

SPRING MEETING
& Election of the 2018/2019 NCJW Officers and Board of Directors

Human Rights

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

Mary Pat Higgins

President & CEO of Dallas Holocaust Museum/ Center for Education & Tolerance

Tuesday, April 17th 6:30 BBQ Dinner - 7:00 Meeting

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President's Perspective



Joyce Rosenfield

From the Las Vegas and Parkland mass shootings, to #Me Too/Times Up, to immigration reform, North Korean Missile tests and fighting for women's rights, quality public education, hungry children, and multiple other causes, what an incredible last six months we have experienced. Perhaps, we should redefine "#Times Up" to mean it is time to stop not only the sexual

assault and harassment of women in this country but all the other craziness that has been occurring. In truth, the time is up for us to sit by and impotently watch. The time is now for us to use our voices to make a difference. We are seeing, recurring systemic issues that need addressing, and what better organization than NCJW Dallas to help make it happen.

You might wonder what will it take to "make it happen"?

This is where each of us as NCJW volunteers and supporters come in. We need to lend our voices and our time. As we all know, it truly takes a village to make change but we know together, we can make it happen. We can work to make better laws to keep our children safe from gun violence. We can work to educate our world that girls and women are not objects to be controlled or abused. We can work to fight for DACCA and safe immigration into our country. We can fight for funds for quality education, to end poverty, to provide food for our children. After all, this is what America was built on. Yes, we can use our hearts, our voices and our skills to make our community and our world a better place.

But it goes without saying that we also need adequate funding to effect the change we want.

NCJW, Dallas has been fortunate over the past year to have amazing support from not only our members, but from the community at large. So perfectly aligned with our mission, Texas Capital Bank was our Presenting Sponsor for our 105th Birthday Luncheon. In addition, their senior executives have indicated that they want to work side by side with us to help resolve some of the numerous issues facing residents in West Dallas. For a full listing of our very generous 105th Birthday Luncheon sponsors and contributors who will help us increase our presence in the Dallas community, see pages 6-7.

We are especially grateful to the Wolens Foundation who has shown their belief in NCJW's work by giving us a generous milestone \$100,000 grant for 2016-17 to be used for great community impact. Established by the family of Past President and Honorary National Board Member, Bette Miller, the foundation is ably led today by Joe Milkes, Bette's nephew and the foundation's current President.

Over the past year, we have worked closely with Joe Milkes to show we have been good stewards of the trustees' investment in us. Because of their generosity, we hired a consultant to help us with Fund Development and Membership Engagement. Melanie Wisniewski, an NCJW member, came to us with over 20 years of experience with Burger King where she provided leadership in Brand Positioning, Strategy, Operations, and Communications. Her skills as well as her passion for NCJW has helped us create two new fundraising efforts, conduct volunteer fairs to help engage our members, and produce

an attractive welcoming kit for new members. She also has provided valuable guidance as we work to enhance our communication and marketing efforts; i.e., addressing the design and functionality of our website and the use of Facebook and other social media. In addition, we have contracted with Shannon Morse to help with the hands on part of our Website and Facebook presence. Also, some of the funds have been designated to update our website and create a Young Leadership Development program for this coming year.

So we not only want to offer Melanie and Shannon a huge thank you for the gifts they have brought to NCJW, but we must give a tremendous shout out to Bette Miller, Joe Milkes and The Wolens Foundation for their very generous support of NCJW, Dallas. And yes, there is icing on the cakeThe Wolens Foundation has presented NCJW Dallas another \$100,000 community impact grant for 2018-19. This will certainly help us continue the great work we are doing.

NCJW has a history of making change and today is no different. Girded with our expanded financial support and with the assistance of our consultants, we must give whatever time we have, whether it is an hour, a day or an ongoing commitment to an area of NCJW life. As you are finishing reading this article, please think how you can be one of "us" who will help build a better future for the women, children, grandchildren, and families in our community. As Shiza Shahid, our 105th Birthday Luncheon keynote speaker said: "There are no Superheroes, Just Us".



