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May 4, 2011 at Council House

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Message from the Presidents



Amy Straus
Co- President

I've got a song rattling around in my head, and very soon, it will probably be rattling around in your head. Dayenu! Even if you don't remember the other words, everyone around the Passover Seder table happily sings along to the chorus. It's easy and catchy. And if non-profit organizations had a fight song, this one would belong to NCJW/LA. Dayenu, as I'm sure you will remember, roughly translates to "it would have been enough."

And why should we be singing Dayenu year-round at NCJW/LA? Because if the only thing we did were our annual Clothing Giveaway (where 70,000 pieces of clothing were given to 5000 people last December) it would be enough. If the only thing we did were to provide books to school libraries, it would be enough. If the only thing we did were to provide counseling to families in need, it would be enough. But Day-*Day-e-nu!* We keep going!

We don't just tutor at-risk kids at after-school homework clubs. We provide enrichment projects for them. We take them on field trips. We offer them support and guidance.

If the only thing we did were to educate the community about the assault on reproductive rights that is going on in Congress, it would be enough. But, no! We join together with NCJW members across the country to let our representatives know that we are united in our Voices for Reproductive Choice campaign.

Dayenu, indeed! It's about as appropriate a fight song as I can think of...

Happy Passover, everyone!



Ruth Zeitzew
Co- President

Six intrepid women from Los Angeles ventured to Dallas, Texas for three days in March to attend the NCJW National Convention. They were accompanied by four men and two toddlers, who spent their time exploring and enjoying Dallas, while the women were immersed in the tasks of the day.

At the Convention we met many bright, friendly, accomplished women... all gathered in one place to review the year's activities and progress by our national and local affiliates. The Convention generated a spirit

of optimism in the attendees, and renewed our determination to fulfill the NCJW mission of enlisting progressive women to work for social change and justice.

Our motivated speakers outlined new and effective strategies in Workshops and on Panels. About 250 women were inspired by our remarkable guest honorees and by the distinguished officers and executives of NCJW – both those who were outgoing and those who were incoming. Our new National CEO, Nancy Kaufman, spoke about her vision for moving NCJW forward. The theme that was stressed for this transition in national leadership was From Strength to Strength.

Our Section has pledged to join the rest of NCJW in a vital new campaign... Voices for Reproductive Choices... to counteract the draconian measures that have been passed in the House of Representatives and in many State Legislatures. Our lobbying efforts with political figures in both parties can make a difference. President Obama has pledged to ensure women's equality, and we will support that goal with vigorous programs in our community.

An Update from the Executive Director



Hillary Sevin
Executive Director

Impact: to have a direct affect on...

Over 14,000 individuals served each year. Over 220,000 hours of service provided. Over 300 volunteers. Over 12,000 volunteer hours.

The impact of the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles in our community is enormous. The numbers of individuals we help, clothe, educate, empower, and inspire reaches far beyond our imagination. It is said "if you save a life it is as if you have saved the world." You think how can that be? Each day you spend helping another has an impact you will not usually see. Can you imagine the child that struggled with their homework, becoming inspired by a volunteer in our Afterschool Homework Club... after a semester the child felt that they could overcome their fears about learning and now the end to this story is left to your imagination. Or what about that Teen Mom, who because of the caring and individual attention given by our volunteers, has shown her that getting her high school diploma is something she can accomplish. The possibilities for her and her child become endless.

Will we always be successful? Probably not, but at least we help provide a chance for another to grow, learn and become empowered and engaged.

In February, we graduated a new Counseling Talkline class. These volunteers gave over 30 hours of their time just to be trained. I realize that all our volunteers have 3 things in common:

- they make a commitment of time to making a difference in the life of another
- they choose to listen to someone who has no one else who will listen
- and they empower others by providing a helping hand, someone to listen, or opportunities to better themselves through education

The impact on those we help, our community, and, yes, ourselves, is something we will never fully witness; but if we can make some feel more confident then the world becomes a better place for all of us.

I have learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel".

Maya Angelou

During the Convention, whenever our two toddlers entered a room, 250 Jewish mothers uttered a collective "ooh" and "aah" of universal blessing – what my mom called kvelling. Seeing Sally Jane and Levi was like watching incandescent candles flickering and casting light into our lives.

