

## Make Sure to Participate in NCJW's Stay-at-Home Fundraiser! *Don't Miss Out on the Excitement!*

**M**ake sure to watch your mail and plan to participate in this year's "Stay-at-Home" Fundraiser.

Debbie Trenton and Julie Goldman, Co-chairs, and their committee, Allison Goldberg and Kelly Lieberman, have been hard at work producing our "Prime Time Event."

Please take a close look at this issue

of the *Bulletin* to learn firsthand about some of NCJW's current efforts in advocacy and in halting domestic violence. Other important programs our Section sponsors include: Silent Witness, Yad B'Yad, Hello Israel, Safe Child and Scholarships.

Please consider a generous donation to NCJW to support our many worth-

while projects, programs and advocacy efforts.

Members may consider making their contribution either before or after December 31, 1999.

Watch your mail for your event invitation. Thank you in advance for your participation!

## BREAKING NEWS!!!

### Prime Time Program Guide

Produced by the **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN**

Greater Kansas City Section

Tonight's Special Programs:



"Silent Witness"

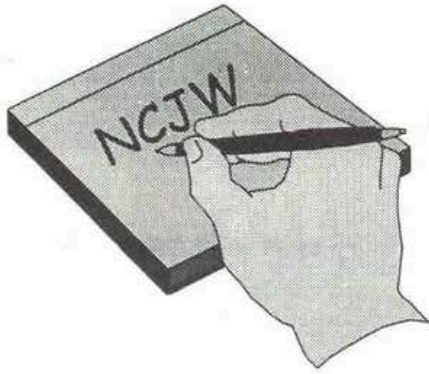
"Yad B'Yad"

"Hello Israel"

"Safe Child"



## Co-President's Message



We live in a world full of inspirational messages. The shelves of your neighborhood book store are loaded with volumes about smart choices, life's lessons, and building relationships. They purport to show us the light and reveal the way, while feeding us all sorts of chicken soup.

Maybe we should publish our own self-help book. It would be for the busy women of NCJW who want to make the most of their time, money and desire for social justice. Let's call it, *All I Ever Needed to Know I Learned at NCJW*. It could have words of wisdom followed by examples like these:

*"Tikkum Olam – repair of the world – is hard, joyous work, and the rewards are endless."*

The Greater Kansas City Section has had many accomplishments that prove the point, including our many worthwhile community service projects, advocacy and educational programs.

*"Don't sit in that rocker – think Tzedakah."*

*Tzedakah – responsibility in building and strengthening our community – is important to our Section.*

Cathy Boyer-Shesol  
Merle Cole

Here are some of the projects and programs we are looking forward to in the months ahead: *Odd Potato* performances presented during the month of December to area schools and the community at-large, a celebration of *Hello Israel's* 15<sup>th</sup> and *Parties for the Blind's* 65<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, advocacy events in Topeka, Passover cooking class, and an exciting "afternoon on wheels" - a trolley ride with various interesting eating and meeting stops along the way. Watch future *Bulletins* for details.

*"A sale is a terrible thing to waste."*

Case in point – The NCJW *Sale of the Century!* For only \$250, you can extend your own membership for a lifetime and share the riches of the NCJW experience with loved ones by making them life members as well! Join for life – today – because the sale lasts for a limited time only. (See ad in this issue for details).

There are countless other lessons we've learned from our work and from each other. We're sure you can list many of your own. Maybe our book could become a series. In the meantime, if anyone you know is in the market for the secrets to an effective life, mental fitness, learning on all sides of the brain, and a good time, don't send them to Amazon.com. Send them to NCJW.

Congratulations to Dierdre Baker, Allison Goldberg, Berenice Haberman, Barbara Holzmark, Symie Menitove and Merna Siegler for their fine efforts in producing the Fall Membership Meeting

on October 12<sup>th</sup>. More than 200 people attended the informative program on evolution versus creationism. Our Section was honored to award Dr. Daniel Stern with the Hannah G. Solomon Award at this event. A huge thank you to Idelle Williams and her committee for their efforts, along with Hadassah, in presenting a successful Women's Health Symposium on October 17<sup>th</sup> where over 100 local women gained valuable health information.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the Bulletin.

