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Convention 2020

What does deep-dish pizza and the National Council of Jewish Women have in common? They are both excellent, and they both started in Chicago!

Join NCJW in Chicago on **April 23-25 for Convention 2020, Jewish Feminism: Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future**. Now is the perfect time to get involved in our national movement and learn about the impact NCJW is making across the country! Register today at www.ncjw.org/convention2020!

The reasons to attend Convention 2020 are infinite, but to start, you will:

- **Shape the future:** The future of NCJW is brighter than ever. This is our first national event with Sheila Katz as our CEO! Come hear her vision for the future.
- **Learn something new:** Our workshops are a great opportunity to expand your skills and learn more about the social justice issues that we are working on.
- **Set the direction of our national movement:** During our business session, you will vote on a new board, bylaws, and resolutions.
- **Cultivate connections:** Build relationships with many other fierce feminists as we turn our faith into action.

Register for Convention and book your hotel today so you can be a part of this exciting event!

A vibrant poster for 'Diva Cabaret' presented by NCJW. The top half has a purple background with the text 'Diva Cabaret' in a large, pink, cursive font, with 'presented by NCJW' in a smaller, green, sans-serif font below it. The NCJW logo is also present. The bottom half has a pink background. On the left is a large, gold, high-heeled shoe. On the right is a gold-bordered box containing the text: 'Join us at this year's gala, Diva Cabaret, for an evening filled with warmth, friendship, & vibrant entertainment over dinner & drinks.' Below this, it says 'The evening of Saturday March 28, 2020' and 'NOCHI 725 Howard Ave. New Orleans'.



Convention 2020 previews!

Madelyn "Maddie" Fireman to receive the National 'Inspiring Leadership Award'!

A huge mazel tov to Maddie Fireman!! Maddie was selected to receive the Elissa Froman Inspiring Leadership Award at the National Council of Jewish Women Convention 2020. This award honors an emerging NCJW leader who has had a positive impact on the lives of women, children, and families in their community. The nominations were competitive this year and Maddie stood out among a number of strong advocates for her leadership and continued commitment to NCJW, and in her work furthering NCJW's mission in our section, community, and the wider advocacy network.

We are thrilled to honor Maddie at Convention 2020 in Chicago April 23-25. Come join us!
<https://www.ncjw.org/convention2020/>

This year marks NCJW's 125th year of service and leadership to communities across the U.S.

Presidential MESSAGE

The year is 2020. Your ophthalmologist would tell you that if your eyesight is 20/20, you have perfect vision. What are the chances that we at NCJW GNO will have perfect vision during the coming year? Well, if we pursue our Jewish values and fight for the betterment of our society, both locally and nationally, we should achieve that goal.



As the Rev. Martin Luther King famously said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." We at NCJW have continuously sought to follow the Torah commandment to pursue Justice, in all aspects of our society relating to Women, Children and Families. Unfortunately the challenge for us has not decreased. In fact it has increased in this complex world in which we live. At every turn we are called upon to recognize the structural inequalities seemingly built into our system, and to take concerted action to fix these problems.

It takes courage to stand up for what we believe is right, especially in the face of strong, vocal opposition. No one ever said that NCJW GNO members lacked courage!

Hindsight is also said to be 20/20. It turns out that NCJW has had perfect hindsight. The year 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in this country. As we know, NCJW was presciently on the leading edge of the effort to get the vote for women.

Now that we have the vote, we need to use it, both individually and as a strong, committed, intelligent group of women who are not afraid to stand up for what we believe is right.

We must, however, remember when we approach anything political, that the National Council of Jewish Women has a 501c3 tax designation, meaning that we do not ever endorse candidates. In this diverse society we are non-partisan and do all our work through the lens of Jewish Values.

One thing that our Advocacy Committee has planned is individual in-person outreach visits to all the State Representatives and Senators in whose districts we live. This will be an ongoing effort to get to know our elected legislators and to educate

them about who we are, the work we are doing and the issues to which we are committed. We will try to stay in touch with them all year long, not just during the legislative session as we have done in the past. In other words, now that we have the vote, we intend to use it constructively to bring our collective influence to bear in solving the problems about which we care so passionately.

