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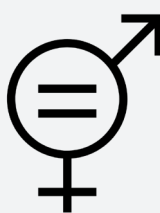
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## Follow-Up to Member Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to our member interest survey. While we didn't hear from as many of you as we might have liked, the survey did provide some important information and ideas for future efforts to assess your interest. Among other insights, we learned that our talented members are interested in a broad range of social justice issues. Our follow-up calls with each survey respondent confirmed that NCJW members are doing the hard work—through NCJW as well as other organizations—to make a difference in the lives of women, children, and families.

Our Section is committed to creating opportunities for our members to pursue their passions while connecting with other dynamic, progressive women. If there's a project you want to take on through NCJW, let us know—we can help make it happen! Contact [info@ncjwsac.org](mailto:info@ncjwsac.org) to get connected!

## NCJW SACRAMENTO SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS:



### AN EXPLORATION OF GENDER EQUITY IN ISRAEL

DECEMBER 16, 2020  
11 AM–1 PM PST \*New Time  
VIA ZOOM

Hear from advocates who are working to achieve economic self-sufficiency and equal participation for women in political decision making in Israel. Our panelists will include:

- Tamar Schwartz, a graduate of the prestigious NCJW Connecting for Impact Fellowship leadership program for top CEOs and executives
- Netta Loevy, the Director of Policy Advocacy at Itach-Maaki, Women Lawyers for Social Justice

The panel will be moderated by Liron Peleg-Hadomi, NCJW's Israel Representative.

For RSVP information and to learn more about Tamar Schwartz, Netta Loevy and Liron Peleg-Hadomi, visit the Events page of our website: [ncjwsac.org/events/](http://ncjwsac.org/events/).

Participation in the December 16 event is free. Donations are appreciated and will be directed to NCJW's Israel Work.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Eileen Jacobowitz

### *Crossing the Political Divide for Social Change*

As I write this at the end of a long election night (and an excruciatingly long campaign season), there are still many ballots to be counted and many races too close to call.

One thing is indisputable—the political divide in our nation remains deep and wide. I am saddened by the animosity, the mistrust, and the unrest that remains a fact of life in our country, our state, and in our communities.

**Despite the polarization and the political rancor, however, I believe *shalom bayit* (peace in the house) is possible in our community and across the United States.**

When we think of the word *shalom*, we tend to think of peace in terms of the absence of conflict. But *shalom* is much more than that. *Shalom* is not a passive principle. It just doesn't happen on its own. We must actively create it. We must pursue it.

*Bayit* generally refers to our homes—*shalom bayit* literally is about promoting domestic tranquility under our roofs. *Bayit* can also be expanded beyond our homes—to our workplaces, our neighborhoods and our ever-



connected cities, states, country and world. If we want to improve any of those spaces, we need to actively pursue peace and recognize our shared citizenry.

As we look toward 2021 and beyond, NCJW Sacramento will continue to be a leader in advocating for women, children, families, and the disenfranchised. And, I believe we can and should do more. **Amidst the backdrop of divisiveness and discord, let's champion reconciliation and healing across the political divide.**

Despite political differences with those on the "other side," we all want the same things for our families and our neighborhoods—access to health care for all, safe communities for our children, economic opportunity for everyone, equal justice, and clean air and water.

We also can address the knotty issues that plague our communities. We engage in social action such as sewing masks for health care and migrant workers; providing grants through our Bridge to Success program for formerly homeless women; collecting essentials for people living on the streets; fighting for just and reasonable police reform; advocating for youth in the foster care system; putting a spotlight on food insecurity in our region; and amplifying the voices of the underserved and mass incarcerated. These are not political issues; they are human issues.

What can we do to enhance our existing partnerships and create new ones to improve our communities and advocate for systemic change?

As Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said, "Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

There's so much we can do together when we seek common cause across the partisan divide. Will you join us?

