

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Dallas Section**

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OPENING MEETING

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKER

MAYOR MIKE RAWLINGS

A Greater Dallas ... What Does It Take?

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

Congregation Shearith Israel | Topletz Auditorium
9401 Douglas Avenue at Dallas North Tollway

(See details on page 3)



CHAIRS: JODY PLATT and MADDY UNTERBERG

REVISED OPENING MEETING PROGRAM:

NCJW OPENING MEETING

A GREATER DALLAS ...WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

Ann Margolin, Moderator
Dallas City Council Member

Rev. Gerald Britt
V.P. of Public Policy & Community
Program Development
CitySquare

Steve Blow
Columnist
The Dallas Morning News

Angela Hunt
Dallas City Council Member

Manny Ybarra
Pillar Commercial, President

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Cost \$15 - includes
Continental Breakfast

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- By credit card online
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Barbara Lee

Welcome to the New Year 5772/2011-12! I would like to give a special **"Welcome to NCJW"** to our newest members, and thank you all for your interest, and the spirit with which you join us as we strive to improve the lives of women, children and families in our local community, in our country, and in Israel.

How fortunate we are to have **Mayor Mike Rawlings** as the Guest Speaker at our **Opening Meeting** on September 20th! City Councilperson and NCJW member **Ann Margolin** will be introducing Mayor Rawlings. Make your reservations now, invite prospective members, and know that we will be starting our year with the inspiration and dynamism of our city's new leader.

A new year means possibility – of hope for the future. We are confronted with new challenges and uncertainties that require our attention and more importantly, our **ACTION**. In order for you and me to make an **IMPACT**, we must enlist our **COLLECTIVE STRENGTH** and our **COLLECTIVE VOICE**. "If not now ... when?"

And **to all of our members**, whether new or of long-standing – **I pose two questions to you now**, as I did in my remarks at Installation this past May.

What is your relationship with NCJW like TODAY?

- Is it being involved in a project?
- Is it making advocacy calls or clicking to send an advocacy email to make sure your voice is heard on issues of critical concern for the people of our state – our nation?
- Do you represent NCJW on a coalition or volunteer as a community partner?
- Do you share NCJW with friends or family members? Have you asked them to join NCJW and get involved with our important work?
- Do you support our fundraising efforts? Ask others to do so as well!

- Do you volunteer in the office? Help with mailing?
- Do you come to our general meetings? Study groups? Special events?
- Do you share your special talents – with technology, writing, organizing – your "people" skills?
- Do you share your expertise? Your knowledge and skills?
- Do you mentor others in our organization?
- Do you try to stay in touch with what our Section is doing locally?
- Do you try to stay in touch with what our organization is doing Nationally? In Israel?
- Have you viewed our updated website – www.ncjwdallas.org?
- Have you considered Planned Giving through our Legacy program?

I believe that the answer is "yes" to one, if not several of these questions.

What COULD your relationship with NCJW be like in the FUTURE?

- It could be saying "yes" to a few more of these questions!
- You could give me a call, or any one of our newly installed leaders – we would love to visit with you about NCJW!
- You could renew your commitment – in ways that you already have, or, try out a new path – a new activity, perhaps.
- **GROW WITH US!**

I am reaching out to you now and asking you to strengthen our NCJW team – your membership and support attest to your commitment.

May 5772 bring possibilities fulfilled, challenges met, and progress made – for our loved ones, for our community, as well as for ourselves.



Barbara Lee
President



Welcome to the NCJW Office, Nancy Pennington!

Nancy has a background in graphic arts as well as many years of experience working in administrative roles. This is her first position with a non-profit organization and she really enjoys working with and getting to know the wonderful, dedicated volunteers that make NCJW such a vital part of the Dallas community. She says "No two days are ever the same and that keeps things interesting."

Mazel Tov to The Golman Family on the Occasion of Their 100th Anniversary in Dallas

The Golman family has been involved in the city of Dallas and the Dallas Jewish community for 100 years. Their voices have influenced social justice and created change in our community.

