

National Council of Jewish Women SE Atlantic Section

## Bulletin

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### You're Invited!

### Installation and General Meeting

All Welcome – Complimentary Refreshments Served

Installation of Officers 2018-19

By Janet Solitt, NCJW National Honorary VP

WHEN: Thursday, May 24, 2018, 10 AM

WHERE: NOTE NEW LOCATION!!

Valencia Falls Clubhouse ——-PLEASE CARPOOL Parking is limited. Entrance on Hagen Ranch Road, between Lake Ida and Flavor Pict Roads

PROGRAM: How to Be a More Savvy Consumer

Guest Speaker: Sarah Shullman, Esquire

South Florida Bureau Chief - Florida Office of the Attorney General

RSVP on line at http://tinyurl.com/NCJW-May24

Please RSVP even if you are a resident of Valencia Falls. Help us plan

for the correct number of guests and for gate access.



Sarah Shullman, as the South Florida bureau chief of the Florida Office of the Attorney General, conducts investigations and civil prosecutions of persons engaged in fraud and deceptive trade practices.

Previously, Sarah served Palm Beach County as a Civil Traffic Hearing Officer for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and practiced in business and finance litigation at Steel Hector & Davis and Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP.

She was recently named a "Top Government Lawyer" in Florida Trend's Legal Elite and was selected as a "Leader in the Law" by the Florida Association for Women Lawyers.

### **GREET OUR BOARD FOR 2018-2019**

Please join us on May 24th for our board installation and a wonderful program.

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

I'm pleased to report that it's been a very productive year for Membership. We acquired over 70 new members!! We welcome you all and are committed to making your membership rewarding and fulfilling. Through our Meet and Greets and our bulletin you've heard about our diverse community service programs and strong advocacy projects. We hope you'll find an activity that piques your interest and that you'd like to pursue.

Sarah Goodstein and I are the incoming Vice Presidents of Membership. We have several projects for next year in the planning stages that we hope will induce you to become actively involved. We are hoping to expand our membership committee, so if you have an interest in helping our section thrive and remain dynamic, please email me.

We welcome your participation and hope you'll continue to enjoy your membership.

Judy Finder Sarah Goodstein httg20@gmail.com



## PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

5.2.18

7:00 PM HOLLANDER FAMILY CHAPEL

### The Dangers of Human Trafficking

Featuring Speakers
Elaine Abrams & Barbara Silman
NCJW Members

Myths
It doesn't happen here
All traffickers are strangers
I would know if my child were at risk



Your help is needed!

Please bring a tube of lip balm for the NCJW. They will label them with information for the National Hotline Trafficking Resource Center.

People such as hotel clerks distribute these to victims.

For more information: Ronna Young: 561.306.2930 or sisterhood@cbiboca.org













### **ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING SPEAKER'S BUREAU**

Our Anti-Sex Trafficking Speakers' Bureau presented our program on April 10, 2018 at The Cascades ORT Chapter in Boynton Beach. Barbara Silman and Elaine Abrams were the speakers and Alexis Pinken observed. Over 60 women and men attended. Most of the attendees were unaware of the prevalence of children being trafficked to our area.

Our presentation captivated the audience and raised their awareness of why South Florida is so attractive to traffickers. Runaways look for a warm climate and Florida hosts many large conventions and sporting events. Traffickers pick up teens at transportation centers, malls and schools. They offer them jobs that lead to prostitution and they are often sold to "please" men at parties held at local large events.

Our next presentation is on May 2, 2018 at 7 pm at Congregation B'nai Israel on Yamato Rd in Boca Ration. All are welcome to attend.

Keep spreading the word!!!

Elaine Abrams, Chair Anti-Sex Trafficking Speakers Bureau ea43@aol.com

### **CHAPSTICK PROJECT HOPE**

Finally, we have a chapstick outreach program in South Palm Beach County! Our first event, on Tuesday, April 17, was extremely well attended. Twenty-two of us were excited to learn all about the program and plan for our first outreach at the end of April. Laura McFarland, Trafficking Prevention and Education Coordinator for the Place of Hope's Anti Sex Trafficking program, and I will set dates for future outreaches and fulfillment sessions, and advise you ASAP.

