



Wishing you
a Happy
Shana Tovah
and a Blessed
Yom Kippur!

President's Message



Elaine Bernstein

As NCJW Greater Dallas section's 56th president, I am honored to have the opportunity to lead this great organization into next decade. I promise to lead us into the next decade with a determination to make a significant impact on our community. The theme for my presidency is "Expanding Our Reach, Increasing Our Impact " The underserved in our city have so many needs. We at NCJW have to ability to make a sizeable dent in those needs. We have processes in place to critically evaluate how we expand our reach and increase our impact to meet those needs.

Our first president was Grace Goldstein. In 1913 she faced many challenges. Our challenges today are different, but no less daunting. After a tornado destroyed our office and a pandemic shut us down, we got up dusted ourselves off and pushed on. I am hopeful that in the near future we will be able to all be together to show off are new modern office. Electronics , technology, and the internet have enabled us to keep working and staying in touch. We have had many virtual meetings, including a zoom installation.

Our community service project leaders continue to think outside the box in order to deliver our much-needed services. The needs of the underserved in our community do not go away because of a pandemic they only increase. To meet some of those needs, Carol Weinstein , chair of our SHARE Endowment fund asked the committee to approve a COVID emergency fund to be distributed to partner agencies. The committee decided to allocate \$100,000.00 from the SHARE Endowment Fund to help mitigate the virus' impact on those agencies. Through a grant process the funds were distributed to ten partner agencies in July. The agencies are:

Attitudes and Attire, Dallas CASA, Feed Oak Cliff, Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas, Literacy Achieves, Mosaic Family Services,

Inc, Our Friends Place, Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, Texas Muslim Women's Foundation. VNA Meals on Wheels. The services performed by these agencies directly impact the lives of women, children and families in the Greater Dallas area. That is why we are here and that is why we do what we do.

Our advocacy committee is working at full speed making sure our seniors can vote by mail and reminding everyone of the importance of the upcoming election.

Our fundraising Vice Presidents have been working to make sure our 108th Birthday Luncheon will be as if not more successful than past luncheons. Save the date January 21,2021. Hopefully it will be in person ; if not we have a plan B.

Our Vice presidents of public affairs have been busy planning our upcoming programs. The first is our Opening Meeting for September 24,2020. (details to follow)

There are so many issues affecting our lives today that require actions and change. NCJW has always been at the forefront to find solutions for change. To accomplish significate, change for the populations we serve and the greater community, we need to change the governmental processes and laws that effect those populations. We need to be strong advocates for laws that protect the rights of women families and children. We need to advocate for policing policies that protect the lives of the Black community. We need to advocate for policies that ensure that all feel safe in their homes and neighbors. We need to fight for equal education, health care, food security, jobs, and reproductive justice.

We are at the beginning of a revolution to make real change in this country. We need to be part of the peaceful solution. We need to do our part to get people registered to vote and make sure they vote. We need to write and call our Senators and Representatives at the Federal and State level to make sure they hear us. They may not agree with our position but they need to know that we their constituents oppose their position. We need to keep advocating for fair courts. We need to use our votes, our voices and our written words to strive for social justice. If we do all we need to do we will be able to "Expand Our Reach and Increase Our Impact"

NCJW Advocacy Hard at Work

We have an organized advocacy team that will be assisting with voter registration and getting out the vote activities for the fall elections. This Committee has been hard at work fulfilling the need to help 65+ individuals in assisted living and independent living residences to register and to vote by mail. We have collaborated with Senior Source to reach out to the facilities that they were nice enough to identify for us. We are contacting the key staff in these retirement residences asking for their assistance in distributing the packets of information that will enable the residents to vote.

If you would like to help with this or other Getting Out the Vote activities please contact Caren Edelstein, our State Policy Advocate at cjedelstein@gmail.com.

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- Abortion Access
- Immigration
- Reproductive and Healthcare Rights
- The Supreme Court in Review
- Promoting and Protecting the Vote

We have launched several letter writing campaigns to our representatives dealing with some of the aforementioned issues. Caren Edelstein had a letter to the DMN published on the confirmation of Federal Judges.

The plan was to have an NCJW Texas Leadership Advocacy Retreat training in September that had to be postponed because of COVID-19.

Annual Report

2019-2020 National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section Annual Report

“Our ability to handle Life’s Challenges is a measure of our Strength of Character”

Les Brown

I think this quote sums up our 2019-20 year and National Council of Jewish Women Dallas Section!

On October 20, our Royal Lane office was destroyed in the Tornado, along with the homes of many of our members. Temple Emanu-El generously took in these refugees. In February we moved into our new offices, **16910 Dallas Parkway #104, Dallas, TX 75248**, and in mid-March we shut down for a Pandemic! One of my favorite expressions, that I am sure my family is tired of hearing, is “Man plans, and God laughs!”

