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National Council for Jewish Women **Greater Kansas City Section**

It's Time For Honey!



We know, we can't believe the holidays are coming either - summer has just started - we just sent our kids to camp... For years National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, has been selling honey for the holidays. What a great way to remember friends and family and support our local

chapter. For \$9 a jar, a labeled honey bottle is wrapped in festive blue and white tissue paper; a card is hand signed by our wonderful volunteers, and

the whole thing is shipped off to whomever you choose in the continental United States. Not only does this raise funds to support and continue our projects and run our office, but it provides fun times for the many volunteers who help. Get involved, please call 913-648-0747 to find out how you can participate or email us at our new email ncjwofkc@gmail.com. Complete and send in your order form from the insert by August 20.

Rosh Hashanah, Sunday Evening, September 16 Yom Kippur, Tuesday Evening, September 25

NCJW Sends Grant for Program in Israel

Although most people think of NCJW as an organization that provides programs and community service in the United States, the national organization also provides much needed help to programs in Israel. One way it does this is through the Israel Granting Program. Each year, non-profit organizations in Israel submit grant proposals to the National NCJW Israel Granting Committee. The committee members chose a variety of programs to support. Then local sections are asked to help fund these grants.

For the first time, the Greater Kansas City Section is funding one of these Israel grants, due largely to the fundraising efforts at an Israel program and silent auction held this past April.

During this program which raised \$3,000, Debbie Hoffmann, Co-Chair of the Israel Granting Committee, spoke to members of the Kansas City community about NCJW programs in Israel. She followed local member Lara Portnoy, who spoke about her experiences in Israel and the needs of women and children.

"We welcome this opportunity to become more involved in programs affecting women and children in Israel," said Carla Oppenheimer, Section Co-President. "The fundraising efforts of our members made supporting this program possible. We look forward to working with similar such programs in Israel."

Our section has chosen to help fund "We Power: The Organization for the Advancement of Women's Leadership in Israel" at the \$2500 level which will allow our chapter's name to be attached to the program for the year. This program was established in 2000 with the non-partisan goal of promoting women's leadership and gender integration as well as equality at all levels of Israeli society and democracy. We, NCJW Greater KC, are also donating \$500 toward a second program "Advancing Women's Leadership in Israel's Public Arena" which is an initiative to encourage women in Israel to run for political office at all levels.

With the grant from our Section, the "We Power" request is fully funded. "Thank you so much for your section's generous support of the Israel Granting

Program! We are very grateful for your support and commitment and are thrilled you will be able to partner with one of the grantees with your gift of \$3,000," wrote Debbie Stillman, Sr. Manager of Donor Relations, NCJW.

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Welcome Members to an Exciting 2012-13

Welcome to our new and current NCJW members for 2012-13. We are very excited to continue our existing programming and fundraisers as well as creating exceptional new ones. We have an open door policy and always welcome member input and participation. Our board is in the process of adding innovative and wide-ranging programming to our chapter and we need your help and involvement to make it a success.

We kick off the year with our annual honey sale which has been tremendously successful in the past, and we look forward to continuing that trend this year. (See information on pages 1 and 3.) Please continue to watch your email for upcoming programming and fundraising information. Some of our continuing programs are Snack Pack at The Children's Place on Fridays, Baskets 4 Babies, Birthday Cakes for Gillis, preparing our mailings and probably some we have forgotten. Please call 913-648-0747 for more information or email us at (our new email address) ncjwofkc@gmail.com.

-Meg and Carla

Thank You to our 2011-12 Volunteers who helped us fulfill our mission of providing programs and services which benefit women, children and families.

ADVOCACY/E-MAIL TREE

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Ladies and Couples Bridge

The Ladies Bridge Luncheon was held Friday, June 1st at Deer Creek Country Club. The winners were:

> Sue Vile and Flossie Pack 1st Place:

2nd Place: Heather Aronoff and Sally Slabotsky 3rd Place: Patsy Shanberg and Meriel Winn

A tournament was played the day of the luncheon and Bonnie Buchbinder and Susie Gershon were the winners. Ladies Bridge will start up again in September and new members are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Tootie Brown, 913-649-9452 or Ginger Lewin, 913-381-4244 by August 15th.

