



National Council of Jewish Women
SE Atlantic Section

Bulletin



Stuck at home? Days running into one another?

NCJW National has some worthwhile ideas for you.

- * Weekly Webinars on a variety of topics: Tuesdays at 4:30 pm. To learn more visit www.NCJW.ORG and click the Webinar link at the top of the homepage.
- * Actions you can take at home: Scroll down the NCJW.ORG homepage and you will find information you can use to Promote the Vote, advocate for women and children, and encourage Congress to include our priorities in the next coronavirus package.
- * NCJW's response to covid-19: Again, click the link on the NCJW.org homepage to glean useful information about what our organization is doing and what we are advocating now. You can help!

Kids Community Closet

Before the social separation order was delivered, Elaine Zuckerman and I made a delivery to Forest Park Elementary School for the Kids Community Closet in honor of Diane Kessler. Below is a photo of us with Jessy Canton, the guidance counselor responsible for the school's Kids Closet. The faculty was very grateful for the delivery. Since they usually don't receive donations of husky sizes, Jessy was happy to hear we had provided some husky and plus sized clothing.

Our plan with all the schools we serve is to continue to "fill in the gaps." Our most in demand item is underwear. Elaine and I are already envisioning our school opening shopping with carts full of nothing but underwear!

Best,
Jody Blumenthal
Kids Community Closet
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Lillian Kaminer with NCJW CEO
Sheila Katz at the Supreme Court rally
for reproductive rights on 3/4/20.



Our Member's Tales of Getting By

My Corona Diary or How I Managed to Stay Relatively Sane During This Pandemic!

By Glenda Gordon
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 Recording Secretary

Wake-up, read all of the "good news" in the New York Times and The Sun Sentinel while having my breakfast. Then I go with my husband, Ken, on a one-hour morning walk, followed by accessing the computer and texting. This gets me to lunch time. My afternoon consists of doing a 1 hour Peloton workout (weights and dance cardio). Then it is time for online Mah Jongg against the computer which always wins. If the weather is good, I will go to a neighbor's pool to swim laps for 20 minutes. Then it is shower time, followed by dinner and an evening walk. I then binge watch TV and read. Then it is bed time and this routine is repeated the next day and the day after. I have kept in touch with my family via Zoom and FaceTime with my daughter and 4 month old grandson, Cooper.

Hopefully, this will end soon, and we can resume our normal lives. Stay well and safe everyone!

COUNCIL'S COOKIN' LAYERED SALAD

Serves 12

Layer in this order in serving bowl:

- 1 lb Spinach
- 5 Hard Boiled Eggs, sliced
- 2 Cans Tuna, drained
- ½ Medium Head of Lettuce, torn
- ½ Cup Thinly Sliced Bermuda Onion
- 8 oz Frozen Peas
- Sliced Fresh Mushrooms for garnish (optional)

Cover with mixed Dressing:

- 1 ¼ cup Mayonnaise
- 1 ½ cup Sour Cream
- 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce
- Dash of Salt
- Few drops Tabasco
- Pepper to taste
- Garlic (optional)

Cover all with grated Swiss Cheese

With a lot of extra time I've been going through old recipes and found this one from the Detroit section years ago. Thought I'd share it .

Happy eating!

Marilyn Katz,
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We Love Our Volunteers

Please join us in thanking all the wonderful women who volunteered this year to make our Section so successful. There are over 100 names listed!! Whether you participated on a committee, went for a Holiday on Wheels presentation, did anti sex trafficking outreach, worked on our Kids Community Closets, helped with an event, visited politicians, made phone calls, welcomed members to your home or to an event, or worked on an advocacy event

We could not have done it without you!

Sincere apologies if we have missed someone's name.