Despite all of this, and with the help of our amazing members we are as strong as ever. Some highlights of our year below.

Administration—Vice President Carol Alkek

PACE Committee Chairs: Ann Bogdanow and Macki Ellenbogen

The PACE Committee, thru diligent evaluation and review, recommended the total NCJW allocation for 2020-21 be \$ 162,500. The PACE Committee further unanimously recommended to the board that our Community Service projects receive the following financial allocations for the 2020-21 fiscal year:

- West Dallas Initiative: \$ 74,450
- HIPPIY Field Trips and Scholarships: \$ 33,800
- Food + Fit = Fun and Eating Well is a SNAP: \$ 32,800
- Kids in Court: \$ 4,000
- The Suitcase Project: \$ 15,600

These project requests totaled \$160,650. The PACE Committee unanimously recommended that we keep the remaining \$ 1,850 in the bank to be used in an emergency situation.

The PACE Committee also unanimously recommended that volunteer requests from all Community Service projects including the agency requests from Literacy Achieves and Kosher Home Delivered Meals be approved.

As of January 2020, project leaders reported a total of 1536 hours given by NCJW Dallas volunteers. This figure does not include all the West Dallas hours. And of course, these numbers are lower than we would expect as we had no Spring Projects due to the Pandemic!

Thank you to 2020-21 PACE Chairs Ann Bogdanow and Macki Ellenbogen, and the PACE Committee for a job so well done! Thanks to Donna Kun, Kim Schonwald and Elaine Stillman for shepherding and figuring our available funds and to Melanie, Natalie and Nicole for their support.

The Nominating Committee, so very ably chaired by **Joyce Rosenfield**, worked steadfastly presenting the NCJW Dallas Section a stellar slate for the coming year.

NCJW Board of Directors – 2020-2021

President: Elaine Bernstein

VP Administration: Carol Alkek

VP Community Service: Debbie Greene

VP Fund Development: Staci Mankoff, Beth Stromberg

VP Membership: Erin Zopolsky

VP Public Affairs: Linda Donsky, Hadassah Yuster

Secretary: Claudette Wolfe

Associate Secretary: Shannon Morse

Treasurer: Elaine Stillman

Special Appointed Positions:

Carol Weinstein – SHARE Chair

Laura Diamond – Historian

2020-2021 Directors: Jocelyn Benson, Julie Bleicher, Sherilyn Bird, Deidra Cizon, Jayme Cohen, Kristen Davis, Jeana Foxman, Helen Frank, Courtney Johnson, Donna Kun, Alyson Ray, Michelle Rosenberg, Amy Schachter, Kim Schonwald, Carol Tobias, Jackie Waldman

Nominating Committee 2021-2022:

Janis Gail, Janine Pulman, Joyce Rosenfield, Ellen Ungerman

Awards Committee

The work of this year’s Awards Committee chaired by **Suzi Greenman** and **Julie Lowenberg** illuminated our many blessings. Several of our nominees received prestigious community awards in 2020:

- Lois Finkelman was honored by the League of Women Voters of Dallas with its Susan B. Anthony Award at a luncheon in February
- Terry Greenberg received the Profile in Leadership Award at the SMU Women’s Symposium on March 6.
- Cheryl Pollman received the Enduring Advocate Award from NCJW, Inc
- Kathleen LaValle, the CEO and President of Dallas CASA, which is a community partner of NCJW, was recognized with a Maura “Women Helping Women” Award by the Texas Women’s Foundation.
- The Hannah G Solomon, Emerging Leader, Lifetime Achievement, and the Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Awards will be presented at our Installation Luncheon Spring of 2021.

Our **Treasurer**, Kim Schonwald and **Finance Committee** chaired by Donna Kun, are continuing the process of making the budget more transparent and understandable. Not only do they balance our books but are the magnificent watch dogs of our funds. They are supported by our wonderful bookkeeper Natalie Levy. With their able assistance and the guidance of National Board Member Sue Tilis (and former Dallas president) we were able to secure a forgivable SBA loan.

Our exceptional **Secretaries** Claudette Wolfe and Shannon Morse enable us to keep on track with their assiduous tracking and reporting of the minutes of our Executive and Board Meetings. Their work is the repository of the memory of our section.

Our **Personnel Committee** spent the summer and fall of 2019 arduously revising and updating our personnel manuals and job descriptions.

Public Affairs

Vice Presidents: Sara Albert and Hadassah Yuster

Under the direction of our V.P.’s our Public Affairs Program has enabled education and actively demonstrated commitment to our engagement in our community.

