



## National Council of Jewish Women Greater New Orleans Section

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NCJW Presents:

# A Night Under the Stars, our 2021 Gala!

As twilight falls on the evening of Saturday, April 17, guests will drive to Congregation Gates of Prayer for an elevated drive-in movie experience. In the comfort, safety and friendly space of your own vehicle, a delicious dinner and dessert will be provided to guests by the New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute (NOCHI). Those who are able to walk the lot with their masks on can pose in our photo stations, designed to look straight out of classic Hollywood films, or approach the bar to order a specialty cocktail, beer, or wine. Servers will also be available to hand-deliver food and drinks to our event Patrons, Sponsors, and those with mobility issues.

As the sky fades to indigo and fills with stars, the movie will roll. Guests can watch the to-be-announced film from their vehicle by tuning their radio to a specific station or they may bring chairs and sit socially distanced with masks on in a special area in front of the screen. Covid restrictions will be based on the recommendations made by the city at that time. Save the date and we'll see you then!



### Our gala committee having fun planning!

Top row, left to right – Kathy Shepard,  
Barbara Kaplinsky, Susan Hess,  
Susan Kierr

Middle row – Barbara Greenberg,  
Loel Samuel, Tana Velen, Gail Pesses

Bottom row – Patty Barnett, Dana  
Shepard

# Presidential MESSAGE



I have to laugh when I think of the column I wrote a year ago ushering in 2020, and proposing that we would all have 2020 Vision for the year to come. Of course, as

things turned out, nothing could have been further from the truth. We could not have predicted most of the strange and, yes, frightening events that came our way during the last year.

We have been taxed on so many levels with Covid19, Black Lives Matter, anti-Semitism, climate change, economic chaos, wild fires, hurricanes (we were in the cone of uncertainty for seven of those suckers!), impeachment, the loss of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, truly dangerous elections, and ending with a bizarre bombing in Nashville. We also had an amazing astronomical phenomenon that has not happened in 800 years with the coming together of Jupiter and Saturn in our night sky on December 21st. Whew!

A recent cartoon in the *Times-Picayune* by Jeff Stahler observed that, pre-Covid, the prevailing wisdom was "Hugs not Drugs". Now, however, it is "Drugs not Hugs". That about sums up how much things have changed in the last year.

We must remember, however, this in crisis there is opportunity. We have certainly seen that as well. For one thing, technology has soared all around us. For us at NCJW, ZOOM is the word of the year, for good and ill. ZOOM has allowed us to continue working, even if not in person, which can be very frustrating. At the same time, it has also allowed us to broaden our reach amazingly. With our anti-Semitism programs last summer, for example, we were able to include viewers from all over the country and the world, touching many hundreds of viewers who would never have been exposed to those thought-provoking ideas if they had just been for local consumption.

Along the same lines, a series of programs on women's issues is in the planning stages for the Spring. It will be done in partnership with Hadassah and the Jewish Endowment Foundation, and will possibly touch on concepts such as how the job market for women has been impacted by Covid-era changes, or the newest treatments for breast cancer, or how to sell your treasures on

eBay and Etsy, or women and incarceration in Louisiana, or women and their matriarchs. As you can see, we are wide-open in where we can go. We have a first-class committee of 10 diverse women who will be making the topic selections.

January 7th - In light of the two momentous things that happened yesterday, I have decided to add some additional comments to my column. We have President Trump to thank for both of them.

On Tuesday, January 5th, two Democrats were elected to the Senate from Georgia, swinging the balance of power in that august body from Republican to Democrat. Many woke to euphoria on Wednesday with that amazing news.

Hardly did we internalize that change than a horrifying seditious insurrection occurred at the United States Capitol. It did not derail proceedings and President-Elect Biden was duly designated the winner of the November election.

Both events ultimately demonstrated the strength of our Democracy. So, my last word of the year is RESILIENCE. We have an obligation to grab life by the teeth and make something of it, even in the face of great calamity. NCJW is terrific at doing just that. See you in the new (and hopefully much improved) year.

*Susan Hess*

For your Passover table is a recipe sent to us by Benay Bernstein, from her mother, Dorothy Stermer.

## Matzo Meal Pancakes

**Difficulty** – Easy

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup matzo meal
- 1 ½ cups milk (a little more if necessary)
- 1 egg
- 1 tbs sugar
- Pinch of salt
- oil for cooking
- sugar to sprinkle on top when serving

### DIRECTIONS

Stir ingredients together until well mixed with no lumps.

