



National Council of Jewish Women Greater New Orleans Section

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Judy Y. Barrasso to be Honored with Top NCJW Award



Judy Y. Barrasso

on October 24, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm at the Audubon Tea Room.

The award is presented annually to a community leader who exemplifies the qualities of Hannah G. Solomon, founder of the National Council of Jewish Women. Recipients selected are known for their interest, activity and stands on issues with which NCJW is in sympathy. They have proven to bring about important community programs and services through their leadership in a volunteer capacity and each has been a catalyst for social change.

Judy Barrasso has been chosen as this year's recipient of the National Council of Jewish Women, GNO's Hannah G. Solomon Award. She will receive the coveted award at the HGS Award Luncheon to be held

Barrasso is a founding member of the law firm of Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver, L.L.C., where she has been consistently ranked at the top of the legal profession in the State of Louisiana as well as nationally.

According to NCJW President Gail Pesses, Barrasso is a trailblazer and fierce advocate for women and civil rights in our State.

"Barrasso has tirelessly worked on the most pressing issues of our time, while always working to advance other women with her," Pesses said. "She embodies the mission of NCJW to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and has motivated others to fight for enlightenment, progress and positive change in the community.

Barrasso has used her success to mentor, hire and pave the way for other women in the legal profession. As a member of the Louisiana Chapter of the International Women's Forum, whose mission is

advancing women's leadership and championing equality worldwide, Barrasso has mentored college women to develop pathways to succeed in their careers and is one of the founders of Dress for Success. For years, Barrasso has worked to get women elected to office and appointed to boards and commissions.

She has also extensively volunteered her legal expertise to support efforts to maintain abortion rights and Civil Rights.

She has served as a lawyer volunteer on the board of The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, which has a rich and dynamic history of service, seeking to secure for all the rights that are the ideals on which our country was founded. Her work included protecting access to elections nationwide, making sure that on election day people do not face undue obstacles to vote, that absentee ballots are respected and early voting sites are available.

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New Leaders Elected to 2022/23 NCJW Board

The 2022/23 NCJW board slate was presented and approved at the NCJW Closing Event and Installation held on June 14, 2022.

Featured was a virtual installation of newly elected officers and board members with remarks by NCJW President Gail Pesses and the author of *New Orleans Coffee: A Rich History* Suzanne Stone.

According to President Gail Pesses, despite the limitations of Covid and the ongoing recovery from Hurricane Ida,

the NCJW, GNO Section had a very busy, productive year.

"To my executive committee, thank you for your time, your dedication and your leadership. You make me look good!", she said. "To my board, thank you for bringing your ideas, your enthusiasm and your hard work to everything you do."

Officers re-elected are Vice President Karen Sher for a two-year term from 2022-2024. Vice Presidents Robin Giarrusso and Barbara Greenberg and Recording Secretary Robin Goldblum

were elected for a one-year term from 2022-2023.

Board Members nominated for a one-year term are Benay Bernstein and Carole Neff. Board Members nominated for a 2-year term are Susan Constant, Sara Lewis, Diana Mann and Tana Velen.

The following leaders were approved to serve as the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee: Chair Ina Weber Davis, Ex Officio Chair Loel Samuel and Ex Officio Past President Susan Hess and

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Presidential MESSAGE



About this time last year, we were starting to feel twinges of optimism. Covid vaccines were widely available and our country seemed to be settling into our new leadership which promised to focus on the needs of the people rather than the selfish wants and desires of one person. We timidly began thinking of and even planning in-person events, vacations and reuniting with family members. I am sure that I was not the only one thinking as I once again attended High Holiday services on Zoom last year "Next year in person!"

But for so many of us, our optimistic bubble was rudely burst with the Supreme Court's ruling on the Dobbs v. Women's Health Services case. For over 50 years, after the Roe v. Wade decision, women have had the autonomy to decide for themselves if abortion was the best choice for their individual situation. They and their doctors, often with input from clergy as well as their families, evaluated their individual situation before making this decision. With the Dobbs decision, the Supreme Court reversed all this. The court determined that Roe v. Wade was unconstitutional and that each state may enact their own laws pertaining to abortion. States including Louisiana with "trigger laws" already on the books immediately banned all abortions, with only a scarce few spelling out limited exceptions.