Prominent among them is **Anita Golman Marcus**, past president of NCJW from 1962-1964. She was honored with the Hannah G. Solomon award in 1979 and was the first president of NCJW's southern district. Anita was the first president and executive director of the Texas Coalition for Juvenile Justice (an NCJW project). She served on the national board, local board, numerous committees and is a charter life member. Her daughter **Carolyn Marcus Abrams** was president of the professional branch. **Robin Zweig**, a member of the Golman family, is the incoming president of NCJW Dallas. Additionally, **Adlene Harrison** was the first woman mayor of Dallas, mayor pro tem, regional head of the EPA, chairwoman, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board, and served on countless other boards. Numerous family members belong to NCJW, serving as volunteers and supportive of many programs and fund raisers throughout the years.

Anita's father, Jake Golman, left Russia in 1911 and came to Dallas. He was the founder of the family in Dallas.

A Greater Dallas...What Does It Take?

Mayor Mike Rawlings to be Guest Speaker at Opening Meeting for 2011-12

The National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section welcomes Mayor Mike Rawlings to our Opening Meeting of 2011-12, scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Congregation Shearith Israel in Topletz Auditorium. Our own member, Dallas City Councilperson **Ann Margolin**, will introduce him. It will be an honor and a great opportunity to hear the vision and ideas of Mayor Rawlings in person!

Mayor Rawlings was recently elected to his post after more than 30 years as a businessman and civic volunteer in Dallas.

From 1997 to 2003, he was president of Dallas-based Pizza Hut, which under his leadership saw major financial growth, and earned D Magazine's recognition as "The Best Company to Work for in Dallas." Before that, Mayor Rawlings had a long career in advertising and marketing communications that culminated with his service as CEO of Tracy-Locke. Most recently he served as managing partner of a Dallas-based private equity fund, CIC Partners, and CEO of Legends Hospitality Management, a sports services business.

But Mike Rawlings always found time to take on some of his city's major challenges as well. As president of the Dallas Park and Recreation Board, he fostered partnerships that raised more than \$1 million in private funding to prevent drastic cuts in basic services. Chairing the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau, he helped bring in events that had a positive economic impact of more than \$400 million for the city.

And it was Mayor Rawlings who oversaw planning, construction and opening of The Bridge, which now houses more than 700 of



Mayor Mike Rawlings

Dallas' chronically homeless. His leadership on this issue earned him several major awards, including recognition as the Anti-Defamation League's Humanitarian of the Year for 2010.

Mike Rawlings graduated Magna Cum Laude from Boston University, has been an adjunct professor at SMU, and serves on the Board of Trustees of Jesuit College Preparatory School of Dallas. He and his wife, Micki, are parents of Michelle and Gunnar.

NCJW looks forward to welcoming and hearing from the Mayor of Dallas at the new year's first event, chaired by **Jody Platt** and **Maddy Unterberg**. Members, prospective members, guests and community friends are all invited to make their reservations now for what promises to be an exciting, informative morning!

Direct payment and inquiries to:

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Reservations with payment may be made online at
www.ncjwdallas.org.

Constitutional Amendments Election Tuesday, November 8, 2011

This November there will be an election to vote on ten amendments to the Texas constitution. The amendments are listed, with a brief explanation at: www.votexas.org/exp-statements-2011.html. There may be some additional ballot items, but that won't be known until later this fall.

This will be the last election that you will be able to vote in without a photo id. The new law that was passed by the Texas Legislature this past spring will take effect on January 1, 2012.

Important Dates for this Election

- October 24 – First day to vote early in person
- November 1 – Last day for voting clerk to receive a request for a ballot to be voted by mail
- November 4 – Last day to vote early in person
- November 8 – Election Day – polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dallas Morning News August 3, 2011

Perry should rethink prayer meet

As representatives of the National Council of Jewish Women in Dallas, we are seriously troubled about Gov. Rick Perry's endorsement of and participation in the prayer event called "The Response."