NCJW Leadership Retreat is a high powered, two-day leadership training that provides NCJW leaders with the knowledge, skills, resources and connections they need to deliver on NCJW's mission locally and nationally.

Who?

Leadership Retreat is designed for all NCJW leaders – wherever they are along the continuum of leadership - current and incoming board presidents, board members, committee chairs, and emerging leaders in your section. The retreat offers the knowledge and tools we need to build strong sections, as well as feel empowered as Jewish leaders of complex social justice work.

What?

Leadership Retreat, and all workshops offered, will give participants new information, new ways to connect with the network, and the tools to go back to their communities and put it all into action.

When & Where?

June 1-3, 2018, St. Louis! Specifically, the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in St. Louis

For registration, information about the schedule and speakers, and FAQs, visit NCJW Leadership Retreat 2018 website at <https://www.ncjw.org/leadership-retreat/> or contact Nicole at the Dallas office at 214-368-4405 or info@ncjwdallas.org for additional information.

Julie Bleicher, Hannah G. Solomon Awardee 2018

From Emerging Leader (1995) to Hannah G. Solomon Awardee (2018), Julie Bleicher has been a go-to person for NCJW for 25 + years and counting. Julie has ably dedicated her keen intellect, strong work ethic and commitment to NCJW's mission and healthy functioning to a wide variety of leadership roles, including, to name a few: Treasurer, Administrative Vice President, Event Co-chair, Finance Committee Chair, and, currently, Strategic Plan Co-chair. And she undertakes these and other responsibilities with a delightful and endearing sense of humor.

While always being "there" for NCJW, Julie has also been a leader in numerous other community organizations, many of them focused on the well-being of women and children. She has been Chair of the board of the Dallas Women's Foundation, which recognized her with its Maura "Women Helping Women" Award in 2015, and she currently serves on the boards of Girls, Inc. (where she has been Treasurer), the Dallas Summit (President-Elect), and Temple Emanu-El. She also served on the board and Executive Committee of Greenhill School, where she led one division of the school's successful first capital campaign.

Julie also has wide experience in the for-profit world (computer systems design, human resources) and recently retired after 12 years as Administrative Manager of the Tessitura Network, the leading software company for arts and cultural organizations.

What motivates and energizes this remarkable woman? Julie grew up in a small community in western Maryland (part of Appalachia) where hers was the only Jewish family. Julie's late mother, Sara Cluster Mamolen, was probably unaware of NCJW or of Hannah G. Solomon but her community activism instantly brings our organization and its founder to mind: A teacher before she married, Sally founded the town's first kindergarten, first free medical clinic and first volunteer reading program at the public library, as well as undertaking other initiatives to improve the quality of life in the community. Julie credits her mother as her role model "whose work informed and inspired my own interests and leadership as an adult."

In the spirit of her mother, Julie says that as she became an active volunteer, "I found myself gravitating primarily to groups and causes that help women and girls." She joined NCJW at the invitation of Ellen



Julie Bleicher

Silverman and Maddy Unterberg and the first project she worked on was Paths to Prevention. Julie was inspired by this initiative and its goal of forming a public/private partnership to address the problem of teen substance abuse. As she learned more about NCJW she felt aligned with its history and priority issues.

Julie applauds NCJW's current push to become a more sustainable organization and is pleased to be a part of that effort. As Finance Committee Chair, taking the organization through financial and budgeting reorganization, she found satisfaction in increasing the board's awareness of the importance of financial sustainability.

In addition to her mother, Julie cites her friends Cecilia Boone (NCJW Pioneering Partner Awardee 2012) and Suzi Greenman (NCJW Dallas

Executive Director) as heroines whose strong leadership qualities have motivated and taught her in her community involvement. Julie describes herself as "helping make change primarily through collaborating with others, rather than by always having an individual leadership role. My skills help organize projects, and I think I help keep groups focused and on track to accomplish goals."

Julie's advice to aspiring leaders: "There is always a way in. I truly believe that part of my success is that I was perhaps naive enough to just jump in and assume my efforts would be welcomed. Truthfully, they generally were. I would also say – 'don't think about being a leader, think about helping get the work done.' Leadership will follow, I promise."

