



National Council of Jewish Women
Greater New Orleans Section

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On *the* Move...

NCJW's 2011-2012 Personal Giving Campaign

It's that time of year when our city and citizens are re-charged – new building, new forms of enterprise, elections, back-to-school, the Saints, autumn weather (or not!), myriad events and – our National Council of Jewish Women Personal Giving Campaign.

Indeed, the Greater New Orleans section of NCJW is on the move in 2011-2012. We are implementing a host of meaningful community programs and social justice-oriented endeavors aimed at enhancing the quality of life for women, children and families in the Crescent City – while also protecting our individual rights and freedoms. As a grassroots organization inspired by Jewish values, the

NCJW, its volunteers and advocates, need our assistance to drive ideals into action.

Your support is important. Please be on the lookout for our 'On the Move' Personal Giving mailing – and make your annual gift to NCJW. With your encouragement and backing, we can continue our principal work to further our community and vital causes (note: our fiscal year runs July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012).

Thanks in advance,

Loel, Shellye and Lisa
Personal Giving Co-Chairs

Save the Dates

Dan Cameron
December 14, 2011, 7:00pm at the Tulane Hillel
912 Broadway Street

A very special presentation will be made by Dan Cameron, founder and Director of the Art Biennials Prospect.1 and Prospect.2. Dan Cameron is an internationally-known arts curator. This is a great opportunity to learn all about the current P2 exhibit, as well as have all your questions on contemporary art answered. Not to be missed! More details soon.

April in Paris
April 15, 2012, 6:30pm at the Parkview Terrace
(formerly the Casino) in City Park

Great food, shopping, entertainment, and more all on a Parisian street in Spring.

President's MESSAGE



**A FAITH IN THE FUTURE.
A BELIEF IN ACTION.**

Dear NCJW Member,

The time of year has again come when we ask you to dig deeper into your pockets to support NCJW. It is time for our Personal Giving Campaign. I wish I could tell you that your dues cover our costs but it wouldn't be true. To support our programming, it takes far more than the dues you pay whether you are a dues paying member or a life member. So annually, we ask to see if you can donate a little bit

more to support NCJW programs. Every one of you who donates to the Personal Giving Campaign is a star to us. We count on you to keep our programs running. Without your support we would be unable to continue the many NCJW programs that are important to the New Orleans community and to NCJW, Inc.

Our 2011-2012 year started grandly with the Harold Salmon Award presented to Shellye Farber and with a visit by Linda Slucker, President of NCJW, Inc. It was an honor for all of us who attended the opening lunch to get to know Linda and hear her enthusiasm for NCJW programs.

In every bulletin we print a calendar with future dates for events. Please get these into your calendars so you can

be prepared to attend. Remember that you are always welcome at any NCJW Board meeting. All of our Board meetings are open to the NCJW membership. Also in December, we will have a general meeting for the membership along with a program and talk by Dan Cameron the the Prospect.2 art exhibit. This is your opportunity to ask Dan questions on contemporary art. The program will be held at the Hillel House. Watch your mail for an announcement.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Nitzkin

There are many ways you can donate to NCJW!

Don't forget us when you want to honor or memorialize your friends and family.

- NCJW Endowment Fund
- Personal Giving
- Create a Jewish Legacy
(leave funds directed to NCJW in your will)
- NCJW Cares
- Irma Isaacson Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Clara and Roy Schwarz Memorial Book Fund
- Birthday Dollars

Just a Reminder!

If you are a dues paying member and have not done so already, please mail your 2011-2012 NCJW membership dues in the amount of \$36.00 to

NCJW
C/O Rachele Stein
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If you need a 2011-2012 dues statement envelope or have any other questions, please contact Rachele Stein at racstein@bellsouth.net.



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What it means to stand with NCJW

By INA DAVIS

Sign up for NCJW Action Alerts now!

“... if you are not registered to take action, your voice is not being heard. Register now – we need the power of your voice.”

Along with all the wonderful services that the Greater New Orleans Section provides to the local community, we stand with 90,000 members across the U.S. As a united group, our voice is strong and our power is formidable.

But, if you are not registered to take action, your voice is not being heard. Remember, there is strength in our numbers, so register now... legislators need to know where you stand on the issues.

Sign up via email to support important efforts including BenchMark: NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign, Plan A: NCJW's Campaign for Contraceptive Access, and Higher Ground: NCJW's Domestic Violence Campaign.

Our brilliant DC office will cater the action alert notices to your specific interests. When

you sign onto a letter, you may click and send, or, there is an option to edit the message. Your designated lawmaker will receive your message; just your name and address appear on the letter. It's that easy!

Here's how to register for the NCJW Action Center:

- ▶ Visit <http://www.ncjw.org>.
- ▶ Click on "Take Action" and then "Sign up."
- ▶ Fill out the info once and the work is done.

Many thanks to all of you who support and take part in our advocacy efforts and campaigns already. We are making a difference!

To get involved in Public Affairs, contact Ina Davis (504) 919-2559, inanev@me.com or Joel Myers (972) 754-6604, joelmyers@bellsouth.net

NCJW's 2011 Vision for America

NCJW's updated 2011 Vision for America, the organization's policy agenda for the triennium, is now available. It is a good time to remind ourselves and all of our members and supporters of the issues that are so central to our efforts as NCJW advocates.

Below is an abbreviated version of NCJW's Vision for America. For the full text, contact Ina Davis at 919-2559 or read it online at: <http://www.ncjw.org/media/VisionForAmerica2011web.pdf>.

