

**“LET’S TALK”
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President's Message

The World is So Overwhelming....



Renee Karp

We are living, regardless of your political preferences, in tumultuous times. Safety issues at home and abroad are concerning, financial security issues unnerving and the psychological strength to weather it all challenging. And yet, gratefully, each day we somehow find the strength to begin again. It is so easy to become overwhelmed. I hear this from my friends and family all the time—It is so overwhelming out there!! So I began reading on how do we address the overwhelmingness (my own word) so many of us are feeling. Some of the results of my research:

Pauline R. Kezer--Former Secretary of the State of CT says:

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."

Desmond Tutu says:

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Barack Obama says:

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope."

DAVE HOLMES Esquire Editor-at-large says:

*Remember this: By getting angry at the television or joining a bar fight on Twitter, you are **not actually doing anything**. So as you opt out of one day of doing nothing, fill it by doing **something**. I will restate the importance of finding some kind of volunteer opportunity in your own area... Something that you can look at when you're finished and know that you have made a clear, visible difference...*

— ESQUIRE MAY 18, 2017

Prevention Magazine says:

"that when the world news becomes overwhelming pick one thing and try to improve it".

Dwelling on the many urgent global issues that need fixing isn't going to help you or anyone else, so instead choose just *one* cause you feel passionate about, and **get involved** in it.

<http://www.trueactivist.com/10-things-to-do-if-the-world-is-making-you-depressed/>

Jessica Migala says:

"The best thing we can do to help us deal with the terrible news that infects our world and psyche is to get into action," says family therapist Paul L. Hokemeyer, Ph.D. He encourages everyone to do one thing positive—however small—each day. Maybe that's making an extra effort to be warm and kind as you go through your day, or spending time with people in need. "These may seem like small acts, but when compounded across millions of people, they are powerful," he says. In other words, you can make a difference.

— YAHOO NEWS MAY 23, 2017

The remedy appears to suggest that during these crazy overwhelming times, rather than succumbing to that hopeless feeling of powerlessness we can look for opportunities to be of service—to help others in our community. To paraphrase Dr. Hokemeyer we can turn feelings of powerlessness into power.

Women of NCJW Dallas know this and do this. So when that overwhelming feeling surfaces—call and volunteer to:

- chaperone a HIPPIY trip
- tutor a child in West Dallas
- work at the clothes closet in West Dallas
- donate a suitcase
- be a court monitor
- help Food Fit and Fun with community nutrition
- distribute turkeys
- call your congress people
- visit your congress people
- help abused kids
- chair a task force
- help us raise money to continue our good works

Our list is long...

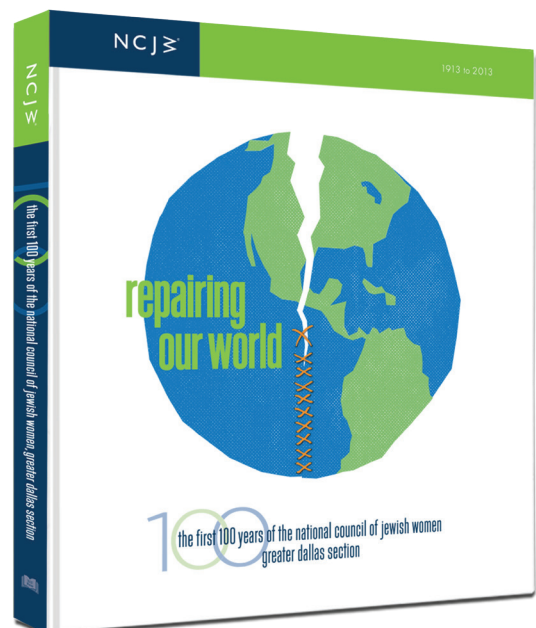
Mother Teresa said **"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create more ripple"**.

Together, NCJW Dallas Women, can create that ripple effect.