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| Elaine | Abrams | Ann | Greenwald | Joan | Schofel |
| Rosalie | Almborg | Deena | Gross | Judy | Seder |
| Roz | Alster | Shelly | Gross | Lois | Seinfeld |
| Shirl | Aronson | Lenore | Haber | Leni | Seltzer |
| Susan | Baigelman | Ellen | Hahn | Linda | Shansky |
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| Rori | Berse | Elaine | Isser | Judith | Silman |
| Bobbie | Blaze | Susan | Kanoff | Lynn | Silver |
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| Jody | Blumenfeld | Eva | Korentayer | Judy | Smilack |
| Janie | Brogin | Marla | Leafer | Phyllis | Smith |
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| Julie | Fields Marx | Susan | Mildworm | Laurie | Tamber |
| Judy | Finder | Marlene | Passell | Ellen | Taub |
| Arline | Finkelstein | Susi | Pessin | Lark | Teitler |
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| Sue | Gamer | Nancy | Pugliese | Carole | Valera |
| Penny | Gelb | Tobi | Raff | Gail | Weinbrum |
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| Marcia | Gillman | Ilene | Rosenthal | Carol | White |
| Sharon | Glick | Barbara | Rothman | Karen | Willis |
| Suzanne | Gold | Debra | Sacks | Gayle | Winkler |
| Hilda | Goldfarb | Rita | Sauve | Robin | Yablonsky |
| Glenda | Gordon | Barbara | Schmidt | Elaine | Zuckerman |
| Helene | Grantz | Barbara | Schmidt | | |
| Joyce | Greenberg | Micki | Schner | | |



KOINS FOR KIDS

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The Koins for Kids fund raising program was launched with tremendous success in September 2019. We have been collecting change throughout the year and over the summer will decide to which program(s) we will distribute the money. All the money collected will go exclusively to program(s) for children that our Section supports. Coins were collected at designated meetings which were announced in the monthly Bulletin and/or emails. No amount was too small -- all coins were welcomed and contributed to the success of this program.

Our year is from September to June. Once we have the total amount collected for the 2019-2020 year, we will let the membership know the tally and how the money will be distributed. Because the membership embraced this program, we will continue it for the 2020-2021 year. So please continue to collect your coins for donation to this important program.

Janie Brogin, chair

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Jewish Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship

Erika Rosenzweig of Margery Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland was selected as this year's recipient of the NCJW Jewish Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship. In her essay, she described her love of Jewish music and her role as a Song Leader in her temple youth group. She has learned about Israel advocacy this year by training to speak to students to combat the BDS movement. These are examples of an articulate young Jewish leader who exemplifies the qualities for which NCJW stands.

Thank you to Janet Solitt, Jennifer Pettigrow, Susan Isaacson and Marilyn Wilck for serving on the Scholarship Committee this year.

Ellen Hahn

Chair, Scholarship Committee

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Learn All About Us!

Visit our website: www.ncjwseatlantic.org

Have a question? Email info@ncjwseatlantic.org

The National Council of Jewish Women Applauds the US Senate's Action on Families First Act

The [National Council of Jewish Women](#) (NCJW) released the following statement today in response to the Senate vote on the Families First Act. **Chief Policy Officer Jody Rabhan** issued the following statement:

"The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) applauds the US Senate's action today, following House passage last week, to respond to families in need during the current Covid-19 health crisis. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, while far from perfect, is a first step to addressing the needs of workers and their families during this uncertain time.

"Among many important provisions, workers will be granted two weeks of emergency paid sick leave and twelve weeks of job-protected emergency paid family and medical leave for employees who work at companies that employ 500 people or less; increased Medicaid funding and guaranteed, no-cost coverage of COVID-19 testing in public and private health insurance; and emergency funding for unemployment insurance and for several nutrition programs, including the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These are critical and necessary efforts to ensure individuals and families can stay home while retaining their livelihoods, ultimately reducing pressure on our health care facilities and saving lives.

"Jewish tradition teaches that each of us is made in the image of the divine — *b'tselem Elohim* (Genesis 1:26) — meaning every single person's health is paramount and unassailable. Thirty-three million workers lack access to a single paid sick day. On a regular day, this is shocking. During a public health crisis, it's outrageous and unsafe. NCJW has long fought for paid family and sick leave, and other key ways to help workers meet work and family demands, and will continue to advocate for them long after this health crisis is over."

