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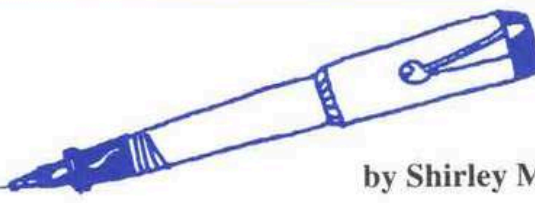
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President's Message



by Shirley Malashock

As I begin my second year as your Co-President, I look forward to another year of accomplishments. This past year, we supported our long tradition of advocacy by bringing programs to you designed to enlighten and educate all of us in our efforts to see a society that is just and compassionate. Your past leaders and present ones seek to find areas where we can make a difference. It is my personal dream that our Kansas City Section continue to be a strong organization and grow so that we may meet the needs we are called upon to address in our community and also support our many and far reaching national programs.

It was a particular joy for me to attend our National Convention in March with our new board and officers. You would have been proud, as I was, to be represented by these young women who listened, learned, debated and deliberated. They were intelligently articulate and convention members listened and knew the Kansas City Section was in attendance.

Not only has this year been a year of successful programming, we also saw the publication of our highly acclaimed and very much in demand Family Child Care Provider Resource Handbook; our Scholarship Committee, who has worked for many years to help countless students accomplish success, continues to work diligently; our continuing program of Parties for the Blind; our most successful educational program for sixth graders, Hello Israel; our long standing Study Groups; and our Bridge Ladies and Couples, who help us support our many programs. We thank you all and hope your efforts continue as they are the force that continues our success in this community and ensures a better world for the lives that we touch.

As always, I urge you to speak to your friends and encourage them to join us. They will learn, as we have, that NCJW is an organization of dynamic women building bridges for understanding and commitment to humanity.

Great Time Had By All!

NCJW held its annual election meeting and volunteer recognition luncheon on May 2, 1996 at Hallbrook Country Club. There was a large turn out of members and everyone enjoyed a luscious meal, then an extremely thought provoking speech/discussion by Rabbi Amy Wallk Katz. Rabbi Katz spoke on "Women in Judaism: How Our Role Has Changed in the Past Century."

There was also an exciting turn of events, in that there

was a drawing held to award a new NCJW member free dues for the first year! Lori Samazin was the proud winner and is grateful for NCJW "picking up the tab!"

The installation of NCJW's 1996-97 officers and board members took place and we are excited at the new, fresh faces that will help our Kansas City section continue to be a strong force for women's and children's advocacy, both locally and at a national level.

Rave Reviews Coming In!

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Ellen -

On behalf of the many providers who have given the Family Child Care Provider Resource Handbook RAVE reviews Thanks so much! It really makes a difference in their lives! Anne

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Some current Board members (L to R): Chickie Dollinger, Dorothy Rosenwald, Shirley Malashock, Barbara Cosner, Natalie Hamburg, Susan Slomon, Renee Rosenberg, Barbara Holzmark and Dierdre Baker

Message from Nan Rich, Our NCJW National President



Nan Rich was installed as our National President during the 40th National Convention. Her acceptance presentation outlined the major objectives for NCJW during the next three years and we would like to share some of her hopes with you. Hopefully these thoughts will stimulate your interest in becoming more involved in NCJW.

Nan was quoted in saying that, "NCJW will continue to be the Jewish organization best positioned to empower women to act on today's critical issues in our nation's capitol and in our local communities. Advocacy and advocacy education, to protect the rights of women and families, will remain key to our agenda and we will look to ways that today's woman can remain involved. Membership involvement in our community service and advocacy projects needs to accommodate the fact that so many women are balancing work and family responsibilities. Membership will be a major focus of this administration — **numbers do count.**

NCJW is concerned about the seeming lack of compassion for our nation's children and families. How many politicians and opinion makers have you heard say, "Children are our most important and valuable resource?" How can that be true in a nation where one in five children lives in poverty, ten million do not have health care, waiting lists grow for child care and prevention programs are becoming non-existent??!! Budget cuts are being proposed that would cause further reductions in programs proven to benefit our children and families.

