Physical Geography. I am looking forward to completing my degree. I must go slow. As a result of my accident I think slower and learn slower, but I got the highest grade in the class on my first geography exam.

I am quadriplegic and I must have

an aide and I bring my helper dog, Freedom. My college is a lot of work and takes a lot of help and determination, but I hope to become a successful children's author. I am already sharing my stories with several third-grade classrooms and I have received several fan letters.

Again, thank you so much for helping me to fulfill my goals.

Sincerely,

Elisha Jensen



# Parties for the Blind

## "Parties for the Blind" on Track for a Successful Season

"Getting *Parties* back together was something I prayed for," said a guest recently. Yes, the first two *Parties for the Blind* were big hits. Both the guests and the volunteers were thrilled to be back!

The October party was sponsored by Phyllis Maizlish and donations designated in memory of Maxine Birney. After a lovely meatloaf lunch, several guests, volunteers, and Richard Knight, Vice President of Alphapointe Association for the Blind, toasted Natalie Wilke, who had been with *Parties* for 42 years. After Gloria Goodfriend read an original poem in Natalie's honor, both Natalie and Heather Aronoff received commendations signed by National President Jan Schneiderman. Merle Cole and Regina Pachter led a sing-a-long.

The November 6<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving *Party*, sponsored by Rae Block, featured singer Rudy Amato crooning tunes from Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Bobby Darren. Sherri Priest introduced Amato, a former East Coast Playboy Club headliner who now sings at Papa Frank's Restaurant in Parkville on weekends. The entertainer had hearts throbbing and feet

tapping. Both guests and volunteers eagerly await his return.

Four more *Parties* — December, March, April and May — are planned. Volunteers and donations are welcome. We hope to have more parties next year. To sponsor a 2002 — 2003 *Party*, please call the NCJW Office at (913) 648-0747.

Chair Symie Menitove counts on the support of steering committee members Gloria Goodfriend and Dierdre Baker and advisors Ellen Dalen, Joyce Halper, Barbara Holzmark and Merna Siegler. Other NCJW member volunteers include: Heather Aronoff, Dianne Arnell, Rhett Goldstein, Rena Jonathan, Adele Levi, Susie Milgrim, and Sherry Priest. Volunteers from the community include: Alan Bryant, Joan Cody, Pam Dale, Harvey Fink, Sibley Frye, Charles Gay, Bessie Hill, E.J. Morris, Herman Schifman, Richard Silberg, John Tranthem, Eddie Kramer, Charlotte McGahan, Lois Meyers, and Lorraine Willins.

NCJW thanks Alphapointe for



Gloria Goodfriend, Symie Menitove, Chair, get ready to party.

coordinating all transportation for *Parties* guests. We also thank Bonnie Buchbinder, Bed Bath, and Beyond, Brookside Optical, Einstein Bagels, Meiner's Brookside, Merle Cole, NY Bakery and Delicatessen, Petite Distinctions and Price Chopper for providing door prizes. Office Depot supplied name badges for volunteers and guests. Additional appreciation goes to Land's End and Bear Creek Soups for providing holiday gifts. The following music venues supplied concert tickets for our guests: the UMKC Conservatory of Music, The Folly Theater, Friends of Chamber Music, and The Kansas City Symphony.

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Shirley White, long time Hello Israel presenter, enjoys sharing information about Israel with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

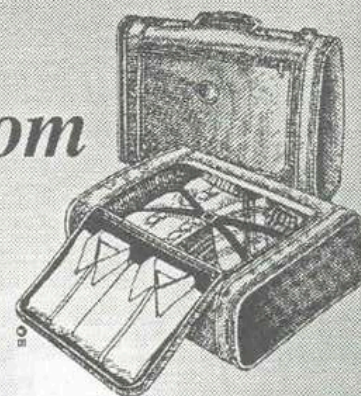
## HELLO ISRAEL — A Great Project

Many volunteers have begun the **Hello Israel** presentations to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Shawnee Mission School District. The project began in October and will continue presentations until the end of May. NCJW is happy to have some first time presenters with us this year and their responses have been great. Just to quote a few — Judy Fudemberg: "Doing the presentation and interacting with the kids was so much fun. Their hands were in the air constantly, responding to our questions and asking questions. I loved doing it."

