



National Council of Jewish Women

## A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION

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.



### Mark Your Calendar for March 7<sup>th</sup> Favorite Songs from Favorite Movies

Featuring

Stars from Beach Blanket Babylon

Scott Reardon and Ruby Day with Britt Day at piano

Fireside Room, Gateway at 7 PM

appetizers, desserts, wine

Cost \$40

Proceeds go to Winter Nights and Human Trafficking Projects

Watch Your Email for the Reservation Form



### An Afternoon at the Movies with Lynne Thorner

Wednesday, March 11 at 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Club Room at Creekside.

The film "The Visitor" starring Richard Jenkins will be shown. Lynne Thorner, our resident theater guru, will lead a lively and insightful post-viewing discussion.

This event is sponsored by the NCJW Women's Re-entry Scholarship Program. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, please call Marcia DeVries at 925-954-7455 or Jan Seder at 925-939-3104.

### General Meeting March 25

An Uncommon Friendship: From Opposite Sides of the Holocaust author, Fritz Tubach, will discuss his book which he co-authored with Bernat Rosner and Sally Patterson Tubach, at the next NCJW General Meeting. The book is a double memoir of a German youth born in the United States and a Hungarian Jewish youth he befriended in later life. Please join us on Wednesday, March 25 in the Donner Room at the Event Center for this interesting event. Regreshments will be served at 9:30 AM, general meeting at 9:00 AM, with the program beginning at 10:30 AM.



### Lobby Day 2020 Update - *Save The Date*

The 2020 NCJW CA Lobby Day in Sacramento is May 19-20. Lobby Day is when NCJW members advocate directly with their elected representatives in Sacramento for specific legislation. If you are interested in attending this overnight event, please contact Irene Zelman at [irzelman@gmail.com](mailto:irzelman@gmail.com) or (805)660-0689.

Dear Friends,

It is with mixed feelings that I'm writing this. After almost 19 years in Rossmoor, I've decided to move. Not because I'm unhappy here; it is almost impossible to be unhappy in this wonderful place called Rossmoor, but simply because I've reached a point where I don't want to have to cook or maintain my house.

I spent 21 years in Pleasanton many years ago, raising my children and enjoying a lovely life as a young wife and mother. We then moved to Ann Arbor, another wonderful city, where my husband died after 22 years, and I stayed for another two. I then moved here to be closer to my kids and grandchildren, and now the gypsy in me has me moving again. This time to an independent living/assisted living place in Livermore, which means that I've come almost full circle to our first home.

NCJW has been a part of my life for many years, and I will miss all that we have done and continue to do. Our organization is made up of wonderfully dedicated women who work hard at improving so many lives. I will miss all the friendships and fun that I've enjoyed with all of you.

I hope that some of you will drive out to Livermore to visit me. I promise to have tea and cookies in my little apartment. Livermore isn't that far from here, and remember, there's a large outlet mall nearby.

My new address will be 900 East Stanley Blvd., Apt. 230, Livermore 94550. I'll probably have to have a new phone number, but my cell phone will be the same, 925-708-0739.

With much affection and b'shalom,  
Sheila Silver



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Laurie Salen  
Libby Schenkman-Forscutt  
Marcia Wolf



### Equal Exchange Chocolate Fundraiser

Help fight modern day slavery, and, also help NCJW raise money for local charities. Buy Equal Exchange chocolate at our NCJW General Meetings.

## TRIBUTES

### Scholarship Fund Donations:

#### THINKING OF YOU TO:

**Sheila Silver, Wishing you much health and happiness in your new home - We will miss you greatly,** from Claire Rosenzweig

## Community Affairs



The **Grateful Garment Project** provides victims of sexual violence the clothing and other resources they need to reclaim their dignity and begin the healing process. NCJW is collecting gift cards for their teen incentive program, which are given as an incentive to teen victims to return for therapy and check-up for proper healing. Please consider donating \$5-\$10 gift cards to Starbucks, CVS, Jamba Juice, McDonald's, Walmart, or In & Out. Thank you!



## Announcement

In an effort to be more environmentally responsible, all notices, announcements, and newsletters will be emailed to members, and not sent through the mail.

