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Sacramento Section was recognized at National convention

Pat Sturdevant

The NCJW National Convention in Atlanta was attended by Anne Eisenberg, our Section president, and Barbara Baran and Claire Lipschultz, our State Policy Advocates. It was a moving and informative experience with impressive speakers on topics including racial justice, the current political environment and how to protect against assault on our values, human trafficking, community organizing and social platform communications, and much, much more. The business meeting ratified amended National bylaws and resolutions

to reflect the ever-evolving times.

Of note, there were many attendees aged 40 and under who brought their energy and world views to the discussions. They appreciated hearing from the wise elders as well — exciting to think they will be the next leaders of NCJW!

The Sacramento Section received two shout-outs during the Friday night dinner, attended by over 400, for Anne's participation on an interfaith letter calling for Muslims and Jews to stand together and for the op-ed supporting abortion rights written by Claire. Pretty cool for such a small Section!



At the NCJW National Convention dinner in Atlanta are Anne Eisenberg, Claire Lipschultz and Barbara Baran.



Sacramento was well represented at Lobby Day

NCJW members received training on lobbying and participated in visits to legislators and their staffers at our successful Lobby Day. From left are: Claire Lipschultz, Sabrina Ashjian, Jodie Weber, Naomi Rice, Pat Sturdevant and Susan Solarz. (See story and photos on pages 4 and 5.)



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Sacramento Section

Board meetings are open to all NCJW members. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., at Albert Einstein Residence Center. Please confirm time and place with any Board member.

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New board members bring experience and new perspectives

LESLIE LEVITAS MARTIN

Leslie Levitas Martin recently moved from San Francisco to Sacramento, but has had extended family here for four generations who she has enjoyed visiting over the years. She is originally from Atlanta, Georgia, where her grandmother, mother, aunts and cousins were active in NCJW.

As a former Board member of NCJW-San Francisco Section, Leslie was involved primarily with programs on human trafficking education and advocacy. When not working or volunteering, she enjoys long-time hobbies such as writing, visual art, gardening and traveling, especially throughout California's diverse and beautiful regions.



NAOMI RICE

Naomi has been an NCJW Life Member since her 30s but with family and work experiences did not become active until Betty Reuben asked her to join Family Shalom about ten years ago. She says that she has enjoyed the wonderful women and the work Family Shalom does.

Recently retired from her work as a licensed clinical social worker in private practice, she now has more time to devote to NCJW. She is interested in social service projects and in developing skills in political action.

With her husband John, she has lived in Sacramento for 39 years. They have three children and four grandchildren and all live in Northern California.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Anne Eisenberg



NCJW — Community and friendship

"When I'm worried and I can't sleep, I count my blessings instead of sheep." This song by Irving Berlin perfectly captures the first year of my presidency — lots of worries about current National policies and the many blessings that come with NCJW membership and living in California.

NCJW has given me the chance to meet and engage with women from all over the country who are passionate about social and economic justice for all women, children and families. I have had the privilege of working with an extraordinary Board comprised of smart and caring women. We join organizations and accept leadership roles for many reasons, be it ideological, to provide a service or to find community and friendship. The Sacramento Section Board has given me all of that and more.

We have marched together, wrapped Chanukah gifts, made peanut butter sandwiches for a food bank, sorted gowns for the Women's Empowerment Gala and contributed refugee welcome kits for Opening Doors. We experienced three Crocker exhibits related to the Japanese and heard a personal story about the internment camps, played Mah Jongg and had fun watching our Board members model clothes. Lobby Day brought us together with women from all over California to tell our legislators about our

priorities to make life better for Californians. To each of you who helped organize and lead and to everyone who participated, thank you.

Every day I count my blessing of living in California. Each day seems to bring new assaults from Washington on women and children and those in need. At the National Convention, I met women from places like Kentucky and Texas where reproductive justice has become an oxymoron, and women's and children's issues are ignored or worse.

