



“Finally, elections are over ... now what?”

***Meet State Representative Ken Clark
(Dem., District 24)
for a post-election wrap-up***

Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30pm

**Pueblo Norte Senior Living Community
7090 E. Mescal Street, Scottsdale**

RSVP: Hannah Kaplan membership@ncjwaz.org

Chai Chanukah - Our 18th Annual Game Night (December 24th at 6:00pm) will be held at the McDowell Mountain Center again. This fun event will include a 50/50, and the price for the event is only \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. Not a bad deal for a great night with exceptionally FUN people and exceptionally good food. Bunny Berkowitz will be accepting RSVPs right after you receive the on line invitation. This is something to share with your friends and relatives. Since it is the beginning of Chanukah, we will be gathering to light our own menorahs, so bring yours and candles along when you join us on December 24. A fun night as usual!

Our **Non Event** fundraising campaign will begin shortly so look for information in your mailbox. I need to remind you that this is our only "real" fundraiser. We try to make it special by creating an interesting theme for the invitation, and we hope that you enjoy it this year as you have in the past. The majority of our members are Life Members, and we use this event to assist with our programs and activities.

Greater Phoenix Jewish Film Festival

Information regarding the Greater Phoenix Jewish film Festival will be out shortly and we want to remind you to order your tickets from us, ask your friends to order their tickets from us, and enjoy the experience. Dates and film titles will be available soon. **Note:** This year you can purchase your season pass through NCJW and we will receive a portion of the sales. Watch for details in next month's Bulletin.

Theater Parties

We are planning a few **Theater Parties** that should be as great as last year. They are entertaining and a great social event for our members. News of them will be forthcoming. You are invited to join us for our next theater party. Here's our first event for the season and it promises to be a great one! A reviewer calls it "A passionate and heartfelt comedy-drama look at domestic life."

THE HERD by Rory Kinnear

Date: Sunday, November 27, 2016 at 2pm

Place: Theatre Artists Studio

4848 E. Cactus Road, Phoenix

Ticket price is \$25. Please make checks payable to NCJWAZ and mail to:

Francine Ebersman

6017 E. Dale Lane

Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Judi Gross and Judi Chaskes, Fundraising Co-Vice Presidents: fundraising@ncjwaz.org

DONE IN A DAY: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

2016 Arizona Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic

At the Arizona State Fairgrounds.

We need volunteers for this well-planned and well-organized event. Our NCJW members who have participated in this tell us that there is no doubt about its value. People line up outside the night before to be sure they get seen by a dentist the next morning. There are many volunteer positions available, especially if you sign up early. This truly is a Mission of Mercy, and it's very easy to register:

Go to azmom.org/volunteer to select your shift and job. Please indicate on the enrollment form that you are with NCJW. Then send an email to Jo-Ann Mullen at jmullen2@aol.com to let her know what you selected.

Contact Jo-Ann Mullen at jmullen2@aol.com by email if you have questions.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

On Sunday, October 30th, paid up and life members met at Pueblo Norte to find out if they were “As Smart As a New Citizen.” We tasted a variety of hummus (including a chocolate one made by Judi Gross) as we gathered in small groups and tried to answer 23 questions presented on slides prepared by Carol Consalvo. Many of us were surprised that as knowledgeable as we are there were a few questions that stumped us. It made us very aware of the challenge it is for someone to become an American citizen. It was interesting to learn that there are 438 members of the House of Representatives but three of them are not voting members: Puerto Rico, Guam and the District of Columbia. Of particular interest was the information shared by Sydel Maher about the differences between a refugee and an Immigrant. Also helpful in our understanding of how hard it is to be a “documented immigrant” was Beverley Lane’s explanation of how many lines she stood in and how many years she waited until she became an American citizen.

What Costs Less Than Dinner and a Movie?

NCJW Dues at \$35!

Our sincere appreciation to all who have renewed for 2016-17.