Julie has a B.A. from Chatham College (now Chatham University) in Pennsylvania and an M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University. She is the proud mother of two grown sons and a daughter-in-law who live in the Chicago area.

NCJW SPRING MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

The guest speaker of the NCJW Spring Meeting is Mary Pat Higgins. As the president and CEO of the Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Education and Tolerance, Mary Pat Higgins leads the overall management of the organization, including the capital campaign to build the new Dallas Holocaust Museum and Human Rights Museum and the design and construction of the new museum. We will also be voting to elect the Officers and Board of Directors at the Spring Meeting.



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@ BIG ALS SMOKEHOUSE - 3317 INWOOD ROAD, DALLAS 75235
GUEST SPEAKER- MARY PAT HIGGINS, PRESIDENT & CEO OF DALLAS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM/CENTER FOR EDUCATION & TOLERANCE

Awards & Installation Luncheon
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INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Public Affairs

Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award: Judy Hoffman



Judy Hoffman, a dedicated volunteer who works tirelessly for the good of others while resisting recognition for herself, is the recipient of the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section's 2018 Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award. This award honors the memory of Janis Levine Music who gave of herself with dignity and kindness of spirit and is given to an individual who makes a difference wherever she serves. Judy grew up in a family that understood and

appreciated the value of service. Her father, Joe Lautin, was born in Europe and experienced first-hand the challenges -- often tragic -- of hatred, genocide, immigration and poverty. He joined the United States Army as soon as he was able and at the conclusion of World War II, he worked hard to arrange the transport of his surviving brother and sister from the devastation of post-war Germany. Judy's mother, nee Devora Juster, enjoyed a middle class Midwestern upbringing. Her father was a lawyer who, during the depression and other times as well, accepted trade skills and services as commercial barter.

Growing up in a family that was progressive socially and politically, Judy took for granted that her interest in service and 'fairness' were universally shared and was surprised, as a teenager, to personally witness anti-Semitism and other overt signs of racial and economic discrimination. That, of course, served as not only an objective lesson in the wide range of attitudes regarding these matters, but also as a personal call to stand up, speak out and act accordingly.

Some of Judy's earliest opportunities for volunteering were created by her mother, who served as an unpaid advisor to the Shearith Israel branch of United Synagogue Youth. Judy regularly tutored children at a West Dallas recreation center and served as a juror on Teen Court. As USY Community Service Chair, she planned and executed projects throughout the community.

Judy first attended Dallas public schools and graduated from The Hockaday School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Statistics from Bryn Mawr College. Judy started her career in consulting, specializing in compliance with federal employment discrimination regulations; worked in personnel for Johnson & Johnson and transferred to its subsidiary McNeil. She was Human Resources Director for the developer of Las Colinas and, later, for Trammell Crow Company. For the past 10 years, she has provided consulting services to select employers and organizations.

In the community, aside from work with the American Red Cross, Judy contributed her time to St. Mark's School of Texas, Golden Acres, and Prestonwood Elementary School. She continues to collect and coordinate the distribution of donations from Whole Foods Market to a variety of local charities including the Vickery Meadow Food Pantry, Aids Outreach Center, Bryan's Place, and Promise House.

Currently, she is working at Caregivers Day Out at Temple Shalom as well as the afore-mentioned Vickery Meadows Food Pantry and Kids in Court.

Judy met her husband Joel at Shearith Israel Sunday School when they were 16 years old. They have two sons, Ben and Dan, one granddaughter and one grandson.

Erin Zopolsky – 2018 NCJW Emerging Leader Award



The NCJW 2018 Emerging Leader Award recipient is Erin Zopolsky, an engaging and talented woman who lights up the room with her energy and commitment. She is a shining star, yet so humble about her contributions – as Erin says, "How can I be proud of something that I should be doing?"

Erin grew up in Baton Rouge, LA and went to Stephen F. Austin College where she studied Hospitality Administration. Upon graduation she moved to Dallas to work in a Management Training Program at the Four Seasons Hotel, and then continued her career for a decade in medical event planning. She is married to Dallas native, Joe Zopolsky, and they are the proud parents of Hattie (4) and Jay (7). Erin is an active member of the Parents Association at both her children's schools.