Call me (561-865-9628) with any questions regarding how you can be involved in this most important program as we travel around Boca (for starters) in our attempt to find missing and exploited kids who are eventually the ones who are most likely to be trafficked. We look forward to having you join us.

Best,
Arlene Davidson
amdavidson01@gmail.com, 561-865-9628

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

First, three Mitzvah Mamas names were left off my last article. They did double duty for us at our Holiday on Wheels Pesach presentations. My apologies and extra ordinary thank yous to Susan Stein, Judy Silver and Lois Weingarden. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

### Lots of Help Wanted!

We need a leader for our Low Vision Book Club at the Five Star Premier Residence in Boca Raton. I have all the contact information you need to pursue this very worthwhile effort. It has been run by our life member Shelly Gross for years. Please consider this project if you are an avid reader and recognize the need for these Five Star residents to remain engaged in the world of books. To help continue this program contact me.

#### MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS FOR YOU:

- 1. HOW Holiday on Wheels (Holidays at residential facilities)
- 2. Kid's Closet (new clothing at a specific elementary school)
- 3. Vision Screening (at private pre-schools)
- 4. Jewish Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship essay contest
- 5. March for the Hungry food collections
- 6. Literacy Coalition of PBC (Tutoring 1st graders)
- 7. AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse)

Please watch for email information about our Rosh Hashanah Holiday On Wheels presentations. We start our calls to facilities in late July. Outreach to volunteers begins in August. Presentations begin about August 20th. Yom Tov is September 9th.

All of our community service projects will be even better with your participation. Don't be shy....meet other like minded women! Call Helene to let her know your interest.

Helene Grantz hgrantz@bellsouth.net 561 271-8296 cell

### **NEXT ADVOCACY MEETING**

The next meeting of the NCJW-SEA Advocacy Committee will be on Friday, June 8, 10 AM at the Hagen Ranch Library, in the conference room. We welcome all members of NCJW who want to be involved — against sex trafficking, for gun safety, for voter rights, for reproductive rights, for social justice. Even if you have never done this before, all it takes is to show up and be willing to take a stand. Any questions?? Please contact me!

Lillian Kaminer

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# BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! GLASS FUSION EVENT CREATE A GORGEOUS GLASS MEZUZAH

Join us for an evening of fun and creativity When: Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:30 PM Where: Tivoli Reserve All-Purpose Room

Tivoli Reserve is on Hagen Ranch Road, Boynton Beach just south of Woolbright Road

Cost: \$36 includes all materials needed to create your own one-of-a-kind mezuzah. We get step by step help. Our creations will be fired and ready in about one week.

Limited to the first 25 paid sign ups

### Questions?

Contact Sharon Glick at 561-573-0745, or flnyankee@gmail.com
Mail checks payable to NCJW-SEA to:

Sharon Glick, 7849 Monarch Ct, Delray Beach 33446

Use tear-off below to RSVP BY JUNE 1st

Name:	Phone:		
Email:			
Amount enclosed:	Check #:		

### TRIBUTES SAY YOU CARE

Honor a family member, colleague, friend or loved one by giving a gift to NCJW SE Atlantic Section. A handwritten tribute card with a message of support, celebration or sympathy will be mailed to the recipient. Your gift supports local projects and those in Israel. It's really useful to keep your own supply on hand. Buy a bunch!



### **NOTE OUR NEW TRIBUTES CHAIR!**

ROBIN YABLONSKY 7452 Morocca Lake Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33446 Home: 561-499-4557

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Small white tribute cards \$30 for 10 cards Large blue tribute cards \$ 5 each

Elaborate tribute cards \$25 each

Mazel tov to Susan Mildworm and her family on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Shelby Buckstein on April 14th

Mazel tov to Roberta and Lorrie Shafer on the birth of their granddaughter, Esme Louisa Shafer

Marcia London thanks her NCJW friends for their cards, calls, and visits during the recuperation from her February accident.

Sincere wishes for a very speedy recovery to Barbara Kirschner, our newest board member, who had a bad fall.

