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National Council of Jewish Women / Los Angeles Section

NCJW/LA 2011 ANNUAL MEETING, BOARD INSTALLATION, AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS HELD JUNE 5 AT COUNCIL HOUSE



A: 2011-2012 NCJW/LA Board of Directors – Back row (left to right): Lee Saltz, Cipra Nemeth, Susan Isaacs, Jen Baronoff, Gail Cohen, Co-President Ruth Zeitzew, NCJW National CEO Nancy Kaufman, Co-President Amy Straus, Anita Aratow, Deborah Berger, Marla Smith, C. Jean Pearlstein, Rebecca Wayne, and Executive Director Hillary Selvin. Bottom row: Lotte Sohn, Shelli Dodell, Phyllis Cohen, Suzanne Buckholtz, and Pam Brown. **B: Casting the Ballot** – Alexandria House Executive Director and board installer Judy Vaughan with Co-Secretaries Phyllis Cohen and Rebecca Wayne. **C: Ha Motzi** led by Anita Aratow, shown with Annual Meeting Chair Suzanne Buckholtz. **D: President's Awards** were presented by Ruth Zeitzew and Amy Straus to Suzanne Buckholtz and Deborah Berger. **E: Fab Four** – Judy Vaughan, Nancy Kaufman, Suzanne Buckholtz, and Hillary Selvin. **F: Lifetime Achievement Award** recipient Lenore Machanic (center) with Nancy Kaufman and Hillary Selvin. **G: Hannah's Daughter Award** recipients (second, third, and fourth from left) Pam Brown, Jen Baronoff, and Linda Levy with Suzanne Buckholtz and Hillary Selvin. **H: Distinguished Leader Award** recipients Cipra Nemeth and Susan Isaacs with Ruth Zeitzew and Amy Straus. **I: Emerging Leader Award** recipients Shelli Dodell and Gail Cohen with Ruth Zeitzew and Amy Straus. **J: Special Achievement Award** recipient Barbara Tener-Hertzberg with Ruth Zeitzew and Amy Straus. **K: Special Recognition Award** recipients Sally Wilk, Jerilyn Stapleton, Lee Saltz, and Penny Asher with Ruth Zeitzew and Amy Straus. **L: Special 100-Hour Volunteer** certificates were presented to Noa Brown (daughter of Zach and Pam Brown), Levi Buckholtz (son of David and Suzanne Buckholtz) and Sally Straus (daughter of Amy and Jeffrey Straus). Photos by Christine Haws.

Happy New Year – L'Shanah Tovah – To a healthy, prosperous and peaceful 5772.

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Message from the Presidents



Amy Straus
Co- President

Do you have your new shoes yet? How about a fresh haircut or a notebook with crisp clean pages? There's something about this time of year, between back-to-school and the start of the Jewish holidays, that just calls for a clean slate, a fresh beginning.

The services that we provide through our Women Helping Children and Women Helping Women departments give that same clean slate feeling. New school supplies are given out through the after-school programs. Vouchers for clothes from Council Thrift Shops are distributed through the Counseling Talkline to people who need a little extra help.

I know that you know how important these services are to our community, and that is why I am asking you to do something different this year. If you volunteer your time every week at one of our programs, please consider making an extra contribution to Council Thrift. If you attend monthly advocacy events, please consider joining one of the many committees that keep this organization running. And if you are simply a card-carrying member, please consider helping us to spread the word of the important work that we do and how others can help.

What will be written on your clean slate?
I look forward to finding out!



Ruth Zeitzew
Co- President

Traditionally, in a volunteer organization, the summer is a time to relax, to attend fewer meetings, to spread one's wings, to travel, to sit around and kvell about one's grandchildren, to read light novels and swing in a hammock between two leafy trees while eating wonderful tropical fruits of many exotic colors.

Ah, the good old summertime, a time to sleep and perchance to dream.

Yet at NCJW/LA, we are compelled to continue our vital program services all year round because the need for assistance never takes a holiday. As the year progresses, no matter what the season, we continue to serve the public to whom we are dedicated, and we continue to make amazing contributions to our community.