Women tend to join NCJW to fulfill their need to improve the world through both Advocacy and Service. Later in this bulletin there is an extensive list of many of the service projects we are supporting. In the next bulletin the rest of our service projects will be profiled. All these projects are terrific, and they all need volunteers to help make them successful. Please look over these lists of service projects and choose one that appeals to you. Engage!! The projects need you, and you need them. You will feel richly rewarded.

Personal growth is one of the advantages of being an active member of NCJW GNO. We should be constantly recalibrating ourselves in order to perform more effectively, allowing us to mitigate today's complex environmental and humanitarian problems. To quote Albert Einstein, "The solutions to our current problems cannot be solved from the level of consciousness that created them." We must always strive to see things with a fresh eye. The key to successful leadership is being open, curious and committed to learning. NCJW members excel at this skill. Maybe we got it from Cousin Albert!

Susan Hess

ACTIVIST OF THE YEAR



Susan Hess, NCJW GNO president, was one of six people recently honored by St. Charles Avenue Magazine as an Activist of the Year. She is shown with the other outstanding honorees - (l to r) Kim Sport, Robert Merrick, Susan Brennan, Daryl Byrd, and Edgar Chase.

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So You Want To Be A Volunteer?

There is truly something for everyone in NCJW's partnerships! Below is a list of just half of them. In the next newsletter, we will list the other half, but if you can't wait to see them all, the full list can be accessed on page 18 of the Membership Directory.

National NCJW guidelines require that any NCJW-funded organization be supported by NCJW Section members who provide direct or indirect services as volunteers. For further information reach out to the contact persons listed below.

- **The Alzheimer's Care and Enrichment Program (ACE)**

_meets at the JCC meets 3 times a week, from 10am – 2pm each day. There are 12 participants attending. During the day there are musicians performing, guest artists, an exercise component, Shabbat celebration and lunch. Volunteers are needed to help cook for the participants. For more information or to volunteer, contact Rachel Ruth at rachel@nojcc.org



- **Anti-Defamation League (ADL)** - their mission is to stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and secure justice and fair treatment for all in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. ADL engages in its mission to combat all forms of hate and bias through Advocacy, Education and Investigation. Volunteers are needed for the No Place for Hate Banner Ceremonies. For more information or to volunteer, contact Al Page apage@islaimmigration.org

- **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)** - CASA Advocates are community volunteers from all walks of life who advocate for foster kids of every age, and help these children heal and thrive through dedicated, long-term, one-on-one advocacy, so that every foster child can have a safe, permanent, nurturing home. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cathy Bart at ckbart3@gmail.com

- **Court Watch NOLA (CWN)**

- creates advocates of criminal justice reform, demonstrating that citizen engagement matters. CWN transforms a resigned, frustrated populace into a patrol of civic activists whose presence in the court is often the only factor causing public servants to be accountable to the citizenry they serve. Volunteers monitor Orleans Parish criminal court. For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail Chalew at chalewzim@gmail.com



- **Girls on the Run** - Girls on the Run is an international non-profit organization that encourages New Orleans girls to engage in competitive running and otherwise works with girls on self-esteem. What's more adorable than a precious little girl? Picture 350 third, fourth and fifth grade girls, some in glitter face paint and tutus, running in Audubon Park for Girls on the Run's November 23rd 5K run. Volunteers are needed as head and assistant coaches for 1.5 to 3 hours per week for 10 weeks. General volunteers are also needed for race day. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karen Sher at karenandleopold@gmail.com



- **Family Justice Center** - is a partnership of agencies dedicated to ending family violence, child abuse, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through prevention and a coordinated response that provides comprehensive, client-centered, empowerment services in a single location. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare on Monday and Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Susie Jernigan at suejern@gmail.com, 504 251-8152.