Let stand 15 minutes to thicken.

Heat oil poured to 1/4 inch until hot enough for batter to sizzle but not burn.

Drop large tablespoons of batter into oil.

Cook several minutes on each side. Do not undercook. Pancakes should be nicely browned.

Serve with sugar sprinkled on top of pancakes.

Recipe can be halved or doubled.

## Community Service Projects

NCJW, GNO's Community Service Projects create meaningful and effective transformations in our community. By working in partnership and collaborating with other organizations, we are able to improve lives and stimulate lasting change on the local, state and federal levels. Our list of past and current projects is impressive and can be found in the blue pages of our directory.

Ever wonder how we decide which community service projects we adopt? Our detailed procedure reflects the importance of this area to NCJW, GNO. It starts with our Community Needs committee, chaired by Loel Samuel. All proposals for new services come to her, whether from a representative outside NCJW or as a result of research within the organization. An application form is forwarded and must be filled out in its entirety and returned prior to consideration.

The committee then assembles to discuss the proposed service and make sure it meets our criteria, both local and national. The guidelines are extensive and include: A recognized need for the service in the community; an agreement with the agency on the goals of the service; NCJW, GNO volunteers willing to participate in the project if needed (training and capable supervision provided by the agency); availability of funds, with the parameters of the funding specified; recognition of NCJW, GNO's participation in all relevant publicity; and the option of sitting on the Advisory Board/ Committee overseeing the project. We require that the community service notify us of any deviation from our original agreement and that we have the right to review our participation based on these changes.

The Community Needs committee votes on each proposal and then submits recommendations for approval at an Open Board Meeting or General Meeting.

Every Community Service Project is evaluated annually and continued participation must be approved by the Board.

We are always looking for new and relevant community services. If you have an idea or want to get involved with any of the current Community Services, please contact Gail Fenton Pesses [gpresses@aol.com](mailto:gpresses@aol.com).



# Ina Weber Davis Receives the Hannah G. Solomon Award



**Ina Weber Davis, Hannah G. Solomon awardee holding her statue, flanked by event chair Vivian Cahn (left) and president Susan Hess (right).**

On January 26, Ina Weber Davis received the Hannah G. Solomon Award, in a 'packed' virtual event with family, friends, and NCJW members from all across the country. This first-ever virtual awards ceremony was created by President Susan Hess, event chair Vivian Cahn, Dana Shepard, and Kathy Shepard. The selection committee consisted of Susan Hess, Barbara Kaplinsky, Ana Gershanik, Susie Jernigan, Rollie Rabin, and Cathy Glaser.

The program began with wise words and a blessing from Touro Synagogue Rabbi Katie Bauman. New Orleans City Council member Joe Giarrusso, (also the son of NCJW Vice-President Judge Robin Giarrusso) read a proclamation from the city of New Orleans to Ina. City Council President Helena Morena also spoke of her collaboration and respect for Ina and her activism.

As the 2021 recipient of this award, Ina joins an exemplary group of local community leaders who have been recognized annually since 1966, some of whom were present at the evening's event. They were acknowledged by President

Susan Hess and included Madalyn Schenk, Julie Schwam Harris, Ana and Juan Gershanik, Ruth Kullman, and herself.

In a light-hearted intro, Vivian Cahn spoke of how Ina not only makes work fun, but makes play fun as well. To illustrate this, she showed a number of photos of Ina in various Mardi Gras costumes. Then, in a more serious tone, she enumerated Ina's many organizational involvements both within the Jewish community and in the larger community as well.

Following this list were tributes from a few of the many people who have worked alongside Ina. They included Lindsay Morris, NCJW National Director of Engagement and Leadership, Maryam Henderson-Uloho, the director of SisterHearts, a women's decarceration initiative, and Clay Latimer, an attorney who has worked with Ina for almost a decade with Louisiana Courts Matter. This was followed by a beautiful, loving tribute from her three sons, Matthew, Dave, and Brett in which they reiterated how their mother always strives to bring out the best in people.

Following these tributes, Vivian presented Ina with the Hannah G. Solomon award statue, inscribed "Presented to Ina Weber Davis in recognition of her heartfelt desire to improve our community, and her inspiration to the next generation of leaders."

Ina then gave a beautiful speech, using NCJW's motto "A faith in the future. A belief in action". She recounted her activism upon these principles from her earliest days, starting after college as a teacher. She made sure that her students were accepting, compassionate, and open to those students in their classes who were mentally and physically challenged. Even in these early days she said "I was doing what I loved most – lifting people up

by bringing them together. This principle is at the core of my activism."

