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Greater Rochester Section

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

WED / 12
General Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
JCC

THU / 20
Tu B'Shevat

FEBRUARY

WED / 9
General Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
JCC

MARCH

WED / 2
Movie Discussion,
7:30 p.m.,
Home of Ellen Rosen

WED / 9
General Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
JCC

SUN /20
Purim

APRIL

SUN / 3
Hannah G. Solomon/
Woman of the Year
Brunch
Time TBA

**WHERE ARE THE
JEWISH WOMEN'S
CHARACTERS IN MOVIES?**

**A LIVELY EVENING WITH
SID ROSENZWEIG**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011
7:30 P.M.**

**HOME OF ELLEN ROSEN
334 COUNCIL ROCK AVENUE
IN BRIGHTON**

**COFFEE AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME!**

**RSVP TO DONNA COHEN
385-3081
BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

TURN THE PAGE TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

COUNCIL INVESTORS

Want to get an education in the stock market? Join NCJW's Council Investors. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at noon at Canandaigua National Bank at 12 Corners. Contact **Jill Orbach** at 217-9204 or **Nannette Bordenstein** at 248-8386 for more information. ≡



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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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MEET OUR SPEAKER: SID ROSENZWEIG

Sid Rosenzweig got a B.A. from Rutgers University and a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester, and studied filmmaking at NYU under Martin Scorsese. He's taught film history at UR, RIT, and MCC, and currently teaches at SUNY Brockport. He's made many industrial, educational, and documentary films for various companies and organizations, including Kodak and Strong Hospital, and has been a film critic for several outlets, including WXXI-TV. He's also on the Programming Committees of the 360/365 (formerly High Falls) Film Festival and the Rochester Jewish Film Festival. ≧

BOOKS, MOMMY AND ME

For the fourth consecutive year, the downtown YWCA was packed on Veterans Day with moms from the Rochester City School District and their babies, along with several YWCA staff and NCJW volunteers. The Books, Mommy and Me program was a success with over 30 teens in attendance who enjoyed lunch, decorated tote bags and received several children's books donated by Scholastic and the Volunteers of America. The YWCA case managers helped to coordinate the girls' attendance for this special event. The NCJW volunteers helped to serve lunch, read to the children, talked with the moms and assisted with the craft. It was a lovely day.



A young mom and her baby at Books, Mommy and Me.

OUR COLLECTIVE STRENGTH: POWERFUL ACTION, PROGRESSIVE CHANGE

NCJW's 45th
National Convention
March 3-5, 2011 Dallas, Texas
**Join NCJW for a little bit of
big TEXAS!**

Meet hundreds of women from around the country in Dallas for NCJW's 45th National Convention where we will take action and make our mark on the future of NCJW internally, and the impact of NCJW externally. We will work together to ensure that NCJW is a powerful force for social change that delivers the collective voice and action of progressive Jewish women.

Please contact **Mollie Traub**, mtraub@rochester.rr.com or **Donna Cohen**, raquet19@aol.com for more information. The deadline for registration is January 26, 2011. ≧



Robin Levitt reading to a family at the Books, Mommy and Me event.

Thank you to all of the NCJW volunteers who helped to make this day a success: **Ronny Frishman, Donna Cohen, Barbara Drachman, Mollie Traub, Bernice Shank, Marian Kobrin, Alice Silver, and Robin Levitt.** A special thank you goes to Ronny Frishman for passing the baton and paving the way for my chairing this event. ≧

Harriet Renzi, Chairperson
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CONSIDER COLLEGE

A Generous Benefactor

We were thrilled to learn that an anonymous donor gave Consider College a gift of \$1,000. Yes! \$1,000.

We are considering using it for endeavors that we couldn't dream of doing until now. Two possible activities come to mind: One is to take the students skiing at Swain or Bristol Mountain. Renting a bus, paying for equipment rental and a ski lesson, and feeding the hungry teenage skiers sounds like a substantial financial commitment, but now we can consider it.

Another thought is to take the students for a day at Watkins Glen. It is a beautiful gem in our state that not one of our students has visited. The glen walk is 1½ miles long. Renting a bus to the park, taking the shuttle to the top of the glen, walking the magnificent trail (down a zillion steps) and feeding the hungry teenage hikers could potentially break the Consider College bank, but now we can consider it. The section board will deliberate and decide how to best use this gift.

All of our 11th graders are studying for the SAT exam either at an educational center, with their mentors, or at their individual high schools. They're all talking about college. I believe that for many of them college is still a nebulous concept, but we continue to discuss/cajole/

remind and pester our mentees to do well in school and plan for their future. Part of their future involves having confidence that they have seen places and done activities that their middle class peers have seen and done. Our ability to provide some of these opportunities for our students is enhanced by our benefactor's gift.

Thank you, gracious supporter.

Mollie Traub, Chairperson
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Job Shadow Day

On Tuesday November 2, Rochester City School students did not have school due to a superintendent's day. However, 15 students went to work that day. They went to "shadow" workers at various places of business as part of the 3rd Annual Job Shadow Day for Consider College students. They visited Excellus, the Wegmans Corporate Office - Design Dept., the Delphi Engineering Dept., Chi Wah Salon, Katherine's Gourmet Catering, Democratic Headquarters, the Brighton Police Department and Lynn Feldman's art studio. The students were transported from their homes to the workplace by wonderful, dedicated volunteers who took time out of their busy day to ensure that the students were there on time. Afterwards, the students and mentors met at Mollie Traub's house where the students

wrote thank-you notes to their hosts and shared their experiences from the day. It was a great day for the students to see professionals in a work environment and the employees all enjoyed having students at their work site.

This day would not be possible without all of the volunteers who took the time to help drive the students. A special thank-you goes to **Doreen Goldstein, Mollie Traub, Nancy LeVant, Gina Horowitz, Julie Holzbach, Henra Briskin, Jennifer Loviglio, Patricia Gibbons, Ken Traub, Diane Shrager, Ronny Frishman and Irwin Solomon.** A huge thank-you goes to Mollie Traub for working with all of the students to help coordinate the visits and for hosting everyone at her home at the end of the day for a wrap-up.

Please keep us in mind for next year if you have a recommendation for a place of business that the students can visit. You can contact Harriet Renzi at hrenzi4nyps@aol.com. ≧

IN THE FAMILY

Condolences to:

Cathy Schneider on the loss of her mother

Phyllis Mutz on the loss of her husband

Please contact **Cathy Schneider** at 586-7575 to purchase or send NCJW Tribute Cards or to inform your fellow section members of family life cycle events that you would like printed in the bulletin. ≧