In spite of the north wind blowing and runny eyes and noses, Sacramento is a good place to live with a mayor who is a mensch, rabbis who are leaders for social justice and thousands of people ready to march and act to protect the civil liberties of all. I hope you are energized to get involved in some way to help fulfill our mission through action.

In June, when you receive your NCJW renewal notice, I hope you will quickly renew your membership at the level that speaks to your ability and commitment. Life Members will receive a letter asking them to join in sustaining NCJW Sacramento Section. We can only do what we do with everyone's participation. Please answer the call to support this country's oldest Jewish women's social justice organization.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with all of you.

EVENTS

JUNE ~ JULY ~ AUGUST

"Anti-Semitism & Hate Crimes in California & Beyond: A Dialogue with Nancy Appel," associate director, Anti-Defamation League
Sunday, June 25, 1–3 p.m.,
B'nai Israel sanctuary. Sponsored by The Israel Civil Voice Alliance (TICVA)
RSVP: TICVA.SacDavis@gmail.com.

WATCH FOR IT...

A new and exciting Mitzvah in a Minute in our July-August e-blasts.

Healthy Families, Healthy Lives
Sept. 13 • 5:50–8:30 p.m.
For details, see back page.

BOARD NEWS

National NCJW is discussing its relationship with Sections

National NCJW is discussing their relationship with sections. This is a five-year planning process, currently in its second year. National wants to discontinue life memberships. We'll keep you informed as this process unfolds.

National public relations campaign to start recruit of NCJW members — YouTube?

NCJW National leaders believe there are two million Jewish women in the U.S. concerned about social justice issues who are all potential members. The plan is to start a national public relations campaign to recruit new members. National also has a YouTube channel with videos, including a summary of the convention, section MIMs, Women's Empowerment and other programs.



Weekly eNEWS email messages keep you up to date about events and important issues.

Contact us: info@ncjwsac.org

NCJW National increased funding allowance for Bridge to Success

Each year, Women's Empowerment (WE) holds four 8-1/2 week sessions to train women with the job and interpersonal skills necessary to obtain employment, create healthy lifestyles, and regain homes for themselves and their children.

NCJW provides quarterly grants to WE graduates to solve one-time needs that are barriers to stability for these homeless women.

Becky Goad

In early May of this year, our Section received approval from National to increase funding of Bridge to Success grants from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per year. This means each quarter we can now award up to \$1,000 instead of \$500.

"This is very good news," says BTS Chair Sharon Cohen, "because the need is great and the number of applications is growing."

BTS represents a partnership between NCJW and Women's Empowerment (WE). Each year, WE holds four 8-1/2 week sessions to train women with the job and interpersonal skills necessary to obtain employment, create healthy lifestyles, and regain homes for themselves and their children.

These students are unemployed and often homeless. They may lack healthcare and childcare. Some

have been trafficked. Others have had abusive partners.

NCJW provides quarterly grants to WE graduates to solve one-time needs that stand in the way of stability for these homeless women. Last session, BTS granted two awards from a field of nine applications.

Victoria was awarded \$100 for monthly bus fare to get to her job. She was one of 11 students who graduated with honors from a class of 19 women.

Maria received a BTS grant of \$395, which paid for a five-course program to earn her Rental Housing Industry Certificate in Property Management. "I had the pleasure of sitting next to Maria at the Women's Empowerment Gala, and she was tearing up as she thanked me profusely for the grant award," said Becky Goad, BTS committee member.

Lobby Day attendees learned state budget implications for NCJW priorities

Kent Newton

Budgets are a statement of our values and priorities," said Chris Hoene as he began his presentation on the state budget. Hoene, executive director of the non-profit California Budget and Policy Center, spoke to a packed room at the NCJW Lobby Day event.

We are gratified to learn that Gov. Jerry Brown's revised 2017-2018 budget includes a modest increase for affordable quality childcare and early education. The state subsidizes the cost of childcare for qualified families according to a sliding income scale. Today only one in seven eligible children receives a subsidy. There are

1.5 million eligible children, but only 220,000 can be accommodated.

