



National Council of Jewish Women Greater New Orleans Section

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The Greater New Orleans Section

is proud to announce that the

2011 NCJW

Harold Salmon, Sr. Award

will be presented to

Shellye Farber

Monday, September 19, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Andrea's Restaurant

3100 19th Street

Metairie, LA

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Please RSVP to NCJW office

861-7788

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Please come honor Shellye Farber

Meet Linda Slucker,
President NCJW, Inc.

NCJW-GNO to Honor Shellye Farber with the Harold Salmon, Sr. Award

By Kathy Shephard

A native New Orleanian, Shellye became involved in NCJW through the Moonlighters evening branch after a personal invitation from her cousin Linda. Shellye learned to ably fill many roles, including chair of various committees, treasurer, and several vice-presidencies, culminating with a term as Moonlighter President from 1994-96.

From Moonlighters, Shellye moved to the Section executive committee as Financial Secretary. Throughout her NCJW Section career, she has also served as Corresponding Secretary and Vice-president of almost every department. It was as Section President, from 2004-07, that Shellye filled her most important role. Agreeing to extend the term of her presidency, which was scheduled to end in May, 2006, she took the lead in keeping the Section running in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Using both email and snail mail, Shellye worked doggedly to maintain contact with our Section members who had scattered far and wide.

Exemplifying the true spirit this award was established to recognize, even after turning over the presidential reins in February of 2007, Shellye has continued to serve the Section as chair of diverse committees, such as Bylaws Review, Nominating Committee and Personal Giving. Her devotion to the Section has never waned.

Shellye is the daughter of Stuart and Cynthia Farber. She cites her mother, Section President, 1980-82, and the 1992 Harold Salmon, Sr. Award recipient, as a major influence in her NCJW involvement. We are fortunate that Shellye followed her mother's lead! Please join us as we honor Shellye at our opening meeting on September 19.



Shellye Farber

President's MESSAGE



A FAITH IN THE FUTURE. A BELIEF IN ACTION.

Dear Members,

I can't believe that summer is almost over. Schools are starting back and we are getting ready for the new year. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur are coming up fast. NCJW is starting off the year with a luncheon to honor our Harold Salmon recipient, Shellye Farber. Shellye has been a devoted member of NCJW for many years. She has been one of the pillars of NCJW and is a deserving honoree. I could say many more positive things about all that Shellye has done – just read our cover article by Harold Salmon Award

chair Kathy Shepard – that will give you some of Shellye's accomplishments. Also, coming to our award luncheon is Linda Slucker, President of NCJW, Inc. (national NCJW). It isn't every day that we get a national president in New Orleans. Linda is coming to see how we are getting along and to tell us what NCJW, Inc. is doing for and with us. Please come to our opening lunch on September 19 at Andrea's Restaurant to honor Shellye and meet Linda Slucker.

We are also starting off the year with a new service project - the Orleans Parish Civil Court Protective Order Research Project. This is a long title for what is an exciting new short term project. Volunteer training will be in late September so get involved now. I know you will want to know more about this project to help combat domestic violence. Look for the article

in this bulletin to learn more about it. We've also started planning for the Hannah Solomon Award event and for our spring fund raiser. You can get involved by calling Vivian Cahn (304-6079) to volunteer for the Hannah Solomon Committee or June Leopold (393-0051) to volunteer for the fund-raiser committee.

See you at the Harold Salmon lunch event on September 19th.

Have a Happy New Year and a good Yom Kippur with an easy fast.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Nitzkin

Reminder

There are many ways you can donate to NCJW!
Don't forget us when you want to honor or memorialize your friends and family.

- NCJW Endowment Fund
- Personal Giving
- Create a Jewish Legacy (leave funds directed to NCJW in your will)
- NCJW Cares
- Irma Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Clara and Roy Schwarz Memorial Book Fund
- Birthday Dollars

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Sign up for NCJW, GNO's newest project: Orleans Parish Civil Court Protective Order Research Project

By Ina Davis and Phyllis Nitzkin

NCJW has a new service, a court monitoring project accomplished by reviewing court files. Volunteers, with little experience, can learn to interpret the petitions and judges' orders, and to create an accurate record of reasons and results for each protective order case.

Our work will determine what help is most needed during the protective order process. This project will be supervised by the faculty and staff of the Tulane Domestic

Violence Clinic and Loyola University. We are actively recruiting volunteers who will gather the data. It will take only a few hours each month and is a time-limited project. Let's take the responsibility and be part of the solution! Volunteer training will be in late September.

