

NCJ  $\geq$ National Council of Jewish Women  
SE Atlantic Section

## Bulletin



**Thurs, March 8**  
**General Meeting**  
**Valencia Falls**  
**Dress For Success**  
**collection**

**March 23-25**  
**National Convention**  
**Atlanta, GA**

**Wed, April 19th**  
**Luncheon at Latitudes**  
**Installation**

**Wed, May 18th**  
**Volunteer Appreciation**  
**Invitation to volunteers**  
**by email**

## General Meeting - Mar 8th, 2017 10am

### From Sarah to Gloria: The Power of Jewish Women

Speaker **Cindy Schwartz** will take us on a journey through time.



Meet the matriarchs, women of the Rabbinic period, as well as the contemporary Jewish women who will lead us into the future.

Join us for coffee and  
conversation.  
All Welcome.



**WHERE:** Valencia Falls Social Hall

off Hagen Ranch Rd between Lake Ida Road and Flavor Pict Road

Please [RSVP online](#) (even if you live in Valencia Falls) so that we can plan for refreshments.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** At this meeting the March For The Hungry team is collecting nonperishable foods. Your donations benefit local college food pantries and the We Care food pantry at the Soreff JCC.



## Save This Date

Luncheon and Installation of Officers

Wed, April 19, 2017 11:30 am

Latitudes on the Ocean

Delray Sands Hotel

[Click for more information](#)



National Council of Jewish Women  
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**Installation & Luncheon**  
**April 19, 2017**  
**Latitudes Restaurant**  
**on the Ocean**  
**11:30 am**

***Delray Sands Hotel***

2809 S. Ocean Blvd

Highland Beach

***Couvert: \$55***

***Lavish Italian Buffet***

**Installing Officer Janet Solitt —**  
NCJW Honorary National Vice President



***Guest Speaker: Dr. Rose Feinberg***

Learn about Katherine Graham, a Pulitzer Prize winner who, despite an abusive marriage, became a woman who influenced history as editor of the Washington Post during Watergate and the Pentagon Papers events.

**RSVP on line at [www.tinyurl.com/NCJW-Apr19](http://www.tinyurl.com/NCJW-Apr19) or complete form**

*Please reply by April 14th*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Seat me with: \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by credit card on line (no PayPal account needed) *by April 14th, 2017* at  
[www.tinyurl.com/NCJW-Apr19](http://www.tinyurl.com/NCJW-Apr19) or mail a check payable to NCJW-SEA to

Ellie Mero, 22821 Windsor Wood Ct, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Email: forLe120@gmail.com phone: 561-716-0980

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ # meals @ \$55 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Parking note: Valet @ \$4/car payable to valet. Free self parking nearby

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***I can't attend but I am happy to support your programs. Here's a donation***  
***of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$72 \_\_\_\_\_ \$54 \_\_\_\_\_ \$36 \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ other***

## COMMUNITY SERVICES THANK YOU

This is a thank letter to NCJW-SE Atlantic section sent to Susan Baigelman, chair of the March For The Hungry Summer Food Boxes program. We packed and distributed over 600 food boxes. What we do matters!



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Dear Ms. Baigelman,

With so many people in our community struggling to make ends meet, your generous donation means more than you could ever imagine. Every day, our clients are making difficult choices about which basic necessity is most important. Some literally run out of money before all of the bills are paid.

Because of your thoughtfulness, we are able to provide hot meals and food boxes to people in need. More importantly, we are able to provide the support needed to help them get through a period of crisis, and eventually reach a level of stability.

Your in-kind donation of food is helping us to achieve our mission, and I can't begin to thank you enough. Somehow, those two words seem so inadequate when held up against the impact of your generosity. You are appreciated more than words can say.