Cathy and Merle  
Co-Presidents

National Council  
of Jewish Women

NCJW

GREATER KANSAS CITY SECTION

### NEW MEMBERS

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# 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 October 22, 1999.

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THANK YOU! Your contribution insures the continuation of our projects!

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be applied as indicated \$5.00 minimum per contribution. Make all checks payable to: National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)

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# Special Occasion Gets Even Better!

By Dierdre Baker

Is it your birthday? Your anniversary? No matter what the occasion, it is time to think about how YOU can make it EXTRA special! How you ask? The same way I recently did. By choosing to “let go” of the need for gifts and ask that donations be made to one of NCJW’s many and equally important programs.

You know, I have enough Bath & Body Works, books, CD’s and costume jewelry at this point in my life, that I felt I wanted to do something

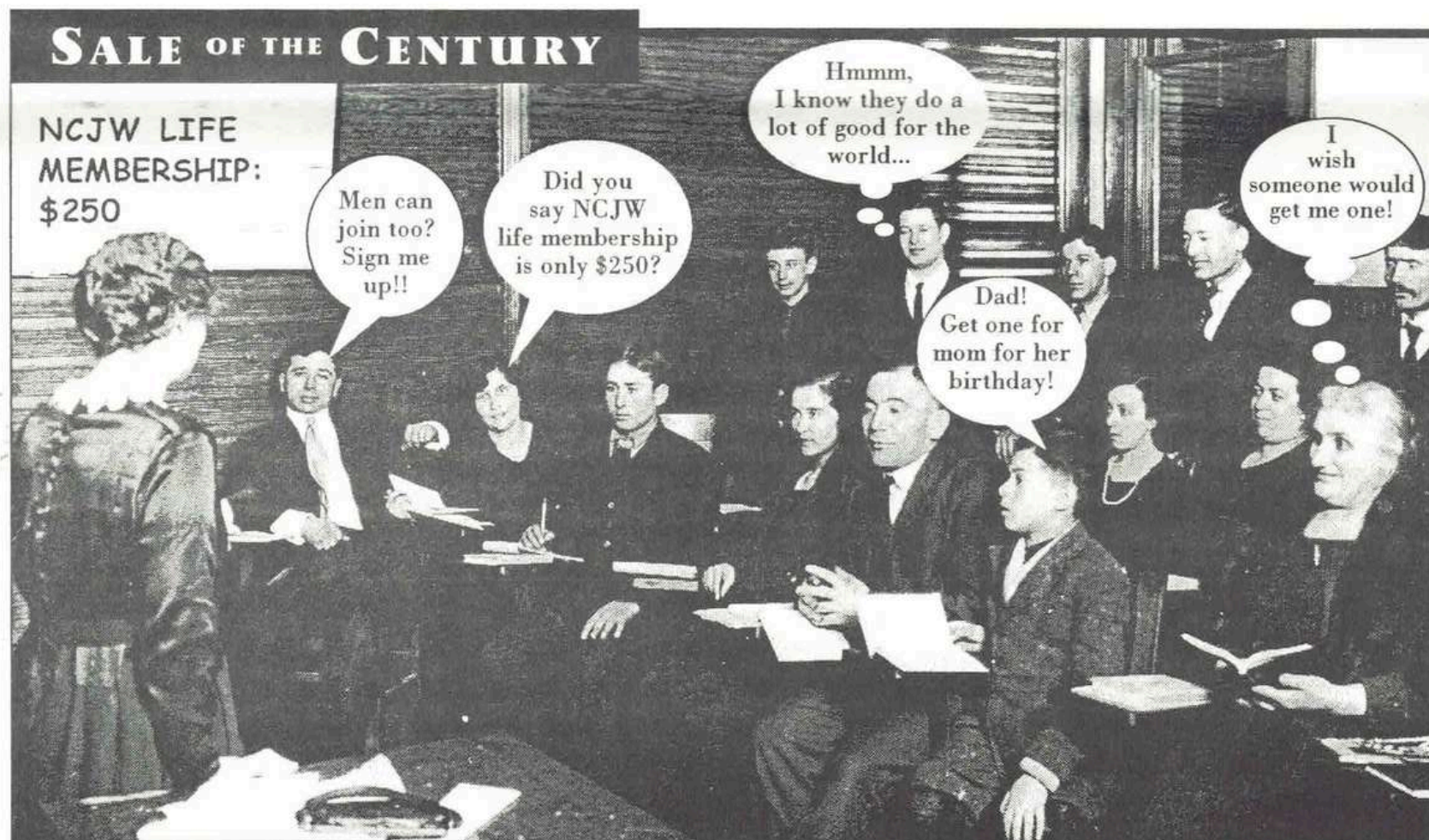
important to celebrate my special birthday -- something that would make a difference for others in need. So I had my friends and family donate money instead to *Silent Witness Domestic Violence Awareness*.

