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NCJW Mission Statement

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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.



Dear Members of NCJW Seattle Section:

Happy New Year! As your new President I want to begin by wishing each of you and your families and friends a good, healthy, peaceful and safe 2010. For those of you whom I have not yet met, this letter provides me an opportunity to introduce myself. In October 2009, when our then president, Wendy Thomas, needed to resign, I was honored to become President of NCJW Seattle Section.

Having served on the Board since 2006 and having served as Vice President for Membership, I had observed firsthand the strength of NCJW and of Seattle Section. Our membership's support of, and our Board's commitment to, the legacy and purposes of our organization are compelling. I am proud to work with these outstanding women, our board of directors: Angie Burgin, Arlene Ehrlich, Ruz Gulko, Sandy Kraus, Starr Niego and Rose Singer, who is not only a Past President of our section, but also is a National Board Member.

In addition, we are fortunate that Karen Besserman is our Executive Director. Her proactive, positive, professional approach to building bridges and partnerships with other organizations, potential donors, and prospective members, builds on this Section's history, extending it dynamically into meeting today's needs.

We have much important work ahead of us. We together can do what our Jewish tradition teaches us to do – to engage in Tzedakah – by providing opportunities to study and to learn, and to ensure, as best we are able, that the rights and freedoms of all, including those less fortunate than we, are protected and ensured. These hallmarks of Seattle Section and of NCJW's mission are manifested by our areas of focus: Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes, Scholarship, and Advocacy.

As you well know, these past few years have been difficult economically for most non-profit organizations. NCJW has not been spared a financial jolt. Nonetheless, we have achieved considerable growth in our Scholarship Program, thanks to the support of many of you and the steadfast support of the Alex Shulman Family Foundation and the Joyce and Ray Benezra Foundation (see article page 5).

Please see the article on page 3 about our advocacy efforts led by Sandy Kraus, who has rejoined the Board as Chairwoman of the Advocacy Program. Under her wise and experienced leadership, and with National's guidance regarding federal level issues, the Seattle Section is able to keep focus on issues critical to the well being of women and children and all people, especially those who may be disenfranchised.

Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes is the only warehouse program in Washington State, and one of the few in the United States, that helps victims of domestic violence transition into peaceful homes with dignity, by providing furniture and household goods at no charge to them. This unique program is not just a mitzvah, it is a moral imperative. A generous gift from Karyn F. King, establishing the Karyn F. King Fund for Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes, has enabled us to reorganize the program to more effectively meet our area's growing needs. Mia Reyes is a fine part-time manager of this program, working with volunteers, clients, movers and referring agencies (see article page 4).

To maintain this basic level of service requires additional funding. You can make a difference in other women's lives and in the lives of their children. And, it is very easy for you. **Simply join friends, other NCJW members, and various community supporters on March 14, 2010, at 11:00 am, at the Hilton Hotel, Bellevue, for our first "Open Your Hearts" fundraising brunch.** Hear the Shalom Ensemble Klezmer Band, led by Rabbi Jim Mirel. Listen to the compelling stories of two successful domestic violence survivors who have benefited from Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes, and the generosity of good people like yourselves. Do a mitzvah: come – and bring a friend.

I look forward to meeting you and to thanking you for the gift of your time and your contribution. In the meantime, I welcome your ideas and suggestions for how NCJW Seattle Section can better serve women, children, their families and our community. Please let me know how you would like to become more involved in our Section. Please leave a message for me at 425-558-1894.

I do hope you will attend the brunch on March 14. The program will be exciting, you will see old friends and meet new ones, the cause is compelling, and maintaining and strengthening the viability of Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes as one of our Section's unique programs is the goal. Until then, be well, be safe.

My best,

Sandra Elman, President, NCJW, Seattle Section

What's been happening at NCJW? A Few Updates on NCJW Activities —

40 Minutes for Health Reform

On Wednesday, August 19th, NCJW co-sponsored *40 Minutes for Health Reform*, a nationwide conference call with President Obama and the faith community about the critical need for meaningful health reform. More than 400 NCJW activists and members participated in the call.