NCJW

1913 to 2013

April 2 – History Book Launch



Hannah G. Solomon Award

Lois Finkelman to Receive the Hannah G. Solomon Award

Lois Gault Finkelman was raised in Chicago, Illinois, and grew up biking and playing outdoors with her friends. Spending so much time out of doors, biking around Lake Michigan and even to Evanston, Illinois, instilled in her a great interest and appreciation of the environment. This appreciation influenced her adult interests when she moved to Dallas with her husband, Ross, who began his residency in pediatrics. Lois's role models were her grandmother who emigrated from Romania to Paris where she worked with couture fashion before emigrating to Chicago. She made many of Lois's clothes. Her grandmother began volunteering with the Home for the Aged when she was in her 70's and was a suffragette. Lois's mother was always involved in volunteering when Lois was young and eventually was named Executive Director of the Chicago School for the Retarded.

Once Lois and Ross and their three children, Karen, Peter and David, moved to Dallas, she began volunteering with the League of Women Voters and National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section. She was greatly influenced by Syl Benenson, Adlene Harrison, Shirley Tobolowsky and Pauline Kress. She saw them as smart, articulate, active women in NCJW but also in the community at large. Lois co-chaired the DISD Health Special School Teen Pregnancy Project, worked on the PACE committee and was on the Adolescents and Youth At Risk School for Community Action steering committee. She also helped NCJW develop the Consumer Education curriculum for DISD.

Lois's leadership skills became apparent by those with whom she volunteered. Mayor Annette Strauss appointed her to the Environmental Health Commission and Gary Weber appointed her to the Dallas County Park and Open Space Board. When asked about advice to young people who want to develop their leadership skills, Lois said "Get involved in clubs, causes, sororities and fraternities. Anyone can learn to be a leader. Learn to listen and watch those in positions of leadership. Determine traits that you find attractive and effective. Those who lead best know how to listen and build consensus and coalitions."

In the midst of her volunteer work with Environmental causes, Lois went back to school for a double Master's degree in Environmental Science and Science Education. She served as a member and then as President of the City of Dallas Park and Recreation Board from 1989-1997. It was her time on the Park Board when she learned how City Hall operated and she developed strong neighborhood relationships in her District. She was approached by several friends and neighbors about running for the Dallas City Council. She was elected to represent her District in 1997 to 2005. Recently when she was asked if running for office today is any different than when she ran, she replied "I am not sure that there is any difference or if the reasons to run are any different. Some candidates care about the city they live in and want to make a difference. Others care about certain causes and imagine holding a City office as a stepping stone



Lois Finkelman

to a larger political career. There have always been oppositional folks on the City Council. Today however, in many discussions, things deteriorate to a personal level whereas that did not seem to happen as much twenty years ago."

Lois and Ross are members of Temple Shalom. When asked what role her faith played in her choice of activities and to become so active in the community, she replied "I grew up in a Jewish home and had religious education. Being Jewish is part of my mindset. I don't analyze it. It is just part of who I am. I am often aware of being the only Jew around the table but I don't make decisions because of it. I don't consciously speak with a Jewish voice but unconsciously perhaps I do because that is who I am."

When asked about what still motivates her to devote so much time to community service she said that when one is on the City Council, certain projects stoke a passion so when council members step down from

political service, they tend to gravitate to organizations/issues that they learned while serving. They have more time to devote to individual causes.

Her greatest sense of satisfaction and achievement was not being labeled by a political party while in office. The Dallas City Council is supposed to be non partisan. One of her most satisfying experiences occurred when both Republicans and Democrats had approached her to run for County Judge! Bringing environmental issues to the front at City Hall was very important to her. Another great sense of satisfaction comes when someone stops her in the grocery store and compliments her and asks her to run for office again. Lois includes receiving the Hannah G. Solomon award as a great honor and among her greatest satisfactions.

Other honors and awards this honoree has received include Dallas Jewish Historical Society's Ann Loeb Sikora Humanitarian award, the Dallas Historical Society award for Excellence in Community Service and SMU Women's Symposium, Profiles in Leadership award.

