

National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section

cordially invites you to its

99th Birthday Luncheon

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Bent Tree Country Club
5201 Westgrove Drive

11:30 a.m. Registration

12:00 Noon Luncheon & Award Presentations

Hannah G. Solomon Award

Pauline Kress

Carmen Miller Michael

Janis Levine Music

"Make-A-Difference" Award

Randi Smerud

Emerging Leader Award

Caren Edelstein

Co-Chairs

Adrienne Rosen & Patty Traub

Valet Parking Included

In support of our community service project,
Attitudes & Attire, we will be accepting donations
of gently used accessories at the luncheon.





Barbara Lee

I am proud to say that wherever I go in the Dallas community, people are quick to tell me that NCJW is and has been such an amazing organization for so many years – with outstanding leaders and volunteers who are thoughtful, effective, courageous ... and the list goes on. I could not agree with them more! NCJW has seen generations of women who seek justice, reach out to help others, work diligently to improve the quality of life in the community and beyond – answering the ancient mandate of tikkun olam – to repair the world.

Each year at this time, NCJW honors

members who have shown great courage and accomplishment as described above at our **Birthdays Luncheon**. Please join us on January 24th for this important and festive occasion as **Pauline Kress** and **Carmen Miller Michael** receive the Hannah G. Solomon Award, **Randi Smerud** receives the **Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award**, and **Caren Edelstein** receives the Emerging Leader Award. You will learn something about each award recipient, and surely will come away inspired. Invite your friends and a prospective member – make your reservations today!

Read further in this Bulletin to learn about other NCJW activities coming up in January and February, which will be busy and exciting months for the Greater Dallas Section. Along with our **Community Day of Service** on January 16th, we will be hosting another **coffee for new and prospective members** on February 9th, and our last study group of the year, which will be a cooking demonstration and discussion about **“Healthy Snacking from I-100”** on February 28th – mark your calendar now!

At NCJW we say **“THE SKY’S THE LIMIT!”** and this year is no exception. Our fundraising theme has highlighted the attitude we take toward our work. With sincere gratitude we thank our generous donors who enable us to continue our endeavors.

I have often thought it fortunate that as a Jewish person, I get a second chance at a “new beginning” when January 1 rolls around. Whatever personal reflections and resolutions I had focused on during the High Holy Days could be revisited and even revised as the practicalities of daily life set in. So now, here we are, the beginning of the secular new year. I hope you will join me in the rejuvenating process as we revitalized our efforts to fulfill our mission of improving the lives of women, children and families – everywhere. May our efforts make a true difference!



Happy New Year!
Barbara Lee

National News

NCJW Mission to Israel

During the first week of November, I was privileged to participate in the NCJW Mission to Israel 2011 along with twenty-five other NCJW leaders from across the country. From our opening dinner in Jerusalem, listening to Col. Ret. Miri Eisin, former Israel military intelligence officer and current security adviser to the prime minister, to our closing dinner at Liliot in Tel Aviv with Nava Barak, wife of former prime minister Ehud Barak and chair of Elem, an NCJW granting site dedicated to training and providing employment for at-risk youth, our time was filled with incredible visits.

Among the many highlights of our time in Israel was visiting many of our NCJW beneficiaries including Tel Aviv University's Women and Gender Studies program as well as the Hebrew University High School built by NCJW funds. We were informed and educated by the amazing faculty and students at Tel Aviv University and met with MK Tzippi Livni, head of the Kadima Party. We toured the Neve Michael Children's Village and had roundtable discussions with women activists at the Haifa Feminist Center. We had dinner with Yonah Yahav, mayor of Haifa one evening and Shabbat dinner at the home of Danny Kyram, former Israeli Consul, Boston. We met with Anat Hoffman, Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center, for an update on the issue of gender-segregated buses, followed by becoming “freedom riders” ourselves, as part of an ongoing effort to desegregate buses on the three routes where gender segregation is still an issue. We spent Friday morning on a culinary tour of the famous Machaneh Yehuda Market in Jerusalem. Led by reknown Israeli chef, Tali Friedman, the tour culminated in her studio with NCJW members peeling, chopping and sauteing our way to an incredibly fresh, delicious lunch.

This was my second NCJW Mission to Israel and during both trips I was consistently amazed at the impact and voice NCJW has within Israel's social services and social action communities. Shari Eshet, NCJW's longtime Director of Israel Programs, keeps us plugged in to those issues that are so important to NCJW. Traveling through Israel with our NCJW sisters gave me a fresh perspective on the country and NCJW's role in its welfare.



NCJW President Linda Slucker and NCJW CEO Nancy K. Kaufman on Mt. Scopus.