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## NCJW SACRAMENTO UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

**DECEMBER 15**

NCJW VIRTUAL GALA  
& HANUKKAH CELEBRATION  
5-6 PM VIA ZOOM

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**DECEMBER 16**

SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS: AN EXPLORATION  
OF GENDER EQUITY IN ISRAEL  
11 AM-1 PM VIA ZOOM

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2021

**JANUARY 7**

CASA ORIENTATION  
6-7 PM

[SEE ANNOUNCEMENT](#) ON BACK COVER  
FOR MORE DETAILS

**JANUARY 17 (TENTATIVE)**

MAH JONGG VIRTUAL TOURNAMENT

**FEBRUARY 15TH-26TH**

PURIM PUNIM CONTEST

DETAILS COMING SOON AT [NCJWSAC.ORG](https://www.ncjwsac.org)



# WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## That's How We Roll!

By Sunny Romer, Shirley Rosenbloom & Sheila Wolfe



Delivering carloads of toilet paper to Loaves and Fishes.



Farmworkers wearing some of the 2,300 masks made by Sew2Save.

This October, NCJW members responded to a request from Loaves and Fishes to replenish their warehouse with toilet paper for their programs and thousands of people who are homeless and in need throughout our community.

The Mitzvah-in-a-Minute Committee identified NCJW Neighborhood Coordinators to reach out to other members living in their zip code and neighborhood. The idea was to see how everyone is handling life during the COVID-19 pandemic and to engage our members, neighbors, friends and family in this simple and much-needed Mitzvah project.

Our collection kicked off at the drive-in movie theater during the Jewish Film Festival on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and continued until Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the 18 coordinators and the committee delivered carloads of toilet paper to the Loaves and Fishes warehouse where they were received with much gratitude.

*Todah rabah* (thank you) to everyone who donated more than 1,500 rolls of TP!! A special thanks to our wonderful team and Neighborhood Coordinators listed below who "went the extra mile."

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Iris Bachman         | Eileen Jacobowitz     |
| Lisa Speer Barish    | Twila Morris          |
| Jacky Berracasa      | Phyllis Needelman     |
| Daryl Brand          | Davita Levin-Robinson |
| Lisa Brodkey         | Sunny Romer           |
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| Susan Goodwin        | Renee Schoch          |
| Carol Moon Goldberg  | Cindy Swartz          |
| Carol Goodman-Gane   | Rochelle Willis       |
| GariRae Gray         | Sheila Wolfe          |
| Amina Harris         | Debbie Zeff           |

## LOOKING FOR MORE SEWISTS TO SEW MASKS AND SAVE LIVES

Sew2Save continues to save lives thanks to our dedicated volunteer sewists and fabric donations. We have made and delivered 2,300 cloth masks, and we have material for 1,000 more. But we need your help making these life-saving masks. Here is a link to the video which shows how the simple masks are made: [youtu.be/9tBg0Os5FWQ](https://youtu.be/9tBg0Os5FWQ). We will deliver mask kits with pre-cut materials to your home.

If you can help, please contact [claire@ncjwsac.org](mailto:claire@ncjwsac.org). To get a sense of how important this effort is, please read excerpts of the gratitude expressed by our beneficiaries, view the pictures that tell the story and the slideshow that honors our volunteers: [ncjwsac.org/ncjw-sacramento-sew2save/](https://ncjwsac.org/ncjw-sacramento-sew2save/).



## WHAT CAN WE DO? WINTER MITZVAHS-IN-A-MINUTE (MIMs)!

*Easy, Meaningful and Collaborative, Too*



### A Focus on Minds and Moods with Meals on Wheels

Help Meals on Wheels to enhance their meal delivery service by adding activity materials (puzzles, trivia books, brain teasers, large print books, inspirational cards, etc.) for seniors in our community. Because of COVID-19 and winter weather, many seniors are more isolated. This is an opportunity to support the minds, spirits, creativity and engagement of approximately 2,000 seniors during these difficult times. Collection of the requested items began on Nov. 16, and culminates with delivery at Meals on Wheels Dec. 11, the first day of Hanukkah.

Contact [Patricia Eisenberg](#) and [Joan Gorfain](#) for more information.