Lois leads a very active life. She was Chair of the National Recreation and Park Association, she is currently Chair-elect of the Dallas Zoological Society. She is on the Board of Advisors to the State Fair of Texas, on the Dallas Midtown Park Foundation Board, the North Texas Community Advisory Board for the Trust for Public Land and the Archives of Women of the Southwest at SMU. She completed service on the Children's Medical Center Associates Board and the Trinity Commons Foundation Board. She and her husband love to travel to see their grandchildren. They also enjoy golf, biking, wine, good food and traveling to new sites. Lois says her therapy is playing tennis.

Her bucket list is small but very important: a family trip with grandkids and her brother and his family and extended good health for all loved ones and friends.

This award will be presented to Lois at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Joy Mankoff to Receive the Lifetime Achievement Award

A Lifelong volunteer and civic activist.

Joy has been a catalyst enabling others to act. As Joy once explained, “we like to act when we see an injustice and believe that something needs to be done.”

And much has been done.

In the mid 1980’s, Joy was one of 19 women who banded together to form the Dallas Women’s Foundation (now the Texas Women’s Foundation). Joy actively recruited women from diverse backgrounds ensuring that the foundation would have broad based, grass-roots support. Because of her continuing commitment and ongoing leadership, the Dallas Women’s Foundation is a vital part of this community.

Her catalytic contributions have also transformed many educational communities. Her commitment to education has been made evident by the creation and establishment of many innovative programs for NCJW Dallas, Planned Parenthood, The Dallas Jewish Federation, the Dallas Opera, and Connecticut College to name a few.

In addition to education Joy has given her resources, time and support to so many areas of our community. The arts, health and women’s issues have benefited from her vision, dedication and creativity. Over the years Joy has served in many leadership roles. Below is a partial list of entities that have been blessed by a relationship with Joy Mankoff.

Past president of:

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section
Planned Parenthood’s Dallas affiliate
The Dallas Summit
Women’s Council of Dallas County

Former Chair of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee
Former Co-Chair of Greater Dallas Coalition for Reproductive Freedom
Founding Chair of Older Women’s League, Dallas Chapter
Founding president of Women’s Issues Network

Member of convening committee and first board of Dallas Women’s Foundation
Former National Board member of National Council of Jewish Women
Former VP of Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Dallas

Former Board member of:

American Jewish Committee
Brandeis University national Women’s Committee
Community Council of Greater Dallas
Golden Acres
Jewish Vocational Guidance Services
Jewish Welfare Federation



Joy Mankoff

Lamplighter Mother’s Club
LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texans)
Mental Health Association of Dallas
National Conference of Christians and Jews
St. Marks Parents’ Club
Temple Emanu-El
Texas Advisory Board of Environmental Defense
Texas Freedom Network
Vogel Alcove
Dallas Holocaust Center

Former member of:

Dallas County Historical Building Advisory Committee to the Dallas County Historical Commission
Dallas Symphony League
Goals for Dallas, Design Committee
Save Open Space
Urban Task Force, Jewish Welfare Federation

And the Commitment, Dedication and Achievement Continues...

Former appointed member of:

Dallas Citizens/Police Relations Board
Dallas Civil Service Adjunct Board
Dallas County Park and Open Space Board
Dallas Urban Rehabilitation Standards Board

Former co-chair with husband Ronald of President’s Circle of Dallas Museum of Art and the Advisory Council of the Dallas Women’s Foundation.

Current Board Member of:

National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section
The Dallas Opera
The Women’s Museum: An Institute for the Future

Recipient of:

Hannah G. Solomon Award from NCJW
Laurel Award from AAUW
SMU’s Women’s Symposium’s Women in Leadership Award
Women Helping Women Award from the Women’s Center of Dallas

Joy and her husband received the Institute of Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee and the Gertrude Shelburne Humanitarian Award from Planned Parenthood of North Texas.

Education: BA in Sociology from Connecticut College and MA in Civic Affairs from University of Dallas.

Family: Husband, Ronald M. Mankoff; Children, Jeffrey and Douglas; 5 perfect grandchildren

This award will be presented to Joy at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.

Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award

This award honors the memory of Janis Music who gave of herself with dignity and kindness of spirit. Janine and Carol exemplify these qualities.

Janine Pulman



Janine Pulman

Janine Pulman - a woman who makes a difference wherever she serves - is the 2019 recipient of the Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award.

