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CALENDAR

Thursday, January 20, 2011
Roe v. Wade Day

Thursday, February 10, 2011

10:00 A.M.

Women Helping Women
Coffee & Program

February 17, 2011

Coach's Bar & Grill
Dine to Donate!

Tuesday

March 1, 2011

*The Interfaith Community in
Kansas City*
NCJW Interfaith Luncheon

Thursday—Saturday

March 3-5, 2011

NCJW's
45th National Convention
Dallas, TX

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Roe v. Wade Day

Please join us for the

Women Helping Women Coffee

"Be the change you want to see in the world"
Mahatma Gandhi

Meet Robin Shamberg Winner,
Executive Director of Synergy Services,
helping women, children, and families
become safe today and strong tomorrow.

Thursday, February 10, 2011
10:00 A.M.

Ohev Shalom Synagogue Social Hall
5311 West 75th Street
Prairie Village
Complimentary Bagels and Coffee
Guests welcome

R.S.V.P. by February 2
To ncjwkc@swbell.net
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From Your President

Greetings!



After many hours of sorting, packing, and purging, we are now officially moved into our offices at 5311 West 75th Street in Prairie Village, Kansas. The office is a "work in progress" but we have made great strides in making this new space our home and significantly reducing our monthly rent.

This move would not have been possible without the help of many including but not limited to:

- moving task force: **Berenice Haberman, Linda Schlacter, Sandy Suffian, and Harryette Cooperman**
- community service committee: **Meg Adler, Ellen Dalen**
- office layout designer: **Ida Levine**
- scholarship committee: **Ellen Portnoy, chair; Jane Dugan, Ro Jacobson; and Sally Reicher.**
- support staff: **Becca, Emi and Miriam Adler**
- administrative assistant: **Linda Kelley**
- Ohev Shalom Executive Director: **Meredith Farnan**
- Ohev Shalom President: **Audrey Asher**
- Fry Wagner Moving
- husbands: **Ken Sackin, Dick Kelley, Roger Haberman, and Michael Dalen**

Some changes you will notice:

- We have a wall of windows with a view!
- We have a new phone system complete with a built-in answering machine (donated by **Meg Adler** and **Berenice Haberman**).
- We have a new portable heater for Linda (donated by **Ken Sackin**).
- We have moved the community service project to a new location (with special thanks to **Ellen** and **Michael Dalen** for making new space available).
- We have a new overhead ceiling and new lighting.
- We have the use of a conference table with comfortable leather chairs.
- We have an NCJW banner hanging in the window to identify our office location.
- We have new stationery!

If I have inadvertently omitted the names of anyone who helped with the move, I do apologize.

This was a major cost-cutting move which, as you can see, has yielded many positive returns.

Teri Sackin

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Women Helping Women Coffee

"Be the change you want to see in the world," -- Mahatma Gandhi -- is the inspiration for the NCJW **Women Helping Women** coffee and membership program at Congregation Ohev Shalom on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

Please join us in welcoming **Robin Winner**, Executive Director of Synergy Services and long-time member of NCJW. Learn how this remarkable organization is striving to provide a lifeline for women, children, and families in crisis in the Greater Kansas City area.

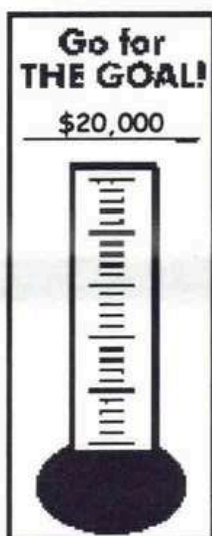
Synergy, one of Kansas City's most comprehensive social service agencies, with more than 150 staff members, works diligently to fulfill its mission to strengthen the individual, family, and community through crisis intervention, shelter, counseling, advocacy and education. Last year, the agency touched the lives of more than 4,000 people. Synergy Services exists because caring individuals recognize the need for a safety net for individuals and families in desperate situations.

So, mark your calendar for February 10 and watch for your postcard invitation in the mail. The event is free and open to the entire community. Synergy welcomes donations of diapers and other baby items.