Esther Pearlmuter: "It was really a positive experience for me and I think also for the children. They asked interesting questions. It makes them aware of other cultures and the differences that exist. I wish we could go to more schools. I enjoyed it very much."

If you are interested in being a part of **Hello Israel**, please call either **Phyllis Green** at 913.345.9939 or **Barbara Cosner** at 913.381.5365. The more presenters we have, the more 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms we can accommodate.

## NEW: Luggage For Freedom



Women and children leave abuse shelters with their belongings in grocery sacks and trash bags. NCJW will begin collecting used luggage and backpacks (in good condition) so that these women and children can leave the shelters and begin their new lives with dignity. Luggage and backpacks may be dropped off at the NCJW office M-Th between 9:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m. at 5750 W. 95th Street, Suite 118. For more information, call 913.648.0747.



# NCJW Volunteer Opportunities

*Become an NCJW Volunteer.  
There's no better time than today!*

- **Kids and Teachers=School (KATS)**
  - **Kids and Teachers=School (KATS)** is looking for teacher partners. Commitment is once a week for two hours.
  - Need a project? Try knitting! Call the NCJW office at 913.648.0747 to receive knitting instructions for an easy knit or crochet hat. Help Kids+Teachers=School (KATS) provide knitted or crochet hats for the children at M. E. Pearson.
  - Wanted children's books, games, puzzles, children's clothes and new underwear for the KATS project. Drop off at the NCJW office, 5750 West 95th Street, Suite 118, Overland Park, KS 66207.
- Want to be a **Hello Israel** presenter? Contact **Phyllis Green** at 913.345.9939. There is some training and a commitment to present several times a semester.
- Do you write? Help is needed with NCJW PR.
- Needed: Bulletin Editor.
- Work on new Directory
- Help with Parties for the Blind. Call **Symie Menitove** at 816.523.2933.



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**KATS Birthday Parties** In collaboration with the students at Shawnee Mission East High School, 250 M. E. Person students have attended a birthday party and received a book for their birthday. The parties will continue monthly through the school year.

## ANGEL PROJECT

All of our members and non-members who so generously participated in the ANGEL PROJECT (a holiday gift for a student at our adopted school, M. E. Pearson) are to be thanked for your support of this project. NCJW was able to see that 183 students had a gift this holiday season.

Adrienne Applebaum  
Dierdre Baker  
Cathy Boyer-Shesol  
Jean Brown  
Merle Cole  
Denise Coppaken  
Barbara Cosner  
DeeDee Dale  
Ellen Dalen  
Kathleen & Jason Dalen  
Deborah Feingold  
Janelle Flacks  
Jackie Fleschman  
Thelma Fox  
Louise Garfinkle  
Bronna Gerber  
Paulette Giarratana  
Elaine Goldstein  
Eve Goldstein



Gloria Goodfriend  
Berenice Haberman  
Edith Hellerstein  
Barbara Holzmark  
Joan Jacobson  
Jean Karroll  
Naomi Kauffman  
Linda Kelley  
Ellen Laner  
Sharon Lund  
Betty Jo Marder  
Jill Minkoff  
Lisa Montague  
Alayne Mooney  
Florence Pack  
Joyce Pack  
Marcia Paul  
Carole Price  
Janet Price



Rachel Rubin  
Esther Rudnick  
Elaine Ryder  
Frances Sandhaus  
Shawnee Mission Northwest High School  
Shawnee Mission South High School  
Ruth Shechter  
Eileen Sherman  
Stevie Shuchart  
Sonny Singer  
Sarah Small  
Ann Stern  
Julie Ullman  
Barbara Warady  
Judy Weinstein  
Janet Willits  
Greta Zobel



### The Salvation Army

Dear Ms. Ellen Dalen:

Your agency is invited to participate in the 2001 Project Warmth coat and Blanket Drive sponsored by KCTV-5 and The Kansas City Star to benefit those in need in our community. Coats, blankets, and clothing collected through the drive will be distributed Friday, November 30, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Coats will be sorted and distributed in bags marked for children, women and men. We regret that it will be impossible to select individual coats and sizes at the time of distribution. The clothing will not be sorted but will be bagged. In addition, there may be blankets available to your organization, if you are interested.

