

106th Birthday Luncheon January 22, 2019

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Keynote Speaker: Ellen Goodman

Registration - 11:30 AM | Event - Noon
Westin Galleria | 13340 Dallas Parkway | Dallas, Texas

Chairs: Elaine Bernstein and Erin Zopolsky

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President's Message

A Response to Anger and Hateful Rhetoric



Renee Karp

At the beginning of October, I received a very distressed e-mail from Nicole. She was very upset at receiving a phone call that was a belligerent tirade filled with expletives. The anger was about a position taken by our National NCJW office. According to Nicole the phone call was disgusting. These are strong words from Nicole, our delightful and very accommodating administrative manager. She further shared that she has very thick skin, but this outburst was just too much.

What made this person feel she was entitled to rant and yell at someone in such an inappropriate manner?

My initial response to Nicole was "This is a sign of the times." But the more I thought about it, the more uncomfortable I was with my response. Had I begun to expect and accept this? How did this happen? What has happened to civil discourse?

Definitions.net defines Civil Discourse as "An engagement in conversation intended to enhance understanding." "Kenneth J. Gergen describes civil discourse as the language of dispassionate objectivity and suggests that it requires respect of the other participants."* This ranting phone call demonstrated anything but respect. It was vitriolic and caustic.

When did we learn to be so unkind? We can be passionate issue advocates and disagree with ideas, but what would we hope to accomplish by screaming at someone hatefully.

As a person of faith, I ask where have our moral compasses gone? I grew up with and continue to use the *Golden Rule* as a moral compass. It asks us to *treat others as you want to be treated*. Clearly the person verbally assaulting Nicole this day, with anger and hatred, did not stop to ask herself if this is the way she would want to be treated.

Personal attacks and hateful rhetoric degrade us all. They are counterproductive and poisonous.

Rabbi Steve Gutow, former president and CEO of the Jewish Council on Public Affairs, wrote "Civility is simply demonstrating respect for the dignity of our fellow humans – even those humans with whom we have sharp disagreement. Civility is allowing others to speak and having the humility to admit that we may have something to learn. Civility favors truth over cheap gain, and patience over knee-jerk judgment." **

And now, as I am writing this article for the *Bulletin*, the worst anti-semitic attack on American soil has occurred, leaving 11 dead and more than half as many injured.

From what we know, as of this writing, the shooter had a social media account on a popular gathering place for alt- right activists and white nationalists spewing horrible hateful rhetoric. This ugly spewing hatred resulted in death and destruction at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Lives lost and families and trust destroyed.

This ugliness keeps rearing its head. Our national discourse is bone-chilling.

So what are we to do?

As members of NCJW we continue to work together as collaborators, volunteers and advocates.

We become even fiercer proponents of social justice and champions of improving the quality of life for women, children and families.

We remain fervent in our commitment to safeguard individual rights and freedoms.

And now, in this year of 5779, we need to add another commitment. To be the models—to use our voices respectfully; to lead in lifting people up; to patiently listen to one another; to use our words to persuade, rather than divide and to always be mindful of the moral compass of the Golden Rule, to treat others as we would want to be treated.



President, NCJW Dallas

* [www.definitions.net/definition/civil discourse](http://www.definitions.net/definition/civil%20discourse)

** www.OnFaith.com 11/3 2010



The 106th Birthday Luncheon will take place Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Plans are well underway and the festivities will be something you won't want to miss! In addition to our keynote speaker, Pulitzer Prize Winning Columnist Ellen Goodman, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings will be present to present the Pioneering Partner Award to the City of Dallas Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs. General tickets are available for \$175 each, and this year, for the first time ever, Donor Tickets are available at \$500 each. In addition to the luncheon, the special Donor Ticket will include access to the VIP reception and recognition in the program. Texas Capital Bank is the Presenting Sponsor at the \$25,000 level. As of October 17th one sponsor has contributed at the \$15,000+ level, four sponsors have contributed at the \$10,000+ level, eight sponsors have contributed at the \$5,000+ level, twenty-four sponsors have contributed at the \$2,500+ level, and twenty-eight sponsors have contributed at the \$1,850+ level. Sponsorships and tables are still available. *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Texas Jewish Post* are media sponsors. Once again this year there is a challenge grant from the Wolens Foundation during the call to action. Please contact the NCJW office or visit the website www.ncjwdallas.org/birthday for more information.

NCJW at Work



Calling to encourage early voting. Renee Karp, Alex Friedman, Caren Edelstein, Korina Smith, and Laura Diamond.



NCJW at Women's Equality Day.



Strategic Planning Meeting - Pat Peiser helping Carol Rylander.