We thank **Adrienne Applebaum**, committee chair and committee members **Meg Adler**, **Harryette Cooperman**, **Janelle Flacks**, **Teri Sackin**, **Sandy Suffian**, and **Susan Waxman** for organizing this event. Please RSVP to our office at ncjwkc@swbell.net or 913.648.0747



Light Up a Life Campaign Needs Your Help!



Light Up a Life is underway! The campaign provides funds for NCJW's operations and the many services to those in our region who desperately need our assistance. As of January 5, we have received donations totaling \$8,423. For those who have already contributed, we are grateful for your help and ongoing commitment. Our goal is \$20,000 and with 670 members in the Greater Kansas City Section, we need the support of EACH of you to reach our goal!

We ask you to help by giving a tax-deductible donation now. Your participation will be noted in a future issue of the **Bulletin**. Please send your **Light Up a Life** donation to the NCJW office at 5311 W. 75th St., Prairie Village, KS 66208.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support our efforts to make a difference in our community and in Israel.

Janelle Flacks
Fundraising Vice-President

Teri Sackin
President

Odd Potato for the Soul



From Left: Maureen Salz; Sylvia Stone; Cathy Clay, President of Variety Tent 8; and Shane Knight, principal of Derrick Thomas Academy. Seated, Ellen Dalen.

NCJW in conjunction with Variety, The Children's Charity, Tent 8 of Kansas City presented *Odd Potato* books and CD's to 250 Derrick Thomas Academy second & third graders.

This project was made possible through the generosity of **Eileen Sherman**, *Odd Potato* author and lyricist, and the support of ABC Business Records, Arrow Fabricare Services, Chet and Betty Francis, Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue, Imu Salon, Jasper's and Marco Polo's Italian Market, Jenny and Adner Dorman, Joshua Sherman, MD, Mirage Limousine Service, Missouri Bank, Quality Star Insurance, The Residents of Piper and Loft, The Residents of the Windows Lofts, Six-Ten Productions, LLC, and Sylvia Stone.

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Dine to Donate
Coach's Bar & Grill
Sunday, February 27, 5 P.M. – 9 P.M.



February 27 is another Dine to Donate event, this time at Coaches Bar & Grill, 14893 Metcalf, in Overland Park. It is in a mall on the east side of Metcalf.

Join us for dinner anytime from 5-9 p.m. **Tell your server you are with National Council of Jewish Women;** we will receive a check for 20% of your tab. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening. There are TVs for sports fans!

Hen House Coupons Available!

If you spend \$50 at a time when shopping at the Hen House, this is a no-brainer! The coupon book sells for only \$5 and the first coupon is good for \$5 off a \$50 purchase. Are you a regular Hen House shopper? Then, you'll want more than one, since there are many coupons for meat, fresh fruits and veggies, and all kinds of good things. Your family and friends will like them too!



The coupon books are available in the NCJW office. Add \$0.50 per book for mailing.

Walmart Presents Check to NCJW



Melody Ken (left), Personnel Coordinator for Walmart in Roeland Park, presents a donation for KATS to Ellen Dalen.

Walmart, Roeland Park, KS presented a check to Ellen Dalen for the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section project *Kids and Teachers=School*. NCJW collaborates with Shawnee Mission East High School's SHARE program (Students Helping in Areas Related to Education).

KATS provides monthly birthday parties for 2,500 pupils in seven inner city schools. Each child receives a book and birthday bag filled with toys. **Krispy Kreme Donuts**, 104th & Metcalf, donates the treats for the kids.

For more information or to donate to the program, contact the NCJW office, 913.648.0747 or ncjwkc.org@swbell.net.

Dictionary Day, 2011

October 26 was the annual Dictionary Day at M.E. Pearson Elementary School in Kansas City, Kansas. Board Member, **Mirra Klausner**, assisted by UMKC interns, distributed free personal copies of Webster's Dictionary for Students to third grade students.



Pearson teachers believe dictionary use fosters student interest in reading and improves English language skills. A school staff member noted that *Dictionary Day* is something the students look forward to when they become third graders.