Community service has been a constant in Janine's life. Janine witnessed community service first hand from both of her parents. Growing up in St. Louis, she accompanied her mother door to door for March of Dimes. Janine later became the Plano City Chairperson for the March of

Dimes. Her father also believed in giving back to the community, teaching Sunday School and playing his violin for the Jewish Home in St. Louis.

Janine joined the National Council of Jewish Women's Morning Branch in the early 1980s. She became President of Morning Branch which eventually merged with Evening Branch. As she became more involved with Jewish Family Service (JFS) and its resettlement program for Soviet Jews, she volunteered for JFS as the Coordinator of Career Workshops for the Resettlement Program. She then joined the JFS staff as the Assistant Coordinator of Volunteers for the Resettlement Program under Sue Sayah. When Sue retired in the mid 1990s, Janine became the coordinator of all JFS volunteers, serving in that capacity until 2012.

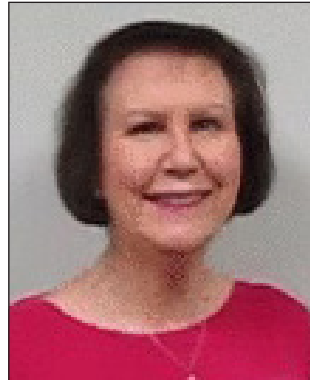
When Janine returned to NCJW as a volunteer in 2013, her first assignment was on the PACE (Public Affairs, Community Service and Evaluation) Committee. She became the PACE Co-Chair and helped develop standards and guidelines to improve the process. Using her professional experience representing JFS with United Way, Janine helped the entire process become more formalized, objective and directed.

Currently, Janine is giving her time, energy, and compassion to NCJW's West Dallas Project. In 2015-2016, NCJW's Research and Development Committee came up with a project in West Dallas and Janine was asked to co-chair it with Renee Karp. In developing the project, NCJW has worked with the West Dallas Multipurpose Center. NCJW is building relationships in the West Dallas community with the goal of helping economically disadvantaged families. NCJW is still learning how to best meet those needs and so far has delivered turkeys at Thanksgiving, purchased and provided backpacks and binders for the schools, opened the Clothes Closet for the West Dallas community at the West Dallas Multipurpose Center, provided clothes, backpacks, uniforms, and jackets for 5 DISD schools, served as a liaison to the business community and started a tutoring program. As chair of the project, Janine is the go-to person when challenges and opportunities arise. (Janine mentioned that the most pressing needs for volunteers now are to help in the Clothes Closet and to tutor first and second graders. Volunteers welcome).

Janine met her husband, Charles, at the University of Texas at Austin. They have 2 daughters and sons-in law, 3 grandchildren, and 3 grand-dogs.

This award will be presented to Janine at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.

Carol Tobias



Carol Tobias

Carol Tobias is the recipient of the NCJW Dallas's 2019 Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award. There is no question that Carol Tobias has made an exceptional difference wherever she has chosen to serve.

Almost 50 years ago, Carol was enticed to join NCJW when her friend, Diana Gordon, gifted her a membership. Diana was Membership VP then and really needed to make her numbers. Thank goodness, Carol agreed to join. Carol's first job was managing

the Thrift Shop on the corner of Ross and Hall. She was in her 30's and was job hunting. Syl Benenson called to say that she no longer had a manager there, and asked Carol to temporarily run the store. Of course, Carol, like everyone else, could not tell Syl "no." Somewhere along the way, Carol also co-chaired with Joel Stern the Thrift Shop Encore Sale, at one time a major fundraiser for NCJW Dallas. Other early NCJW volunteer jobs included facilitating the NCJW Self-Development Series several times, as well as the PET (Parent Effectiveness Training) courses at Temple Emanu-El.

For many years, Carol was extremely active in Evening Branch and served as its President from 1974-1975. She will tell you that among her closest friends today are sidekicks with whom she volunteered during her Evening Branch days. In the 1980's, Carol approached Lorraine Schein, the NCJW Southern District Field Representative about the need for a Professional Branch, for those women and men who worked full time, but wanted to connect socially as well as professionally while making a difference in the community. So, with Lorraine's blessing, and the help of Sharon Cohany and Karen Stromberg, Carol launched NCJW Professional Branch, and served as its founding president from 1981-1982.

