



National Council of Jewish Women
SE Atlantic Section

Bulletin



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From Strength to Strength



From the desk of Nancy Kaufman

May 24th is my last official day as CEO of the National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. As the first CEO of NCJW, every day of my last eight and a half years has been an honor and privilege. I came to NCJW with a passion for advancing universal social justice through a particular Jewish lens. I leave with that passion even more pronounced, and with it a belief that women can and will make the difference in leading social change both in the United States and in Israel.

I am humbled to have been a small part of making that happen just as we, at NCJW, have done since 1893. I will continue to participate in the work of NCJW as a life member and I will continue to advance social change. I look forward to working with Sheila Katz, my successor, as she takes NCJW from strength to strength.

I thank each and every one of you, the members and supporters of NCJW, for your support and participation during these past many years. You are the heart and soul of this organization and your work makes us all proud.

Advocacy

Lillian Kaminer, our Advocacy VP extraordinaire, is moving to Virginia. The section will miss her monthly advocacy meetings at the library, her presence in Tallahassee and Washington, her involvement in all our activities and her general knowledge of the platforms supported by NCJW. We particularly appreciate her spearheading the program entitled "NCJW Women: Hear Us Roar. The ABC's of Making Your Voice Heard" and her decision to make us all Supreme Court Justices at our 2019 Why Courts Matter program. We wish her much happiness in her new home, closer to her family.

I am pleased to announce that Janet Chaikin will step forward to lead the section's advocacy programs.

Arlene Davidson,

Co-President, amdavidson01@gmail.com, 561-865-9628

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

We are part of a 90,000-member strong national organization that gives us influence, recognition and support. Our members matter – our voices are heard. We partner with other organizations to help strengthen reproductive rights and encourage gun safety. We advocate effectively locally, in Tallahassee and in Washington, DC.

Events:

- Welcome Back Brunch
- Luncheon at Delaire Country Club
- Educated about medical marijuana
- Card and Mah Jongg Party
- Learned about local and state, national advocacy programs and we became the Judges in February
- Joyce Saltman educated us when speaking about sex and aging
- We had a get together to recognize all our volunteers
- We had a choice of just plain fun things to do: Patchington's, Morikami, Jewelry making, Cooking School, Book Club

By The Numbers:

We have over 700 members in our section.

We had 80 members join just this year.

We opened and/or stocked 4 Kids Community Closets in local elementary schools that have a total of almost 3,000 students

We tested over 225 preschoolers for vision issues in 3 pre schools.

We tutored elementary students as part of the Hagen Ranch School and Literacy Volunteers.

For anti sex trafficking outreach (our chapstick program)- we made a total of 110 outreach visits that helped identify 2 runaways and several trafficked teens.

Our Holiday on Wheels program visited at 6-7 senior facilities for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover to share the holidays with residents, who number a total of about 500 people

Food Insecurity – answered by NCJW SE Atlantic section with donations of food, gift cards and cash that allowed us to donate 60 bags of food to needy families over the summer when they can't take advantage of school meals.

Our Speaker's Bureau informed the community on how to recognize and take action to stop sex trafficking 6 times at venues from church to synagogues to men's clubs and political clubs.

We awarded a \$1,000 Scholarship to a high school senior to encourage her leadership potential.

We helped people register to vote before the mid-term elections. We worked hard to get Amendment #4 passed which restored the right to vote for 1.4 Million former felons.

All of these successful actions took many volunteers- most of whom volunteer for multiple activities. We have over 100 active volunteers, including 40 who serve on our Board of Directors.

We need all of you!

We need your support!

We need your time, your talents and your generosity to continue

Say YES when we ask!

Join Us For Wear Orange Day

Every day, 100 Americans are killed with guns and hundreds more are shot and injured.

Join NCJW to speak out for gun safety as part of [Wear Orange](#) on National Gun Violence Prevention Day, June 7, and all weekend during National Gun Violence Prevention Weekend June 7-9. Click [Wear Orange](#) to find out where to participate.

Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor after she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 — just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013. After her death, they asked us to stand up, speak out, and Wear Orange to raise awareness about gun violence.

Since then orange has been the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.

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Our very capable recording secretary has taken a new position on the board, so we are looking for an equally capable volunteer to replace her. The recording secretary's job is important. It is a leadership role in our organization. It requires that you attend board meetings and take minutes, then send them to the Co Presidents after the meeting. This is an executive board position. If you are interested please contact Co-President Penny Gelb, 561-865-5018, or pgelb@comcast.net.



Are you computer literate? Can you easily navigate websites and information on line? We are looking for a Honey Bee to manage our annual Rosh Hashanah honey sale. Most of the work of managing orders and all mailing of the honey packages is done by our supplier. Our honey sales chairwoman must be able to check orders online and follow up where necessary. The best news? This is a vital job that can be done in your jammies and your convenience.

Are you interested? Contact Co-President Penny Gelb, 561-865-5018, or pgelb@comcast.net.