NCJW at the White House, Again!

by NCJW President Nancy Ratzan

In July, the White House convened the first meeting of American Jewish leadership with the president. Sixteen Jewish leaders met for an hour in the Roosevelt Room with President Obama and members of his senior staff. At a table with 18 chairs, I was assigned a seat directly across from President Obama and his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel. In this most intimate setting and from this incredible vantage point, I listened intently as President Obama spoke to us about Israel, Iran, and America's role in fostering peace in the Middle East, as well as touching briefly on domestic issues. The President's sincerity, knowledge, and clarity of thought and vision were impressive.

As I told a reporter immediately afterward, this open discourse with President Obama reaffirmed to me his steadfast commitment to the security of Israel as the paramount interest of the US in the Middle East. While there may be differences among us about strategies and tactics, I left with no doubt about the good faith intentions of the Administration toward achieving sustainable peace in the Middle East.

I was grateful to be at the table to represent NCJW in such an important meeting with our President and to be valued by the White House as a key constituency in American Jewish affairs.

After the President left, I was able to engage in valuable conversations with members of his senior staff regarding some domestic issues with which NCJW is engaged. I stressed the importance to us of ensuring that reproductive health care is treated on par with primary and preventative care in any new health care reform legislation, and the importance as well of developing policies that address family violence and unintended pregnancy.

NCJW's opportunity to help realize the kind of changes we have been seeking for decades is palpable and in many ways within reach. We must keep taking our seat at the table, delivering our voices and growing our capacity. Change can happen through our engagement.

Plan A

As part of the next phase of the campaign (funded by the Ford Foundation), our National office is engaging our grassroots more deeply in collaborative, community-based activities. We are addressing barriers to access to contraceptive options and information. We are achieving this by educating NCJW and coalition leaders about new developments on related issues, providing technical assistance, and seeking opportunities to replicate successful community projects/efforts elsewhere through networking with local groups and developing ways to capture and share information and materials. Efforts are already underway in New York and Dallas and just beginning in Minneapolis.

BenchMark

At the same time that NCJW is activating sections and members around BenchMark activities, National is working closely with three sections-- Omaha, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland, to develop and implement a grassroots organizing and action plan. With support from the Open Society Institute and George Soros, we are working to help educate and mobilize a diverse group of organizations and leaders in each city. In June, Elissa Froman, NCJW legislative associate, traveled to two of the three cities in which NCJW is partnering on this project.

Hats Off to a Century of Scholarship

Celebrating 100 years of supporting higher education for Jewish students

On May 31, 2009 NCJW Seattle members, friends and families gathered at the University Women's Club to celebrate assisting Jewish students with vocational and academic scholarships since 1909 -- 100 years!

Many attendees came wearing hats and everyone enjoyed Goodwill's Vintage Fashion Collection as ensembles from various decades were modeled by Goodwill volunteers circulating during the social hour. (<http://www.seattlegoodwill.org/getinvolved/vintagefashioncollection>) Hats By Tanya, couture millinery by former scholarship recipient Tanya Benzaquen, were on display. Guests enjoyed music provided by former scholarship recipient Asher Hashash, dined on appetizers and enjoyed wine or coffee while catching up with friends.

Following the social hour, guests moved to the large dining room where Emcee Deborah Feldman, reporter for Seattle's King 5, introduced UW provost, Phyllis M. Wise as the keynote speaker. Additionally, Joyce Benezra and Francine Shulman Loeb were honored with NCJW's "Women Who Dare" award. The section recognized both women for their continuous support of the scholarship program through the years.

UW Nursing School alumnae Lucy Pruzan and Louise Angel Kiss shared moving stories of their education and careers, which were aided by financial support from NCJW Seattle section's scholarship program. After hearing the remarks of these guest speakers, supporters provided much needed funds at the event to help the section continue its important work.