Strategic Planning Meeting.



Dallas Jewish Foundation Unsung Heroes Event: Nicole Gray is our hero. Renee Karp, Joyce Rosenfield, Nicole Gray and Carol Tobias.

Nicole Gray Named as an Unsung Hero

Congratulations to our wonderful NCJW Administrative Manager, Nicole Gray, on being honored as an Unsung Hero by the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation. DJCF presented its Unsung Hero awards at its annual meeting on October 29. Nicole has been with NCJW since August, 2015, starting the same day as our just-retired executive director, Suzi Greenman. And, Suzi is quick to point out, Nicole does everything, starting with sorting the 300 or so emails that have come in overnight, to working with our bookkeeper, sending out all of our thank-you notes, drafting our weekly eblast, etc., etc., etc. But her greatest strength, says Suzi, is her ability to work with people, and she has a lot of us to work with. That, and Suzi adds, "staying calm in the face of chaos...since we are seriously understaffed for all that we are trying to accomplish."



West Dallas Clothes Closet. Linda Margolies, Jackie Fleshman, Roberta Lazarus, Stacy Barnett, and Zeke Barnett.

HOT TOPIC
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February 14, 2019
 For The Love Of Food:
 How Food Transforms Communities

Opening Meeting

NCJW Dallas Educates Community on Domestic Abusers Owning Guns

Over 100 people attended our opening meeting at Temple Emanu-El. How fortunate our community is to have wonderful experts to educate us about the dangers of Domestic Abusers Owning Guns. The panel of experts included:

Judge Roberto Canas who was the presiding judge of County Criminal Court #10 in Dallas County, which handles only domestic violence cases.

Jennifer Staubach Gates, Dallas Council member District 13 who heads the City of Dallas' Domestic Violence Task Force.

Jan Langbein CEO of Genesis Women's Shelter.

The discussion was moderated by **Natalie Nanasi**, Assistant Professor of Law, Director of the Judge Elmo B. Hunter Legal Center for Victims of Crimes Against Women, SMU Dedman School of Law. Mosaic Family Services and Moms Demand Action were community partners for this event.

The panel shared with the audience some alarming facts and statistics, including the facts that more women are killed with firearms than anything else and, the presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that the woman will be killed.

The complexity of the issue was also discussed. For example, someone convicted of a domestic violence crime is not allowed to

have a gun. But, there is no tracking mechanism to completely enforce this rule. Additionally, there is no gun registry in Texas. Consequently there is no way to know who owns a gun. The panel shared potential solutions including partnering with law enforcement and electing public officials that will prioritize protecting women.

NCJW believes that the nation's laws and policies should restrict and regulate guns. NCJW supports limiting the sale and distribution of firearms and the proliferation of weapons as a means to reduce the number of lives cut short and families destroyed by gun violence.



Bette Miller and Rabbi Nancy Kasten at Opening Meeting.



Opening Meeting panel: Natalie Nanasi, Jan Langbein, Jennifer Staubach Gates, and Judge Roberto Canas.

From the Executive Director

A Thank You From Korina



Korina Smith

At our September board meeting, I had a memorable conversation with Carol Tobias as she sat me down to welcome me. She proceeded to tell me her history with the organization and the strong community that it is before she kindly remarked, "Well we need you and in time you will find that you need us, too". I knew right away that was a very simple yet insightful statement. I imagine I have some very special life lessons to learn from this group of women on our journey together. I quickly have felt a strong connection to this group of women not only through our shared values about bettering humanity, but our personal life tendencies to be warm, kind, multitasking, sharp followers of current events with an attitude of gratitude and a heart to serve those who are most vulnerable. This group of women reminds me of my favorite quote which is by Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has".

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From my very first day in the office this summer, I've been overwhelmed with the kind welcome I've received from everyone. Renee Karp so generously worked overtime to set me up with as many introduction meetings as possible, so I could get to know the various leaders of the organization. Suzi Greenman was so open and generous with her precious time as she explained every detail and backstory she could to help me learn about the history and culture of the organization. Suzi spent hours teaching me things every single day for 6 weeks before she retired, and she continues to be an invaluable resource when needed. Nicole Gray, our Office Administrator, continues to be patient with me as I still rely on her to show me where things are and ask her what seems like hundreds of questions per day. Elaine Bernstein hosted a wonderful lunch at her beautiful home to introduce me to our impressive board members. I could go on and on as I remember something kind each person has said to me as I've begun my new role at NCJW Dallas, and I want to thank every one of you for that.

Even though we have challenges that will not be easy to fix, we have the willpower, heart and mindset to discover a path to our potential. Thank you for bringing me on this journey with you!