Couples Bridge is also welcoming new members, please contact Donna Kaelter, 913-681-5001



Enjoying a game of Bridge: Allen Rose, Joanne Tankel, Phyllis Rose & Marshall Tankel.

Donate, Give and Win

Do you have household items you are no longer using? Or maybe your are lucky enough to have redecorated and need to get rid of your old reusable furniture and household goods?

We can help you! Lori Siegel, who is an NCJW member, has a resale shop, A-Lotta-Stuff, in Kansas City, KS. For the past four years we have been funneling items to her store. Then, she gives/donates a portion of the sale of the items back to NCJW.

What a fantastic arrangement!

Do you remember our garage sale in May 2008? That was the beginning of our great "working marriage" with Lori. Now it is time to step it up and elevate our relationship. Since Lori donates a portion of the sale of the items that are earmarked as NCJW donations, we need to send her more goods.

How do we donate?

To donate items to benefit NCJW, call Lori, 913-299-2939 and tell her that you have "stuff" to be picked up as a donation for NCJW. Then call Linda in the NCJW office, 913-648-0747 to let her know you donated so she can send your donation receipt letter.

That's all there is to it! So, clean today and give your stuff away!

We are also looking for somebody(ies) to help promote this relationship. Please call Linda in the NCJW office. She is in the office Tuesday-Thursday, 9-2:30pm.

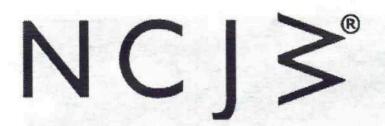
Join your NCJW friends for an afternoon of Bingo. "This new winning musical is a splashy, zippy, and outrageously funny musical. Come meet a colorful group of die-hard Bingo players."

Sunday, August 19, 2 pm American Heartland Theatre \$36 per ticket

Be a part of the fun. There are only 24 tickets left.

(A large portion of the ticket price goes back to NCJW. To purchase tickets, send your check along with a self addressed stamped envelope to the NCJW office. Questions, contact Linda in the

office 913-648-0747.



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We apologize for inadvertently omitting or misspelling any names or information. Please get involved and help us to get it right! or Current Resident

NCJW Kansas City Upcoming Events

Watch your email for information regarding the following events:

Sunday, August 19 American Heartland Theatre Event, "Bingo" To reserve your tickets, send \$36 per ticket and a self addressed stamped envelope to the NCJW Office, 5311 W 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208

Monday, August 20 – Honey Order Deadline (See pages 1 & 3)

August 25 - Macy's Shop For a Cause (25% off pass for the day) To purchase your \$5 pass, send \$5 per pass and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the NCJW Office or call Meg, 816-914-5904

High Holidays 5773

Rosh Hashanah: Sun. Evening, September 16 Yom Kippur: Tues. Evening, September 25 Succot: Sun. Evening, September 30 Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah: Sun. Evening, October 7

NCJW's Philosophy on Programming

NCJW has a three-pronged approach to its major activites:

1st will always be advocacy, working to improve the lives of women and children through speaking out for their rights and on their behalf.

2nd will be community service, actually doing things that improve the lives of women and children.

3rd working not only for women and children in the US, but also in Israel

Get Involved: **NCJW's Community** Service Projects

Join us (Kansas City NCJW Section) and help to change the world for the better, by participating in one of our many community service projects, initiatives or public policy issues. For more information or to get involved in any of our programs contact Carla Oppenheimer at coppenheimer@kc.rr.com.

- Snack Pack Program
- Cake Bakers Program
- Delta Dental Van
- Baskets 4 Babies
- Donate home goods to:

*A-Lotta-Stuff, (another way to donate) Call Lori Siegel, 913-299-2939

(*Items will be picked up at your home, you get a tax write-off and NCJW will receive a portion of the sales. Be sure to notify NCJW when you donate.)