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Gun Violence: A Call to Action

Did you know:

- ♦ There were more mass shootings in America in 2019 than there were days in the year.
- ♦ Every day, **100 Americans are killed with guns** and hundreds more are injured.
- ♦ The U.S. gun homicide rate is 25 times that of other high income countries
- ♦ Nearly two-thirds of gun deaths are suicides.

Are you alarmed?

Do you want to know how to effectively address this scourge?

Come to our February program to hear noted criminologist, author and speaker Tom Gabor, Ph.D. address these issues.

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2020 10:00 am

Place: Valencia Falls Social Hall

Valencia Falls is on Hagen Ranch Road between Lake Ida and Flavor Pict Roads

There is no cost for this program but you must RSVP for gate access and so we may plan for refreshments.

RSVP online at: <http://bit.ly/NCJW-FEB1320>

Questions? Contact Janet Chaikin at jgc1954@gmail.com



Thomas Gabor was a Professor of Criminology at the University of Ottawa, Canada from 1981-2011. He holds a doctorate from Ohio State

Advocacy

We are gearing up for our lobby days in Tallahassee on February 3-5 and have been busy scheduling appointments and researching the myriad of bills proposed and the legislators we hope to visit. There are many bills in various stages of progression that are critical to the health and safety of women, children, and families including those addressing reproductive rights, gun violence, education and civil rights.

A severely restrictive bill requiring notarized parental consent for abortion has passed all the committees and will be heard on the senate floor on February 4. The Florida Supreme Court will also hear the defense of the language of the BAWN (ban assault weapons now) petition on February 4 and we hope to be there to show our support. Bills prohibiting the sale of high capacity weapons, requiring a licensed dealer for all transfers of firearms, and prohibiting the sale of guns to persons convicted of domestic violence have all been introduced. Other bills address Holocaust and human trafficking education in the schools, marriage equality, equal rights for men and women and housing for incarcerated women, just to name a few.

On January 22 we observed the 47th anniversary of Roe v Wade, guaranteeing safe and legal abortion but assaults on reproductive freedom have made it more difficult to exercise this right in America. It should be an exciting few days in Tallahassee.

NCJW's Protect the Vote, Promote the Vote (PTV) campaign will be a major focus in this election year. We are fortunate to have Laura Elias as our section's PTV Captain and we hope to involve many members in our voting education and promotion activities. We will have a training for phone banking soon (date TBD) and ask that you contact Laura Elias at laura7@verizon.net or Janet Chaikin at jgc1954@gmail.com so we can include you.

Our advocacy program on gun violence featuring noted criminologist and author Tom Gabor on February 13 promises to be a stimulating interactive and educational experience with tools to help you raise awareness and effect change to keep our families safe. There is no charge but please make sure to register for gate access and to help us plan for refreshments.

Our next advocacy committee is on February 21 at 10 am at the Hagen Ranch Road library in the small conference room. Please join us.

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The Caribbean and the American Presidency

Presented by Dana Spratt

Thursday, March 19, 2020, 10:00 am

South County Civic Center

**SCCC is at 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach
The building is South of Linton, North of Clint Moore,
and across from Morikami Park**

Light refreshments will be served

This program is open to all at no charge, but you must register

Register online here: <http://bit.ly/NCJW-MAR19>

From George Washington to Donald Trump, a look at the American Presidents and how the Caribbean influenced their presidencies. The Caribbean is often thought of as America's backyard, frontier, or playground. Highlights include little known fun facts and one-of-a-kind Presidential images, historic images, quotes and little-known history that sheds light on the issues of today. Haiti, Cuba, the USVI, Grenada and the Bahamas are among some destinations discussed and the topics covered include Stay Out of My Sandbox - Even its Not Mine, Red is Not Your Color which details the spread of communism in the region and Let's Share Our Sins and Corrupt our Neighbors - which includes slavery, prohibition, the mob and gambling.

Questions? Contact Marcia London at: mlondon3@yahoo.com, or 561-998-8676

NCJW Book Club

The 2019-20 season of the NCJW book club has been provocative and entertaining, with six diverse and thought-provoking books that everyone is talking about. Come join the conversation! For those of you already in the book club, please volunteer to be a host/leader by calling or emailing me. Thank you!

Lois Seinfeld

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All meetings are at 10:00 am

	DATE	BOOK	LEADER
5	February 20, 2020	Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover	Barbara Rothman
6	March 12, 2020	An American Marriage. Tayari Jones	

Membership

Our membership continues to grow! We sincerely thank Ellen Lynette for her generosity and assistance with a wonderful event at Delaire. Many thanks also to Roz Alster who held a Meet & Greet at her home. Thanks to both of you for your wonderful enthusiasm and your contributions to our NCJW section.

To our new members: a big welcome and if we can assist in any way please contact us. If you have not attended a Meet & Greet, please contact Judy Finder at judyfinder@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and programs.