Community Service

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS 2018-2019

Eating Well is a SNAP!

Under the umbrella of F+F=F, this program is geared towards senior adults. EWS! is an interactive, bilingual program that provides information on eating well on a limited budget, food resources, and senior services. Volunteer opportunities include teaching and assisting with this program at residential living facilities, libraries, and recreation and Senior Centers in Dallas County.

**Chairs: Marlene Cohen, rockroad00@gmail.com;
Kyra Effren, cyra@effren.com**

Food + Fit = Fun

This bilingual program helps low-income parents prepare their preschool children for academic success and a healthy overall lifestyle. Partnering with HIPPY in DISD, IISD, and RISD, Food + Fit = Fun teaches the importance of good nutritional habits and regular physical activities. Volunteer opportunities include teaching the healthy eating curriculum to parents of many different cultures, facilitating fun exercise demonstrations, and leading grocery store tours.

Chairs: Sharan Goldstein, sbgdallas@gmail.com; Robin Zweig, robinzweig1@gmail.com; Liz Cooper, shelizard5@aol.com

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 3-, 4-, and 5-year old children for success in school and beyond. Throughout the year, NCJW volunteers assist the families with culturally appropriate field trips to the DMA, Nasher, Perot and the Arboretum, encouraging them to tap into and explore their creativity.

**Chairs: Syl Benenson, slbenenson@gmail.com;
Carol Tobias, cltobias@aol.com**

Kids in Court

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

Chair: Judy Hoffman, jhoffman1@sbcglobal.net

Literacy Achieves (Formerly Vickery Meadow Learning Center)

Volunteers participate as teachers in an adult literacy program, offered through this Center, which is dedicated to improving the communication and life skills of non-English speaking adults so they may function more productively in American society.

Chair: Julie Lowenberg, jmlowenberg@sbcglobal.net

Meal Delivery - Kosher Home Delivered Meals – Jewish Family Service; Meals on Wheels – Visiting Nurses Association

Volunteers deliver kosher meals through JFS and non-kosher meals through VNA, providing a daily hot, nutritious noontime meal personal to disabled, ill and frail homebound clients. NCJW volunteers are the eyes and ears of those clients, while sometimes being their only personal contact.

**Chairs: Bonnie Grossfeld, bonnie@grossfeld.org;
Marilyn Fiedelman, mfiedelman@yahoo.com**

Suitcase Project –

Under the umbrella of WACHS, "The Suitcase Project" volunteers help women and children coming out of domestic violence or trafficking situations meet minimal, modest material needs enabling them to start their new lives with a sense of dignity, NCJW volunteers help women and children live a more stable and secure life.

**Chairs: Sherilyn Bird, smbird@sbcglobal.net;
Nonie Schwartz, nonieschwartz@sbcglobal.net**

Vickery Meadow Food Pantry and Clothes Closet

Volunteers assist in all aspects of running this collaborative Food Pantry and Clothes Closet, including assisting clients in their selection of food and clothing, stocking the shelves, and management responsibilities. In addition, funds from our Minnie Hexter Milk Fund help provide for the purchase of shelf stable milk and other healthy food items.

Chair: Deidra Cizon, dbcizon@swbell.net

West Dallas Initiative –

NCJW volunteers help the children of West Dallas return to school with a sense of dignity and pride. Volunteers purchase or solicit school uniforms, socks, underwear, shoes and jackets, as well as backpacks and back to school supplies, help distribute on the day of the event, and work with schools to determine the families who are in need of our services. NCJW will be partnering with other agencies in the community to help the West Dallas neighborhood take pride in what they are doing to take care of their children.

**Chairs: Janine Pulman, janinepulman@gmail.com;
Deidra Cizon, dbcizon@swbell.net**

"READING BUDDIES"- TUTORS NEEDED!

NCJW partners with Eladio Martinez Learning Center/DISD

Contact Caren Edelstein for details: cjedelstein@gmail.com

WEST DALLAS CLOTHES CLOSET NCJW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers will open the Clothes Closet, sign-in customers, take them shopping

**Contact: Stacy Barnett stacybarnett@yahoo.com
(972) 849-4409**

Community Service

The Suitcase Project: Transition to Independent Living

The NCJW Greater Dallas Section Suitcase Project supports Mosaic Family Services' efforts to help survivors of domestic violence and trafficking transition to safe, healthy independent living. Women and their children who escape family violence or trafficking often arrive at Mosaic destitute and frightened. They have little more than the clothes on their backs and garbage bags containing a few possessions, mostly for their children.

