

## Bulletin Summer 2009, Vol 102 No. 1

Order your honey  
By August 24  
See Inside!

### INSIDE

2

President's Message  
Calendar

3

Community Action

4

Fun and Opportunities

5-6

Honey Order Form

7

2009-2010 Board of Directors

8

Volunteers

9

Special Donations

10

Awardees' Profiles  
New Members

11

From Our National Office

### AWARDS EVENING A HUGE SUCCESS!



**Award Winners** (L-R): Patty Gilgus, *Emerging Leader*; Barbara Cosner, *Hannah G. Solomon*; Bev Newman, *Service to Section*; Alayne and J. D. Mooney, *Community Service*

Over a hundred NCJW members and guests attended the "Renewal of Spirit" awards and installation dessert reception at Beth Shalom Synagogue on Thursday, June 4. The reception was held in conjunction with the Section's annual meeting. Co-Chair **Teri Sackin** provided a heartfelt welcome. **Shir Balev**, with vocalist **Linda Matorin Sweenie**, music director at Congregation Beth Torah; her husband, **Glen Phillips**, on the drums; and **Randy Deutch** on the guitar entertained with 60's rock and inspirational music.

**Ellen Portnoy** emceed the awards portion of the evening. **Ann Stern** presented the Emerging Leader award to **Patty Gilgus**, **Berenice Haberman** presented the Service to Section Award to **Bev Newman**, **Ellen Dalen** presented the Community Service Award to **Alayne** and **J.D. Mooney**, and **Carol Sader** presented the Hannah G. Solomon Award to **Barbara Cosner**. **Berenice Haberman** reviewed the Section's 2008-2009 accomplishments. **Janet Mark** presented and installed the 2009-2010 slate of officers. Co-chair **Adrianne Applebaum** closed the program.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Women Helping Women

October 14, 2009

The annual luncheon to raise awareness of family violence

### Roe v. Wade

January 22, 2010

A celebration of  
womens' rights

### Interfaith Luncheon

Feb 24, 2010

A chance to learn about  
other beliefs and religions

## Do you want

⇒ **Reminders of  
Important  
NCJW events?**

⇒ **Information on  
Important issues?**

**Then send  
Your email address  
To  
ncjw@swbell.net**

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### Greetings!



Dear Members,

NCJW has always been a powerful voice for social change, never backing down even when the times were not amenable to our view of how the world "should be." And now, for the first time in a long time, NCJW's priorities are at the top of the list of our new administration's agenda.

We find ourselves in an almost unparalleled economic crisis; a crisis with no end in sight. This is the time to act on our social justice agenda; to actively re-imagine and pursue both economic and social justice for all Americans.

I would like to see our Section continue to grow and thrive financially. We face tough economic times. NCJW is no different than other non-profit organizations in that our ability to make positive change and to move forward is directly dependant on our ability to raise funds. We must think "outside the box" and seek new ways of raising the money we need to further our mission.

Our section has made a difference in the lives of women, children and families through our *Kids and Teachers = Schools (KATS)* program, *Women Helping Children Luncheon*, *Interfaith Luncheon* and *Interfaith Series*, our new program - *Baskets for Babies* - benefiting women who are in dire need of necessities for their newborn babies and our *Scholarship* program. We had several fund raisers and, along the way, we have had fun.

I encourage you to contribute the best way you can: your support can be financial, but your time and talent is equally valuable. Each of us has the talent, skill or potential to effect change.

Thank you all our volunteers and donors. We couldn't do these things without you. I also thank the outgoing board and officers and welcome the incoming board and officers. We are a remarkable group of women, empowered to take action and ready to make the world a better place.

We are women who make a difference, and together, we will succeed.

# 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@swbell.net  
Administrative Assistant: Linda Kelley



# COMMUNITY ACTION

## KIDS AND TEACHERS=SCHOOL (KATS)

### BIRTHDAY PARTIES

NCJW again collaborated with Shawnee Mission East Students Helping in Areas Related to Education (SHARE). Together, we provided birthday parties for over 2,000 students in 6 schools. In Fall 2009 we will add the kindergarten through 3rd graders at Derrick Thomas Academy increasing the project to include more than 2500 students.