In response to the great recession, funding for subsidized childcare and preschool was cut. While some has been restored, it remains 20% below the pre-recession level, resulting in 70,000 fewer available slots.

In 2016, a coalition (that included NCJW) secured legislation



Photo/Beryl Michaels

Lobby Day attendees learn how childcare costs work into the state budget.

that would restore those 70,000 slots over several years. The phased-in reinvestment begins with restoring \$210 million in the next fiscal year to increase childcare provider rates and add 2,959 state-subsidized preschool slots.

LOBBY DAY

Making our voices heard on Lobby Day

Constituents from each senate and assembly district from Davis to Fresno joined us for Lobby Day

Pat Sturdevant

Our State Policy Advocates planned another very successful event with a compelling legislative agenda and outstanding speakers. Participants received training on Monday, followed by a dinner featuring the dynamic keynote speaker Senator Connie Leyva of Chino, who chairs the Senate Democratic Caucus.



Pat Sturdevant

The NCJW Sacramento Section was well represented at the dinner — 19 of the 75 attendees came from Sacramento. Dinner attendees included Sabrina Ashjian, legislative chair for California Women Lawyers, and a deputy district attorney in Fresno assigned to prosecute human trafficking. We were fortunate to have 10 women participate in the visits to legislators and their staffers on Tuesday, May 2, including constituents from each senate and assembly district from Davis to Fresno.

We lobbied in support of three categories of bills involving human trafficking, workplace issues and

deportation. Senate Bill 225 (Stern) and Assembly Bill 260 (Santiago), both cosponsored by NCJW, would expand the effectiveness of human trafficking notices required to be posted in places of public accommodation. SB 270 (Atkins) would mandate that employees of hotels and motels receive training to enable them to identify and report human trafficking.

Our two workplace issues are AB 60 (Santiago and Gonzales Fletcher) that would update the income guidelines for eligibility for affordable childcare so that parents who earn the minimum wage will retain eligibility, and SB 63 (Jackson) providing job-protected parental leave to employees who work for a company with 20 or more employees.

We also urged passage of SB 54 (de Leon), the California Values Act, which would prevent California state and local law enforcement agencies, schools, and hospitals from aiding federal immigration and deportation activities. Our work with the ICE Out of California Coalition has shown us



NCJW members at Lobby Day visited with Assembly-member Cooley's staff.

that fear is pervasive among California's undocumented immigrants. An April 30th New York Times article described the consequences of those pervasive fears, including a 10% reduction in Los Angeles over last year in reports of domestic violence and a 25% reduction in reports of sexual assault, which Police Chief Charlie Beck attributed to fear of the federal government. People who fear police or hospitals are not likely to report crime they have experienced or witnessed or to seek treatment for contagious diseases, which lessens the safety and well-being of all Californians.

This advocacy work enhances our visibility and recognition and enables us to continue making a difference for California's women and families.

Congratulations to Barbara Baran and all who lobbied for AB 60

Great news came for childcare funding priorities of the Stronger CA Policy Advocacy Network

In a recent letter to our Section, the CA Policy Advocacy Network congratulated our NCJW CA SPA Barbara Baran who represented NCJW CA so wonderfully as a partner of the A Stronger California coalition. AB 60, regarding affordable child care, was among their priorities



to lobby. Mary Ignatius of Parent Voices, a sponsor of the legislation, said "Barbara Baran and NCJW have also been fantastic partners making our bill a priority and bringing attention to these issues before the Jewish Caucus."

The Assembly and the Senate budget committees voted unanimously to include funding proposals to update the child care income eligibility guidelines that have been frozen for a decade and prevented many families from receiving the childcare they need.

Score one for improving the lives of women, children and families!