Contact Ina Davis to volunteer: inanew@me.com or 504.919.2559

Petition Against a Unilaterally Declared Palestine

This September, the United Nations General Assembly may hold a vote on whether to endorse a unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) for a Palestinian state, and it is important that we be prepared to oppose this initiative. While we believe that the ultimate goal of the peace process, as underscored by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu in his recent address to the US Congress, is "two states for two peoples: a Palestinian state alongside the Jewish state," only through bilateral negotiations between the parties to the conflict can a true peace with secure and recognized borders be achieved.

In an effort to raise our collective voice against a unilaterally declared Palestinian state, NCJW is co-sponsoring an online petition with the Israel Action Network to reject UDI and promote bilateral negotiations.

NCJW invites you to do the following:

- Sign the petition: <https://jcrny.wufoo.com/forms/petition-against-a-unilaterally-declared-palestine/>
- Circulate the petition to your social and organizational networks via email, Facebook, and Twitter. When posting to Twitter, please use the hashtag #Sign4Peace.

Should you have any questions, please contact Shari Eshet at ncjwisrael@gmail.com

Fall Elections Are Around the Corner

By Joel Myers

What? There are elections right around the corner?

YES! We will actually be voting for Governor and other state and municipal offices this fall.

When, did you say?

Qualifying for all offices begin on September 6, primaries on October 22, and run-offs on November 19, 2011.

People are eyeing the Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State races and expect they might be interesting and lively. These positions are particularly critical if the Governor resigns mid-term. Other positions to be voted on are state legislators (note that your district may have changed due to redistricting), the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Educator, and assessors. Locally, we have four judgeships in Orleans and several other contests in Jefferson Parish. And, of course there will be constitutional amendments: four in the primary in October and one in the November run-off ballot. More information is forthcoming soon.

Closing Event Brings Members Together, Honors Emerging Leader Michelle Erenberg

By Stacy Deitelzweig and Phyllis Nitzkin

The closing event for NCJW took place this past June 5th at Ralph's on the Park. Fifty women attended to enjoy a delicious brunch and hear the guest speaker, City Council Member Jackie Clarkson. Jackie replaced previously scheduled speaker, Arnie Fielkow, who had a family obligation. Ms. Clarkson kept everyone informed and entertained speaking on the topic of recreation programs in New Orleans and her family's long history with recreation in the city, as well as plans to expand them in the future.

The theme of "Books and Brunch" spurred the request for each attendee to bring a book or stuffed animal to be donated to the New Orleans Family Justice Center, which will distribute them to the children of women who seek help at the facility. Robin Lawrence Saizan was delighted to accept

the gifts. Her heartfelt speech touched everyone as she stated, "you don't know how appreciated these are going to be, and how much good you are doing."

New Board members and officers for the 2011-2012 year were duly installed by nominating committee chair Shellye Farber. Additionally, Michelle

Erenberg was honored to receive the Emerging Leader Award. Michelle has shown us what it means to be a leader as she has lead the way in so many projects in and out of NCJW. We are honored to have Michelle as a member of NCJW and are looking forward to her leadership in the coming years.

Thank you to all who attended.



Michelle Erenberg received the Emerging Leader award. L-R: Michelle Erenberg, Phyllis Nitzkin.



New Orleans City Council Member Jackie Clarkson gave an empowering speech to NCJW-GNO members at the Closing Event. L-R: June Leopold, Phyllis Nitzkin, Jackie Clarkson, and Vivian Cahn.



Robin Lawrence Saizan of the New Orleans Family Justice Center thanked NCJW-GNO for their donations and support. L-R: Gail Pesses, Susan Kierr, Robin Lawrence Saizan, Ina Davis, Michelle Erenberg.

Hannah G. Solomon Award 2012: Call for Nominations

NCJW founder

Hannah G. Solomon

“...wrote and spoke to bring enlightened ideas within the reach of all women... Not only did she plead for humanity and justice, but she brought hope to the discouraged and comfort to the bereaved... She possessed a profound intellect, a rare enthusiasm and a lovable personality. Hannah Solomon labored for the benefit of mankind without a thought of self...”

– FABRIC OF MY LIFE

NCJW-GNO is seeking nominations for our most prestigious honor, the Hannah G. Solomon Award. This award is given annually to a volunteer in the community who exemplifies the qualities of our founder. The award recipient shall be a volunteer who turns progressive ideals into action; who strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families, and who safeguards individual rights and freedoms.

