

ANN STERN RECEIVES NCJW'S HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

By Cathy Boyer-Shesol

Ann Stern is the 1999 recipient for NCJW's Hannah G. Solomon Award, the organization's highest and most coveted honor. Ann was nominated for her ongoing commitment to NCJW and to the community. The award was presented at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Annual Election and Installation on May 10, 1999.

Ann's involvement in NCJW reflects Hannah's original mission in creating the organization: "In the spirit of Judaism, NCJW gives members a vehicle dedicated to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities."

*"Ann – friend, mentor,
advocate, teacher –
an individual most deserving
of this award."*

Ann began her volunteer involvement with NCJW in 1983 after she relocated from Memphis, Tennessee. She immediately became involved in NCJW through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Project as a volunteer for Jackson County CASA and later as Co-Chair of the NCJW CASA Steering Committee. In fact, Ann, and her husband, Dan, were mem-



(Left) Involved with the CASA project since 1983, Ann was on hand when the Section was presented with the Selma Feld Heart of CASA award at the CASA Project of Jackson County 1998 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event. Also attending were Stevie Shuchart (shown in photograph), Naomi Kauffman, Roni Beshears, Dorothy Rosenwald, Daniel Stern, and Merle and Arnold Cole. (Right) Ann was instrumental in making sure "The Odd Potato" Hannukah play was presented to area schools.



bers of one of the early training classes of CASA's to act as guardians ad litem for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system. Ann states "I am most interested in NCJW's community service projects and their success. I was happy to be a part of establishing the Johnson County CASA Project and helping with the expansion of the Jackson County CASA Project."

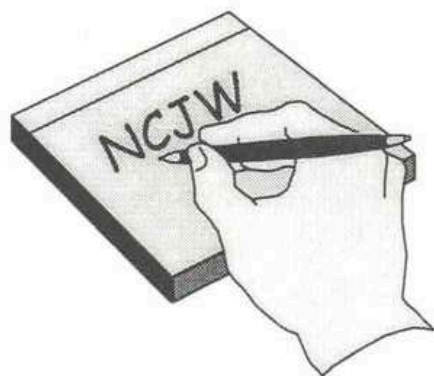
Ann, a Section life member, is a Past President of the Greater Kansas City Section, served as the vice-president of Community Services for several years, and has chaired or served on numerous other NCJW program, fundraising and administrative committees. Ann cur-

rently chairs both the Emelie Levin Community Service Fund Committee and the Silent Witness Program.

Active community involvement is another strength of this dedicated woman. Ann currently serves on the board of directors of the Child Care Association of Johnson County and the Jackson County CASA Project, and is an active volunteer with the Heart of America United Way.

Ann is a member of Temple B'nai Jehudah. Ann and Dan are parents of four sons and two daughters-in-law. Congratulations Ann – friend, mentor, advocate, teacher – an individual most deserving of this award.

President's Message - May 10, 1999



By Roni Beshears

I shall be ending my second term as Section President on May 10. It has been a challenging and rewarding experience leading the Section into the millennium.

I am extremely pleased with the new leadership that has been nominated to continue to move this Section into the year 2000 and beyond. The new Board has credentials that any CEO would be anxious to hire. Leadership succession is now established with a president-elect position on the Board.

Sitting at my computer as I prepare the President's Annual Report, I am overwhelmed by the tremendous accomplishments of the Section during my presidency and involving all of us in our dedication to NCJW.

Our successes were great and the following list of accomplishments will prove it. And, here they are:

- ~ Automating our financial management system.
- ~ Exceeding budget projections for the *Children's Concert* while providing an entertaining experience for special needs and handicapped children and their chaperones.
- ~ Supporting valuable projects through the Emelie Levin Community Service Fund particularly the production of "The Odd Potato" for almost 1,200 people.

~ Obtaining with Safehome a Jewish Heritage Foundation grant to provide outreach and education on domestic violence to the Greater KC Jewish community.

~ Sponsoring the first annual Stay-At-Home Fundraiser.

~ Relocating Parties For The Blind and hiring a reasonable caterer to serve 125 guests in pleasant surroundings.