Our Opening Meeting was a well-attended huge success. We were promised a light lunch, but thanks to our volunteers, it was more than light, it was beautiful and delicious. The lunch was followed by an insightful program titled “A Woman’s Right.” It was facilitated by **Sonja Miller**, Outreach and Faith Director for the Texas Freedom Network and **Reverend Erika Wilson**, Outreach and Coordinator for the Texas Freedom Network. No subject was taboo as members addressed a multitude of issues including shame, abortion, and the political environment affecting women’s health issues. Thank you to Sara Albert, Caren Edelstein, Hadassah Yuster and staff, Melanie, Nicole, and Alex.

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We continued with a Study Group on Women's emotions and Reproductive Choices. An enlightening and wonderfully led presentation and discussion by Rabbi Shira Wallach of Congregation Shearith Israel. Shira's presentation gave us the Jewish historical perspective and these choices and their impact.

Our Winter Meeting, **Women at the Ballot Box**, addressed the issue that the 2020 elections are going to be the most consequential elections in the history of women's rights, starting with the importance of voting in the primaries. Wherever your beliefs lie and whatever precinct you live in, NCJW Dallas is committed to provide information to help you wade through the issues.

Two amazing speakers: Award-winning author and longtime WSJ editor and Dallas Bureau Chief, **Karen Blumenthal**, of blessed memory, gave an insightful and riveting overview of her book "Jane Against the World: Roe v. Wade and the Fight for Reproductive Rights", which details the history of the fight for reproductive rights in the U.S. and how it has affected women's choices over decades.

And **NCJW** Legislative Associate **SHANNON RUSSELL** who leads federal advocacy on reproductive health, rights, and justice, provided the historical framework of NCJW's role in the ongoing battle for women's reproductive rights.

Two incredible speakers and presentations.

Research and Development Committee

Chair: Sara Albert

In 2019, the NCJW Board of Directors approved a new Strategic Plan that called for the establishment of a standing Research and Development Committee ("R+D") to:

(1) develop a set of criteria and an ongoing process to research and assess the or creation or adoption of new service projects and/or the establishment of new community partnerships; and

(2) report relevant findings and make recommendations to the NCJW Board of Directors based on such research and assessment.

This erudite Committee has created a new project submission form and a new project evaluation rubric.

Advocacy

Coordinated by Caren Edelstein our SPA (State Policy Advocate)

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Community Service

Vice President: Debbie Greene

Kosher Home Delivered Meals (formerly Kosher Meals on Wheels)

Chair: Bonnie Grossfeld

NCJW volunteers drive a route MWF, 4 times a year (March, June, August, October) to deliver meals to homebound residents. JFS serves about 40+ clients with this service. There are 4 regular volunteers, but the project could use a few more, particularly a couple who would agree to serve as substitutes.

Suitcase Project

Chairs: Nonie Schwartz, Sherilyn Bird

NCJW provides "starter kits" for women and children moving out of Mosaic into safe apartments. We average about 5 starter kits a month, although with COVID-19, residents are staying in the shelter longer than usual right now. The Shelter Director indicates that they will have a larger than usual number of women and children moving out of the shelter in the next month or so.

There are 12-14 regular volunteers who shop for the starter kits, usually at Walmart. They tend to work in pairs. The project could use a few more volunteers but it's not crucial right now. Because there have been changes in program due to COVID-19. Volunteers are not shopping for supplies right now. The Chairs are placing orders for supplies online and are either having them delivered directly to Mosaic's offices, delivered to the nearest store to be picked up and delivered by the chairs or delivered to the Chairs' homes and delivered by them. Due to COVID-19, NCJW has also been providing masks (paper and fabric) and thermometer covers since May.

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youth)

Chairs: Syl Benenson, Carol Tobias, Jane Lachman

There are currently about 1500 families participating in HIPPY: Dallas ISD (700-800), Irving ISD (600) and Richardson ISD (50-75). Irving ISD wants to grow their program to serve more families.

Fall of 2019 there were 6 scheduled trips; December was cancelled because of the weather. There were five field trips October and November

39 volunteers @ 4 hours for each volunteer to total 156 volunteer hours; 406 HIPPY parents; 407 kids; 34 ISD staff.

January and February (everything after that was cancelled)

7 Field trips; 37 Volunteers @ 4 hours=148 hours;

563 HIPPY parents; 505 kids; 44 ISD staff.

We did have over 30 graduating seniors who applied for our HIPPY scholarships and we were able to give 10.

Right now, because of COVID-19, school districts are in a wait-and-see mode right now. Dallas ISD is leaning towards virtual field trips, virtual HIPPY visits, and virtual library activities all in English and Spanish. Irving ISD is thinking about having field trips but with much smaller groups. Virtual activities won't begin before October. Perot, the Arboretum, and the DMA are currently working with HIPPY chairs to develop a virtual/at home curriculum if in-person field trips prove to be impossible.

