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SAVE THE DATE FOR "BOOKS, MOMMY AND ME"

Noon, Friday, November 11, 2011
at YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County
175 N. Clinton Ave.

Mark your calendars and plan to join other NCJW, GRS volunteers for a fun-filled afternoon with teen moms and their children. "Books, Mommy and Me" is an early childhood literacy program, done in collaboration with the Young Parents Support Services program of the YWCA.

This will be our fifth year sponsoring the event, which features crafts, reading to tots, socializing and of course, lunch. Last fall, we had a record number of attendees with more than 30 young mothers participating. Always hectic, but always fun, the event stresses the importance of reading to young children and every youngster goes home with a smile and new books.

To attend, and/or help, contact **Harriet Renzi** at 248-3484 or hrenzi4nyps@aol.com.

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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National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Rochester Section

COMING EVENTS

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, 7:30 p.m., 420 Pelham Road

NOVEMBER

TUE / 8
Election Day

TUE / 8
Job Shadowing Day

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

FRI / 11
Books, Mommy & Me

DECEMBER

SUN / 4
December Brunch, 11 a.m., Rustic Village Clubhouse

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

TUE / 20
1st Candle, Chanukah

WED / 28
8th Candle, Chanukah



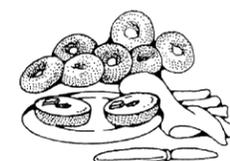
DOLLS, DRUDGES, HELPMATES AND HEROINES



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

Nina, a former president of NCJW, will concentrate on women she feels showed exceptional courage - some we know well, some we may know very little about. 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. Please RSVP to **Elyse Boress** at ESC2413@aol.com or 329-6364.



December Brunch

Co-sponsored with Hadassah

December 4, 2011
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the Rustic Village Club House
999 East Henrietta Road

Enjoy musical entertainment, friendship and our favorite brunch recipes. It is essential to RSVP due to the room capacity. Bring a dairy dish to pass: A-D dessert, E-P main dish like a casserole, kugel or quiche, and Q-Z a vegetable or fruit salad.

To RSVP and for directions to the clubhouse, contact **Marian Kobrin** after Nov. 1 but before Dec. 1 at markobrin@aol.com or 248-0559

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THE NCJW INSIDER

“Do you mind taking a short detour so I can vote?”

*Note from the editor—this piece features our own **Mollie Traub**.*

Posted by [Emily Alfano](#), NCJW senior legislative associate, on the national website www.ncjwgrs.org on September 15, 2011.

While visiting the NCJW Section in Rochester, New York, yesterday, my host, Mollie, turned to me and asked, “Do you mind taking a short detour so I can vote?” Yesterday, September 13, was primary election day in New York state, and Mollie needed to vote in the school board primary. We entered the local elementary school — Mollie’s polling station — and I sat smiling as she cast her ballot. Mollie’s children are no longer in school; she could have easily skipped that detour to the polling place. But, as a former teacher, she is passionate about education; as a longtime National Council of Jewish Women member, Mollie knows that her vote is critical.

Education and teachers are in the news these days. They were front and center last week as President Obama unveiled the American Jobs Act, a bill that includes, among other things, money to protect the jobs of 280,000 teachers and improve crumbling school buildings. On the walk up the steps of that elementary school, I was reminded just what a powerful impact that proposal could have. Teachers (who, more often than not, are women) will be able to continue to support their families. Children in classrooms will be

better prepared for the 21st century economy. And communities will benefit from increased economic activity and lower rates of unemployment. Now that I’m back in Washington, DC, I will turn my attention to making sure that the American Jobs Act receives the consideration and support in Congress that it deserves. Since the recession officially ended, women have continued to lose jobs as men’s employment has improved. The American Jobs Act is an important step toward ending that devastating trend.