The result has been confusion, despair and anger. Almost every day, we hear/read the horror stories such as the child victim of incest or rape who is told she must carry the resulting pregnancy to term or women who are pregnant and in desperate medical situations who are required to endure needless physical and emotional suffering because their doctor fears being fined or put in jail if they perform the necessary procedure.

With eighty five percent of American voters believing that abortion should be legal in some or all circumstances this issue is not going to go away anytime soon. But what can each of us do to amplify our voice as we work to restore this most personal of freedoms?

"It is up to each of us to use our vote to support candidates who respect women and their abilities to make their own decisions about this so very personal issue."

- Gail Pesses

Since the Supreme Court has handed the abortion issue back to the states, now more than ever, your vote in the next election - - Tuesday, 'Roevermber' 8th -- is critically important. Our state representatives, state senators, governor as well as other statewide officials who are making decisions about what rights women should have when it comes to their bodies are all elected by our citizens. It is up to each of us to use our vote to support candidates who respect women and their abilities to make their own decisions about this so very personal issue. Then we must continue to show up and vote in each and every election, until women's freedom to control their own bodies is restored. In addition, we must encourage other like-minded voting citizens to do the same thing.

Our NCJW-GNO volunteers have been hard at work on another dimension to getting out the vote. For the past several years, co-chairs Sylvia Finger and Miriam Waltzer and their volunteers have been hard at work registering new voters at high schools and at US Naturalization Ceremonies. As schools return to having in-person classes and in

person Naturalization Ceremonies become more frequent again, volunteers are needed to help with voter registration. It is easy to sign up to volunteer. The dates, times and locations are set up weeks ahead. All you need to do is call one of our co-chairs who will connect you to the schedule and sign

up for a shift. They will go over everything with you. Then show up for your shift. Want to make a difference in our next election? Contact Sylvia @ isfinger@gmail.com or Miriam @ miriam@waltzerlaw.com to get started.

Whatever you do, don't sit this election out. Our state and especially our women need you!

Gail Pesses



2022 Annual Board Workshop

NCJW, GNO Board Members assembled at the 2022 Annual Board Workshop held Sunday, October 21 at the Goldring-Woldenberg Jewish Community Campus. President Gail Pesses organized and presided over the workshop designed to build a strong board team and orient NCJW leaders as to their board roles and responsibilities.



Pictured here (Seated, l to r) Diana Mann, Gail Pesses, Carole Neff and Sylvia Finger. (Second Row, l to r) Amelia Halstead, 'AI' Page, Alanna Rosenberg, Dana Shepard, Carol Newman, Tricia Kirschman, Barbara Greenberg, Sheryl Title and Kathy Shepard. (Last row, l to r) Nancy Pesses, Sara Lewis, Barbara Kaplinsky, Gail Chalew, Ina Davis, Robin Giarrusso, Susan Hess, Karen Sher and Lilli Geltman

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Membership Corner

By Karen Sher, NCJW Membership Vice President

Hello, World: We are the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater New Orleans Section!

In the past several years, our membership has flourished and grown! We are ready to take on the world!

Amidst the rise of anti-Semitism, the spread of COVID-19, and our Supreme Court's tragic reversal of *Roe v. Wade* in the *Dobbs* case on 6/24/22, our members, with or without masks on, have their work cut out for them. Despite this scary backdrop, we, the fabulous members of NCJW, GNO, are keeping our chins up. Our New Orleans Section is enjoying a *magnificent growth spurt*. In a little over two years, nearly 130 new members have joined our ranks, spanning the decades from young 20-somethings all the way to 80 plus. We have long-time members rejoining and returning after a long hiatus. We also have happily added to our roster many new life members.

