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# Bulletin



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National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Rochester Section

## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

MON / 5  
Yom Hazikaron  
(Israeli Memorial Day)

TUE / 6  
Yom Ha'atzmaut  
(Israel Independence Day)

WED / 14  
General Board Meeting  
7:30 p.m., JCC

SUN / 18  
Lag B'Omer

WED / 28  
Yom Yerushalayim  
(Jerusalem Unification Day)

TBA  
Stay-at-Home Event

### JUNE

WED-THU / 4-5  
Shavuot

THU / 5  
Closing Event & Installation

TBA  
General Board Meeting

Please join us for  
**Installation of NCJW, GRS Board and Officers**  
and a  
**Human Trafficking Awareness Program**

with speaker

**Mary Jo Colligan, President, Angels of Mercy**



**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

At Monroe's Restaurant  
3001 Monroe Avenue  
7:30 p.m.

Desserts will be served  
Suggested donation: \$18.00



Searching for trafficked daughter

RSVP to Dolores Kleinberg by June 2 at [dkberg@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dkberg@rochester.rr.com)

Send checks payable to NCJW, GRS to  
Dolores Kleinberg at the address on the form below.  
Questions: Call Dolores at 272-7597

NCJW, GRS Closing Program  
June 5, 2014

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my \$18.00.

Sorry, I can't attend, but would like to support NCJW. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_.

Please mail your check (payable to NCJW, GRS) and this form to:  
**Dolores Kleinberg, 48 New Tudor Road, Pittsford, NY 14534**



*120* Years of Social Change

### 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.

**Thank you to Judy and Mike Slade for hosting Oscar Night and to Soralee Cook and Carol Fybush for creating the raffle basket.**



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks to generous underwriting by the Greater Rochester Section board, I attended the NCJW 46<sup>th</sup> National Convention in St. Louis, Mo., March 6-8, 2014. The theme was "Gateway to Our Future."

My first tears fell at the Women Who Dared luncheon, which honored abortion rights activists Dr. Julie Bindeman and Dana Weinstein, and abortion provider Dr. Shelley Sella. Neither Bindeman nor Weinstein had ever thought that abortion would touch their lives personally. Both were married and trying to grow a family.

During their pregnancies, tests revealed that their fetuses had serious brain abnormalities. The discovery of Weinstein's situation did not occur until a sonogram taken at week 29. Bindeman's situation was uncovered at week 20. Their stories made clear (to me) why a woman's right to choose should extend beyond 20 weeks.

Human trafficking, with a focus on sex trafficking, was the topic at the Faith and Humanity Shabbat Dinner. We received a powerful primer on sex trafficking -- what it is, myths about it, why it has become so prevalent, types of trafficking and what we can do.

One speaker, Holly Austin Smith, described her personal experience. She read an excerpt from her book, *Walking Prey*, about her meeting with a charismatic older man (when she was in middle school) who "groomed" her (for capture and sex work) with attention and praise, making her feel attractive and important, and gaining her trust, until she left home, ran off with him and found herself, within 48 hours of her departure, being trafficked.

After listening to Holly and two other great speakers -- and enjoying a delicious Shabbat dinner -- many of us shared an evening of singing (and dancing in the aisles) with American folk musician Julie Silver.

The next highlight for me was the Israel Plenary, whose theme was "Israel as a Modern Jewish State." I enjoyed this because it addressed Israel's problems in a frank and open way. The most important problems, according to one speaker, were racism (the non-acceptance of non-Ashkenazi men); Israel / Palestine relations, and separation of religion and state. Following those are exclusion of women from the public sphere, divorce, the draft, and the status of immigrants and asylum seekers.

I appreciated this overview, despite the fact that there was little time to delve into any one of these topics. The overall questions were: Will Israel be able to overcome its tilt to the right and become more progressive and will it be able to re-vision itself from a shelter state to a normal state? The speakers wanted us to be aware that the influence of U.S. Jews is great and that we -- NCJW members -- need to keep talking and expressing our opinions.