West Dallas Initiative

Chairs: Deidra Cizon, Janine Pulman and

Clothes Closet Staci Barnett

Volunteers distribute school uniforms, socks, underwear, shoes, and jackets, as well as backpacks and school supplies at a community Back to School Fair. Turkeys are distributed before Thanksgiving. A tutoring program has been implemented at Eladio Martinez Elementary School. NCJW volunteers also help Pinkston High School Collegiate Academy find jobs for internships.

This year

- At the WDMC Back to School Fair we distributed 550 backpacks & binders.
- 5000 uniforms were distributed among our five adopted schools
- 675 currently served at Clothes Closet,
- 3,600 books (Half Price Books) distributed as "incentive gifts."
- 350 hats/scarf sets (Legacy Willow Bend knitters),
- 120 jackets
- 450 turkeys (approximately 900 people) - WDMC,

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- 15 Martinez reading partners.
- (expecting 8,845 people served next year).

Vickery Meadows

Chair: Deidra Cizon

Vickery Meadows is currently a Covid19 hot spot. The Food Pantry is serving more than twice the number of clients since the pandemic began—around 80-90 families a day. We provide volunteers along with other organizations. Carol Weinstein heads the volunteers from 1-4:00pm on Mondays. Deidra Cizon heads the volunteers from 9am-12:00 noon on Wednesdays.

Normally, clients come into the pantry, register on the computer, socialize a bit, and make their choices from the Food Pantry. Since the pandemic began the Food Pantry has switched to low-contact, drive-through delivery. Several churches as well as Temple Emanu-El are storing perishables for the Food Pantry.

Food + Fit = Fun

Chairs: Robin Zweig, Liz Cooper, Sharan Goldstein

In 2019-2020 FFF served families at all three Literacy Achieves locations, Jewish Family Services, Mosaic Women's Shelter, and Irving I.S.D. HIPPIY. FFF provides English and Spanish manuals for participants. These manuals stress nutrition and exercise. They include games for children and a recipe section. FFF also has an Instructors' manual with tips on how to teach each lesson. Each participant completes an intake questionnaire as well as an evaluation at the end of the units.

Robin will be ordering exercise bands with NCJW and FFF logos to give to participants and to send to NCJW sections, along with an online version of the manuals and brochures, who have expressed interested in establishing FFF in their sections.

Eating Well is a SNAP!

Chair: Marlene Cohen

Purpose: Under the umbrella of Food + Fit = Fun, this program is geared towards lower income senior adults. EWS! is an interactive, bilingual program that provides information on eating well on a limited budget, food resources, and senior services.

EWS! is a component of the Dallas Coalition for Hunger Solutions.

Because of COVID-19 classes have been suspended since the beginning of the pandemic. Marlene ordered and delivered cases of water and healthy snacks to one of the underserved senior housing units in Northeast Dallas.

Kids In Court

CHAIR: Judy Hoffman

Judy is working on completing an Administrator's Guide to Kids in Court that will help Court professionals become familiar with Kids in Court whenever there are new hires or changeovers in the District Attorney's office. The guide will also be sent to other communities who want to start their own Kids in Court programs. The Guide will include an explanation of the program, samples of materials, matrices of responsibilities, a syllabus for each session, timelines, as well as NCJW and Dallas District Attorney guidelines.

With the help of a Hillcrest Foundation grant, Judy planned and implemented production of an orientation video for teen participants this year. A video already existed for younger children. The Kids in Court program and the videos will be featured at the Crimes Against Children conference currently scheduled for August 2020. Kids in Court was the recipient of the Community Council of Greater Dallas Impact Award this past year!

There are currently about 10 regular volunteers. Usually between 4-6 volunteers are needed for each session. Currently, because of

COVID-19, the Dallas County Courts are closed.

Membership

Chair: Erin Zopolsky

Erin, with staff support from Melanie Wisniewski are working with Karen Stock, Senior Strategic Consultant with akaCRM our Salesforce consultant, are revising our membership levels and designing new comprehensive membership forms to be easily accessible in our new Salesforce program.

Communication

Our weekly e-blasts keep us all informed about the work within the Section and the happenings in our Greater Dallas Community. Our staff members Melanie Wisniewski and Alex Friedman help make this a reality. Alex keeps us in the Social Media News and Press, and Linda Donsky, Bulletin Editor, made sure we got timely information. Our last Bulletin issue never made it to Press because our printing and mailing services were shut down due to COVID-19.