We continue to seek the positive, the good, and to learn through a prism of sunshine, friendship, and fun! Our Membership Committee, with the help of Kathy Shepard and Dana Shepard's Zoom skills, planned and produced Zooms galore— that were popular and widely attended. Our own talented members led Zooms which included the following:

- **Best Friends Forever** (a panel of Deena Gerber, Ashley Barriere, and Leslie Becker Crane),
- **Finding Fun and Humor** (Sue Daube);
- **Nazi-Looted Art** (Moderator Patty Barnett with historian from National WWII Museum);
- **Costumes and Cocktails** (put on by Sara Lewis and Lilli Geltman with a wonderful bartender and goodies delivered to all participants);
- **The Mystique of Mah Jongg** (Renee Zack).
- Susan Kierr and Rabbi Deborah Silver led us in a Zoom on **Dancing, Yoga, and Spirituality**.

Carol Newman led us in a **Passover art project** when NCJW partnered with the Bubbie Club. We went to *La Boheme* together and celebrated **NCJW Day at the Opera**. We did **Christmas crafts** with adorable children at the **Kingsley House**. Most recently, we were treated, in our closing and installation meeting by member/author, Suzanne Stone, speaking about her book, *New Orleans Coffee, a Rich History*.

Our Membership Committee would love to brainstorm with you! Please email Karen Sher, Membership VP, at karenandleopold@gmail.com for more information.

And if you have not already done so, please fill out the Survey that was emailed to all NCJW Members. Membership Involvement Chair, Lisa Heller, is tabulating the results and matching up our members' passions and interests to our varied and wonderful activities, programs, and community services. We want to plug you in and turn you on to our wonders!

We look forward to serving you, our valued and cherished members! You make us— US!!!

NCJW IS ALL THE RAGE!

So, if you stop and see this page,
Rack your brain for people you know
Who would love to join and help us
grow.

Bring a friend. Even give a gift of Life
Membership to a daughter, grandchild
or a wife.

Don't forget to tell about our
Welcome Mug.
Thank you and a big NCJW hug!

**Call me Karen Sher -
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*And I will reach out to any
prospective member!*

NCJW Welcome Gift



Welcome to our newest members! (April 25–August 19, 2022)

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Interested in Engaging New Voices and Voters?

In 2018, The League of Women Voters, New Orleans (LWVNO) teamed up with the National Council of Jewish Women, GNO Section to form the non-partisan coalition Engaging New Voices and Voters (ENVV). There are currently more than 16 organizations and 270+ volunteers participating in ENNV.

The ENNV Team, chaired by NCJW Voter Rights and Mobilization Co-Chairs *Sylvia Finger* and *The Honorable Miriam Waltzer*, have a three-pronged approach to making a difference in the 2022 Campaign - registering, engaging and mobilizing voters. And volunteers are needed!

Voter registration:

- Ongoing events at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Naturalization ceremony (every Friday morning) and at the Courthouse (every 3 month).
- Events at high schools, colleges, and medical schools as well as other locations such as NOLA Brewery and Melba's Po'boys.

"Get ready for ROE-venember to help get out the vote and fire up voters for Women's Choice"

- Sylvia Finger

- Opportunities to help with dropping off/picking up forms, or with highlighting forms from your armchair.

Email envvnola@gmail.com to get on the mailing list to sign up for these opportunities.

Voter Engagement

- LWVNO is preparing a profile of each candidate which will be shared with NCJW members.
- Candidate forums are under discussions and NCJW may sponsor one (TBD).

Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

- We have co-branded with NAACP on voter information flyers and door hangers.

- We will work with Together New Orleans to canvass neighborhoods and disseminate the information.

According to Sylvia Finger, "Get ready for **ROE-venember** to help get out the vote and fire up voters for Women's Choice. We hope you will help enthusiastically with this effort."



Supporting access to contraception should be common sense

I am a COMMON SENSE voter. Common sense would indicate that the way to reduce the rate of abortion would be to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. Common sense would indicate that the way government can reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies would be to protect the individual's right to access safe and affordable contraception.

Therefore, it makes NO SENSE to me why U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, the second highest ranking Republican in the United States Congress, and four of his colleagues in the Louisiana delegation, namely Clay Higgins, Mike Johnson, Julia Letlow and Garret Graves, would vote no to HR8373, a bill that not only protects a person's ability to access and use contraception, but also protects a health care provider's ability to provide contraceptives and information about contraception without government restriction.