Recipients must

- ▶ have brought about important programs and services through their leadership in a volunteer capacity
- ▶ be known for their interest, activity and stands on issues with which NCJW is in sympathy
- ▶ be a catalyst for social change

Nominations are welcome until Wednesday, October 21, 2011.

Please include bio or resume in writing and send to Vivian Cahn, vcahn@cox.net - 2934 DeSoto St. New Orleans, LA 70119 or Ina Davis, inanew@me.com - fax: 504-919-2559

GNO Section Hannah G. Solomon Award Recipients 1966-2011

Rena Wilson	Diana Lewis
Margery Stich	Grace Hudson
Myra Soboloff	Donald Mintz
Thomas Godchaux	Sybil Morial
Olga Jackson	Julanne Isaacson
Edith Rosenwald Stern	Pres Kabacoff
Helen Mervis	Dr. Robert and Shirley Haspel
Sarah Davis	Harry Blumenthal, Jr.
Edith Schulhofer	Eddy Rosen
Jane K. Buchsbaum	Hugo Kahn
Millie McClendon Charles	Roger and Marjorie Bissinger
Sara Stone	Barbara Herman
Flo Schornstein	Madalyn Schenk
Rosalie Cohen	Babs Isaacson
Roy Schwarz	Melba & Moise Steeg, Jr.
Barbara Lemann	Betty Wisdom
Rosa F. Keller	Inge Elsas
Mike Brenner	Carol Good
Norma Freiberg	Phyllis M. Taylor
Sunny Norman	Carol B. Wise
Hon. Joan B. Armstrong	Nancy Marsiglia
Elizabeth Rack	Joan Berenson
Hon. Miriam Waltzer	

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		SAVE THE DATE				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Hannah G. Solomon Award Luncheon					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	February 27, 2012!					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

It takes a village to educate and celebrate the child

By Ina Davis

In early May, NCJW-GNO received a generous donation of several hundred children's books from the Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. This book collection of ageless children's classics and fun story books were shared with these groups in our New Orleans' community:

► Our HIPPIY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) program received the books for the youngest reading audience. This home based literacy program helps economically and educationally disadvantaged parents provide educational enrichment for their preschoolers.

► The New Orleans Family Justice Center appreciated the delivery of elementary readers (and some stuffed animals) for their "Children's Area", a room originated by our Section. The social workers there encourage children to take a book and toy home with each visit.

► New Orleans' Eleanor McMain Magnet Secondary School library received the more advanced books for their students' summer reading pleasure.

Thanks to our NCJW members who outreached, unpacked, sorted, repacked and delivered these treats to their final locations: Elizabeth Black, Vivian Cahn, Ina Davis - chair, Marcy Fertel, Carol Good, Susan Kierr, Myra Krassenstein, Betty B. Lazarus, Anna Leightman, Jan Miller, Joel Myers, Phyllis Nitzkin, Rose Reid, Sue Singer, Anne Swanson, Ann Thompson, Eileen Wallen, Lorraine Williams, Jill Zimmerman.

NCJW members sorting hundreds of books generously donated by Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel of Elkins Park, Pa. L-R Ina Davis, Anna Leightman, Phyllis Nitzkin.



We are always collecting stuffed animals for the children who visit the New Orleans Family Justice Center. Our hope is that every child who visits the "Children's Area" can take home a book and stuffed animal to love. L-R Anna Leightman, Phyllis Nitzkin, Marcy Fertel.

Dedicated FUNDS

Irma M. Isaacson Scholarship Fund...

Irma M. Isaacson Scholarship Fund enables the National Council of Jewish Women-New Orleans Section to provide needed financial assistance to local Jewish students pursuing an academic or vocational goal.

- ▶ **Sarah Rabin**
In honor of Joan Berenson
- ▶ **Flo and Richard Schorenstein**
In honor of Carol and Stanley Marx's anniversary
- ▶ **Joan and Gerald Berenson**
In honor of Randell Singer's engagement
- ▶ **Marjorie Bissinger**

NCJW Cares...

- ▶ **Sheryl Title, Chair**
- ▶ **In honor of Patricia Kirschman upon receiving the Harold Salmon Award for 2010**
By The Kirschman Family
By Rabbi Alexis Berk
By Betty and Ed Smith
By Loel and Larry Samuel
By Sheryl and Peter Title
By Pam Lyles
By Amy Gainsburgh Haspel
By Nancy Marsiglia
By Elaine Mintz
By Joel Myers

Personal Giving...