## ONGOING EVENTS



**American Mah Jong:** Contact Helene Magen email phone. Meets every Friday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in multi-purpose room 3. Experienced players since this is a fast-paced game.



**NCJW Contra Costa Section board meeting** times have been changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00am to 12 noon in the Bunker Room, at Creekside.



**The NCJW Book Club** meets each month in the Mulligan Room, Creekside at 3:00pm. Here is a list of the monthly books, authors, and facilitator:

March – <u>The Great Gatsby</u> by F. Scott Fitzgerald	Facilitator: Toby Cowen
April – <u>Inheritance 2017</u> by Dani Shapiro	Facilitator: Millie Tinkler
May – <u>The Book of Gutsy Women 2019</u> by Hillary and Chelsea Clinton	Facilitator: Mildred Schneidman
June – <u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens	Facilitator: Helene Feldman
July – <u>America's First Daughter – Patsy Jefferson, daughter of Thomas Jefferson</u> by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie	Facilitator: Rose Jackson
August – <u>The Women's Hour</u> by Elaine Weiss	Facilitator: Suzanne Ellis



**Membership Dues Annual is \$36.00.** Send check made out to NCJW to Janet Ladner 2001 Oakmont Way #8 Walnut Creek CA 94595. The membership year is July through June.



**General Tribute Cards:** Cards sent for you with a donation that goes to support NCJW projects and charities. Cost \$10.00. Birthdays, Special Occasions, Get Well, Sympathy, Congratulations. To mail your own cards, you can buy packages of 5 for \$20.00 at General Meetings or contact Betty Brandel at 925-299-0119 or [bettyandike@comcast.net](mailto:bettyandike@comcast.net).



**Scholarship Tribute Cards:** Cards sent for you with a donation that goes to support NCJW Re-entry Scholarship Fund. Cost \$10.00. Birthdays, Special Occasions, Get Well, Sympathy, Congratulations. To mail your own cards, you can buy packages of 5 cards for \$20.00 at General Meetings, or contact Claire Rosenzweig at 925- 947-5924 or [claireknits@aol.com](mailto:claireknits@aol.com) or [claireknits@comcast.net](mailto:claireknits@comcast.net).



**Hand and Foot Card Game:** Jane Salzfass, 954-1817. Meets once a month on the second Wednesday of each month from 10:00am to 12 noon in Multi-purpose Room 1. The cost is \$5.00 per session and the proceeds go to the scholarship fund.



### Knitting for Babies:

Super Bowl is over, the Oscars are over, BUT.....my knitters have let me down.

Please give me a call - you all know the routine. I have yarn, I have instructions, I have patience, and I am home. The hospital is so appreciative of our efforts - Paul and I brought over a huge cache of blankets, sweaters and caps for the babies last month. So please get your knitting needles out so that we can continue to bring the "goodies" over to the hospital. Contact Claire at [Clairknits@aol.com](mailto:Clairknits@aol.com) 925-947-5924.



**Women Discussion Groups:** Each group meets once a month at a member's home to discuss interesting topics. If you're interested please contact coordinator Toby Cowen, 925-322-8239 or tee2cee@aol.com.



**SHALOM BAYIT**  
Ending Domestic Violence in Jewish Homes

Shalom Bayit offers confidential peer counseling, support, information, referrals, and advocacy to Jewish women who have experienced abuse in the home. To speak to someone, please call us (toll free within the Bay Area) at:

**(866) SHALOM-7 (742-5667) or (510) 845-SAFE (7233)**



**NCJW Sunshine Committee** – If you know of a member who is ill, housebound, does not drive anymore or needs a ride to a meeting, please let Dottie Getzenberg or Rose Jackson know so our sunshine committee can contact them. The committee will either contact them by a phone call, a visit, a card, or all three. Thank you. Dottie Getzenberg, 925-891-4471 or [dotpep@comcast.net](mailto:dotpep@comcast.net) or Rose Jackson, 925-279-0735 or email [rose-jackson@comcast.net](mailto:rose-jackson@comcast.net).



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