Most recently, Carol's passion for service has been laser-beam focused on early childhood education. She represents NCJW Dallas on the JCRC Education Committee, focusing on poverty and education and how it impacts our community. For the past five years, with her role model and mentor, Syl Benenson she has co-chaired HIPPY, a program that provides cultural field trips and a 30-week home-based reading readiness curriculum to low income families. Working arm-in-arm, Carol and Syl have found innovative ways to expand HIPPY to reach more families. Carol has worked closely with the Irving School District as well as volunteered for the Irving School Foundation's Fundraising Event. She is currently working with DISD to increase the enrollment of African American children in the HIPPY program. Whether providing a pancake breakfast for members of an African American church in South Dallas, working with a volunteer in a South Dallas apartment complex to plant a vegetable garden for residents, or coordinating talks among several African American congregations, Carol is on the job --- determined to bring HIPPY to more children in need and their families. In reviewing the myriad ways in which she has served, Carol says that she is especially grateful to Syl Benenson for not only recruiting her to NCJW, but, more importantly, for

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Emerging Leader Awards

Nonie Schwartz – Co-recipient of the Emerging Leader Award



Nonie Schwartz

The challenge to interviewing Nonie Schwartz is finding time when she is available and not busy volunteering. It's no surprise that over the years this woman has been recognized as the Aaron Family JCC Leader of the Year and also has received the William and Sadie Waldman Teacher Excellence Award for Teacher of the Year. Recently, Nonie and her co-chair Sherilyn Bird have been named NCJW's 2019 Emerging Leaders for their work with the Suitcase Project.

Nonie's volunteerism with NCJW began years ago. As a young mom, she liked the women in the group and what the agency stood for – women helping other women, their children and families. It was also an avenue for social activities. Initially, she served as president of the organization's evening branch, and then as vice-president of the section for one year. Chuckling, she said that she considers herself more of a RE-emerging leader!

After a 25-year career in teaching middle school students language arts and social studies at Solomon Schecter / Levine Academy, Nonie retired to a life of volunteerism. As vice president of NCJW's community service projects she and her friend Sherilyn Bird would meet with other community agencies. It was during a visit to Mosaic Family Services that they learned of the need for suitcases for women who were coming out of the shelter. "Sherilyn was so intrigued, and together we decided that we could help. We went into our meeting for one thing, and learned of a need and ran with it. We basically stumbled upon the Suitcase Project," said Nonie.

She and her co-chair have what Nonie describes as the perfect marriage. "She writes and I do the leg work. Sherilyn is a pleasure to work with, she is kind, efficient and so much fun. We just clicked. We each do the things that the other person doesn't like to do," she explained. Nonie helps train volunteers, picks up and delivers suitcases and together they oversee the programs' continued development. "The Project is more than just collecting suitcases for women and children at MOSAIC House" she continued. "Most people who are abused leave their homes quickly, and take all of their possessions in a plastic trash bag." The program has evolved from not only collecting tote bags and suitcases for these women, but also helping to establish them once they are able to get their own apartments. "We help by furnishing basic household items – dishes, pots and pans, cleaning supplies, and cooking utensils."

A true Texan, Nonie, a family nickname that she inherited from her late grandmother, was born and raised in Ft. Worth. She graduated from UT Austin where she met her husband Melvin Schwartz, and they then moved to Dallas and raised 3 sons. Recently, Nonie has become involved at The Legacy, an assisted living facility where she teaches mah jongg to the residents. Her mother, who recently passed away, enjoyed playing poker while a resident there, so Nonie recruited her husband as a volunteer poker dealer.

When asked about her dedication to volunteerism, Nonie said, "It gives you something, a satisfaction for doing something for others. It helps make the world a better place, one day at a time." Thank you Nonie, for all that you have done for others.

This award will be presented to Nonie at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.