If you wish to be involved, please complete the enclosed Agency Participation form and return it to my attention, c/o Project Warmth, at the above address, or fax it to me at 816-931-4094, by November 21, 2001. Once we receive your information, we will inform you of the pickup location and time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Diana Mitchell

Special Projects Coordinator



# SILENT WITNESSES

## Now Available in Metropolitan Kansas City

For several years NCJW has had silent witnesses available in Kansas in collaboration with Safehome. Now NCJW has another set available in the Metro area in collaboration with Newhouse.

The Metro Silent Witnesses represent 13 metro-wide women who were murdered in acts of domestic violence in the metro area. Each woman's personal story is displayed on the shield on her silhouette. It is the goal of the Silent Witness project to bring the reality of domestic violence home to the viewers. Those who have viewed the exhibit have said they now truly understand that:

*These women were once as real as the woman standing next to them, their friend, neighbor, mother, sister, or even themselves*

*Many women are still being hurt*

*Many women are still in danger*

The goal of the exhibit is to STOP the violence by:

*Making visible the problem of domestic violence*

*Moving you and the community to take action*

*Protecting all women*

The idea of the Silent Witness project began in 1922 with a group of women artists, The Minnesota Women's Consortium. They created 27 red silhouettes representing the women who had died as a result of domestic violence in Minnesota in the previous year. Each silhouette included a plaque that memorialized each victim and told her story. Since that time, all 50 states have developed Silent Witness programs.

The exhibit is comprised of a series of red silhouettes; 12 named victims killed by their intimate male partners are represented; the 13th silhouette represents the unknown victim.

### How Can You Help?

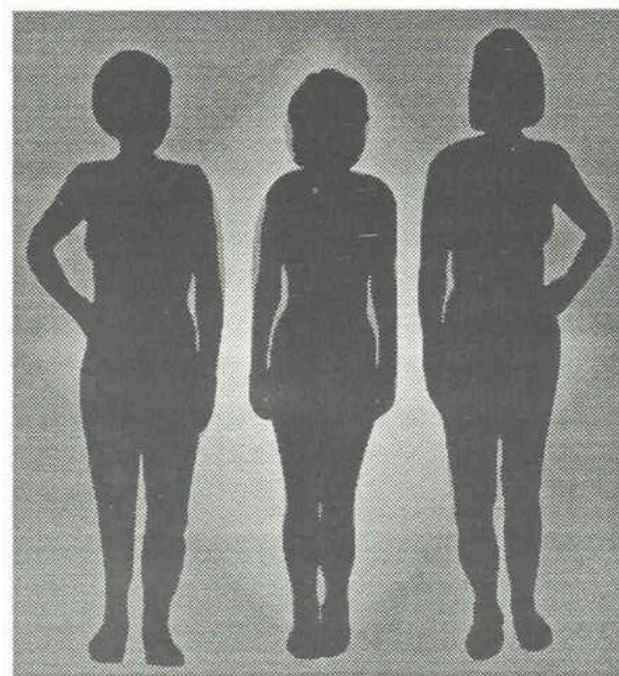
For the Silent Witness project to be truly effective, the exhibit must be experienced by as many individuals as possible.

If your company or organization would be interested in providing space and setup for the exhibit so it could be viewed by your employees or membership please call:

**Missouri - Newhouse - 816.474.6446**

**Kansas - Safehome - 913.432.9300**

The cost of developing, maintaining and moving the exhibit grow as the demand for the silhouettes increases. The need for individual and corporate support of the project is significant. Please mail your tax deductible donation to: National Council of Jewish Women, 5750 West 95th Street, Suite 118, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66207.



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### Dear NCJW Members,

*I would like to thank all the members who've returned the SAFEHOME Jewish Community Outreach Program Community Survey. It will be interesting to see the final results after December. One member wrote on her survey that "more public awareness should be generated by a stronger focus on issues." "Issues" is such a broad term! Does she mean "issues" concerning what causes domestic abuse? Does "issues" mean the factors which keep a person in a domestic abusive relationship? Or does she mean that the community at large needs to hear stronger statements about domestic violence?*

*Power and control answer the first question. It's just that simple. Domestic abuse happens to people who live with*

*someone who exerts and wants to maintain undo power and control over them. This can be physical or psychological, and it's extremely complex. In April, Dr. Elaine Weiss mentioned that if the abuse isn't evident from the start, it resembles a campaign, a connected series of events to bring about some desired result, thus the power and control. As you know, campaigns take place over time—just think of politicians or ad agencies.*