I am proud to announce that through this simple gesture and my friends’ and families’ donations, I raised **more than \$1,300.00!!!** Let me tell you, no gift from anyone can replace the feeling in my heart of knowing that I am helping women to get a desperately needed new start in their lives—helping to keep them

from going back to abusive situations. My special birthday gift to them!

So the next time you have a special occasion, celebrate it from the heart. Let your friends and families make donations, in your honor to Parties for the Blind, Silent Witness, Scholarships, Hello Israel, or whatever program that is dearest to your heart. I am certain that you will feel the same way I do. A little goes a long way when one helps those in need.

*Dierdre Baker  
“29 & Holding!”*



Life Membership is all about creating a legacy honoring your ideals and NCJW’s values. It also makes a lasting, meaningful gift for all your loved ones so they can take part in a vibrant organization working for women, children and families, and for individual rights and

freedoms for all. In addition, Life Membership offers valuable benefits including a lifetime subscription to the acclaimed *Journal*, invitations to local and national conferences, involvement in advocacy, and exclusive insurance benefits and special discounts.

CONTACT:

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# Understanding Domestic Violence

By Wanda Lowenstein

As part of the NCJW/SAFEHOME Jewish Community Domestic Violence Outreach and Education Program, we will be featuring articles in the upcoming newsletters on domestic violence including:

- ~ Basic Facts
- ~ Why people stay in abusive relationships
- ~ Warning signals
- ~ The Abuser
- ~ Religious teachings impacting this issue
- ~ Available resources

## BASIC FACTS

### What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence includes a range of coercive behaviors, both emotional and physical, used by someone to control and/or dominate. It includes a



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

range of abusive behaviors that escalate in frequency and severity over time.

### Who are victims of domestic violence?

Anyone can be a victim. Domestic violence cuts across all age, religious, racial, socio-economic and gender lines. 90 - 95 % of all victims are women.

### Reminder:



NCJW's Silent Witnesses are available to groups. Call the SafeHome Office to schedule: 913.432.9033x11 (Jan)

### How prevalent is domestic violence?

Approximately one in five persons will experience some level of abuse during her lifetime. National studies and statistics of the Jewish community indicate the same level of domestic violence occurs in Jewish households. Studies also show equal rates of violence among Orthodox, Traditional, Conservative and Reform families.

### What are the different types of abuse?

Domestic violence includes emotional, physical, economic, verbal and sexual abuse.

For more information, please call Wanda Lowenstein, coordinator, the Jewish Community Domestic Violence Outreach Program, 913.432.9033, Ext. 23. The Jewish Outreach Program is supported by the Jewish Heritage Foundation.

## Sign on to Prevent Domestic Violence

This summer's anti-domestic violence "signature campaign" is winding down. For the second summer in a row, NCJW Sections, including South Suburban (MA) and Chicago, helped to gather signatures on petitions in support of the Violence Against Women Act of 1999 (VAWA '99) at area Lilith Fair concerts. All volunteers received a t-shirt underwritten by NCJW.