The key to NCJW/LA's success for over 100 years has been Advocacy. Advocacy is our "raison d'etre." It is through Advocacy, in addition to the achievements of our vital program services, that NCJW/LA has become a national force to reckon with in the Halls of Congress and in state legislatures throughout the country.

We reach out, educate the public, and implement the ideals of NCJW in its mission to protect women, children and families. Join us... speak out... communicate. We have the power to effect social change. Participating as an NCJW/LA volunteer is rejuvenating, a restorative for your spirit, and an opportunity to help make dreams come true.

An Update from the Executive Director



Hillary Sevin
Executive Director

The Jewish New Year brings a time of reflection. We spend time with family and friends and look at the things we accomplished this past year and our hope for what we can accomplish in the coming year. I believe many of us think about what we can do to help one another – to make that difference in another person's life.

Rabbi Ken Spiro in his book *World Perfect* conducted a series of surveys asking people to list the "fundamental values and principles which they felt we need to uphold in order to make our world as perfect as is humanly possible." The respondents to his survey came from all walks of life, though they were predominantly Westerners. The respondents came up with remarkably similar answers, which Rabbi Spiro grouped into six categories:

1. **RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE.** In a perfect world, all people would be guaranteed certain basic human rights, paramount among which must be the right to life. They should be able to live that life without constant fear of its loss and with certain basic dignity.
2. **PEACE AND HARMONY.** On all levels – whether communal or global – people and nations should co-exist in peace and harmony with respect for each other.
3. **JUSTICE AND EQUALITY.** All people, regardless of race, sex, or social status, should be treated equally and fairly in the eyes of the law.
4. **EDUCATION.** Everyone should receive a basic education that would guarantee functional literacy within society.
5. **FAMILY.** A strong, stable family structure needs to exist to serve as the moral foundation for society and as the most important institution for socializing/educating children.
6. **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** On an individual, community, national, and global level, people must take responsibility for the world. This should include an organized social network to address basic concerns such as disease, poverty, famine, crime, and drug-related problems, as well as environmental and animal-protection issues.

When I read these words, I see the National Council of Jewish Women. I see the core values of what we stand for and what we strive to accomplish. I hope you see it too.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN (WHW) Community Counseling & Support Services

“Continuity gives us roots; change gives us branches, letting us stretch and grow and reach new heights.”

~ Pauline R. Kezer

Dedicated to building a foundation of hope, support, and empowerment for women, children and families, Women Helping Women (WHW) has responded flexibly to community needs since 1983, working collaboratively to offer a range of comprehensive, effective, and responsive clinical programs, community partnerships, and supportive services for at-risk and underserved populations.

WHW extends heartfelt gratitude to outgoing WHW Vice President Merle Siegel. Under her leadership, WHW has added three clinical social worker positions, doubled our intern training program, filled our Talkline shifts with dedicated vol-



Incoming and outgoing WHW VPs Shelli Dodell and Merle Siegel

unteers, developed comprehensive clinical services and community-based programs, and cultivated a vibrant and active WHW Committee. Merle

will continue to work toward sustaining and growing our programs in her roles as Talkline Counselor, Tuesday Shift Leader, and Chair of the Talkline Training Committee.

We are excited to welcome incoming VP Shelli Dodell, who plans to build on these well-established roots by increasing volunteer participation and engagement from all WHW programs, strengthening collaborations between staff,



Scholarship Committee: WHW Director Ava Rose, Shelli Dodell, Scholarship Committee Chair Dianne Nosseck; and Elizabeth Triplett, our newest Scholarship Reader!

interns, volunteers and community partners, and supporting plans for community needs assessments, program development, and evaluation. An active Talkline Volunteer and Scholarship Committee member, Shelli and her family will launch the Dodell Family Women’s Empowerment Scholarship this December. The scholarship is for women 35 and older who are seeking to empower themselves through education.

The NCJW/LA community lost two of our dearest friends and mentors this year, Sophie Greenstadt and Fran Teller, as well as Fran’s husband, Sherm. We cherish their memories and are proud to continue building the programs they helped to create.

In honor of his parents, Stephen Teller has established the Sherman & Frances L. Teller Teachers Scholarship, to support dedicated teachers in obtaining their CLEAR



Stephanie Flournoy (left) and Rachel Woodhull

credentials at a public California university.