### Joy for Hanukkah

Contribute items and volunteer to connect and deliver holiday gift bags to seniors and others with special needs served by the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region. Celebrate our holiday traditions and light up the lives of others -- help reduce the OY and increase the JOY in our community.

Contact [Gloria Storer](#).



### Holiday Meals and Gifts for the Women of Sister Nora's

Provide traditional and delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and gifts for the women of Sister Nora's House. Facing multiple health, mental health, post abuse and the challenges of homelessness, the women of Sister Nora's, and their staff, welcome contributions of traditional meals and small gifts to brighten their holidays.

Contact [Arla Hesterman](#) to help with meals and delivery, and [Naomi Rice](#) to help with gifts.



Can't make a MIM and want to donate to the cause? Contribute at [ncjwsac.org/donate/](https://ncjwsac.org/donate/).

For more information on these and upcoming MIMs, or to suggest new projects, contact Sheila Wolfe, [sheila@ncjwsac.org](mailto:sheila@ncjwsac.org).



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## MEMBER PERSPECTIVES

### Living Jewish in the Virtual World

By Annie Hohn

Is living through a pandemic in the digital age a blessing? Possibly. It's almost impossible to imagine what a world grappling with COVID-19 might have looked like 20 years ago. No video chatting, texting, or social media to keep us feeling connected to our friends and family; the loneliness, for many of us, would be palpable. For others, the last several months have meant having to find a sliver of light among the clouds.

"We had to ask ourselves, what is necessary?" says Rabbi Mona Alfi, of Congregation B'nai Israel (CBI). "All the normal tools we have to comfort or celebrate people have been taken away from us. Jews are a very 'place-centered' people; we like tangible places to gather. We need to feel connected, we need to feel supported, so we changed the service within that framework. We've taken all our services online, and while I think most rabbis would say there's been an incredible learning curve, it's shown us we can open up the walls of our synagogues in ways we weren't thinking of before."

Leaning on technology has also meant re-creating the high holidays to feel as "normal" as possible. "Music is such an important part of the holidays for us, so we had our choir members record themselves individually, and then we digitally connected them so it sounds like they recorded together," says Rabbi Alfi. "I think to some extent we'll find ways to continue the virtual connection even when the pandemic is over. For example, why can't Sacramento partner with another congregation to co-sponsor a virtual educational event or bring in a speaker that we wouldn't be able to afford on our own? When the temple was destroyed, we figured out how to do things differently, and we did this time too."

Leslie Levitas, an NCJW Board member and educator at CBI, is feeling cautiously optimistic about how the students have adapted to this change in dynamic. "For my students currently working on their bar or bat mitzvahs, it feels like I can't give them what they need to go through this process," she says. "But they are always happy to see each other on Zoom, and I think they've acclimated pretty well, considering."

Section member Deni Deutsch Marshall is a rabbinical student and meditation teacher at CBI. She's been finding the silver lining for herself in creative ways. "I have discovered this incredible opportunity to do what I call 'shul-hopping.' I'm tuning into some amazing synagogues in LA, the Bay Area, and New York, and I can really get the different flavors of the teachers and the services. I can even participate in services in Israel, and the Institute of Jewish Spirituality has meditations every morning. The amount of learning available online now is wonderful."

"It is almost impossible to be Jewish by yourself," says Rabbi Alfi. As someone who lives alone and is at the beginning of her journey into Judaism, this rings especially true for me—having that sense of connection this year has been crucial. I have leaned heavily on the community available to me through virtual services, Zoom calls with NCJW members, group chats with the women in the Nu! network, and the Choosing Judaism class at Congregation B'nai Israel, which I recently started. The sense of gratitude I feel to be able to virtually connect with this community cannot be overstated.

"There's a phrase—*kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh*, which means 'all Israel is responsible for one another,'" says Deni. "Loosely it can be understood as 'we are all connected,' which is something we frequently talk about, but it's never been more true than it is now. Being able to connect online in this way, across countries, really makes it feel like we are all one people."