And, big thank you to **KRISPY KREME DONUTS** located at 103rd & Metcalf, Leawood, Kansas for supplying donuts for all the KATS birthday parties. **KRISPY KREME** has generously offered to supply donuts for the 2009-2010 school year.



### KATS WISH LIST

Please donate new or gently used children's books for those otherwise unable to acquire personal libraries. We wish you could see the joy in the children's faces when they realize they can take home their very own book.

Drop off the books at the NCJW office. For more information, contact **Ellen Dalen** at [edalen1017@aol.com](mailto:edalen1017@aol.com) or (913) 888-8852.



### KATS RECEIVES GOTTLIEB FOUNDATION GRANT

**Jan Leonard**, Senior Vice President of UMB Bank has notified us that NCJW will receive a \$2,500 grant from the **Arvin Gottlieb Charitable Foundation** for our KATS program. The Foundation funds health initiatives, arts, education, and aid to impoverished children and adults.

This is not the first time the **Gottlieb Foundation** has made a grant to NCJW. The Foundation says it is pleased and honored to support KATS again; we are extremely grateful. Throughout the year, we hear from teachers, parents and students telling us the difference KATS makes in the children's lives.

### THELMA & MEYER FOX CHILDREN'S FUND

NCJW's Thelma & Meyer Fox Children's Fund underwrote the cost of a day for 2 children at Children's Place.

### WE CARE FOR EYE CARE



This year, our Section provided eye exams and glasses for 42 students and contact lenses for one student.

### BRIDGE, ANYONE...?

Council bridge is alive and well. Sixteen couples and 44 women participated in NCJW Bridge groups. Foursomes met monthly from September to May or on their own schedules. The women's group ended the season with a lovely luncheon and, of course, Bridge at Homestead Country Club.

Prizes were awarded to **Flossie Pack** and **Sue Vile** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Heather Arnoff** and **Sally Slabotsky** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Tootie Brown** and **Anne Lee Rubin** (3<sup>rd</sup>). The couples' group celebrated at the Oakwood Country Club. Prize winners included **Diane and Norman Arnell** (1<sup>st</sup>), **Joe and Sue Vile** (2<sup>nd</sup>), and **Doreen Leifer** and **Bud Krasne** (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. All players must be paid up members of NCJW. The fee for playing is \$35 per person, which includes the final luncheon/dinner.



# FUN AND OPPORTUNITIES

## HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS...



Your friends and family will know you care when they receive your gift of delicious NCJW honey. A portion of the price of each jar supports our many worthwhile projects! The price is still \$8.40 per jar and that includes mailing! **August 24 is the deadline for orders.**

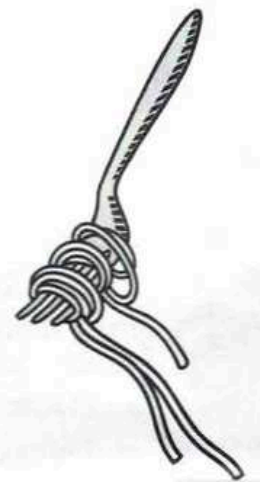
Remember, Erev Rosh Hashanah begins September 18. NCJW honey is the perfect gift for anyone. Your **Honey for the Holidays** order form is on page 5 of this *Bulletin*.

Honey box assembly is tentatively planned for July 28 through August 27 at **Meg Adler's** home. We'd love your help. Contact **Bev Newman** at 913-338-3441 or [Taxwife@aol.com](mailto:Taxwife@aol.com). The co-chairs of *Honey for the Holidays* are: **Barbara Cosner, Lynn Murray** and **Bev Newman**.

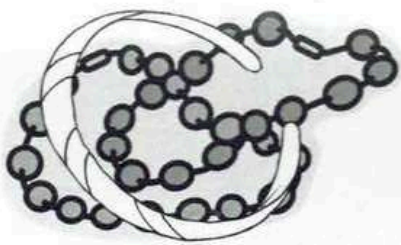
## NCJW PARTIES AT FRONTERA'S

On April 16, NCJW members and friends packed 21 tables at Frontera's Restaurant. It was a blast and Frontera's contributed 15% of the tab for those mentioning NCJW. We thank our *Dine to Donate* chair **Ida Levine** for arranging this wonderful evening.