MADALYN SCHENK
volunteer
New Orleans



"Susan Hess meets with NCJW, GNO Israeli Affairs Chair Brenda Brasher. While in Israel, Susan received updates from Brenda on the activities of the Israeli Programs supported by NCJW, GNO including NCJW Women and Gender Studies Program and Women's Studies Forums at Tel Aviv University, Women to Women - NCJW's Empowerment Initiative and Yad B'Yad.

Assault Weapons Must be Banned

(Letter to the Editor, August 1 2022)

There has been a lot said about who is responsible for all of the mass shootings in this country.

Schoolchildren are dead; others are terrified to go back to school.

Parents are fearful to take their families to a hometown parade celebrating the Fourth of July. Shoppers are uncertain that if they go to the grocery stores or to the mall, they will be killed. Worshippers are afraid to attend church, mosque or synagogue for fear that they will be killed while praying.

The answer to ending this reign of terror is right before us — the elephant in the room. Assault weapons are the common denominator.

Mental illness is part of the human condition. The right to own a weapon of war, designed solely to harm people quickly and efficiently, is not.

Laws are enacted to regulate society and to protect citizens. We know that we give up our freedom to scream "Fire!" in a theater. The fact that we have the freedom to stand by helplessly and scream "Active shooter!" is no freedom at all.

What is necessary is a law to prohibit the sale of such weapons. We need legislators to stand strong and pass a law to protect the people while they try to enjoy the promise of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

EDITH ROSENBLUM, master of public health, retired, New Orleans

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- Edie Rosenblum

Community Lighthouse Strategy Approved!

Delegates from the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans and NCJW, GNO Section joined with 700 TNO members at the Household of Faith to formalize its support of the Community Lighthouse strategy. TNO has plans to build a network of resilience hubs at 85-100 congregations and community institutions across Louisiana. Each will have commercial scale solar and back-up battery capacity. These institutions will begin operating immediately during power outages to assess assistance to their neighborhoods.



Endorsing the proposed pilot phase of the Community Lighthouse project are (l to r) Al Page, Mark Behar, Ina Davis, Barbara Kaplinsky and Aaron Bloch.

Utility Bills are too darn high! What you can do!!

Monthly electricity bills, on average, have nearly doubled since last summer. *If you are mad as heck and don't want to take it anymore, you can fight it.*

According to Together Louisiana and the Alliance for Affordable Energy, you can reach out to your utility regulator who makes decisions about how much your utility bills costs, reliability standards and where your power comes from. Ask them to use their authority to alleviate the risks and burdens born by utility customers.

- If you live in Orleans Parish, your regulator is the New Orleans City Council (<https://council.nola.gov/councilmembers/>)
- If you live outside of Orleans Parish, your regulator is the Louisiana Public Service Commission (<https://www.lpsc.louisiana.gov/>) LPSC District #3 and #4 Commissioners are running for reelection in the November Campaign.

The bills are highlighting what is contributing to high bills and what the Public Service Commissioners could have done but chose not to do. For instance, commissioners spent more than a decade considering, but never acted on, adding solar, wind and fermented natural waste to the mix of fuels used to make electricity.



NCJW Public Affairs Department Update

By Allison 'Al' Page

In the aftermath of the decision in the Dobbs case overturning Roe v. Wade, our Greater New Orleans Section has been moved to act. Immediately after the decision came down, our recently appointed co-chairs of reproductive justice, Amelia Halstead and Diana Mann, organized a special Roe Havdalah service at Touro Synagogue. The night was mournful, yet connective, and attendees expressed feelings of gratitude for the opportunity to be in congregation during that sorrowful moment.

After the service, many folks began conversations about how to protect access to abortion despite the legal blow. Our section has seen an increase in membership, and a new zeal for participation in advocacy and public affairs. Jessica Frankel and Alanna Rosenberg were inspired to bring the advocacy committee in-person meetings back from a Covid hiatus, and Ina Davis hosted a lovely gathering at her home. Here we learned about the "Get Out The Vote" work (see related ENVV article).