- **Fox 8 Defenders** - WVUE Fox 8 Defenders is an investigative news bureau that is a part of the local Fox TV affiliate in New Orleans. Volunteers become involved in consumer advocacy by responding to problems on the Consumer Help Line. The following shifts are available: Mon-Wed 9:00 a.m.-noon, and/or Mon-Wed 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Loel Samuel at lwsamuel@gmail.com or 504-782-4091.



- **Geaux Girl!** - Geaux Girl Media is a 501c3 print and on-line magazine created for and with New Orleans teenage girls to inform, inspire, engage and empower. Geaux Girl gives girls access to meaningful health information and encourages them to make their voices heard. Volunteers are needed to proofread magazine content, deliver magazines to libraries, schools, etc., and organize interfaith teen dialogue. We are looking for a Chair for this Service Project. Do you have a teenage girl with whom you could share this? It is fun! For more information, contact Susan Hess at carliesue@aol.com or 504-615-5294.



- **Sisterhearts** - is a thrift store and an organization that empowers formerly incarcerated individuals returning to society, also known as "decarceration." By working in the store these women and men receive not only retail experience but also socialization/communication skills and employment preparedness. Volunteers are needed as in-store stylists. Donations of clothing, jewelry and accessories are also needed. For more information contact Ina Davis at InaNew@me.com or 504-919-2559.



This was a recent letter to the Family Justice Center. This survivor made a \$2,000 donation that accompanied her letter.

October 21, 2019

Dear NO Family Justice Center,

About five years ago, I was a client. I spent six weeks at Crescent House, and got connected with counseling, legal, and traditional housing services. I arrived at Crescent House barefoot. The director bought me a pair of shoes. It is not an understatement to say you saved my life. I'd tried to leave my partner three other times and went back each time. Because of you, I completely turned my life around.

I recently moved back to New England to help care for my elderly father. I have a good job and I am furthering my education. My writing has been published and I am in a healthy stable (currently long distance) relationship. I have a safe place to live and financial security. I am so incredibly grateful to be able to donate to you so that you can keep doing all your good work and another woman can have the opportunity for a new beginning.

With deepest gratitude,

Jane Doe

Name withheld for confidentiality reasons

COURTS MATTER!

US Supreme Court 2019-20 Term - What's at Stake?

The US Supreme Court began its fall term in October and the nine justices have their work cut out for them. SCOTUS will consider the fate of Dreamers, whether employers can discriminate based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and other issues.

NCJW is watching closely as the highest court decides whether to advance or roll back our rights. Below we highlight two cases coming up.

June Medical Services v. Gee (Abortion: Oral Argument March 4, 2020)

In 2014, Louisiana passed a law that would require every doctor who provides abortions to have admitting privileges at a hospital within thirty miles of the clinic. This law, like other Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws, was designed to close abortion clinics by imposing medically unnecessary regulations on facilities and providers. In 2016, the Supreme Court struck down - as unconstitutional - an identical Texas law, recognizing that the admitting privilege requirement "provides few, if any, health benefits for women, poses a substantial obstacle to women seeking abortions, and constitutes an 'undue burden' on their constitutional right to do so."

Why We're Watching: NCJW opposes all measures that restrict access to safe abortion and prevent patients from receiving care. This is the first

major abortion case since the additions of Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh; we are concerned that the Court, in accepting this case, has signaled its disregard for abortion precedent and will allow lower courts to do the same.

Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue (Religion & State Separation: Oral Argument January 22, 2020)

In 2015, the state of Montana enacted a tax-credit scholarship program providing funding for low-income families to send their children to private schools - both secular and religious. However, Montana's state constitution prohibits "direct or indirect" public funding of religiously affiliated educational programs. Espinoza, who wanted to use the scholarship funding for private religious school, filed a lawsuit challenging the exclusion of religious school funding. The Montana Supreme Court found that the scholarship program was constitutional so long as students could not use the financial aid for religious schools, and the parents appealed.