Didn't make Lilith Fair? No problem. You can still sign the petition on-line at [www.vawact.org](http://www.vawact.org).

Over 30,000 signatures on post cards were collected last summer. The petitions will be presented to Congress. Contact the NCJW Washington Office for more ways to raise awareness about domestic violence.

## Approximately 200 people attend Membership Event

Approximately 200 persons attended NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section's Fall Membership Event on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Jewish Community Campus.

*Evolution versus Creationism* was the topic of a panel discussion with such prominent speakers as Dick Kurtenbach, Director of the American

Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Reverend Bob Meneilly, Pastor Emeritus of the Village Presbyterian Church and currently chairperson of the Mainstream Coalition; Bill Wagnon, moderate member of the Kansas State Board of Education; and Kansas State Representative David Adkins.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Hannah G. Solomon Award to Dr. Daniel H. Stern. The Hannah G. Solomon Award is presented to someone who has changed the lives of others through his or her leadership efforts and service.



**(Above Left)** During the evening, the Hannah G. Solomon Award was presented to Dr. Daniel H. Stern. Also shown in the photograph is his wife, Ann (second from right), a former Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient, with Jackson County CASA staff members.

**(Above Right)** *Evolution versus Creationism* was the topic of a panel discussion with such prominent speakers as (left to right): Dick Kurtenbach, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU); Reverend Bob Meneilly, Pastor Emeritus of the Village Presbyterian Church and currently chairperson of the Mainstream Coalition; Bill Wagnon, moderate member of the Kansas State Board of Education; and Kansas State Representative David Adkins. Barbara Holzmark (center) is the Public Affairs Chairperson for Greater Kansas City Section, NCJW.



**(Left)** NCJW Membership Program Committee (L-R) Barbara Holzmark, Merna Siegler, Dierdre Baker, and Berenice Haberman.

**(Right)** Dr. Mark Gordon and his daughter, Samantha, a freshman at Blue Valley North High School. Samantha received classroom credit for attending the event.



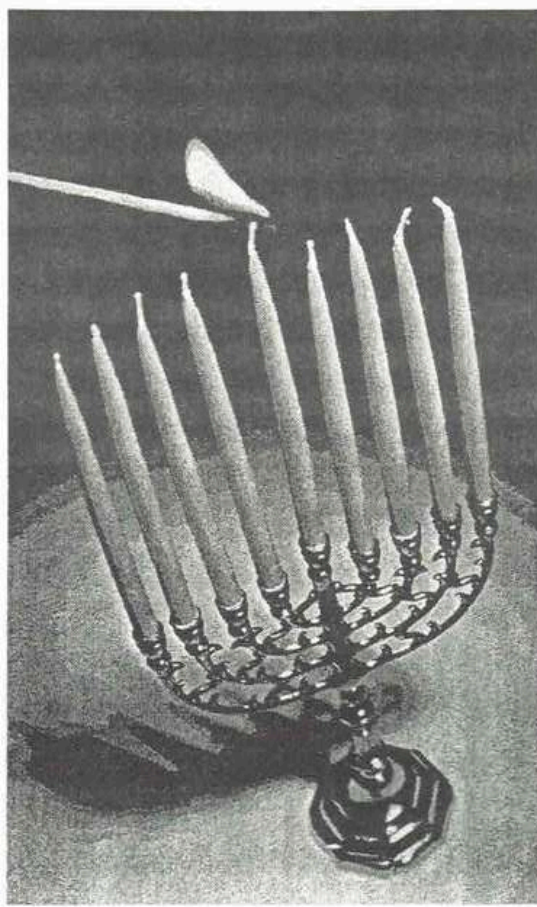
## *The Odd Potato* Returns to Kansas City

NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, in association with Theatre for Young America, will present 10 performances of the award-winning children's musical, *The Odd Potato*, to school children throughout the greater metropolitan area this December.