Send Robin your info <u>Click here for our Tribute form</u> (scroll down to the Tributes section)

### **BOOK CLUB**

We may be coming to those lazy summer days, but don't forget about the NCJW book club! I'm working on our roster of books, so please send suggestions. Make sure each has a topic or theme that will ensure a lively discussion.

Dates will be published soon and will be five Thursday mornings at 10 AM starting October, 2018.

Happy reading, Lois Seinfeld loisseinfe@aol.com

### A WORD TO THE WISE ADVOCATE

As we head into the 2018 election season, some of you may be considering getting more involved in campaigns, voter registration, and other advocacy activities. Please keep in mind that NCJW is a 501(C)(3) organization, meaning we receive tax advantages, but our political activities are limited by law. As an individual, you may do what you wish. However, be careful what you do as a member of NCJW or on behalf of the group. A recent webinar provided by national NCJW provided some guidelines: NCJW cannot endorse a candidate or party, but can work on behalf of issues. NCJW cannot encourage members to vote for a candidates with certain views, but can participate in candidate forums in some circumstances. If you have any doubts, a Q&A on NCJW's 501(C)(3) Status on Election Related Activities is available on the website, ncjw.org, under "Section Resources." Or, let me know and I will refer you to someone who can help. In the meantime, one thing everyone can do is VOTE. Make sure you are registered and have made arrangements to vote by mail, if that is your preference.

Lillian Kaminer,

VP Advocacy (<a href="mailto:lekaminer@aol.com">lekaminer@aol.com</a>)

### MARCH FOR THE HUNGRY BUILD A BAG

This year, the Ruth W. Shapiro "March for the Hungry" is starting a new project called "Build -A-Bag." We are asking section members to participate by filling a reusable grocery/tote bag with non-perishable food items to help families in need during the summer. You may also donate a \$25 Publix gift card, and our committee members will purchase and fill the bags with food. Our initial goal is to provide 100 bags to school social workers.

Suggested food list: (1) six pack applesauce, (1) large box cereal, (1) container box milk, (1) jar peanut butter, (1) plastic jar grape jelly, (1) can pasta with meat, (2) boxes macaroni & cheese, (2) cans tuna fish, (1) large can chicken, (1) one pound bag rice, (1) one pound bag dry beans, (1) box granola bars, (1) eight pack of cheese crackers, (1) four pack of pudding packs. Feel free to add extra items!

Please bring the bags of food, or Publix gift cards, to the meeting on May 24th or contact me for a drop off location in your area. Together we can make a difference in so many lives.

Sincerely,

Susan Shapiro

March for the Hungry Fundraising Chair <a href="mailto:dbeducator00@aol.com">dbeducator00@aol.com</a> 954-806-6386

PS: You can also send your check, payable to NCJW-SEA, to: Susan Shapiro, 10960 NW 78th Place, Parkland, FL 33076 Prefer to use a credit card? Click here (no PayPal account needed).

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM NCJW NATIONAL

## SESTA —an Important Step toward Eliminating Online Sex Trafficking

April 11, 2018, Washington, DC – The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is encouraged by the passage and signing into law of FOSTA-SESTA, an anti- trafficking package that will make it possible to prosecute websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking. NCJW CEO Nancy K. Kaufman released the following statement: "The spread of sex trafficking and child pornography through online platforms, including mainstream platforms, has been a significant factor in victimizing minors and others held by force or threat of force in horrendous situations. Facilitating sex trafficking online or otherwise is criminal activity and must be punished.

"We are heartened that Congress and the president have taken these important steps to combat sex trafficking. Our advocates in the field have long been working to recognize, prevent, and eliminate all forms of human trafficking. While FOSTA-SESTA does not complete our work, it propels our activists and our partners nationwide to continue the complex federal, state, and local responses necessary to tackle the root causes of trafficking and the conditions that allow it to take place.

"The seizure last week of Backpage.com and its affiliates by the Justice Department is the first positive action as a direct result of the FOSTA-SESTA passage in Congress. Hopefully it will be the first of many actions to protect the women and children who are caught in these horrific crimes."