Warm Regards,

Melanie Geddes, Ed.D.  
President/CEO

*Jewie the best Susan!*

## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

### January 21 Women's March in DC A Day of Action

A first hand account

The Women's March in Washington, DC was exhilarating and motivating. I started the day with the Florida delegation. Rep. Lois Frankel and Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz were there to spur us on. There were so many people on the streets, it was almost impossible to move or stay in a group. My companions and I walked and walked, and eventually made our way to the back of the White House, where the March officially ended. Along the way, we saw many clever outfits and signs, mostly handmade. The mood was upbeat and friendly. I talked to people from all over the country. Everyone wanted to share where they were from, how they got there, and why they came. There was a group of older women from a Unitarian church in Connecticut — all wearing "pussy hats" knitted by their congregation. There were women from Texas who flew to DC, but had friends who came by 38-hour bus. My childhood friend from New Jersey drove to Maryland in the morning, took the Metro to the March, and went home before I could find her in the crowd. There were people marching with babies in strollers, people in wheelchairs, people on crutches. It was empowering. Bravo to everyone who participated, in DC, in Florida, all over the country and across the world. NCJW supported the March and continues to advocate for its goals, including justice, women's rights and human rights. Please read NCJW Action Alerts and do what you can to turn a moment into momentum.

*Lillian Kaminer*, Reproductive Justice Chair      lilliankaminer@gmail.com

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NCJW has been at the forefront of social change for over 120 years. NCJW members are outspoken champions for progressive policies at the federal, state, and local levels. Over the years, NCJW's collective voice has changed the world for the better — improving the lives of women, children, and families in the US and Israel.

NCJW's history of social action is based in its powerful grassroots network — in local communities and online. Members all over the country courageously speak out when others are silent, taking a progressive stance on such issues as child welfare, women's rights, and reproductive freedom.

Learn about the myriad ways to get involved in NCJW's action efforts, including the NCJW Action Center — an action alert network that broadcasts breaking news, legislative information, and opportunities to speak out to decision-makers — and take advantage of advocacy resources that make it easy to make an impact.

Click to connect to NCJW's National's Action Center:  
[Stand up and speak out today.](#)

**Take**  
**Action**  
**Today**



## ADVOCACY IN ACTION

: January 21 Women's March in DC A Day of Action



Lillian and Debbie Wassermann Schultz



Lillian with Rep. Lois Frankel

## GUN SAFETY

First, Happy 2017 to all. I hope that the new year will bring the same success we had last year in stopping the nefarious gun bills presented to the Florida Legislature. Unfortunately, I doubt it. Our main supporter, Senator De la Portia, is no longer in office, and Senator Greg Steube, an NRA supporter has taken his place.

On January 10 the Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Greg Steube will take up measure **SB140**. This is an omnibus bill that would allow concealed-weapon holders to carry handguns in public and would allow them to be armed on campuses. They would also be allowed to carry guns at airports, passenger terminals, in elementary schools, at legislative sessions and local government meetings. In other words, campus carry, open carry, and everywhere carry.

Also on the agenda is **SB128** that would shift the burden of proof in stand your ground cases to the prosecutor and would make Stand your Ground a gold-plated get-out-of-jail card. In other words, 2017 will be the year of the gun in Florida.

On the positive side, the League of Women Voters and our NCJW gun safety group are planning a panel discussion to be held in March at Lynn University under the auspices of Dr. Robert Watson. We do not yet know the exact date. We are lining up panelists to discuss the topic of guns on campus. When the final plans are made, we will inform you by email.

What can we do? Very few Floridians are informed about what is happening in the legislature, and our job is to educate them. Please share our information when you can. Also, write letters to the editors of the local papers. Our local representatives and senators are against the gun bills, so visiting or contacting them would not be productive, other than to let them know you appreciate their support.

Let's stay positive even though we have an uphill battle.

