



National Council of Jewish Women  
SE Atlantic Section

# Bulletin



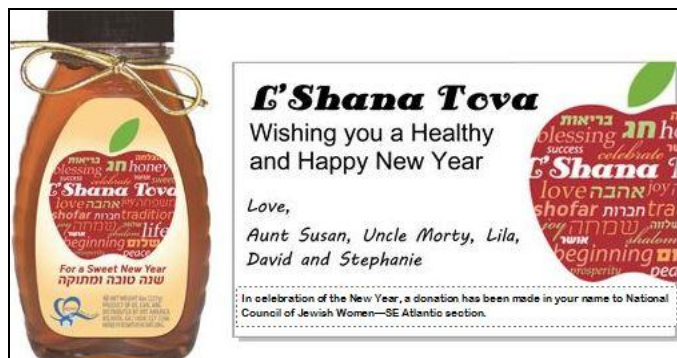
On June 5<sup>th</sup>, we held a virtual installation for our Board of Directors. It was beautifully presided over by Janet Solitt, a valuable long time member of our Section, who brought her inner Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Janet served as a board director and officer of the National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. from 2005 – 2017 and now holds the lifelong title of NCJW Honorary Vice President.

We send heartfelt thanks to everyone who has taken on a leadership role this past year and in the coming year as officers and members of the Board. We look forward to honoring these wonderful women in person in the future. Mazel Tov to all! Our world has changed drastically. I'm confident that our Board and our membership have the skills, stamina and commitment to meet our upcoming challenges. All of you are invited to step up with your ideas and enthusiasm. Don't be shy.

## MEET OUR NEW BOARD FOR 2020-2021

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*Send the Sweetest of all Rosh Hashanah greetings to your family, friends and business associates.*



**Our Honey Store is open. Order Honey for the Holidays!**  
**Save \$5.50 per gift jar for USA shipping until July 22\***

We will ship a personalized package, including a festive 8-ounce jar of Kosher clover honey, with a personalized gift card anywhere in the United States. The package will arrive in time for Rosh Hashanah. The cost is \$12 per jar (same as last year) including shipping.

Did you order last year? Look for an email from 'Honey From The Heart' with all your information to reorder.

**Ordering is quick and easy!**

**1. Order online using your credit card.**

*If you ordered last year, you can see your list online and edit it.*

**\*Order online by July 22nd @ \$12 per gift jar with free shipping**

Click to order online ---> [Order Honey Gifts Online](#)

**2. Prefer to order by mail?**

**\*Mail orders must be received by Penny Gelb by July 18th for free shipping**

Click to download the order form: [Order Honey by Mail](#)

(click OK to complete download)

(Don't worry, there is no virus)

If you mail the Honey Order Form, please make checks payable to NCJW-SEA Section or complete the credit card information on the form. Mail your order information to:

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**Questions?** email [ncjwhoney@comast.net](mailto:ncjwhoney@comast.net)

*Thanks for your support!*

## You Are Not Alone

### **We are 90,000 activists fighting for women, children, and families**

Our local section under the direction of our Advocacy team, has reached out by phone to over 900 families on our list of those who are interested in NCJW-SE Atlantic Section. We have answered many questions and received much positive feedback.

Our Board is working hard to figure out how to continue our community service and advocacy programs while socially distancing and staying safe. (Not to mention how to make appropriate changes to our own lives). Remember to register to vote by mail. Exercising your right to vote is vital in these challenging times. All the voter information is on page 10.

While our section is challenged to be dynamic while staying safe and socially distancing, we are continuing to be as proactive as we can. We also are sharing resources across our sections and with our National office.

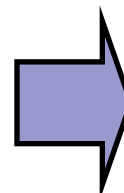
In the turmoil of these times, there are many avenues to supporting your beliefs. You have very strong, committed women working in our National office who have fabulous resources to share. Please read below for the opportunities to learn more about our pressing issues and how to take action. Sign up on [www.ncjw.org/action](http://www.ncjw.org/action) to receive alerts and stay up to date.

### **Rabbis for Reproductive Rights**

In the wake of the monumental *June Medical Services v. Russo* decision reaffirming our constitutional right to abortion access and obtaining this time-sensitive, essential health care, the National Council of Jewish Women is thrilled to launch our Rabbis for Repro pledge, asking rabbis and cantors to stand up for reproductive freedom. Please spread the word, and encourage your rabbis and cantors to sign! Here is a toolkit with sample emails, social media posts, and graphics for you to share your support for reproductive freedom.