Finally, we would like to have a Meet & Greet at the end of February and would appreciate a volunteer to hostess it in her home.

If there are any further questions regarding membership contact Marilyn Katz.

Marilyn Katz, Membership Vice President

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Why Roe v. Wade is a First Amendment fight

By **Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO**

January 22, 2020

Today is the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. We should be celebrating this landmark ruling. Instead, we're fighting to uphold it. For American Jews, this is a fight for reproductive freedom AND religious freedom. See below for my most recent op-Ed published in Religion News Service on why Roe v. Wade is a First Amendment fight. I would love to hear your thoughts.

During the wave of state abortion bans passed this spring, elected officials around the United States routinely invoked God and religion to justify stripping individuals of the constitutional right to make decisions about our own bodies. When Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signed the most restrictive anti-abortion measure in the country, [she described it as a](#) "powerful testament" to the belief that "every life is a sacred gift from God." When Florida Rep. Walter Bryan "Mike" Hill sponsored a similar bill in his state, [he said](#) it was sent to him by God. Yet if I were seeking an abortion right now, my rabbi would tell me that according to Jewish law, life does not begin at conception, that a fetus is not considered an individual with its own rights and that abortion care is actually health care. For Jews who can become pregnant, reproductive freedoms are our religious freedoms, guaranteed in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

For the past 47 years, since Roe v. Wade was decided by the Supreme Court, these freedoms have been protected. As we commemorate Roe's anniversary today, they now hang in balance.

Just this month, more than 200 (overwhelmingly male and Republican) members of Congress [petitioned the Supreme Court](#) to overturn Roe v. Wade when it decides June Medical Services v. Gee, a case concerning [a restrictive Louisiana law](#) that the court will consider this spring. The legislators described Roe as a "radically unsettled precedent" that is "unworkable." A few days later, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts [declared](#) Jan. 22, Roe's anniversary, a statewide day of prayer "to end abortion."

For Jews, abortion isn't only a workable choice; it is a choice guided by our religion. We rarely hear elected officials cite the Torah in debates over reproductive freedom. The Jewish community is generally not included in this conversation at all. If we were, we'd share the story from the Book of Exodus that recounts a fight between two men that injured a pregnant woman, leading to her miscarriage. The verses in Exodus indicate that the offender is not liable for murder, but instead pays only damages for injury. This passage led the rabbinic sages who shaped our tradition to conclude that the fetus is not, in fact, a person.

According to Jewish law, abortion is not only permitted; it is required if a pregnancy endangers the life or health of the pregnant individual. Many rabbis and Jewish feminists agree that this applies to psychological health as well as physical health. No one should be forced to carry a fetus to term if she does not feel physically or emotionally ready.

So when a small and loud group of the religious Christian right claims abortion as a religious freedom issue, we ask: Whose religious freedom are we talking about?

Judaism isn't the only religion to permit abortion. In an [amicus brief](#) to June Medical Services v. Gee submitted to the Supreme Court by the [National Council of Jewish Women](#), a broad range of religious organizations argued that they believe that a woman has the moral right to make her own decisions about her pregnancy in accordance with her faith and conscience. They included Catholics for Choice, Presbyterians Affirming Reproductive Options and Muslims for Progressive Values.

In the years before Roe, clergy members played a critical role in helping women access reproductive health care. In 1967, a group of rabbis and Protestant ministers in New York City created the [Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion](#). It rapidly grew into a national underground network of faith leaders who counseled and referred people to licensed doctors for safe abortions. By some estimates, they helped between 250,000 and 1 million women across the country, insisting on compassion, justice and dignity for all.

We understand that those who restrict access to abortion often cite religious beliefs as their motivation. We know that the U.S. Constitution supports freedom of religion and demands that no one impose a single religious viewpoint on all. But religious liberty, according to Jewish tradition, honors individuals' rights to both freedom *of* and freedom *from* religion. It is a protective shield, not a weapon used to harm others.

We should be celebrating the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. We should not have to be fighting to uphold it. But people of faith are ready for the fight. And I pray we'll win it.

#MeToo

A Moment in Time or a Cultural Shift?

SE ATLANTIC and PALM BEACH SECTIONS

invite you to participate in a day of thought-provoking learning as we explore the ramifications of the #MeToo Movement from its inception to the present day

March 12, 2020

TIME: Doors open at 9:30- Program begins promptly at 10 AM
Symposium runs 10 AM – 3 PM

COST: \$36 (includes lunch)

WHERE: Temple Shaarei Shalom, Hagen Ranch Rd., Boynton Beach

Our program includes guest speakers who will be drawing from a rich and diverse background of experiences

[CTL] + Click to [Register Online](#)

OR Please make checks payable to: NCJW Palm Beach and mail to:

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Any questions? Contact Helene Askinazi 561-252-5820 or haskinazi@aol.com