The bylaws and resolutions sessions were wonderful. I participated in the nitty-gritty process of voting for amendments, revising amendments and arguing for and against some proposals. The most heated discussion occurred over a resolution regarding trafficking. Some wanted to keep the concept broad by using the words "recognition, prevention, and elimination of human trafficking," while others wanted the wording to emphasize sex trafficking. After several amendments to amendments and statements by delegates in support of each, the broader phrasing received the most votes.

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## THANK YOU TO ADVERTISERS

The National Council of Jewish Women Membership Book has become one of our major fund raisers over the years. It provides information about what NCJW is all about, what our projects are, who makes up our board of directors and it allows local businesses to advertise.

We wish to thank these special people for all their support over the years: A Different Point of View, Access Lifts and Ramps, Assemblyman Joseph Morelle, Balsam Bagels, Brickstone, Brighton Memorial Chapel, Brownstein's Deli and Bakery, Canandaigua National Bank, Chateau Wine & Spirits, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Cooley Brand, Cornell's Jewelers, Davey Tree and Landscape, East Avenue Dentistry, Economy Paper, Ethan Allen Home Interiors, Excellus, Eye Openers, Feldman Heating & Cooling, Fox's Restaurant, The Friendly Home, Get Noticed Rochester, Glen Moscoe Jewelers, Gordon and Chodak, CPAs, Highlands at Pittsford, Hoffman Appliance, Hollywood Service Center, Julie Holzbach, Hurlbut Care Communities, Jewish Ledger, John H. McGee & Son, Key Bank, Kittelberger Florist, Lee B. Bradley Flooring, Literacy Volunteers of Rochester, M&T Bank, Mann's Jewelers, MAPCO Auto Parks,

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As members PLEASE consider supporting these fine businesses in our community. Let them know you saw their ad in our NCJW membership book. If you have additional businesses that you think might like to advertise with us, PLEASE ask them. If not, let us know and we will contact them.

Again, thanks to everyone for allowing NCJW to make a difference! ≧

**Donna Cohen**  
**Gloria Kaplan**  
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## WOMAN OF THE YEAR / HANNAH G. SOLOMON RECOGNITION BRUNCH

Above is Jean Carroll, Hannah G. Solomon Award winner, shown at the podium during her acceptance speech with her Hannah G. Solomon statuette. Below is our Woman of the Year, **Soralee Cook**, with New York State Senator Ted O'Brien from the 55<sup>th</sup> District during the brunch. Photos courtesy of Joe Brown. ≧



### Tribute Cards

Tribute cards are a meaningful way to express your sympathy, honor family and friends, and commemorate special occasions and life cycle events. Your donation helps support NCJW projects. To have a card sent, call **Cathy Schneider** at 586-7575. ≧

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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On the business side, the Washington office will be changing its name to NCJW Center for Social Change and the Israel office will become the Center for Gender Equality. Debbie Hoffman (of Cleveland, Ohio) was inducted as the new NCJW president. Also inducted was a slate of women that included officers and directors with experience, commitment and vision. I returned home feeling NCJW's power.

After this bulletin, the president's message will come from our new section president, **Sandra Frankel**. In my role as "immediate past president," I look forward to supporting Sandy's presidency and the important work of our section and our extraordinary organization. ≧

**Gina Horowitz**, President  
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## IN THE FAMILY

*Condolences to:*

Steve and **Fraida Levinson** on the passing of his mother  
**Marian Kobrin** on the passing of her mother  
The family of **Sidney Metzger** on her passing  
**Ronny and Alan Frishman** on the passing of their sister-in-law  
**Vancy S. Boyar** on the passing of her father

*Mazel tov to:*

**Sharon Kovalsky**, on the birth of her grandson  
**Rochelle Cresov**, for being honored at Hillel Community Day School's first annual alumni appreciation brunch for 36 years of teaching arts education  
**Judy Abelman**, on the birth of her granddaughter ≧

## SOJOURNER HOUSE NUTRITION PROGRAM

On March 5, 2014, **Lois Mae E. Kuh, Ronny Frishman, Sharon Rose, Judy Slade, Nancy Reitkopp** and **Linda Rapkin** went to Sojourner House and interacted with 12 women and a few children. Our goal was to teach the residents how to have a safe and healthy kitchen. We brought handouts having to do with food safety, nutrition and stocking a pantry. Many of the women seemed pleased with the handouts, especially one called "Easy Main Dishes for You and the Family," since many expressed an interest in and experience with cooking.

