



Honey for the Holidays

A "Sweet" Way to Say L'Shana Tova

Dear Friends at NCJW,

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Sunday, September 29, and although it seems far away, at NCJW South Cook Section it is time to think about the Holidays. Once again, NCJW is offering a very sweet way to send a Rosh Hashanah greeting to friends and family. We will mail a festively wrapped 7-ounce jar of honey, along with a special New Year's greeting and explanation of the significance of this tradition. It is a gift everyone will enjoy and a great fundraiser for our Section. Cost is \$10.00 each for 1-7 jars; \$9.75 each for 8-14 jars; and \$9.50 each for orders of 15 or more jars.

Last year we had some "bees" sending their orders after the due date and we were unable to accommodate them. Please, be aware that although Rosh Hashanah starts in September, it takes some time to process and mail all the orders. Make sure you send your order by the **due date of July 29**.

Honey for the Holidays needs lots of hands to help, so please email or call us to volunteer. Teenagers are welcome! This is a great way for students to earn service hours for their various school activities, i.e.

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Camp Quality & NCJW South Cook 2019

Monday, August 5 - LUNCHEON

Friday, August 9 - ART PROJECT

Camp Quality is a weeklong international camp for children who are living with cancer. Once again, Camp Quality welcomes volunteers from NCJW South Cook Section to sponsor a morning of art projects and a luncheon at Camp Manitoqua in Frankfort. Campers, whose ages range from 7 to 17, will participate.

This year is Camp Quality's 25th Anniversary. The theme is "Campaloosa." Monday will be "Military Day," Tuesday is "Holiday Day," Wednesday is "50's/60's Day," Thursday is "Circus Day," and Friday is "Hawaiian Day."

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SUMMER MEMBER EVENT Day in the City

This year's NCJW Day in the City event will be a Day in the Country.

We will be visiting the Farnsworth House in Plano, IL. The Farnsworth House was designed by Mies van de Rohe for Dr. Edith Farnsworth as a summer retreat and was a private residence for 50 years. It was purchased by Landmarks Illinois and the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2003 to be a public museum. The tour is 90 minutes. See www.farnsworthhouse.org for more information.

We will be carpooling to Plano, IL, which is a little over an hour away. Questions? Please email Bonnie at frogmom3@aol.com or text or call her at (708) 212-6366. Please let Bonnie know if you're available to drive. Looking forward to a wonderful day!

Wednesday, July 24

Tour begins at 11 AM

Cost: \$15 plus lunch

Lunch will be at a restaurant nearby TBD

Please send checks payable to NCJW to:

Bonnie Ribet

1121 Brassie Avenue

Flossmoor, IL 60422.

There is some walking involved but they do have golf carts to shuttle those that need to be driven from the visitors' center to the house.



TAKING TIME

What can one say when the hardest moment of one's life is filled with such love and support as I have received from every member of NCJW South Cook Section. I have always felt honored to be a part of this great family who are dedicated to protecting individual rights and freedoms and improving the quality of life for women, children, and families.

Now, more than ever, I am thankful for taking the time to embrace these ideals and participate in "tikkun olam" as our world is certainly in need of repair in so many areas.

My husband, David, was so proud of my involvement as president of NCJW South Cook Section. He loved "all the NCJW ladies" (and the men!). He was my partner in all contributions made and creative ideas presented, and my advisor when I needed help with any situation that arose. I will miss his sound advice and especially his humor when addressing any issue or problem.

If there is one encouragement I would like to pass on, it would be to take the time to embrace not only your immediate family and their needs, but to embrace those who are struggling to find their place in this world. So often, a small gesture of help can set them on the path to a better and more productive life.

This is what NCJW South Cook is all about. Reaching out. Providing opportunities. Offering options. Giving love and support.

NCJW South Cook has given me all these things and the courage to move forward and continue to reach out to those in need and the power to defend our individual rights and freedoms. It means everything to me.