When Erin came to Dallas, she was drawn to projects that empower women. At that time, she concentrated her energies on volunteering for Dress for Success, an organization that focuses on dressing women in business attire and prepping them for job interviews. More recently Erin has served as President of the Temple Emanu-El WRJ/Sisterhood and is currently on the Board of Trustees at Temple Emanu-El.

Four years ago Erin attended an NCJW event that featured a speaker on health care and social justice. The event resonated with Erin – she saw NCJW as a bright group of women using their resources in a positive way to better society and empower women, and she wanted to be a part of the organization in a more meaningful way. Ever since that event, Erin has fast-tracked her involvement with NCJW. Erin chaired the 2017 NCJW Awards and Installation event and is on the Host Committee for the 2018 Birthday Luncheon. Additionally, Erin serves on the NCJW Board of Directors and is currently the Co-Vice President of Fund Development.

Although Erin enjoys producing "big events" where she can tap into her professional expertise, she also likes participating in one-on-one projects that directly touch people's lives, such as the West Dallas Back to School Fair. Erin is an impressive young woman, and we look forward to her sharing her myriad skills, passion, and enthusiasm for years to come with NCJW.

COMING SOON...



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Birthday Luncheon

The Grand Ballroom at the Hilton Anatole Hotel was the home of almost 800 guests for the NCJW Dallas 105th Birthday Luncheon on January 18, 2018. Under the exceptional leadership of the Birthday Luncheon Chair, Courtney Johnson and the hard work and dedication of the Honorary Chairs and Host Committee, NCJW Dallas received a record high number of sponsorships, individual contributions, and individuals who want to be a part of NCJW.....together, we realized one of our most successful events.

Inspired by the keynote speaker, Shiza Shahid who helped found the Malala Fund, and Roslyn Dawson Thompson, President/CEO of the Dallas Women's Foundation as she accepted the NCJW Pioneering Partner Award on behalf of the Foundation, our guests were left with the feeling that yes, "Together We Will Build the Future". Congratulations and thank you to all who helped make this happen!

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Birthday Luncheon

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Community Service

Hello Israel Salutes Marla Greenberg Janco

“Hello Israel” is proud to give a shout-out to one of our most dedicated volunteers. Marla Greenberg Janco came to us about 11 years ago, offering to participate in the “Hello Israel” program. And she has become one of our most dedicated volunteers.

Marla has been in residential real estate for almost 21 years and now partners with husband Howard Janco, with the firm of Century 21 Nathan Realty. She recently completed a two-year term as co-chair of the Multiple Listing Service in her area.

Her greatest source of pride is daughter Gracyn Lewins. Gracyn just moved to New York after graduating from Texas State University. While there, she performed leading roles in many of the school’s productions. Prior to that, Gracyn attended the prestigious Booker T. Washington School for Performing Arts.

Marla and Howard Janco married nine years ago, and she was welcomed into the fold by Howard’s three grown children. Now Marla and Howard are grandparents to two precious little girls.

Marla has many philanthropic interests. She is a Life Member of Hadassah, and serves on the Boards of the Southwest Jewish Congress and the Dallas Jewish Historical Society. Marla also keeps active by participating in classes for yoga, tap dancing, and Aqua Zoomba.

With such a busy and full life, Marla did not need the complications that arose one day in January 2015, when she visited her physician. She had just undergone a routine mammogram and was shocked to learn that she had a very aggressive form of breast cancer. The good news was that the ensuing chemotherapy was the kind that targets the cancer and the prognosis was excellent. So, Marla signed on, with a huge assist from husband Howard.

Marla says that she gained so much valuable insight from this experience. She has become an advocate for preventive medicine, and tells everyone about the need for regular routine breast check-ups. She also spends her post-treatment time offering advice and solace to those just receiving the cancer diagnosis. She considers it her moral obligation to help others face with this diagnosis. “Pay it forward” she says, as she was the recipient of much care and advice during her own ordeal.