Why We're Watching: NCJW opposes school voucher programs that funnel taxpayer dollars to private schools, religious organizations, or schools with discriminatory policies toward students, teachers, and/or other school personnel.

Join the Courts Matter Committee by contacting any one of us: Caroline Good, Maddie Fireman, Marni Karlin, Sefira Fialkoff, Clay Latimer, or Ina Davis!

Amicus brief

On Tuesday, December 3, the National Council of Jewish Women, along with 28 faith-based organizations submitted an amicus brief in support of the clinic challenging Louisiana's Act 620 in *June Medical Services v. Gee*. Act 620 requires physicians who provide abortion care to have hospital admitting privileges within 30 miles of where they provide care. In *Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*, the Supreme Court struck down an identical Texas law, holding that admitting privileges have no medical purpose and present an unconstitutional "undue burden" on the right to abortion. The amicus brief filed by the National Council of Jewish Women elaborates upon three points: that "religious traditions recognize women's moral right to decide whether to terminate a pregnancy;" that "women's moral right to terminate a pregnancy should not be vitiated by unnecessary impediments on access to safe and affordable abortion;" and that "Act 620 injures women's health and dignity by increasing costs and decreasing access to safe abortion care." The full text of the amicus brief can be found on the national website, ncjw.org. NCJW is proud to be in solidarity with a robust and diverse coalition of organizations and individuals opposing measures that restrict access to abortion, shuttering licensed clinics, and preventing patients from receiving care. To get involved with abortion rights and reproductive justice issues in Louisiana, contact State Policy Advocate Maddie Fireman: maddiefireman@gmail.com

NCJW Art Tour Series



We will be visiting local artist and long-time NCJW member Joan Zaslow on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 1:30 – 3:00 PM.

Joan is a figurative sculptor working with clay that is either cast into bronze or fired and hand patinated. We will meet at her home where she will show her work in different stages and explain the process of each. Joan is a terrific speaker, and her presentation will be fascinating.

This is a "don't miss" event for art lovers and anyone enjoying a special event. This is also a program to attract potential new members!

The group is limited to 20 people, so please RSVP as soon as possible to the NCJW office or to Patty Barnett: pattybtoo@gmail.com

Joan Zaslow
Wednesday March 11, 2020,
1:30 – 3:00 pm
515 Iona St
Metairie, LA

Don't Forget About Personal Giving!

In December, you should have received your invitation to participate in the 2019-2020 Personal Giving Campaign. Thanks to the generous donations of more than 50 members, we have already raised more than 70% of our goal! If you have not yet made your gift, there is still time - the Personal Giving Year began on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2020. Please contact Jenny Nathan Simoneaux, jenny.nathan@gmail.com, with questions or to get involved!

Letters:

Deportation of Hard Rock Hotel Victim a tragedy of U.S. immigration policy

On October 12th, New Orleans was shaken by the tragic news of the deaths of three construction workers in the Hard Rock building collapse. As members of the National Council of Jewish Women Greater New Orleans Section, we were devastated by this news and concerned for the well-being of the survivors. NCJW is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Our section members are immigrants and descendants of refugees who came to this country fleeing persecution. As immigrant rights advocates we are acutely aware that many of the workers on site are immigrants and we are concerned for their safety.

Delmer Ramirez Palma is one of the immigrant workers survived the collapse but was seriously injured. He was awaiting medical care when ICE detained and deported him this week. Shortly before he was detained, Ramirez Palma had been quoted about his experience as a survivor of this tragedy in The Jambalaya News. He had also previously reported his concerns about safety on the construction site before the collapse. This

raised concerns for us about whether Mr. Ramirez Palma was targeted for speaking out.

We recently listened to the testimony during the impeachment hearings of Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, who was brought to this country by his parents, Ukrainian Jewish refugees, when he was a small child. In his opening statement, Lt. Col. Vindman reassured his father in the audience, "my sitting here today ... is proof that you made the right decision 40 years ago to leave the Soviet Union and come here to the United States... do not worry, I will be fine for telling the truth."