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### A Virtual Kickoff Meeting with a REAL Sense of Fun

By Lisa Brodkey

"I'm feeling better than I have in days!!"

"A perfect way to celebrate our NCJW Section sisterhood!"

These emailed comments following the NCJW Sacramento Opening Meeting on October 11, 2020, reflected the laughter and camaraderie of the afternoon. Advertised as "a unique virtual gathering designed to delight and connect NCJW Sacramento members," *A Joyous Escapade* not only met but surpassed the organizers' wildest dreams. (And I should know—I was one of the organizers!)

The Opening Meeting has traditionally taken the form of an in-person gathering with a featured speaker. Those who attended in 2019, for example, will remember Dr. Dale Stark's compelling presentation about her work assisting immigrants and asylum-seekers on our southern border. Thanks to COVID-19, an in-person event was out of the question this year. Knowing how much folks were missing personal connections, Section President Eileen Jacobowitz saw this year's opener as an opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and just plain have fun, all through the magic of Zoom.

In keeping with the event's title, registrants were asked to bring a two-minute story about a personal escapade. During the first of three break-out sessions, small groups

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## HONORING A TRUE FRIEND

By Rita Marinoble

Sharon Cohen and I became next-door neighbors in 1994 when I moved from Southern California to Sacramento with my two young daughters. For the next 20 years we spoke often of the joys and challenges of raising our children, the rewards of our shared careers in education, and the social and political issues of the day.

After Sharon helped launch Bridge to Success, she began telling me inspiring stories of the women being served by the program. She clearly felt a deep commitment to the program's mission, along with great admiration for the courage and determination of the award recipients.



By 2014 when I left the neighborhood, I had come to regard Sharon as a trusted and true friend.

Soon after that she convinced me to join her on a trip to Africa, and two years later we ventured to South America. Next in our sights was Southeast Asia for 2019, but sadly it was not to be. Sharon was diagnosed with cancer in the spring of 2017 and died on May 31, 2019.

True friends are one of life's greatest treasures, deserving of honor in this life and beyond. In memory of Sharon, I recently made a substantial donation to the Sharon Cohen Bridge to Success Fund. I also have pledged to donate annually, providing ongoing support for this worthy cause to which she was so devoted. I believe that this is a fitting way to remember and honor the kind and generous spirit of Sharon Cohen, my true friend.



“Our group is remarkable,” Betty affirmed, “and it is vital that we continue our outreach and contributions.”

Sacramento group included Shirley Rosenbloom who was pregnant with her first child. They told Shirley she couldn't have the baby until their work was complete, and she complied.

Serving as NCJW's California State Public Affairs Chairperson for 10 years accelerated Betty's learning curve and confidence as she navigated the Capitol halls of both Sacramento and Washington. Early in her tenure as Chairperson, Section leaders recognized that there had been little attention to the issue of violence against women within the Jewish community. After further research and consultation with local rabbis, Family Shalom was born to address violence against women in the Jewish community.

As chair of the Legislative Roundtable, Betty joined with local women from diverse organizations and religious groups. This was a very exciting time, including working with Assembly member Jackie Speier to pass the first Family Leave Act.

Betty is most proud of her success in recruiting outstanding women for the Sacramento Section, including Claire Lipschultz who has taken our advocacy work to the next level. “Our group is remarkable,” Betty affirmed, “and it is vital that we continue our outreach and contributions.”

This Storytelling Project will continue the process of interviewing Section members. Next up is Lydia Inghram, whose energy and enthusiasm has inspired us over the years. We look forward to collecting these valuable oral histories and capturing the story of NCJW Sacramento.

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## OUR HISTORY, OUR FUTURE: THE NCJW SACRAMENTO STORYTELLING PROJECT

By JoAnn Solov

This year, NCJW Sacramento launched the Storytelling Project to honor the contributions and accomplishments of long-standing members. To inaugurate this important archive, Sunny Romer and I met virtually with our matriarch, Betty Reuben, on September 17<sup>th</sup>, ten days shy of her 98th birthday.