– Submitted by Debbie Greene

Pauline Kress, Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipient



Pauline Kress

Greater Dallas Section is pleased to honor **Pauline Kress** with the Hannah G. Solomon Award in recognition of her longtime leadership and dedication, as well as her significant achievements, in improving the quality of life for people of all ages and backgrounds in the Dallas community.

In her autobiography, *The Fabric of My Life*, Hannah G. Solomon wrote of her father's experiences as an immigrant from a small town in Germany to Chicago in the mid-nineteenth century

where he established himself and convinced other family members to join him. Solomon refers to her father's generation as "pioneers" and says that "we children...were unconsciously affected by their spirit of joyous citizenship, in a beloved country whose reverse side... imposed civic obligation."

Like Hannah G. Solomon, Pauline Kress has been deeply influenced by her family's somewhat different immigrant experience and their similar embrace of the obligations and opportunities presented in the US. Her grandparents came to the US from Eastern Europe, entering via Galveston at the beginning of the twentieth century. Like other Jews who arrived in Galveston during this period, Pauline's family members dispersed to small towns throughout Texas where other relatives already lived or later joined them.

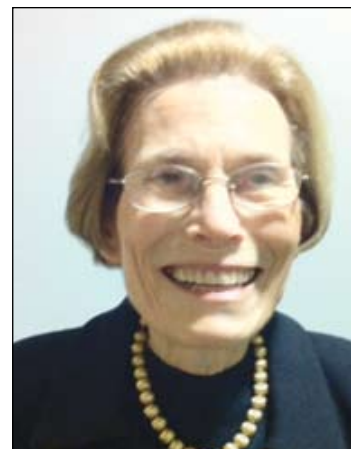
Pauline's grandfather, Alexander Gurwitz, who settled in San Antonio, wrote two books (in Hebrew and Yiddish) about making his way in a "frontier" environment where there were few Jews. Alexander's pioneering spirit has been reincarnated in Pauline whose frontiers have been in the arena of social action, where she has made a profound and enduring impact on her adopted city of Dallas.

During World War I, Pauline's parents moved as newlyweds to Bastrop, TX where her father opened a branch of the family dry goods business. At this time, Bastrop had virtually no other Jewish residents and was very "southern" with a strong Ku Klux Klan presence. Klan members came to the Gurwitz home dressed in full regalia - apparently as a threat to this Jewish presence in the town. Undaunted, Mr. Gurwitz welcomed and invited them in. Like her father, Pauline has been a courageous and steadfast proponent of her Jewish heritage and in carrying out the Jewish imperative of Tikkun Olam.

Her parents later moved to Laredo, TX where Pauline was born and spent most of her childhood. Noting that her family was a "minority within a minority" in this border town, Pauline says that living there deeply affected and shaped her. She "learned a lot about people," the reality of discrimination and the need for tolerance and justice for all. During World War II, while Pauline was a student at the University of Texas, her parents moved back to Bastrop - still an "old South" town. Her father fought for integration of the public schools there, saying that if the black and Hispanic kids can fight for their country, they can go to the same schools as the whites.

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Carmen Miller Michael, Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipient



Carmen Miller Michael

"...some of us are taken out upon the hillsides and into the open fields, where we have a wide perspective, and where, if we have clear vision, we see many things that call for our sympathy and help; and I hope that when the call comes to any of us, if we can go, it will find us ready."

— quote from Hannah G. Solomon's address to the delegates at the proceedings of the First Convention of The National Council of Jewish Women in New York City, 1896.

Carmen Miller Michael, this year's co-recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Award modestly claims she did not have the "clear vision" of which Hannah G. Solomon spoke so eloquently in her address. She credits many influences along the way for her achievements. However, it turns out that Carmen does possess the qualities mentioned by Mrs. Solomon. She absolutely has a wide perspective, sympathy, and is always ready to help.

Carmen's "call" began, not on the "hillsides and open fields," but on South Boulevard in Dallas, Texas. Throughout the years, her major influences have come from family, friends, college professors, and colleagues. Carmen, a fourth generation Dallasite, has devoted her life to helping others, in particular, the mentally ill. She studied at Southern Methodist University and Columbia University, and received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Western Reserve University. After over fifty years of involvement with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Carmen became Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychiatry there.

When an idea or an "influence" comes her way, Carmen is the person who takes action. She played leadership roles in the beginnings of the Dallas Mental Health Society (now Mental Health America of Greater Dallas), The Dallas Epilepsy Association, and Community Homes for Adults, Inc. (CHAI). Carmen has been a leader, committee member, consultant, and advisor to numerous other organizations throughout her life.