~ Moving to a new office suite.

~ Presenting the Silent Witness Exhibit and an assembly program at Shawnee Mission South High School.

~ Honoring Dorothy Rosenwald with a tribute luncheon.

~ Presenting Ann Stern with the Hannah G. Solomon Award.

~ Printing a new NCJW Membership Directory.

~ Accepting the Selma Feld Heart of CASA Award from the Jackson County CASA Project.

~ Receiving a certificate of recognition from the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of the Governor's Council on Disability for *Parties For The Blind*.

~ Winning the National NCJW Section Bulletin Award.

~ Sponsoring a stimulating Advocacy Education Series with other similar issue-based organizations.

~ Getting local media exposure for our participation in the KC mayoral event addressing women's issues and our opposition to Missouri Proposition B.

~ Achieving our financial goals and program support assignment.

The last two years have been a growth experience for me with our relationships with each other and working enthusiastically and never losing our focus toward reaching our goals. I shall always remember our accomplishments. It wasn't easy getting there, but we did it. I am very proud to have been associated with all of you.

Best wishes from your 45th Section President Roni Roth Beshears.

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In Memorium

We record with sorrow the passing of the following members and extend our condolences to their families:

- Minnie Friedson
- Shirley Goller (*Past President*)
- Mary Ann Meyerhoff
- Doris Silverman



Bulletin Thanks!

Many thanks to the following individuals who have helped with this issue of the Bulletin: Roni Beshears, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Merle Cole, Janie Duggan, Clara and Hal Fogel, Bea and Phil Goldstein, Barbara Holzmark, Linda Kelley, Symie Menitove, Rae Rubins, Merna Siegler, and Ann Stern.

Contributions: Thanks for your continued support!

Contributions to NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

To commemorate all occasions, remember NCJW's philanthropies. \$5 minimum. Contributions through April 21, 1999.

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In honor of:

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In honor of:

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Shirley Malashock

NCJW's 41st National Convention Draws 700 Volunteer Leaders



Dorothy Rosenwald, Barbara Holzmark, Naomi Kauffman, and Cathy Boyer-Shesol of the Greater Kansas City Section, NCJW, were among the more than 700 leaders representing the 90,000 members of NCJW who gathered from March 11 – 14 in Miami, Florida at the 41st National Convention, "Victories and Visions." In addition to workshops and business sessions, delegates elected new leaders and adopted new National resolutions.

Jan Schneiderman of Omaha, Nebraska, was elected NCJW's National President. An active NCJW volunteer for nearly 40 years, Ms. Schneiderman has served on NCJW's Board of Directors since 1982, first as President of the Central District and most recently, as National Vice President (1993 – 1999). Locally, Ms. Schneiderman serves on the boards of a number of major Jewish and civic organizations

(Left) NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section members (left to right) Naomi Kauffman, Barbara Holzmark and Dorothy Rosenwald, take a break from conference sessions. (Right) Barbara Holzmark, Advocacy Chairman, with Faye Wattleton, President, Center for Gender Equality.

including the Jewish Federation of Omaha, the Citizens Review Committee of United Way of the Midlands and the Metropolitan Community College Foundation.