“Hello Israel” is grateful to count Marla Greenberg Janco as their ambassador of good will for Israel and the Jewish people.

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The Suitcase Project needs a team of volunteers to shop at Walmart for household items. NCJW is working with Mosaic Family Services to help survivors of domestic abuse and trafficking and their families. The Suitcase Project team will supply the most needy of Mosaic’s clients who have proven they can support their families as they transition from the shelter into an apartment. We buy very basic household items (laundry baskets, new bed and bath linens for the women and their children and other necessary items) to ease the transition. Your donated gently used suitcases are used to transport their belongings and symbolize a new beginning. The team is also collecting totebags and personal care items for Mosaic Family Services’s shelter to support those who have left abusive situations. Many of them come empty handed or with only a few items carried in garbage bags. If you can shop and deliver with one or two team members several times (1-3) a year, please contact Nonie Schwartz (nonieschwartz@sbcglobal.net) or Sherilyn Bird (smbird@sbcglobal.net).

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Fund Development

NCJW Tribute and Endowment Funds

Passover is right around the corner. Would you like to let your family members know you are thinking about them even though you can’t be at their Seder? Would you like to help someone celebrate his/her birthday? Do you want to say congratulation on a graduation or a wedding? Or do you just want to let someone know you are thinking about him/her? The NCJW Tribute Funds and Endowment Funds are a great way to remember someone while providing additional funds for the great work of NCJW Dallas. You can go to our website to donate at info@ncjwdallas.org or call Nicole Gray at the NCJW office at 214-368-4405.

Tribute Funds

Grace L. Florence Tribute Fund

The Grace L. Florence Fund was established in 1976 by the children of Grace L. Florence in memory of Grace L. Florence who was a Past President of the Greater Dallas Section of NCJW. This fund has been designated for use in the field of geriatrics.

Rita O. Black Tribute Fund

The Rita O. Black Tribute Fund was established in 1992 by Isadore Black in memory of his wife Rita O. Black, a Section Charter Life member of the Greater Dallas Section of NCJW. This fund supports programs that strengthen families.

Minnie Hexter Milk Fund

Started in the 1934, the Minnie Hexter Milk Fund provides aid in the form of free milk products and formula to needy families in the Dallas area.

Reba M. Wadel Scholarship Fund

The Reba M. Wadel Scholarship Fund was established in 1949 in honor of Reba M. Wadel, a Vice President of the Greater Dallas Section of NCJW. This scholarship assists graduate students studying in the fields of early childhood development and social work.

Hippy Fund

This fund was established in 2011 to support the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters Program.

Israel Granting Fund

Established in 1998 to support NCJW National’s Israel Granting Program (IGP) targeted to support women, children and families in Israel.

Endowment Funds

Endow NCJW Dallas Fund

Established in 2011 to further the mission of NCJW Greater Dallas Section

SHARE Endowment Fund

Established in 1982. This is a permanent general endowment fund to support Dallas area social service and public affairs projects/programs not covered in the annual budget.

Fund Development

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT

Each year, does your family ask you what you'd like for Mother's Day? Flowers, perhaps? Dinner? A new blender?

This year, you might want to suggest that they get you Marie's Heart – or Monica's Polka Dots.

MEET MARIE AND MONICA

Marie and Monica are participants in two of our projects – the West Dallas Initiative and the Suitcase Project. They – along with about 50 other children – just participated in our first Mother's Day Art Contest. The children at The Suitcase Project – which partners with Mosaic Family Services who shelters and prepares abused and trafficked women and their families for independent living - did their designs while their moms' were in class. In West Dallas – which has the highest rate of poverty of any Dallas neighborhood – we work with the school district to provide the families with otherwise unaffordable school supplies, uniforms and much more. Art class teachers volunteered to hold the contest in their classes.

The children poured their hearts into the effort. Now it's our turn to share our love with them. Let your family know that this year, you'd like your Mother's Day gift to help moms-in-need and their families.