NCJW fights back

We cannot let the current Administration threaten the safety of our basic human rights and liberties

Claire Lipschultz

The current Administration has launched an all-out assault on women and many other marginalized populations. From the President's picks to fill key cabinet positions, such as Attorney General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, to his choice of Justice Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court; from the discriminatory executive order limiting refugee resettlement in the U.S. based on religion and national origin to the legislation defunding Planned Parenthood and denying insurance coverage to millions of low-income women to cover abortion — what these efforts all have in common is their threat to our most essential safety net.

In addition to this Administration's anti-woman cabinet and policy initiatives, what is perhaps the most devastating is the impact it will have on the federal courts where judges serve in lifetime appointments.

There are over 140 federal judicial vacancies (approximately 16% of all judicial seats) across the country with at least one more vacancy expected on the Supreme Court. President Trump will have the opportunity to fill these vacancies with judges who will make decisions that will impact every aspect of our lives for decades to come — the schools we can attend, our privacy, our ability to start a family when we choose, the safety of the products we buy, our religious freedom, our voting rights and so many more basic human rights and liberties we have been accustomed to having as Americans.

NCJW will work to channel the energy of our local and statewide networks of members and others we partner with to capitalize on this moment and build a movement. We aim to further build the capacity and leadership of our members to ensure we take back our democracy in 2018 and 2020.

Through focused community organizing, primarily in selected

communities, and one-on-one conversation training, we will build the skills of our leaders to engage in the secular and interfaith communities to find shared values and common ground

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to create social change. In addition to empowering and bringing together civic activists, we will continue our reproductive health, human rights and justice work.

Sacramento Section State Policy Advocates are important to our success nationally and within our state. Add your voice. It only takes a few minutes. Email lindacfox43@gmail.com to join the NCJW statewide Rapid Response Team.

Activist NCJW women show their support for immigrants

Showing solidarity at Sheriff Jones' Community Forum on Immigration in March are, from left, Hellan Roth Dowden, Barbara Baran, Pat Sturdevant, Claire Lipschultz, Kent Newton and Anne Eisenberg, who listened to Thomas Homan, the acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).



Members celebrated 'Unsung Heroines' and learned about Opening Doors

Founder's Day 2017

Beryl Michaels

Our Founder's Day celebration honored three unsung heroines, Sharon Cohen, Bonnie Penix and Dale Shaw, and the event was aptly summarized in the note below from Margi Park:

"Sending an E-note of appreciation for our extra special event yesterday. Three women honored, three community nonprofits recognized (NCJW, Opening Doors, and Casa Garden), lots of lovely women connecting, delicious healthy lunch, and parking! Much thanks for a well-organized event."

Eileen Jacobowitz emceed the program with wit and grace. Each of our unsung heroines was presented with a certificate and a specially designed tzedakah box inscribed with her name. In addition, tributes were eloquently offered to those personal heroes and heroines in attendance. You can view the entire list of donors and tributes at our website: ncjwsac.org. A copy of the program, beautifully designed by Carol Blackman, is also posted.

The keynote speaker, Deborah Ortiz, chief executive officer of Opening Doors, described the depth and



Above left, Eileen Jacobovitz emceed the program with wit and humor.

Above, The Casa Garden Restaurant was buzzing with NCJW members, enjoying the afternoon event and catching up on news.

At left, from left, the honored "Unsung Heroines," Sharon Cohen, Bonnie Penix with NCJW President Anne Eisenberg, Dale Shaw and Beryl Michaels, immediate past-president of NCJW and Founder's Day event chair.

Photos/John Bach

scope of her organization's work with immigrants and refugees. Sacramento is home to more Afghan refugees than any other city in the United States. The refugees receive government support for their first 90 days of resettlement. However, much more time is required for the refugees to become well integrated into their new home. Opening Doors has developed a series of projects and programs to aid in this transition. Ms. Ortiz told of the grave concern for the future of such programs as government funding used to underwrite the costs will likely

be reduced or cut altogether.

Opening Doors welcomes volunteers. Both immigrants and refugees benefit from mentoring on the economic system, resume writing, interviewing and other job hunting skills.