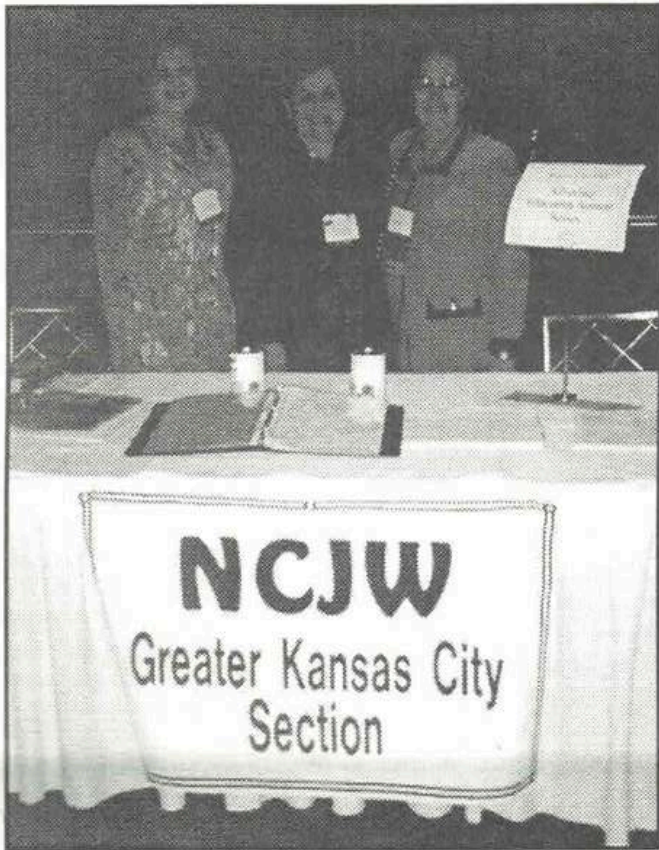
"United in our commitment to women, children and families," Ms. Schneiderman said, "NCJW is the consistent, strong voice for children's literacy, for a women's right to choose, and against domestic violence. We live the commitment every day in over 500 communities across the nation." Ms. Schneiderman announced that this summer NCJW will publish an update of its groundbreaking 1972 study, *Windows on Day Care* (which our Section funded), and launch a nationwide campaign to make adequate, affordable child care a national priority.

Throughout the four-day conference, participants attended workshops and in-depth study sessions led by experts in the fields of childcare and education, domestic violence prevention, reproductive choice and family planning options, gender and racial equality, and Israel affairs.

Awards and Program Highlights

Kicking off the convention, Faye Wattleton, President, Center for Gender Equality, delivered the organization's Hannah Stern lecture. She urged the organization to continue to address the problem of women's inequality in employment,

Greater Kansas City Section displays Advocacy Efforts During National Convention



to build bridges with timbers of understanding and appreciation of each other." He urged participants to continue their community work in teaching tolerance to children and families.

The organization also presented its Woman Who Dared Award to several outstanding women, including Col. Grethe Cammermeyer, best known for winning an historic court battle against sexual orientation discrimination in the military. Her story, "*Serving in Silence*," was the subject of a recent 'made for TV' movie starring Glenn Close.

Award winner Frances Kissling, President, Catholics for a Free Choice, said, "Our most serious challenge is the erosion of women's access to reproductive health services." She praised NCJW for its successful battle in Florida to keep such services as access to abortion and emergency contraception for rape victims from being curtailed through hospital mergers.

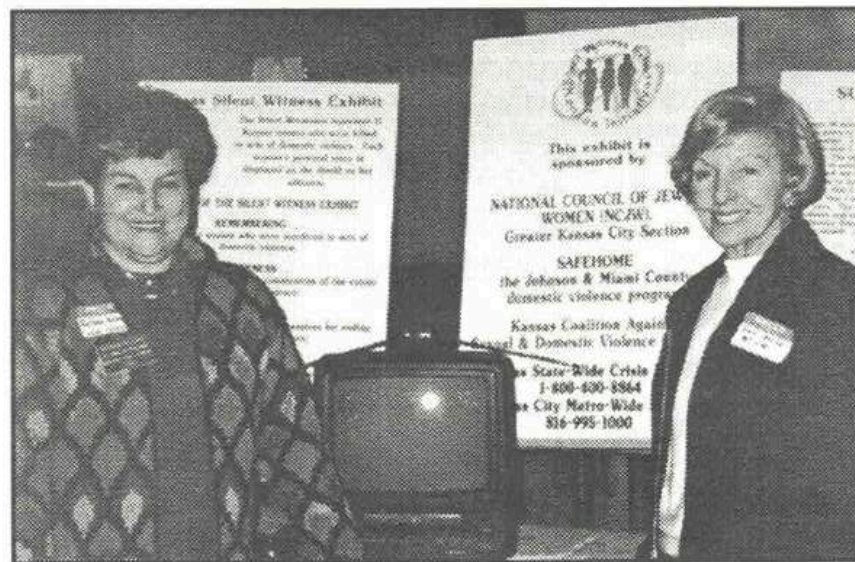
Award winner Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), who stepped into the political arena after a crazed gunman shot her husband and son on a New York commuter train, stressed the need for gun safety legislation aimed at protecting children.

education, health care and other realms.