She concluded her remarks by saying, "We have much work to do. Now is not the time for backsliding. We must advance voting rights, multiculturalism, early education, economic opportunity and the end of the prison-industrial complex. And the first step is communication.

I encourage you all to connect with the disconnected — in your own way and across generations. This could take the form of an intimate conversation, grassroots organizing, reading to a child, or bringing along a friend to a volunteer action.

I challenge you to open yourself up to a trusted mentor who may help you grow and hope. Or perhaps it is time for you to step up, and consider how your experiences may guide others.

In coming together, we all rise."



**Ina with Bernie enjoying her award.**

## A Book for You!

Our mesmerizing speaker for NCJW's Anti-Semitism seminar in June of last year, Dr. Troy Gil, is the author of the book **Zionist Ideas, Visions for the Jewish Homeland – Then, Now, Tomorrow**. Our section has copies of this book available free to our members. If you would like a copy, please contact Susan Hess, [carliesue@aol.com](mailto:carliesue@aol.com).

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# 'Laughter for the Soul'



Ronda Kottle



Sue Dembrow Daube



Dr. Seuss penned, "From there to here and here to there, funny things are everywhere."

In our ongoing campaign to grow membership, the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans (NCJW, GNO) hosted a 'Laughter for the Soul' Zoom meeting on February 3.

Along with Ronda Kottle, NCJW Recruitment chair, the laughter therapy virtual meeting was co-chaired and presented by Social Worker Susan (Sue) Dembrow Daube. Sue provided useful tips on "how to find the funny and the fun in life". She has worked 14 years as the Family Life Education Coordinator at Jewish Family Service, where she oversaw Teen Life Counts as well as Outreach to Intermarried Families and Jews by Choice, and therapy sessions.

According to both Daube and Kottle, laughter is the best therapy during these stressful times. "We've had to cope with the corona virus, social distancing, and wearing masks," Sue said. "It's important for us to take advantage of an opportunity to lighten up a little and enjoy a long satisfying belly laugh!"

## A Happy Hour Costume Party with Pizzazz

The creative duo of event co-Chairs Lilli Geltman (a glamorous Roaring 20's Flapper) and Sara Lewis (a blue and green-haired mermaid), dreamed up a quirky, funky cocktail and costume party held Saturday night, January 23.

NCJW, GNO, mixed up (as in cocktails) a magical evening for its members, and its future (we hope) members, and, thanks to stalwarts behind-the-scenes Kathy Shepard and Dana Shepard, served it to them just right via Zoom.

Before the event, each participant received a home delivery of a brightly colored goodie bag packed with a tiny bottle of rum, containers of specially prepared pineapple puree and simple syrup, plus other necessary party items such as a horn, a crown, beads, and swizzle stick.

Before the wet and wild party got under way, NCJW new member Rabbi Lexi Erdheim, costuming as a Senator Bernie

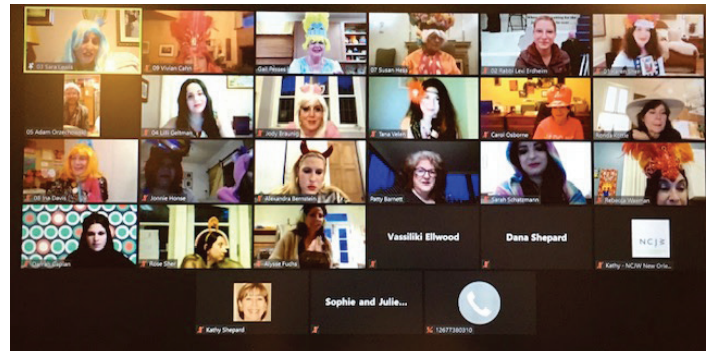
Sanders meme, led a traditional and beautiful Havdalah service to mark the ending of Shabbat and the beginning of a new week.

Twenty-five women could be seen in Zoom boxes sporting costumes and smiles, among whom were a devil (Alexandra Bernstein), Cinderella (Community Services VP Gail Pesses), a Pfizerball Shot (Rose Sher), a Saints football player (Sandra Chass Goldsmith), a Mah Jongg Flower Tile (Karen Sher, Membership VP), and "I Come From Alabama" (Ronda Kottle, Recruitment Chair).

