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HUMAN TRAFFICKING


NCJW-GRS has committed to the local effort to stop HUMAN TRAFFICKING. We were joined January 16 at Temple Sinai by a diverse group of local organizations -- Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Federation of Rochester, Hadassah, Sisters of St. Joseph and Susan B. Anthony Center -- in supporting Temple Sinai's Social Action Committee.

About 100 persons viewed the film, "Not My Life -- An Introduction to the Global Industry of Human Trafficking," narrated by Glenn Close. Afterwards, Moses Robinson of the Rochester Police Department shared chilling statistics. Ten million children worldwide, in 190 countries, are trafficked, a \$32 billion industry that includes forced labor, domestic servitude and the use of child soldiers. In the United States, 100,000

children, average age 12-14, are trafficked. Two-hundred fifty-thousand sex tourists from United States visit Asia yearly.

The POLARIS PROJECT is the home of the Human Trafficking Hotline (1-888-373-7888).

Senator Kristen Gillibrand co-sponsored the Trafficking Victims Protection Act in the past. It is essential to reintroduce and pass this action in the new Congress. Contact Senator Gillibrand at 478 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510.

NCJW-GRS will continue supporting the local effort as part of Higher Ground, a national effort by NCJW to end domestic violence by strengthening the economic status of women. 
by **Dolores Kleinberg**

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Greater Rochester Section

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

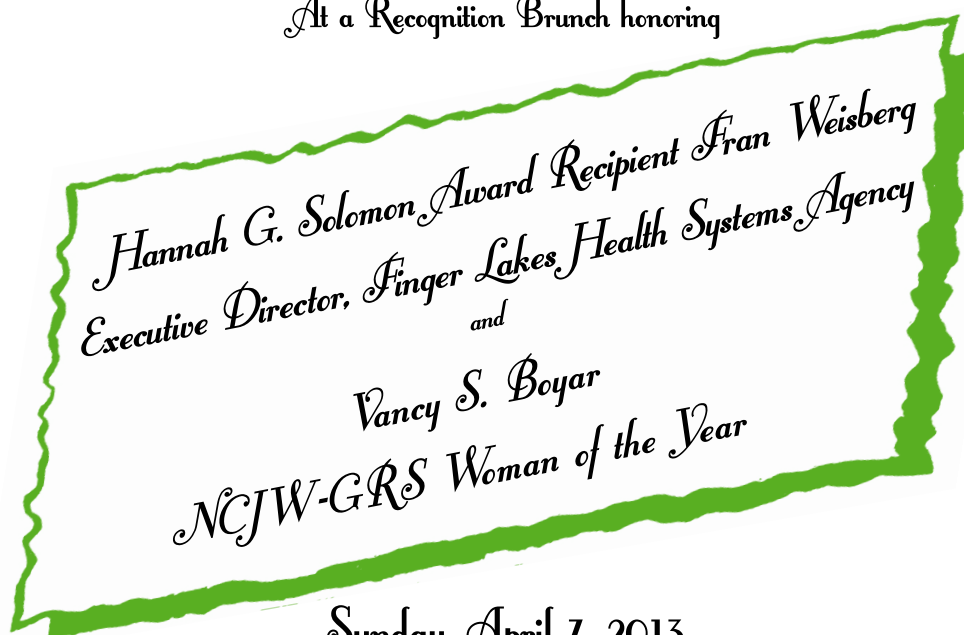
TUE / 12
Spring Sojourner
House Program
WED / 13
**General Board
Meeting,**
7:30 p.m., JCC
SUN-TUE / 17-19
NCJW Washington
Institute
MON / 25
First Seder, Passover

APRIL

TUE / 2
Eighth Day of
Passover
SUN / 7
Yom Hashoah
Holocaust
Memorial Day
SUN / 7
Hannah G. Solomon/
Woman of the Year
Event
WED / 10
**General Board
Meeting,**
7:30 p.m., JCC
MON / 15
Yom Hazikaron
Israeli Memorial Day
TUE / 16
Yom Ha'atzmaut
Israel Independence
Day
SUN / 21
Women's Health
Education Event
7:00-9:00 p.m., JCC
SUN / 28
Lag B'Omer
TBA
Stay-at Home Event

Please join the
National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Rochester Section

At a Recognition Brunch honoring



Sunday, April 7, 2013

11 a.m.

Irondequoit Country Club
4045 East Avenue, Rochester, NY

Please mail your check (payable to NCJW-GRS) and reservation form below to:

Alison Cresov, 504 Surrey Hill Way, Rochester, NY 14623 by April 1, 2013

Supporter: \$36 Patron: \$54 Sponsor: \$72 Benefactor: \$100

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Yes, I / We will attend at this level \$ _____

No, I cannot attend, but enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to NCJW-GRS _____

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 22, 2013: Today's New York Times editorial refers to Barack Obama's inaugural speech as arguing "eloquently for a progressive view of government, founded on history and his own deep conviction that American prosperity and the preservation of freedom depend on collective action."

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) defines itself as a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action.

What are some of the issue positions that we share? Immigration laws that provide a path to citizenship, equality

for gays and lesbians, voting laws that ensure access to the polls and that all votes are counted, maintaining the safety net for vulnerable individuals such as seniors, children and people with disabilities.