Betty was immediately drawn to NCJW with its commitment to outreach and action within the community. NCJW founder, Hannah Solomon, inspired us to “ensure individual rights and freedoms for all,” not the least of which is today's advocacy for protections against sex trafficking. Betty considers NCJW her most cherished organization.

Betty began her membership in 1986, signing on to the national project, “Mothers in the Workplace.” The

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## NATIONAL VISION. LOCAL ACTION.



### NCJW SACRAMENTO ROCKED THE VOTE!

By Barbara Baran

The Fall Bulletin announced a new NCJW-California get-out-the-vote initiative in partnership with the national organization, Vote Forward. A couple of months later, I am delighted to report that both we and Vote Forward totally rocked it! It often felt like half the progressive women in the U.S. were writing Vote Forward letters and, in fact, more than 80 members and friends of NCJW Sacramento were doing just that.

Nationally, Vote Forward's goal was to send 6 million letters to "low propensity voters" in underrepresented communities in 10 states encouraging them to vote. By the time of the "Big Send" on October 17—the day on which all the letters were mailed—Vote Forward volunteers had written more than 15 million letters to voters in 20 states.

Similarly, when we launched our campaign, NCJW Sacramento's goal was 3,600 letters. By the time of the Big Send, our volunteers had written about 12,000 letters. It was truly a herculean effort. In fact, our Section wrote almost twice as many letters as any other Section in the nation!

More importantly, our Section was the spark that ignited other Sections to get involved and convinced National NCJW to take this on as a project. As a result, across the U.S., more than 550 NCJW members and friends produced 30,000+ letters.

Everyone wrote from their hearts and some wrote their hearts out. In our Section, 33 volunteers completed at least 100 letters to mostly underrepresented communities in Florida; three wrote about 1,000. At age 98, our own Betty Reuben wrote one letter for (close to) each year of her life.

Members who didn't write letters also played essential roles. When we put out the call for donations for more

stamps, eight members stepped up and together donated more than \$500.

The day of the Big Send was truly inspirational. Here in Sacramento, NCJW's five Vote Forward team leaders trooped to one of our local post offices with more than 7,000 letters in tow. (The rest were mailed by individuals themselves.) When the post office staff handed me a dozen or more trays to put the letters in, a woman in line behind me asked if these were for Vote Forward letters. If so, she said, she had a whole box of letters to contribute. Then a man farther back in line said, "Me too." As we stood outside putting the hundreds of letters in trays, more people came up to us with letters to add to our pile. And most everyone standing around was cheering us on.

The next day, we joined with National NCJW and participating Sections for a national celebration moderated by our own Claire Lipschultz and headlined by NCJW CEO, Sheila Katz, who stressed the importance of the vote and reminded us that this is the anniversary of the 19th Amendment. She was joined by Krystal Ortiz from Vote Forward who thanked us for our effort and said she thinks about the very real people 3,000 miles away who are about to receive our letters and—hopefully—feel us reaching out to them.

### NCJW Sacramento is Working to Reform Policing and Enhance Public Safety

By Pat Sturdevant

The Section Policy Advocacy Committee is building on the success of our August 23<sup>rd</sup> webinar with Assembly Member Kevin McCarty, City Council Member Allen Warren, and Chair of the Sacramento Community Police Review Commission, Mario Guerrero. We see a real opportunity to influence pending changes in Sacramento including appointing an Inspector General with the power to investigate officer-involved shootings and recommend discipline, enhancing the powers of the Police Review Commission, and changing the way 911 calls are handled by having non-police professionals respond to mental health crises, homelessness, or domestic disputes.

Our first steps have been to organize Action Alerts requesting communications with City Council members. The initial message concerned their history of ignoring the recommendations of the Police Review Commission, which was designed to provide community participation in reviewing, recommending and monitoring policing policies and practices. The second urged the City Council to require that the Police Department's use of deadly force policy be changed to comply with California law, and

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require that lethal force be allowed only when necessary to avoid imminent harm to public and officer safety. We are considering other Action Alerts on the City's expenditure of more than \$25 million to settle police abuse cases, without taking action to minimize future abuses, and its lack of policies requiring discipline of officers who have abused their positions, and prohibiting hiring officers who have been found guilty of crimes or terminated from other police forces for misconduct.