Women's rights are also being threatened. The gains we have made in assuring reproductive rights have been eroded by the anti-choice congressional majority. Roe vs. Wade is being challenged piece by piece by those wishing to eventually have it overturned.

In the church/state arena, popular political candidates are promoting prayer as a panacea to everything from violence to low "S.A.T." scores. Vouchers are another addition to the church/state debate. But WE understand that once we start down the slippery slope of providing public funds to religious schools, we are breaking down the wall of separation between church and state and losing our cherished First Amendment freedoms.

In Israel, those implacably opposed to peace and willing to commit any atrocity to stop it must not be allowed to win!



NCJW has long been supportive of the Israeli government's peace process. Our commitment has been evidenced through projects of our research institute in Israel which fosters Israeli/Arab coexistence and mutual understanding such as the HATAF and HIPPY programs. Our NCJW representatives will continue to be active participants in meetings throughout the Israel/Arab world.

We have begun a "Promote the Vote" campaign. This non-partisan project will encourage all people to register to vote and place emphasis on getting women to the voting booths. In 1994, the percentage of women voting was very low, which impacted the results of the election.

We know first hand through our community service projects all across this country that there is a greater impact on the underprivileged, the undereducated

and the undertrained people who really need a helping hand. And we also know that not-for-profit agencies and organizations can not take over the government's responsibility of meeting the needs of the people.

On the threshold of a new century, we must seize the future and shape it according to our Jewish values and ethics—values such as the inherent dignity of all human beings, the equality of all people and the obligation to be involved in the work of social justice. We can and we must create an environment where families thrive, where children face a brighter future, where we all share a better society and a more peaceful world."

NCJW Programming for 1996-97

The focus of programming for the forthcoming year will be directed to both education and fun! Ideas presented include our local "stars," women's health issues, Jewish genetic diseases and the gourmet kitchen, just to name a few.

Ongoing programs include bridge, advocacy, political issues and Hello Israel. Members wishing to be involved in any of these programs, new or ongoing, please call Shirley Goller at 661-1664 or the council office at 648-0747.

We look forward to seeing many of you participating in our exciting programs this year!

Hillary Clinton Tops Off This Year's National Convention

The NCJW National Convention was held this year on March 7-10, 1996 at the Westin Hotel Renaissance Center in Detroit, Michigan. There were 7 delegates in attendance from our Greater Kansas City Section. They were Dierdre Baker, Barbara Cosner, Barbara Holzmark, Shirley Malashock, Jackie Mixon, Ellen Portnoy and Dorothy Rosenwald.

There was heated debate and participation from all cities with regard to review and adoption of NCJW resolutions. This year also proved to have stimulating seminars/study sessions to attend with a broad range of topics from Hello Israel, the latest in the threatening laws trying to be passed concerning women's rights (including Pro-Choice) and fund raising, to immigration reform and Affirmative Action issues.

There is only one way to describe the guest speakers that were in attendance throughout the weekend and that is INCREDIBLE! The Mayor of Detroit really made us all feel welcome; Deborah Lipstadt, Ph.D. made us dwell on our fellow Jews in Israel at our Shabbat service; Dr. Ruth Westheimer was awarded the Woman Who Dared Award and gave a hilarious speech that had everyone laughing, and last, but definitely not least, the Faith and Humanity Award was given to First Lady Hillary Clinton for her outstanding work over the years to help women's and children's rights at the state and national levels.

Hillary's speech was inspirational and educational. Hillary made it clear that NCJW is institutional as "the largest women's organization in Washington to make things happen for preserving women's and children's civil rights." She is proud of the work we do, no matter what city we are living in and stated that NCJW is VERY well respected by all on Capitol Hill.

There was a final banquet that had wonderful food, traditional music, and



Susan Katz (left), outgoing national president and Nan Rich, incoming national president, present Hillary Rodham Clinton with NJCW's 1996 Faith & Humanity Award for her "inspired commitment and untiring efforts on behalf of America's children." The NCJW celebrated its 40th National Convention in Detroit, March 7-10. Over 700 members and their guests attended a luncheon which honored Mrs. Clinton.