Watch for more *Dine to Donate* events.



## ALL THAT GLITTERS...



What fun!...**Debbie Droskin** of Glitters at 4250 W. 119<sup>th</sup> not only opened her store to us but also became a new Life Member. For a week beginning May 3, NCJW members and supporters bought new jewelry and sold their no-longer-precious items. Sellers walked away with \$8 to over \$800 and we raised \$1500!!! Thank you very very much Glitters Gals!!!

## TRIED AND TRUE...

Remember the *Garage Sale* last year and **Thriftique** from years ago? Well, this year's sale *Tried and True* is scheduled for September 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> at 9013 Metcalf in the Gateway Shopping Center. Check your mailbox for drop off times and sale hours!!!



## BASKETS FOR BABIES....



We are thrilled to report the overwhelming response to our new program, *Baskets 4 Babies*. **Becca Adler**, daughter of **Meg and Randy Adler**, graciously volunteered to include donations to *Baskets 4 Babies* as part of her Bat Mitzvah project. To date, she has raised approximately \$1500.00.

Several agencies in the Kansas City metropolitan area including Cornerstones of Care, Gillis, Healthy Families America (MO and KS), Hope House, Light House, New House, Pathways, Rose Brooks Center, and Spofford Home will receive these baskets teeming with items for welcoming a new family member.

Basket deliveries begin in mid-July. Anyone interested in donating items or working on the project, please contact project chair, **Carla Oppenheimer** at (913) 451-3696 or [coppenheimer@kc.rr.com](mailto:coppenheimer@kc.rr.com). We can use your help!!!





**No cost increase  
\$8.40 per bottle**

*A faith in the future. A belief in action.*

## **HONEY FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2009**

**National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Kansas City Section  
invites you to send  
"Sweet" Rosh Hashanah Greetings  
to Family and Friends**

We will send a festively wrapped 8 oz. jar of honey and a special New Year's greeting with an explanation of the significance of this tradition. Each gift order still costs only **\$8.40**. All you need to do is fill in the recipients' names and addresses **CLEARLY** on the labels on the reverse side and specify name(s) as you wish it to appear on each Honey greeting card. Enclose your check payable to NCJW, and we'll do the rest!

**Rosh Hashanah is September 18th. We want your gift to reach your family and friends on time. All orders must be received at the NCJW office by August 24th.**

*As we move forward into the New Year,  
wishing you a world of hope, peace, and happiness.  
L'Shana Tova!*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of honey jars @ \$ 8.40 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (check payable to NCJW): \_\_\_\_\_

Specify name(s) as you wish it to appear on each Honey greeting card

Please send your completed order form and check by August 24, 2009 to  
NCJW, 5750 W. 95th Street, Suite 118, Shawnee Mission, KS 66207

Please use reverse side for honey recipient addresses

For further information, please contact the NCJW office at: (913) 648-0747



# Honey Order Form

Please print your name(s) on the line below as you wish it to appear on the honey enclosure card

Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Please print your name(s) on the line below as you wish it to appear on the honey enclosure card

Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____	Name _____ Address _____ City/State/Zip _____



# WELCOME OUR 2009-2010 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive team from left: **Berenice Haberman, President; Meg Adler, Vice President of Fundraising; Ida Levine, Vice President of Membership; Ellen Dalen, Vice President of Community Service; & Ellen Portnoy, Immediate Past President.** Not pictured are **Janelle Flacks, Treasurer; Bev Newman, Corporate Secretary; Gina Malashock, Vice President of Current Affairs** and **Teri Sackin, Corporate Secretary.**



**Board members from left: Lynn Murray, Harryette Cooperman, Adrienne Applebaum, Beti Moskowitz, Teri Sackin, Debbie Agron, Symie Menitove and Barbara Baer.** Not pictured are **Linda Appell, Sandy Suffian, Jenise Kranzberg, Linda Schlachter, Jill Goldstein, Roni Beshears and Dierde Baker.**

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action.

Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



**Thank You** to our 2008-2009 volunteers who helped us fulfill our mission of providing programs and services that benefit women, children and families.

**BULLETIN**

Symie Menitove  
Sylvia Stone

**ADVOCACY/E-MAIL TREE**

Meg Adler  
Barbara Holzmark

**AWARDS EVENING**

Adrienne Applebaum, Co-Chair  
Teri Sackin, Co-Chair  
Ellen Portnoy

**AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Ellen Portnoy, Chair

**BRIDGE**

Co-Chairs  
Heather Aronoff  
Tootie Brown  
Ginger Lewin  
Sue Vile

**FRIDAY STUDY GROUP**

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

**GRANTS**

Dierdre Baker  
Berenice Haberman  
Ellen Portnoy  
Connie Simon

**HELLO ISRAEL**

Barbara Cosner, Co-Chair  
Phyllis Green, Co-Chair  
Phyllis Winston, Co-Chair

*Presenters*

Estelle Berman  
Sharon Friedman  
Judy Fudenberg  
Jill Jacob  
Gloria Kagan  
Sheryl Kaplan  
Linda Katz  
Marlene Katz  
Evie Lowenthal  
Gerre Minkin  
Joan Napshin  
Esther Rudnick  
Arlene Shalinsky  
Merna Siegler  
Shirley White  
Carol Yarmo

**HONEY**

Barbara Cosner, Co-Chair  
Lynn Murray, Co-Chair  
Bev Newman, Co-Chair  
Meg Adler  
Rosalyn 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  
Bev Newman  
Ellen Portnoy

**INTERFAITH LUNCHEON**

Patty Gilgus, Co-Chair  
Beti Moskowitz, Co-Chair  
Ellen Portnoy, Co-chair  
Meg Adler  
Ellen Dalen  
Berenice Haberman  
Merna Siegler  
Sheila Sonnenschein  
Sylvia Stone  
Sandy Suffian

**KATS**

Ellen Dalen, Chair  
Bonnie Buchbinder  
Berenice Haberman  
Gloria Kagan  
Maureen Salz  
Merna Siegler  
Sonny Singer  
Special Thanks to Meg &  
Randy Adler

**LIGHT UP A LIFE**

Meg Adler, Chair  
Berenice Haberman

**SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**SUNSHINE**

Heather Aronoff

**WE CARE FOR EYE CARE**

Ellen Dalen, Chair  
Ellen Portnoy

**WOMEN HELPING CHILDREN**

Merna Siegler, Chair  
Sylvia Stone  
Berenice Haberman  
Adrienne Applebaum  
Teri Sackin  
Ellen Dalen  
Ellen Portnoy  
Elaine Singer  
Meg Adler  
Ida Levine  
Sandy Suffian  
Patty Gilgus  
Jody Cosner



# LIGHT UP A LIFE HAS BEEN A GREAT SUCCESS!

## WE THANK ALL OUR 2008-2009 DONORS

### \$12,000

The 507 Fund at the Greater Kansas City Jewish Community Foundation  
*in honor of Ellen Portnoy's many years of service to NCJW*

### \$2,500

Dierdre Baker  
*in memory of Harry & Ruth Baker and Florian Lins*

### \$2,000

Meg Adler

### \$1,500

Ronald & Susan Goldsmith Philanthropic Fund of JCF  
Adeline Trempy  
*in honor of Floriene Lieberman's birthday and her contribution to the community in her fight and research in cancer.*

### \$1,000

Ellen & Jay Portnoy

### \$500 to \$999

Louis & Dorothy Cumonow Foundation/Lois Winston  
Alayne & J. D. Mooney  
*designated for the KATS Fund in honor of Ellen Dalen*  
Elaine Ryder

### \$250 to \$499

Jean Brown  
*in honor of all of our family*  
Berenice Haberman  
Ida Levine  
*in honor of Judy Winograd*  
Lynn Murray  
Ileene Simon