At the opening dinner, Johnson & Johnson received NCJW's Corporate Social Action Award in recognition of their commitment to improving communities through healthcare education and research.

NCJW presented its Faith & Humanity Award to civil rights activist, Morris Dees, Chief Counsel, Southern Poverty Law Center for his work in the fight against hate crimes. In accepting the award, Mr. Dees described America as deeply divided by sexual orientation, class and race. "Whose version of America will prevail in the next century? It is up to us

A Day at the Capitol - Advocacy in Action



Barbara Holzmark, left, and Sevi Krigel, stood for a picture in front of the NCJW sign at the February 16, *Day at the Capitol*, sponsored by the League of Women's Voters of Kansas, AAUW and NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section.

Whose America Is This???

An Update on Kansas Advocacy

By Barbara Holzmark
Kansas Advocacy Chairman

Are you free and over 18? Are you a registered voter? Do you exercise your right to vote? It has become so important in our society today to exercise your right to vote! In Kansas, all you have to do is call 782-3441 to request an application for an advance ballot, vote, sign it and mail it back.

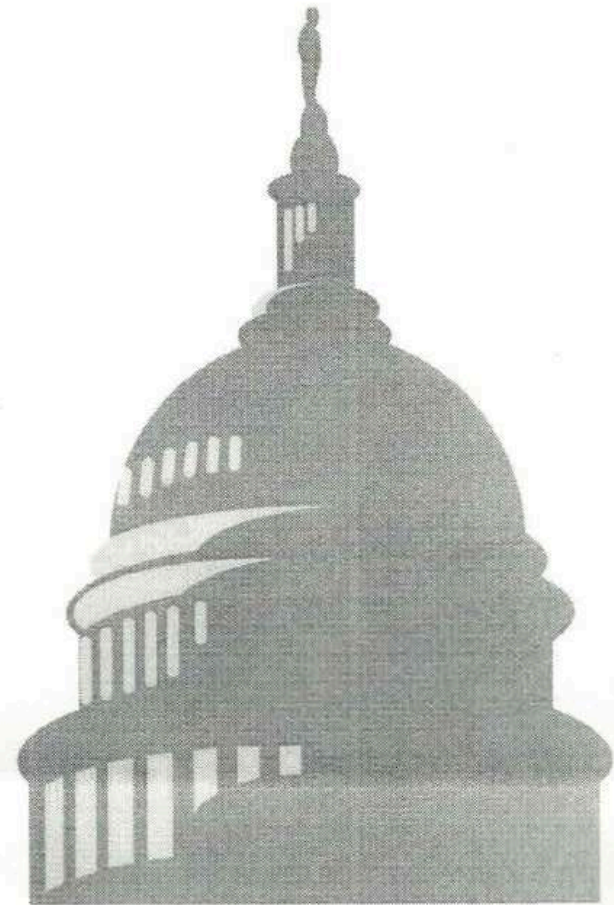
We have a major presidential race, plus all Senators in Kansas and Representatives in 2000. It is your responsibility to keep informed on the issues of each candidate as well as to "exercise your right to vote!" Please call me with your questions!

Kansas Update:

HB 2240: (House Bill 2240) Allows Kansans to carry concealed weapons. *WE OPPOSE.*

Substitute HB 2540: (not the original bill) Prohibits cities and counties in Kansas from suing gun distributors, dealers and trade associations. *WE OPPOSE.*

HB 2128, HB 2242 and SB45 each offer tax credits to teachers and parents in both public and private schools. *WE OPPOSE.*



Active Abortion Related Bills:

SB 142: A bill which would clarify the unclear portions of last years bill that became law. *WE SUPPORT.*