Her involvement with NCJW began in the mid 1940's when she was asked by then Dallas Section NCJW president, Fannie Kahn, to represent "Council" as a board member for a mental health initiative in Dallas, and to recruit other community leaders for the cause. Carmen accepted the assignment, believing that it was crucial to "educate the public, that there should not be a stigma associated with mental health problems." This cause continues to be close to Carmen's heart to this day. She became the first president of the Dallas NCJW Evening Branch and published a study supported by NCJW about the need for facilities for mentally ill children in the state of Texas.

Carmen, who shared the same first name with her mother, says that her mother was not an "organizational lady," but was a member of NCJW and always spoke of "Council" reverently. Her father,

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Randi Smerud, NCJW Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award Recipient

Quietly determined, persistent, thoughtful, thorough, modest and a pleasure to work with – these are a few of the words used to describe **Randi Smerud**, this year's recipient of the Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award that is given annually in memory of Janis to an outstanding NCJW leader. Randi has been a dedicated and devoted NCJW volunteer for 20 years working in many areas from education to elder abuse to fundraising.



Randi Smerud

Randi Smerud's volunteer roots go back to her days as a 15-year-old high school student volunteering afternoons and weekends caring for pediatric, adult, and senior patients at Coney Island Hospital. Randi's interest in the elderly and aging process came naturally to her. "I had the most wonderful relationship with my grandmother," she explained.

A native New Yorker, Randi left Brooklyn to attend the University of Minnesota. She has a graduate degree in Gerontology from the University of North Texas where her thesis was on elder abuse. She worked as a research associate at the Dallas Geriatric Research Institute which was housed at Golden Acres, and while living in Arkansas, Randi supervised the community-based care program for the Arkansas Division of Aging and Adult Services. In 1988 Governor Bill Clinton presented her with the Arkansas Traveler's Award for her contributions to the development and coordination of community-based programs assisting the elderly population. And, she was a founding member of the Greater Dallas Chapter of Alzheimer's Association.

Randi's commitment and dedication to NCJW exemplify the qualities the Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award celebrates. Randi joined NCJW during Joni Cohan's presidency and has been involved in some way ever since. Her first involvement was with CBI (Community Board Institute) which she described as a valuable opportunity for nonprofit employees, board members and volunteers to benefit from the educational workshops and networking opportunities offered.

Randi has served as a NCJW Bulletin co-Editor, Secretary, Vice President of Public Relations, Vice President of Fundraising, Fundraising Event co-chair, PACE co-chair, Nominating Committee chair, HIPPY volunteer, Vickery Meadow Food Pantry volunteer, a member of the SHARE and Awards Committees and as NCJW's liaison to the Dallas County Elder Abuse Committee (DCEAC). In 1996, Randi was the recipient of the NCJW Emerging Leader Award.

NCJW is not the only organization to benefit from Randi's intellect and talent. She has been an active volunteer at Temple Emanu-El, the Dallas County Medical Society Alliance, Dallas Alzheimer's Association Board, Holy Trinity Catholic Church food program, and Carter BloodCare, where she donates platelets every two weeks, to name a few.

For 35 years Randi has been married to Michael, a radiologist at Baylor University Medical Center, and is the mother of Katie who is a teacher in the Denver public schools and Matthew who recently graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in mechanical engineering.

Congratulations to Randi Smerud on this well-deserved honor.

Caren Edelstein, Emerging Leader Award Recipient



Caren Edelstein

Caren Edelstein is not only an emerging leader at NCJW, but also served as one of its leaders more than three decades ago. In the 1970s, Caren was very active in NCJW, serving as Vice President of the Evening Branch of Greater Dallas Section. Her education, child-rearing, and distinguished career occupied her time for several decades after that. However, as soon as she was partially retired, she returned to NCJW to share her talents - and she has returned with gale force.

In Evening Branch, Caren remembers being involved in several NCJW projects. She worked with Attitudes & Attire, and gave tours of the Meyerson Symphony Center. She loved the excitement of going to Washington Institute, and getting to talk to the legendary Barbara Jordan. In that early involvement, Caren also became involved in our mediation project with the Juvenile Justice Department. She loved working with and helping children, which later became the focus of her professional career.

Caren earned a masters degree in education at Texas Woman's University, followed by a Doctorate in Education from Texas A&M University in Commerce. She achieved this while raising her daughter, Allyson. She then worked as a teacher and a curriculum writer. Later, she became an Educational Diagnostician, and specialized in behavior management, working with both talented and gifted children and children with disabilities. Eventually Caren became a principal at Lake Highlands Elementary School in Richardson ISD and McCulloch Intermediate School in Highland Park ISD. After that, she became the Head of School for Wise Academy, and has been an Adjunct Professor at Southern Methodist University.