NCJW believes that the protection and preservation of the constitutional principle of religious liberty and the separation of religion and state are keystones of a free and pluralistic society, and that a democratic society is one that values diversity and fosters mutual understanding and respect for all.

Perry gives the appearance of endorsing one religion over another when he uses his office to promote a sectarian event. In addition to the constitutional concerns, his active promotion of this event is disturbing. As governor of a diverse state, he would have more sensitivity to minority religions, we had hoped.

NCJW is a national faith-based volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of women, children, and families. Since 1913, NCJW has been serving the Dallas area community, founding agencies such as LIFT and CASA. We respectfully implore Perry to reconsider his support of this event.

Barbara Lee, president, Greater Dallas section, and

Marlene Cohen, state public affairs co-chair, National Council of Jewish Women, Dallas

Public Affairs

Texas Mandatory Requirements for Identification at the Polls

Starting January 1, 2012 Texas voters will be required to show a photo ID in order to cast a ballot.

Acceptable forms of ID include a driver's license, a free election ID provided by DPS to eligible applicants, a personal identification card (DPS non-driver), a military identification card, a United States Citizenship certificate with a picture, a U.S. Passport, or a concealed handgun license. All documents must be unexpired, with a 60-day grace period.

Unacceptable IDs include birth certificates, student IDs, utility bills, official correspondence, court documents, private and state employment IDs, and tribal cards.

They are a few exemptions to having a photo id. These include some disabilities – receive social security benefits on basis of disability or have at least a 50% veteran's disability – or if a voter has a consistent religious objection to being photographed or the voter does not have identification as result of a natural disaster declared by the President or the Governor within 45 days of the ballot being cast. If a voter's name on the identification is similar but does not match exactly, the voter must submit an affidavit stating that the voter is the person on the list of registered voters.

There are NO exceptions for elderly, Native Americans, stolen identification or students.

People most likely affected by new photo id requirements are an individual ineligible to get identification from DPS because of a lack of

documentation, a naturalized citizen with a naturalization certificate that has no picture, a citizen without a certificate i.e. became a citizen by operation of law (parents are US citizens but individual born in other country so does not have a birth certificate), a rural resident that lacks the required identification and does not have reasonable access to a DPS office, or a new out-of-state resident who is unable to get a Texas ID before Election Day.

Additional information may be found at: www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/advisory2011-10.shtml.

EVENING STUDY GROUP

Monday, October 24th

Is There Still a Public School Option?

The 82nd Texas Legislature adjourned this spring cutting \$4 billion in funding for neighborhood schools. What can we expect from the cuts that will affect our schools this year, and more deeply next? Can public schools still deliver the kind of education that our children and grandchildren need?

Please save the date to join NCJW on the evening of October 24, 2011 as school experts help us answer these questions.

Administration

Vice President:
Debbie Shtofman

Awards Committee Now Accepting Nominations

The Awards Committee of Greater Dallas Section of National Council of Jewish Women selects the recipients of our Section's Hannah G. Solomon, Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference and Emerging Leader Awards. The committee also nominates members for recognition and awards given by various non-profit and community agencies, locally and nationally.

The committee casts a wide net in its deliberations and considers women and men who have made significant contributions in the Dallas community and beyond and who have provided services that support the mission of NCJW.

The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for the Hannah G. Solomon, Janis Levine Music, and Emerging Leader Awards. These awards are open to NCJW members only. **Nominations must be received by September 30, 2011.**

If you are aware of awards given by other groups for which NCJW members would be appropriate awardees, please notify the Awards Committee chairs. You may also recommend particular members for consideration for these community awards.

Please send/email your suggestions to the office at 214-368-4405 or info@ncjwdallas.org.