NCJW Honors Sherilyn Bird with Emerging Leader Award



Sherilyn Bird

Sherilyn and her husband David moved to Dallas as newlyweds in the early 70's where she enjoyed being a member of the Dallas Section Evening Branch. Sherilyn and David are the proud parents of Stacy and David Brown and loving grandparents of Judd and Sylvie Bella Brown.

Sherilyn feels fortunate to have had a career working in academic and public libraries. Sherilyn especially enjoyed this field as it provided her the opportunity to access knowledge and information services that benefited the Dallas community.

In 2013, Sherilyn was elected president of the Texas Library Association. She has also served as a member of the Prosper Community Library Board. She retired Library Dean Emerita in January 2016 from Texas Woman's University and is currently serving on the board of Shir Tikvah.

Among the first things Sherilyn did in retirement was re join NCJW. She is especially pleased to serve the Dallas community with many of the women she was friends with in the evening branch at the start of her career. She takes special pride in knowing that as members of NCJW she, Nonie Schwartz and the entire Suitcase Project team are working together to benefit survivors of domestic abuse and trafficking and to help them transition with dignity to independent living.

This award will be presented to Sherilyn at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.



The 106th Birthday Luncheon was a huge success! Many volunteers have shown interest about participating in the planning of next year's event. If you are interested in participating in the planning of next years birthday luncheon, please call Nicole at 214-368-4405.

Congratulations to Dr. Ellen Jackofsky on receiving the Southern Methodist University's Women's Symposium Profiles in Leadership Community Award.

Dr. Ellen Jackofsky has been chosen to receive the Southern Methodist University Gail Reese Ward Excellence in Mentoring Award.

The Gail Reese Ward Excellence in Mentoring Award commemorates Gail Ward, 1950-2003, who coordinated the SMU Women's Symposium from 2000-2003 and created the Profiles in Leadership Awards program. It recognizes an Award recipient for especially significant contributions as a mentor to girls and women.

Dr. Ellen Jackofsky

Retired SMU Associate Provost and Professor

Dr. Ellen Jackofsky served as Associate Professor of Management and Organizations at the Edwin L. Cox School of Business. Ellen received her B.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin and both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Management Science from the University of Texas at Dallas. Her research interests are in the areas of employee turnover and job performance, formation of employee perceptions over time, the differences in work attitudes and behaviors of part-time versus full-time employees, cross-cultural differences, and other human resource management issues. She has published articles in these areas in *Academy of Management*



Dr. Ellen Jackofsky

Review, Journal of Applied Psychology, Journal of Management, and Journal of Occupational Behavior, among others. She is an active member of the Academy of Management and the American Psychological Association.

Ellen served as Associate Provost for Faculty and Faculty Development from 1995 through 2011. During those years she was in charge of Faculty and Faculty Development. This meant that she coordinated the promotion and tenure process, coordinated the salary administration, the various university level faculty reward programs, university level department chair orientation, etc. Over those years, she also chaired the group that brought SMU into compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 for athletics and was responsible for collecting the information and

writing for the academic portion of the university strategic plan. Since arriving at SMU over 30 years ago, she has participated in various capacities with the Women's symposium.

We are so proud to have nominated Ellen and even prouder that they have chosen to honor this wonderful NCJW woman.

This award will be presented to Ellen on Wednesday March 6.

Congratulations to Julie Lowenberg on receiving the Southern Methodist University's Women's Symposium Profiles in Leadership Community Award.

The National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section is so grateful for the continuing inspiring leadership of this past president. Her roles at NCJW Dallas have included Public Affairs Vice-President, Co-Chair of the Immigrant Families Initiative, and Co-Chair of a Community Conference on Immigration. Julie has served on the National Board of Directors for NCJW and was a Texas State Policy Co-Chair. Presently Julie is Project Chair for Literacy Achieves, is an Immigration Court observer and serves on the Awards and Birthday Luncheon Committee.

Integrity, intellect, diplomacy, action and grit describe Julie. A native of Dallas, her parents instilled in her core beliefs - that all, regardless of race, creed or country of origin are entitled to equal rights, opportunities and individual liberties. A Magna cum laude graduate of Radcliffe and Harvard Law School she competed with the best academically. She was one of only 25 women in her law class of over 500.