Jody Braunig, dressed as a glittery, long eye lashed pretty-in-pink unicorn won the prize of a magenta sequined face mask generously donated by Ellen Macomber, a New Orleans artist and designer. (Check out Ellen's designs -- more than masks -- at [ellenmacomber.com](http://ellenmacomber.com)).

The Diva Costume Judges in knock-out getups were president Susan Hess, corresponding secretary Vivian Cahn, and Ina Weber Davis, NCJW WAY committee chair and the 2021 Hannah G. Solomon Award recipient.

Hess, Cahn, and Davis treated us to a slice of history about their years of parading in the French Quarter on the Friday before Mardi Gras with screen shares of photographs of the trio in gorgeous, beaded



**Costumed participants. In the second row is Jody Portnoff, pretty in pink, and the winner of the costume contest.**

and sequined Mardi Gras costumes. They were members of the DIVAS for many years and then formed their own women's krewe called The French Quarter Madams.

Charming guest bartender Adam Orzechowski, the co-owner of Funk to Farm, taught everyone how to mix his signature Tepache cocktail, combining the ingredients delivered in the goodie bags. Read more about Adam at: [https://www.nola.com/gambit/food\\_drink/article\\_043d8bd6-1faa-11eb-ac40-0f7211c19957.html](https://www.nola.com/gambit/food_drink/article_043d8bd6-1faa-11eb-ac40-0f7211c19957.html).

A cameo appearance was made by Ina's talented actor-son Dave Davis who entertained everyone with a piano rendition of a popular Mardi Gras song. Dave's newest movie, *The Vigil*, premieres on Feb.29.

With thrilling surprises and friendly breakout rooms, kooky and colorful costumes, and a delicious, intoxicating cocktail, the party was deemed a smashing success!



**Gail Pesses costumed as Cinderella.**



## Announcing Open Board Meeting To Discuss Addition Of Local Life Member Level To Bylaws

In accordance with the Bylaws of National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section (the Section), amendments and revisions to our bylaws must be presented at a membership meeting of the Section. The bylaws amendment will be presented for a vote at an open Board meeting on **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**. A proposed amendment to our bylaws was approved by the Section Board at the Board of Directors meeting held on January 5, 2021. This amendment was a result of the following approved Board motion.

*An additional membership category of Section Life Membership will be created, at a level of \$360 payable over no longer than a two-year period, beginning on July 1, 2021. This membership cannot be transferable to other sections.*

Rationale: Effective June 30, 2018, NCJW, Inc. (National) discontinued the option of becoming an NCJW Life Member. Although all members who were Life Members at that time still retain that life member in good standing status, there is currently no way for a person to choose to become a life member. The Section Board wants to offer this option to our local Section members. The proposed change to the Bylaws would add the second sentence in

the following paragraph to allow a Local Life Member Dues option, in addition to our existing Annual Dues membership level.

### PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT:

#### ARTICLE V Dues and Finances

**Section 4. Any Life Member of NCJW, Inc., whose dues are paid in full as of June 30, 2018, shall continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of one's lifetime. Effective July 1, 2021, to become a Local Life Member, a member shall remit Life Member dues as stipulated by the Section Board of Directors at an open board meeting.**

The above bylaws amendment will be presented for a vote at the Board meeting on **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**. The meeting will be open to the full membership. If you would like to register for this open meeting to discuss the amendment or have questions, please contact Dana Shepard at [shepnola@gmail.com](mailto:shepnola@gmail.com) or Kathy Shepard at [hms55@aol.com](mailto:hms55@aol.com). We will also be happy to email you a copy of our full Bylaws.

## Welcome to our Newest Members!

October 1, 2020 – January 1, 2021

**Sarah Constant**  
**Janie Glade**  
**Erica Golden**  
**Joyce Golden**  
**Ashley Kirschman**  
**Sara Kottle**  
**Carolyn Lenz**  
**Carol Osborne**  
**Verdie Richburg**  
**Laura Stein**  
**Tania Tetlow**  
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### Directory Changes

Below are changes to member contact information between October 15, 2020 and January 1, 2021. These changes are NOT reflected in the new directory. Please update your directory.

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## New Member Mugs



**Sheryl Title** hands her daughter, **Rebecca Waxman**, a mug as a new member of NCJW. The mugs were designed by Sheryl Title, New Member gift chair and Karen Sher, Membership Vice President. The custom mug is adorned with an inspirational, uplifting quote of the notorious RBG. The creative streetcar logo was designed by Barbara Greenberg. If you know someone who may be interested in becoming a member of NCJW, please submit the name to Karen Sher at [karenandleopold@gmail.com](mailto:karenandleopold@gmail.com). Every new member will receive one of these delightful mugs.