Ways you can help:

Don't throw away that unused luggage; donate no longer used 2-wheel suitcases, duffel bags, and back packs. Mosaic needs a steady stream of luggage to help women and families transport their belongings. Just this week Mosaic asked for 2 suitcases to help a mother and her newborn baby travel to safety to a New York shelter. Greyhound no longer lets passengers carry belongings in trash bags so luggage is a critical need and whatever the mother owned or needed for her child had to be packed on that bus. Fortunately, two members donated suitcases they no longer needed. This much appreciated gift helped a young woman and her baby escape to safety.

Our goal is to always have luggage stored at Mosaic's shelter.

Donate reusable tote bags. Mosaic's residents and those who are transitioning to independent living use the totes to transport or store personal care items, diapers, and groceries inside the shelter and to and from school or work. Nearly everyone stores tote bags they are not using and the need for reusable totes of all sizes and shapes is ongoing.

Shop for basic necessities for women and families moving into apartments. A major step forward in the journey to independence happens when a woman is able to lease an apartment for herself and her children. Before the Suitcase Project, the neediest women and children moved into apartments as soon as they could pay the rent and were approved. Often they struggled without very basic items. Today, teams of NCJW volunteers shop at Walmart for "starter kits" that include very modest items suggested by Mosaic's caseworkers: cutlery, plastic dishes, bed pillows, bath linens, hangers, a laundry basket, pots and pans, basic kitchen utensils for food preparation and a few essential cleaning products. This is a recurring commitment that provides flexibility for teams of shoppers that take turns shopping for Mosaic.

Contribute much needed items that help the women during their time in the shelter: robes, hair brushes, flip flops, toiletries, shampoo, pillows or diapers. The shelter reuses pillows and is not in a position to give them to women and their children as they leave, but this is one of the most requested items to give comfort while traveling to a new location or in a new home.

One of the best things about this project is every NCJW member can participate by donating used luggage or extra tote bags that are too good to discard but are not being used. One young mother determined to give her children a better life recently wrote *"I cannot begin to show my gratitude of what has been provided by Mosaic and NCJW.... I want to thank you from every nerve in my body because of what you have provided.... Everyone has helped me because ive [sic] been truly in need. And help [came] when i thought we were lost, beyond all comparison."*

Call or text Sherilyn Bird at 214-477-9090 or Nonie Schwartz at 214-394-4051 to support the Suitcase Project.

Mosaic Family Services Honors NCJW

On Saturday evening, October 13, Mosaic Family Services presented NCJW Dallas with its Humanitarian of the Year Award. NCJW Dallas is the first organization ever to have been selected for this award.



Laura Diamond, Nonie Schwartz, Sherilyn Bird, Renee Karp, Joyce Rosenfield, Linda Evans



Renee Karp holding the Mosaic Champion of Human Rights Award.



Renee Karp and Korina Smith at the Mosaic Gala.

Easy Ways to Raise Money for NCJW Dallas

Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program

NCJW is a partner in Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program. Tom Thumb will donate a percentage of your total grocery purchases to NCJW. Sign up for a Reward Card and use our number 540. If you already have a card, add 540 to it so NCJW can benefit from your purchases.

More Ways to Raise Money for NCJW Dallas

Search the Internet using www.goodsearch.com: click Get Started on the homepage. Enter NCJW Dallas Section in the Who Do You Want to Help box. Select NCJW – Dallas Section, create an account, and start searching. Goodsearch.com is linked to www.goodshop.com and www.gooddining.com. Shop via goodshop.com or dine at a restaurant in the gooddining.com network and a portion of your purchases will be donated to NCJW.

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Arlene Kreitman

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Dobrina Dobрева-Uston

Staci Whitman

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara "Bobbie" Fields

Shirley Kresh

June Sachs

Maxine Waldman

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.

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December

- 2 First night of Hanukkah
- 4 Executive Committee Meeting
- 5 Meet & Greet newly elected officials, Frost Bank on Walnut Hill, Dallas, 75230, 5:30PM – 7:30PM
- 2-10 Hanukkah
- 11 Board Meeting
- 25 office closed

January

- 1 New Year's Day-office closed
- 8 Executive Comm. Meeting
- 15 Board Meeting
- 21 Martin Luther King Day—office closed
- 22 106th Birthday Luncheon, Westin Galleria Dallas 11:30AM – 1PM

February

- 5 Exec Comm. Meeting
- 12 Board Meeting
- 14 Hot Topic-For the love of food: how food transforms communities
 Location TBA
- 18 President's Day –office closed

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

NCJW Calendar of Events

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 Greater Dallas Section



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