We have also gained two new clinical social workers: Stephanie Flournoy, MSW, MPH, Program Development & Research Coordinator, and Rachel Woodhull, MSW, Bilingual Clinical Social Worker.



The ESF Fundraising Committee, chaired by Gail Cohen (above), will be hosting a theater matinee on Sept. 25 benefiting the Esther Lewin Emergency Survival Fund.

The branches of WHW continue to grow, allowing us to continually expand the reach of our programs and support those at risk and in need to overcome adversity, develop their potential, and live safer and more fulfilling lives.

“We seek not rest but transformation. We are dancing through each other as doorways.” ~ Marge Piercy

Ben's Books Leave a Lasting Legacy

Since 2003, more than 100 sets of Ben's Books have been donated to schools, free clinics, homeless shelters, and pediatric wings of local area hospitals here in Los Angeles. Ben's Books is a fund affiliated with the Art Pals program of NCJW/LA, dedicated to promoting art appreciation, literacy and creativity in children.

"I applaud NCJW/LA's dedication to medically fragile children, building resources that promote healing and mitigate anxiety associated with medical events. The Ben's Books Committee's generous donation of developmentally diverse pop-up books will support literacy activities that enable children to escape into their imagination and grow distracted from lengthy hospital admissions."

– Amy Bullock, Child Life/Child Development Services at Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA

This summer, the Ben's Books Committee delivered a final round of Ben's Books to deserving places such as the Van Nuys Pediatric Health Center, the Northridge Pediatric Trauma Center, the Grossman Burn Center and the El Nido Family Center. For years Ben's Books have inspired a love of art and reading and brought great happiness and joy to many children. We look forward to continuing to promote literacy and a love of reading through our Book Giveaway program and our Women Helping Children Art and Literacy Programs for Youth. For more information, please contact Melissa Tillman, Director of Women Helping Children, at 323-852-8505 or melissa@ncjwla.org.



Ben's Books relax and engage a young patient while she receives treatment.

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Art Pals Expands to Serve Fourth Grade

For over 20 years, the Art Pals program has been dedicated to promoting art appreciation, literacy, fun, and creativity in children. Each week throughout the school year, Art Educators present the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) "Contemporary Art Starts" curriculum to third-graders at five Title I Elementary Schools through slides and discussion before engaging the students in related hands-on activities. NCJW/LA also provides a series of art history and drawing books for classroom and school libraries and organizes an annual field trip to a museum.

During the 2010-2011 school year, volunteer Art Educators adapted the new MOCA Contemporary Art

Starts curriculum and created a program to serve fourth-grade students. The new curriculum builds upon the lessons taught in the third-grade Art Pals program and was well-received by participating students and faculty at Reseda Elementary. During the upcoming school year, the Art Pals program will be offered to both third- and fourth-grade students at participating schools.



Art Pals Art Educators promote art appreciation and creativity in children

Lights! Camera! Action!

Each year, Alexandria House Teen Program volunteers create unique opportunities and experience for the teens enrolled in the program. Past projects include the teens' self-published books *A Dose of Our Mind* and *Pages of Our Soul*, which featured original works of art and writing created by the teens. In 2010, the teens created mixed-media artwork and hosted their very own art exhibition titled "Flavors of Distortion." The exhibit was featured at Groundwork Coffee Co. during the Downtown Art Walk in early spring and on display at NCJW/LA Council House during the summer.

This year, NCJW/LA and Alexandria House will be partnering with the Echo Park Film Center to guide the teens in creating their own film! While the theme of the film has not been determined at this time, the teens are eager to learn and engage in the process of writing, directing, and producing a film. Stay tuned for details regarding the premiere!



AH Teens have fun filming each other using Flip Cams.



NCJW/LA volunteers tutor youth in the After School Program.



AH Teens celebrate at the "Flavors of Distortion" reception.

SAVE THE DATES!

- WED., SEPTEMBER 7 – First day of school for LAUSD students
- WED., SEPTEMBER 7 – Art Pals Fall Orientation meeting from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Temple Aliyah
- SAT., SEPTEMBER 17 – *Generations of Hope*, Alexandria House's 15-Year Anniversary Celebration

WHAT IS HAPPENING...