We Care for Eye Care



We Care for Eye Care provides vision exams and glasses for children in need. Since the beginning of the school year, NCJW has provided funding for 19 children to have eye exams and receive glasses.

This is the most successful year ever for the program.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE

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Macy's Wrap for a Cause Event



Left picture:
From left:
Adrianne Applebaum,
Merna Siegler, Symie Menitove,
and **Susan Waxman** hold exam-
ples of their work.

Right picture:
From left:
Sandy Suffian, Bereniece
Haberman, Sandy Silva, and
Bev Newman prepare to wrap
holiday gifts.

NCJW members wrapped holiday gifts for Macy's shoppers as part of the department store's fund-raising program for local non-profits. Macy's provided training, space and supplies. Our members worked 8 sessions netting nearly \$800 for our organization.

The Section solicited volunteers from members who had email addresses on file in the office. If you did not receive the notice and wish to participate in last minute projects, please send your email address to ncjwc.org@swbell.net.

A special thank you to the wonderful volunteers who made this all possible: **Adrianne Applebaum, Roni Beshears, Harryette Cooperman, Diane Davidner, Janelle Flacks, Berenice Haberman, Joan Jacobson, Mirra Klausner, Symie Menitove, Lisa Montague, Bev Newman, Teri Sackin, Linda Sander, Linda Schlachter, Merna Siegler, Sandy Silva, Sandy Suffian, Ester Udell, and Susan Waxman.** You willingly answered the call "I Can Help."

Janelle Flacks
Fundraising Chair

Teri Sackin
President

Baskets 4 Babies



From Left: **Teri Sackin; Adrianne Applebaum; Susan Waxman;**
Robin Winner, Executive Director of Synergy Services; and
Janelle Flacks deliver baskets.

Since its inception in May 2009, *Baskets 4 Babies* has provided 45 tubs of infant items to needy families.

The project began when **Becca Adler** so designated a portion of her Bat Mitzvah gift money. She is the daughter of **Meg and Randy Adler.**

Baskets 4 Babies was created to assist pregnant women who cannot afford to purchase necessities for their newborn babies. Each basket contains items such as blankets, bottles, pacifiers, diapers, onesies, baby oil, powder, lotions, diaper rash cream, wipes, pajamas, socks, towels, and washcloths.

This year, the project will provide five baskets a month to Synergy Services and SAFEHOME.

To help, just contact **Carla Oppenheimer** at 913.451.3696 or coppenheimer@kc.rr.com or **Linda Sander** 913.681.2345 or lsander@kc.rr.com.



Ilyssa Block

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

News from National

A Message from Shari Eshet, Director of the NCJW Israel Office

Dear Friends,

Last week, I attended a panel discussion on gender segregation at Tel Aviv University organized by the NCJW Women Studies Forum. With 200 people in attendance, the panelists struggled with the issue at hand: The slippery slope of gender segregation into race and religious segregation. Where does it start and where does it end?

As Jews we need to be extremely sensitive to this issue. As Jews we know the feeling of being a stranger in a foreign land; it is part of our DNA. Fear of the other is also part of the human DNA and that is why we need to fight it, we need to keep our moral high ground while at the same time maintaining the Jewish, democratic nature of Israel.

The best way to do that is to educate and to take action. We need to work hard to defend the rights of others and to protect Israel's integrity. By funding women's organizations in Israel, NCJW helps Israeli women do just that. By protesting gender discrimination, we help strengthen Israeli civil society, which in turn strengthens Israel as a whole. As director of NCJW's Israel programs, I thank you for being part of NCJW's circle of friends who are devoted to keeping Israel strong.



Director, NCJW Israel Office

NCJW on Facebook



Show your support, connect with friends, see photos from NCJW national events, and get updates on the latest news through NCJW's new Facebook page!

Be a part of NCJW's online community and join together with others across the country to turn progressive values into action.