*Rosalie Almborg*, Gun Safety Chair [roasted@bellsouth.net](mailto:roasted@bellsouth.net)

*For more information about all of our advocacy programs please contact Arlene Davidson , VP of Advocacy at 561-865-9628 [amdavidson01@gmail.com](mailto:amdavidson01@gmail.com)*



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## NCJW NATIONAL'S PRESS RELEASE ON NEIL GORSUCH

NCJW Alarmed at Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to Supreme Court  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **NCJW Alarmed at Nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to Supreme Court**

January 31, 2017, Washington, DC – The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) today announced its strong opposition to the nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to fill the vacancy on the US Supreme Court. NCJW CEO Nancy K. Kaufman released the following statement:

"As an organization that has fought for equal rights for all since 1893, NCJW is deeply alarmed by Judge Gorsuch's nomination to the US Supreme Court by President Trump. Judge Gorsuch has repeatedly denounced women's reproductive and religious freedoms, voting to uphold the right of employers to refuse to pay for health insurance that covers all forms of contraception. He also argued in favor of allowing organizations to deny contraceptive coverage without even filing a waiver for a religious exemption. The group argued that the mere act of filing the waiver was a violation of their religious freedom, and Judge Gorsuch agreed, thereby giving groups the right to deny contraceptive coverage under federal health plans without even stating a reason.

"Judge Gorsuch is an opponent of class action lawsuits that are a critical tool to fight employment discrimination. He has a constricted view of allowing agencies to issue rules and regulations that promote progressive government policies on behalf of women, people of color, consumers, and workers. He harshly condemns those who have turned to the courts to advance LGBT equality and enforce church-state separation in the context of school, claiming such legal strategies use the courts inappropriately to debate public policy.

"NCJW believes that only those women and men committed to upholding constitutional rights and fundamental freedoms should be confirmed to lifetime seats on the federal bench. Unfortunately, Judge Gorsuch, through his court opinions and essays, has made clear that he has no respect for the constitutional principles that have supported the progress made by women and minorities throughout our country's history.

"NCJW urges the Senate to undertake a thorough, independent review of Judge Gorsuch's record and its complete lack of respect for mainstream constitutional values. NCJW will continue to fight for religious freedom, reproductive freedom, and equal rights, as well as our most precious democratic values. We urge the Senate to ultimately reject the disturbing nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the Supreme Court."

[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. More information on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter at @NCJW](#).

### **Related Content:** [Supreme Court](#)



## ADVOCACY NEEDS YOU

**Help Stop the Gorsuch confirmation. Make a phone call.**

**Call Today, call BOTH of your senators to tell them that Judge Gorsuch must not be confirmed!** Call your senators directly or connect through US Capitol Switchboard by calling (202) 224-3121. (If no one answers, be sure to leave a polite voicemail!)

[Nelson, Bill](#) - (D - FL)

716 Hart Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-5274

Contact: [www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact-bill](http://www.billnelson.senate.gov/contact-bill)

[Rubio, Marco](#) - (R - FL)

284 Russell Senate Office Building Washington DC 20510 (202) 224-3041

Contact: [www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact](http://www.rubio.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact)

After introducing yourself as a constituent, use this sample script for your remarks:

*I urge Senator [NAME] to oppose the nomination of Judge Gorsuch to the US Supreme Court. Judge Gorsuch's record on the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals shows that he is not mainstream and would not protect women, workers, or the environment. Gorsuch sides with the wealthy and powerful over everyone else. The Supreme Court exists to protect the constitutional rights of all Americans. Gorsuch has proven that he would do the opposite. Thank you.*

**These phone calls are critical in our fight to safeguard our individual rights and freedoms.** Thank you for helping to #StopGorsuch!

## ADVOCACY—A S T

### ANTI SEX TRAFFICKING PRESENTATION

On Thursday, January 26, 2017, our NCJW SEA Anti Sex Trafficking Speakers Bureau made a presentation to our own membership.

Committee members: Elaine Abrams, Arlene Davidson, Richard Davidson, Rosalie Alborg, Cathy Einhorn, Sheila Herman, Susan Kanoff, and Barbara Silman have participated in different ways to make our Speakers Bureau effective.

Our Power Point Presentation was followed by a good question and answer period where we gathered new outreach ideas from our membership. Members were shocked to learn about the incidents of American children being trafficked in our own communities.

We are always looking for venues to speak so please keep us in mind for leads. We want to branch out beyond our Jewish Community.