Women are depending on their elected officials to understand the unique challenges that we face in the current economy. That’s why women’s groups like NCJW are speaking out on the American Jobs Act. And that’s why NCJW plays an active role in the HERvotes initiative: to educate and mobilize voters who care about women’s **Health** and **Economic Rights** leading up to the November 2012 elections.

It is my hope that through this initiative NCJW and our allies will inspire more voters like Mollie, voters who are willing to take a few minutes — on a beautiful, sunny day — to cast their ballots because they know that in every election our health and economic rights are at stake. ⌘

HERvotes



Fall is upon us and it's time for all you movie lovers to join us this year at "Reel Women" -- several informal gatherings during the year to see the latest films and be together to chat about them afterwards. Our suggested format this year will be afternoon movies at Pittsford Plaza and lunch or coffee depending on the movie times. We found that going to the Little Theater at night, as we have in the past, sometimes presented parking problems and was not always manageable on cold winter nights.

So please watch for the email "blasts" that you will receive from NCJW informing you about the day and time of the "Reel Women" events coming to a theater near you (Pittsford)!

Hope to see you soon. ⌘

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MEMBERSHIP

I would like to introduce myself as the incoming VP of Membership for the Greater Rochester Section, taking over the helm from **Mollie Traub**, who has done an outstanding job for the past two years. This position is familiar to me as I was VP of Membership in 2005-2007.

There have been many changes since then, but many constants. One major change is in how we communicate - for instance, most communication to our membership is conducted through email and our newly developed website at www.ncjwgrs.org. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with our website, which is very intuitive and extremely informative. (Make it one of your “favorites” on your computer.) You can find information about current projects, volunteer opportunities for many of the projects and ongoing programs, and the calendar with all of the upcoming events. There is interesting information about NCJW with several links to other websites that are relevant to NCJW. Under Projects, I was able to get a brief but in-depth overview of Higher Ground: NCJW’s Domestic Violence Campaign, which is a national effort to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women. It gave me just enough information to make me want to learn more and look at ways I can be a part of the campaign.

As a member of NCJW, it is up to you to decide on the level of involvement you would like to have and how you enjoy your membership in this wonderful organization filled with self-motivated and intelligent women. If you haven’t been to an event or a program, try attending one with a friend. You’ll meet new people, and find it’s fun and educational; it will make you feel proud to be part of an organization that does so much good in the community. Or you can sign up to volunteer for an event or a project.

One thing that has been a constant for all these years is the dedication and commitment of the members to NCJW’s core principles of turning progressive ideals into action and helping to improve the quality of life for women, children and families. The membership continues to be made up of dynamic and dedicated people.

I hope to see you at an NCJW event or as a volunteer for one of the many programs or projects that interests you. If you have any ideas you would like to share or know someone who may like to join, please contact me at hrenzi4nyps@aol.com. ⌘

Harriet Renzi,
VP Membership

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 **Linda Lowenstein** at 442-2089 for more information. ⌘



JOB SHADOWING DAY

The fifth Job Shadowing Day for students in the Rochester City School District will take place on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. The students experience a half-day visit at a work environment. They will see how people interact with one another in a business setting, which offers possibilities that they may not have imagined. It helps to open their eyes to opportunities that they did not know existed, and provides hosts a chance to make a difference in a student's life.

The students are dropped at their assigned work location by 10 a.m. by an NCJW volunteer and then "shadow" someone in the organization for the morning. The students are picked up by 1 p.m. and meet at Mollie Traub's house

to discuss the day and share experiences. The students also write thank-you notes at that time.

It has been tremendously successful for the students, the hosting companies and the volunteers. **Please consider being a volunteer on November 8 as a driver in the morning, afternoon or both.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Harriet Renzi** at hrenzi4nyyps@aol.com. ☞

WE NEED DRIVERS !!!