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are married, single, mothers, daughters. Our group is composed of busy energetic, compassionate, dynamic women who want to help make an impact on their community. Please join us to help others and meet new friends.

PROGRAM LISTING FOR THE CITY

Thursday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	Book Drive for adults and kids and bookmarks at the home of Susan Isaacs
October: No program		Happy New Year – L'Shanah Tovah Happy Sukkot! Happy Simchat Torah!
Thursday, November 3	7:30 p.m.	Rainy Day Packets for SOVA clients at the home of Cynthia Lay
Sunday, December 11	2:00 p.m.	Hanukkah Party and craft project at the home of Kristin Brunner

PROGRAM LISTING FOR THE WEST VALLEY

AGOURA HILLS home of Cheryl Abrams

Tuesday, September 20	7:30 p.m.	To be determined
Tuesday, October 25	7:30 p.m.	No-Sew Blankets
Tuesday, November 29	7:30 p.m.	Holiday Gift Bag for Pre-Teen Boys
December: No program		Happy Holidays!

PROGRAM LISTING FOR THE VALLEY

Tuesday, September 13	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Bags at the home of Margie Cohen
Tuesday, November 8	7:30 p.m.	NICU Parent Care Kits at the home of Angie Libby

Interested? Want more info? Contact Susan Sysler, Director of Membership & Outreach at 323-852-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org.

✧ HOLD THE DATE ✧

Alexandria House to Honor NCJW/LA

On September 17, the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles will be honored at Alexandria House's 15-year Anniversary Celebration, Generations of Hope, to commemorate 15 years of hope and hospitality and to celebrate how the programs and services have impacted and inspired a new generation.

"Throughout Alexandria House's existence, the National Council of Jewish Women has played a significant role in program development and leadership. NCJW volunteers have worked in the after school program, teen program, on special projects, and have served on the Board of Directors. It is Alexandria House's privilege to recognize and honor NCJW's many contributions as part of our 15th year celebration," said Judy Vaughn, Founding Director of Alexandria House.

For 15 years, Alexandria House has created a home for women and children who have survived homelessness and are rebuilding their lives as well as a supportive community for families in the neighborhood. Through our partnership, Alexandria House and NCJW/LA help build the leaders of tomorrow. For more information visit www.alexandriahouse.org. We look forward to seeing you at the event!

Sunday, November 6, 2011

LIFE MEMBER TEA

2 p.m. at COUNCIL HOUSE

Guest Speaker: Judy Muller, TV Journalist and Author

Invitations will be sent out in October.

If you are not a Life Member and would like to become one, please contact Susan Sysler, Director of Membership & Outreach, at 323-852-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org.

To receive information on National NCJW issues, go to www.ncjw.org

Email Addresses: Help us save paper and postage and keep in touch more effectively. If we don't have your email address or if it has changed, send it to: susan@ncjwla.org.

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THE HOUSE THAT THRIFT BUILT

The following quote is from an anonymous Council Thrift Shop customer and homeowner who graciously let us take pictures of her beautiful home:

“MY MOTTO IS GOD, FAMILY, and THRIFT.”

The root of the word “thrift” is “thrive,” and “thrive” perfectly captures what the thrift ethic is all about. While many people erroneously associate “thrift” with being miserly, cheap, and stingy, look up the word in the dictionary and you will see that it is more accurately defined as prosperity, thriving, healthy and vigorous growth, careful management (of money) and gainful employment. Thus, thrift is not simply a money-saving strategy but a term that encompasses the wise use of resources, a way of life, an ethic, a philosophy that enables people to live a good and better life.

Our anonymous homeowner says: **“I am a Thrift Diva!** I am armed with many years of thrift expertise and now have my fabulous home built up from Council Thrift Shops, worthy of any ‘home beautiful’ magazine, and bought for a fraction of what it would have cost in the normal retail world. Many years ago, I found Council Thrift Shops and have basically furnished my Los Angeles home with thrift finds. Buying secondhand is smart and also provides me with a sense of community.”

Think of the accomplishment when we change our buying habits and are 100% conscious of giving back, reducing, reusing and recycling on all levels. This “Thrifty Diva” will always be reluctant to pay retail for items that can be found at Council Thrift Shops. Furthermore, many of the treasures found typically have much more character and uniqueness than normal retail store goods.