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 by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

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Community Service

Happy Passover!! Facilities we know and love from Boca to Boynton, to providing emergency clothing for elementary school children, through Kid's Closet, to eye screening for preschoolers at several local private pre-schools. From practical to spiritual, from out of sight to hands on, from 4 year olds to 100 year olds, we do it all. That's the population we serve.

Holiday On Wheels could not have functioned without Cynthia Shulman and our presentation leaders: Shelly Gross, Judy Finder, Judy Giller, Arlene Davidson, Eva Korentayer, Shelly Block, and all their volunteers. Kid's Community Closet under the wise eyes of Marsha Lotstein and incredible skills of Jody Blumenthal and Elaine Zuckerman has flourished. Renee Markus led us, again, to our little ones for eye screening.

Now to address the elephant in and out of all our rooms, hearts, minds, prayers: Covid-19. NCJW doesn't stop. If our world hadn't forced us to pull back, we would have finished the year with our much anticipated HOW Pesach presentations. We had volunteers ready to go. People plan and G-d laughs. Needless to say, HOW presentations were cancelled. However, our Advocacy branch is busy working on election related activities. We will, of course, support them in all their endeavors to ensure a fair, participatory election. G-d willing, we will be out and about in full force by November.

I am stepping down as VP of Community Service and want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve NCJW SEA in this capacity. Community Service has always been so dear to my heart. I plan to continue to participate in NCJW, the organization that speaks to so many issues continuing to be at the forefront of our lives.

May we all stay well and continue living lives of community service and advocacy as exemplified by NCJW.

Helene Grantz
VP of Community Service
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Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Tributes Say You Care

Contact Penny Gelb or Robin Yablonsky

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Order a single tribute card, or keep a package on hand.

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| Small white tribute cards | \$30 for 10 cards |
| Large blue tribute cards | \$ 5 each; 6 for \$25 |
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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! Send Penny or Robin your info with a check. [Click here for our Tribute form](#) or do it online and pay by credit card by [clicking here](#).

Life Cycle Events

If you have any **life cycle events** that you want shared with the membership, email the information to Laurie Tamber at laurietamber.ncjw@gmail.com

NCJW Book Club

For those of you already in the book club, please keep reading even while our meetings are on pause. We will pick up again next season, so please send me your recommendations for next season's selections. Thank you!

For those of you who are not yet members of our book club, consider joining. Our discussions are always fun and provocative. Contact me for more information.

Lois Seinfeld

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All meetings are at 10:00 am



Update on Advocacy

Since we have been unable to have any face to face meetings or programs, this will be a rather long advocacy update; please bear with me. First, the presidential preference primary managed to take place amid shortages of poll workers and numerous reassigned polling places. We have seen an increase in vote by mail applications, but not nearly enough. You can apply to vote by mail for any reason, register to vote, update your status, find out what's on your ballot and check the status of the ballot you sent in at vote411.org

These are trying times as we are isolated from one another and worried about the health and safety of our family, friends and everyone else. We have never experienced an election like this before and there are a lot of unknowns. Please consider vote by mail to ensure that your voice is heard.

While we cannot proceed with PTV (promote and protect the vote) activities as planned, we can all continue to contact our legislators and let them know what issues are important to us. We can also urge them to support financial relief for the people most affected by the economic shutdown. Women, children and families need money for food and rent and need access to health care. Cruise lines who pay no US taxes because of foreign registries, corporate executives and billionaires do not need bailouts.