*I also thought "issues" could mean what it is that keeps people in an abusive relationship, yet it involves so many different elements—fear, guilt, isolation, money, shame, low self esteem, just to name a few. I lack the vocabulary to even try to explain this in such a short space.*

*But I am available for programs!*

*Then the third interpretation of this member's remark may relate to public awareness and simply getting the word out more often. With added awareness, maybe it will become less a pariah. But educating people in faith communities is so challenging, because people simply don't want to believe it exists, discuss it or read about it. This is true of Lutherans, Catholics, Seventh Day Adventists, Methodists, Protestants, as well as Jews.*

*I hope I addressed this member's concern. If not, please feel free to call me; that will then be my next article!*

**Susan Lebovitz, Coordinator  
Jewish Community Outreach Program**



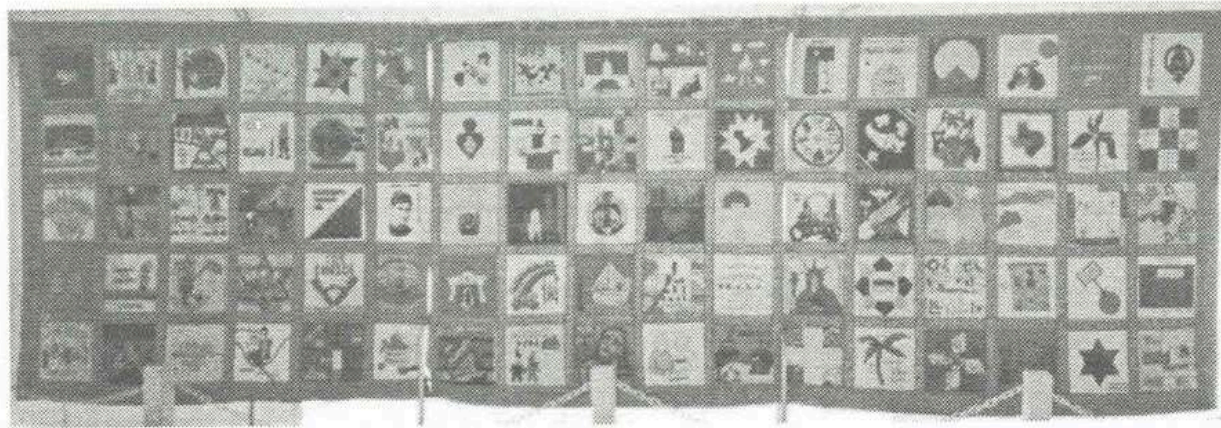
## MONTHLY BOOK TALK

**BOOK TALK** in collaboration with Temple B'nai Jehudah meets the third Monday of each month at the Temple Learning Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch, eat and schmooze (coffee and tea provided). If planning to attend and to get the book of the month, call Cindy at the Learning Center (816.363.1050).

## NCJW PLAYGROUP

### *New Friends, Old Friends, Great Fun!*

NCJW Playgroup is a great way for you and your child to spend time with old friends and make new ones. If you and your child are interested in having fun while you make good, lasting friendships, please call the Playgroup Coordinator, Julie Erdner, 913.432.0226, to be added to the mailing list. This exciting new group will begin in January.



*Pictured above is the NCJW Centennial Quilt which was proudly displayed at this year's Jewish Arts Festival.*

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## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

### Events in Topeka

**JANUARY 22, 2002** (Tuesday) — Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark US Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

The Kansas Choice Alliance and Religious Leaders for Choice will hold a press conference in the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka at 10 am (room to be announced). Individuals interested in attending the press conference are very welcome. *(Please note: the "Luncheon with Legislators" has been moved to March 20!)* Contact Barbara Holzmark at 913.318.8222 for details, and let her know if you have another pro-choice member of the clergy to invite. RSVP needed so we can contact you if the location or time changes, and to ensure that we have enough space for the press conference.

**February 20, 2002** (Wednesday) — A Day at the Capitol with AAUW (American Association of University Women), LWVK (League of Women

Voters of Kansas), and NCJW (National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section). Call Barbara Holzmark for carpooling and other details.

**MARCH 20, 2002** (Wednesday) — Kansas Choice Alliance lobby day and luncheon with legislators.

This date has been selected because March is Women's History Month, and because it's the date many state pro-choice coalitions across the country have targeted to raise awareness about emergency contraception and responsible family planning. Plan to arrive in the Kansas State Capitol in the morning for a press conference and lobbying, followed by luncheon with legislators at noon. For more details, contact Barbara Holzmark at 913.381.8222, or Carla Mahany at 913.312.5100, ext. 227.