Fund Development – chaired by Staci Mankoff and Beth Stromberg

Our 107 Birthday Luncheon – Chair: Helen Frank

Our 107th annual Birthday Luncheon was a celebration of all things NCJW Dallas Section. Six hundred old friends and new joined in the festivities as we presented our Pioneer Partner Award to Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas. Our guest speaker, author Rachel Louise Snyder, spoke of the links between domestic violence and societal ills such as economic insecurity, access to childcare and affordable housing. And our new video highlighted the all-important work of NCJW's innovative and award-winning community service projects! Thank you to our amazing chair Helen Frank and Fund Development chairs Staci Mankoff and Beth Stromberg. The Taper Team was a wonderful help as was our staff. Thank you, Natalie Levy, Melanie Wisniewski, Nicole Gray and Alex Friedman.

We are so grateful for the following grants who enable us to continue the work so important to our community:

The Theodore and Beulah Beasley Foundation

Brenda and Stuart Brand

Communities Foundation

Pauline Graivier

The Hillcrest Foundation

Louise Kahn Endowment Fund

Texas Instruments Foundation

Kalman and Ida Wolens Foundation

It is the above amazing partial list of highlights that I think is nothing short of amazing given the amount of craziness abounding, no E.D., a tornado and a pandemic. As we continued to plow forward, how proud I was to be the NCJW Dallas Section President. I was so blessed to be flanked by an unparalleled group of leaders on our Executive Board and Board of Directors. I cannot, personally, say enough about these amazing women.

Just as we moved to our new offices – boxes everywhere – the pandemic shut everything down. Our staff worked from home and we kept going. Administrative Manager Nicole, when it was okay, returned to the office, began to organize and put things in place. Melanie, our Interim Project Director, continued to address whatever challenges we confronted – there were so many – and with the assistance of Alex, our Communications Coordinator, we were all kept in the loop. Our Bookkeeper Natalie added the role of Office Manager to help keep us running on track. A Bounty of Assets.

Sincerely,

Renee L. Karp, President 2019-2020

National Council of Jewish Women Greater Dallas Section

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107th Birthday Luncheon



Community Awards

NCJW Nominees Honored with Community Awards

The NCJW Greater Dallas Section Awards Committee is proud to announce that several of our nominees were selected to receive prestigious community awards in 2020:

Lois Finkelman was honored by the League of Women Voters of Dallas with its Susan B. Anthony Award at a luncheon in February. The award is presented annually to a person who exemplifies Susan B. Anthony's characteristics of independence, persistence, determination, and dedication in obtaining equal rights for all.

As a Dallas City Councilwoman for three terms and its first woman Park Board Chair, Lois is more than qualified for this award. However, she has given of her time and talent in many other ways. As chair of the Dallas Zoo Management Board, she led the zoo's transition from a City managed facility to a private entity and is the incoming chair of the Dallas Zoological Society, the organization which now manages the zoo. Lois' inspiring leadership, amazing energy and commitment have enhanced the Dallas and North Texas region as a healthy and environmentally responsible place to live. Also a long time NCJW volunteer, Lois is a past Co-Chair with Lynda Newman of the NCJW PACE Committee and has served on NCJW's R&D Committee as well as many other NCJW committees.

Another long time NCJW Dallas volunteer, **Terry Greenberg** received a Profile In Leadership Award at the SMU Women's Symposium on March 6. These awards celebrate the accomplishments of women who have made a significant impact on the city of Dallas and on the quality of life for women overall. An attorney who left the full time practice of labor law to follow her passion, Terry is the founder and executive director of the North Texas Alliance To Reduce Teen Pregnancy (NTARUPT), the only organization in this area committed to providing teens with the sex education they need in order to have healthy relationships.

Among other services, NTARUPT and its delivery partners offer evidence-based, medically accurate sexuality education to parents and teens and links clients to youth-friendly healthcare. Terry's involvement as a volunteer with WACHS (Women's Access to Comprehensive Health Services), a former NCJW Dallas initiative, sparked her commitment to reducing teen pregnancy and ultimately to founding NTARUPT.

Kathleen LaValle, the CEO and President of Dallas CASA, which is a community partner of NCJW, was recognized with a Maura "Women Helping Women" Award by the Texas Women's Foundation. A former board member and chair of Dallas CASA, (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Kathleen became its president and CEO in 2014, leaving a distinguished legal practice to follow her passion for CASA's mission to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children, helping them gain safe, permanent homes. The agency, originally called FOCAS (Foster Child Advocate Services), was founded by NCJW Greater Dallas Section in 1980, and it has maintained a close relationship with NCJW for over 40 years.

Today Kathleen leads the largest CASA program in the country in terms of total children served by volunteers, number of volunteer advocates, and annual revenue, with 83 percent of the volunteers being women. In 2019, Dallas CASA and its nearly 1,500 volunteer advocates served more than 3,500 children in foster care. Now advocating for 98% of Dallas County children in foster care, Dallas CASA's goal is to serve every child in need.