Also, in case you missed it, [check out Sheila Katz's Facebook live about what the June Medical case](#) was about, why the outcome landed as it did, and what you can do right now.

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Visit Our Website- [www.NCJWSEATLANTIC.ORG](http://www.NCJWSEATLANTIC.ORG)

## Our Antiracist Work

After receiving a request from Black movement leaders for a letter of support from Jewish organizations, we were proud that more than 44 sections including SE Atlantic, and NCJW Inc. [signed on to this letter](#) joining 500+ Jewish organizations and synagogues to say that black lives matter! Thank you. This letter also raised some questions from NCJW leaders about how to respond to concerns about Black Lives Matter and BDS. [Please check out Sheila's email response to these questions](#) that was shared on the Executive Director, Section President, and State Policy Advocates listserv.

Additionally, we are working with NCJW's board on a plan of commitments around our work addressing systemic racism in response to this important [open letter](#) to Jewish organizations written by Black Jews and non-Black Jews of color (which was co-written by NCJW San Francisco board director Lindsey Newman!). Our first commitment will be providing the board, staff, and NCJW leadership antiracist trainings. We will update you soon when these are available.

[Click here for antiracist resources](#) and the Minnesota Section is offering weekly anti-racism “#Good Talks - Bringing the Racial Justice Conversation Home - For Good” on their [Facebook page](#) each Friday.

## National Board Installation

We were thrilled to share our board installation and Shabbat celebration with many of you to honor the incoming and outgoing NCJW Board of Directors. If you missed the celebration, [check out the recording](#). And if you haven't yet, enjoy the [2020 Recognition Book](#) featuring ads that celebrate and commemorate our current and future board members and other amazing NCJW leaders.

## Israel Update

We are keeping our eye on Israel and all of our phenomenal partners on the ground as the Israeli government moves closer to unilateral annexation of the West Bank this month. To learn more, watch the recording of the Israel Policy Forum event [“The Road Ahead: Leading Responsibly for Israel's Future”](#) featuring NCJW CEO Sheila Katz, Ambassador Susan Rice, ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt, and more. They discussed our concerns around the impact annexation will have on women, children and families as well as NCJW's strong commitment to ensuring a secure, Jewish, democratic Israel.

## NCJW SE Atlantic Section



## Membership

Our membership year is July 1—June 30. It's time to send in your annual dues of \$45 now. We need your support especially now. Please see the last bulletin page for how to renew or join our section. Click here to renew online: [www.ncjwseatlantic.org/join-us.html](http://www.ncjwseatlantic.org/join-us.html).

We are planning to have some virtual programs to keep everyone aware of our activities and of how they may become involved.

If there are any questions regarding membership, contact Marilyn Katz at [marilk5@aol.com](mailto:marilk5@aol.com) or Judy Finder at [judyfinder@yahoo.com](mailto:judyfinder@yahoo.com).

As many of you know, I am working on a cookbook. I'm including a recipe from the Greater Detroit Section cookbook, Fiddler in The Kitchen, published in 1982. This is always a favorite. It freezes well.

Marilyn Katz, Membership VP  
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### Banana Sour Cream Bread

2/3 cup butter or margarine, softened	2-3/4 cups sifted flour
1 1/3 cups sugar	1 teaspoon baking soda,
1 teaspoon baking powder	2 eggs
1 1/2 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups mashed bananas, (about 2-3)	1 cup chopped walnuts
Mini chocolate chips optional	

Preheat oven to **350** degrees. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add eggs and mashed bananas.

In a separate bowl, sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together.

Add the dry ingredients alternately with the sour cream to the banana mixture.

Stir in the walnuts and optional mini chocolate chips

Pour into two greased 9 x 5 x3- Inch loaf pans.

Bake 45-50 minutes. Let cool, then remove from pans .

Freezes well. Yield: 2 loaves.

*Note: Flavor improves If allowed to stand overnight.*

# Meet The Authors

Together with our sister sections (Palm Beach and Valencia Shores) we present 2 award-winning authors for your enjoyment using Zoom.