About three years ago, Caren resumed active membership with NCJW and co-chaired Day on the Hill, a day of advocacy in Austin during the legislative session. Then she chaired the Dallas Section's contingent at NCJW's Washington Institute 2010, and chaired our Section's participation in Day on the Hill in Austin 2011. She has done it all with enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and flexibility. This year Caren has taken on the position of Co-Vice President of Public Affairs of our Greater Dallas Section. She is also involved in the development of our Higher Ground project, NCJW's new domestic violence campaign. She has always admired the women of NCJW, their passion for issues, and their determination to make a difference in the world. Caren is a wonderful example of all she admires, and we are glad she has re-emerged as one of our leaders!

DIRECTORY CORRECTION:

(due to a computer glitch, the following information was inadvertently not printed)

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Past Presidents – Evening Branch
1951-52– Carmen Miller Michael

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Rabbi Nancy Kasten to be Honored at SMU Women's Symposium

Greater Dallas Section board member **Rabbi Nancy Kasten** is among several women leaders who will be honored with Profiles in Leadership Awards at the 47th annual SMU Women's Symposium. The Profiles in Leadership Awards were initiated in 2000 during the 35th annual Symposium. Their purpose is to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of women who have made a significant impact on the city of Dallas and on the quality of life for women overall.

The awards will be presented at a dinner at SMU in the Hughes-Trigg Student Center Ballroom on **March 7**. If you would like to attend the event with other NCJW members, contact the office at info@ncjwdallas.org or 214-368-4405.

Sharan Goldstein received the "Local Hero" Award by Bank of America at ceremonies held at Cowboy Stadium on November 3rd.



Sharan Goldstein and Barbara Lee



Sharan and Lynn Goldstein

Carmen Miller Michael *Continued from page 3*

Henry Miller, was very involved in the city of Dallas and worked to improve the community. Carmen became the first woman president of Temple Emanu-El in 1987, following in her father's footsteps. Her father had been its president exactly fifty years prior. Her parents undoubtedly instilled in Carmen the drive to be a part of her community and to help people who need assistance. Carmen says she likes to "find out all of the details and try to do it right." And, as if that isn't enough ... she also says she "likes to get things done yesterday!" Carmen feels that throughout her life she has had wonderful help and suggestions from other people in her efforts to address community needs. She claims that she is a vehicle that makes people aware of other people's needs.

In 1956, Carmen married Ludwig Michael, M.D., whom she met through her piano teacher. Their wedding took place in her parent's home on Colhurst Street in Dallas. The Michaels' children are Andy and Patricia Michael, and Susan Michael. They have two grandsons, Benjamin Michael and William Michael.

The Greater Dallas Section of NCJW is proud to present Carmen Miller Michael with the Hannah G. Solomon award in recognition of her devotion to helping others throughout her life. Please join us at the Birthday Luncheon on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, to honor and learn much more about Carmen - her influences, her achievements, and her many experiences. Carmen may humbly feel that she has not had a "clear vision," however, she provides others with a shining example of a well-lived life. She is an inspiration to all of us ... and has certainly fulfilled Hannah G. Solomon's call so many years ago for "sympathy and help."



Landon Elfenbein

Thank You, Landon ... and Congratulations!

Landon Elfenbein, NCJW's office technology guru and special friend, has assisted us with updating our computer system and software, as well as with our website. He recently completed an internship at NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston where he worked on a software package integral to spaceflight operation, among other important projects. At the end of the internship program, Landon received the outstanding JSC Intern award. He also received the superior assistance award from the engineering robotics division.

"Through my internship, I have been able to work on projects necessary for current and future missions while expanding my own knowledge in computer science, engineering, and physics. Being at NASA has always been a dream of mine and having the opportunity to work alongside some of the brightest minds in engineering has given me some of the greatest experiences that will be with me the rest of my life."

Landon is a student at the University of Texas at Dallas. At UTD, he is the president of the Jewish student organization, which recently became a Hillel affiliate.

Looks like **THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!** for Landon - as well as for NCJW!

Board Meetings 2012

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

Tuesday, January 17

Tuesday, February 14

Tuesday, March 27

Tuesday, April 17

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

Thank You to All of our Generous Donors!