### \$100 to \$249

Madeline Chapman  
Barbara Cosner  
Janelle Flacks  
Sandra Jabenis  
*in memory of Marvin Azorsky*  
Jill Jacob  
*in honor of grandson, Gavin Levy Jacob*  
Joan Jacobson  
Symie Menitove  
Beti Moskowitz  
Barbara Novorr  
Rosanne Rosen  
Gerean Rudnick Fund of the JCF  
Teri Sackin  
Merna Siegler  
Beth Smith  
Sheila Sonnenschein  
Janet Stulz  
*in memory of Sam and Ruth Raskin*

### To \$99

Marge Adler  
Melanie Allmayer  
Adrienne Applebaum  
Fayna Belzer  
*in honor of Berenice Haberman*  
Linda Cohen  
Mary Czarlinsky  
Ellen Dalen  
Jane Pollock Duggan  
*in memory of Cindy Wool*  
Susan Feinberg  
Milisa Flekier  
Jackie Fleschman  
Eileen Gaffen  
Patty Gilgus  
Kelly & Jim Kaplan  
*in honor of Dorothy Kaplan*  
Susan Lebovitz  
*in honor of Ellen Dalen*  
Evelyn Lowenthal  
*in memory of Betty Sender*  
Beverly Mallin  
Janet Mark  
Judy Mayer  
Rowena Milens  
Bev Newman

### \$To 99 (continued)

Susan Osman  
*in honor of Stevie & John Shuchart's new grandson & the recovery of Natalie & Hanan Hammer's granddaughter, Lindsay*  
Elinor Penner  
Stevie Pessin  
Janet Price  
*in honor of my dear friends*  
Eleanor Rosenfeld  
*designated for the We Care for Eye Care Fund*  
Marjorie Sackin  
Gloria Schlossenberg  
Frances Schlozman  
Judy Sherry  
Connie Simon  
*in honor of Berenice Haberman and Meg Adler*  
Sonny Singer  
*in honor of Pete & Enid Levi's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary*  
Sandy Suffian  
Evy Tilzer  
Barbara Warady  
Andi Wildman



# MEET OUR AWARD WINNERS

## HANNAH G. SOLOMON

**Barbara Cosner** received the **Hannah G. Solomon Award**, the highest award presented by our Section. A past Section Treasurer, Vice-President of Fund Raising and Co-president, Barbara served as a National NCJW Commissioner and as a member of the National Program Support Committee. Barbara also co-chaired our *Children's Benefit Concerts* which elicited generous donations while entertaining hundreds of disadvantaged children and helped launch *Thriftique*, a sale of gently used merchandise. Barbara currently co-chairs *Honey for the Holidays*.

In the community, Barbara served as a board member and treasurer of *Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)*, while the organization was under the financial and advisory wing of NCJW.

She was an active member of the Board of Congregation Beth Shalom. Barbara and her husband, Jerry, chaired a major fund-raiser which brought the Israeli Ballet to Kansas City. They chaired the Congregation's *Soviet Resettlement Committee* for many years.

An interior designer, Barbara and Jerry have three children and five grandchildren.

## SERVICE TO SECTION

**Beverly Newman** received the **Service to Section Award**. Bev has been an NCJW member since the 1970's. She was an initial presenter of *Hello Israel*, co-chair of *Thriftique* (1994), Section board member, committee member for the *Tent Sale*, and a perennial co-chair for *Honey for the Holiday*. Currently, Bev is our board's Financial Secretary.

At Beth Shalom, Bev is the *Sisterhood* treasurer, *Library Committee* Chair and monthly newsletter Co-editor. Possessing both a bachelor's degree and master's degree in education, Bev is a retired school teacher and Judaica librarian.

Bev has been married to Peter for 43 years. She has two children and five grandchildren.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

**Alayne and JD Mooney** received the **Community Service Award**. Both are long term community and NCJW volunteers. Alayne has served as Section President, chaired the first *Interfaith Luncheon* and helped establish *Hello Israel*. She has also assisted with *Parties for the Blind*, the *Thrift shop* and *KATS*. In the community, Alayne was active in *Parent Association* at Barstow School, the *Menorah Hospital Auxiliary*, and the *Sisterhood for The Temple*, Congregation B'nai Jehudah where she still purchases items for the gift shop.