Sheila Katz is the CEO of National Council of Jewish Women Inc. and a strong



Deborah Shlian is a physician, healthcare consultant, and author of numerous non-fiction articles and books. Her newest, "Silent Survivor," deals with the very contemporary issue of sexual assault in the military, a pillar of the

When Jillian was 18 years old, she was raped in her college dorm room. Twelve years later, Second Assault follows her on the journey to confront this incident and, in particular, her anger toward the police officer who deemed the assault consensual. This film explores the trauma of reporting sexual violence and the "second assault" that survivors often experience when



Jewish Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

The annual meeting of the NCJW Jewish Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship Committee will be on **Sunday, March 8, 2020**. We meet to select a deserving high school senior from Broward and/or Palm Beach County who has submitted an application with an essay expressing the qualities of a future Jewish leader and how they meet those criteria.

If you would like to join us for this rewarding morning, either as a returning committee member, or for the first time, please contact Ellen Hahn, committee chair at ellenberk@hotmail.com or phone 201-294-7379.

I will provide you with the address of where we are meeting and answer any other questions.

Thanks, *Ellen*

Trafficking Outreach News (Project Hope)

Hello All,

We had a fabulous turn-out for this month's chapstick outreach! The Delray teams had 2 tips regarding missing kids, which is awesome! We had a total of 5 tips among the three groups (West Palm, Boynton and Boca) that day!

The next outreach will be on February 8th at 1:15 pm. We will meet, as usual, at the Wyndham Hotel on Glades Road in Boca. If you would like to join us, training will be on Tuesday night, 5th of February at The Place of Hope in Boca. If interested, please contact me.

Thanks so much!

Arlene Davidson

Co-President

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NCJW Brings You...

Books that Drove the Censors Crazy



**Presented by the Ever-Fascinating
Dr. Margery Marcus**



Monday, April 20, 2020, 10:00 am

South County Civic Center

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Light refreshments will be served

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Books have the power to delight and educate, but they can also fire up community outrage, and political and societal anger. The tradition of book banning...and even burning... in America continues up until today, threatening our right to choose what we read. Decades ago, the Pulitzer Prize winning novel *The Grapes of Wrath* was burned. The 1950's saw an epidemic of comic book burning, while Harry Potter fans were horrified to read several years ago about that series going up in flames. The *Bible*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Beloved* have all made banned books lists, as have childhood favorites like the *Captain Underpants* series. Join Dr. Margery Marcus for a lively lecture examining the history of banned books in America from the Puritans through today. The presentation ends with a Top Ten countdown of the most banned books in our history. You may well be surprised by the titles!

Questions? Contact Marcia London at: mlondon3@yahoo.com, or 561-998-8676

KOINS FOR KIDS

The Koins for Kids fund raising program was launched with tremendous success in September 2019. We will collect change throughout the year and next summer will decide which program(s) we will distribute the money to. All the money collected will go exclusively to programs for children that our Section supports. So continue saving your change and donate it to Koins for Kids. Coins will be collected at designated events throughout the year; please check the monthly Bulletin for dates.

The next collection will take place at the monthly meeting on February 13, 2020 at Valencia Falls.

Look for the sign Koins for Kids where there will be bins for you to deposit your coins. No amount is too small -- all coins are welcome and will contribute to the success of this program. If you haven't received a container specially created to collect your coins in, please be sure to stop by the Koins for Kids table for one.

More from Chanukah's Holiday on Wheels



Shown in no particular order:

Carole Smilack, Carole Valera, Susan Kanoff, Barbara Kirschner, Ellie Mero, Helene Grantz, Gail Weinbrum, Nancy Pugliese, Arlene Davidson

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.

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

Davidson family news: Granddaughter Leah got engaged on New Year's Eve, with a planned wedding for next New Year's Eve. Grandson Adam got engaged in Italy three weeks later. Stay tuned...



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



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Jot down these dates and be sure to join us for interesting and informative get togethers. All dates, times and places are subject to change. Please check your email for updates.

Wednesday	February 5, 2020	Chai Fidelity	Delray Beach Playhouse
Thursday	February 13, 2020	Gun Safety Program	Valencia Falls
Thursday	February 20, 2020	Book Club	See Page 5
Thursday	March 12, 2020	Book Club	See page 5
Thursday	March 19, 2020	Program Meeting- The Caribbean and the American presidency	Dana Sprott presenting South County Civic Ctr
Monday	April 20, 2020	Books that Drove the Censors Crazy	Margery Marcus at South County Civic Ctr
Thursday	May 21, 2020	Volunteer Appreciation	TBD
Wednesday	June 3, 2020	Installation/ Program Meeting	TBD

Membership is looking for a volunteer hostess for a Meet and Greet for prospective members at the end of February. For more details please contact Judy Finder at judyfinder@yahoo.com



NCJW SE Atlantic Section





Membership Information

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SE Atlantic Section

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:

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