Among some of the action steps that the team brainstormed were candidate forums, house parties and/or visits with state legislators. A couple of our newer members volunteered to take on events in bars and breweries around the city ahead of the upcoming elections. Since the meeting, Planned Parenthood of New Orleans has reached out to our NCJW

section to plan a collaborative educational program around sexual health and wellness with our coalition partners. We will keep you posted about all these initiatives and how you can participate.



NCJW Advocates assemble at the home of Ina Davis to discuss issues important to NCJW including the Vote, Repro Justice/Abortion, and Dealing with the High Cost of Utility Bills. Pictured are (l to r) Miriam Waltzer, Diana Mann, Amelia Halstead, Shayna Goldfine, Dana Shepard, Gail Pesses, Advocacy Co-Chair Jessica Frankel, and Ina Davis. Not pictured but present: Advocacy Co-Chair Allison 'Al' Page and Barbara Kaplinsky.

Meeting Egyptian Royalty



This summer, more than two dozen NCJW members walked like an Egyptian—guided by three knowledgeable and engaging docents—in private tours of the special exhibition, “Queen Nefertari’s Egypt,” at the New Orleans Museum of Art. Many of the women ate lunch together at the NOMA Café beforehand, eating from the special Egyptian menu to enhance the mood.

According to participants...“It was just what we all needed—a

opportunity to be transported to another place and time while sharing the exhibit and lunch with NCJW friends, old and new” and “I so enjoyed learning / viewing and to meet / become reacquainted this afternoon.”

The special NCJW program and private tours were arranged by Vivian Cahn and Gail Chalew, who were assisted by Barbara Kaplinsky and Gail Pesses with the day of activities.



NCJW Members visit “Queen Nefertari’s Egypt,” Exhibit. Pictured with the Queen (l to r) are Michele Goldfarb, Dale Aronson, Robin Giarrusso, Ana Gershanik, Barbara Kaplinsky, Nita Sams, Jacqueline Goldberg, Sheila Fenton, Gail Pesses, Susan Scharff, Carole Neff, and Sandy Rhein

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Barrasso also served as co-counsel in the federal redistricting effort for congressional seats, fighting to obtain fair districts that adequately represent minority communities, writing a pro bono amicus brief opposing gerrymandering and supporting equal representation.

Barrasso has stood for the protection of religious freedom and the rights of Jewish people. She has been a long-standing board member of the Anti-Defamation League (South Central Region), and chaired the

Torch of Liberty Dinner; She has helped to bring ADL’s diversity programs into the workplace and other venues.

Barrasso is also a resolute participant in organizations that promote the well-being of the New Orleans community and its people. Since 2003, Barrasso has served as a Commissioner and Past Chair of the New Orleans Downtown Development District (DDD). Under her tenure, the DDD oversaw the construction and expansion of a low barrier homeless shelter in the City of New Orleans. Barrasso has also served on the Board of Directors of the Contemporary Arts Center, Isidore Newman School, the New Orleans Pro Bono Project, and Breakthrough New Orleans (formerly Summerbridge), an academic enrichment program that builds a path from middle school to college for low-income students.

She is a Past President of the New Orleans Bar Association, the 2016 recipient of the Louisiana Bar Foundation’s Distinguished Attorney Award, the 2017 recipient of the John R. “Jack” Martzell Professionalism Award from the New Orleans Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and was inducted into Tulane Law School’s Hall of

Fame in 2018.

Barrasso joins an exemplary group of local community leaders who have been honored with this award including these most recent recipients: Ina Weber Davis, Madelaine Landrieu, Susan Hess, Kim Sport, Ana and Dr. Juan Gershanik, Julie Schwam Harris, Marjorie and Dr. Scott Cowen, Ruth Kullman, Mary Keller Zervigon, and Joan Berenson.

The NCJW HGS Committee, under the leadership of President Gail Pesses and Vice President of Administration Judge Robin Giarrusso, is chaired by Sara Lewis. Committee Members are Carol Newman, Allison Page, Loel Samuel, Dana Shepard, Kathy Shepard, Sue Singer, Miriam Waltzer and Liz Yager.

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. For additional information visit www.ncjwneworleans.org.