Congratulations to these outstanding women!

NCJW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 7 Labor Day – Office Closed
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 18 2020 Hunger Summit - What Is Food Justice? 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. *Virtual*
- 19 Rosh Hashanah – Office Closed
- 20 Rosh Hashanah – Office Closed
- 24 Opening Meeting, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 25 2020 Virtual Hunger Summit – Food Justice in Dallas, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Virtual*
- 28 Yom Kippur – Office Closed

OCTOBER

- 1 Nominating Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- 2 2020 Hunger Summit – Rebuilding w/more Equitable Food Policies, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Virtual*
- 6 Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. via Zoom
- 9 2020 Hunger Summit – Activating Dallas Food Justice, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. *Virtual*
- 9 Sukkot – Office Closed
- 13 Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom

NOVEMBER

- 3 Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 3 ELECTION DAY
- 5 Nominating Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. via Zoom
- 17 Hot Topic, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 26 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 27 Thanksgiving – Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 1 Executive Committee, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. via Zoom
- 3 Nominating Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- 8 Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., via Zoom
- 25 Christmas Day – Office Closed

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day-Office Closed
- 5 Executive Committee Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 12 Board of Directors Meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 18 MLK Day – Office Closed
- 21 108th Birthday Luncheon, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Westin Galleria Dallas

SHARE ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS \$100,000 IN COVID EMERGENCY GRANTS

Shortly after the beginning of the COVID-19 shutdown and its devastating impact on the health and economy of the area, NCJW Dallas decided to **allocate \$100,000 from the SHARE Endowment Fund** to help mitigate the virus' impact. We distributed grant applications to partner agencies in order to meet COVID-19 related emergency needs in our community.

In July, SHARE awarded grants to the following nonprofits:

Attitudes and Attire
Dallas CASA
Feed Oak Cliff
Jewish Family Service
of Greater Dallas
Literacy Achieves
Mosaic Family
Services, Inc
Our Friends Place
Planned Parenthood
of Greater Texas
Texas Muslim
Women's Foundation
VNA Meals on Wheels



Carol Weinstein, Chair of SHARE, said, "The SHARE Committee is so proud to be able to help 10 nonprofits continue their valuable work in our community. It is such a privilege to be able to help other agencies make our community better."

Grant recipients were grateful for the unexpected assistance. "We truly appreciate this support. It comes in a time when demand

exceeds our capacity, and we are doing everything we can to respond effectively and have an impact. This gets us that much further to making this possible for so many struggling families," stated **Cathy Barker, CEO of Jewish Family Services**, after receiving their grant.



The recipient agencies' dedication to their clients' needs was evident in all their responses. **Mona Kafeel, Interim Executive Director of Texas Muslim Women's Foundation**, said, "Words will not relay the immense gratitude and appreciation from our Staff, Board and, above all, our clients! We appreciate your confidence in us, and we thank you for the strategic investment you have made in strengthening our program capacity. Our program will move forward in a timely manner to assist the women and their families."

Grant recipients will report back in six months on how they used the emergency funds.

Special thanks to the SHARE Fund Committee members for all their hard work including Chair, Carol Weinstein; Elaine Bernstein; Renee Karp; Julie Bleicher; Staci Mankoff; Caren Edelstein; Phyllis Bernstein; Brenda Brand; Cheryl Pollman and Carol Alkek.

2020 TEXAS VOTING: DO'S and DON'TS:

Here are some basic do's and don'ts about Texas voting to guide your decisions about how you will vote:ote:

VOTER REGISTRATION

- ✔ Deadline for Registering: 10/5/2020. Go to votetexas.gov to find if you are already registered or out how to register.

MAIL-IN VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

- ✔ There are ONLY 4 qualifying reasons for a Mail-In Ballot in Texas: 1) Age: 65+; 2) Disability; 3) Out of County; 4) Jail.
- ✔ The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that COVID fear is not a valid reason for a mail-in ballot .

TEXAS VOTE BY MAIL PROCESS:

- ✔ You can apply for a mail-in ballot NOW. Go to sos.texas.gov.
- ✔ If you are 65 or over, the mail-in application will be mailed to you automatically.
- ✔ The deadline to request a ballot is October 23, 2020.
- ✔ Fill out your ballot carefully and completely or it could be rejected.
- ✔ You can return the ballot by mail at a post office or mailbox OR
- ✔ You can deliver it to county administrator's office in person with approved voter ID.
- ✔ The Dallas County Elections Department is at 1520 Roundtable Drive, Dallas, TX. 75247. They will have a number to call to arrange a curbside drop-off, but the number is not available yet.
- ✔ Go to usvotefoundation.org to find your elections office if you do not reside in Dallas County.
- ✔ You can call your elections office and check to make sure your

ballot has been received. Go to sos.texas.gov for the number.