SB 357: Presented to the committee by the Governor. It would ban partial birth abortions. It lacks a clear "health exception" for the pregnant woman and does not allow an abortion for fetal abnormalities. *WE OPPOSE.*

HB 2007: This bill attempts to change the law from last year but adds further confusion. It does not allow for an abortion after 22 weeks if there is the possibility that the fetus will live under life supporting measures indefinitely. Partial Birth Abortions are not allowed at anytime in the pregnancy unless the woman's life is threatened. There is no exception for her mental health, rape, incest or severe life threatening fetal deformities/abnormalities. *WE OPPOSE*

HR 6017: (House Resolution 6017) This resolution requires the attorney general to bring action to determine the constitutionality of Kansas Statutes and Orders allowing the termination, or use of State Funds or Facilities, in the termination of the lives of innocent Human Beings, including the unborn. In layman's terms; the attorney general is to determine the constitutionality of abortion, and to establish that upon conception, there is life. *WE OPPOSE*

All of these bills mentioned will carry over to the "2000" session. The omnibus bill passed at the end of the session included up to \$300,000 to 'not-for-profit' organizations for 'pregnancy maintenance programs' who do not provide abortions or abortion related services. We hope the Governor will veto this one line item when it comes to his desk.

Please stay informed and call me if you have any questions or want to join the Kansas Choice Alliance e-mail tree or telephone alert. Help me get our members, spouses, children, relatives, friends, and neighbors registered to vote and become knowledgeable on how to exercise that right in the easiest manner!

1999 Directory Additions and Corrections

*Only the specific correction is listed.
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Please encourage your friends and family to be part of our Section to continue the work of women who started NCJW more than 100 years ago! Our annual membership dues are only \$30. Contact the NCJW office (648-0747) for a brochure to be mailed to prospective members.

Dorothy Rosenwald Tribute Fund

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May 14, 1999, will always be a special day in my mind because it will bring back memories of NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section's tribute to our dear and devoted friend, Dorothy Rosenwald.

Pictures and memories can only serve as a reminder of the warm feeling that day held for all of us -- from the eloquent remarks of Jan Schneiderman, National NCJW President, bestowed upon Dorothy, to the smile on Dorothy's face. The entire afternoon was unforgettable.

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Beth Smith

Upcoming Events



MAY

16 Sunday
National CASA Convention
Luncheon - 11:30 a.m.
Hyatt Crown Center

18 Tuesday
Parties for the Blind

JUNE

4 Friday
Ladies Bridge Luncheon
Meadowbrook Country Club

8 Tuesday
Parties for the Blind

13 Sunday
Couples Bridge Banquet
Meadowbrook Country Club

Flarsheim Fellowship

Our Section is offering the *Flarsheim Fellowship* to a Jewish woman entering her first year of graduate school as a full-time student. She must be under 35 years, have been a resident of the Greater Kansas City area for the past 10 years, or a graduate of a Greater Kansas City area high school, or have immigrated from another country.

The \$1,500 Fellowship may be used at the university of the winner's choice and is an honorarium based on academic achievement, character and purpose.

Applications are available by calling the NCJW office at 648-0747. The deadline is June 15th. A personal interview is required.

A Volunteer's Thoughts on *Kid's Voice*

By Rae Rubins

The *Emelie Levin Community Service Fund* has helped to fund the Johnson County CASA divorce workshops.

In October, I became a volunteer for a new CASA program - *Kid's Voice*, which is partially funded by NCJW. The program is for children ages 4-14 whose parents are either divorced or in the process of a divorce.

The class is for six weeks, one evening a week, and the children are divided into age brackets. I found the situation utterly satisfying. Through art work, reading of books about divorce, games, etc., the children began drawing out their feelings, what it's like to see each parent separately, and how their lives have changed.

At the end of the first session, the parents came in to pick up their children and were awed by their conversations. They had discovered it was easier to discuss divorce with a stranger and new friend than with their parents.

Any NCJW member interested in volunteering, please contact me at 897-3944 or call Amorita Johnson at the CASA office, 397-0322. The divorce workshop is open to anyone in a divorce situation who has children. Both children and their parents are invited to participate.

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