Every organization dreams of a volunteer like Julie. She is a model leader, taking on the smaller to the most urgent tasks with positive results. An independent thinker and sharp analyst, Julie digests complex issues and often pinpoints direct, effective solutions, both resolving conflicts and creating new ideas. Her communication skills and gentle style have placed her in many positions of leadership



Julie Lowenberg

where she has developed projects, inspired teamwork and institutional growth encouraging new leadership.

As a member of the league of Women Voters Julie has served both as Texas State and Dallas President.

Board memberships include- Human Rights Initiative (HRI); Dallas City Charter Review Commission; Dallas Women's Foundation (Advocacy Committee); Women's Council of Dallas County President and Co-Chair of the Health Task Force; Planned Parenthood, Chair of public Affairs committee; Vogel Alcove Childcare Center for the Homeless; Women's Issue Network, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Allocation Panel Committee; Leadership Dallas Class of 2000.

Julie is active in voter engagement and leadership development and a member of the Scholarship Committee of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation. She volunteers in Family Preparedness Workshops coordinated by a coalition of immigrant-serving groups. She is also a board member of Literacy Achieves (formerly Vickery Meadow Learning Center).

Julie's interests are far ranging and her active participation in the political process, education, service and women's issues groups speak to her leadership, caring and compassion for persons of all ages, backgrounds and capabilities.

This award will be presented to Julie on Wednesday March 6.

Public Affairs

Oh What A Night! Meeting and Greeting Our Newly Elected Officials

Thanks to all who attended the Meet and Greet Wednesday, December 5th and to our newly elected officials who were out in full force and generously gave their time to NCJW.

We are especially fortunate to have a partner and sponsor like Frost Bank, who provided the space, and all the amenities for the evening's event.



Sen. Royce West (D-23)



Rep. John Turner (D-114)



Rep. Eric Johnson (D-100)



Sen. Nathan Johnson (D-Dallas 16)

“LET’S TALK” SPEAK TO OUR STATE LEGISLATORS Day on the Hill In Austin

**Sunday March 24th –
Tuesday March 26th**

AUSTIN HERE WE COME

It's not too late to sign up for our trip to Austin where we will meet with our State Senators and local Representatives. Regardless of your political affiliation, advocating for our most important issues should make this trip especially eventful.

Don't Miss Out on this Opportunity & Adventure

Contact Nicole for more information:
info@ncjwdallas.org or 214-368-4405

Community Service

Hats and Coats Giveaway

Each of our six West Dallas schools received 20 jackets/coats plus 50-60 hats and scarves. The schools were thrilled to receive all of them. And, the best news is that everything was distributed before the school winter vacation. Plus, we have 30 more items to put in the clothes closet!

Thank you to the residents of the Legacy of Willow Bend who lovingly knitted all the beautiful hats and scarves. And, a special thank you to Carol Sobel who generously devoted her time to make it all happen.

There are so many who help NCJW make a difference in the lives of the students and faculty in West Dallas. It is so greatly appreciated.



Deidra Cizon delivering hats & scarves to Stevens Park and is here with the new Principal Roberto Gonzalez.



Elaine Stillman delivered coats/jackets and hats and scarves to Gabe Allen, here with Principal Sheila Ortiz Espinell.



Clothes Closet

Clothes Closet volunteers assist clients in their selection of clothing, plus sorting and folding clothes. To volunteer contact Stacy Barnett at stacyrbarnett@yahoo.com.

Left: Roberta Lazarus (on floor), Joyce Rosenfield, and Jackie Fleschman.

Below: Stacy and Zeke Barnett



Judy Hoffman is Honored

At their annual holiday party, the Dallas County District Attorney recognizes people who have made a difference in the lives of so many others. This year among the honorees was Judy Hoffman for her work and commitment to Kids in Court, a project she initiated. Attendees included Renee Karp, Elaine Stillman, and Claudette Wolfe.