- ✔ Fed Ex and UPS are not authorized to return mail-in ballots.
- ✔ Voting 'drop boxes' are not allowed in Texas.
- ✔ You cannot drop your mail-in ballot off at your polling place. You can surrender your mail-in ballot at your polling place and then vote in person.
- ✔ If you applied for a mail-in ballot and never received it, you can cast a provisional vote at your polling place.
- ✔ Mail-in ballots must be received by Election Day OR be post-marked by 7pm on Election Day and delivered by 5pm the following day.
- ✔ Mail-in ballots will be counted beginning on Election Day in jurisdictions with 100,000 or fewer voters; counting can begin at the close of early in-person voting in larger jurisdictions.

IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING

- ✔ Early voting begins on 10/13/2020.
- ✔ You can vote at ANY early voting location in your county. Go to votetexas.gov to find your county's early voting location.
- ✔ Consider going to a non-central early voting location in 'off-hours' to limit your COVID exposure.

ELECTION DAY VOTING: 11/3/20

- ✔ You can vote at your precinct and you MUST bring approved ID.
- ✔ If your county participates in the Countywide Polling Place Program, you may also have the option of voting at any polling place county-wide.

New Text Messaging System



NCJW has implemented a new text messaging system to better keep our members informed. You are able to opt out if you are not interested in receiving information.

This system will allow us to ask for volunteers to fill last minute slots

for those interested in certain volunteer opportunities. The communication will be limited to once a month unless you ask to be notified for certain projects' volunteer needs.

If you have not received a text message yet, please click here to participate in being more informed: <https://mobile-text-alerts.com/subscribe/NCJW>

West Dallas Clothes Closet

How many of you have eaten at one of the many restaurants in Trinity Groves? That area is always hopping with well-dressed people and the parking lots are filled with Mercedes, Lexus, and Range Rovers. Most people don't know that just two miles west of there lies one of the most economically disadvantaged communities in the country!

Welcome to West Dallas where 65% of high-school freshmen won't graduate and per capita income is under \$10,000/year.

In the summer of 2018, my son Zeke helped NCJW start the West Dallas Clothes Closet as his Bar Mitzvah project. Open twice a month, we provide free gently-used clothes to school-age children and teens. I am humbled that over two years later, the project is going strong. Through generous donations, we keep our shelves stocked with clothes and we have been able to serve hundreds of some of the most marginalized families in Dallas.

The Clothes Closet has an amazing group of dedicated volunteers who give their time to help sort clothes and help clients "shop." I hope they all know how much we need and appreciate them. And how much they are missed while we are closed!

Even though the closet hasn't yet re-opened due to COVID and a major remodel of the West Dallas Multipurpose Center, the need is now greater than ever and we want to be prepared to serve as many families as we can when we do return.

Gently-used, clean, children and teen clothing (all sizes) are so appreciated and will be accepted at the NCJW office, 16910 Dallas Parkway, Suite 104. You don't even have to walk thru the building! Just pull up in back (parking lot closest to Knoll Trail) and call 214-368-4405. Nicole will open the back door for you any TUESDAY or THURSDAY from 10:00-3:00. Please leave a note on the bag(s) that you bring with your contact information so we can get you a tax receipt for your generous donation. It would also be super helpful if you wrote, loosely, what is included. Ex. "Size 7, girls, summer" or "teen boys, mixed sizes, winter".

If you work for a company/youth group/school that may want to hold a clothing drive for us, please get in touch. If you want to join our amazing group of volunteers, please get in touch. And if you have clothing to donate, please get in touch.

It truly takes a village and I am proud to be part of this one.