Another extraordinary experience occurred near the end of the Convention during a musical tribute to Debbie Friedman, the composer of liturgical songs that affirm the role of women and sparkle with religious fervor. Delegates sang those songs, accompanied by two guitarists. Spontaneously the women arose, clapping hands and singing and circling the room in a sinuous chain. That Woodstock redux moment etched in my heart the spirit, fellowship and affirmation of life that was so deeply felt.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN (WHW) Community Counseling & Support Services

“Only in growth, reform, and change, paradoxically enough, is true security to be found.”

– Anne Morrow Lindbergh

At Women Helping Women, we are committed to growth in all of our programs. The more volunteers we have, the more money we can raise, the more clients we can see. All of these increases in outreach lead to a more secure future for the women and families in our community. Together, we can make a positive change in the world, and that is exactly what we are doing - by expanding the programs and services we offer, and increasing the number of lives we touch.



WHW hosted B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) teens for an empowering day of Human Trafficking Awareness, with Maria Suarez, Michael Cory Davis and Multnomah County Commission Diane McKeel.



2011 Talkline Graduation Class

❖ Our Talkline continues to provide a much needed source of comfort in our community, and we are thrilled to be reaching more people than ever thanks to our newest Talkline counselors. In April, we will be holding another Continuing Education Training for all of our Talkline volunteers, so that our counseling skills will continue to grow along with the needs of our community members.

❖ In June, the Scholarship Committee will be awarding \$11,500 to eight very deserving applicants through our Scholarship program, thanks to the generous contributions from our scholarship donors. Our Committee has also grown, with the addition of two wonderful new members, Pam Brown and Shelli Dodell! In addition to serving on the Committee, Shelli has established a new scholarship fund: The Dodell Women's Empowerment Scholarship. We are so grateful to Shelli, and are excited for the chance to empower even more lives through education.

❖ WHW is proud to be at the forefront of preventing violence against women and children, with our own Ava Rose as Coordinator of the Family Court Advocacy Project, our continuing expansion of our COURTWATCH program, and our growing partnerships with shelters, and violence prevention and advocacy groups throughout the community.

As long as there are women and families in need, Women Helping Women will continue to grow our efforts to be at the front lines of change. Bringing hope and security to those in need, whether they be Talkline callers, women seeking an education, families coping with human trafficking or domestic abuse, or a child who just needs someone to listen, our dedicated staff and committed volunteers will be there.



WHW Staff member Maria Suarez will be honored at the NASW-CA Region H Annual Social Work Awards & Celebration this Spring. Maria was chosen as Public Citizen of the Year for her work as a Human Trafficking Awareness advocate.

The price of doing the same old thing is far higher than the price of change. – Bill Clinton

AH Teens Bring *Flavors of Distortion* to the Downtown Art Walk

This spring, the Alexandria House Teens held their first Art and Photography Exhibition, *Flavors of Distortion* at Groundwork Coffee Co in downtown Los Angeles in conjunction with the Downtown Art Walk, hosted the second Thursday of every month. The 17 artists represented are participants in the Alexandria House Teen Program, a joint venture between the Alexandria House Community Program and NCJW/LA's Women Helping Children (WHC) Art & Literacy Programs for Youth.

With *Flavors of Distortion*, the Alexandria House Teen Program tells the story of what it's really like to be a youth in this crazy city. The Alexandria House teens may come from diverse backgrounds – with family ties ranging from Mexico and El Salvador to Sweden and Saudi Arabia – but they are unified in their desire to express themselves and be understood. Using found objects from Council Thrift Shops, canvas, tempera, acrylics, print media and more, they have created a body of work that reflects who they are.

To distort means to change the shape or character of something, and it is with this in mind that this exhibition was created – the teens have reshaped what they see around them to give others the flavor of their personal visions. With this exhibit, the AH Teens had the privileged opportunity to share in how a small, but representative group of young women and men in Los Angeles view their city, each other and themselves.

"Schools have art programs, but they are structured and guided by curriculum. This exhibition was envisioned to let the teens create as honestly as possible, with the volunteers following rather than leading them," explains Kim Fay, coordinator of the Teen Program and an Alexandria House volunteer for 10 years. "With all of the projects undertaken in the program, the goal is to provide a safe place for free expression. As with all WHC programs, we combine resources with inspiration and encouragement so that every single teen's potential can be reached."