Advance the Well-Being of Women, Children, and Families

- Renew our commitment to shared economic prosperity
- Protect families from predatory business practices
- Promote health and wellness for all Americans
- Work to end violence against women

Ensure Reproductive Health and Rights

- Fund effective sex education in public schools
- Protect women's access to safe and legal abortion
- Secure and protect contraceptive access for women in the U.S. and abroad

Promote a Fair and Independent Judiciary

Ensure and Advance Civil Rights and Civil Liberties

- Advance women's equality in the workplace
- Promote equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and

transgendered persons

- Protect and expand voting rights
- Balance civil liberties and national security
- Achieve just, comprehensive immigration reform

Promote Religious Freedom and Strengthen the Separation between Religion and State

Support a Secure Israel and Peace in the Middle East

Advance Human Rights and Peace

- Take decisive measures to end genocide in Sudan
- Restore habeas corpus
- End gun violence and the death penalty
- Support global measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women
- End child marriage

NCJW Inc. President Linda Slucker Joins the Greater New Orleans Section at its Opening Event



▲ Harold Salmon Awardee Shellye Farber and Harold Salmon Chair Kathy Shepard show off the award.



▲ Luncheon guests Babs Isaacson, Celia Katz, Ruth Carvin



▲ Sara Stone greets NCJW, Inc President Linda Slucker.



▲ Luncheon chair Susan Kierr shows the raffle prize.

► Pleased to be at the luncheon are President Phyllis Nitzkin, Harold Salmon Awardee Shellye Farber, Shellye's mother Cynthia Farber and NCJW, Inc President Linda Slucker.



◀ Stuart Farber entertains the crowd with his piano playing.

Dedicated FUNDS

Irma M. Isaacson Scholarship Fund...

Irma M. Isaacson Scholarship Fund enables the National Council of Jewish Women-New Orleans Section to provide needed financial assistance to local Jewish students pursuing an academic or vocational goal.

AUGUST

► **Sara Stone**

In honor of Shellye Farber

In honor of Barbara Bresler's birthday

In honor of Dana and Louis Shepard's anniversary

► **Nancy Timm**

In honor of Lee Isaacson's birthday

In honor of Sara Stone's birthday

SEPTEMBER

► **Ann Thompson**

In memory of Jon Thompson

► **Babs Isaacson**

In memory of Doris Feingerts

In memory of Howard Stern

In memory of Madeline Stern

► **Beth Hershberg**

In honor of Shellye Farber

Clara and Roy Schwarz Book Fund...

The Clara and Roy Schwarz Book Fund provides each Irma M. Isaacson Scholarship Fund recipient with supplementary funds for the purchase of books.

► **Sara Stone**

A donation

What is HIPPY?

H.I.P.P.Y. (Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters) is a home-based early intervention program that helps parents create experiences for their children that lay the foundation for success in school and later life. The program is designed specifically for those parents who may not feel confident in their own abilities to teach their children. In the United States, HIPPY is a two or three year program for three, four and five year olds.

HIPPY was developed in Israel in 1969 at the National Council of Jewish Women Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

HIPPY was brought to New Orleans

in 1987 by NCJW and the New Orleans School Board. We have been supporting this program with funds and volunteer efforts ever since.

For the parents in the program, many of whom had limited formal education, HIPPY provides an enhanced sense of their own abilities, the satisfaction of aiding their own child, the excitement of seeing their child's abilities grow and the support, guidance, and friendship of trained paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals make home visits to role play HIPPY activities with parents. Group meetings are also held. HIPPY activities are written in a structured format comparable to a well-designed lesson plan for a novice teacher. Learning and play

mingle throughout as the parent helps the child build school readiness skills. Research has shown that the HIPPY program produces children better adapted to start school and prepared to learn.

Each HIPPY program has one full-time professional coordinator who is responsible for all aspects of program implementation and management. Paraprofessionals who are members of the participating communities and or have been parents in the program conduct the home visits. They work part-time with 10-15 families. Becoming a "parapro" is often a first job and a first step out of dependency.

Fox 8 Defenders Nominated

Jennifer Hale and the Fox 8 Defenders team have been nominated for a Suncoast Emmy in the "Continuing Coverage" category for a series of stories on Pastor Elijah Melancon. Over an eight month period, the story evolved as complaints from the elderly poor sur-

passed claiming Melancon had their Road Home settlements. After years of promises, the victims said there was no progress.

There will be more on this story as it develops. Good Luck to WVUE and all the Fox 8 Defenders.

NCJW fields between 200 and 300 calls a month. NCJW plans to expand its volunteer efforts even more, so that in 2011-2012 the Fox 8 defenders can reach hundreds more a month. To volunteer, call Babs Isaacson at 861-0716 or Lois Shepard at 861-4692.



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Calendar of EVENTS

- ▶ Save the Dates:
Dec. 14, 2011, General Meeting and Prospect.2
Feb 27, 2012, Hannah Solomon Award Luncheon
Apr 15, 2012, Annual Fundraiser
May 21, 2012, Closing Lunch and Installation
- ▶ Dec. 6 Board Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Dec. 20 Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Dec. 26 Articles due for
January-February bulletin
- ▶ Jan. 3, 2012 Board Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Jan. 24 Executive Committee Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC

- ▶ Feb. 7 Board Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Feb. 14 Executive Committee Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Mar. 6 Board Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ Mar. 27 Executive Committee Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Apr. 3 Board Meeting
7 p.m., Metairie JCC
- ▶ Apr. 24 Executive Committee Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC
- ▶ May 1 Board Meeting
Noon, Uptown JCC