Sadly, we also said goodbye to our former Executive Director, Lauren Simonds. After five years of wonderful service, Lauren has moved on to become Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Washington. This change has prompted the section to redesign the ED position to focus on fund development. (see article welcoming Executive Director, Karen Besserman)

As the Seattle section plans the future, the Board of Directors is committed to keeping this scholarship program at the top of the priority list. "Scholarships and our furniture bank for domestic violence survivors are the things that our members and other supporters get excited about," commented Wendy Thomas, then Seattle Section President. "We are narrowing our focus so we can fuel this excitement and continue raising much-needed funds to keep these essential programs in our community."

To make a donation to the Section's Scholarship Fund, or to receive more information about ways you can help support Seattle Section programming, please contact Karen Besserman, Executive Director, at (425) 558-1894 or by email at ncjw@ncjwseattle.org. Earmarked donations can be sent directly to NCJW at 1501 17th Avenue, Box 105, Seattle, WA 98122.

Happy New Year!

My name is Karen Besserman and I am the new Executive Director of NCJW – Seattle Section. Since starting work in May, there has been a whirlwind of activity! In addition to transitioning from the amazing work that Lauren has done, I have been working working with Karyn King to create her account to increase the services of Shalom Bayit, collaborating with board members on creating individual donor fundraising plans, working with the scholarship committee to award our recipients their scholarships, and planning our Winter fundraising event – among other things.

My early professional experience is in electoral politics. After receiving a BA from Tulane University and an MA from Kent State University, I lived all across the country working on political campaigns. I have lived and worked in Seattle since moving back here in 2000. I transitioned away from the work to focusing on fundraising/development and public relations with non-profit organizations through my consulting business in 2003-04. I have worked with many in the non-profit community here in Seattle/King County and hope to put some of my contacts and experience to work taking NCJW to the next level.

NCJW is going through a transition right now. With the departure of Lauren, both Mia Reyes, the Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes program director, and I are working only part time. With the generous contribution from Karyn F. King for the Shalom Bayit program, Mia's hours will be increasing in 2010, and my hours may gradually increase as well. In the meantime, be patient with us. Feel free to leave voice mail messages and send e-mails. We will get back to you as quickly as we can.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you. I'm thrilled to be a part of NCJW and look forward to the work ahead.

Yours,

Karen Besserman

P.S. Save the date – March 14, 2010 – a special fundraising event to benefit Shalom Bayit/Furnishing Peaceful Homes. A brunch event on the Eastside, more details to come.

Looking for NCJW Representative for Reproductive Choice:

We are looking for a NCJW member to be our representative at the monthly WA Alliance for Reproductive Choice meetings. The meetings are usually the first Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at Planned Parenthood on Madison Street in Seattle. Please let us know if you would be interested in going to this monthly meeting and reporting back to Seattle Section on any important information that is presented.



Kline Galland Birthday Party

The monthly birthday parties are still going strong at Kline Galland, thanks to NCJW and the generosity of our entertainers. Brian Rapalee entertained the residents in October with his wonderful singing. In December the Klez Kids from Beth Am came for the 12th year in a row to entertain everyone with music, singing and dancing. Their music director, Wendy Marcus, always presents a wonderful program which keeps everyone tapping their toes and singing all the wonderful songs that make the Hanukkah/Birthday Party a big success. Thanks to the Klez Kids for a wonderful 12 years at Kline Galland.



The WORD is going green!

This is the final issue of The Word that will be mailed. From now on we are saving paper by going on-line. However, if you prefer to have The Word mailed to you, you can subscribe for \$5.00 per year.

Just contact Karen Besserman and make arrangements.

NCJW: Celebrating Justice

by Sammie Moshenberg, director of NCJW's Washington office

On August 12, 2009 -- a humid summer day -- I filed into the White House East Room with a host of notables to celebrate our newest Supreme Court justice, Sonia Sotomayor. NCJW was invited because, as President Obama explained in his remarks, we were one of the groups whose work made this historic day possible. And indeed, NCJW advocates made calls and visits, wrote letters, and organized coalition meetings that helped lead to the US Senate's bipartisan confirmation of the first Latina justice.