A number of NCJW Sacramento members have expressed interest in being involved in these efforts, as has Congregation B'nai Israel's Focus on Racial Justice Committee and the League of Women Voters. If you are interested in joining our committee, please contact Pat Sturdevant at [pat@ncjwsac.org](mailto:pat@ncjwsac.org).



## THWARTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING: NCJW SACRAMENTO PUSHES FOR FURTHER VIGILANCE

By Claire Lipschultz

This fall, Board Member Claire Lipschultz met with Sacramento City Councilmember Eric Guerra to continue the NCJW Sacramento fight against human trafficking in our region. The City Council is currently considering multiple code changes for massage establishments since they are primary locations for sex and labor trafficking. Claire investigated and found that the proposed code additions did not include compliance with the state law requiring massage establishments to post human trafficking information, including the hotline number. She immediately organized community partners\* to request that a new code be added to address this.

The poster law was a result of NCJW advocacy in 2012. The law now lists 13 categories of businesses which must hang a poster in visible locations to provide life-saving information for survivors of human trafficking. In subsequent years, NCJW Sacramento and community partners have conducted in-person educational outreach to these businesses to increase the number of massage parlors that comply with the law. None of the establishments checked by the community partners displayed the poster, so there was a clear need to introduce this requirement.

Compliance with an ordinance requires knowledge of it, willingness to comply, compliance checks and enforcement of some type of sanction for non-compliance. The City's code enforcement is one way to achieve all of the above. By including the posting of the human trafficking information poster required by state law as a city code, massage establishments are informed of the law and there will be regular checks for compliance. Non-compliance will carry a penalty.

Councilmember Guerra was very supportive of the code request and asked staff to include it in an updated ordinance proposal. The full City Council will hear all changes to the massage establishment codes in January. Our continued advocacy will be necessary to ensure adoption. Please join us in the fight against human trafficking. Details will be in the Tuesday NCJW Sacramento eNEWS as the hearing date approaches. We can make it happen!

\*Community partners include International Rescue Committee, WEAVE, Sacramento Metro Lions Club, La Voce, Women Lawyers of Sacramento, Maggy Krell (former California Supervising Deputy Attorney General), and Pat Sturdevant, past president of California Women Lawyers and Women Lawyers of Sacramento.

## QUICK ACTIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



**SIGN UP FOR AMAZON SMILE**  
.5% of your online purchases go to NCJW. You can connect with Amazon Smile through our website: [ncjwsac.org/programs/fundraising/](https://ncjwsac.org/programs/fundraising/).



**BUY FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATES** from [Naomi Rice](#). Proceeds support our Section's work on human trafficking.



**JOIN THE STATEWIDE NCJW-CA RAPID RESPONSE TEAM**  
It takes just a few minutes each time a 'request for action' on state legislation is sent out. Take action via computer, phone and/or in person at the Capitol. Contact [Claire Lipschultz](#).

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## CREATIVE CUISINE AND CAMARADERIE



### BAKED APPLESAUCE

Evie Lieb

Here is a simplified version of a recipe from *The Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook: Seasonal Foods, Simple Recipes, and Stories from the Market and Farm*, by Amelia Saltsman. Roasting apples concentrates their flavor and you can adjust the texture to your liking. And it couldn't be simpler! Great as an accompaniment to holiday brisket and latkes.