Sharon E. Johnson

President of NCJW South Cook Section

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The assembly line "lunch brigade" starts MONDAY, AUGUST 5, at 10:30 am and has been a big hit at camp and a continuing pleasure for our members.

The hours are: 10:30 am-12:30 pm for the lunch team.

Our art project volunteers participate in a brief training session at 8:15am on FRIDAY, AUGUST 9. The hours are: 8:15 am-10:30 am for the Art Project team.

If you are interested in being an **art project volunteer**, please email *Sharon Johnson* at sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com or call (815) 806-9248.

Please call *Susie Goldberg* (708) 217-8306 for the **lunch brigade** team. Join us for a day you will long remember!



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Key Club or National Honor Society. Volunteers can help us wrap the honey for mailing. We had a wonderful response in the past and are hoping for lots of helper bees again this year.

We will be packing at Temple Anshe Sholom. Packing for honey will be done on:

- Tuesday, August 6th thru Thursday, August 8th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Monday, August 12th thru Thursday, August 15th from 10:am to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Monday & Tuesday, August 19th & 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. [if needed]

Laura Mizrahi will take honey orders for all of your "honeys." Orders must be in by **July 29th** to ensure delivery by Rosh Hashanah. If you ordered last year we will send you a copy of your last order by mail. You can download the order form from www.ncjwsouthcook.org. We would really appreciate it if you write your loved ones' addresses in self-stick labels. To make sure your request is fulfilled, please send your completed order form and check (made payable to NCJW) to:

Laura Mizrahi, 1458 Olive Road,
Homewood, IL 60430
Cell: 847-209-4448
Lmiz129@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer with this project or have any questions please call or e-mail Elena Morone at (708)927-7643 or elenaenchicago@gmail.com

Thanks in advance,
Elena Morone

Closing Dinner and Volunteer Awards

This year's Closing Dinner, Installation and Awards Ceremony on May 22nd was once again a success, thanks (again!) to the amazing organization and creativity of *Michelle Stern*. Members witnessed the installation of South Cook's officers and board members and recognized the outstanding efforts of dedicated South Cook volunteers (see the following articles on our Section's 2019 award recipients). *Sharon Johnson* agreed to serve a **fourth** year as President, and we so appreciate her continued and outstanding fulfillment of that leadership role.

NCJW South Cook Section was honored at our Closing Dinner with a resolution by the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The resolution was proposed and read at the event by Donna Miller, Cook County Board Commissioner of the 6th District.

This resolution honors the National Council of Jewish Women South Cook Section as part of May's Jewish Heritage Month, an annual recognition and celebration of Jewish American achievements in and contributions to the United States of America.

Part of the resolution reads as follows:

In light of this celebration it is important to honor the people and organizations that make many contributions in Cook County, such as the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) South Cook Section.

The members of NCJW South Cook are advocates, tutors, readers, art appreciation volunteers, local agency board members, actors and singers who entertain special needs populations, supporters of local emergency shelters, lunch servers, donors, event planners, and so much more.

The resolution makes special note of Gloria Lippert and her many contributions during the years as President (2002-2004), chair of the Garden Walk Committee (9 years), Chair of our annual Directory (many years), twice recipient of the Special Volunteer Award (1996 & 2017) and the Iris Dreyfuss Volunteer Recognition Award (2001).

All officers and members of NCJW South Cook

are recognized as courageous and compassionate individuals who come together and take action with the goal of improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners proudly honor the National Council of Jewish Women South Cook Section for their steadfast service to the community, Cook County, and our Country.

Thank you to Donna Miller, who has been a loyal supporter of NCJW South Cook in numerous ways, for her efforts on our behalf and as the proponent of this resolution. Thank you to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for this honor.

(The resolution has also been posted on the ncjwsouthcook.org website.)

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award is presented to a volunteer or volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to NCJW South Cook Section.