Sit Back—Relax— Grab a glass of your favorite beverage



*Wednesday, July 22nd at 4pm*, Tony Doris, is a 16 year veteran with the Palm Beach Post. Originally hired as an investigative reporter, he has spent the last few years as a West Palm Beach City reporter. If you've read about the convictions of four county commissioners, two West Palm Beach commissioners, Riviera Beach buying health insurance for a dead employee or a Palm Beach sex scandal involving the city manager; then you've read articles by Tony Doris. Prior to the Post, Tony spent 14 years with the Daily Business Review in Miami, where he covered business, law and real estate. Miami corruption provided the backdrop for his two novels, *Dirt* and *Floater*, about an alienated old columnist and his young daughter who signs on as an intern at his newspaper and ends up revealing all about the town's unseemly underpinnings.



*Wednesday, August 19th at 4pm*, Sheila Weller, a New York Times best-selling author discusses woman's lives, social issues and cultural history. Her books include: *The News Sorority* – Diane Sawyer, Katie Couric and Christine Amanpour and the triumph of woman in TV newsrooms. Other books include: *Girls Like Us* – Carole King, Joni Mitchell and Carley Simon and a journey of a generation. Her most recent book – *Carrie Fisher – A Life On The Edge*, abounds with Fisher's epic bon mots, juicy revelations about her lovers and the woman that made Princess Leia a feminist icon. Join us for an informative discussion about the women behind the Baby Boomers Generation and how they rose amongst others.

**REGISTRATION INFO:** Please register for your preferred sessions. After you complete your information, choose to pay by check or by PayPal. (You don't need a PayPal account.) If you are mailing a check, be sure to include your name, email address, phone number and which sessions you want to attend. All checks must be received by the deadline.

**\*\*Pre-registration required. No registrations beyond deadline.**

Deadline for July 22 session is July 13

Deadline to August 19 session is August 11

Click to register: <https://bit.ly/2authorsNCJW>



## Community Service in the Time of Pandemic

In this time of turmoil, uncertainty, and isolation reaching out to others, *tikkun olam* and community service are more important than ever. This incomprehensible pandemic has changed our lives and our world. The challenge is to expand our vision of community service and transform our traditional direct service projects. We need to find ways in which people can participate without leaving their homes. We must protect ourselves first and stay healthy in order to serve the community.

These thoughts have weighed on my mind since my recent installation as Vice President for Community Service for our SE Atlantic Section of NCJW. One of our most iconic and longest running service projects, Holiday on Wheels, so beautifully created and sustained by Helene Grantz, is no longer right now. The many members who participated in sharing holiday celebrations with residents of assisted living facilities over the years will not be able to do so in the same way. Our Section volunteers along with some Facility Activities Directors have been working with me to develop an alternative version of HOW. A zoom meeting with HOW group leaders is planned to flesh out our ideas and rebuild our program. Some ideas include:

- \* obtaining consent to phone residents, check in, and share holiday information and holiday memories
- \* providing personalized holiday greeting cards along with a small holiday gift
- \* offering activity directors a modified version of our holiday script
- \* creating a video Zoom recording of our HOW program for the facility

I'm sure there are more ideas to consider. I would greatly appreciate input from our members as to how we can make the Holiday on Wheels appropriate, meaningful, and manageable as we prepare ourselves and our community for a Rosh Hashanah unlike any other.

Please contact

*Suzy Isaacson*

Community Service VP

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Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

# KOINS FOR KIDS

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 which program(s) will be the beneficiaries of the funds. All of it will go exclusively to program(s) for children.

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, Koins for Kids

## Tributes Say You Care

### Contact Penny Gelb or Robin Yablonsky

Home: 561-865-5018

561-499-4557

Email: [pgelb@comcast.net](mailto:pgelb@comcast.net)

[proverbanker@yahoo.com](mailto:proverbanker@yahoo.com)

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

Small white tribute cards \$30 for 10 cards

Large blue tribute cards \$ 5 each; 6 for \$25



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

We sadly record the passing of Michael Feldman, husband of our long time friend, member and former board member Mindy Feldman.

If you have any life cycle events that you want shared with our members email the information to Laurie Tamber at [laurietamber.ncjw@gmail.com](mailto:laurietamber.ncjw@gmail.com)



## Update on Advocacy

This has been a very exciting month for the courts. The Supreme Court issued three rulings that were awaited with much trepidation. First, the court ruled that President Trump may not dismantle DACA, ruling on procedural grounds. Chief justice John Roberts wrote the majority opinion.

Second, the court ruled clearly to outlaw employment discrimination against LGBTQ people, upholding Title XII of the civil rights act of 1964 in a 6-3 decision.