*Elaine Abrams*, Chair –Anti Sex Trafficking [EA43@aol.com](mailto:EA43@aol.com)





National Council of Jewish Women  
Palm Beach Section



*presents*



## **WHY COURTS MATTER: YOU BE THE JUDGE!**

**An interactive experience**

**“You be the Judge” is a dynamic workshop on the federal court system. This program makes courts accessible and shows just how important it is to have a fair, diverse and independent judiciary.**

**Tuesday, February 21, 2017 1:30-4:00 p.m.**

**Compass Community Center**  
201 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth FL 33460

No charge – but you **must R.S.V.P** to [nancyecohen1@icloud.com](mailto:nancyecohen1@icloud.com)

**RSVP today — limited seating available**

Caroline Ostro from NCJW's Washington, DC office will be at the event. If you would like to join Caroline and others for dinner, contact Arlene Davidson at 561-865- 9628 or [amdavidson01@gmail.com](mailto:amdavidson01@gmail.com).

## FUTURE LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

*Come Join the Committee! Review applications on Sunday, April 2nd at 10:00am in North-west Coral Springs, FL.*

For the 11th year, the SEA section will identify young women in Broward and South Palm Beach Counties (Boynton Beach and south) who have the potential to become Jewish leaders of tomorrow. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one young woman who embodies the pioneering spirit of NCJW. The award may be used for tuition or related expenses for higher education (including college, vocational or trade school), travel for Jewish leadership training, or travel to an NCJW national event. The application packet was mailed to public and Jewish schools in Broward and South Palm Beach counties last month and the deadline for submission is February 28.

If you would like to read essays and help select the winner on April 2, please email [janetsol@aol.com](mailto:janetsol@aol.com) or call Janet at 954-857-3954. The address will be emailed to you.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS



*We warmly welcome our latest members.  
Thanks for your commitment, time and generosity.*

Ellyn Broden	Elaine Challis
Patricia Cohen	Mindy Ingram
Diane Marks	Judith Seder

## BOOK CLUB NEWS



The fun continues! Our next book club meeting is  
**Thursday, February 16 at 10:00 AM** in Boynton Beach.

The book for our discussion is *After You* by Jojo Moyes.  
Contact Lois Seinfeld for details at 561-742-4950  
or [loisseinfe@aol.com](mailto:loisseinfe@aol.com)

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Visit our website! [ncjwseatlantic.org](http://ncjwseatlantic.org)  
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## ADVOCACY IN ACTION— BE INVOLVED

Special thanks to Elaine Abrams and her Anti-Sex Trafficking Speaker's committee: Rosalie Almborg, Julie Fields-Marx, Richard Davidson and Susan Kanoff, for their outstanding presentation at our General Meeting at Valencia Falls on January 26th. This helped so many of our members understand the need for our group and consider working with us.

Jewish women speak up – and we need your voice to add to the many Americans who also believe that each of us deserves to make our own decisions about our health and our future. Representatives Barbara Lee (D-CA) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) reintroduced the **Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) Act** this week, along with more than 100 other members of Congress. **The EACH Woman Act would ensure every woman, regardless of her income, insurance, or zip code, has coverage for all pregnancy-related care – including abortion.**

[The Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence](#) strongly opposes proposed gun legislation filed by state Sen. **Greg Steube**, R-Sarasota. The sheer breadth of his call to allow citizens to arm themselves in public, including at schools and airports, would extend legal gun carry opportunities to unprecedented levels in the state of Florida.

Steube's latest six proposed bills break down this way:

- SB 644 and SB 646 in effect would allow the open carry of handguns in public places.
- SB 622, SB 626 and SB 618 would require colleges and public officials to allow guns on campus and at some public meetings, while also allowing guns in airports.
- SB 610 would open up private businesses that prohibit concealed handguns on their private property to lawsuits.

**Call Senator Steube to tell him you are opposed to his bills. (850) 487-5023**

### **And, remember:**

We Work as Allies: NCJW works in solidarity with those most impacted by reproductive injustice — including women of color, women with low incomes, LGBTQ individuals, immigrant women, young women, and women with disabilities — to achieve human rights for all.