Suzi Greenman and Julie Lowenberg
Awards Committee Co-Chairs

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon begin the process of selecting the slate of officers and directors for the 2012-2013 program year. If you would like to submit a name (yours or someone else's) to be considered for any of next year's leadership positions, please email your suggestions to **Randi Smerud** at durems13@gmail.com or call Randi at 214.521.0202. Please include the office for which you would like to see the individual considered and something that makes her qualified for that position. Include your name, phone number, and email address in case the committee needs to contact you. We welcome your input and appreciate your ideas. Thank you for helping NCJW be the best that it can be!

GRANTS COMMITTEE GETTING UNDERWAY - NOW!

If you are interested in working with the Grants Committee – they can use your skills and talents in the following areas:

- research and evaluate potential grant opportunities
- be a grant writer, or participate on a grant-writing team
- coordinate the application of a grant from start to finish

Debbie Shtofman is chair of the Grants Committee. You can let her know of your interest by contacting the office at 214-368-4405.

Public Affairs

Installation Meeting May 3, 2011 at the home of Karla Steinberg



Jerami Shecter Peled, Risa Kesselman, Board Member, and Karla Steinberg, host.



Laura Diamond, Public Relations VP, Robin Zweig, President-Elect and Joni Cohan



Debra Fritts-Levy, Board Member and Krista Del Gallo, Texas Council on Family Violence, guest speaker



Bette Morchower, Installation Meeting Chair



Felise Leidner, Community Service VP and Joni Cohan, Installing Officer



Carol Weinstein, Associate Treasurer, Sharan Goldstein, and Cynthia Feldman



Barbara Lee, President



Food and conversation



Melissa Plaskoff, Board Member, and Jackie Waldman



Lauren Busch, Membership VP; Joyce Goldberg, Associate Secretary; Carol Weinstein, Associate Treasurer; Stacy Barnett, Treasurer; and Caren Edelstein, Public Affairs VP

Community Service Projects 2011-2012

Attitudes and Attire

Attitudes & Attire offers workshops developing self-esteem and work ethics to economically disadvantaged women. NCJW volunteers act as image consultants to help select professional clothing and accessories for the workplace.

Food + Fit = Fun

This bilingual program helps low-income parents prepare their preschool children for a healthy beginning for academic success and a healthy overall lifestyle. Partnering with HIPPY in DISD and RISD, Food+Fit=Fun promotes good nutritional habits and regular physical activities.

Hello Israel

This educational enrichment program introduces 6th graders to the country of Israel - its culture, people, history, geography, economy, and government, ancient and modern - and encourages friendships based on mutual understanding of diverse cultures.

Hippy (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters)

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) is a parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their three, four, and five year old children for success in school and beyond.

Kids in Court

This program assists the Dallas District Attorney's office in preparing children who are potential witnesses in felony child abuse cases. Volunteers assist in making the courtroom and its procedures familiar to these children and their families.

Meyerson Symphony Center Docents

The Meyerson Symphony Center hosts the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and houses the Herman W. and Amelia H. Lay Family Concert Organ. NCJW provides public and private tours of the Center.

Meals on Wheels - Jewish Family Service

Meals on Wheels - Visiting Nurse Association

This program provides a daily hot, nutritious noontime meal and personal contact to disabled, ill, and frail homebound clients.

Parkland Foundation Newborn

Hearing Screening Program

All babies born or transferred to Parkland receive a hearing screening prior to discharge. Volunteers perform hearing screenings for newborns in Parkland's Continuing Care Nursery.

Meyerson Symphony Center Docents

The Meyerson Docents give tours of the Meyerson Symphony Center on several set days of the week or at special arranged tour times. New docents go through a training program consisting of learning from a manual and giving several trial tours to the docent trainer. It is a very satisfying project, especially for those who love music or architecture. Most of the current docents have been giving tours for years! It is an activity people don't like to give up! We welcome NCJW members who would like to join the devoted corps of current docents. Call **Sondra Hollander** or **Barbara Rabin** or contact the office for further information.