Special Volunteer Award Winners for 2019 go to:
Judith Budrow and Laura Eisenwasser

Judith Budrow

Judith Budrow, a perfect friend and volunteer.

If you need a friend or any help, just call on Judy Budrow.

I used to say, one does need to be good in life, but it also helps to be lucky. I am and was when I met Judy. Since we both moved to Homewood at about the same time, and had kids of similar ages, it was my luck to live close to her. That meant lots of carpooling, play dates, homework help, assistance and explanation of social and school situations that my family, as

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immigrants, could not understand.

Judy comes from a relatively large, extremely close-knit family and they kind of adopted us.

So now, with the kids on their own (kind of), Judy, a life member of NCJW South Cook for more than 20 years, agreed to be on our Board and immediately made her presence known with her masterful handling of her coordinating role with Garfield School in Chicago Heights. Quiet, effective and helpful, any area in need of an extra hand she is there.

It is this discreet and efficient presence that makes her so richly deserving of the 2019 Special Volunteer Award and my privilege to present it to her.

Magda Roth

Laura Eisenwasser

It is with great pleasure that I am able to present Laura Eisenwasser with the Special Volunteer Award. This award is given to volunteers who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to NCJW. And, that certainly describes Laura!

I first met Laura Eisenwasser in the fall of 1985. She was being dragged down my driveway by her enormous new 8-week-old Afghan hound puppy, with little Shana hanging on to her shirt and baby Michael in her arms. The puppy did not last long, but Laura and the Eisenwassers are still a very significant part of our Jewish community!

In the beginning I told Laura about NCJW and she shyly dipped her foot in. She was impressed with our mission of striving to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families. She LOVED that we advocate for reproductive health and justice, and that we work to provide access for reproductive services to all who are in need.

Laura has worked on numerous projects and has attended many of NCJW's programs. She has stepped up to chair several programs. Recently, she initiated a JUF Mini Grant event where Texas artist, Christina Madison, shared her creative interpretation of the bible with our community. The following Sunday, Christina repeated the basic theme with our joint religious school. Eventually, Laura joined the NCJW Board, and in 2011, she joined the Executive Committee as Treasurer. It



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continues to be a pleasure working with Laura. The Board has been greatly enriched by her many contributions.

Congratulations, Laura, and thank you for all you do!

Gloria Lippert

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

An Outstanding Service Award certificate is presented to volunteers who have exhibited exemplary commitment to one or more of NCJW South Cook's projects.

The Outstanding Service Award for 2019 goes to **Leslie Silverman**.

Anyone who has received one of Leslie's gracious and heartfelt Friendship Notes can attest – she has done a brilliant job!

Leslie has been a life member of NCJW South Cook Section for 10 years. When asked why she became involved, her answer was: "I was newly married and new to the community. I did not know anyone and I wanted to make new connections and contribute to my community."

Leslie is stepping down from her role as Friendship Notes chairperson, a job she has done excellently for 5 years.

One of her most interesting moments during the 5 years was sending a note to a member's 1st wife instead of his current wife. Luckily, they were a friendly divorced couple.

She fondly remembers Susie Goldberg's mother, Dort Finder, sending Leslie a Thank You Note for her Friendship Note!

A well-deserved award to an exceptional member.

Sharon Johnson

BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORTER AWARD

This award is presented to a volunteer or organization

who, over an extended period of time, generously supported NCJW South Cook projects financially or through donations of time and/or supplies without expectation of recognition or publicity for their efforts.

The 2019 Behind the Scenes Supporter Award goes to: **Hunter Douglas Metals LLC in Homewood, IL**

Hunter Douglas Metals is a leading participant in the international trade of aluminum products. It is a division of the Hunter Douglas Group, the world leader in window coverings and a major manufacturer of architectural products with facilities throughout the world.