Stacy Barnett

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IN MEMORIAM



**It's been a long time between Bulletins,
our list is long.**

Carol Gene Cohen, member, wife of Howard Cohen,
sister of Steve & Jackie Waldman

Ruth Pincus Gujarati, sister of Harriet Gross

Ruth Halpern, family of Andy and Cheryl Halpern

Stanley Kaye, brother-in-law of Marcia Grossfeld

Jerry Kiss, brother of Phyllis Prager

Martin Litwin, husband of Ruth Litwin

Mitzi Pakowsky, mother of Jo Reingold

Jack Repp, life partner of Sarah Yarrin

Adam Steinberg,

son of Linda Steinberg/Larry and Karla Steinberg

David Wolfe, husband of Claudette Wolfe

Richard Berger, husband of Ann Berger

Jim Darden, brother of Liz Berger

Sylvia Rabin Lynn, mother of Judy Ratner

Marvin Greenberg, father of Marla Janco

Shirley Lary, mother of Amy Applebaum

Esther Chavenson,

mother of Jeanine and David Chavenson

Karen Blumenthal, wife of Scott McCartney

Martha Geller, MIL of Devora Rabin

Harold Sweet, husband of Marilyn Sweet

Alyse Presby, mother of Mindy Tulbert

Stuart Schneider, father of Karen Cheniae

Susan Gluck, wife of Martin Gluck

Shirley Levin, wife of Marvin Levin

Dr. Thurman Ray, husband of Eileen Ray

Rabbi Kenneth Roseman, husband of Phyllis Roseman

Ansel Aberly,

husband/father of Suzanne and Naomi Aberly

Bertha Siegelman, mother of Yvette Hogue and Janis Gail

Matthew Jacobs, brother of Mark and Irene Jacobs

Leon Shelton Cohen, father of Debbie Andres

Estelle "Prissy" Kaufman, mother of Karleen Kusin

Selma Raphael

Jamie Lampert, sister of Dana and Scott Rose

Eva Schnitzer Kaplan

Elaine Stahl, wife of Don Stahl

Harold Krom, father of Hope Hochster

Karla Temerlin

Susan Hein, sister of Sondra Hollander

Frances Ginsburg, mother of Beverly Lande

Phyllis Umansky, wife of Ken Umansky

Ruth Stern, sister-in-law of Helen Stern

Nita Spitzer, sister-in-law of Lottie Brodsky Lyle

Ellen Mack, mother of Elizabeth Mack

Rita Rubenstein

**We create community when we demonstrate care
for one another. With special thanks and appreciation
to our Sunshine Chair Jackie Fleschman who
makes this possible. If you know of someone who
has been ill or has lost a loved one, please let
Jackie know, jfleschman@aol.com**

Membership

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Antebi
Cheryl Colen
Tammi Kollinger
Diana Grindl
Shirley Strauss
Carol Taper
Jessica Taper

Get Well Wishes

Carol Alkek
Helen Feldman
Frieda Hudspeth
Chana Robinowitz
Barbara Rose
Nonie Schwartz
May Sebel
Phyllis Somer
Bobbi Stein

HIPPY

HIPPY Field Trips were suspended during the shutdown and hopefully will resume soon. But graduations still took place! Four and five-year olds in Irving, Richardson and Dallas were treated to drive-thru graduations with decorations, gifts and food. In addition, all Irving HIPPY families also received gift cards from NCJW. And 10 graduating seniors were recipients of HIPPY scholarships.

NCJW Dallas Has Moved!

Our new address:
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Our phone number and
email address remain the same:
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ENDOW NCJW FUND

In honor of Bette Miller

Pauline Graivier and Mahjong Friends
Cheryl Pollman

In memory of Carol Gene Cohen

Bette W. Miller

In memory of David Wolfe

Carol Weinstein

In honor of Renee Karp as outgoing 2018-2020 President

Julie Lowenberg

In honor of Elaine Bernstein as incoming 2020-2022 President

Julie Lowenberg

HIPPY FUND

In memory of Marge Elsner

Roz Prupes

In honor of Elaine Bernstein

Roz Prupes

In memory of mother, The Rovinsky Family

Carol & Larry Tobias

In memory of David Wolfe

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In celebration of the birth of Arlo Drayton Unterberg

Julie & Mike Lowenberg

In memory of Jerry

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In memory of mother

Rhona Streit

In memory of son-in-law

Rhona Streit

In memory of Carol Gene, The Cohen Family

Rhona Streit

In memory of Jack

Rhona Streit

In memory of sister, Larry Burk & Family
Rhona Streit

NCJW MISSION FUND

In memory of David Wolfe

Elaine Stillman

Joyce & Joe Rosenfield

Happy Birthday Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO

Elaine Bernstein

In honor of Sue Tilis

Heather Meloy

In memory of Harriett Hoffman

Elaine Bernstein

Celebrating the Presidency of Elaine Bernstein, Mazel Tov

Liz Gluckman

Suzi Greenman

Joyce Rosenfield

Bette W. Miller

In honor of Renee Karp, President – 2018-2020

Suzi Greenman

Joyce Rosenfield

General Donation

Rita Sue Gold

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Ruth Robinson

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Carol Alkek

In memory of Bertha "Bertie" Siegelman

Carol Alkek

REBA WADEL

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In memory of Ron Ziegler, Gayle Grinnell

Debbie & Ron Greene

In memory of Mitzi Pakowsky, Jo Reingold

Debbie & Ron Greene

In honor and appreciation of Renee Karp's presidency

Debbie Greene

Happy 80th Birthday to Julie Lowenberg

Lynn Behrendt

SHARE FUND

In appreciation of Carol Weinstein

Joan A. Becker

NCJW Mission Statement

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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