It was a tribute to these NCJW activists that I was sitting in a room with impressive guests, like US senators, Governor Patterson from New York, Ambassador Henry Cisneros, leaders of every major Hispanic organization and civil rights group, and Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and John Paul Stevens.

We all listened with enthusiasm as the President talked about how Sotomayor's record of commitment to constitutional values and her ability to understand the impact of the law on people's lives will make her an excellent addition to the nation's highest court. But it was Justice Sotomayor's moving response that really stirred the crowd. When she talked about how, as a Puerto Rican girl growing up in the Bronx, she never could have dreamed of this day, her eyes shone with emotion, and there were few dry eyes in the house. President Obama was clearly correct when he said that children growing up could now say that, "If Sonia Sotomayor can make it, so can I!"

That was what I was thinking when I finally got my turn to congratulate her and pose for a photo -- once again, NCJW has helped make history. I was privileged to be a witness.

Shalom Bayit Needs YOU...Time to Make a Real Difference

I have worked in a variety of non-profit organizations in the Seattle area, ranging from culturally sensitive travel organizations to youth empowerment groups, and I now find myself here, at Shalom Bayit. While every organization, staff, volunteers, and people it serves are all rewarding in a variety of ways, I have found my time at Shalom Bayit to be different than the rest.

Our Furniture Bank is the only Domestic Violence furniture bank in the state, and one of only a handful in the country, that provides DV survivors leaving shelters and temporary housing the support, furniture, and items they need to start a new life. We fill a great need that many often overlook when considering the experience of a DV survivor. And this need is evident with every client whom we serve, who explains to me just how much this furniture bank means to her. Some relay stories of sleeping on the floor for months, or no longer owning a single piece of furniture. Others explain how all they've been missing are the simplicities of a real home, utensils to fill a drawer, a picture on a wall, a desk for their child. And with every hug and heartfelt thank you, I understand and see first-hand the tangible difference our furniture bank makes in peoples lives.

For NCJW members, supporters and community members who all believe in the work that Shalom Bayit does, I encourage you to take part in assisting us to continue making these moments happen. We are in great need right now for additional volunteer support to assist in running the warehouse. The organization does not lie in the hands of its staff; it truly lives and runs in the hands of our volunteers. With only two part-time staff, it is our volunteers who keep the organization afloat.

We are currently seeking volunteers to fill a variety of roles in our warehouse. If you would like to take part in really making a difference at Shalom Bayit, I encourage you to donate just a few hours of your time with us. And please pass along these opportunities to friends, family members, school groups and synagogues.

2009-2010 Opportunities

Shalom Bayit Committee: If you would like to take a more active role in Shalom Bayit, we invite you to join our committee. We meet quarterly, and committee members have an active role in shaping the organization and our efforts in the DV community. We greatly need additional SB committee members to assist us with our expansion process, volunteer warehouse days, and general support and program focus for the upcoming year.

Volunteer Warehouse Days: Come lend a hand! We offer volunteer warehouse days one Sunday a month, where volunteers assist in re-arranging the warehouse to accommodate incoming furniture. We also use this time to organize the items prior to client appointment weeks, ensuring the warehouse is neat and tidy when clients come in to 'shop.' These days are crucial to our organization, and we are always in need of people willing to donate a few hours to keep our warehouse running for our clients.

Volunteers are needed on the following days: Groups and youth are welcome! (all times are 1-4pm): January 24, February 21, March 21, April 25, May 23, June 27. If you are interested in being the 'volunteer lead' for any of those days, please contact Mia. VL's are in charge of delegating tasks to the group (task list given by Mia prior), signing in volunteers, and making sure the event runs smoothly. Very easy role, but very important!

Pickup Days: Represent NCJW on furniture pickup days, when we go out into the community and collect donations. Pickup days are approximately five hours shifts on either a Friday or a Sunday. A mini training session will be provided.