But most importantly, Hunter Douglas Metals has been a steadfast supporter of NCJW South Cook's many community service projects for over 6 years. Hunter Douglas Metals, through George and Bonnie Ribet, continues to embody the spirit of generosity and commitment to those in need. It has matched all gifts and donations received.

For the past 6 years, Hunter Douglas has contributed holiday gifts through the Peggy Eisenstein Holiday Gift Project for Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness.

In the last 2 years, it has sponsored our holiday gift party at Glenwood Academy.

Its employees have generously spent their time shopping for that perfect gift requested by the children. Hunter Douglas's Office Manager, Laura, and shopper extraordinaire, Diana, exemplify this commitment.

Every year Bonnie brings in lunch to Hunter Douglas for a gift-wrapping party by the employees, which brings the spirit of the holidays alive.

Hunter Douglas is happy to support projects that give back to the community.

Thank you to Hunter Douglas and Bonnie and George Ribet.

Sharon Johnson

President of NCJW South Cook Section



Congratulations to Graduates of our NCJW Members!

Send your good wishes to the children of your friends and fellow South Cook members by making a donation in honor of **all our recent graduates**.

Please send your check (**in any amount**), payable to NCJW with the notation Graduation Tribute to:

Cathy Davis,
2506 Braeburn Ave.
Flossmoor, IL 60422

Thank you for your generosity in honoring our recent graduates!

A list of all donors will be included in our next Bulletin.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 8TH GRADE

MEMBER

Aden Kozel	Laura Mizrahi Caryl Mizrahi (GP)
Abram Zimmerman	Vivian Zimmerman (GP)

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

MEMBER

Hannah Williams	Paula Williams (GP)
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8TH GRADE

MEMBER

Ellie Adler	Rayna Adler (GP)
Jeremy Kantz	Marcia Cowing (GP)
Aden Kozel	Laura Mizrahi Caryl Mizrahi (GP)
Talia Sices	Marsha Sices (GP)
Abram Zimmerman	Vivian Zimmerman (GP)

HIGH SCHOOL

MEMBER

Audrey Brown	Tracy Brown Phyllis Stein (GP)
Michaela Freedman Riley Styx	Ellen Freedman (GP) Debbie Banach (GP)
Aiden Sices	Marsha Sices (GP)
Hannah Williams	Paula Williams (GP)
Scott Winner	Rayna Adler (GP)

COLLEGE STUDENT

MEMBER

Daniel Berlin	Julie Berlin Shellie and Ray Berlin (GP) Gloria and Jeffrey Lippert (GP)
Corey Kosmin	Michelle Kosmin Diane and Paul Kessler (GP)
Adam Shaw	Charlene and Murray Gordon (GP)
Aaron Vail	Whitney Finkelstein

POST-COLLEGE

MEMBER

Ari Brown	Rayna Adler (GP)
Brett Vail	Whitney Finkelstein



Aunt Martha's Layette Project Update

NCJW South Cook Section's Albine Gerson Layette Project, in conjunction with Aunt Martha's Youth Services, is an exemplary joint program, and this year it will be meeting and probably exceeding its goal of making 62 adorable Layettes. These Layettes are then used as an incentive for the young mothers-to-be to complete a parenting course designed to enhance their parenting skills.

We are well on our way to meet our goal again this year, as we have 18 lovely Layettes packed so far after the first packing in May.

The estimated monetary value of each layette is \$75, therefore we will be donating at least a \$4,650 value by way of our "love packages" this year!

The next packing dates are Tuesday, June 18th and Wednesday, July 10th, starting at 9:30am at 440 Forest Blvd., Park Forest.

I want to thank our creative team of Section members for their continued dedication and creativity for assembling these gorgeous Layettes! All South Cook Section members are welcome and will find the experience rewarding on various levels: enjoying immediate gratification in seeing the results of their labor and knowing how deeply these Layettes are appreciated and needed!