Casa Garden, the venue for this year's Founder's Day, exists exclusively to support the Sacramento Children's Home and the Crisis Nursery. Only the kitchen crew is paid; all other staff are volunteers. It was fitting that we celebrated our Founder's Day at a nonprofit working on behalf of children and families.

NCJW IN THE COMMUNITY AND ISRAEL



Jewish Heritage Fair

NCJW was well represented at the Jewish Heritage Fair May 7. From left, Joan Gorfain, Charlene Vick with granddaughter Rachel and Janet Ulmer are seated at the NCJW table. Thanks to all the women who volunteered to be at our table to speak about the work we do, the fun we have, the things we learn and advocate for, and to sell chocolate. Our craft project was to make friendship cards (designed and printed by Jodie Rubenstein) to give to refugee children new to Sacramento.

Israel Granting Program

It's one way to connect your heart to Israel

NCJW has been a leading organization in supporting Israel for more than 69 years, helping to lay the groundwork for important social change efforts in Israel. We are now witnessing the evolution of Israeli society as more and more women demand their fair and equal rights amidst serious challenges to those rights.



NCJW has long been committed to advancing women's status in Israel by helping women develop a stronger voice at all levels of society.

Today, strategic efforts like the Israel Granting Program (IGP) and NCJW's advocacy and coalition work continue in a spirit of education and empowerment. NCJW helps to advance the lives of women, children and families, advocate for civil liberties and support efforts to strengthen democracy and peace in Israel — ensuring Israel's future. NCJW urges all of our members, sections, and supporters to become active partners in the opportunities made possible through the Israel Granting Program. Supporting IGP is an ideal way to speak your mind and connect your heart to Israel.

For more information, http://www.ncjw.org/content_78.cfm?navID=34

For over a century, NCJW has been at the forefront of social change. NCJW members and supporters are outspoken champions for progressive policies at the federal, state and local levels. Over the years, NCJW's collective voice has changed the world for the better — impacting the lives of women, children and families in the United States and Israel.

CONNECTION WITH NCJW ISRAEL PROGRAM

Get the latest news and information about NCJW's work in Israel!

For regular updates, visit the website: www.ncjw.org

Go to facebook: <https://www.action.ncjw.org/signup>

Sign up for Israel Alerts, the Israel Project Report and information on study tours in Israel through the NCJW Action Center at: <http://action.ncjw.org/signup>

For more information about the Israel programs, contact Joan Gorfain (joan@ncjwsac.org).



Joan Gorfain

Supporting SB 54 at the Capitol



Claire Lipschultz and Barbara Baran were at the immigrant justice rally at the Capitol in support of SB 54 to keep ICE from using local law enforcement as tools of federal deportation of immigrants. Sacramento Section members, Jennifer Kaufman and Pat Sturdevant, were also present.

MITZVAH IN A MINUTE

Welcome Jessica Braverman Birch, our new MIM chair. Jessica will take over from Carole Jacoby who has so ably organized MIM events

in the past two years. There will be at least four MIMs scheduled for the coming year. We look forward to your continued participation.

NCJW volunteers sorted gowns and accessories during recent MIM

Carole Jacoby

Every year Women's Empowerment graduates are honored at a formal gala. They are given the opportunity to dress for the occasion choosing gala-wear from items that are donated by the community. There are many gowns, shoes, purses and accessories to sort and organize. For many of the honorees, the gala is the thrill of their lives and helps them recognize how far they have come. They radiate joy and confidence.

On March 31, NCJW Mitzvah in a Minute volunteers created order out of chaos from all of the donated clothing items. This was the second year MIM volunteers helped WE with this task.



From left, Theodora Wilner, Andrea Segal, Carole Jacoby, Carol McCollam, Joan Gorfain and Sharon Cohen chose something to show off from their sorting.



Dale Shaw picks up on a "high" style platform shoe.

After sorting and organizing gowns and accessories in record time, many volunteers stayed for a light lunch, took a tour of the WE facility,

and socialized with each other.