IN THE FAMILY

Condolences to:

Rochelle Cresov on the passing of her husband Gilbert Cresov

Alison Cresov on the passing of her father, Gilbert Cresov

Linda Cornell Weinstein on the passing of her father, Harry Cornell

Mazel tov to:

Alison Cresov and Tom O'Connell on the birth of their son, Charles Gilbert

Rochelle Cresov on the birth of her grandson, Charles Gilbert O'Connell

Elise and Joe **Wojciechowski** on the engagement of their son Jeffrey to Aliza Bach

To list your simchas and sorrows in the bulletin, please contact **Cathy Schneider** at cathy@rochester.rr.com. ☞

TO OUR SNOWBIRDS

If you are fleeing the snow but still want to receive the NCJW Bulletin during your months away, please email or mail your winter address to **Lorraine Dvorin** at ldvorin@rochester.rr.com. ☞

NEWS FROM NATIONAL Women Should Celebrate Suffrage By Voting

Women got the vote 91 years ago, but too many of us are still not exercising this most precious right. Single women, in particular, don't vote in the same numbers as their married sisters, yet are in greater need of government policies and programs that will ensure them a brighter future. Indeed, in 2010, the "marriage gap" -- the difference in voter participation and voter behavior between married women and unmarried women -- was 30 points. These differences have gone largely unmeasured by the major electoral polling companies, which typically don't include a marital status question in their surveys.

Those of us who support a women's agenda must work harder to make sure that women recognize that elections -- and their votes -- matter immensely. The 2012 election will be an important one for women. The candidates we elect for local, state, and national office will determine how we address our nation's most pressing challenges -- and those decisions will disproportionately impact women. Here's what I mean:

Challenge number one: creating jobs.

The current economic downturn was dubbed the "mancession" by some, because male unemployment has remained higher at 9.5 percent than unemployment among females, now at 8.5 percent. But since 2008, job losses among women have increased more than among men. In fact, men have gained jobs as the

recovery progresses while women's unemployment rate has actually increased. This recession is the first since 1970 in which women have lost jobs even as men have gained them -- a disparity yet to be explained by economists. Women desperately require an answer to their particular employment situation and the development of programs that address their needs. For example, a federal program rebuilding infrastructure is surely a good idea, but it is not clear it will help women nearly as much as men.

Challenge number two: fulfilling the promise of health care for all.

Women will get a huge boost from the new rules adopted for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Preventive services, including birth control and standard cancer screening tests, will be included without additional fees in the standard package of care offered on the insurance exchanges to be created under the new law. Women need to vote in 2012 to preserve these changes. Since many more married women are covered by family policies that already have these provisions, it is single women without such private insurance that are at most risk of losing out should an election reverse health care reform.

Challenge number three: preserving the social safety net.

Perhaps most of all, women need to worry about the many efforts to undermine

the social safety net, including Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, in the name of deficit reduction. Women rely much more heavily than men on these programs. Take away Social Security, and nearly half of all elderly women -- 8.5 million -- would slip below the poverty line. More than three million children receive Social Security benefits that enable families to remain in their homes and pay their bills when a breadwinner has died -- 6 percent of all Social Security beneficiaries are children.

Women are 56 percent of Medicare beneficiaries 65 and older, and 62 percent of those 80 and older. Three-quarters of Medicaid beneficiaries are women age 18 to 64. Forty-one percent of all births in the US -- 1.68 million -- are paid for by Medicaid. And, more than 4.5 million older, low-income women on Medicare rely on Medicaid to cover their long-term care services and Medicare cost-sharing. Many, many middle class families rely on Medicaid to pay for an elderly relative in need of long-term care -- care that is not covered by Medicare.

The stakes for women in 2012 are incredibly high. The women who grasp this fact and vote accordingly can sway the results. If candidates who campaign for women's votes based on women's interests win, then we can truly celebrate the anniversary of women's suffrage. ☞

Nancy K. Kaufman is the chief executive officer for the National Council of Jewish Women

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR MEMBERS WHO JOINED FROM JUNE 2010 TO JULY 2011

Rabbi Ayiva Berg (Temple Beth David)

Susan Harf

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