Your dues sustain our presence in the Valley of the Sun enabling us to:

- ✓ Be a progressive, non-partisan voice for women and families
- ✓ Provide stimulating programming around important issues
- ✓ Offer a variety of social activities and cultural events
- ✓ Contribute to the community and those in need
- ✓ Effect change locally, nationally and in Israel

And much more!

If you haven’t already done so, please send your check for \$35, payable to NCJW AZ to Francine Ebersman, Treasurer, at 6017 E. Dale Lane, Cave Creek, AZ 85331.

Hannah Kaplan and Lin Katzenstein, Membership, Co-Vice Presidents membership@ncjwaz.org

STANDDOWN ARIZONA: HELP OUR HOMELESS VETS!

The primary goal of this organization is to help homeless and at-risk veterans get the resources they need, including housing, and to help them regain their independence. The secondary goal is to bring service providers together and build relationships throughout the year. We have decided to join this effort and help these families and children. The event in February will also create awareness, data and ultimately the resources needed to end veteran homelessness once and for all. ‘

At last year’s event we volunteered to help distribute used children’s clothing. This year we decided to do better by collecting and sorting clothing and buying new underwear and socks for them. Please do your part by sharing any clothing from your grandchildren or your neighbor’s kids. Or you can donate cash to help us buy needed items. Call or email if you can help with donations or if you can attend the event in February at the State Fairgrounds. And to all who have already donated clothing, thank you!

Judi Gross and Cheri LeMieux fundraising@ncjw.org

The Shabbat Project

KEEPING IT TOGETHER

Keep Shabbat with more than 2 million Jews in 924 cities and 75 countries around the world!

JOIN US FOR ONE OR BOTH EVENTS!

THE GREAT AZ CHALLAH BAKE

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

6 pm doors open | 6:45 pm event begins

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus
12701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale 85254

Join more than 500,000 Jewish women and girls age 12 and up worldwide for a fun evening of togetherness during The Great AZ Challah Bake.

SHABBAT ACROSS THE VALLEY

FRIDAY, NOV. 11 - SATURDAY, NOV. 12

Shabbat candle lighting 5:10pm

Celebrate Shabbat at home or be hosted for a festive meal by one of the many families or events around town.

For more information on The Shabbat Project and to register for the challah bake, contact **602.433.0300 x 105**, shabbatprojectaz.com or azshabbat2016@gmail.com.



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The 2016 Shabbat Project's Great Challah Bake
Thursday, November 10th at 6:45pm
Valley of the Sun JCC, 12701 N. Scottsdale Road,

Make a Challah! Celebrate Our Tradition! Join other NCJW members and hundreds more at this wonderful event. Last year the basketball courts at the JCC were set with tables filled with Jewish women reflecting all sects and all ages. Our members were able to sit together, had some fun, and we each made our own challah to take home and bake. **Cost: \$10. Sign up and pay online at <http://www.shabbatprojectaz.com>** NCJW members will meet inside to the left of the entrance but please RSVP to ncjwclaire@cox.net so we know how many seats to save. **Questions? Need/Give a Ride?** Contact Lin Katzenstein at 617-775-9572 or tknye@aol.com

JOIN OUR NCJW INTEREST GROUPS

Here's a great way to get to know your NCJW Arizona sisters. Join one or more of the following groups that meet weekly. And if you don't see a group and would be interested in helping to start one, contact membership@ncjwaz.org

These groups meet weekly

- **Afternoon Canasta Group:** Wednesdays from 1-3:30 PM. Want to learn a fun game? This is not your grandmother's canasta. Contact bzmayl@icloud.com
- **Evening Canasta Group** – Thursdays from 6:45 -9:30 PM New players are welcome cheri829@cox.net
- **Mah Jongg** – Thursdays from 11am to 3pm
For information and location contact Paula Schulman studio7611@gmail.com (602-616-4848)
- **Knitwits & Happy Hookers:** Fridays from 1-2:30 in the craft room at Pueblo Norte (7090 E. Mescal) We create blankets for Project Linus, a national organization that tries to provide love, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill or traumatized. Contact fredapine@gmail.com