WE has invited NCJW volunteers again next year. So, watch for a MIM announcement next spring!



NCJW members were busy preparing kitchen and cleaning kits for refugee families.



NCJW members prepare refugee kits

Three to four refugee families arrive in Sacramento every week with only suitcases in hand. On April 23, MIM volunteers collected basic household goods to form "Welcome Kits" for these families to help start their lives in the U.S. NCJW volunteers completed three kitchen kits,

two bathroom kits, three bedroom kits, two cleaning kits, one school kit and gathered other assorted items and donated them to Opening Doors, a local organization supporting refugees. For more information or to volunteer with Opening Doors, visit www.openingdoorsinc.org.

Thank you from Deborah Ortiz of Opening Doors

“ Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donation. It means so much to see people from the community come together to support refugees, and I can't thank you enough for thinking of us and donating to our families.

Donations like yours make a family's arrival to their new home a welcoming experience. While these families are resettling into their new surroundings, seeing these gifts from our community reminds them that they are welcomed. This gesture means so much at a moment when refugees are struggling to find a home. Thank you again for helping to make a home for the refugee families that we serve. ”

FUNDRAISING AND SOCIALIZING



NCJW Board members modeled at 'Fashion for a Change'

Eileen Jacobowitz

Board Members Joan Gorfain, Eileen Jacobowitz, Wendy Phoenix and Nicole Valentine walked the "runway" and modeled clothing and accessories to the "oohs" and "aahs" of NCJW members and guests at the NCJW "Fashion for Change" Fashion Show on April 2.

The event took place at Katia's Collections—a very special, intimate boutique in East Sacramento, owned by long-time NCJW supporter, Katia Kemmler. Katia generously provided brunch and shared her fashion insights as our models showed off outfits from her collections.

Elena Friedman, fashion show chair, expressed her delight saying,

"The models did a great job, and the crowd loved seeing them have fun and strut their stuff for a cause near and dear to their hearts — NCJW."

After the fashion show, the store was aflutter with attendees exploring the racks, trying on the wares and making their purchases. By the end of the afternoon, the group had boosted the local economy, contributed to NCJW's program budget, and added stunning pieces to their wardrobes. Not bad for a Sunday!



Photo/Beryl Michaels

From left, Nicole Valentine, Joan Gorfain, Eileen Jacobowitz, Katia Kemmler and Wendy Phoenix modeled at NCJW's fashion show fundraiser at Katia's Collection.

Book Club welcomes new members

Michele Stern

The NCJW Book Club gathers for lively discussions the fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at members' homes. The club first convened in October 2013. Books are selected by the members. The discussion on what to read is almost as much fun as the discussions about the books themselves.

Some of the books previously read included, "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett, "The Museum of Extraordinary Things" by Alice Hoffman, "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doer, and "The Sisters Weiss" by Naomi Ragen. Future selections include "Waking Lions" by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen and "The Nazi Officer's Wife" by Edith H. Beer and Susan Dworkin.

New members are welcome to join. If you are interested, please contact Michele Stern at mjsstern@gmail.com or 916 362-5212.



Michele Stern, Karen Brandt, Barbara Kletzman and Dale Shaw are part of the book club.

New NCJW bridge group fundraiser to start in autumn

Cecile Kaplan

Good news for bridge players who miss the long-time NCJW bridge group! Cecile Kaplan and Celine Sankary are rekindling the Round Robin fundraiser for NCJW Sacramento Section to begin in the fall.

This fun NCJW fundraiser will be daytime bridge. Players pay \$25 at the first meeting. Bridge players will be assigned a "partner of the month," and play each game at various members' homes. Then scores will be tallied and posted.

The new bridge group already has several members, but they would like to expand their group. It's a way to have a good time playing bridge and meeting new people.

If you're interested in having fun and helping to raise funds for NCJW, please contact Cecile at 916 359-8230, cecilekk@gmail.com, or Celine at 916 684-2467, celine95758@gmail.com.