NCJW Book Club

The 2019-20 season of the NCJW book club promises to be better than ever, 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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	DATE	BOOK	LEADER
1	October 10, 2019	Where the Crawdads Sing, Delia Owens	
2	November 14, 2019	Magic Hour, Kristin Hannah	Lois Seinfeld
3	December 12, 2019	The One Man. Andrew Gross	Tobi Raff
4	January 16, 2020	Next Year in Havana. Chanel Cleeton	Laurie Tamber
5	February 20, 2020	Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover	Barbara Rothman
6	March 12, 2020	An American Marriage. Tayari Jones	

*Note: All meetings are at 10:00 am

- 1) Set in a quiet North Carolina coastal town, this is a murder mystery, a coming of age story, and a lesson from nature's secrets.
- 2) Two sisters, a gifted child psychologist and a small town police chief, team up to save a feral child.
- 3) An intelligence officer in Washington, D.C. is asked to sneak into the most guarded place on earth, Auschwitz, to find and escape with the one man the Allies believe can ensure them victory in the war.
- 4) After the death of her beloved grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Cuba, where she discovers the roots of her identity, and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution.
- 5) Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. The daughter of survivalists in Idaho, she goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.



- 6) The story of a newlywed black couple whose passionate relationship hits a major hurdle after only eighteen months. The novel combines the personal and political, and the characters are memorable.

Meeting Schedule for 2019-2020



We are planning next year's programs. Updates to programs and venues will be published in the bulletin. Jot down these dates and be sure to join us for interesting and informative get togethers.

Wednesday	September 18, 2019	Welcome Back Brunch	Valencia Falls
Thursday	October 10, 2019	Book Club	
Wednesday	October 16, 2019	Program Meeting	TBD
Monday	November 4, 2019	Luncheon & Boutique	Delaire Country Club
Thursday	November 14, 2019	Book Club	
Thursday	December 5, 2019	Program Meeting	TBD
Thursday	December 12, 2019	Book Club	
Thursday	January 16, 2020	Book Club	
Friday	January 17, 2020	Not Just Cards Party	T B D
Thursday	February 13, 2020	Program on Advocacy	Valencia Falls
Thursday	February 20, 2020	Book Club	
Thursday	March 12, 2020	Book Club	
Thursday	March 19, 2020	Program Meeting	TBD
Monday	April 20, 2020	Program Meeting	TBD
Thursday	May 21, 2020	Volunteer Appreciation	TBD
Wednesday	June 3, 2020	Installation/ Program Meeting	TBD

Have a program idea? Contact Marcia London at mlondon3@yahoo.com

Membership

Thank you all for your membership. We are committed to making the NCJW membership experience rewarding and fulfilling. You joined NCJW because you wanted to be involved with a group of local women who are inspired by Jewish values and concerned with local community service and progressive social change. If you haven't done so already, please participate in our diverse community service programs and strong advocacy projects which you will read about in this bulletin. Be one of the many who support the beliefs of concerned Jewish women throughout the country through meaningful action.

Judy Finder

Membership Vice President

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Moving On

This year our Board Vice Presidents and committee chairs have graciously agreed to continue in their current positions through June, 2020.

There is one significant change we want to acknowledge. **Judy Finder**, our VP of Membership, who has brought us literally dozens of new members over the last three years, is stepping back. After all the successful recruiting Judy has done, she is ready for a break. Marilyn Katz, who has been on the membership committee for several years, will be VP, with Diane Kessler assisting.

Thankfully, Judy will stay on as our New Member Coordinator. Judy's vivacious personality will help her guide our new members to be active where they are most comfortable and to welcome them warmly to our section.

Thank you, Judy, for all that you contribute to our SE Atlantic Section.

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Tributes Say You Care

Contact Penny Gelb or Robin Yablonsky

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Order a single tribute card, or keep a pack 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](#)



Life Cycle Events

Phyllis Hartman is so proud to announce that her Granddaughter, Halle Emma Preston graduated from Binghamton University and is off to career with Price-Waterhouse. Yeah!

We sadly record the passing of NCJW life member Marcia Frankel of Boca Raton on May 2nd. May her memory be for a blessing.

We sadly record the passing of Ted Horowitz, the husband of Rosalie Almborg on May 22nd. Rosalie is a long time member of our section and the lead for our Gun Safety campaigns. May his memory be for a blessing.



If you have any **life cycle events** that you want shared with the membership, email

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Summer Food Bags

GIVE MEALS TO A CHILD IN NEED THIS SUMMER
THROUGH OUR SUMMER FOOD BAG PROGRAM

When schools break for the summer many children no longer have access to free or reduced price meals. Our section is once again seeking donations of Publix, Winn Dixie or Visa gift cards to purchase summer food bags for children in need. During the summer our committee volunteers will shop and pack non-perishable food to be given to children while school is out. The bags will be distributed through school social workers and local food pantries. The cost of a food bag is approximately \$25. In addition to grocery gift cards, checks are also very much appreciated. You can provide a summer food bag to a child in need in one of four ways:

- 1) Mail a grocery store or Visa gift card directly to the March for the Hungry committee chairperson Susan Baigelman at 14835 Quay Lane, Delray Beach 33446.
- 2) Mail a check payable to NCJW-SEA to section treasurer Susan Gamer at 4793 S Citation Dr #105, Delray Beach, FL 33445. Please be sure to mark "Summer Food Bag" on the check.
- 3) Click to [Donate today by credit card or Paypal](#).