Vickery Meadow Learning Center

This center is an adult literacy program, dedicated to improving the communication and life skills of non-English speaking adults so they may function more productively in society.

Vickery Meadow Food Pantry

Funds from our Minnie Hexter Milk Fund provide for the purchase of shelf stable milk at the newly established Vickery Meadow Food Pantry.

WACHS (Women's Access to Comprehensive Health Services)

This project provides young people in our community with medically accurate, age appropriate sexuality education through a curriculum designed by NCJW Dallas. It also distributes health information resource cards throughout the community, and advocates for greater access to comprehensive health services for women.

With One Voice Immigration Coalition

NCJW acts as convener and coordinator of various area agencies involved with issues of immigration and immigrant services.

“Hello Israel”

“Hello Israel” is looking for a few new volunteers. For the past 25 years, NCJW volunteers have been going into area public schools to present our “Hello Israel” program. Sixth-grade students are taught about the history, geography, and social studies of Israel in an entertaining and interactive manner. This program supplements their school's social studies curriculum on Israel and on the Middle East. No political partiality or religious bias is conveyed in the program content.

The benefits to the students are indisputable. And for the volunteers, the program has an added bonus. After concluding a presentation, volunteers report that their participation was “gratifying” and “exhilarating”. They report “feeling like they have made a difference” after completing a presentation.

“I look upon my participation as being that of a goodwill ambassador to the country of Israel as well as a representative of the Jewish people,” reports Susie Avnery, longtime volunteer and supporter of “Hello Israel”. “It is impossible to underestimate the positive effects that this program has generated through the years.”

After a brief training, volunteers work in pairs, using scripts and visual aids. “History comes alive” as the presenters encourage students to participate by directing questions, by demonstration, and by role-playing.

Time commitment is minimal...each presentation takes about 2-2 ½ hours and presenters may choose dates and schools based on their schedules and the needs of the teachers. “Hello Israel” is presented during the school year only.

To learn more about this program, you can contact project chairs **Denise Bookatz** or **Greta Herskowitz** by calling the office at 214-368-4405 or info@ncjwdallas.org. Let us know then if you would like to attend the Informational Coffee being held in September. This very well could be your next NCJW volunteer job!



Hello Israel Volunteer Jo Reingold and students

Community Service

WACHS BEGINS YEAR No. 5!

Women's Access to Comprehensive Health Services (WACHS) strives to provide young people in our community with medically accurate, age appropriate sexuality education, including critical information about pregnancy, disease and infection prevention. Volunteers teach a curriculum designed by NCJW Dallas Section to youth aging out of foster care, distribute health information resource cards throughout the community and advocate for greater access for women to comprehensive health services, focusing primarily on reproductive health services.

WACHS concluded last year's programming with a light lunch at President **Barbara Lee's** home. Guest speaker was Sujata Dand, one of S.A.Y.What?'s newest coalition members, producer and director of the widely-acclaimed documentary film, *Boyfriends*. The film was produced for Station KERA and followed 5 teenage girls for one year in order to learn about teen love and relationships. WACHS meeting-goers found the film to be exceedingly interesting. Each girl in the film came from a different ethnic background, governed by its cultural rules. The neighborhoods were different, ranging from blue-collar to upper middle class, so the financial needs and wants were also different for each girl. Sujata is collaborating with S.A.Y.What? to make a film about teens in Dallas, and the attitudes of different groups within our community towards sexuality education.

This concluding meeting also contained the following agenda items: 1) A review of new happenings from S.A.Y. (Sound Advice for Youth) What? a community coalition, chaired by **Terry Greenberg**, which beginning this year will fall under the WACHS umbrella; 2) a review of the year's achievements; 3) goals for the coming year; 4) requests for volunteers for each of the sub-committees.