Delelgates in attendance were (standing L to R): Shirley Malashock, Barbara Cosner, Barbara Holzmark and Jackie Mixon. Seated L to R: Dierdre Baker and Ellen Portnoy. Not pictured: Dorothy Rosenwald.



dancing and lots of merry making by all! We made new friends from different parts of the country and came home with a strong vision of what this organization stands for and a desire to really try to make a difference, no matter how small. Let us all remember that vision and be

willing to help throughout the coming year in whatever capacity we can. Hillary was adamant in telling us to continue because:

WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

Ruth Stern Memorial Lecture Featuring Dr. Joycelyn Elders

On April 18th, our Greater Kansas City Section was privileged to welcome Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General, who delivered an address open to the general community. The event, partially funded by an endowment of the late Ruth Stern, was ably chaired by Renee Rosenberg and Susan Sloman, along with a very creative and active committee. Thank you to all who made this program such a success!

A patron's "lite-bite" supper, preceding the lecture, was held at the home of Carol and Harold Sader and was attended by over 80 people. We truly appreciate the Sader's generous hospitality and our thanks to all the patrons for their financial support to help underwrite this program.

In her lecture, Dr. Elders again reinforced her feelings about the need to educate our children about sexuality and through this education, hopefully, help eliminate some of the problems which result from ignorance of the subject. She also emphasized the need for government support of health care related services and all programs aiding children and families. Her relaxed style of delivery was enjoyed by all who attended.



Left: NCJW members standing with Dr. Elders include (L to R): Jackie Mixon, Chickie Dollinger, Shirley Malashock, Renee Rosenberg, Dr. Elders, Barbara Cosner, Jody Kaplan, Susie Sloman and Dierdre Baker.

Below: An outstanding turnout from members and the community were present to hear Dr. Elders speak!



Auction — A Great Success

Thanks to the generosity of the late Emelie Levin, National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, was named as a benefactor of designated items from her estate. It was determined that it would best benefit Section if these items were offered to Section members and the public at an auction.

After many hours of preparation finding the proper value of the items and readying them for sale, the auction was held on Sunday, April 21st at the Council Office. We are very happy to announce that the auction was a great success. It is through such generosity and the continuing support of our members who invested many hours of effort, that Greater Kansas City Section continues to achieve their goals!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Personal Giving to NCJW

Recently you received a Once-A-Year Personal Giving Request. EARL MAY GARDEN CENTER was very kind to allow you to receive a FREE 6 pack of blooming flowers when you take in the top portion of our request form. We, of course, hope you will remember to SEND A PERSONAL GIVING CHECK TO US, in any amount you wish. THIS IS A GREAT WAY FOR ALL LIFE MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO SHOW FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

WE HOPE WE WILL HAVE 100% PARTICIPATION IN OUR PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN. Let us know if you need another copy of the request letter.

Correction

A feature article on Vered Hankin in the Spring, 1996 Bulletin may have given the impression that she received a scholarship in 1996. Vered has received a scholarship from NCJW for each of the five years she has attended KU. She graduated in May, 1996.

1 in 27 Ashkenazic Jews Carries the Tay-Sachs Gene

Tay-Sachs is a fatal neurodegenerative, inherited disease which strikes young children. It causes progressive destruction of the central nervous system and death by age five.

Although presently there is no treatment for Tay-Sachs disease, medical science has developed a unique strategy of prevention. Through knowledge about your carrier status and understanding of the genetic implications, you can protect yourself and your family.

What You Should Know

Cause. Tay-Sachs is caused by the absence of a vital enzyme, Hexosaminidase A. Normally, "Hex A" works to break down a particular lipid or fatty substance in the nerve cells. Tay-Sachs children have no Hex A. Therefore, the cells gradually degenerate and die.

Symptoms. A Tay-Sachs baby appears to develop normally for the first few months. Then, as the nerve cells begin to be affected, a relentless deterioration of mental and physi-

cal abilities begin.

The baby gradually becomes blind, deaf, unable to swallow. Muscles atrophy; paralysis sets in. Response to the environment diminishes. Death is inevitable.