J.D. was a Section board member and Treasurer. The owner of a local hotel for many years, he served on many industry boards: *Johnson County C.C. Hospitality Advisory Board*, *Small Properties Advisory Council*, *American Hotel and Motel Association Board*, *Overland Park Convention and Visitors Bureau Board* (Vice President, 1987-1990), *Kansas Lodging Association Board* (Chairman 1984-85), and the *Greater Kansas City Hotel and Lodging Association Foundation Board*.

J.D. has received multiple community awards including *Hotel Man of the Year* (1984) and *Overland Park Spirit of Recognition Award* (1993). J.D. and Alayne also received the NCJW Hannah G. Solomon Award (2003).

The Mooneys have two children and three grandchildren.

## EMERGING LEADER AWARD

**Patty Gilgus** received the **Emerging Leader Award**. Patty became interested in NCJW when she helped with the *Interfaith Luncheon* three years ago. She has co-chaired the event for the past two years. Patty has served on the Section Board.

Patty was honored as a *Helzberg Leadership Fellow*. She also worked on the *Jewish Book Fair* and served on the board of *Jewish Family Services*.

A member of Congregation Beth Torah, she is married to Mark and has one son.

## NCJW WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Debbie Droskin

Deedee King

Joan Kort

Mary Weiner



# FROM OUR NATIONAL OFFICE

## NCJW IN ISRAEL

NCJW's work in Israel directly mirrors the organization's efforts to create progressive social change in the US. NCJW's pioneering Israel programs foster and support education, promote the empowerment of women, and bridge the gaps in society for Israel's vulnerable women, children, and families. Three years ago, NCJW welcomed a partnership with US/Israel Women to Women (W2W), an organization dedicated to supporting grassroots programs and advocacy efforts for women in Israel. This partnership continues to create meaningful opportunities to build on a shared legacy of courageous, compassionate work.



NCJW has been actively involved in Israel for more than 60 years, with programs like the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education (RIFIE) at the Hebrew University and the NCJW Women & Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University forming the cornerstones of NCJW's historical education work there. Today, strategic efforts like the Israel Granting Program and NCJW's advocacy and coalition work continue in this spirit of education and empowerment -- helping to advance the lives of women, children, and families and ensure Israel's future.

NCJW members contribute to these efforts through grassroots networks, online campaigns, mission trips, and generous philanthropy. NCJW also maintains an office in Jerusalem at Hebrew University.

## StoP



NCJW works to prevent and address domestic violence through the StoP grassroots network, which facilitates education and outreach to the Jewish community and the general public. The StoP grassroots network also advocates for policy and program changes at all levels of government and through community action.

NCJW sections around the country are involved in a range of domestic violence prevention initiatives, including Court Watch programs, teen dating violence education, and Silent Witness and Clothesline projects.

## Plan A

Plan CJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access aims to secure and protect access to contraceptive information and options. A community-based, proactive national campaign, Plan A is firmly rooted in the belief that such access is necessary for women's well-being and equality. Plan A mobilizes the faith-based and progressive communities as well as the public at large to take action through a combination of education and advocacy.



In the United States, virtually all American women have used a contraceptive at some point in their lives. In addition, there is overwhelming popular support for comprehensive sexuality education and contraceptive access. Yet access cannot be taken for granted. Individuals who oppose access to birth control and comprehensive sexuality education, however small a minority, seek to impose one particular religious belief about sexuality and contraceptive on everyone. Plan A is poised to help individuals and groups stand up and speak out.



Symie Menitove

EDITOR

Sue Vile

Ellen Portnoy

Linda Kelley

Berenice Haberman

Ellen Dalen

Meg Adler

Adrienne Applebaum

CONTRIBUTORS

NCJ 

National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Kansas City Section

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

NON-PROFIT  
ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
KANSAS CITY  
MO  
PERMIT NO. 698

It's time for  
Honey for the  
Holidays!