NCJW members and their children are invited to a free performance at the Jewish Community Center at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 5 and by reservation on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Theatre for Young America, Mission Center.

The story, written by Eileen Bluestone Sherman with music by Gail C. Bluestone, revolves around ten-year-old Rachel Levy and her younger brother, Sammy, who both face hurdles with the approach of Hanukkah. Rachel is determined to celebrate Hanukkah the way she remembered it before her mother's death, but she can't find the family's menorah.

Meanwhile, Sammy wants to enter a Hanukkah talent show, but all contestants need a "parental partner" to enter. Their father, whose joy for the holiday has been diminished by his wife's death, shows no interest in helping his children.



A trip to the grocery store, where Rachel has to settle for one "odd-looking" potato for her latkes, makes her remember a special story her mother used to tell her every year at Hanukkah. This story not only reveals the answer to both Rachel's and Sammy's problems, but once again restores hope and laughter to the Levy household.

"We're excited about producing this special play locally for the second year," said Ellen Dalen, NCJW board member and chairperson of *The Odd Potato* committee. "And we're grateful that the *Emelie Levin Community Service Fund* allows us to continue bringing such a beautiful story to the community."

The 55-minute performance features upbeat and haunting melodies performed by some of Kansas City's finest professional talent. The play is most appropriate for children ages five through 12.

Reservations for the December 9 performance are required and can be made through Theatre for Young America at 913.831.2131. For additional information, contact Ellen Dalen at 913.888.8852.

### Entertainment Books Available

Entertainment Books are being sold at the NCJW office for only \$20.00. Pick up your copy today. Remember, these make excellent holiday gifts and help raise funds for our Section!

### Thanks to *Bulletin* Volunteers

Special thanks to all those individuals who help contribute articles, photographs, proof and help mail each issue of the *Bulletin*. Your help is appreciated! Thanks to Dierdre Baker, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Merle Cole, Ellen Dalen, Clara and Hal Fogel, Allison Goldberg, Bea and Phil Goldstein, Gloria Goodfriend, Barbara Holzmark, Linda Kelley, Symie Menitove, Ann Stern, Merna Siegler, Debbie Trenton, and Wanda Lowenstein.



### In Memorium

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

Jane Berkley  
Tammie Fingersh  
Harriet Levitt  
Blanche Lipari  
Edna Shaw

# National Council of Jewish Women Presents Life Membership "Sale of the Century"

Life Membership in the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is on sale, announced Cathy Boyer Shesol, Section Co-President. Dubbed "The Sale of the Century," from October 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000, NCJW Life Membership is only \$250.

Co-President Shesol said, "Life Membership is an act of commitment and faith — an investment in NCJW and its programs. And I can offer this NCJW Life Membership Guarantee: It will never go out of style, it won't break down, and a better one won't come along next year. Like any good investment, it will only get more valuable over time."

NCJW is the oldest Jewish women's organization in the country. It has a 105 year history of community service in the Greater Kansas City area, where NCJW has given countless scholarships to deserving students, assisted refugees, and sponsored 65 years of Parties for the Blind. In addition, NCJW established the first area preschool for disadvantaged children, inaugurated the Silent Witness Project to raise awareness of domestic violence, and launched two Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Programs.

Life Members are entitled to valuable benefits, including a lifetime subscription to the quarterly NCJW Journal, which features in-depth articles by renowned authors on such issues as school violence, reproductive rights, quality childcare, and volunteerism. Life members receive invitations to local and national conferences which offer personal and professional development opportunities, as well as to special "Life Member Only" events.

Exclusive group health and life insurance programs and valuable discounts on services are also available.

Life Membership is tax deductible. "The 'Sale of the Century' is a perfect opportunity to make a commitment to NCJW that will last you a lifetime," Section Co-President Shesol said. "Life Memberships also make meaningful gifts for your spouse, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, co-workers, and

friends. It lets them take part in a vibrant organization working for women, children and families and for individual rights and freedoms for all."