TRIBUTES

Your tribute funds support our programs and projects both locally and in Israel

Help support NCJW and our Sacramento Section by honoring loved ones, marking life cycle events, sharing sentiments for recovery, successes and milestones and expressing thanks.

A handwritten notecard will be mailed to your honoree(s) in your name. Make your donation of any amount (\$10 minimum).

You may designate the fund you would like your donation to benefit. To send a tribute, email Holly Ilfeld: holly@ncjwsac.org Or go to our website: ncjwsac.org/tribute

TO: Becky Goad
FROM: Joan and Dave Bories, Annabel Cooper, Iris Bachman, Charlotte Ballard, Naomi Rice
FOR: The loss of her mother, Jean Halfant

TO: Cecile Kaplan
FROM: Joan and Dave Bories, Carry Cohn
FOR: The passing of her daughter, Laura Kentwortz

TO: Karen Lane
FROM: Sharon Cohen
FOR: The loss of her mother, Jean Halfant

TO: Andrea Segal
FROM: Sharon Cohen
FOR: Starting and chairing Bridge to Success Project for a year

TO: Anne and Hal Eisenberg
FROM: Linda Tochterman
FOR: In honor of their son Josh's marriage

TO: Wendy Phoenix
FROM: Betty Reuben
FOR: The loss of her mother-in-law, Edyth Asch

TO: Charlotte Ballard
FROM: Betty Reuben, Holly Ilfeld
FOR: The loss of her sister, Katherine Wexler

TO: Linda Kamras
FROM: Beryl Michaels and John Bach
FOR: The loss of her mother

TO: Darrell Steinberg
FROM: Anne Eisenberg
FOR: For being the recipient of the Women's Empowerment inaugural "Heal the World " Award



COUNCIL NOTES

Our Section recognizes and honors members' news with sincere thoughts

Karen Lane
In memory of her mother, Jean Halfant, Life Member of NCJW

Linda Kamras
For the loss of her mother, Inge Mund

Wendy Phoenix
In memory of her mother-in-law, Edyth Asch

Charlotte Ballard
For the loss of her sister, Katherine Wexler

Rabbi Mona Alfi
Upon receiving the T'ruah Rabbinic Human Rights Hero Award for her contributions to Congregation B'nai Israel and the greater community

National NCJW appoints Claire Lipschultz as State Policy Advocate Co-coordinator

In May, the National Council of Jewish Women appointed our own Claire Lipschultz (current California co-SPA and NCJW Board Director) as the new National State Policy Advocate Co-coordinator. She was also reappointed to the National Executive Committee.

The National Board State Policy Advocate Coordinators supervise the Section SPAs and work closely with the Washington, D.C. office staff. State Policy Advocates serve as liaisons between NCJW and sections. SPAs monitor statewide legislation and public policy issues, coordinate statewide legislative initiatives, and establish lines of communication with both state and national legislators on behalf of NCJW.

Claire said, "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to work with the dedicated and smart women who serve as State Policy Advocates. I am always so impressed when meeting them at SPA national meetings. And now I can learn about their advocacy work more deeply and support their efforts."



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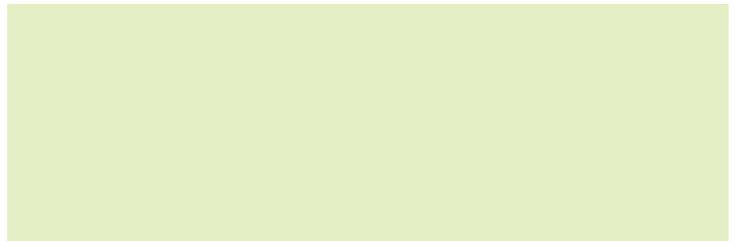
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Wellness with Mindfulness II

Wednesday, Sept. 13
5:30-8:30 p.m. Free

Rancho Cordova City Hall
2729 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova

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open at 5:00 pm

A light meal will be served.

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