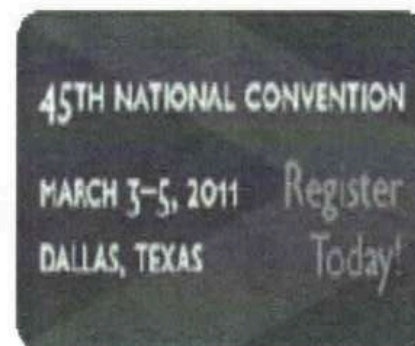
We hope to see you and hear your voice in our new community at www.facebook.com/NCJWInc!

Don't Miss the National Convention

Join hundreds of women from around the country for NCJW's National Convention March 3-5, 2011, Fairmont Hotel, in Dallas, TX. Speak out and make your mark on the future of NCJW.

Turn our combined strength into progressive change in the US and Israel by learning new ways to build and deliver our collective voice and take meaningful action on vital issues. Hear nationally renowned speakers share their insights on a variety of critical topics, elect our new leadership, and help adopt resolutions that will set the stage for the next triennium.

Convention will also feature opportunities to advance your skills to make a difference in membership development, fundraising, leadership, governance development, coalition building, and much more. For more information, please visit www.ncjw.org/convention. The registration deadline is January 26.



IN MEMORIAM

Edith Hellerstein
Marlene Gasser
Peggy Krigel

Receive advance notice of upcoming events

Send your email address to:

ncjwkc@swbell.net

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Teri & Ken Sackin

In honor of:

TERI SACKIN - BIRTHDAY

Harriet Epstein

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Berenice & Roger Haberman

JEREMY APPLEBAUM & LIRON BENDOR -

ENGAGEMENT

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ENGAGEMENT

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Teri & Ken Sackin

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THANKS SO MUCH!

Linda Kelley

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In memory of:

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Contribution made by Marilyn Melcher

JULIA & HARRY TERTE MEMORIAL

Contribution made by: Mr. Robert Terte

Voices for Choice

Speaking Truth to Power!

Celebrate the 38th Anniversary of

ROE v. WADE

Thursday, January 20, 2011, Dillon House, Topeka, Kansas

Bus leaves at 7:15 A.M. and returns approximately 4:00 P.M.

Meet and Park in West Lot of Asbury Methodist Church - 75th & Nall

(Program includes advocacy training, rally, and lunch with the legislators, award ceremony, and legislative visits!)

Lunch \$15.00 Student lunch \$10 Bus \$10

RSVP by check made payable to KCA (Kansas Choice Alliance) prior to January 17th and mail to:

Barbara Holzmark at 3016 W. 84th Street, Leawood, KS 66206

Or

Register online at <http://goo.gl/zBWGy>; call 913.381.8222 for more information.

If unable to attend, please support the program by sending a donation to Barbara.

Sponsored by the Kansas Choice Alliance/Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri

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***The Status of Interfaith
Relations in Kansas City***

NCJW Interfaith Luncheon

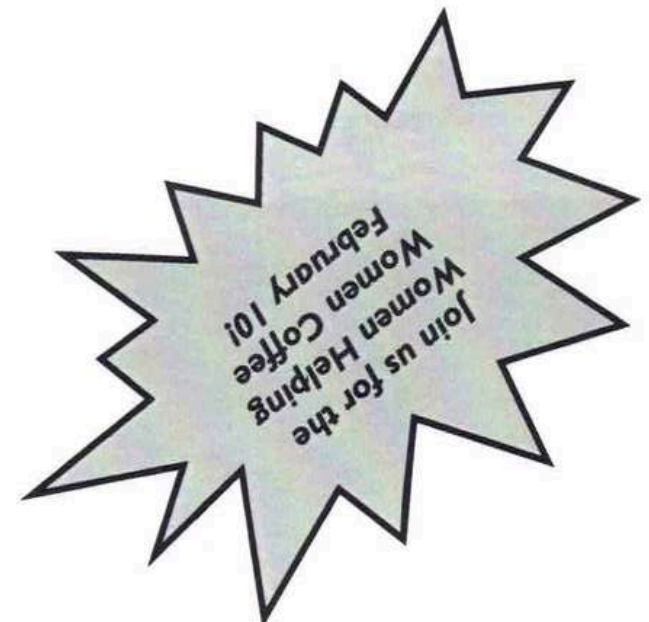
***Speakers include:
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and
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