"I used to work at the Getty Museum and must say that I was pretty amazed with the artwork and the presentation of the exhibition. I am so touched by the obvious time and effort the AH Teens and NCJW/LA volunteers put into this project. Thank you NCJW/LA for everything you do for Alexandria

House, it means so much." – Reception Attendee

Many thanks to GroundWork Coffee Company, Pitfire Pizza and all of the wonderful NCJW/LA and Alexandria House staff and volunteers who helped make this exhibition possible.

Missed the exhibition in March? There will be a second installation at NCJW/LA this June, so please stop by Council House in June to check out the amazing and creative work of the Alexandria House Teens.



LA Zoo Pals find friends at Gramercy Place and Alexandria House

Thanks to the LA Zoo Pals Scholarship program, children and families residing at Gramercy Place Shelter and children enrolled in the Alexandria House After School program will enjoy a day at the LA Zoo on Friday, April 1st. Transportation and a guided tour of the zoo will be provided through the scholarship fund. For many of the kids and their families, this will be their first visit to a zoo.

SAVE THE DATES!

- NEW ART CARD SERIES COMING SOON!
- Works created through the Art Bridges Culture program by 3rd graders at Shenandoah Elementary School will be on display at the "Windows of West Hollywood" this April.
- NCJWLA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Wed, May 4th 6-8pm
- Last Day of LAUSD School - June 24, 2011

WHAT IS HAPPENING...

WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

We are married, single, mothers, daughters. Our group is comprised of busy energetic, compassionate, dynamic women who want to help make an impact on their community. Please join us, whether you have one hour a week or one hour a month for an opportunity to help others and meet new friends.

PROGRAM LISTING FOR THE CITY

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| Thursday, May 19 | 7:30pm | NICU Parent Care Kits at the home of Suzanne Buckholtz |
| Thursday, June 16 | 7:30pm | Decorate boxes for kids for their Special "stuff" for WHW and WHC and a tour of NCJW/LA |
| July through December | | Dates and projects to be determined |

PROGRAM LISTING IN THE VALLEY

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| Tuesday, May 17 | 7:30pm | Project to be determined |
| Tuesday, June 21 | 7:30pm | At the home of Natalie Caine
Project to be determined |
| Tuesday, July 19 | 7:30pm | At the home of Ninette Root-Golub
Project to be determined |

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

✧ HOLD THE DATE ✧

Sunday, June 5, 2011

Annual Meeting/Board Installation/Volunteer Awards
at Council House – Brunch Buffet

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Nancy Kaufman, NCJW CEO

INSTALLER: Joyce Schorr, Founder/President WRRAP

More information?

Contact Susan Sysler 323-8652-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org

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NEWS FROM THE ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

The Advocacy Committee proudly continues to present cutting edge programs while reaching out to the community. Our communication has increased tremendously via the internet thanks to the efforts of our multi-media connection. We continue to reach out to schools and are amazed at the partnership forged with the students. Our Vice President of Advocacy, Lee Saltz reached out to the Speech and Debate Club of Cleveland High School. She invited them to participate in our Roe v. Wade program. The group of students were very well received and added a new dimension to our program.

Our February program examined the issues of Domestic Violence; our Moderator was ABC 7 Eyewitness news anchor David Ono, from the perspective of social service professionals, the legal system, the police, and victims. Guest speakers included our own Ava Rose, LCSW, Director of NCJW/LA Women Helping Women; Eve Sheedy, Los Angeles City Attorney Senior Trial Deputy for Domestic Violence Policy; Terra Slavin, Domestic Violence Lead Staff Attorney, Legal Services, for the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center; Geneva Haynes, Detective with Los Angeles Police Department and "Jane Doe," a domestic violence survivor.

In March, we celebrate Women's History Month as co-sponsors of their annual West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference on Friday, April 8, 2011 and Saturday, April 9, 2011. The goal of the West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference is to encourage and support women to be successful leaders in their private lives, in business and in the community.

As our communities become more diversified and less inclusive bullying becomes more prevalent. We will be examining the ramifications of this problem and what we can do to help ameliorate. Too many young people's lives are being adversely affected by this behavior.