*Please put these dates on your calendar.*

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Once a victim, Ms. Sova was hailed as a winner, one who has successfully overcome the indignities and, in some cases, the death sentence of home-front abuse. The Silent Witness silhouettes that ringed the luncheon area gave testimony to the lives of women who were lost in the struggle for that same human indignity.

A high point of the luncheon was a style show presented by Liz Claiborne Inc., with commentary by the company's Fashion Coordinator Jenny Baker. At the conclusion of the luncheon, a drawing for a \$150 Liz Claiborne wardrobe was held on the lower level. Berenice Haberman was the lucky winner. Laura Sechrist, Kathy Stone and Ann Hecht also won door prizes.

As President Ellen Dalen and Chairperson Eileen Sherman confirmed after the proceedings, "We accomplished our purpose. Not only do the women of NCJW have a more centered understanding of the tragedy of domestic abuse, with today's luncheon, a dramatic learning session, NCJW can continue its program of bringing assistance to its victims. We are delighted at the response we received and the many back-to-work garments that have already been distributed to the area's seven shelters."

NCJW wishes to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who offered their time and expertise in the production of "Women Helping Women" ... and to those of you who so warmly answered the call for help. The committee consisted of Chairperson Eileen Bluestone Sherman, Dierdre Baker, Berenice Haberman, Joan Jacobson, Symie Menitove, Merna Siegler, Sylvia Stone, Milisa Flekier, Paulette Giarratana, Nadina Indyk, Ellen Portnoy, Ann Stern and Barbara Warady.

**Save the Date:**  
**June 9, 2002**  
*more info to follow*



# "BENCHMARK: NCJW'S CAMPAIGN TO SAVE ROE"

**R**ecently, NCJW launched a reproductive rights campaign, "Benchmark: NCJW's Campaign to Save Roe," to educate, mobilize and activate our membership to advocate for a judiciary that will protect fundamental freedoms such as a women's right to choose. The stakes are very high. At present, there are dozens of vacancies in the federal appellate courts and change is looming in the Supreme Court. Our Senators will be the ones to approve these appointments. Most recently, our e-mail action list was alerted to the Senate confirmation of Judge Charles Pickering of Mississippi for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. An

important life-time appointment which will have tremendous impact on constitutional rights, including reproductive rights for the people living in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, the senate was not allotting sufficient time for investigation and study of his judicial views and philosophy. What was known was only that he has opposed the Equal Rights Amendment and chaired the subcommittee of the 1976 Republican Party Platform that approved a plank protesting Roe and calling for a constitutional amendment to ban abortion. In the immediate future, we will have opportunities for input in Missouri and Kansas nominations.

Senator Brownback from Kansas is on the Judiciary Committee. The focus for NCJW in the coming months and years will be on the nominees for the federal bench, the federal appellate courts and the Supreme Court. **We need to speak out and make our voices heard.** Join us on our e-mail action alert, or at one of our Advocacy Events in Topeka or Jefferson City. E-mail or call Barbara Holzmark, or 913.381.8222 to become an "advocate."

Watch for further information on NCJW's "Benchmark Campaign to Save Roe."

## NCJW ADVOCACY QUIZ

Are you an Advocate? If you can answer at least one question below with a "yes" and feel passionate about at least "one" issue, you are on your way to becoming a "self-informed advocate!"

- | Yes | No  |   |
|-----|-----|---|
| ___ | ___ | I vote in all elections.  |
| ___ | ___ | I know the names of my Senators and Congressional Representatives.  |
| ___ | ___ | I know the names of my State Senator and State Representative.  |
| ___ | ___ | I know the names of at least four state or county elected officials.  |
| ___ | ___ | I have called elected officials about positions on issues at least twice in the last 12 months.             |
| ___ | ___ | I have written or emailed elected officials about positions on issues at least twice in the last 12 months. |
| ___ | ___ | I have been to Washington to lobby elected officials on specific issues.                                    |
| ___ | ___ | I have been to a state capital to lobby elected officials on specific issues.                               |
| ___ | ___ | I have encouraged others to vote in elections.  |
| ___ | ___ | I have voted absentee when not able to go to the polls.   |
| ___ | ___ | I have worked on a political campaign to elect someone to office.   |
| ___ | ___ | I have worked on a campaign about a specific issue (tax levy, referendum, etc.).                            |