To date two stimulus packages have been signed by the president. one provides \$8.3 billion to the CDC, vaccine development and public health measures. The other provides \$104 billion for paid sick leave for some workers, free covid-19 testing, and some boosts to unemployment insurance and food stamps. At the time of this writing (March 24) a third package is being debated involving almost \$2 trillion dollars. To leave a message for Senators Rubio and Scott, dial 1-866-233-2601 and follow the prompts. D.C. numbers = Scott- 202-224-5274, Rubio- 202-224-3041. emails = rickscott.senate.gov and rubio.senate.gov

Although the holdup is in the senate, you can contact your US Representatives as well at any time to voice your concerns. To contact your US Representatives, go to congress.gov to find out who they are and how to contact them.

The 2020 Florida legislative session came to a close and here's a brief summary. Over 3500 bills were filed and about 200 passed both houses. First, the good news: Bills to bar the isolation of women prisoners in their third trimester of pregnancy, to allow advanced practice nurses to practice independently, and to raise teacher's salaries; all passed. A bill to ban abortion if there is a fetal heartbeat detected did not pass.

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Advocacy Update, Part 2

Now, the bad news: All gun safety legislation failed to pass, including banning high capacity and assault weapons, prohibition of gun possession for persons arrested for domestic violence, extension of risk protection order (red flag law) to siblings, etc, repeal of the stand your ground law, creation of an urban core violence task force, close gun show loopholes, ban 3D printing of guns and require safe storage for all loaded guns. All failed! There are actually many more, but you get the idea.

Both Medicaid expansion bills failed, keeping basic health care out of reach for our most vulnerable citizens and costing the taxpayers untold millions in ER bills.

The forced parental notification bill for minors seeking abortions passed after it was fast tracked through the senate. The hearings scheduled for early February when we and many other groups were in Tallahassee were postponed until we were out of town. A similar bill passed in 1987 was ruled unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court for violation of privacy. We need to keep contacting our legislators to let them know that we strongly oppose any assault on a woman's right to control her own body. The threat is very real and we need to make our voices heard. When you contact your representatives, it is helpful to say that you are a person of faith and part of NCJW, 90,000 members strong in the US and about 8,000 strong in the state of Florida.

Amendment 4 passed in 2018 with over 65% of the vote, restored voting rights for people convicted of felonies who have completed their sentence with the exclusion of murder and felony sex offenses. This was to have enabled over a million people to be re-enfranchised but the legislature has enacted laws to thwart the enactment of this law.

However, those rulings only applied to the named plaintiffs. Anyone who registers to vote in good faith in Palm Beach County will not be prosecuted, according to Dave Aronberg, State Attorney. The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (floridarrc.com) helps returning citizens who meet certain criteria overcome financial barriers to voter registration. The effects on the general election remain to be seen but they will be substantial.

If you're still reading, I'm going to stop here. I can't tell you when our next advocacy committee meeting will be. We hope to do a zoom or some other type of video meeting in the not too distant future.

Wishing you all good health.

Janet Chaikin

Advocacy VP

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National Council of Jewish Women
SE Atlantic Section

Dear SEA members,

In these days of uncertainty, one thing IS certain, and that is that we are staying safer by online ordering of food and other products for delivery.

You can support NCJW SE Atlantic by joining the Amazon Smile program for non-profits. If you already have an account, you can click through on the link below and choose NCJW SE Atlantic Section as the recipient of a small portion of your purchase price. It is Amazon's donation. You will not be charged more than your purchase price.

If you don't have an Amazon account, you can easily establish one at Amazon.com and then go to Amazon Smile to select us (**NCJW SE Atlantic Section**) as the charity to which their donation goes. Our *direct link is: (control-click the following underlined text) smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1724480 Each calendar quarter Amazon will send our section 0.5% of the eligible AmazonSmile purchase price. Thank you.*

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Be well. Stay Safe.

Warmly,

The Executive Board

NCJW SE Atlantic





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Annual dues \$45 Membership year: July 1 – June 30

- I am a new annual member
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- I am a life member of _____ section (lifetime dues paid)
 - Please transfer my life membership to SE Atlantic
- You can count on me for an additional donation of \$36__ \$50__ \$75__ \$100 __

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