We shared recipes and, since it was after dinner, we made desserts together. Haystacks, Crispy Chewy Peanut Butter and Granola Bites, and Delicious Chocolate Balls were among this year's favorites. We all learned something. I hope

that more of you can join us next year.

The women at Sojourner House strive every day toward their personal goals related to economic self-sufficiency, family stability, and maintaining their sobriety. Sojourner House's Supportive Housing Program provides on-site case management, enforced accountability, including apartment inspections and drug testing and a sense of community with other families, as well as special events and celebrations to help them thrive and create new lives for themselves. Many go on to earn college degrees and advance in their chosen career. Educational and enrichment opportunities for the children are also available. ≧

**Lois Mae E. Kuh**,  
Chairperson

## JOIN US FOR A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

Please join us June 5 for a presentation of the video "The Chosen," which tells the stories of two American teens lured into sex trafficking. Mary Jo Colligan, president of Angels of Mercy, will show us this movie (21 minutes long) and speak to us about the problem of human sex trafficking in the United States and locally.

When we think about human trafficking, many of us think about countries far away, but the shocking truth is that it occurs every minute of the day in our own country and in fact, in the city of Rochester, N.Y.

**Who are the perpetrators?**  
Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal

industries in the world. In recent years, former drug traffickers have switched to sex trafficking. Penalties are less harsh and it is a profitable business.

**Who are the victims?** There are many potential victims. One group is runaways, who are picked up and forced into prostitution within 48 hours of being on the street. Children who age out of foster care are victims too, when they, too, end up homeless and on the street. The U.S. Bureau of Statistics counted 1,800 Rochester City School District students as homeless for part of the year 2012-2013. These children, victims of poverty, are vulnerable.

**What can we do?** There are a number of things, starting with becoming educated on the topic. Guided by **Dolores Kleinberg**, NCJW,GRS joined the Rochester Regional Coalition Against Human Trafficking (RRCAHT), consisting of many local organizations dedicated to eliminating trafficking through education, advocacy and networking with individuals and organizations. We are now part of this network, and this event will help educate us.

The program will be at 7:30 p.m. at Monroe's Restaurant and includes the installation of our new board and officers. ≧

**Gina Horowitz**, President

## ISRAEL HOFSHIT — BE FREE ISRAEL Update from Israel Granting Program Grantee

NCJW Israel Granting Program grantee, "Israel Hofshit - Be Free Israel" is making an impact both in local communities throughout Israel and on the national level.

Recently, an Israel Hofshit volunteer discovered that girls were being excluded from school basketball games in the city of Ra'anana because of local religious leaders' desire for gender segregation and female modesty. Israel Hofshit raised the public awareness of this issue, holding an event called the Tournament of Equality in which four Members of Knesset, including Tzipi Livni, and several Israeli celebrities played basketball with Israel Hofshit activists

and local school children - boys and girls - to highlight the need for equality. The event received enormous broadcast media coverage, and the city of Ra'anana was pressured into ultimately changing its policy. On the national level

just after the recent elections, Israel Hofshit held a major advocacy campaign for civil marriage and divorce rights for women in Israel. The campaign was launched online with an emphasis on holding newly elected members of Knesset accountable to their campaign promises to advance civil marriage. The public pressure the campaign generated was successful and culminated in Israel Hofshit activists meeting with fifteen Knesset members in the new government to lobby for civil marriage rights. ≧



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