Leaders notify Judy Barrasso (center) that she will be receiving NCJW’s highest honor -- the Hannah G. Solomon Award. Pictured (l to r) Madalyn Schenk, Robin Giarrusso, Barrasso, Gail Pesses and Chairman Sara Lewis.

Legislative Victory

Louisiana now has one of the strictest juvenile solitary confinement policies in the country aimed at protecting children thanks to the passage of House Bill 746. This law now restricts the State's use of a solitary confinement and requires the Office of Juvenile Justice to swiftly inform the parents and attorneys of children when it is used.

Prior to its enactment, children were kept in horrific conditions subjected to round-the-clock solitary confinement with nothing more than a mattress on a bare concrete floor. They were shackled. They

were beaten. They were driven close to madness at the then secretly operated juvenile prison in Acadiana Center for Youth at St. Martinville.

This victory was made possible, in part, because of NCJW, GNO's ongoing support of the *Louisiana Center for Children's Rights* (LCCR) and its partners *Justice & Accountability Center of Louisiana and Roots of Renewal*, the bill's sponsor Rep. Royce Duplessis, and the young men who testified to the legislators about their personal experiences. All our voices made a huge difference in making this win possible.

Birthday Dollars

- ◆ Joan Bronk
- ◆ Norma Freiberg
- ◆ Harriet Handelman, her 99th birthday
- ◆ JoAnn Katz
- ◆ Betty Kohn
- ◆ Janice Meer, in memory of Clarice Meer
- ◆ Gail Fenton Pesses, in memory of Dorit Fenton
- ◆ Edie Rosenblum
- ◆ Florence Scharff
- ◆ Joan Zaslow

NCJW Cares

Sheryl Title, Chairwoman

In memory of Lis Kahn's brother, Kenneth Lynderup

- ◆ The Kaplinsky family

In memory of the wonderful Shirley Seelig. May her memory be a blessing

- ◆ The Kaplinsky Family

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NEW LEADERS ELECTED –

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Members Jessica Bach, Leslie Fischman, Tricia Kirschman, Diana Mann, Sara Mayeaux, Sherri Tarr, Sheryl Title and Tana Velen.

Continuing in Elected leadership positions are President Gail Fenton Pesses and Vice Presidents Gail Chalew, Carol Newman, and Al Page. Other Board Officers continuing in elected position are Alanna Rosenberg, Financial Secretary; Patty Barnett, Corresponding Secretary; Kathy Shepard, Treasurer; Tricia Kirschman, Assistant Treasurer and Ex-Officio Past Presidents Susan Hess and Barbara Kaplinsky. Continuing as Honorary Vice Presidents are Julianne Isaacson, Celia Katz and Florence Schornstein

Continuing on the Board are Vivian Cahn, Fran Dinehart, Lisa Heller, Tiffany Cotler, Lilli Geltman and Ronda Kottle.

Vice President Dana Keren and Elected Board Member Susie Jernigan have completed their terms and were thanked for their service.

The 2021-2022 Chair of the Nominating Committee was Chair Loel Weil Samuel and Ex Officio Chairs Susan Kierr and Past President Susan Hess. Committee Members were Jody Braunig, Laurie Diamond, Susan Fielkow, Julie Finger, Maddie Fireman, Dana Keren, Rolie Rabin and Kathy Shepard.



Sister Hearts Thrift Store & Decarceration Program, supported by an NCJW community services allocation, continues to seek donations of gently used clothing, shoes and/or accessories.

NCJW's Barbara Kaplinsky recently cleaned out her closet and dropped off her donations to Lilli Geltman at her home. It's easy and important. Email Geltman, NCJW Liaison for SisterHearts, at LHGeltman@gmail.com or call (610) 999-9204 to donate or get involved with Sister Hearts today!



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Our ENVV Volunteers came out in full force to the WWII Museum on Independence Day weekend to help welcome and register to vote new citizens of the United States. US Citizenship and Immigration Services administered the Oath of Allegiance to 47 citizenship candidates from 21 different countries around the world. Pictured in their Geaux Vote T-shirts (l to r) are Sylvia Finger, Debra Salvador and Julie Denslow. (Not pictured are Andrea Hall and Barbara Kaplinsky).

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