May 9th and 10th, we will be traveling to Sacramento to participate in our Annual Lobby Day. We will lobby for bills that reflect the mission and ideals of NCJW and against bills that do not further our goals.

We will be ending our 2011 year with a "Brown Bag" where we will be looking at what has happened to our Public Schools in this changing society. The schools are at a crossroads. We all need to know what is fact and what is fiction. What are the roles of the Public Schools in our changing society?

We face great challenges for the rest of the year with the following 3 bills before Congress:

- HR 3 No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act
- HR 217 Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act
- HR 358 The "Protect Life" Act

There is also a new parental notification ballot initiative that has been approved for circulation as a constitutional amendment

to add a new Section of the California Constitution. The title of the Ballot "Prohibits Abortions for Females Under 18 Without Parental Notification."

In closing, the charge for our Advocacy Committee is great. The challenge to educate our communities about the overwhelming problems facing us is daunting.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PANEL

Left to right: Eve Sheedy, L.A. City District Attorney; "Julie" DV Survivor; Ava Rose Director WHW; David Ono, ABC TV News Anchor; Detective Geneva Haynes LAPD Domestic Violence; Terra Slavin, Attorney L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center

WAYS TO GIVE

CELL PHONE DONATION

NCJW/LA benefits from the donation of your old cell phones. NCJW/LA receives funds for each of the phones it collects and your old cell phones are sent to an environmentally safe recycling program. Please drop your old cell phone off next time you are at NCJW/LA offices.

eSCRIP

Participating merchants will make contributions to NCJW/LA, based on purchases by using the cards you have registered. Visit www.escrip.com to sign up and find participating merchants.

GIVELINE.COM

Giveline.com is an online store with every transaction generating a financial contribution to NCJW/LA. Go to www.giveline.com under "select your cause" and type in National Council of Jewish Women.

GOODSEARCH.COM

Click on a merchant that you might use online who donates a portion of the sale to NCJW/LA. Go to www.goodsearch.com and type in National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Los Angeles Section as the charity name.

MISSION FISH

eBay sellers list items and donate some or all of their proceeds to nonprofits like NCJW/LA. Visit www.missionfish.com for more information on the program.

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.

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOPS

To donate call 1-800-400-6259

VENICE COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP REOPENS AFTER EXTENSIVE REMODELING



Photograph by Christine Haws

Our Council Thrift Shop, located at 12120 Venice Boulevard, reopened its doors on February 12 for its *Best of the Best* event following a complete remodeling project. The transformation was finished in a two-week period and included a new floor, lighting, fixtures and paint décor. "This store will be even more amazing than it has been in the past," said Bob Klausner, Director of Retail Operations. He proudly scanned the bright, sparkling store, filled with merchandise and customers.

The *Best of the Best* event was a big success thanks to the fabulous store makeover and delighted customers eager to discover treasures among the racks bursting with designer clothing, shelves filled with unique and special bric-a-brac, beautiful furnishings, and walls hung with valuable posters and paintings. The shoppers had lined up early to be first to view the merchandise specially selected for the weekend event. Comments heard as they stepped into the store and surveyed the new ambience included; "Wow, this store looks so different!" "Look at all this great stuff!" "Look how they painted the walls and moved everything around!" "I don't recognize this place!"

Everyone felt the energy and excitement buzzing through the store. The staff kept pace with the steady flow of sales, and happy customers found irresistible merchandise. The grand reopening was an all around success; our vital community service programs will continue to benefit through the generosity of our donors and the purchasing power of our customers.

We invite you to visit the Venice store and see the makeover for yourself. Stroll the aisles and discover your own treasure; there is something for everyone just waiting to be taken home.

2011 BEST OF THE BEST

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May 21 & 22 • July 16 & 17 • Sept. 10 & 11 • Nov. 12 & 13

SAVE
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DATE

NCJW/LA attended the 45th National Conference in Dallas March 3-5. We sponsored the March 4th Women Who Dared Luncheon and Award Presentation Honoring Alexandra Pelosi and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi.

In addition to remarks by Nancy Ratzan, current NCJW President and Linda Slucker, incoming NCJW President, there was a keynote address by Nancy K. Kaufman, our new NCJW CEO.

VOICES FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE was launched at the convention, as an emergency campaign to help you speak out against current attacks to women's health and reproductive rights. Contact your representative and tell them you oppose pending legislation that attacks women's reproductive choice: HR3, HR358 and HR 217. Check out our website (www.ncjwla.org) and National's website (www.ncjw.org) for more information.



