

About And Between

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Kansas City Section October 2005

President's Message

In the midst of crisis, sometimes it's the smallest things that count the most.

Several of us have been communicating with other NCJW sections, gathering ideas about how to most effectively help hurricane survivors in the months to come. Ellen Dalen, past president, spoke with the president of the New Orleans Section, who reported that of all the worldly possessions that her elderly mother lost, she was most upset about her inability to replace her NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section cookbook!

Without missing a beat, Ellen called Maureen Salz, advocacy chair, who sent out an email alert to our Section, asking if anyone still has the cookbook and would be willing to send it to the woman. Within minutes, we turned up four cookbooks and one of them has been sent to Atlanta, where the woman is temporarily residing.

Although we are planning a more encompassing response to assist hurricane survivors that you will soon hear more about, sometimes it is the smallest things that can make a world of difference.

Wishing you and your families a year of happiness and peace,

Janet Mark

Membership Event to be Held

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE FALL MEMBERSHIP EVENT.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, FROM 10 TO 11:30 A.M.

COME SEE THE AMERICAN JAZZ MUSEUM'S
BLUE ROOM (1616 E. 18TH ST., KCMO), AND HEAR

STEVE CHICK DISCUSS FALL PUMPKINS —

“BREAD AND MUFFINS; THERE HAS TO BE MORE.”

\$10 FEE FOR MEMBERS; BRING A PROSPECT AT NO CHARGE.

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1, 2005. YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RESERVATION.

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Membership News

Welcome New Members: Over the summer six new members have joined NCJW. Welcome to Dolly Fehr, Linda Silver, Rabbi Debbie Stiel, Hanie Langner, Cheryl Kantor and Andi Wildman.

Dues are Due: The second dues letter was sent out in September. Please remember to pay your dues and remain a part of this vital organization!

Life Members: Many thanks to the life members who provided additional support to our Section with donations in response to the Life Member letter: Meg Adler, Melanie Allmayer, Dierdre Baker, Kendra Baker, Fayna Belzer, Cathy Boyer-Shesol, Saurine Brown, Virginia Brown, Barbara Cosner, DeeDee Dale, Ellen Dalen, Doris Edelman, Jackie Fleschman, Louise Garfinkle, Susan Goldsmith,

Elaine Goldstein, Joyce Halper, Miki Herman, Beverly Johl, Ann Kander, Rebecca Lampl, Betty Jo Marder, Judy Mayer, Alayne and J.D. Mooney, Joan Napshim, Sharon Pase, Ellen Portnoy, Sherry Seligson, Ruth Shechter, Judy Sherry, Sally Slabotsky, Rose Stolowy (in loving memory of Shirley Goller, a two-time president), and Sylvia Stone.

Honey Sale

WOW! What a difference a year makes! Last year our Section sold over 600 Rosh Hashannah honey greetings. This year, over 950 bottles were sold! Thank you to the committee: Barbara Cosner, Berenice Haberman and Bev Newman. And many thanks to all the volunteers who helped pack the honey, as well as the many who bought honey!

Colgate Dental Van

The Colgate Dental Van will be in Kansas City, KS, the week of Nov. 7. We need volunteers between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7; Tuesday, Nov. 8; Thursday, Nov. 10 and Friday, Nov. 11. Please call Ellen Dalen at 913-888-8852 if you can volunteer. She will let you know which school the Dental Van will be servicing each day.

KATS Program Thank Yous

Two local businesses provided gifts for the monthly KATS birthday parties. Thank you to Krispy Kreme Donuts for the 2,500 donuts for the birthday parties. And another thank you to the Hereford House at Town Center for its donation of 2,100 packages of crayons for the parties. These donations help to make the parties special for the children!

Hannah G. Solomon Recognition

Nominations for the Hannah G. Solomon Award are due by November 17, 2005. Selection shall be determined by the anonymous Award Committee. Candidates for the award must fit the following criteria.

1. Recipient must be an NCJW member.
2. Recipient must be currently active in NCJW.
3. Recipient must be active within the community.
4. Current Section Executive Committee members are ineligible.
5. Ex-officio members of Executive Committee are exempt from restrictions.
6. Hannah G. Solomon Award need not be presented annually

To nominate someone, please contact the office to get a copy of the nomination form.

NCJW Women's and Couple's Bridge

Many thanks to the Women's and Couple's Bridge Groups for their donation to the Section of \$1500!

Flarsheim Fellowship Awarded

This year's Flarsheim Fellowship was awarded to Miriam Jacks Achtenberg. She will be attending Harvard Law School this fall. Miriam attended Pembroke Hill School and Haverford

College. She majored in English with a minor in political science. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa, Magna cum Laude.

The Flarsheim Fellowship was established from a grant from Louis Flarsheim, the grandson of NCJW, Greater Kansas City Section's first president. The Flarsheim Fellowship is awarded to a Jewish woman entering her first year of graduate studies and is an honorarium based on academic excellence, character and purpose. Unlike NCJW's other scholarships, it is not based on financial need.

Parties for the Blind

Interested in a program where you immediately realize that you have made a difference in someone's life? Then join us at Parties for the Blind! These parties represent an important part of the social life for many of the 60 to 70 blind/visually impaired men and women who attend.

Volunteer drivers are constantly needed as there are always people who are unable to attend a party because of lack of transportation. On "party days," volunteer drivers pick up guests at their homes, bring them to Central United Methodist Church (51st and Oak, KCMO) and assist in serving meals. After the meal and entertainment, the volunteers drive the participants home. Alphapointe Association for the Blind coordinates the driving routes and carries the insurance liability.

This year's parties will continue to be from noon until 2:30 p.m., on Tuesdays: October 11, November 15, December 13, February 14, March 21, April 11 and May 9.

Of course monetary donations are always being sought as well. Our success depends on those like you who see a neighbor's despair and offer a hand to help! For more information, contact Maureen Salz at 913-402-0422, or mosalz@kc.rr.com.

We also want to thank those who already have contributed to Parties for the Blind: The Beth Lyons Fund, Jill Jacob, Women of Beth Torah, Barnett and Shirley Helzberg, Alphapointe, Rae Block, Bertha Silberg, and Ron and Dierdre Baker.

Advocacy

NCJW has joined with Kansans for Responsible Sex Education supporting the national issue of comprehensive sex education. On September 13, advocates for responsible education traveled to Topeka to urge the State Board of Education to "opt-out of Opt-in," the proposal requiring parents to sign a form to allow their children to participate in sex ed classes or presentations. 2000 signatures were presented to the Board, which assisted in influencing the Board to table the proposal.

Information about members of the State Board of Education can be found at <http://www.ksde.org/commiss/bdaddr.html>. Please encourage those you know to sign the petition on line at www.ppaction.org/campaign/responsibleed.

Be sure that you have submitted your most current email to Maureen Salz at mosalz@kc.rr.com so that you receive current and up to date information on national and local issues.



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WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006
SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006

Jewish Heritage Foundation Grant
The Jewish Heritage Foundation recently approved an NCJW grant request, which will provide \$10,000 to help offset the cost of rent for our offices. The Foundation's support of NCJW is much appreciated.

Light Up A Life

For the past several years, NCJW has given members and others interested in supporting our important programs the opportunity to contribute to the annual Light Up A Life campaign. By contributing to Light Up A Life, donors help NCJW implement and enhance its current programs that benefit women, children and families.
Please help to ensure the 111 year old tradition of community service, education and advocacy for which NCJW is known by making a donation to the Light Up A Life campaign. Watch for your Light Up A Life mailing and consider a generous donation to support our Section's worthwhile efforts.