Vindman's statement makes us proud to be American Jews. But we cannot look away when we see an immigrant like Mr. Ramirez Palma being punished and silenced for speaking out against violations of the law which endanger all workers, including citizens.

We cannot turn a blind eye to the government's apparent attempt to silence Mr. Ramirez Palma and intimidate other immigrant workers who are now fearful of speaking out about the problems

which led to the tragic collapse of the Hard Rock building here in our home. We urge local government and civic leaders to stand up and defend survivors of the Hard Rock collapse, and all whistleblowers regardless of immigration status, from retaliation and intimidation. It's the right thing to do, because we cannot allow disregard for the lives and safety of workers, intimidation of potential witnesses, or obstruction of justice to occur in our city.

• Jessica Frankel and Allyson Page

Procedure for Letters to the Editor

We are thrilled to have letters to the editor published in the newspaper. There is, however, a definite procedure for making this happen, and it is very important that anyone writing a letter to the editor using NCJW GNO as part of your signature follow the procedure. All potential letters should be sent first to the appropriate VP and then to the President for approval before being submitted to the newspapers.

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Antisemitism In America – Be Informed – Save The Date

On March 29, Gates of Prayer Synagogue will host one of a series of programs co-sponsored by the New Orleans chapter of Hadassah and NCJW GNO.

This series is designed to address the national and global rise of 21st century anti-Semitism. Further information about the March 29 event will be distributed in the following weeks.

In the past decade anti-Semitism has become a now-common reality for Jewish American citizens: vandalism at Jewish sites, physical attacks, ancient Jewish blood libels repeated and spread on social media sites, Jewish scapegoating using illustrations and cartoons in both the press and other printed material. In the past several years anti-Semitism has been ratcheted up into the murder of Jews on the streets, in places of business, places of worship and during the celebration of

Jewish festivals and holidays. The result is an intimidation of Jews throughout American communities as well as on American college campuses.

To confront anti-Semitism, it is important to be informed. Local and national organizations are providing the opportunity to learn more about the problem in general --- who the anti-Semites are and what the philosophies are driving their anti-Semitic rage.

These links will provide some insights into anti-Semitism:

BARI WEISS – SPEECH AT NO HATE NO FEAR MARCH NYC – Jan. 5, 2020:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6OkhM7Cao0&t=89s>

DeborahLipstadt – Holocaust historian – Anti-Semitism today

<https://www.pbs.org/video/deborah-lipstadt-wnmqgb/>

A History Lesson

In 1970 the Black Panthers set up camp in the Desire Projects in New Orleans with the goal of helping the impoverished residents there. Their arrival, however, created a sense of fear in certain parts of both black and white communities in the city. In September, 1970 the police were summoned to oust them from the projects, and the confrontation resulted in what could have been a deadly shootout between the Panthers and the NOPD. Miraculously, however, when all the gunfire died down, not one person was injured on either side! Of course, the story doesn't end there with a happy ending. There were many repercussions, and legal entanglements. This event and all its related incidents are captured in a fascinating book by local writer, psychotherapist, conflict resolution mediator, and community activist Orissa Arend called **'Showdown in Desire'**.

In one chapter of the book, Arend recounts responses from various community organizations to the prevailing climate of violent and dangerous confrontations. In 1970, Margot Garon was the NCJW president, and NCJW was one of the organizations that spoke out. In a letter to then-Mayor Moon Landrieu they wrote:

"We must assure every citizen in the Desire area that the administration, police, and other citizens in New Orleans not only understand their situation but are willing to work together to alleviate the deplorable conditions in which they live. In this way frustrations can be diminished and perhaps the young can turn to constructive methods of self-improvement which will not only benefit them personally but will benefit the entire community as well."

This enlightened letter exemplifies our mission, which is stated as: "NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms."

Then, as now, NCJW was there to respond in a strong, intelligent and supportive way for the betterment of our community.