While many of our grandchildren are off at camp and/or visiting exciting places this summer, please remember that there are many children in our own community that will not have enough to eat.

Thank you for your generosity!

Susan Baigelman
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Chairperson, Summer Food Bags

Learn All About Us!

Visit our website! ncjwseatlantic.org
Have a question? Email info@ncjwseatlantic.org

Next Advocacy Meeting

The next Advocacy Committee meeting will be held on **Friday, June 21, at 10 AM** at the Hagen Ranch Library, in the conference room. All NCJW members interested in getting involved in advocacy are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Lillian Kaminer, lekaminer@aol.com.

The Chapstick Outreach Program

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the May Chapstick Outreach: Janet Chaikin, Judy Fish, Sue Kanoff, Ellie Mero, Nancy Pugliese, Ilene Rosenthal, Carole Smilack, Barbara Sillman, Carole Valera, and brand new NCJW member Abbie Szulewicz.

We are so thankful for each and every one of you for sacrificing a few hours one weekend each month.

What you're doing matters and we are so delighted to have you participate.

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Co-President

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Want to Help Register Amendment 4 Voters?

Last November, Florida voters approved Amendment 4, restoring voting rights to potentially 1.5 million citizens who had been convicted of felonies, but had served their sentences. During this year's legislative session, however, a bill was passed that required ex-felons to pay fines, court costs and restitution before they could vote.

There are several court challenges to the law, especially because of its impact on poorer citizens. In the meantime, several groups are registering eligible voters, when possible.

NCJW-SE Atlantic member Debra Sacks is coordinating our involvement. If you want to help with registering eligible voters and other related activities, call her at 561-364-7586, or email her at ricksacks@gmail.com. NCJW advocated for Amendment 4. Now we are advocating for fairness in implementing the law.

Sex Trafficking Speakers Bureau Goes to Company A

Company A

The intellectual crossroads of South Florida!

May 26, 2019

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Dear Ms. Elaine Abrams and Ms. Barbara Silman,

Thank you very much for taking your time out of your busy schedule this past Wednesday to speak to Company A. Your talk was interesting and informative and, as I am sure you could tell by their action and questions, thoroughly enjoyed by and reassuring to all the members.

A copy of your presentation has been posted on our Company A website for all of the members of Company A to read.

Please wear your souvenir hat proudly and remember that you are appreciated by the men of Company A. It was a pleasure having you with us, and again, thanks so much for your time today.

Sincerely,

Ben

Benjamin Marcus
Communication Coordinator



End Child Detention Now!



This Father's Day, many of us will be with our families and friends. Meanwhile, south of Miami, approximately 3,000 migrant children are being held in a detention center by U.S. Immigration officials, apart from their families and unable to leave.

The **Homestead Children's Detention Center** is run by a for-profit company that receives \$775 per child per day – giving it little incentive to reunite children with their families. In Homestead, children are living in inhumane conditions. They are not allowed to hug each other. They sleep in rooms with hundreds of beds. The Florida state services do not reach the facility because it's on federal land. Normal standards for housing detained children do not apply because Homestead is classified as a "temporary shelter" and therefore exempt from standard regulations.

The **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism** joins the **American Friends Service Committee, United We Dream, Bend The Arc, NCJW, Truah**, and other organizations in calling for the closure of Homestead, the ending of using influx facilities for detention, the reuniting of the children with their sponsors, the ending of a collaboration between Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security, and an end to detention and separation of families.

If you can attend any of the events described in the link below please let us know
<https://rac.org/help-us-end-child-detention-now>

Lillian Kaminer, lekaminer@aol.com.

Holiday on Wheels

Things were a bit frantic last year preparing Holiday On Wheels as, last year holidays were early, very early. Even though this year Yom Tov is "late," I want the dates on everyone's radar. We have breathing time but it seems whenever I give myself some breathing time I procrastinate and end up needing oxygen. Rosh Hashanah begins the last Sunday night of September, 29th. We will begin programs mid-September, around the 15th.

Thank all of you who have participated in all our Community Service projects this past year. It seems almost trite to say we couldn't do any of it without you, but it is so true and must be repeated.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Have a wonderful, healthy, joyful summer.
 Helene Grantz, hgrantz@bellsouth.net, 561-392-4322.



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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

My check in the amount of _____ is enclosed.

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

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

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Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Community _____

Email _____

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Go to www.ncjwseatlantic.org/join-us.html

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