It might be noted that during 2010-2011, Chairs **Phyllis Bernstein**, **Kathy Freeman** and **Lynda Newman**, and S.A.Y. What? Chair Terry Greenberg were invited to sit on the Teen Advisory Council of the Dallas Children's Theater. The theater presents a group of plays, biannually, geared to teen problems. During February 2011, plays such as *Eat (It's Not About Food)*, *don't u luv me* and *Secret Life of Girls* were presented. WACHS was particularly interested in *don't u luv me* since this play deals with teen love,

abusive behaviors, and poor communication between teen lovers. We invited our TRAC (Transition Resource Action Center) students, whom we teach each year, to attend, *don't u luv me*, since our WACHS curriculum covers issues of Healthy Relationships, Decision-Making, Safer Sex and Communication.

Also of importance, former and founding chairs of WACHS, **Myra Fischel** and **Suzi Greenman**, accepted chairing the new WACHS Advisory Council. Leaders in the fields of health, education, social services, psychology, public policy, heads of nonprofit agencies and other volunteers and professionals with interest in bringing the truth about reproductive rights to young people were invited to participate. Myra and Suzi prepared a questionnaire asking the council members to review our curriculum, My Body Guard, and to offer answers to the questions asked about the curriculum. Several members replied with outstanding suggestions on how to improve the curriculum. WACHS Curriculum Committee, under Lynda Newman's leadership, is currently studying these suggestions and how they might be implemented. The Advisory Council will be meeting once again in October.

We thank the many volunteers who participated on all the subcommittees, particularly on the curriculum planning committee, wallet card committee, those who taught and facilitated the workshops for TRAC's PAL (Preparing for Adult Living) students and the advocacy committee. You all did a superb job!

During organization year 2011-2012, WACHS will also be cooperating with Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS). November 5, 2011, WACHS will deliver our first workshop on Safer Sex to BBBS youngsters. Sometime after the first of the year, we will teach Healthy Relationships. WACHS looks forward to a long and happy relationship with Big Brothers Big Sisters, affectionately known as Bigs.

WACHS goals for the new year include:

- Increasing the number of trainers and trainings
- Incorporating curriculum suggestions from Advisory Council members
- Collaborating with S.A.Y.What?
- Addressing new and on-going legislative issues
- Producing an informational brochure
- Reaching out to like-minded organizations for potential collaboration
- Increasing grant applications

The WACHS Committee will meet on the following dates in the coming year:

2011: September 8, November 10

2012: January 12, March 1, May 10

This is a large list of "To-dos." We look forward to many of you joining the efforts of the WACHS Committee. You will find great satisfaction in helping youngsters realize their potential by participating in the preparations or facilitation of workshops that teach them about safe sex, healthy relationships, decision-making and communication.

For more information on how you can be a part of this hard-working and inspiring project, please contact one of the chairs: Phyllis Bernstein, Kathy Freeman, Lynda Newman or the NCJW office.



Food+Fit=Fun Banner thanks NCJW at Dobie Elementary HIPPY Graduation in May

Calendar of Events

September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 LABOR DAY (Office Closed)	6	7	8 WACHS Committee 11:30 am	9	10
11	12	13 Board Meeting 10:00am	14	15 S.A.Y. What? Coalition noon	16	17
18	19	20 OPENING MEETING 9:30 AM	21 Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 EREV ROSH HASHANAH (Office Closed)	29 ROSH HASHANAH (Office Closed)	30 ROSH HASHANAH (Office Closed)	

October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<i>Community Service projects are active all year around. Contact the VP of Community Service for details.</i>						
2	3	4 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00am	5 Awards Committee Meeting 11:30am	6	7 KOL NIDRE (Office Closed)	8 YOM KIPPUR
9	10	11 Board Meeting 10:00am	12	13 SUKKOT (Office Closed)	14 SUKKOT (Office Closed)	15
16	17	18	19 S.A.Y. What? Coalition noon	20	21 SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH (Office Closed)	22
23	24 Study Group 7 pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

NCJW MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Membership

Vice-Presidents:
Lauren Busch and Sondra Hollander

Membership Renewal Reminder and Directory Update Deadline Now!