ABOUT THE CARD

We selected two of the most moving drawings and made them into Mother's Day cards. Each card will feature the winning artwork on the front. The inside will say 'Happy Mother's Day! Thinking of you on this special day' and will have space for you to add a personal greeting. The cards are available for a donation of \$36 each through May 1. All cards will be mailed first-class on May 4th – nine days before Mother's Day. Proceeds from card sales will be used to help support the children and families in these two projects. Ecard versions will also be available on our website through May 13th.



FOR MOTHER'S DAY, SHARE OUR LOVE

Let your family know what you'd like for Mother's Day and consider giving the same gift to your sisters, your friends and to whomever you'd like to honor. The card can be customized to your liking. And help us spread the word! Tell your neighbors, children's teachers, fellow congregants and friends about our effort to spread Mother's Day love. Let's make this Mother's Day a happy one for as many moms as possible.

We'll be sending out more information in our weekly email as we get closer to Mother's Day – but why wait? Fill out the attached form and send it to the office to get the cards you'd like now!

Please use one form per card. Additional forms are available at NCJW's office.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD ORDER FORM

CARD SELECTION _____ Marie's Heart _____ Monica's Polka Dots

Add a special greeting:

How would you like it signed?

FULL NAME & ADDRESS OF RECIPIENT

Name: _____

Street: _____ City & State: _____ Zip Code: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Your name (as it appears on credit card) _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____ SEC: _____

All forms should be sent to NCJW's office. 6025 Royal Lane #219-9, Dallas, TX 75230 214-368-4405 info@ncjwdallas.org

Fund Development

How Do You Raise a Mensch?

How do you raise a family of mensches? A family who gives and gives to the community? A person who gives both monetarily and in time and passion to repair a broken world? Members of NCJW Dallas needn't look very far for an example. NCJW Dallas Past President, Honorary NCJW National Board Member, and Past Board member of the NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education (RIFIE) at Hebrew University Jerusalem, Bette Miller and her family members are a shining example of how it's done.

Bette's grandfather Kalman Wolens came to the United States from Poland in 1893. The family landed first in Chicago. In 1896, after a previous trip to Texas failed, Kalman, returned to Texas with his three sons, Max born in Poland, and Louis and Joe, (Bette's father) born, in Chicago. The family's only girl, Daisy, was born in Corsicana, Texas. No doubt this small Navarro County Town was quite foreign to this Polish Jewish family, but they seized the opportunity, starting their mercantile career on a side street sidewalk selling spectacles, eventually building the successful K. Wolens Department store chain. At its peak, the forty six stores served small farming communities throughout east, central and south Texas. As the business grew K's children each took their place running different departments in the business.

The family was involved in the community, serving on the board of Camp Fire, the Chamber of Commerce, the PTA and founding their communities' synagogue. The family even had a mikvah in their home to serve the Jewish community. Bette remembers discussions supporting all minorities and the rights of women, not always easy discussions in a small Texas town of another era.

When asked how they became such a charitable, involved family, Bette said that the example set by her parents and grandparents was all they needed. Repairing the world was not necessarily discussed, but because of the many activities in which the family was involved the children and grandchildren learned by example.

Bette and her late husband Bennett also led their children by example. During the three years Bennett was the executive director of the "War on Poverty", he often brought his children with him as he worked on community projects and when he volunteered in NCJW's West Dallas study center. The girls also went with Bette to the NCJW office to stuff envelopes and work on other service projects.

Bette's father died when she was 13. Her Uncle Louis had no children, but was always there for Bette, giving her away when she married Bennett. When Uncle Louis died in 1980 he stipulated in his will that a foundation be established honoring his parents Kalman and Ida Wolens. In addition, his will designated that \$300,000 from his estate be designated for a program in Israel. Bette's love of NCJW and the families' support of Israel drove the gift of \$300,000 from Louis' estate through NCJW to establish the Louis and Ann Wolens Chair in Educational Research at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Several members of the family have chaired the Wolens foundation starting with Dean Milkes as its original president, then his daughter Cheryl Moore and since 2010, Bette's nephew, Joe Milkes. Bette has been an officer of the Foundation from its inception. The Foundation's original mission included supporting Israel and Navarro County and the foundation still supports programs in Corsicana and Israel.