I have strong feelings about the following issues:

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| ___ | ___ | Reproductive Choice              |
| ___ | ___ | Civil Rights                     |
| ___ | ___ | Separation of Religion and State |
| ___ | ___ | Gun Control                      |
| ___ | ___ | Welfare Reform                   |
| ___ | ___ | Children's Issues                |
| ___ | ___ | Affirmative Action               |
| ___ | ___ | Education Issues                 |
| ___ | ___ | Women's Rights                   |
| ___ | ___ | Vouchers                         |
| ___ | ___ | Gender Equity                    |
| ___ | ___ | The State of Israel              |

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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White House Address: 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500

President e-mail address: [president@whitehouse.gov](mailto:president@whitehouse.gov)

Information on Federal Legislation: <http://thomas.loc.gov>

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**T**hrough Yad B'Yad - Hand in Hand with Israel - NCJW provides grants for literacy, childhood development and enrichment for women, children and families in need. This year, Yad B'Yad has awarded grants to 21 Israeli grassroots organizations that will aid at-risk populations. The funds will be used to purchase books, computers and other educational materials for needy children from various ethnic and religious backgrounds. This year's grant recipients are on the right:

## Improving the Status of Women:

### *The NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program and Women's Forum at Tel Aviv University*

The new semester has just begun and the Tel Aviv University Campus is bustling once again. Among the fear that has now spread from Israel to the entire world, there is a certain excitement as students are presented with a new opportunity - to earn an undergraduate degree in Women and Gender Studies.

The NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program has officially hit the classrooms this month with an enrollment of 50 students, 10 of whom are men. courses examining women's role and gender issues will be taught from various viewpoints, including those of history, philosophy, politics, literature, law, education and art.

Program Chair Professor Hannah Naveh and others from departments throughout the University will push students to critically consider the status of women and other minorities in order to begin the work of improving the situation. The program's very existence as well as the support that NCJW lends, as a recognized American organization, forces Women's Studies to the surface as a valid area of study, a premise that has been ignored for some time in Israel.

In addition to the academic program, the Women's Forum, which was established in 1986 and paved the way for the academic program, will continue to represent women's social, legal and professional interests on campus and throughout the larger community. Lectures, idea exchange and community programs on topics such as combating sexual harassment on campus will remain in place, enhancing the academic experience of the program participants and reaching the entire student body and faculty with these sensitive and important issues.

NCJW takes great pride in this new program and its role in improving the status of women in Israel and the Middle East. There is no greater investment in the future than providing consistent and innovative education. we are certain that this new program will highlight NCJW's core values and issues and how they pertain to the status and lives of women worldwide.

Organization Awarded Grant	Project Funded
NCJW Greater Miami Section Partner, Jewish-Arab Community Association	"Transitions" literacy materials for after-school enrichment
KIDSLINE INC. Partner, ELEM, Youth in Distress	Laptop computers for internet access in outreach vans
NCJW Kew Gardens Partner, ESRA Community Fund	Purchasing computers for Community Center in Netanya
ASHKELON KEN	For purchasing educational "home start" learning packets for needy children in a large immigrant community
FIDEL Association for Education and Social Integration of Ethiopian Jews	Establishment of an Amharic, Geez and Hebrew Language Library for Ethiopian youth in Tel Aviv
FRIENDSHIP'S WAY Jewish Arab Association for the Child and Family in Jaffa	"Building a Common Language" after-school literacy enrichment for Arab children in Hebrew Schools in Jaffa
NCJW Greater Detroit Section Partner, NAHEF Development and Welfare Association	Computer literacy program for children in a remote Arab village in the Galilee
YUVAL School	"Establishing a school Network" updating a computer room
Max M. and Margorie Fisher Partner, MAHAPACH - A grassroots organization run by volunteer university students who tutor socially and educationally at-risk students	"Return to Reading" purchasing books for the literacy leadership program
Victor Sobel Fund Partner, Israeli Association of Jewish Immigrants from the Caucasus	Books for Kavkasi children from the former Soviet Union
TESPAZIN Yavne's Foundation for the Children of new Immigrants from Ethiopia	Books for three lending libraries
LAQIYA Association for the Advancement of the Status of Bedouim Women	"A Foundation for the Future" for books, computer and software
Bat Melech	"Haetgar" for children's learning kits
Association for Community Development of Acre	"Multicultural Active Library" for early childhood center
Druze Association	Expanding a village children's library
Immigrants for Successful Absorption	"Center for the Development of the Child" for books for children from the former Soviet Union
BAT MELECH	"Edutainment" kits for children leaving the women's shelter
El Azazmeh Parent's Committee	For purchasing books and educational games
NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education	"Literacy Among Ethiopian Pupils" for writing materials
YAD EZER	For textbooks to aid immigrant children in Zichron Yaacov
Association for Jewish Leaving Ultra Orthodoxy	Library expansion