If you have not already renewed your membership **PLEASE DO IMMEDIATELY!!!** When you renew your membership, remember to update your directory listing. Forms are available on line at www.ncjwdallas.org or by calling the office. Please call us so we do not have to call you! The directory will be printed very soon! If you are a Life Member, please send in the form you received in the mail in June to verify your directory listing.

We want names!! NCJW is always looking for new members to welcome into our organization. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining, please forward their name and contact information to the NCJW office or e-mail it to info@ncjwdallas.org.

WELCOME NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Melissa Bernstein
(transfer from Cleveland Section)
Katie Fagelman
Jane Larkin

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Erin Barnes-Falah Marci Serota
Jaime Cohen Nancy Shanks
Connie Elfenbein Susan Swartz
Dana Gaswirth Lauran Weiner
Dana Rose

IN MEMORIAM

Joy Burk
Dovie Jaffe
Zella Sobel

Board Meetings 2011-12

All Board Meetings begin at 10:00 and will be held at the Jewish Community Center.

Tuesday, September 13
Tuesday, October 11
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, December 13
Tuesday, January 17
Tuesday, February 14
Tuesday, March 27
Tuesday, April 17

Community Corner

**FOUNDED BY NCJW IN 1961 –
LIFT Celebrates 50 Years Teaching Adults to Read at their
“Champions of Literacy” Luncheon on September 7th
at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel**

The History of LIFT – Literacy Instruction for Texas

(excerpted from their website)

In response to their concern over the illiteracy rate among adults in the Dallas area, the **National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Greater Dallas Section**, founded LIFT in 1961. The goal was to create and support an organization that would offer free and easily accessible classes so that functionally illiterate adults could learn to read and write English.

The Frank Laubach Foundation for World Literacy, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital and The Dallas Morning News were also instrumental in the development of LIFT and its programs. LIFT brought in Bill Collins from Memphis to start the classes. Teaching via television, Collins used Frank Laubach’s method of literacy instruction, which was developed to teach natives of the Samoan Islands to read.

LIFT’s Mission Statement is to enhance lives and strengthen communities by raising the adult literacy rate in Texas, and they were able to do just that. The response was overwhelming – doors opened on June 5, 1961 with 250 volunteers, including teacher Margaret Hirsh, and more than six hundred adult learners were served the first year. That year, **The Dallas Times Herald awarded the NCJW its Club of the Year Award for their work establishing LIFT.**

That would be the first of many awards and honors LIFT would receive during its history. To name a few, in 2003, LIFT received a grant from the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy for its Family Literacy Programs. In 2005, LIFT staff members spoke at the Pro-Literacy Worldwide Conference where they presented LIFT’s innovative and successful Community Partnership Program model. This model involves LIFT’s strategic initiative to work with community partners to establish its classes at partner sites in areas of the community that are currently underserved. In 2006, LIFT was honored by the Center for Non-Profit Management for their excellence in board governance.

The founding organization and the subsequent management of LIFT continue to assist low literate adults to be more fully participating citizens, better prepared workers and more involved parents. The expansion of services to include English as a Second Language classes has expanded LIFT’s reach into the community by including tax paying adult immigrants.

Participation in LIFT classes has continued to increase each year. Between 2004 and 2007, the number of adult learners participating in LIFT programs increased by 292% from 2,103 to 6,141. In 2008 LIFT launched GED Direct, a first-of-its-kind distance learning project that makes GED preparation available to adult learners in suburban and smaller urban areas through LIFT’s website. The original network of users involves ten websites in three counties.