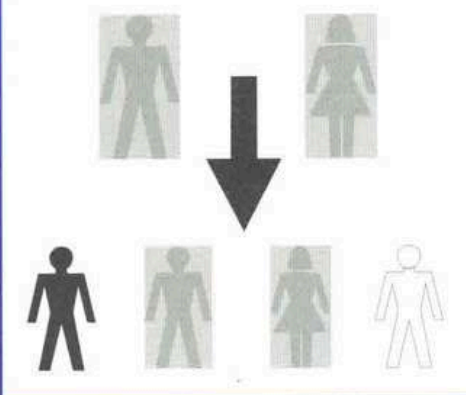
What You Should Know

Tay-Sachs can be genetically transmitted from parent to child when both parents are carriers of the recessive Tay-Sachs gene.

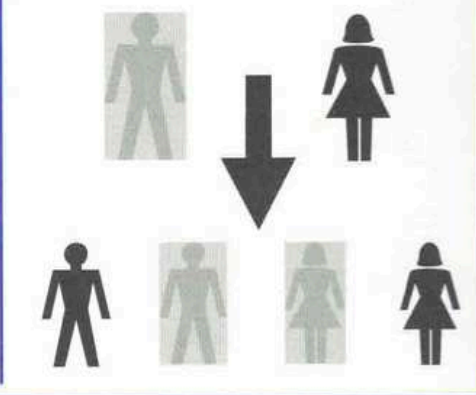
When both parents are Tay-Sachs carriers, they have a 1 in 4 chance in every pregnancy of having a child with Tay-Sachs disease. They have a 2 in 4 chance of having a child who is a Tay-Sachs carrier. And, they have a 1 in 4 chance of having a totally unaffected, non-carrier child.

If only one parent is a carrier, the couple cannot have a child with Tay-Sachs disease. However, there is a 50 percent chance in every pregnancy of producing a child who is a carrier. It is important, therefore, for both members of a couple to be tested.

If both parents are carriers, they have a 1 in 4 chance with every pregnancy of having a child with the disease and a 1 in 2 chance of having a child that is a carrier:



If only one parent is a carrier for Tay-Sachs, they have a 1 in 2 chance with every pregnancy of having a child that is a carrier.



What Can You Do

1. Know the Risks. While there are Jewish and non-Jewish carriers of the Tay-Sachs gene, 85 percent of all young Tay-Sachs victims are Jewish and of Eastern European ancestry.

2. Play It Safe. A simple blood test will tell if you are a carrier or a non-carrier of the Tay-Sachs gene.

It is important to remember that carriers do not have the disease. They simply carry genetic information which can be passed on to their children. If you are a carrier, you will want to alert close family mem-

bers that they should be tested. It is especially important for your spouse to be tested before you start a family.

If you and your spouse are both found to be carriers, a genetic counselor can explain the various options open to you when planning your family. These include prenatal diagnosis, artificial insemination and adoption.

Information was provided by the Tay-Sachs and Allied Diseases Association. For more information, call 1-800-90-NTSAD or 617-277-4463.



At the closing Ladies Bridge luncheon are (L to R): Ruthie Rose and Janet Price, first place partners and Aileen Forman, Patsy Shanberg, Co-Chairs of Ladies Bridge. Our thanks to these co-chairs and to Marilyn Wacknow and Sally Slabotsky, Co-Chairs of Couples Bridge.

Round Robin Bridge Groups Now Forming

Now is the time to sign up for the Round Robin Bridge groups for 1996-97. If you are interested and have not already indicated an interest, please call the Council office 648-0747 and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you. There are two separate groups, the couples and the ladies. The cost is \$25 per person to play and this includes a final party including a meal and wonderful prizes for the winners. It is a great way to meet other members, have fun and contribute to NCJW. Give us a call soon. Games will start in September. We play 8 times, once each month (excluding December) from September until May. Don't be left out. Call today!

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- Thursday, July 11th, 7:00 p.m. — State Candidates for August 6th Primary
- Wednesday, July 17th, 7:00 p.m. — National Candidates for August 6th Primary
- Thursday, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m. — Congressional and State Candidates for November 5th General Election

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NCJW Office - 11:30 a.m.

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