## Follow Up with Advocacy On Your Own

You don't have to be in the nation's capital to engage in advocacy activities. Often the most effective advocacy begins around your kitchen table! Here are some ways in which you can be an advocate at home or on-line.

### Advocacy at Home

#### → Sign up for NCJW's E-mail Action List

Want to keep on top of the latest developments in Washington? Send your e-mail address to [action@ncjwdc.org](mailto:action@ncjwdc.org) to receive regular public policy updates and action alerts.

#### → Check our website regularly to learn about the issues and take action on-line

NCJW's web site ([www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org)) is updated often to reflect issues of concern to NCJW that are moving in Congress. Use our instant link to Congress to send messages to your Representatives, Senators and the President.

#### → Weigh in by phone

Every member of Congress has at least one local office. Look up the phone number and post it near your telephone so that you can make quick phone calls to register your opinion on important issues. Each day the local congressional staff reports to the main office in Washington, DC about the calls they received on issues. If you want to call the member of Congress' Washington office, go through the Capitol Switchboard at 202-225-3121.

#### → Order NCJW's "Advocacy Made Easy" for information on how to take action

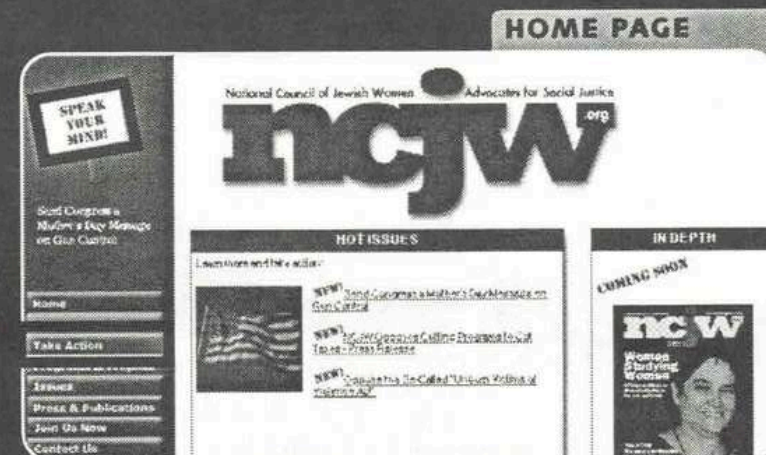
This easy-to-use guide answers all of your questions about how to advocate – what to say when you call a legislator, how to schedule a visit, how to format an advocacy letter, etc. Contact the NCJW Action Line at 1-800-829-NCJW to order your free copy today.

#### → Follow state issues through your NCJW State Public Affairs (SPA) Chairwomen

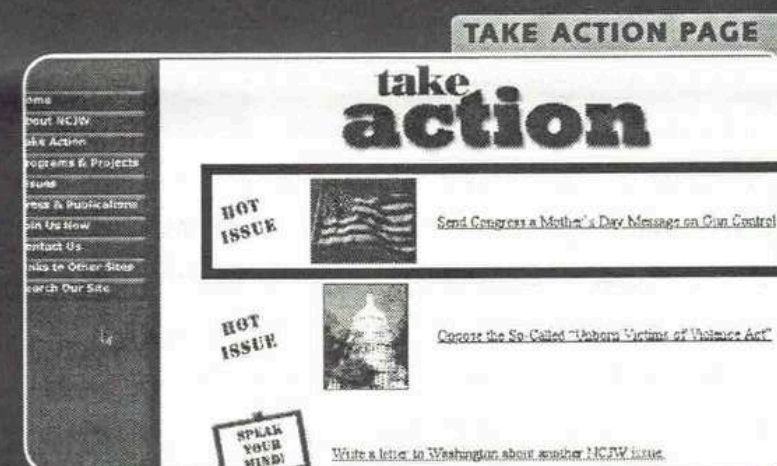
Most states with NCJW Sections have an SPA – someone who has been specially trained to represent NCJW in the state. Your SPA can put you on an e-mail list to receive action alerts and e-mails about state legislation. She will include you in advocacy activities such as mini-Washington Institutes or Legislative Days held at the state level.