These groups meet bi-weekly or monthly

- **Writing Group** – Stretch your creativity. We meet every other Friday at Pueblo Norte from 2:30 to 4pm. Contact hankaplan@gmail.com
- **Book Group** – 1st^t Monday of each month at 1:30PM
- We meet in the library at the Bureau of Jewish Education at the JCC. New members are welcome! For more information or to be put on the mailing list, contact ebwidoff@gmail.com
- **Dine Around** – 1st Wednesday of the month
- We meet for dinner and conversation at an interesting, new or unique restaurant. Contact fundraising@ncjw.org to be added to the list.
- **Movie Mavens** – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, around 4pm, October through May. All members are welcome. We attend a movie as a group, then go out for a bite to discuss the film. Email goes out to membership announcing the movie. RSVP for more information or contact Carol cjkl@cox.net
- **Visit a Shut-In Volunteers:** Contact fbunnyb@cox.net.com for information or to become a volunteer.
- **Done in a Day:** These are volunteer and visit opportunities that occur throughout the year. Watch for details.
- **Out and About:** Visits and tours of museums, cultural sites and interesting destinations around the Valley. Watch for e-blasts or bulletin announcement of upcoming events.
- **Multi-Generational Book Club** --Members will meet monthly with the expectation that each person (adult and child) will read the selected book and be prepared to discuss why they liked or disliked the book and its characters. There are currently five girls, three moms and four grandmothers in the group. Members are encouraged share their thoughts and all opinions will be respected. Information: deb612nf@cox.net



NCJW members Bunny Berkowitz and Hannah Kaplan shared the story of Rosh Hashanah and the meaning and traditions of the holiday with some of the residents at Pueblo Norte's Assisted Living facility. Students from a local school were able to join us and helped make the event even more meaningful.

A number of our members volunteer at Pueblo Norte and find the experience very rewarding. For details about the volunteer opportunities there contact Bunny Berkowitz at fbunnyb@cox.net.

BUNNY'S CORNER

HELP!! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We still need volunteers at Pueblo Norte. Opportunities including reading the newspaper for visually impaired residents at the Assisted Living section on Wednesday mornings at 9 am as well as facilitators for two Assisted Living programs -- "Who Am I?" and "What Am I?" The days in November at 3pm will be determined by the volunteer and Pam, the events director.

Can you donate a half-hour a month? Two new programs are in need of facilitators in Healthcare. The first program is a short story reading club. The residents are escorted to a quiet room and the reading itself would be between 25-30 minutes with a few minutes for discussion. The other activity would be a word game/concentration game. Easy to set up and play, it lasts for about 30 minutes.

Visitors for the residents in Healthcare are always needed, any day or time. Contact Bunny Berkowitz at fbunny.com@cox.net or 480-621-8422 for details, questions and hopefully with the date(s) you are available.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

KINDLES 4 KIDZ will recycle empty computer ink cartridges at office superstores for store credit which will enable them to buy KINDLES for underprivileged children. **HOPE PHONES** will responsibly recycle or refurbish all mobiles, from old and broken to the latest smart phones, and create communication networks for health workers serving millions in fifteen countries. Hope Phones receives the value of each recycled phone to purchase new mobile technology for the field. **EYEGASSES:** Any and all to be given to the Lions Club for recycling.

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TRIBUTES AND CELEBRATIONS

Honor a family member, colleague, friend, or loved one by sending a handwritten NCJW tribute card with a message of support, celebration or sympathy. Now you can choose either the traditional NCJW card or the colorful new “simcha” design. A tribute card is a thoughtful way to express your good wishes or condolences and, at the same time, support NCJW. All Tribute contributions of \$5.00 or more will be listed in future issues of the Bulletin unless you request otherwise. We can mail individual tributes for you or you can purchase packets of cards. For more information contact: fundraising@ncjw.org

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Judi and Steve Gross	Larry and Cheri LeMieux	In loving memory of Larry’s mother
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November

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