And, most recently, the court struck down a Louisiana law requiring all doctors performing abortions to have admitting privileges at a local hospital. This case was almost identical to one in Texas that the court struck down as unconstitutional in 2016. It was a 5-4 decision and was the first such case after the addition of Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the court.

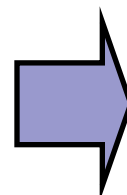
We must not get complacent and need to keep the pressure on our legislators to protect access to necessary health care, including reproductive care and abortions.

Last month Judge Hinkle ruled on the issue of convicted felons being able to vote. The state of Florida had failed to fulfill its obligation regarding SB 7066 enacted by the Florida legislature after the passage of amendment four. The judge ruled that court costs and fees amounted to a poll tax and were unconstitutional, especially since the state was unable to determine what legitimate restitution or fines were actually owed. There are over 100,000 returning citizens who have no financial obligations at all and can register right now. The focus by League of Women Voters with help from the ACLU of Florida is on contacting these people and helping them to register and enroll in Vote by Mail.

In addition to our successful phone banking campaign, our NCJW section has launched a new project, "Let's Both Vote!" We emailed an explanation of this effort with instructions to all members, asking them to contact the young people in their lives to encourage voter registration and Vote by Mail (VBM) enrollment. Please help to get these young people who are underrepresented in voting to become active voters! NCJW is also partnering with LWV in a postcard writing campaign to encourage VBM for Palm Beach County's young voters.

The US House has passed the HEROES act (Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Emergency Situations) and we need to contact our senators to tell them to do the same. We especially need money for safe and fair elections and need to continue to support families and true small businesses during this pandemic. Encourage your legislators to sign the women's health protection act to make sure women can access the care they need.

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## Update on Advocacy, Part 2

### Important voting dates for Palm Beach County

**August 18 primary** - register by July 20  
Early voting August 3 to August 16

**November 3 general election** - register by October 5  
Election day 7 AM to 7 PM  
Early voting October 19 to November 1

Vote By Mail ballots are due by 7 PM on Election Day  
Apply for vote by mail ballot until 10 days before an election

#### **REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL**— avoid long lines

*In Palm Beach County:*

- A) Go online to [pbcelections.org](http://pbcelections.org) or
- B) Call the Supervisor of Elections at 561-656-6200 or call the special Vote By Mail line at 561-656-6208, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM

*In Broward County:*

- A) Go online to [www.browardsoe.org](http://www.browardsoe.org)/or
- B) Call the Supervisor of Elections at 954-357-7055, Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM

#### **To contact your United States legislators:**

Senator Marco Rubio- 202-224-3041 [Rubio.senate.gov](http://Rubio.senate.gov)  
Senator Rick Scott- 202-224-5274 [rickscott.senate.gov](http://rickscott.senate.gov)  
Message line for both Senators: 866-233-2601

For US House of Representatives:

Lois Frankel- [Frankel.house.gov](http://Frankel.house.gov) 561-998-9045  
Ted Deutsch- [teddeutsch.house.gov](http://teddeutsch.house.gov) 561-470-5440

Stay well and safe!



## NCJW Book Club

We can't publish our book club meeting dates just yet and it looks like we will be meeting on Zoom at least for the time being. However I'd like you all to have the titles for the year. Each book we've chosen has a theme much in our minds these days, but are still great reads. You can get started with:

- 1) Only Child by Rhiannon Navin
- 2) American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins
- 3) The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes
- 4) Eleanor Oliphant is Perfectly Fine by Gail Honeyman
- 5) I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou



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. All meetings are at 10:00 AM.

*Lois Seinfeld*

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Dear SEA members, Shop On Line and Donate!

Good news! AmazonSmile is now available in the Amazon Shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones. You can use the copy below to share the news with your supporters.

*AmazonSmile customers can now support NCJW SE Atlantic Section in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.*

*Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device*

*Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'*

*Tap 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to complete the process*

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## Membership Information

Please return this form even if you are not sending any payments. We will include this information in our membership directory. Please include your email address and write clearly.

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

- ☐ I am a new annual member
- ☐ I am renewing my annual membership
- ☐ 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\_\_

Please mail your check payable to NCJW-SEA, with this form, to our Treasurer:

Susan Gamer, 4793 S. Citation Drive, # 105, Delray Beach, FL 33445 561-450-6512 [ysuzi@aol.com](mailto:ysuzi@aol.com)

My check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

Kindly indicate any recent changes to your information by marking it with an \*.

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