Volunteer Drop-In Times: We offer weekly drop-in sessions (currently Wednesdays), where volunteers can come in and assist in keeping the warehouse tidy and organized. We regularly get drop-in donations, and without volunteers to assist on a weekly basis to put them away and organize small items in the warehouse, we simply would not be able to run as smoothly and efficiently as we do now. You are free to come in for any length of time!

Administrative Assistance: For those of you who love to help out with administrative duties ranging from filing and data entry to a variety of other office tasks that need to be done, we welcome you to join the team! Contact Karen Besserman kbesserman@ncjwseattle.org to find out how you can help in the office.

Thank you to our Shalom Bayit Committee: Goldie Silverman, Leslie Boguch, Rachel Love, Ronit Gourarie, Starr Niego, Veronica Brown, Barbara Phalen, Jennifer Cole-Wilson, Kelley Butler, Stefanie Robbins, Megan Thyagarajan, Penny Butler.

TO VOLUNTEER:

Email- Mia Reyes: shalombayit@ncjwseattle.org
or call 425-558-1894 x 2

SEATTLE SECTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 – 10

In the 100th year of granting scholarships to Jewish students who are residents of Washington State, (see article about HATS OFF TO A CENTURY OF SCHOLARSHIPS on page 2), the Seattle Section awarded fifteen partial tuition undergraduate scholarships for the coming academic year.

Awards, based on merit and financial need, are granted for academic or vocational study at accredited vocational schools, community colleges, and colleges and universities in the state. With the cutbacks in state education funding, and double digit percentage increases in tuition and mandatory fees, need is increasing. Nineteen applications and two very late post deadline inquiries were received. The latter were too late for consideration.

This year's awardees include: Amanda Yates, Dmitry Babayev, and Lindsay Sandler, who are attending Washington State University; Leah Voit, Julie Anne Behar and Sari Weinstein, students at Western Washington University; Alise Behar and Jonathan Israeli, students at Central Washington University; and Maria Kordit, Rafi Stern, Carol Kaplan and Victoria Weinstein, attending the University of Washington. Other recipients are Josee Perez, who attends The Evergreen State College, Sharona Calvo a student at Northwest Hair Academy, a Paul Mitchell Partner School, and Miriam Reynolds, pursuing studies at Seattle Central Community College.

Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.75, or its equivalent, to be eligible to receive, and to continue receiving, the scholarship throughout the academic year. Most of the recipients in the last three years have earned grade points from 2.95 to well above 3.00.

The scholarship program is supported by the Alex Shulman Family Foundation and the Benezra NCJW Endowment, held at the Jewish Federation, as well as by designated contributions, and the section's general fund. The success of this year's 100th anniversary celebration, so ably and creatively chaired by Angie Burgin, also provides invaluable assistance to the program.

Committee membership this year included Ginny Shulman, Hannah Eulenberg, new member Ellen Hendin, and Lisa Shulman, chaired by Arlene Ehrlich. Co-chair Lila Greengard and members Angie Burgin, Reva Biback, Sharon Fields and Debi Golden provided consultation.

Next year the committee will be chaired by Angie Burgin, and will welcome new members. Those members of NCJW who are interested please contact the section office. Thank you to our prior chairs Arlene B. Ehrlich and Lila Greengard.

Green by Golden

by Debi Golden

Autumn signaled the end of many farmers' markets – that last chance to snag local tomatoes and peaches. If you're like me, full of good intentions to freeze or can them (something I've never done), you had a refrigerator full of those goodies – rotting away in their over-abundance. The movie *Julie and Julia* didn't help – now I have bunches of fresh herbs wilting, too. My consolation is in knowing that I've helped our local farmers – and local composters.

