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## MUSIC AND MERRIMENT AT INSTALLATION

Installation this year was a lovely dessert reception held at Irondequoit Country Club on June 1. Longtime active member **Rochelle Cresov** installed **Alison Cresov** as the new president. **Mollie Traub** installed the other Greater Rochester Section officers and the incoming Board of Directors serving through 2012 and 2013. She also thanked and discharged the outgoing board members.

Flutist Norman Gonzales, who currently plays with the Buffalo Philharmonic, and guitarist Sungmin Shin, a student at the Eastman School

of Music, provided the entertainment. Norman is an instructor at the Eastman Community Music School and is the flute mentor for the New Horizons Band in Rochester. He also serves as a teaching assistant for world-renowned flutist Bonita Boyd at the Eastman School of Music, where he is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree. It was a beautiful evening filled with delicious desserts and music to soothe the soul. Thank you to **Daryl Kaplan** and **Rochelle Cresov** for co-chairing this lovely event. ☸

## MISSION STATEMENT

National Council of Jewish Women, Inc., is a volunteer organization that has been at the forefront of social change for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families, and to ensure individual rights and freedoms through programs and projects initiated by its network of 90,000 members and supporters nationwide.

# Bulletin

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Greater Rochester Section

### COMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

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

TUE / 13  
Opening Event  
7:30 p.m.

THU-FRI / 29-30  
Rosh Hashanah

#### OCTOBER

SAT / 8  
Yom Kippur

TUE / 11  
**General Board Meeting**, 7:30 p.m.,  
JCC

THU / 13  
Sukkot

THU / 20  
Shemini Atzeret

FRI / 21  
Simchat Torah

WED / 26  
Book Review

#### NOVEMBER

TUE / 8  
Election Day

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

## EMILY ALFANO

**NCJW SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATE  
IN WASHINGTON, DC WILL SPEAK ABOUT:**

**Higher Ground**  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011



**Higher Ground**<sup>SM</sup>

NCJW's Domestic Violence Campaign

CJW's Domestic Violence Campaign is a national effort to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women. Grounded in the understanding that economic security is critical to women's safety, **Higher Ground** educates and mobilizes advocates, community members, and decision-makers to promote progressive policy solutions that champion women's economic autonomy. She will provide background, tell us what activities other sections across the country are doing, and help us consider potential programs, projects and advocacy actions for the Greater Rochester Section.

7:30 p.m.

at the home of **Barbara Orenstein**  
3940 East Avenue

Light refreshments will be served

RSVP to **Mollie Traub** at 442-7521 or mtraub@rochester.rr.com

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the incoming president I am looking forward to working with the board and the membership on bringing NCJW's national initiative, "Higher Ground," to Rochester.

Our opening event will serve to kick-off this national initiative with Emily Alfano, NCJW senior legislative associate in Washington D.C., coming to speak on this critical topic. I invite you to join in our opening event so that we may become knowledgeable on the issues and work together to make a difference in our community.

The 2011-2012 calendar year offers an opportunity for us to continue with important and valued programs such as Sojourner House nutrition education and Consider College mentoring. Our charge for this year is to take Higher Ground and get it on the map in Rochester. I look forward to seeing you at our opening event and working with you on projects in the Rochester community.

My goal as the president is to support and motivate our membership to carry out national initiatives on a local level. We have talented, dedicated women amongst us who volunteer their time

and energy for NCJW. They are our leaders, our life members and our sisters. People like **Donna Cohen**.

I want to recognize Donna for her years as President and Immediate Past President leading NCJW with dedication and enthusiasm ensuring the mission of NCJW continues in the Greater Rochester Section. She is a tireless leader and an inspiration to us all.

Look on *our* website, look on *National's* website, come to our opening event and bring a friend who could become a new member. Help bring some new projects and programs in support of Higher Ground to our community. If you have any ideas for programs or projects or would like to be involved in current programs please let me know! I look forward to seeing you soon!

With best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. ☺

Sincerely,  
**Alison Cresov**, President  
acresov@hotmail.com

## SAVE THE DATE

Please join **Nina Kalen**, on Wednesday October 26 at 7:30 p.m., as she discusses "America's Women" 400 Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroines" by Gail Collins. It is not necessary to read this book, however, the library does have multiple copies.

We will gather at the home of **Marilyn Berman**, 420 Pelham Road in Brighton. Any questions please contact **Donna Cohen** 385-3081 or [raquet19@aol.com](mailto:raquet19@aol.com). ☺

## IN THE FAMILY

### *Condolences to:*

The family of **Millie Tanenbaum** on her recent passing.

### *Mazel tov to:*

**Jan** and Rabbi Alan **Katz** on the birth of their grandson Ezra Moses.

**Monika** and Lester **Katzel** on the marriage of their son, Evan, to Qi Cui.

**Marilyn** and Remy **Fenster** on the engagement of their son, Jason, to Gabrielle (Gavi) Young.

To list your simchas and sorrows in the bulletin, please contact Cathy Schneider at [cathy@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cathy@rochester.rr.com). ☺

## OUR OPENING EVENT SPEAKER

**Emily Alfano** is a senior legislative associate for the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). In this capacity, she monitors and advocates on policy issues related to domestic violence, health care, poverty and low-income Americans, and working families. Emily works with federal legislators, federal agencies, and advocates from other national organizations to promote policies that ensure the well-being of women, children, and families. Emily also works closely with the NCJW grassroots staff to educate NCJW members and empower them to take action



Ground: NCJW's Domestic Violence Campaign, a new campaign designed to address violence against women by promoting women's economic security.

at the federal, state, and local levels. In addition, Emily is the lead staff person on Higher

Prior to joining NCJW, Emily was a public policy coordinator at Genetic Alliance, an organization dedicated to building capacity in genetic advocacy organizations. There she focused on public policy issues related to the genetics field, namely genetic discrimination and stem cell research. Emily earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Maryland, College Park. ☺

## CONSIDER COLLEGE

### At the Corning Museum of Glass

On Sunday morning, May 22, 35 students and mentors boarded a bus in the East High School parking lot for the 1½-hour trip to the Corning Museum of Glass.

At the museum, we did everything!! We visited most of the historical exhibits, watched a glass-blowing exhibition, created designs on drinking glasses that the staff sandblasted for us, ate



in the excellent cafeteria, played in the hands-on technology area and had tons of fun.

At the museum entrance, we collected cell phones and placed them at the ticket desk for safe keeping, which meant that the students actually interacted and mingled with the mentors and with each other. As usual, the value of this type of field trip was to expose students to new places and ideas and to have fun in a safe environment. A bonus for the mentors was that many of us who hadn't been to the museum in years were impressed with the breadth and depth of the current displays and the creative use of the new exhibition areas. ☺

**Mollie Traub**, 442-7521  
Consider College Chairperson