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Bette & Dr. Gary Morchower
David Newberger
Pat Peiser
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Rabbi Debra Robbins
Mrs. Ruth Robinson
Barbara Rose
Ellen Samuels
Kay Schachter
Helene S. Shalom
Debbie & Michael Shtofman
Betty & Steve Silverman
Randi & Michael Smerud
Nita Mae Tannebaum

NCJW thanks **Kate Fagelman** for the art design for "THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!" fundraising theme this year. Kate is a new Life Member and we are very appreciative that she took time out of her busy schedule to share her considerable talents with us!

With Katie – **THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!**, too!



Fundraiser Contributions
at time of printing.

Community Day of Service – Monday, January 16 (MLK Day) Nancy Fellman, Chair

We invite you to participate in Community Service Day. NCJW is committed to providing service to the Dallas community throughout the year, but on this day we have some very special ways to encourage the next generation to remain involved. Please bring your children and grandchildren of family and friends to share a few hours of “giving back.” Here are the various ways to contribute:



Clothing and Food Drive January 9 – 23

Gently-worn clothes and food items may be dropped off in the large containers near the entrance of the NCJW office (second floor) in the Preston Royal Shopping Center, 6025 Royal Lane, Suite 219-9.

1. Clothes will be donated to the CitySquare Thrift Shop (Business attire may be dropped off at any Bibbentuckers location to be donated to Attitudes & Attire)
2. Food will be donated to the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry (limited to regular-size flour; sugar and oil; peanut butter; macaroni and cheese; no canned goods, please)



Crafts Projects – January 16

Please reserve a space for your children, grandchildren, and friends to share a few hours of “giving back.”

Children all ages – 10:00 a.m. - noon
Jewish Community Center – Big D Room
RSVP by contacting the NCJW office.



Evening Project – January 16

Volunteers are asked to bring some of the needed supplies to make shower caddies for the new residents at Our Friends Place. Items needed: baskets or containers; FULL-SIZE shampoo, conditioner, lotion, body wash, bar soap; toothpaste/toothbrush, comb/brush, and shower scrubby. These items can be dropped off at the NCJW office during business hours (by January 12) if you cannot attend, but would like to donate. They would also appreciate it if some of the haircare products were African American friendly - Motion Brand preferred.



Location: La Madeleine at Beltline and Montfort
Time: 6:00 p.m. for a “no-host” dinner

Contact **Robin Zweig** through the NCJW office to RSVP.
Youth volunteers are welcome!

Day of Service at North Texas Food Bank – NCJW Volunteers Needed HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN NORTH TEXAS!

Join other community volunteers for a day of service on January 16, 2012, at the North Texas Food Bank. NCJW has 30 “slots” for volunteers, ages 10 and up, who will assist with sorting donations and preparing bags for the “Food For Kids” program and for senior citizens.

RSVP: by January 4, 2012 to Rebecca Finberg email: rebecca@ntfb.org phone: (214) 347-9596

WHEN: January 16, 2012 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: North Texas Food Bank, 4500 S. Cockrell Hill Road, Dallas, TX 75236

LET THEM KNOW THAT YOU ARE AN NCJW VOLUNTEER WHEN YOU CALL!

For further information on any of these projects, contact the NCJW office at 214-368-4405 or info@ncjwdallas.org.

HIPPY Field Trip Volunteer Orientation at the Dallas Museum of Art on November 9, 2011



Top Left: Leah Hanson, DMA Early Childhood Art Specialist; Syl Benenson, HIPPY Chair; Jackie Fleschman, Louise Bell; Top Right: Joanne Blum, Julie Lumbert, Ellen Samuels, Marilyn Boyd, HIPPY Chair; Bottom Left: Jane Lachman, Jeanne Fagadau, Ellene Breinin, Judy Goodman, Barbara Franklin; Bottom Right: Marilyn Boyd and Maria Theresa Pedroche, DMA Director of Family Experience & Community Engagement

98th Annual Birthday Luncheon and Awards Presentations – You are invited!

The Bent Tree Country Club will again be the beautiful site of our annual Birthday Luncheon taking place on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the Luncheon and Awards Presentations will begin at 12:00 noon. The cost of the luncheon is \$54 per person, with patron levels at \$100 and \$200.

This luncheon celebrates NCJW's birthday while honoring members who have made an impact on NCJW and the greater Dallas community. This year's very deserving awardees are:

Pauline Kress and Carmen Miller Michael – Hannah G. Solomon Award

Randi Smerud – Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award

Caren Edelstein – Emerging Leader Award.

We will be accepting donations of gently used accessories at the luncheon for Attitudes & Attire, one of our community service projects.

Please contact the NCJW office for more information about the Birthday Luncheon or to make reservations. You can also make reservations online at www.ncjwdallas.org. Luncheon co-chairs are **Adrienne Rosen** and **Patty Traub**.

Consider inviting a friend or a prospective member to this very special NCJW event!

