



National Council of Jewish Women
SE Atlantic Section

Bulletin



As we end another successful SE Atlantic year, we think back to all our accomplishments:

- * Supplied additional Kids Community Closets
- * Presented many Holiday on Wheels programs (before Covid)
- * Enjoyed the largest attendance ever at our fund raising luncheon
- * Added myriad number of new members, due to successful Meet and Greets
- * Spearheaded many advocacy meetings keeping our members up-to-date on current concerns
- * Staffed monthly hotel outreach programs, searching for missing and exploited kids
- * Enjoyed many involvement programs
- * Called our entire membership to keep in touch during the pandemic.

And now we look forward to 2020-2021 (hopefully Covid-free), with a wonderful new team at the helm it should be an exciting, productive year. I for one, can't wait until it begins.

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NCJWebinar

Dear Members,

Did you know that NCJW National has been running a series of webinars of topics of vital interest to our members? They are open to all, and it's a snap to register! Read on for information about our next webinar opportunity:

Grab your beverage or snack of choice and join National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) advocates and allies from around the country for **NCJWebinar**, an online series to educate, inspire, and build a virtual sisterhood. All are welcome.

The Intersection of Firearms & Domestic Violence in the Time of COVID-19

Tuesday, June 2 at 4:30 pm ET

Speakers: *Congresswoman Robin Kelly (D-IL); NCJW CEO Sheila Katz, and NCJW Chicago South Shore Section President Sharon Johnson.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has left many of us in difficult situations, but domestic and sexual violence survivors are particularly vulnerable at this time. With gun stores, gun makers, and shooting ranges deemed essential businesses during the pandemic, sales of firearms and ammunition are at an all-time high. Loopholes in our laws do little to protect survivors and the current strain on our federal background checks system is magnified. Learn about the dangerous intersection between domestic and sexual violence and guns, and what you can do to help those at risk right now.

Registration is easy! Just go to:

<https://www.NCJW.org/NCJWebinars/>

Fill out the form on the page to register. If the time isn't convenient, register to have access to the recording.

Visit Our Website- www.NCJWSEATLANTIC.ORG

Vote By Mail Info

WEBINAR RECAP: COVID-19 & Expanding Mail-in Ballots in November

This is a summary of the April 23 webinar "COVID-19 & Expanding Mail-In Ballots in November." Even if you did not attend the webinar, the materials are available to all. We urge our members to learn the key issues and get involved.

Special thanks to Amber McReynolds from the Vote at Home Institute, Washington Secretary of State Kim Wyman and Ben Hovland from the Elections Assistance Commission for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

WEBINAR MATERIALS:

Please feel free to download the [PowerPoint](#) and [watch the webinar](#) on Nonprofit VOTE's [YouTube channel](#).

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

We reached capacity during the webinar so some questions went unanswered live. [Here's where we address all those unanswered questions](#).

Voting by mail is a safe and secure way to hold elections. Watch the [Vote at Home Institute's 2 minute video](#) on how it works.

Any questions, please contact Program Director, Caitlin Donnelly at caitlin@nonprofitvote.org



Community Service

Dear NCJWSEA Members,

As this is my last bulletin article and our many community service projects are in a holding pattern, I will just take this opportunity to welcome my successor, the incredibly competent and talented Susan Isaacson and thank my Magnificent Mitzvah Mama Corps without whom our wonderful projects would never have succeeded in bringing Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah to 6 local residential facilities from Boca to Boynton, eye screening to 250 preschoolers and much needed clothing to 4 elementary schools through our Kid's Community Closets.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you all! Ya'Sherkoach.

From Strength to Strength! Good Health!

Helene Grantz

VP of Community Service

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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

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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

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. 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. All meetings are at 10:00 AM.

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Update on Advocacy

Although we are all severely restricted in our movements, NCJW has provided an abundance of educational webinars and tools for remote advocacy. On May 20, there was a successful digital lobby day with representation from all over the country. We wrote emails and called our senators, representatives and governor to let them know that we need the funding for safe elections with unfettered access including expanded vote-by-mail, voter education and early voting. A group of about 14 women from Florida had a digital lobby visit with Tom Boodry, Senator Rubio's legislative aide. While not the same as an in person visit, it was worthwhile and something we could easily do with our state representatives to maintain contact.

Legislative update: Judge Hinkle has ruled AGAIN that SB7066, passed by the FL Senate, which would gut Amendment 4, is unconstitutional and essentially an illegal poll tax. He ruled that it is the responsibility of the state, not the citizen, to determine any monies owed. The state has not set up a system to do this. Amendment 4 enables citizens who have completed their sentence and parole (excluding murder and felony sex crimes) to regain their right to vote. It passed in 2018 with over 65% of the vote. The governor has lost this case numerous times but has 30 days to appeal AGAIN, creating more confusion and barriers to registration. Right now all felons who have completed these requirements can register to vote. The case goes to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals and then, potentially, to the Supreme Court.

The forced parental consent bill (SB404) mandating that Florida minors have a notarized parental consent before getting an abortion goes into effect on July 1. There is still the arduous process of judicial bypass to circumvent this requirement but it is difficult, and especially hard with such a time sensitive issue.

Please continue to contact your Governor, US senators and representatives to let them know how important financial stimulus packages are to working people and TRUE small businesses and to let them know which issues are important to you. It is helpful to identify yourself as a person of faith in your communication. As always, NCJW has many letters you can just sign and forward, but it helps to include even a short personal comment.



Update on Advocacy, Part 2

Gov DeSantis 850-717-9337

Senator Rubio 202-224-3041 rubio.senate.gov

Senator Scott 202-224-5274 rick scott.senate.gov

For U.S. Rep info: congress.gov

For Florida: myfloridahouse.gov

flsenate.gov

Hopefully, we will schedule an advocacy zoom meeting soon.

Wishing you all good health.

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Advocacy VP

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Hello, Neighbor!

Our SE Atlantic Section is proud to start participating in our newly launched telephone campaign, *Hello, Neighbor*. As of this writing, our phone calls to a very large list of past and present section members, including many life members and members from now defunct sections, is progressing nicely. We have called hundreds of women to check on them and see if we can be of any help during this difficult time and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. We have been confirming voter registration and strongly encouraging vote by mail to ensure that everyone can vote safely and securely. It has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with women who have been out of the loop for some time, update their contact information, and provide resources for voter engagement.

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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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Membership Information

National Council of Jewish Women
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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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