To learn more about Life Membership in the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section, please call the office at 913.648.0747.

## Life Membership Form

As a member of NCJW, you join with more than 80,000 other members in 200 sections throughout the country who make a difference in the lives of people in their home community and around the world. Membership benefits include the *NCJW Journal*, a magazine featuring articles on issues of concern, the Greater Kansas City Section *Bulletin*, featuring local activities, announcements about special events, programs and participation in an advocacy and social network.

Please complete the following and mail to:

**NCJW Greater Kansas City Section**  
5750 West 95th Street, Suite 118  
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E-Mail: ncjwkc@swbell.net

- Enclosed is \$250 for Life Membership in the Greater Kansas City Section.
- I want to be Life Member and will pay in installments. Please contact me.

*Please enclose a check payable to NCJW*

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## E-Mail ~ The state of the art for 'Y2K'

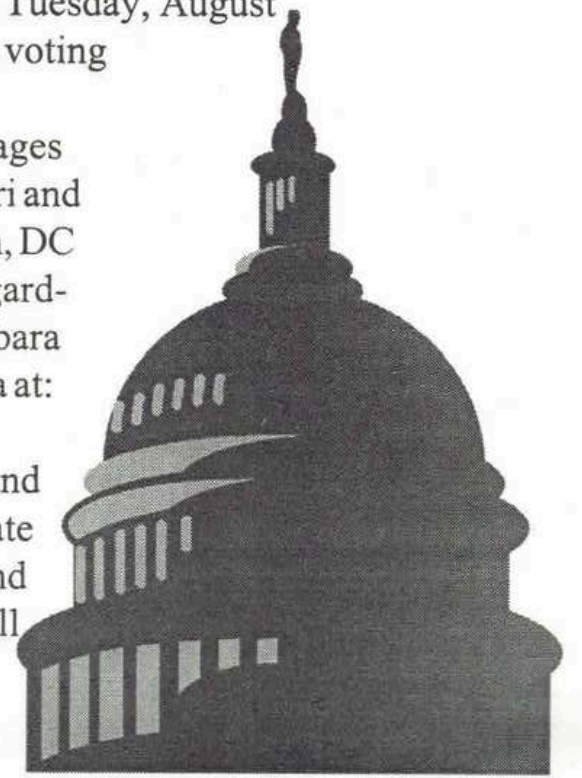
By Barbara Holzmark

Is it APATHY or ADVOCACY?? Your help is needed right up to Tuesday, August 1, 2000, and through Tuesday, November 7, 2000 – our dates in the voting booth!

NCJW is setting up an Action Alert Advocacy System to send messages by E-MAIL to members of Congress and State Legislators in Missouri and Kansas. If you would like to receive E-MAIL alerts from Washington, DC and/or Missouri or Kansas, and/or even E-MAIL communications regarding Section Activities, (basically, what's going on) please call Barbara Holzmark at 913.381.8222 or send your RSVP by E-MAIL to Barbara at: [bjbagels@aol.com](mailto:bjbagels@aol.com).

Please RSVP by December 10th so that the system can be up and running by the beginning of legislative sessions in January. Please state if you only wish to be on the Washington DC Alert. (The telephone and fax are always available. If you are not on the internet, simply call Barbara!)

ADVOCACY IS THE BEST POLICY!



## Advocacy Opportunities in Topeka

Every year since the decision of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, in 1989, NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, has been involved with celebrating with the Kansas Choice Alliance in Topeka the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the landmark decision to make abortions legal. (Barbara Holzmark is a past president of the KCA.)

Celebrations are usually close to the anniversary date of January 22nd. **This year, the celebration in Topeka will be on Thursday, January 20, 2000.** Final plans are not decided yet, however the day's activities will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. Lunch with our legislators will be included. This allows most participants to return home before or around school dismissal. Past days in Topeka have included a most stimulating day with our legislators! Please look for details in the mail and mark your calendars for Thursday, January 20. Call Barbara Holzmark if you are interested in attending. (Carpools will be established for those wishing to ride together.)