Healthy Snacking from I-100 Nutritious & Satisfying 'Noshing' for All Ages

When: February 28, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Home of Sharon Childs

Chairs: Sharan Goldstein and Melissa Plaskoff



From toddlers to teens, to young parents and seniors, we all look for a “nosh” from time to time, usually to get an energy boost while on-the-go. Sometimes we grab the coffee or sweet treat for the buzz that gets us through the afternoon. Choosing snacks with nutrition and nourishment can do so much more to keep us steady through the day. Nutritious snacks not only keep us satisfied between meals, but also support healthy bodies and minds.

In this class, we will learn everyday strategies to help us find the time to plan ahead and prepare tasty snacks we can have on hand, for busy parents and their family members of all ages.

While we learn our approach to homemade, cost-effective snack prep, we will discuss important nutrients and the whole foods sources that help provide energy, mental clarity, focus, and improved memory, promote athletic performance, prevent disease, and contribute to the growth and repair of our muscles and cells—throughout all life stages. Even the traditional foods our grandmothers have made for generations have a place in our kitchens today.

NCJW Dallas Section's own **Adrienne Lee**, certified Nutrition Educator and Natural Chef, will provide this informative and above all delicious presentation and cooking demonstration, featuring organic, unrefined and nutrient-dense ingredients. You will leave ready for culinary adventures in your own kitchen, with recipes and real-life tips in hand to keep you and your family well fed and energized wherever and whenever you snack.

RSVP: Reservations required; seating is limited. Please RSVP by February 20. Reservations may be made online at www.ncjwdallas.org or to the NCJW office – 214.368.4405 or info@ncjwdallas.org.

Cost: Free for NCJW members; \$5.00 for non-members.

We would be grateful if you would bring a food item for the Vicky Meadow Food Pantry with you!

Study Group: October 24 Public Education/Better Schools



Lauren Weiner & Jamie Cohen



Julie Kuntz & Karen Stock



Patti Keiker & Regina Nippert, speakers



Caren Edelstein & Marlene Cohen

Study Group: November 16 Immigration Conversation



Marsha Fischman, Yanna Slaughter,
Julie Lowenberg & Cheryl Pollman



Yolanda Clark



Sarah Polley, VMLC

Public Affairs

SAVE THE DATE Spring Meeting “The Road to Higher Ground”



**Tuesday, March 20, 2012
9:30 a.m. at
Temple Shalom**

**This meeting will include the Election of the
Slate of Officers and Directors for 2012-13.
Mark your calendar now!**

Legislative Action

State Public Affairs Co-Chair: Marlene Cohen

Real Education for Healthy Youth Act

Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA) have introduced the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act, a new bill that lays out a comprehensive, age-appropriate, and holistic vision for sex education policy in the United States.

The Real Education for Healthy Youth Act: recognizes young people's right to sexual health information—the first time federal legislation has ever done so; prepares young people to make informed, responsible and healthy decisions about relationships and sexual health by including a comprehensive range of topics; includes grants for comprehensive sex education programs for adolescents and young adults in institutions of higher education; and requires all funded programs to be inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual youth and meet the needs of young people who are and are not sexually active

NCJW supports comprehensive, medically accurate, age appropriate sex education. More than 80% of parents support sex education that includes information on both abstinence and contraception. The Real Education for Healthy Youth Act represents a turning point for sex education policy in America, with support from a diverse array of public health, nonprofit, and youth-serving organizations.

In the coming months, look for NCJW Action Alerts that will provide ways for you to support this bill.

Pauline Kress *Continued from page 3*

At the University of Texas, Pauline met and married her late husband, Marvin Kress, who was pursuing a law degree there. When his father became ill, Marvin left school and returned to Dallas to take over the family business of several clothing stores, including the Caravel in Preston Royal. Pauline completed her undergraduate studies at Southern Methodist University and has made her home in Dallas ever since. Pauline's and Marvin's two children, Sandy and Debra, are both attorneys now living in Austin where they carry on the family tradition of being very “political” and “always doing something.”

From the time her children were young and continuously until today, Pauline has demonstrated her passion for and commitment to social justice by initiating and taking leadership roles in areas of critical need, speaking out and acting on behalf of often-neglected populations and problems:

- Pauline's service for 20 years on the Martin Luther King Center Board, including a term as its president, was a “lesson in life and politics” as she came to recognize the needs of Southern Dallas. She and Marvin instigated a medical component for the Center, the MLK Family Clinic, and worked successfully to get a federal grant for its work.