Makes about 3 cups

3 lbs (8-9) Fuji apples

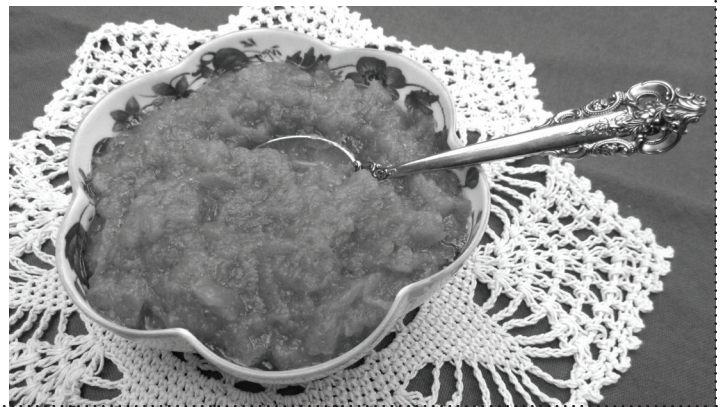
Few sprigs thyme (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line a large rimmed baking sheet or pan with heavy foil (for easy cleanup). Cut apples in half vertically and remove cores (a melon baller does a good job). Remove the little black stuff on the bottom. Place the halves, cut side down, in prepared pan, spacing them 1 to 2 inches apart. Scatter thyme among apples. Cover pan tightly with aluminum foil. If apples are large you may need more than one pan.

Bake apples until very tender, about 30 minutes or more. If a lot of juice has accumulated in the pan, continue to bake without the foil cover to reduce and concentrate the liquid. When cool enough to handle, slip the skins from the apple halves, scraping any pulp back into the pan. Discard skins or save for snacking. Remove the thyme stems. Mash apples with a fork, stirring in a bit of water or lemon juice if you choose to lighten the texture of the applesauce. I like the thick, rough texture from mashing, so I don't add any liquid. If there are any brown bits clinging to the foil, be sure to incorporate them into the applesauce. For a smoother sauce, put the apple pulp through a food mill, blender or food processor.

This can be prepared several days ahead and stored in the refrigerator. It also freezes very well. I find it almost irresistible as a snack.

Note: While 3 pounds of apples yield about 3 cups, this simple method can be used for fewer apples as well. Just use a smaller baking sheet; timing should be the same. Conversely, if you have very big apples, fewer will fit on a standard rimmed cookie sheet. For step-by-step photos of the preparation of this recipe search for "applesauce" on my blog at [www.evielieb.com](http://www.evielieb.com).



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## VIRTUAL GALA & HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 15TH, 2020 | 5 PM

Join us for this special event honoring six remarkable women, including our hometown honoree, Eileen Jacobowitz!

In the darkness of winter, Hanukkah provides us an opportunity to bring light, warmth, and community into our homes. This year is no different, except we'll be on Zoom.

Register today! [ncjwsac.org/events](http://ncjwsac.org/events)


Honoring Tina Tchen of *Times Up* and Senator Tammy Duckworth, as well as our Section Award Honorees Maddie Fireman (*NCJW New Orleans*), Cheryl Pollman (*NCJW Dallas Section*), Myrna Wertheimer (*NCJW Essex County Section*), and our very own Eileen Jacobowitz (*NCJW Sacramento Section*). We will kindle our menorahs, celebrate our successes, and prepare for the work still ahead with this important NCJW fundraising event.

Please note there is a \$100 donation per ticket.

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broke the ice by swapping their tales of adventures and misadventures, many involving travel, sexy partners, and more. Later, new break-out groups compared the items they'd found in a virtual scavenger hunt. In one group, a box of Junior Mints was counted as both "something that's NCJW green" and "something that makes you smile." And in the final break-out session, participants shared ideas about friendship, especially the magic of friendship among women. There were trivia quizzes (with prizes) and the grand finale: everyone singing and dancing along with the group Sister Sledge on "We Are Family."

The women who participated may have started out as strangers or passing acquaintances, but they left as friends. And if that could happen in a 90-minute virtual meeting, imagine what's in store for the Sacramento Section over the rest of this year!



**eNEWS ARRIVES EVERY TUESDAY**

You'll get the latest news and updates with your Tuesday NCJW Sacramento eNEWS. Keep up-to-date about events and important issues.