These women have given to the 2010-2011 Personal Giving Campaign, "Climb the Ladder of Success" to help continue our many community services and advocacy.

- ▶ **(\$1 - \$99)**
Adele Adatto, Diane Africk, E. Marilyn Alhadeff (Bernstein), Jacque Ames, Peggy Bennett, Phyllis Bernstein, Marilyn Brown, Betty C. Brown, Ann Burka, Leah Deutch, Michelle Erenberg, Sheila Fenton, Lynette Fried, Susan Friedman, Edel Gainsburgh, Susan Glazer, Susan Good, Lisa Heller, Esther Hendler, Lisa Gurk Herman, Susan Kierr-Dyer, June Leopold, Dorothy Gee Liniado, Toby Mendler, Betty Moore, Marilyn Oelsner, Paula Picker, Sue Preis, Rebecca Russell, Cynthia D. Sacks, Florence Scharff, Debbie Schlackman, Betty Straus Smith, Rachelle Stein, Ann Streiffer, Eileen Wallen, Rita Warren.
- ▶ **(\$100-\$249)**
Cathy Bart, Rachel Bergman, Benay Bernstein, Juanita Bohn, Barbara Bresler, Jane Buchsbaum, Mindy Caplan, Susan Daube, Shellye Farber, Cynthia Farber, Julie Fishelson, Diane Franco, Sue Frank, Margot Garon, Deena Gerber, Robin Giarrusso, Carole Gottsegen, Harriet Handelman, Julie Schwam Harris, Amy Gainsburgh Haspel, Sandra Heller, Eve Hirsch, Julanne Isaacson, Jarrett Johnson, Nancy Hudson Kaplan, Charel Katz,

JoAnn Katz, Celia Katz, Naomi Kornman, Miriam Latter, Maline Levy, Ellen Manshel, Nancy Marsiglia, Babette Neuwirth, Debbie Newman, Lindsay Pasternack, Sarah Pasternack, Gail Pesses, Joyce Pulitzer, Sarah Rabin, Cynthia Rittenberg, Eddy Rosen, Carol H. Rosen, Beth Isaacson Rosenthal, Nita - Joan Sams, Loel Weil Samuel, Madalyn Schenk, Mimi Schlesinger, Carol Schudmak, Phyllis Shames, Karen Sher, Leona Shlosman, Karen Soll, Sylvia Sterne, Nancy Timm, Elaine Van Der Linden, Sue Robin Weinhauser, Ruth Weisler, Frances Wolff, Jan Yellin, Jennifer Zurik.

- ▶ **(\$250-\$499)**
Vivian Cahn, Carol Good, Tricia Kirschman, Pamela Lyles, Joel Myers, Phyllis Nitzkin, Julie Wise Oreck, Florence Schornstein, Kathy Shepard, Sue Singer, Jane Sizeler, Ann Thompson, Carol B. Wise, Melanie Zurik.
- ▶ **(\$500-\$999)**
Jane Bories Burkedale Family Foundation, Marjorie Cowen, Richard Davis, Ina Davis, Michal Fishman, Sandra Chass Goldsmith, Susan Hess, Babette Issacson, Betty Kohn, Edie Rosenblum, Lois Shepard.
- ▶ **(\$1,000-\$2,499)**
Anonymous, Joan & Gerald Berenson, Cahn Family Foundation, Tracy Dodd, Barbara Herman, Anne P. Lowenburg, Elka Rosenzweig, Dana Shepard, Patrick Taylor Foundation.
- ▶ **(\$2,500 and Above)**
Sara Stone, Margie Bissinger.



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Calendar of EVENTS

- ▶ Save the Dates:
Feb 27, 2012, Hannah Solomon Award Luncheon
Apr 15, 2012, Annual Fundraiser
May 21, 2012, Closing Lunch and Installation
- ▶ Sept. 6 Board Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Sept. 19 Harold Salmon Sr. Award Luncheon
11:30 a.m., Andrea's Restaurant, Metairie
- ▶ Sept. 27 Executive Committee Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Oct. 4 Board Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Oct. 24 Articles due for
November-December bulletin
- ▶ Oct. 25 Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Nov. 2 Board Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Nov. 15 Executive Committee Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Dec. 6 Board Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Dec. 20 Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Dec. 26 Articles due for
January-February bulletin