- The establishment of the East Dallas Health Services Coalition and Clinic came about after Pauline, **Syl Benenson**, and other leaders, seeing the dire health care needs of the first influx of Southeast Asian immigrants to Dallas, worked to build a coalition of churches and other organizations, raising money and providing volunteers for what became a vital neighborhood clinic in the East Dallas area where many of the immigrants lived. This clinic also served as the model and prototype for the 11 Community Oriented Primary Care Clinics (COPCs) now run by Parkland Health and Hospital System.

- Dental care for people living in poverty is a longtime priority for Pauline. She has been the prime mover and advocate for Community Dental Health - now consisting of a network of dental clinics throughout Dallas County, including the Pauline Kress East Dallas Health Center on Live Oak Street. Initially, the city of Dallas funded the then-called Dental Health Program but later spun it off to become a private agency. Pauline continues to be a fierce and usually successful proponent for city budget money for the dental clinics.

- Pauline has also been a tireless advocate for Dallas seniors. She chaired the city's Senior Affairs Commission for many years. Continuing her involvement, Pauline played a leadership role in establishing a private 501(c)(3) organization, Friends of Senior Affairs, devoted to advocacy and education on behalf of and for seniors. Friends of Senior Affairs, collaborating with other groups such as the Community Council of Greater Dallas and The Senior Source, convenes educational meetings around the city to inform seniors about resources and concerns related to transportation, health, financial and legal issues. Future plans include giving seminars to bank employees and other business and neighborhood groups about working with senior clients.

The above list is only a sampling of Pauline's involvement and impact on the Dallas community. Pauline says she “loves a challenge” and “there's always something out there that needs to be done. It is especially satisfying to bring something new into the system - something not there before - such as the dental clinics that are now all over the city.” Her friend Syl Benenson says of Pauline: “I can't think of anyone more committed to the causes she believes in. She never gives up and she also has a gift for involving others in those causes.”

In addition to the positive influence of her family, Pauline acknowledges the late Rabbi Levi Olan for inspiring her passion for and involvement in social justice and the late Rabbi Gerald Klein for crucial support of the East Dallas Health Coalition in particular. She also credits her “pals” and mentors in the “Jewish Mafia” with whom she has worked and from whom she has learned, mentioning in particular Syl Benenson, **Adlene Harrison, Beverly Tobian**, and the late Doris Bergman and Hortense Sanger.

Currently, Pauline is deeply concerned that 46 million people (and 1 out of 5 children) in the US live in poverty and that 5 million might be disenfranchised because of restrictive new election laws. She urges NCJW members to become advocates and activists addressing these problems, saying that if she could convince “just one person to do one more thing, that would mean a lot.”

Calendar of Events

January 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	5	6	7
8	9 Clothing & Food Drive Starts	10 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00am	11 <i>Bulletin</i> Deadline	12 WACHS Committee 11:30 am	13	14
15	16 COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE/ MLK DAY	17 Board Meeting 10:00am PACE Orientation 11:45am	18 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	19 S.A.Y. What? Coalition noon	20	21
22	23 Clothing & Food Drive Ends	24 BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON (AWARDS)	25 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Community Service projects are active all year around. Contact the VP of Community Service for details.</i>			1 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	2	3	4
5	6	7 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00am	8	9 Prospective & New Member Coffee 9:30am	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting 10:00am	15 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	16 S.A.Y. What? Coalition noon	17	18
19	20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21	22 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA	23	24	25
26	27	28 Study Group - Healthy Snacking 9:30am	29 HIPPY Field Trip to DMA			

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

SAVE THE DATE

Prospective Member and New Member Coffee Home of Kristen Fagelman

Let the office know if you have prospective members for NCJW and we will invite them to a Coffee at the home of **Kristen Fagelman** on Thursday, February 9, 2012. New members, those who have joined this past year, are also invited to learn more about NCJW and how to get involved. Watch for more information about this special event!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Blessing Evulukwu
Kerry Fagelman
Diana Fennes
Phyllis Kane
Sue Weiner

IN MEMORIAM

Lisa Friedman
Sylvia Knie
Peggy Trubitt

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

Tom Thumb and NCJW are partners in Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program. Tom Thumb will donate a percentage of each member's total grocery purchases to NCJW. All you have to do is sign up for a Reward Card and use our number 540. If you already have a card, please add number 540 to it so NCJW can benefit from your purchases at Tom Thumb.



Rita O. Black

Rita O. Black Tribute Fund

The Rita O. Black Tribute Fund is one of NCJW's longstanding funds, and is in memory of a Charter Life Member of NCJW – **Rita O. Black**. A Tribute Fund pays "tribute" to an honoree. Its purpose is designated, with specific guidelines. As funds are collected, the disbursement goes to an area of interest designated by an individual or the family of an individual. Upon Rita's death in 1992, her family created a tribute fund in her memory. The funds received go to programs that strengthen families.