### Advocacy On-Line

[ncjw.org](http://ncjw.org) provides information about NCJW and "hot issues" that we want you to know about. And now, you can use the site to write a letter to Congress or the President about these issues. It's advocacy made easy!



**Learn about Important Issues**  
Select "Speak Your Mind" or "Take Action."



**Choose an Issue**  
For example, Select Gun Control.



**Learn More and Write a Letter**  
To learn more, read the issue summary.  
To write a letter, select "Speak Your Mind" or the text beside it.



Cut out this  
page and save  
it for future  
reference!

## Advocacy On-Line, continued

ZIP CODE PAGE

**take  
action**

Home | Issues & Legislation | Take Action Now | Enter Your ZIP Code

**Action Alert**

Mother's Day Appeal for Gun Control

To send a Mother's Day Message to Congress Using Support for Gun Control Legislation.

TYPE YOUR ZIP CODE HERE

Take Action Now  
Enter Your ZIP Code  
Go

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**Get Addresses of Your Legislators**  
Type in your zip code.  
Select "Go."



LETTER PAGE

I care about this issue deeply and will be monitoring its progress. This Mother's Day, please do the right thing and support legislation that will make this country safer from gun violence for all children, mothers, and others.

Your Closing: Sincerely,  
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Information**

Important: This system requires that you provide your name and contact information. This information will not be used for any purpose other than to identify you to the recipient.

(\* indicates required field)

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Last Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
City\*: \_\_\_\_\_  
State\*: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code\*: 10001 9701  
Your E-Mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Remember Me (refresh list)

**Send Your Message**

Would you like a copy of this message sent to your e-mail address?  
(Note: Copy of message sent out within 24 hours.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

Send Message

**Send a Letter**  
Fill in the blanks to personalize the letter.  
Select "Send Message."



CONFIRMATION PAGE

**take  
action**

Home | Issues & Legislation | Confirmation: Your Message Was Sent

President | Congressional Directory | Issues

Your E-Mail message was sent to:  
\* Rep. Carolyn Maloney (Democrat)

**Would you like to Compose another Message?**

Select a letter on one of the following messages:

☐ Support the Global Democracy Protection Act  
☐ Oppose H.R. 503

**Congratulations!**  
You're an on-line advocate.

## Advocacy Contacts

**Legislators can also be reached by phone, fax or US mail.**

### US Senators or Representatives:

**By phone:** 202-225-3121  
(Capitol Switchboard)

**By fax:** Call your member of Congress' local or Washington Office (above) to find the fax number.

#### By mail:

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
US Senate  
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NCJW National President Jan Schneiderman issued the following statements on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women in reaction to the terrorist attack on New York and Washington on September 11.

## NCJW EXPRESSES SORROW IN FACE OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE U.S.

"The National Council of Jewish Women is both outraged and deeply saddened by the terrorist attacks in the US yesterday. Although the exact toll of these tragedies is yet unknown, it is clear that there will be many victims—innocent men, women and children who have lost their lives or been injured in these attacks. Our prayers go out to all of those victims, their families, and the heroic people working to address this crisis. As is the case in every terrorist attack, all of us have been victimized—stripped of our freedom, security, and sense of well being. We join in support of efforts by our leaders and others to bring a just end to the scourge of terrorism."

## NCJW CONDEMS ATTACKS BASED ON RELIGION AND ETHNICITY IN WAKE OF TERRORISM

"We are deeply distressed by reports of harassment and violence targeted at Arab Americans, Muslims, and others based on their ethnicity or religion. Those seeking to scapegoat Arab-Americans and Muslims have targeted people across this nation because of the way they dress or the color of their skin. We must be vigilant in our insistence that no group—Arab, Muslim, or Jewish—be scapegoat for the horrible terrorist crime committed against the United States. Much has been said about our very democracy being under attack. We must not turn our back on core democratic principles by allowing prejudice and hate to infect our land."

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