# Engaging New Voices & Voters

Engaging New Voices & Voters (ENNV) was created in 2018 by Sylvia Finger and Jill Israel. The vision was to form a coalition of active and motivated nonpartisan nonprofits – and leverage the power in numbers. And that is exactly what happened, with the coalition now including more than a dozen organizations with a mailing list of about 300 volunteers, registering over 9,000 new voters in New Orleans. Although their activity was slowed considerably during the pandemic, they are finding ways to continue the mission. They want everyone who is eligible to register to vote and to exercise their right to vote.

While voting is a fundamental right in our United States Constitution, this essential freedom is not guaranteed in all other countries. Their coalition kicked things off by registering many of the newly naturalized citizens at the weekly naturalization ceremonies, averaging between 60 and 70 registrations each week until COVID-19 put an end to their in-person activities

They expanded their focus to Gen Z, a growing segment of the voting population that, together with Millennials, accounts for 37% of eligible voters. These young adults can make a difference in who gets elected



**Miriam Waltzer and Sylvia Finger promoting the vote.**

and what laws, regulations and policies get adopted. They work with them to understand the power they hold. ENNV registered students at high schools and colleges across the New Orleans metro area during 2018 and 2019, then pivoted to online webinars to register and motivate students to go vote during the pandemic.

Both Sylvia and Jill's work in the areas of voter registration, voter engagement, and voter rights have been a prime focus of the last three years. Sylvia is Chair of the Voter Rights/Mobilization efforts of the NCJW Public Affairs Committee, while Jill is Chair of the League of Women Voters (New Orleans) Voter Services Committee. Together, along with NCJW past president

Barbara Kaplinsky, LWV President Rosalind Blanco Cook, and Judge Miriam Waltzer, they created and nurtured ENNV.

As Miriam Waltzer says, "It has been an honor to register voters, encourage folks to vote, present 4 candidate forums and communicate with our legislature concerning voting by mail during this virus-filled time. I am always grateful for the young people, and the positions NCJW takes."

## Don't Forget About Personal Giving!

In December, you should have received your invitation to participate in the 2020-21 Personal Giving Campaign. Your annual Personal Giving donations directly support our section's operations, enabling NCJW leaders to address the most pressing needs of women, children and families throughout our community. Thanks to the generous donations of more than 70 members, we have already raised more than 80% of our goal! If you have not yet made your gift, there is still time - the Personal Giving Year began on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021. Please contact Jenny Nathan Simoneaux, jenny.nathan@gmail.com, with questions or to get involved!

### NCJW Executive Committee and Board Members

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	Susan Kierr
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	Celia Katz
	Julanne Isaacson

### ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

#### Term 2020-22

Reproductive Rights chair	Benay Bernstein
Advocacy Committee	Alyse Fuchs
Anti-Semitism Chair	Marsha Halteman
Stair Chair	Carol Newman
ADL Chair, Way co-chair	Al Page
Gala Chair	Tana Velen

#### Term 2019-2021

Member Involvement	Patty Barnett
Membership & Hannah Solomon Coms.	Rollie Rabin
NCJW Way Co-Chair	Ina Davis
Family Justice Center	Susie Jernigan
Personal Giving	Jenny Nathan Simoneaux
Advocacy Co-Chair	Alanna Rosenberg

## Past Presidents 'Luncheon'

Every year, the past and present leadership of NCJW gather for their luncheon. This year, however, the event was celebrated virtually. Orchestrating this first-ever gathering were Susan Kierr, June Leopold and Shellye Farber. Everyone shared what they were currently involved in and president Susan Hess filled us in on all that NCJW, GNO has accomplished over the past year. It was even more fun than usual!



Shown are photos of our former (and current) leaders of NCJW.

**Top row, left to right: Dana Shepard, Barbara Kaplinsky, Loel Samuel, Shellye Farber; Second row, left to right: Susan Kierr, Susan Hess, June Leopold and Barbara Herman; Third row, left to right: Eddy Rosen, Cynthia Farber, Jane Buchsbaum and Joan Bronk; Bottom row, left to right: Pamela Lyles, Ina Davis and Julanne Isaacson.**



# A Special Report from LCCR

On a beautiful day a few weeks ago I met Lana in City Park to catch up with the progress of her client, "Rickey." It feels good to be with Lana. She has a smile that can light up even a cloudy day. She was in City Park with her own daughter, attending a Brownie gathering. We used the opportunity to social distance together, near the lagoon.