Ruth Zeitzew - Co-President, Susan Isaacs - Board Member, Amy Straus - Co-President, Cipra Nemeth - VP Thrift

INTERNATIONAL

SHARI ESHET, NCJW ISRAEL



Shari Eshet, NCJW Israel Director presents a community program at NCJW/LA.

Shari Eshet, NCJW Israel Director, visited NCJW/LA on March 7th. Shari met with staff at a breakfast meeting to explain the various programs NCJW funds in Israel and to learn about what is done in Los Angeles. She spoke at a community program in the afternoon about "Israel: Its Women, Its People," discussing the various issues in Israel that NCJW advocates for and in the evening with the NCJW/LA Board to talk about programs, grants and advocacy.



Hillary Selvin - Executive Director, Ruth Zeitzew - Co-President, Shari Eshet - NCJW Israel Director, Amy Straus - Co-President, Deborah Berger - VP Development & Outreach

LOCAL

News from our VISTA VAL Division...

For those in the Valley

MEETING LOCATION

May 10 - Annual Spring Luncheon at Braemar Country Club

with entertainment by Archie Barkan

4001 Reseda Blvd., Tarzana (south of Ventura Blvd.)

Reservations by April 30th - \$50 - Proceeds to NCJW/LA Women Helping Children Art & Literacy Programs for Youth and Women Helping Women Community Counseling and Support Services.

Contact Marilyn Bigman 818-704-1996 or Arlene Paster 818-346-2236



No General Meetings June, July August



NEW MEETING LOCATION

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER, 2011

TEMPLE JUDEA

5429 Lindley Avenue, Tarzana, CA

Meeting dates in next Update beginning with general meeting on Monday, September 19.

Discussion Groups & Board Meetings also on Mondays: Art, Books, Movies, Jewish Studies, World Affairs.

VISTA VAL DIVISION

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS - 2011 - 2013

Co-Presidents	Gloria Burney/Shirley Cohen
Vice President/Program	Lenore Machanic
Co-Vice Presidents/ Membership	Natalie Issner/Arlene Klein
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Bigman
Corresponding Secretary	Esther Mueller
Treasurer	Arlene Colton

PASSOVER APPEAL

We hope you have enjoyed your Passover holiday with your family and friends.

At this time of year, we ask you to help us continue to make dreams come true for women, children and families in need and at-risk. With your generosity, NCJW/LA provides:

- ◆ individual, couples and family counseling
- ◆ literacy and art programs for youth
- ◆ a free counseling Talkline
- ◆ scholarships
- ◆ clothing vouchers, annual clothing giveaway
- ◆ empowerment though support groups
- ◆ hope through teen mom tutoring, mentoring



To make a donation please use the business reply envelope enclosed or contact Susan Sysler at 323-852-8512 or susan@ncjwla.org.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Voices for Reproductive Choices

At our 45th National Convention on March 3rd, the National Council of Jewish Women launched Voices for Reproductive Choices, an emergency action campaign designed to help powerful advocates speak out against the current attacks on women's health and reproductive rights.

This emergency campaign responds to a series of three extreme anti-choice bills that are currently making their way through Congress. While they differ in specifics, all three of these legislative attacks would impose funding or coverage restrictions on critical health services, endanger women's health, limit women's rights as moral decision-makers, and erode religious liberty by imposing one view of abortion on us all.

NCJW has fought throughout its history for the protection of every woman's right to reproductive choices, including safe and legal abortion and the elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom. VOICES FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES is a new emergency campaign to combat the recent attacks on women's reproductive health and rights.

Jewish groups are alarmed about proposals to bar government funding of abortions for low income women, effectively ban abortion coverage in upcoming health insurance as well as penalizing subscribers to private insurance plans that cover abortion. "These bills are probably the greatest threat to women's rights that we've seen since pre-Roe," said Nancy Ratzan, National Council of Jewish Women's President. "This is a huge moment, and we're using every resource we've got."

A Ballot initiative has been approved for circulation as an initiated constitutional amendment to add a new Section 32 of the California Constitution. The title of the Ballot "Prohibits Abortions for Females Under 18 Without Parental Notification.