LIFT FOUNDERS:

Mrs. Ruth Adler	Mrs. Jeanne Fagadau*	Mrs. Anita Marcus	Mrs. Bette Claire Schuttler*
Mrs. Seymour Alhadeh	Mrs. Dorace Fichtenbaum	Mrs. Janet Newberger	Mrs. Shirley Tobolowsky
Mrs. Ruth Andres	Mrs. Emme Sue Frank*	Mrs. Pat Peiser*	Mrs. Frances Tocker
Mrs. Valerie Aronoff	Mrs. Florence Goldstein	Mrs. Esther Rosenthal	Mrs. Joan Weinberg
Mrs. Katherine Bauer	Mrs. Barbara Greene	Mrs. Rita Rubenstein	Mrs. Louette Weiser
Mrs. Barbara Bubis	Mrs. Louise Mittenthal	Mrs. Lorraine Schein	*principal founders

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011 TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF 9/11

To commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001, there will be an interfaith community-wide observance on **September 11, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Majestic Theater**. Further details will be forthcoming but the community is encouraged to put the date on individual and organizational calendars and plan to attend. *The co-sponsors of the commemoration are: the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Dallas, the Rabbinic Association of Greater Dallas, the Catholic Diocese of Dallas and the Islamic Center of North Texas.*

Financial Development

Vice-President: Staci Mankoff

THANK YOU CAROL TAPER!

NCJW’s Minnie Hexter Milk Fund has been ably managed by **Carol Taper** for over 20 years, as it has grown and transitioned over time. As Carol takes a step back from managing the fund, we want her to know how much we appreciate her conscientious service to the many children and families who have been the beneficiaries of her compassion and dedication over the years.

Begun in the 1920’s, through the present, the vision of the Milk Fund has always been to provide free milk to families in need. In fact, the Fund is still the only source in Dallas County for free milk and infant formula. In recent years, the Fund received referrals of needy recipients from social workers at Parkland Hospital, Presbyterian Hospital, and Dallas Children’s Medical Center. Carol handled each individual request with dignity and compassion. Carol also received “special requests” on occasion. A couple of years ago, Carol received a request to fund the purchase of a special kind of formula for a four-year-old patient at Children’s Medical Center who has PKU. This child will have to be on this special formula for her entire life, and it is very expensive. Carol arranged for the Milk Fund to provide a one year supply of formula to the child while insurance and other funding was sought to help cover the expense. In addition, under Carol’s guidance, the Fund has provided grants to the Vogel Alcove, Jonathan’s Place, Shaun’s Place, and Jewish Family Service to help cover the cost of milk and formula for needy children served by those organizations.

Recently, the Minnie Hexter Milk Fund branched out to serve even more needy, growing children. The Milk Fund is now providing shelf-stable milk to two neighborhood food pantries. The Jewish Family Service and the Vickery Meadow Neighborhood Alliance food pantries serve some of the most vulnerable populations in our community, and they are now able to add milk to the items that they offer. Minnie Hexter would be proud.

Please join us in thanking Carol for her years of service to our community.

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Higher Ground: NCJW's Domestic Violence Campaign is a national effort to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women. Grounded in the understanding that economic security is critical to women's safety, Higher Ground educates and mobilizes advocates, community-members, and decision-makers to promote progressive policy solutions that champion women's economic autonomy.

Voices for Reproductive Choices is an



emergency action campaign designed to help powerful NCJW advocates speak out against current attacks to women's reproductive health and rights.



Plan A: NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access aims to secure and protect access to contraceptive information and options. A community-based, proactive national campaign, Plan A is firmly rooted in the belief that such access is necessary for women's well-being and equality.



BenchMark: NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign educates and mobilizes NCJW members, the Jewish community, and friends and allies everywhere to promote a federal bench with judges who support fundamental constitutional freedoms, including a woman's right to reproductive choice.

NCJW in Israel

NCJW has been actively involved in Israel for more than 60 years, with programs like the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education (RIFIE) at the Hebrew University and the NCJW Women & Gender Studies Program at Tel Aviv University forming the cornerstones of NCJW's historical education work there. Today, strategic efforts like the Israel Granting Program and NCJW's advocacy and coalition work continue in this spirit of education and empowerment — helping to advance the lives of women, children, and families and ensure Israel's future.

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