Please enjoy these pictures of **“THE HOUSE THAT THRIFT BUILT!”**

The following are examples of some of her thrift purchases (pictured on next page) and what they would cost in a retail store:

ITEM	RETAIL COST	THRIFT COST
1. Living Room	\$30-40,000	\$6,500
2. Buffet/Decanter	2,500	350
3. Side Table/Chairs	4,000	500
4. Table/Bric-a-Brac	1,200	350
5. Desk/Picture	2,400	600
6. Table/Bacarrat	1,800	500
7. Pierre Cardin Buffet	4,000	650
8. Silver Panther Statue	2,500	350
9. Sideboard/Lamps	2,000	450
10. Silver Tray/Bowl	12,000	3,000
11. Buffet	14,000	3,500
12. Watch/Pearls/Tray	4,500	1,500
TOTAL SAVINGS		\$72,700

2011 “BEST OF THE BEST” EVENTS

11801 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 • 310-444-7978
October 15 & 16 • December 10 & 11

10960 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025 • 310-477-9601
September 24 & 25 • November 26 & 27

12120 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066 • 310-572-9158
October 1 & 2 • December 3 & 4

8520 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035 • 310-360-6505
September 3 & 4 • November 5 & 6

455 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036 • 323-651-2080
September 17 & 18 • November 19 & 20

Visit our OUTLET STORE - 50% OFF EVERYTHING
1052 S. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019 • 323-938-8122

12203 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604 • 818-505-1924
October 29 & 30

14526 Victory Blvd., Van Nuys, CA 91411 • 818-997-8980
October 22 & 23

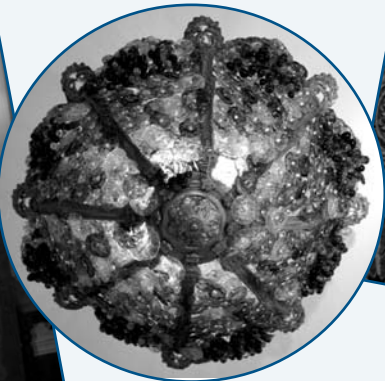
21716 Sherman Way, Canoga Park, CA 91303 • 818 710-7206
September 10 & 11 • November 12 & 13

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

SPOTLIGHT ON... Council Thrift Shops



Buffet with crystal decanter



Ornate light fixture



Inlaid coffee table with various bric-a-brac



19th century German art with boudoir desk



Modern table with glass Baccarat bowl



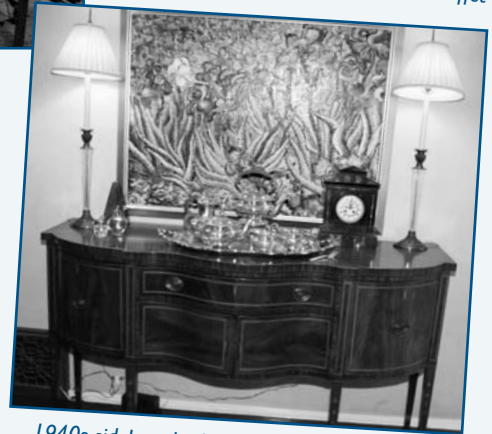
1950s signed Pierre Cardin burlwood buffet



Living room by Thrift



Sterling silver overlay panther statue



1940s sideboard table with two crystal lamps



Sterling silver French mirrored server with sterling caviar bowl



Grand buffet filled with sterling silver, porcelain, and crystal



Goldleaf tray with women's beauty set and pearl necklace with 14k gold watch

NEWS FROM THE ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

The Advocacy Committee of NCJW/LA enters the second half of 2011 with many challenges and builds upon our successes of May, June, and July.

May 9 and 10 found some of us in Sacramento lobbying with JPAC, the Jewish Public Affairs Committee. Over 100 representatives of Jewish organizations were present, including us.

We lobbied for SB557, the establishment of Family Justice Centers; AB1373, the authorization of school districts to provide research-based programs to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence; AB1151, to require the CALPERS Retirement system to divest any investments in Iran's energy sector; and AB9, requiring school districts to develop policies on handling and punishing bullying.