If it reaches the ballot and passed by the voters, it would changes our California Constitution to prohibit abortion for unemancipated minors until physicians notify her parent/legal guardian in writing. Provides exceptions for medical emergency, parental waiver, or parental abuse documented by notarized statement from law enforcement, protective services, or certain adult relatives. This would in effect traumatize any minor abused by a relative. It also permits a judge to waive notice if minor appears personally in court and proves maturity or waiver is in her best interest. It requires physicians to report specific abortion information to the Department of Public Health.

Physicians can be sued for violating these provisions up to 12 years after abortion.



New Members

Life Members

Suzanne Buckholtz

Annual Members

Natalie Caine • Joann Daisy • Eileen Fagin • Estelle Leonard • Yael Swerdlow • Lauren Trexler

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT – Congrats to Anna and Erez Shabtay on the birth of their son Eytan Yariv, born February 15, 2011. Anna is a former intern with NCJW/LA.

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

DELORES BERG	Life Member, part of Beverly West Division, Women Helping Children ABC Volunteer and Seder sponsor.
RUTH GLUCKSMAN	At Large member since 1968.
SOPHIE GREENSTADT	Life Member, Past NCJW/LA President, Mentor.
GLORIA IDE	Long time member with Vista Val Division and Women Helping Children Art Pals volunteer.
DOROTHY KOMAROW	Life Member with Beverly West Division for 35 years.
ETHEL MORRISON	Long time Beverly West Division member.
JUDITH SHAPIRO WASSERMAN	Life Member since 1982.



CONDOLENCES – A Special Tribute

SOPHIE GREENSTADT – Feb. 7, 1917-Mar. 20, 2011 Beloved mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother died peacefully in her home with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchild in attendance. Born in Chicago, Illinois she was the daughter of a well-known baker and worked as his bookkeeper for years. She eventually met and married her beloved husband, Joseph; they were married for 56 years before his death in 2000. She had two sons, Alan and Mark, whom she raised with love, care and diligence. After her sons had grown, she embarked on a career as a leader in the Jewish community. She eventually rose to become president of the Los Angeles Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. She was instrumental in several of the programs that still exist including the expansion of the thrift shops and the establishment of “Women helping Women.” Through all of this she remained the shining example of the mother and grandmother that truly cared about all of her family and did her best to promote and love them. She died a true “woman of valor.”

Membership Form

INVITE THE NEXT GENERATION TO JOIN US!

NCJW/LA believes in our mission to create social change through our advocacy, social and community services. But we can not do this alone. We appreciate your support as a member. Please take the time to invite a family member or friend to join.

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TRIBUTES AND TRIBUTE FORM

NCJW/LA is grateful to all those who support our vital community services through Tributes. Tributes are a wonderful way to honor and recognize the people in your life, while supporting the programs and services of NCJW.

IN MEMORY OF:

Dolores Berg
 Stuart Bergstein
 Carol Brin's Aunt Charlotte
 Dr. Arthur Fisher
 Alice Flateman
 Ellie Goldstein's sister-in-law
 Sophie Greenstadt
 Pearl Gross
 Cecile Hanken
 Gloria Ide
 Shirley Roberts
 Fae Shatz
 Nathan Silberstein
 Nathan Silberstein
 Ruth Sudman
 Ruth Sudman

FROM:

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 Ruth Williams
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 Anita and Arthur Aratow
 Anita and Arthur Aratow
 Ellie Craig Goldstein
 Armen Harutyunyan
 NCJW/LA Board and Staff
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 Lee Saltz
 Amy Straus
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 Ruth Williams
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 Lenore Wax
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 Arline Colton
 Arlene Klein

IN MEMORY OF:

Gladys Stein
 Gladys Stein
 Gladys Stein
 Judith Shapiro Wasserman
 Judith Shapiro Wasserman
 Judith Wasserman
 Grigori Zarud
 Anna "Honey" Zimmer

FROM:

Eugena Barkley
 Beverly West Division of NCJW/LA
 NCJW/LA Board and Staff
 Ginny Chee
 Betty Goodman and Family
 Fran Teller
 Bob Klausner & the Council Thrift Office
 Pamela Pacelli

IN HONOR OF:

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 Suzanne Buckholtz
 Leona Cohen
 Leona Cohen
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