As we return to the grocery stores, we may be seeing more "organic" produce. However, not all of these fruits and vegetables bear the USDA organic seal. You can tell if produce is organic by its PLU (Product Look Up) Code sticker. If there is a 4-digit number, it is NOT organic. If it has a 9 in front, it IS organic. If it starts with an 8, then it is genetically modified (GMO) food. For example, conventionally grown gala apples are coded 4956; organic galas are 94956; and GMO galas are 84956. Bon appetit!

The summer also saw Puget Sound Energy put on a number of Rock the Bulb Road Shows. In their push to be greener, they swapped new CFL bulbs for old incandescent bulbs, demonstrated energy-saving devices, and offered lots of information.

Some useful lighting tidbits from PSE:

- CFL (Compact Fluorescent Light) bulbs contain a trace amount of mercury, so recycle them. Most Bartell's Drugstores and Home Depots have recycling boxes. If you do break a bulb, see www.epa.gov/mercury/spills for cleanup instructions.
- A 13-watt CFL is equivalent to a 60-watt incandescent bulb – that's a 75% energy savings. At a usage rate of four hours a day, you can save over \$6.00/year or \$42.00 over the lifetime of the bulb.
- There are now 3-way, decorator and dimmable CFLs available, not just those ugly spirals.

Energy options:

- For an extra \$4.00/month, you can buy energy generated from renewable sources (71% from wind in 2008) through PSE's Green Power Program. The EPA estimates that would be equivalent to planting half an acre of trees.
- Tankless water heaters are becoming more popular. They provide unlimited hot water capacity for less money than the average 40-gallon hot water tank – and last twice as long. LEED-certified houses are installing these water heaters.
- Through the end of 2010, PSE offers a comprehensive evaluation of your home's current energy use (heating, lighting, appliances, etc.), including efficiency and environmental assessments. The HomePrint

assessment cost is \$95. Call 1-800-562-1482 to schedule.

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Hats Off! To A**Century of Scholarship**

Thank you everyone who attended our celebration and contributed so generously to our scholarship program!

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The Word

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Seattle Section Loves to Read

Seattle Section now boasts of three active book discussion groups. The original group meets on Monday, the second on Thursday, and the newest has agreed to meet on Tuesday.

Forming this new group presented a challenge; the women who live on the Eastside didn't want to drive into Seattle, and those in Seattle felt the same way about crossing a bridge. After the first meeting, the women were so enamored with one another that driving in either direction no longer presented a problem. There are always car pools.

Initially the women did not know one another but quickly formed warm relationships. They have agreed on books to read, and each one has volunteered to lead a discussion. The eight women seem content with the size of their group as it enables them to sit around a table to socialize while eating a light lunch, and then follow with a lively discussion.

For further information about NCJW Book Groups, call NCJW at (425) 558-1894.

Volunteer Spotlight: Leslie Boguch

Many organizations rely heavily on volunteer involvement and support, and Shalom Bayit is definitely one of them. The dedication of our members, partners, donors, community members, and volunteers enable us to do the kind of work that is so necessary in the Domestic Violence community.

Leslie Boguch is one of the volunteers our organization owes a tremendous thanks to. Every Wednesday, without fail, Leslie volunteers her time to organize new and incoming donations, tidy up the warehouse, and keep the furniture bank meticulously maintained for our clients. Without Leslie, the Shalom Bayit Furniture Bank would not be as efficient, clean, and most importantly-organized, for clients when they tour the space. While it may seem like a small piece of keeping the program running, it truly is a vital aspect to what we do. Leslie's efforts allow for clients to make the most of their 1 hour appointment, easily finding items they seek and having a clean and neat space to 'shop in', amidst the difficult and seemingly chaotic transitions they face outside of the warehouse.

Along with her weekly volunteer days, Leslie also maintains an active role on the Shalom Bayit Committee, as well as staffing multiple volunteer warehouse Sundays.

On behalf of all of the clients who have walked through Shalom Bayit's doors, our donors, partners, community supporters and staff, we would like to extend a deep and heartfelt thank you to Leslie Boguch for her commitment and seemingly never-ending dedication to our program.