**We Organize:** With over 90,000 members and supporters across the country spanning over 65 sections, NCJW advocates use community organizing strategies to mobilize locally, statewide, and nationally to strengthen our communities and keep our lawmakers accountable.

**We Raise Awareness:** From educating ourselves about the reproductive justice framework to raising awareness in our communities about pressing reproductive justice issues, NCJW believes that social change begins with a change in consciousness.

**We Advocate:** NCJW works to promote local, state, and federal policy that advances reproductive justice, with a focus on abortion access, contraception access and information, and health equity. NCJW also raises awareness about how the courts impact a range of reproductive justice issues.

*Arlene Davidson*, VP Advocacy    amdavidson01@gmail.com

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

HOW CHANUKAH 25 KISLEV 5777 (2016)

What an appropriate name for this project! HOW doesn't just mean Holiday on Wheels. It's a question: HOW do we do it? How do we bring the brightening of a day to between 125-150 assisted living facility residents with stories, songs, reminiscences, traditions, and just the energy and smiles from strangers who care? This is "how".

We do it with the help of the caring, talented, dedicated women of NCJW. We visited 7 facilities: The Atrium, Avante and Sonata in Boca, Phoenix and Manor Care in Delray, Boynton Health and Brookdale Boynton in Boynton. We had the remarkable and resilient **Roberta Katz** leading at Manor care and Boynton Health carrying her keyboard (amazing). I discovered **Shelly Block** at the Atrium is quite the pianist. **Shelly Gross** at Sonata was her usual knowledgeable energetic self. I had a wonderful time at Boynton Brookdale. **Anita Todras** did her usual fabulous job at Phoenix and **Arlene Davidson** with the able assistance of **Shirley Kaiden**, saved the day at Avante. What a team!!!

If you want to know who exemplifies the NCJW spirit of leadership and commitment it's **Judy Giller**. Judy volunteered to lead at Avante even after her husband went into the hospital. She was dedicated to fulfilling what she felt was her responsibility right up to the day of his discharge which was the day of her presentation. It's humbling to know there are people out there like Judy and they're ours!

It's almost that time again; the time for sharing the joys, memories, foods and prayers of another holiday with our "landsman" in assisted living facilities in our area. Please keep a lookout for our request for volunteers at Atrium, Avante, and Sonata in Boca, Manor Care and Phoenix in Delray, Boynton Health and Brookdale in Boynton. We will present our programs for Pesach between March 26th and April 7th. Pesach begins the evening of April 10th.

Eva Korentayer has graciously volunteered to help set up the dates and times so if you hear from her, please respond. We have been so very well received at all the facilities. Those of us who have lead or participated know the joy we bring and the joy we receive by being part of this wonderful program of outreach.

Thank you to all those who have been involved before. I hope you will be joining us again and bringing friends. My thanks and admiration go out to all our volunteers:

Rika Amonsens	Ellen Hahn	Ursula Reiner
Janet Chaiken	Phyllis Klotz	Faye Rosen
Ellen Davis	Eva Korentayer	Lenore Seltzer
Rose Feinberg	Nancy Lynn Winokur	Cynthia Shulman
Cecily Feldman	Judi Miller	Faith Spitz
Krysia Finkel	Suzi Pessin	Laurie Tamber
Arlyne Gelman	Tobi Raff	Rita Wachs
Lenore Haber		Gisele Weiss

Helene Grantz [hgrantz@bellsouth.net](mailto:hgrantz@bellsouth.net)



## 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. Keep your own supply on hand.



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Share your life cycle events with our membership by emailing your information to Glenda Gordon at [glendashopper46@gmail.com](mailto:glendashopper46@gmail.com)

Sincere Condolences to:

Nanci Kersch, an active member of our March For The Hungry group, on the passing of her husband, Allan Kersch.

Laura Yellin, an active member of our Anti Sex Trafficking Group, on the passing of her husband Mark Yellin, a well known attorney.

Geri Young, the Vice-President of Programming, on the passing of her husband, David.

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

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**Wednesday, May 17, 2017** Volunteer Appreciation Tea  
 Home of Laurie Tamber Volunteer Recognition 3pm-5pm

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