We continue to welcome your donations of gently used items. We especially need: hooded towels; blankets; sweaters (especially for girls); sleepers; receiving blankets; bibs; snow suits; etc. All items up to size 18 months. Monetary donations especially earmarked for "Layette" are always welcome.

Please contact *Marianne Switt* at stu_mari@yahoo.com.



FRIENDSHIP NOTES

Sheri Larks is our new Friendship Notes chair. She will send notes to members observing life cycle events for themselves or immediate family members, including spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Notes are sent for births and deaths, speedy recoveries, marriages and bar/bat mitzvahs. Please let Sheri know... Email her at shebear1229@yahoo.com or call her at (708) 798-4992.

CONGRATULATIONS/MAZEL TOV

Judith Budrow - Bar Mitzvah of grandson
Laura Eisenwasser – Bat Mitzvah of granddaughter
Janet Herbstman – Birth of grandson
Jessie Jury – Bar Mitzvah of son
Harriet Salk - Marriage of son
Barbara Schwartz - Birth of Great grandson
Susan Zuckert – B'nai Mitzvah of children

SPEEDY RECOVERY/THINKING OF YOU

Gloria Lippert – Husband
Jeffrey Lippert
Marcia Lippert- Daughter
Rori Narter
Leslie Sigale - Daughter

CONDOLENCES

Marta Krengel - Father
Cindy Lerner - Father
Leslie Silverman – Father-in-Law

We mourn the loss of NCJW Life Members Joyce Himmel and Donna Moore. We extend our heartfelt condolences to their families. May their memory be a blessing.



BOOK CLUBS

SOUTH SUBURBAN BOOK CLUB

The South Suburban Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. Please join us at 7:30 PM. Books are available at the Flossmoor Library's circulation desk. For information call *Peggy Butler* at (708) 799-3355 or e-mail her at annabellelake@gmail.com.

► JULY 11

The Lady and the Unicorn

by Tracy Chevalier

Hostess: *Debra Borodkin*

Facilitator: *Sharon Johnson*

► AUGUST 1

Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages

by Kati Marton

Hostess: *Ellen Kaplan*

Facilitator: *Debra Borodkin*

CHICAGO BOOK CLUB

For more information about joining the Chicago Book Club, please contact bookclubchicago@ncjwsouthcook.org. New members are always welcome!

► JULY 11

A Gentleman in Moscow

by Amor Towles

► AUGUST 8

The Girl who Wrote in Silk

by Kelli Estes



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please let *Debra Borodkin* know of updates to the Directory by emailing them to dbbbbr@sbcglobal.net. Not on the Internet? Call her at (708) 798-8049. If she's not home, please leave a message with your changes.

New Addresses:

Randy Shapiro Simborg
175 Delaware Place
Apt 5617
Chicago, IL 60611

Julia Miriam Levine
125 E Island Drive
Oak Island, NC 28465

Tamar Mizrahi
1823 N Sedgwick St
Chicago, IL 60614

TRIBUTE CARDS

Express your good wishes or condolences and support NCJW projects by purchasing NCJW Tribute cards. To purchase or send a tribute, please contact Bonnie Mosbacher at (708) 342-6275 or bmoss1121@yahoo.com.

All articles for the next Bulletin should be emailed to Beth Lichtenberg at bethlich5@gmail.com by July 15th.



ILLINOIS STATE POLICY ADVOCACY UPDATE

TRUMP DEALS ANOTHER BLOW TO VULNERABLE PATIENTS

Under the guise of "Religious Liberty," Trump dealt another blow to vulnerable patients. NCJW has denounced the Trump administration's proposed rule decimating Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, the Health Care Rights Law. NCJW released the following statement:

"The new proposed rule targets the very patients' Section 1557 was designed to protect. This provision prohibits discrimination in health care based on race, color, national origin, age, disability, and sex: importantly, the law's protections extend to pregnancy, termination of a pregnancy, sex stereotyping, and gender identity, shielding women and LGBTQ patients who are more likely to experience discrimination and to be refused necessary health care. Instead, Trump's proposal will permit health insurers, hospitals, clinics and any other covered entities to deny patients care because they have had an abortion because they are transgender, or because they have a disability. This unconscionable rule cannot take effect."