We are highly motivated by the attendance at our June 22 program about Juvenile Prostitution. Close to 200 people attended this fascinating evening event, pulled together by Board member Jen Baronoff. In our audience were people who work within the Courts, DCFS, and law enforcement. Juvenile Prostitution and Human Trafficking piggyback upon one another. We will be developing more educational programs in both of these areas.

On July 28 we hosted a three-hour workshop at Council House to teach interested people how to visit and speak to their legislators, how to write Letters to the Editors, and how to speak to interested groups of people who want to bring about change.

Even though the hot weather is upon us, we must "gird our loins" for the battle to maintain "Pro-Choice America."

As NCJW advocates and leaders in the progressive community, our voices are needed to stop the proposals currently pending in Congress that if passed will have devastating consequences for women, children, and families.

On August 2 we will be attending a meeting on late-stage abortions.

It is important for us to gain a better understanding of the research on issues around fetal viability and fetal pain, who gets later abortions and why, mental health issues about abortion, etc. We will then collectively strategize about the best ways to respond to the increasing restrictions and what could be the role for California.

On August 16, we presented "War on Women and Children: A Congolese Tragedy," a panel discussion on sexual and gender-based violence in Eastern Congo. It focused on the large-scale rape, pillaging, and cruel and degrading treatment being committed in the Congo by troops of their armed forces.

On September 15, NARAL; Pro-Choice America will be holding a summit designed to help educate and train committed activists, students, and young people who are interested in working to protect choices in their communities. We will be a Partnering Organization for this event.

In early fall, new Advocacy Committee member Marcy Norton will be helping us put together an event focusing on the increasing number of women becoming homeless. This will be in conjunction with the Downtown Women's Shelter and the Women's Advisory Board of the City of West Hollywood. It is critical that we understand the impact of how homelessness affects women.

Our goal is to become a more proactive organization. We will be asking NCJW/LA members and attendees at our events to sign petitions, write letters, make phone calls, and do whatever is necessary to help bring about change.

We are always looking for new members to participate on the Advocacy Committee. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please have them contact our Director of Advocacy, Ruth Williams, at ruth@ncjwla.org.



Left to right: Fadwa Assad of Children of the Night, Carissa Phelps Esq., Judge Donna Quigley Groman, Judge Jan Levin, and FBI Victim Specialist Debbie Deem.

WAYS TO GIVE

CELL PHONE DONATION - Please drop your old cell phone off at NCJW/LA offices.

eSCRIP - Visit www.escrip.com to sign up.

GIVELINE.COM - Giveline.com is an online store. "Select your cause" and type in National Council of Jewish Women.

GOODSEARCH.COM - Click on www.goodsearch.com.

MISSION FISH - Visit www.missionfish.com for information.

TRIBUTES - Express your regard for a loved one with a gift to NCJW/LA. Commemorate a celebration, landmark, or memorial with a tax-deductible gift. We acknowledge your contribution by sending a beautiful card. Make donations at www.ncjwla.org or by calling 323-852-8518. Tributes are a minimum of \$18 each.

The National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles presents

No Word in Guyanese for Me

A theatre fundraiser benefiting the

WHW Esther Lewin Emergency Survival Fund (ESF).

SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 • 1:30 Dessert Reception • 2:00 Performance

\$50 per ticket (\$35 tax-deductible)

This new play by Wendy Graf is a coming-of-age story about a gay Muslim girl living in New York who has to choose between her faith and her identity. Talkback directly following the performance moderated by Steve Julian (KPCC Morning Edition).

The ESF provides vital assistance with food, clothing, transportation, housing, holiday meals, and holiday gifts to women, children, and families who are at risk and in need in our community.

For tickets, contact Peggy at 323-852-8515 or peggy@ncjwla.org.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

Join NCJW on its Mission to Israel – November 2-8. This is a special opportunity to see Israel through the lens of NCJW, including a unique look at Israel's rich history, current events, and future challenges to grassroots activism and social justice issues. For details, please email ncjwmission@gmail.com.