NCJW-backed Human Rights Commission amendment passes!

New Orleans voters passed an amendment, during the November 16 election, to add a Human Rights Commission to the City Charter. **NCJW, GNO educated and encouraged its members to vote in favor of this amendment to field human rights-related complaints and fight discrimination.**

Previously, if a New Orleans resident had been discriminated against, their only option was to file an expensive lawsuit or navigate the complex patchwork of federal and state enforcement bodies.

Now, the Human Rights Commission will provide a single place for New Orleanians to file a discrimination complaint for free. It is an administrative process; therefore, complaints are often resolved through mediation and education rather than litigation. This charter-recognized commission will also have the power to investigate. If they find that the law was violated, they can draft a finding and send it to the Civil District Court for enforcement.

What I Want My Family to Know

Another Kind of Family Planning

The National Council of Jewish Women, GNO and Hadassah New Orleans jointly presented *What I Want My Family to Know – another kind of family planning*, on Sunday, January 26 at Temple Sinai. The last in their series of end-of-life planning programs, this one was dedicated to questions young families have about the future, and issues that all families have when thinking ahead.

Featured panelists were Rabbi Daniel Sherman of Temple Sinai; Melissa Pennebaker, Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner at Touro Infirmary; Rose Sher, Estate Planning Specialist at Jones Walker; and Nancy Timm, LCSW, BACS, Clinical Social Worker and Board Approved Clinical Supervisor at Pelts, Kirkhart & Associates, LLC.

The event was orchestrated by committee members Julianne Isaacson, Susan Kierr, Betty Moore, Helen Stone and Fran Simon.

Public Records Request

NCJW GNO has been working with VOTE (Voice of the Experienced) to register formerly incarcerated persons who are eligible under ACT 636 to register to vote. Among the many efforts to identify and encourage formerly incarcerated persons to register and to vote has been our appearance at the Probation and Parole Office each Thursday in order to find eligible voters for registration. We have had very little success.

We know that there are in excess of 77,000 potential voters all over the state eligible under Act 636. Records are in the possession of the Department of Corrections with names and addresses of those released and/or on probation or parole. These records would be used to find and encourage individuals eligible to register.

For that purpose, we are proposing to file a Public Record Request under La. R.S.44:1. The request would be by letter to the Department of Corrections asking for the names and addresses of all the people eligible since passage of Act 636 and for 10 years out from all the parishes in the state.

This is a big step for NCJW GNO. We will keep you posted as things develop.

Scholarship Donations since 11/1/19

The Irma M. Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Fund enables the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section, to provide needed financial assistance to Jewish students in New Orleans pursuing academic or vocational goals.

Apply now to Nancy B. Timm at nancybtimm@gmail.com if you or someone you know meets the criteria for an NCJW Scholarship Program scholarship:

- * Jewish
- * Resident of the Greater New Orleans area
- * Can demonstrate financial need
- * Can provide a realistic plan to achieve educational or vocational goals

Please consider a donation to The Scholarship Program because each dollar helps a student attend school!

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NCJW Directory Updates and Welcome to our Newest Members! October 25, 2019 – January 1, 2020

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Jewish Genetic Testing

NCJW partnered with numerous Jewish organizations to sponsor Jewish Genetic Testing on February 6 at the Uptown Jewish Community Center. Guest Speakers were Debbie Wasserman, MS and Dr. Paul du Treil, OB/GYN. The Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Disease, Touro Infirmary, Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans, Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, Jewish Endowment Foundation, the Jewish Community Center and other organizations sponsored this important educational screening event.



Blast from the Past

The year is 1984. The charming couple is Rachel and Joseph Sher, parents-in-law of NCJW Board Member Karen Sher. According to Karen, "My sweet 'Mama' enjoyed working as a volunteer in NCJW's Thrift Shop when it was on Magazine Street. Both she and my lovable Dad-in-law loved attending Angel Ball, dressing up, and dancing cheek to cheek." Ah, the Angel Ball memories we all shared over the decades!

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