"Every single person's health is paramount and unassailable. Enabling the personal beliefs and prejudices of health entities and providers to override patient care and preferences jeopardizes public health and countless lives. Discrimination simply has no place in the health care setting, where all patients are entitled to fair treatment and respect."

URGE LAWMAKERS TO SUPPORT THE WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

Since 2010, state lawmakers have passed over 400 restrictions constraining access to safe and legal abortion. These laws implement mandatory waiting periods, force providers to deliver medically inaccurate in-person counseling and perform unnecessary tests, and even regulate the physical facility where the procedure takes place. Nearly 30 abortion bans have been introduced, passed, or signed into law in 2019 alone, pushing basic health care out of reach for those living in poverty or rural areas, people of color, LGBTQ people, and young people across the country.

The Women's Health Protection Act (HR 2975/ S 1645) would create a new tool for safeguarding access to high-quality care and securing constitutional rights by protecting patients and providers from this dangerous political interference. The bill would end the mandatory waiting periods, clinic regulations, and outright bans sweeping the county and will stand as a backstop to *Roe v. Wade*, ensuring that abortion is safe, legal and available where we live.

Urge your lawmakers to ensure that every single person – regardless of how much they earn, where they live, or any other factors – can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their reproductive health care by supporting the Women's Health Protection Act.

Ellen Kaplan and Debby Pebworth
NCJW South Cook Illinois State Policy Advocates



Save the Date

Opening Luncheon and Gift Galleria
Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | 10 AM – 3 PM

FEATURED SPEAKER
Susan Abrams
CEO of Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center



Support our Section through this worthy fundraiser. Purchase as many \$10 tickets as you like. Each month from October through May three winning tickets will be drawn for \$100, \$50 and \$25. Winning tickets go back in the pot for the next raffle. You have 24 chances to win each year, with eight drawings and three winners each time. Hot Tix make great gifts too. They are perfect when the occasion calls for "no gifts!" Contact Anita Lebowitz at (708) 798-4365 or dlebowitz@sbcglobal.net to purchase tickets.

MAY WINNERS

- \$25** Barbara Warman
- \$50** Vicki Meilach
- \$100** Bonnie Mosbacher

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

- June 25 Executive Committee Meeting
- June 30 9th Annual Southland Community Garden Walk

JULY

- July 5 Board Meeting CANCELED
- July 11 South Suburban Book Club
- July 11 Chicago Book Club
- July 24 Member Event: Day in the City
- July 29 Honey Order Deadline
- July 30 Executive Committee Meeting

AUGUST

- Aug 1 South Suburban Book Club
- Aug 5 Camp Quality (Luncheon)
- Aug 6 Board Meeting
- Aug 8 Chicago Book Club
- Aug 9 Camp Quality (Art Project)
- Aug 27 Executive Committee Meeting



GO GREEN

NCJW South Cook has a website! Check it out: www.ncjwsouthcook.org. You'll find up to date events, information, and more! Have information or an event you'd like listed on the website? Send your email to website@ncjwsouthcook.org.



GO ONLINE

Join your fellow members and sign up to receive your South Cook Bulletin by email. Simply email Cathy Davis at kashazi@aol.com and save a tree!



SOUTH COOK IS ON FACEBOOK!

South Cook Section now has a current Facebook page. If you would like to post on South Cook's page, please contact Marsha Sices at mals48@aol.com. She is the primary administrator. Alternate administrators are: Ellen Kaplan (ellenkaplan@sbcglobal.net), Pat Arnold (parnoldhappy@gmail.com), and Sharon Johnson (sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com).

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.

Need information? Visit NCJW South Cook online at www.ncjwsouthcook.org

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