LOCAL

News from our VISTA VAL Division...
For those in the Valley

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

TEMPLE JUDEA
5429 Lindley Avenue
Tarzana, CA



FIRST GENERAL MEETING: Monday, Sept. 19

NEXT MEETINGS: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

FALL LUNCHEON: November 14
at The Sportsmen's Lodge

For information contact:
Gloria Burney – 818-346-4025
or Shirley Cohen – 818-781-7053



2011-2013 Vista Val Board

Left to right: Natalie Issner, Arlene Klein, Arline Colton, Marilyn Bigman, NCJW/LA Executive Director Hillary Selvin, Esther Muller, Gloria Burney, and Shirley Cohen

NCJW/LA IN THE NEWS

A picture of **Sharon Dancygier** of our Women Making a Difference (WMD) West Valley group appeared in the July edition of the L. A. Family Housing (LAFH) newsletter. Sharon is shown delivering "Welcome Home" gift baskets for new residents of LAFH's Transitional Living Centers in North Hollywood. The donated laundry baskets filled with basic household items were assembled by WMD-West Valley during the group's May "Mitzvot & Merlot" event. LAFH's mission is to help families transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services.



Courtesy of our friends at **Clear Channel Digital Outdoor**, digital billboards promoting Talkline in both English and Spanish and Council Thrift Shop donations are appearing randomly during the day and from midnight to 2 a.m. in 10 prime Los Angeles locations. Look up and see NCJW/LA's "We're Listening," "Estamos Escuchando," and "We Need Your Pants" ads! Many thanks to Clear Channel for this generous donation.

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BEST OF 2009
COUNCIL THRIFT SHOPS
CouncilThriftShops.org

A special thanks to Mackin Educational Resources for donating books for the centerpieces at our Annual Meeting, which were then given to our Women Helping Children library and shelter programs.

New Members

Life Members

Betsy Blechman • Carol Fox • Marilyn Ziering

Annual Members

Cheryl Abrams	Betty Cohen	Elaine Grunauer	Barbara Lui	Marilyn Petrone
Pearl Barak	Shoshana Cohen	Kelly Herman	Judith Matz	Lea Rosendahl
Dana Bigman	Julianna Davis	Lorraine Joffe	Ellyn Moscovitz	Marlene Shaft
Antonia Bondarenko	Susan Ettinger	Alexis Leland	Renee Ordeneaux	Stephen Teller
Joan Brenner		Moselle Leland		Sharon Weiss

CONDOLENCES

Our sincerest sympathy to the families of the following members who have recently passed away:

BERNICE GOLD

An active member with Beverly West Division since 1982

HELEN HANSOM

A 10-year Vista Val Division member who supported many of their luncheons and trips

FAYE WALLACE

A long-time Life Member with the Beverly West Division and a Council Thrift Shop volunteer

FLORENCE ZACKIN

A 34-year member with the Beverly West Division who also taught Yiddish classes at Council House



CONDOLENCES – A Special Tribute

FRAN TELLER – Now and again you come across someone so remarkable that no matter how much time goes by since you last met them, there is always a lasting pleasure when you meet again. Fran Teller was such a person. At the age of 19, Fran joined NCJW, and more than seven decades later she was still a mentor to countless volunteers. Fran was a remarkable woman, dedicated to the mission of NCJW. She served the Council in many roles, steering the ship with equanimity, knowledge, vision, and thoughtfulness. She not only served as President, but over the years was involved in virtually every facet of NCJW/LA activity. Her achievements have been recognized locally and nationally. Among many other awards received, in 2010 Fran Teller was named NCJW/LA Extraordinary Woman of the Century.

Membership Form

INVITE THE NEXT GENERATION TO JOIN US!

NCJW/LA's mission is to create social change through our advocacy and social and community services. We cannot do this alone. We appreciate your support as a member. Please take the time to invite a family member or friend to join.

NEW RATES & LEVELS

Life Member: \$350 Member: \$60 Senior Member (65+) \$35
 Full-Time College Student Member \$18 Couples \$100

Name _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Address _____

Checks: *Make payable to NCJW/LA*

City _____ Zip _____

Bill my credit card:

E-mail _____

Visa MasterCard

Telephone _____

Card #: _____

Cell _____

Expiration date: _____

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