Lana is one of LCCR's social workers and Rickey is one of her clients. He's a 13-year-old boy who had been arrested for stealing, but Lana did not want this boy to go to prison. She knew that his mother had addiction problems and he had not had the attention he needed. Rickey had been misbehaving since he was 10, with frequent suspensions from school, giving him too much free time, much of which he'd used to practice stealing things. Sometimes negative

attention is better than no attention. The judge put him in jail.

Because of the pandemic, Lana and Rickey worked together by video conference. Lana learned that Rickey knew his aunt, in Montgomery, and had previously established a positive, if tentative, transference to her. Lana did the research, strengthened the connection between aunt and nephew, found a trauma-informed therapy program in Montgomery, secured a copy of Rickey's birth certificate, and enrolled him in school in that community.

Because Lana had this plan in place, Rickey's LCCR attorney, Michael, was able to convince the New Orleans judge that Rickey should be released from jail. He has made the move and, I've learned, is thriving in his new home, writes

rhymes and studies art. Even in these unsettling times, Rickey has bonded with his uncle and is comfortably and securely engaged in schooling and counseling.

Of course I told Lana how proud NCJW-GNO is to have a part in this story. Our partnership with their juvenile justice program is dear to our hearts. Lana said: "It's what we do at LCCR, every day."



Susan Kierr with Lana

## NCJW Cares

- ◆ In honor of NCJW  
By Michele Vron  
By Kay Kronenberg
- ◆ In honor of Vivian Cahn  
By Frankie Wolff
- ◆ In honor of Ina Davis upon receiving the Hannah G. Solomon Award for 2021  
By Susan Hess  
By Vivian Cahn  
By Rick Davis  
By Brett Davis  
By Sandra Pulitzer  
By Susan Tramontana  
By Deena Gerber  
By Barbara Kaplinsky  
By Sheryl Title  
By Jill Israel  
By Robin Giarrusso  
By Joan Bronk  
By Mary Allmont  
By Julie Schwam Harris  
By Loel and Larry Samuel  
By Sarah Covert  
By Nancy Mazur  
By Susan Kierr  
By Karen Sher  
By Barbara Greenberg  
By Claudine Katin  
By Dana Shepard

- By Eileen Becker  
By Pamela Steeg  
By Jane Siegal  
By Jody Dimitruk  
By Leann Moses  
By Marsha Halteman  
By Melanie Bronfin  
By Ana and Juan Gershanik  
By Tamar Simon  
By Jeanne Smolkin  
By Ruth Kullman  
By Cinda Becker  
By Amy Cohen  
By Mary Stern  
By Carol Stone  
By Lisa Herman  
By Joyce and Sidney Pulitzer  
By Elsa and Cole Schneider  
By Mary Zervigon  
By Marilyn Oelsner

By Gertrude Weber (Ina's mother), Joe and Cass Weber and Family, Patti and Steve Geltman and Family - **In honor of our generous, beautiful, and loving daughter, sister, and aunt. New Orleans is a lucky town to have her.**

- ◆ In memory of Michael Isaac Dembrow, beloved nephew of Sue Daube  
By Karen and Leopold Sher

- ◆ In memory of Myra Lois Mersky Soboloff  
By Cathy and Andy Burka  
By Judith Gainsburgh
- ◆ In memory of Fay Parnes  
By Rita Warren

## Birthday Dollars

- ◆ Amy Alexander
- ◆ Rebecca Alexander
- ◆ Bonnie Aronson
- ◆ Susie Jernigan
- ◆ Marilyn Oelsner
- ◆ Jeanne Smolkin
- ◆ Marjorie Weiner
- ◆ Brigitte Cohn
- ◆ Sue Singer, in honor of Jane Gerson's birthday and her own birthday
- ◆ Rita Warren, in honor of my 97th birthday

**Irma Isaacson Scholarship Fund**  
Diane Africk, in memory of Myra Soboloff  
Amy Gainsburgh-Haspel, in memory of Myra Soboloff



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## Blast from the Past



This photo was taken in 1983 at an Israel Bonds event. Sitting in the middle is Cesil Levin, and do you know the 2 NCJW members flanking her? You may also know who the speaker is.