Community Service

Thank You Half Price Books

Half Price books has opened its heart to NCJW for the children of the West Dallas Schools by donating more than 3600 books.

Thank you to our devoted President Renee Karp for making this happen. All is so greatly appreciated.



Acadia Park



Stevens Park

Turkey Distribution

At the West Dallas Multi-purpose Center, for the past three Thanksgivings, we provided turkeys to families who would not otherwise be able to purchase them. This year more than 25 adults and children helped distribute 357 turkeys.



Mark Your Calendars



Passover

April 19 is Passover first night Seder

**Annual Meeting at Bon Ton Farms
April 16**

Awards and Installation • May 14

Membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nina Cortell
Nancy Drexler
Brooke Gardner Fedro
Charlotte Guidroz

Susan Hilton
Debbie Kimberg
Linda Scheff

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Hazel Byers, member
Lyra Daniels, member, and mother of member Donna Rubin
Beatrice Hirsh, member
Rich Haberman, husband of member Liz Haberman
Melvin Kusin, brother of member Gloria Davis, companion of member Sally Unger
Al Plaskoff, father of member Lauren Weiner, father-in-law of member Melissa Plaskoff
Dr. Gerald Schneider, husband of Judy Schneider, father of member Susan Bates

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Sarah Spickard

Carol Tobias

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entrusting her with the leadership of HIPPY and for giving her the opportunity to grow this incredible project.

Carol grew up in Kilgore, Texas and moved to Dallas as a teenager. She will tell you that her parents were incredible role models for who she is today. They worked together in their ladies ready-to-wear stores and eventually opened their own Beauty Supply business. Her father was raised in Russia where his family was "dirt" poor. Anything his family had was a treasure. As he often told Carol, his mom cooked every part of a cow, including the moo because every part provided sustenance. He lived that daily and taught Carol to never throw anything away if it had another use. Soooo, if you know Carol, RECYCLING is her middle name and has been since she was in her 20's.

Carol's mother worked full time, but always found time to be the Brownie and Girl Scout leader and anything else that was for her children or the community. NCJW was her mother's organization of choice. Both of her parents worked Encore. She remembers her dad making the check-out counter taller so the people working behind it did not have to stay bent over.

While being committed to her community work, for 25 years Carol was the sole owner of Beauty Supplies, Etc., having purchased it from her parents. She broadened it from a retail beauty supply business to one that serviced professional nail technicians.

Carol has one son, Brian Rieter, and a grandson, Blake Rieter, age 8, who shares his grandma as a volunteer with his science class at Levine Academy. Carol raised Brian as a single mom from the time he was 3 years old, after her husband, Arnold Rieter passed away. In 1992, Carol met her perfect partner, Larry Tobias. They just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Carol says Larry has been the biggest supporter of her community work. Between the two of them, they have 4 kids, 6 grandkids, 4 grand-dogs, and 2 grand-cats.

Carol says NCJW has given her so many opportunities for over 50 years...being mentored and learning to mentor. Most of all, it has given her the tools to help make a difference for women, children and families in the Dallas community. She exemplifies every aspect of the Janis Levine Music award. Upon receiving the call that she had been chosen to receive this honor, Carol's response was "I don't deserve this award. There are many others who have done a lot more than me who deserve it more!" Congratulations, Carol. Yes, you do deserve this honor. Thank you for all you do for not only NCJW Dallas, but for the betterment of the entire Dallas community.

This award will be presented to Carol at our Awards/Installation Luncheon on May 14.

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March

- 1 PACE Orientation
- 5 Executive Comm. Mtg.*
- 10-16 Spring Break
- 24-26 Day on the Hill

April

- 2 Executive Comm. Mtg.*
- 7-9 Washington Institute, DC
- 11 Board Mtg.**
- 12 PACE Deliberations
- 16 General Meeting to include Board business.
- 20 First Seder-Passover
- 27 Last Day-Passover
- 30 May Executive Comm. Mtg.*

May

- 7 Executive Comm. Mtg.*
- 14 Awards & Installation Luncheon, time & location TBA

* Executive Committee Meetings held at the JCC Dallas in the Mankoff Room, 10AM-12PM

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