Please be sure the eNEWS goes to your inbox and not into your spam folder. If you have changed your email in the last year, let us know at [info@ncjwsac.org](mailto:info@ncjwsac.org).



## PURCHASE A TRIBUTE

Want to honor a friend, celebrate an occasion or remember someone in the nicest possible way?

Sheila Budman, NCJW Sacramento's Tribute chairperson, will send a personal note on your behalf to the persons and/or families you choose to honor.

Tribute minimum donation is \$10. Visit: [ncjwsac.org/donate/](http://ncjwsac.org/donate/)

Thank you for your Tribute donations!



## TRIBUTES

**To Cecile Kaplan:** *Congratulations on the birth of your new grandson.*  
**From:** Betty and Jack Reuben

**To Betty Reuben:** *Congratulations on your 98th birthday.*  
**From:** Carolyn Reuben Green, Beryl Michaels and John Bach

**To Anne Eisenberg:** *Thank you for your many years of leadership in Council.*  
**From:** Cecile Kaplan

**To Eileen Jacobowitz:** *Congratulations on becoming president of NCJW Board.*  
**From:** Cecile Kaplan

**To Claire Lipschultz:** *Thank you for your leadership on the NCJW Board, Lobby Day and the Windy City Convention.*  
**From:** Cecile Kaplan

**To Betty Reuben:** *Thank you for your continuing leadership in support of Council.*  
**From:** Cecile Kaplan

## COUNCIL NOTES

**To Lilly Spitz:** *Wishing you a speedy recovery and relief from pain.*  
*With all good wishes from the NCJW Sacramento Board*

## Top 10 Reasons Why You Should Make An End-Of-Year Donation To NCJW Sacramento

1. We do great things in our very own community and can see the impact close up.
2. Between our Mitzvahs-In-A-Minute (MIMs) and ongoing projects, literally 100's of people in the Sacramento area have benefited from our actions.
3. We are stronger together! By combining forces, we maximize our impact. With the very successful Vote Forward initiative—together, we sent more than 12,000 letters to get out the vote!
4. Philanthropy is good for you! Studies show that it boosts endorphins.
5. Giving is easy. Just go to the NCJW Sacramento website: [ncjwsac.org/donate](http://ncjwsac.org/donate), and remember, your contribution is tax deductible!
6. You can designate your contribution to a specific cause (see the *Honoring a True Friend* story on [Page 7](#)).
7. While we keep expenses to a minimum, we have ongoing costs to keep the Section operating, including administrative and tech support, insurance, website expenses, and Bulletin printing and mailing.
8. End the year guilt-free knowing you did your part to help us "keep the lights on."
9. As the Section in the capital of the most populous state in the U.S., NCJW Sacramento bears a heightened role in advocacy and education, so your additional support is that much more important!
10. Last but not least, while COVID-19 has changed the dynamics of our programming, the need in our community is greater than ever, so your generosity is even more appreciated!





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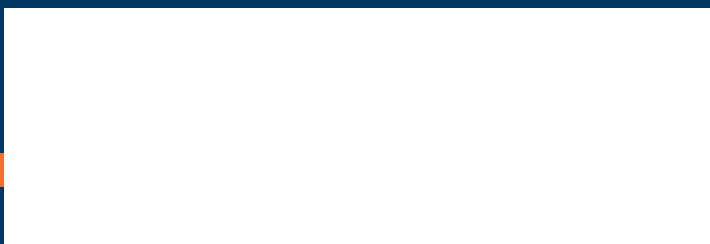
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NCJW Sacramento Presents:  
**Opportunities for Advocacy, Education,  
and Community Service**  
with CASA Sacramento

**Thursday, January 7, 2021, 6-7pm**

Join us to learn more about Court  
Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)  
of Sacramento County.

CASA's mission is to ensure  
consistency and support for children  
in the foster care system through the  
use of volunteer advocates advancing  
the best interests of each child.

**"It wasn't until I became a CASA volunteer that I realized how simple it is to be there for someone who needs it. It makes a huge difference to just be there for someone regularly."**