The <u>National Council of Jewish Women</u> (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. More information on Facebook and on <u>Twitter at @NCJW</u>

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- Nancy K. Kaufman, NCJW CEO

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### JEWISH LEADER OF TOMORROW

The Jewish Leader of Tomorrow scholarship committee proudly shares the winning essay for our \$1,000 scholarship. The winner is Olivia Cohen, who attends Nova High School in Hollywood.

Where there is an inch to succeed, there is a mile to fail. A good leader that experiences wide-ranging success has likewise experienced crushing failure. Just a few weeks ago I had the privilege of witnessing a Holocaust survivor, Irene, recall her heart-wrenching experiences in Auschwitz. She described swallowing her mother's diamonds to avoid death and losing every member of her family. The intricacies of her story brought me to tears. After Irene's emotional description of her life, my classmates and I returned to class.

Upon returning to class and explaining our tardiness to our teacher a student nearby blurted out, "Why are you still talking about the Holocaust? It's over." The blatant disrespect emanating from this student had me in utter shock. After hearing Irene depict the unfathomable events of her life, my anger and frustration could not be contained when it came to my classmate's response. The Holocaust will never be over and the bravery of survivors, such as Irene, is what ensures that such heinous human rights violations will reoccur.

To combat such instances of ignorance, a leader is necessary to spark and drive a movement to educate and modify people's thinking and approach to Judaism, its history, and its future. The work of my own non-profit organization, Giving & Living, has exposed me to necessary skills to be this leader and apply them to the realms of Jewish activism .

I began my own non-profit organization, Giving & Living in third grade. My goal was to organize youth-led events and fundraisers to help children in my community. Initially, my organization hosted a variety of small fundraisers, growing from a neighborhood talent show raising less than \$200 to a "Howl-a-Ween" Costume Contest, that raised just over \$2,000. Over time, I began leading larger teams of people and dealing with growing contribution sizes, totaling over \$18,000.

When I reached high school, I quickly came to recognize an unfortunate trend among my peers. Service clubs on our campus did not ask students what they wanted to do. Instead, all students had to report for every designated activity, leading to resentment and a lack of commitment. Service became a chore, rather than an act of passion.

Wanting to encourage other young people to get involved with service, I decided to change the direction of Giving & Living. Now, Giving & Living is a bridge connecting students searching for places to help their community and organizations seeking volunteers. To increase participation, I decided to create a Giving & Living club at my high school.

While I continued to press for administrative approval, I committed two years to forming connections in my community by volunteering wherever I could, including The Ronald McDonald House, Give Kids the World, Make-A-Wish, JAFCO, and the Humane Society. After 200 hours of service, I was finally granted approval to bring Giving & Living to Nova High School in 11th grade.

My club now includes over 75 members and continues to grow. In just one year, we were able to connect the animal lovers with the Humane Society, the active, sporty students with Make-A-Wish Walk for Wishes, and even the cooking aficionados with Ronald McDonald House's Adopt-a-Meal program.

From seven summers at URJ Camp Coleman, to presiding as the Social Action VP and Programming Director for my temple's youth group, and soon to be traveling on the March of the Living, my Jewish heritage is of the utmost importance to me. Bridging my religious background with my leadership skills attained through my organization, provides me a foundation to continue on my journey as a strong Jewish woman.



## Save These Dates

Date	Time	Activity	Place	Program
Wednesday, May 2, 2018	7:00 PM	Presentation by NCJW	LCona B'nai Tsrael	Anti Sex Trafficking Program open to the public
Thursday, May 24, 2018	10:00 AM	Installation & General Meeting		FL Asst Attorney General Sarah Shullman speaks on: Be a Smart Con- sumer
Thursday, June 14, 2018	6:30 PM	Glass Fusion Event	Tivoli Reserve All -Purpose Room	Make your own glass mezuzah

### FROM OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

volunteerism



Laurie Tamber, Barbara Silman, Penny Gelb Sarah Goodstein



Phyllis Emmett, Penny Gelb



Renée Loeb, Lillian Kaminer



Helene Grantz, Rose Feinberg, Laurie Tamber