Rita O. Black dedicated much of her time to various activities in NCJW and was a strong supporter of its initiatives and programs. Because of her firm belief in the work of NCJW, Rita Black felt it was important to raise funds for the various projects. Rita was a faithful volunteer at The Thrift Shop. Not only was she working at the shop, but she also found location sites for The Thrift Shop, and negotiated contracts for leasing spaces. By supporting The Thrift Shop, she was supporting NCJW.

While devoting time and energy to NCJW, Rita was a weekly volunteer at Baylor Hospital. For more than 30 years, Rita played an active role in the Dallas Council on World Affairs. At the age of 60, Rita became a real estate agent, and worked with low income families. Her role was to help negotiate contracts and mortgages in order to secure a home for someone with limited means.

Rita had a variety of interests, but when she volunteered, she gave so much of herself, exceeding all expectations. While being a diligent worker, she was also able to bring a sense of fun to everything that she undertook.

Throughout a lifetime of helping others, Rita Black's first love and concern was her family. According to Rita's daughter, **Sharan Goldstein**, "as busy as she was, nothing came before her family. No matter what else, we always knew that she would be there."

TRIBUTE FUND & OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GREATER DALLAS SECTION NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2011

Endow NCJW Dallas Fund

In memory of:

Dick Rosenthal

Bette & Bennett Miller

HIPPY

Happy holiday wishes to:

Andi Rosenberg

Lennie Wells

Minnie Hexter Milk Fund

Birthday wishes for:

Brenda Brand

Marsha & Lawrence Fischman

David Frankfurt

Maddy & Mark Unterberg

In memory of:

Arnold Sweet

Rhona & David Frankfurt

Harold Star

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Peggy Trubitt

Bette & Bennett Miller

The mother of Debbie Tobolowsky

Rhona & David Frankfurt

NCJW Mission Fund

Birthday wishes for:

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David Whiting

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In honor of:

Cheryl Pollman, recipient of Akiba

Academy's Women Who Inspire Award

Joni & Robert Cohan

Yolanda Clark, reading the haftorah

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In memory of:

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In honor of:

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Darrel Strelitz

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SHARE Endowment Fund

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In honor of:

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Suzi & Jack Greenman

Pauline Kress, recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Award

Suzi & Jack Greenman

In memory of:

Arnold Sweet

Suzi & Jack Greenman

Yad B'Yad

In memory of:

Arnold Sweet

Gayle Johansen

Create a Jewish Legacy

In an effort to assure that we can guarantee future opportunities to financially support our present and future programs and activities, NCJW, Greater Dallas Section encourages our members to consider a bequest in their will. To date, we have 29 members who have already made or have indicated their intention to leave a gift to the Section through their estate plan.

If you are interested in making a bequest or a current gift to either the SHARE Endowment Fund or the new Endow NCJW Dallas Endowment Fund, please contact either **Bette Miller**, b.b.miller@sbcglobal.net or **Cheryl Pollman**, pollmanc@gmail.com, or the NCJW office at 214-368-4405. NCJW recommends you consult your financial advisor and/or your attorney to assure that you effectuate your estate planning in the most advantageous manner.

If you have already named NCJW a beneficiary please let us know so that we may thank you and honor you for your commitment.

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Community Corner

"SOMEBODY SHOULD DO SOMETHING..."

January 26, 2012

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

The Senior Source, 3910 Harry Hines Blvd.,
Dallas, Texas 75219

The Women's Council of Dallas County invites you to attend an overview of past successes, present efforts, and future advocacy activities of the Health & Human Services Coalition. Multimedia presentations will demonstrate current advocacy for Lite Up Texas, Boarding Home Reform, and the Prostitution Diversion Initiative. Personal testimony will be provided by three people who have benefited from advocacy efforts in these areas.

Advance reservations are requested by Monday, January 23.

RSVP via email to programs@dallaswomenscouncil.org; online: www.dallaswomenscouncil.org, or call 214.997.1240.

- Boxed lunches are available for \$10 apiece if paid for by Monday, January 23
- Lunch payments may be made online at www.dallaswomenscouncil.org or via mail (checks payable to WCDC), to Women's Council of Dallas County, P.O. Box 833004, Richardson, TX 75083-3004
- Please indicate if your choice of vegetarian/cheese or chicken box salad lunch

For more information, visit www.dallaswomenscouncil.org, email programs@dallaswomenscouncil.org or leave a message at 214.997.1240.

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