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For the past seven or so years, NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section, has been invited to join League of Women Voters of Kansas and AAUW of Kansas (American Association of University Women) for a "Day At The Capitol" in Topeka!

This advocacy day has always been one month after the celebration of Roe vs Wade, and is also a highly visible and productive day in Topeka. **This year, the date is Tuesday, February 8, 2000.** Again, details are unknown, however, this day usually begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 2 p.m.. Lunch is included with speakers on current issues.

**Please save the two dates for "advocacy" in Topeka, January 20 and February 8, 2000.** To save an early seat, call Barbara Holzmark. Carpools will be established for each event upon request.

If you would like to be a member of the Advocacy Committee (does not mean you have to be available to go to Topeka), please call Barbara at 913.381.8222.

## NCJW's "Promote the Vote!" Campaign Gears Up for Year 2000 Elections

Think the November 2000 elections are far away? Think again! With several primaries scheduled for February and March, NCJW's *Promote the Vote!* voter education campaign is gearing up to help Sections plan programs to educate voters and candidates about key election issues, register voters, and "Get Out the Vote" come next November. Throughout the campaign, NCJW will provide user-friendly material as well as strategies and ideas for community voter education and mobilization. *Promote the Vote!* will also include plenty of ideas for reaching out to unregistered voters, especially women, to boost par-



ticipation in the election process. Keep an eye out for national and local resources available soon to boost your efforts!

### *Now you Can E-Mail The Action Line!*

The NCJW Action Line is now online to meet the needs of Section leaders and members quickly and easily.

You now have the option of e-mailing your requests or orders to [actionline@ncjw.org](mailto:actionline@ncjw.org). If you have a question about policies and procedures, want to arrange for a section visitor or need information about an upcoming National event, the Action Line (by phone - 800.829.6259 - or e-mail) is the best place to start.

When e-mailing the Action Line, please specify your request clearly and make sure you leave a phone number and the best time to call in the event that you need to be reached by phone.

## White House Dinner

Invitations to official White House dinners are few and far between, so NCJW was truly honored when National President Jan Schneiderman was invited to the dinner in honor of Israel's new Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, and his wife, Nava.

Accompanied by Washington Office Director, Sammie Moshenberg, Jan joined the other guests including NCJW's Immediate Past National President, Nan Rich, and her husband, David; U.S.

Cabinet Secretaries including Madeleine Albright, Donna Shalala, and William Cohen; congressional leaders such as Senators Schumer, Leahy, Specter, Lautenberg, Feingold, Representatives Frank, Nadler, Deutsch, Lowey, Filner, DeLauro; Elie Wiesel; James Carville; former Mayor Ed Koch; the Honorable Henry Kissinger and George Mitchell; and General Colin Powell (Jan's dinner partner).

Glittering chandeliers lit the huge tent on the White House South Lawn where 400 notables enjoyed dinner and conver-

sation. President Clinton and Prime Minister Barak spoke of the historically close U.S.—Israel relationship and their deep mutual commitment to achieving peace in the Middle East. The sad timing of the event, during the search for John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s downed plane, did not go unmarked by the two leaders who spoke of their sorrow and great respect for the Kennedy family. Indeed, the dinner was an extraordinary experience and great honor for NCJW.

## Upcoming Events



### NOVEMBER

25 Thursday  
Thanksgiving – Office Closed

### DECEMBER

5 - 12  
Ten (10) Performances of "The  
Odd Potato" to be presented.  
(See article)

21 Tuesday  
Parties for the Blind

21 Tuesday  
Bulletin Deadline

### JANUARY

08 Monday  
Executive Committee Meeting  
7:00 p.m. NCJW Office

16 Tuesday  
Parties for the Blind

20 Thursday  
Roe vs. Wade --  
Advocacy Event  
Kansas Choice Alliance

25 Tuesday  
7:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
Menorah Medical Center

27 Thursday  
Honorary Advisory Committee  
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
Homestead Country Club

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