NCJW Inc.'s programs in Israel have long been supported by the Wolens Foundation; this past year the NCJW Israel program was

able to expand adding personnel both in New York, and a part time person in Israel due to the generosity of the Wolens Foundation.

When asked why NCJW, Bette laughed and said she was hounded by several groups when she first moved to Dallas in 1959, but her interests were not only Israel, but also giving back to the broader community in which she lived. Bette's "address" she says is community service. Her first assignment with NCJW was chair of decorations, and then she was quickly asked to be Vice-President of Public Affairs, Ways and Means, Community Service, Executive VP and then President of our section. Bette served as Southern District President, when National had Districts, served as a National Board as member and recording secretary, and on the RIFIE Board in Israel.

NCJW Dallas has been supremely gifted by the Wolens Foundation in the last two years because of Bette's passion and her nephew Joe's belief in the mission of NCJW. In each of the last two years, the Foundation has granted NCJW Dallas money for capacity building so we can continue for the next 105 years!

When asked what she was most proud of in her years in NCJW, Bette replied that leasing the building on Harry Hines for both Encore and the Section office, and bringing new program ideas to our Section, including the Community Board Institute. But as a detailed research oriented person, Bette says she will have the most pride when the NCJW Dallas history book, on which she has toiled for the past 5 years, is finished. Bette is our living history; how fortunate we will all be to have our own history book thanks to her amazing efforts along with Marlene Cohen and Rosie Stromberg. Bette has contributed to NCJW Dallas' proud history in countless ways, but the creation of the Centennial History Book ensures that her legacy of service will live on for many decades to come.

Membership

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jocelyn Benson	Anita Corenblith	Laura Levy
Lauren Blitzer*	Jan Gartenberg	Gerald Rubin
Sandra Cohen	Susie Gurinsky	Annalee Zweig

**Life Member*

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.

Tribute Funds

RITA O. BLACK FUND

In honor of Kathy & Alan Freeman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Marlene Cohen
Elaine Stillman

Celebrating Gillette Eckler

Jo Ann Hughes

Celebrating Sharan and Lynn Goldstein on the milestone birthdays

Joyce and Joe Rosenfield

ENDOW NCJW

Celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Kathy & Alan Freeman

Elaine Bernstein
Joyce Goldberg
Roslyn Goldstein
Bette W. Miller
Bette Morchower
Pat Peiser
Jody Platt
Barbara Rabin
Maddy Unterberg

In memory of Sophie Bormaster, mother & grandmother

Linda Donsky

Get well wishes to Jackie & Sheldon Fleschman

Bette W. Miller

Get well wishes to Deje Bemel

Bette W. Miller

Get well wishes to Laura Diamond

Bette W. Miller

Get well wishes to Dr. Andrew Fenves

Bette W. Miller

HIPPY

Happy Anniversary, Kathy & Alan Freeman

Ricki Shapiro

In honor of Andi Rogoff

Lennie Wells

MINNIE HEXTER MILK FUND

In honor of Gillette Eckler

Jo Ann Hughes

In memory of Carol Sandfield

Sandy Nachman

In memory of Mother, M. Nunnally & Family

Rhona Streit

In Memory of Grandmother- E. Fetter Family

Rhona Streit



IN MEMORIAM



Barbara Arnstein
Ellene Breinin
Barbara Bubis
Idarene Glick
Sondra "Sondie" Rosenthal
Leslie Schultz
Barbara Kreditor Thum

In Memory of Father-Craig Morrow Family

Rhona Streit

Celebrating the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Rutchik

Rhona Streit

Birthday wishes to Carol Gene Cohen

Rhona Streit

NCJW MISSION FUND

Celebrating Kathy & Alan Freeman on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Syl Benenson
Jocelyn Benson
Phyllis Bernstein
Brenda Brand
Caren Edelstein
Myra Fischel
Marsha Fischman
Gail Gilbert
Suzi Greenman
Renee Karp
Pricilla Krejci
Peachy Rudberg
May Sebel
Marcia Tell
Sherilee Trubitt
Molly Van Ort

Celebrating Lynn & Sharan Goldstein on their milestone Birthdays

Betty Ann Ablon
Liz Cooper
Suzi Greenman

Get well wishes for Ellen Lasser

Holly Gottlieb
Jackie Waldman
Sarah Yarrin

Happy Birthday to Donna Kun

Suzi Greenman
Ellen Lasser

General Donation

Ann Kahn
Laura Levy
Lotty Brodsky Lyle
Janine Pulman

Birthday wishes to Carol Gene Cohen

Ellen Lasser

In honor of NCJW Dallas

Natalie Levy

In honor of Helen Frank

Peggy Papert

In honor of Laura

Paul Siemers

In memory of Idarene Glick –

Carol Hirsh & Family

Joyce Rosenfield

REBA WADEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In celebration of Kathy & Alan Freeman's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Joni Cohan

Celebrating Gillette Eckler

Jo Ann Hughes



Freda Gail Baum Stern

1930 - 2017

Freda Gail Baum Stern died of a heart attack on July 17th at the age of 87. A Dallas civic leader and public relations executive who founded her own firm at a time when women were a rarity in the industry; Freda Gail defied the odds and built her company. It grew to represent local, national and international clients including Chrysler Corp., Miller Brewing, Elizabeth Arden, Sheraton Hotels and Kaiser Permanente.

Throughout her life, Freda Gail gave freely of her time and expertise to many worthy causes and organizations. We are fortunate that National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Dallas Section, was among those organizations. Freda Gail was an admired and highly esteemed member of NCJW Dallas for over 50 years. She was a long-standing "go to" advisor to whom we turned when stymied. In the last several years, Freda Gail and her close friend, Hanne Klein, served as "Assistant Editors" of The Bulletin, working behind the scene to ensure that articles were well written and relevant. Only last year, she played a key role in counseling the Centennial History Book Committee on the best way to have their book produced.

It is especially meaningful that Freda Gail found NCJW Dallas worthy of a bequest. A strategic thinker of the highest order, Freda Gail understood and appreciated the importance of having a healthy endowment to ensure the financial stability of NCJW --- now and in the future. In accordance with a policy established by the Board of Directors in 2010, Freda Gail's bequest of \$26,000 has been placed in the NCJW Dallas Endow fund where it will grow and help provide a reliable source of revenue for NCJW's programs and services. Freda Gail's memory will be as a blessing to all who knew her and her gift will benefit countless others in the years to come. We offer our deepest gratitude to Freda Gail Baum Stern.

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March

- 1 Purim
- 6 Executive Committee Meeting – JCC/Mankoff Meeting Room, 10am-12pm
- 9-11 NCJW Texas Regional Board Retreat – Greene Family Camp
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting – JCC/Fruhman Hall, 10am-12pm
- 22 Hot Topic – 9-11am – Home of Erin Zopolsky – Speaker: Bud Kennedy, Political Reporter for the Ft. Worth Star Telegram – “Primary Results and Runoffs”
- 30 Passover - 1st Night Seder
- 31 Passover - 2nd Night Seder

April

- 3 Executive Committee Meeting – JCC/Mankoff Meeting Room, 10am-12pm
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting – JCC/Fruhman Hall, 10am-12pm
- 17 Spring Meeting – Big Al’s 6:30pm – Dinner, 7:00pm Program – Mary Pat Higgins President/CEO -The Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance**
- 17 Final PACE Meeting-JCC Dallas, 9am-3pm**

May

- 1 Executive Committee Meeting – JCC/Mankoff Meeting Room, 10am-12pm
- 8 Joint Board of Directors Meeting – JCC/Fruhman Hall, 10am-12pm
- 15 Awards & Installation Luncheon – Northwood Country Club – 11:30am-1:00pm
- 20 Shavuot
- 21 Office Closed - Shavuot
- 28 Office Closed - Memorial Day

** Please note change in date.

NCJW Calendar of Events

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