We know that President Obama looked at the Declaration of Independence and the speeches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for inspiration for his inaugural address. I wonder if he also spent a few minutes at the www.ncjw.org or www.ncjwgrs.org websites. ☹

Gina Horowitz, Section President
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CONSIDER COLLEGE What We Did During School Break

Consider College students and mentors spent the afternoon of December 27 at Color Me Mine, the paint-your-own pottery studio (www.pittsfordcolormemine.com). Their advertising says, "You pick, you paint, we fire, you take." On this particular day, mentors outnumbered students. **Soralee Cook, Julie Holzbach, Arline Seideman, Peg McNamara, Gina Horowitz** and **Mollie Traub** kibitzed as mentor **Nancy LeVant**, Michael Wilson, Lucy Wilson, Briana Jones, Jahteja Lindsey, Marisol Rodriguez, and Virginia Rodriguez decorated jewelry boxes, a slice of pizza, a picture frame, a watering can and several mugs. **Soralee Cook** made the arrangements for this lovely afternoon. While we were in a private room, virtually every other table in the front of the studio was filled with men and women, boys and girls all working on their own items. This activity was sufficiently fun that we will definitely do it again. ☹

Mollie Traub, Chairperson, 442-7521



IN THE FAMILY

Condolences to:

Carol Fybus on the loss of her sister-in-law

Speedy Recovery to:

Sharon Rose

Thank You to:

Mike Slade for his help with our section website ☹

Welcome to our

New Member

Shelly Braiman



BELOW THE BELT ~ OUT IN THE OPEN

An educational and awareness program about gynecologic cancers
Cervical - Ovarian - Uterine - Vaginal - Vulvar

Sunday, April 21, 2013

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

JCC Hart Theater

FREE TO ALL

Rochester Premiere Screening of the Documentaries

"N.E.D. - No Evidence of Disease"

A documentary about six gynecologic oncology surgeons from across the country and their unique rock band
and

"What Every Woman Should Know"

An educational film about gynecologic cancers and their symptoms

Introduction by Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth

Assistant Professor, Gynecologic Oncology, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, NY
Associate Director of Robotic Surgery, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, NJ
N.E.D. Band Member

Q & A with Gynecologic Oncologists

Dr. Nimesh Nagarsheth
Dr. Cynthia Angel, Gynecology Oncology Associates, University of Rochester Medical Center

Reception to follow

Organized by a coalition of Rochester Jewish organizations:

Sisterhoods of Congregation Beth Shalom - Temple Beth El - Temple B'rith Kodesh - Beth Hakneses Hachodosh
Temple Sinai Women's Council - Congregation Beth Hamedresh-Beth Israel
National Council of Jewish Women -- Hadassah - ORT America - Hillel Community Day School - Hillel of Rochester Area Colleges
Jewish Community Center - Jewish Family Service - Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester

Questions? Contact Joy Getnick, JCC: 585.461.2000 x239

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.

HANNAH G. SOLOMON HUMANITARIAN AWARD RECIPIENT FRAN WEISBERG

When Hannah G. Solomon was invited to organize the participation of Jewish women at the World Parliament of Religions at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, she was surprised to discover that instead of "sitting at the table," she and the other women were expected to serve coffee and act as hostesses. She left the hall in a huff, counted to 10, and created a women's organization that evolved into the National Council of Jewish Women.

We don't know if **Fran Weisberg** suffered any such insults, but she, too, had a visionary concept – a high-performing health system for the Rochester and the Finger Lakes region.

As executive director of the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA), she "sits at the table" with many others to create better coordination of care between community members and health care facilities.

FLHSA's roles include solving health care system issues collaboratively by meeting with medical and non-medical stakeholders, analyzing data to measure progress, partnering with the New York State Department of Health, and reducing health disparities for people of color.

Among her successful efforts are reducing preventable hospital admissions and avoidable emergency room visits; improving high blood pressure care; the creation of the African-American and Latino Health Coalitions; combating childhood obesity; planning long-term health services for the aging; and helping people living with HIV/AIDS.

Simply put, her work makes people healthier and saves money.

Before working for FLHSA, Ms. Weisberg was CEO and president of Lifespan for 10 years, at a time when the economy was making health care access especially challenging for those 55 and older. She transformed Lifespan from a \$1.5 million agency to a more than \$5 million agency, developing a comprehensive support system for those who with age struggle to manage their care alone.

When she graduated from the University of Rochester (her hometown is Baltimore, Md.), she decided to stay here, because Rochester was emerging as a city with a growing reputation for excellent health care and because she saw that "if you have a good idea, passionate people will come along with you." It is for her passion and vision and for turning them into tangible community services that she is the 2013 recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon Humanitarian Award.

Please join us at the Irondequoit Country Club to honor Fran and listen to her address us. ⌘



VANCY S. BOYAR, 2013 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

On the evening of January 31, eight NCJW, GRS members made an unannounced visit at **Vancy Boyar's** home to give her the news that she was being honored as "Woman of the Year" for 2013. She was definitely surprised, graciously saying that she was "touched and overwhelmed by this honor."

During her years as an NCJW, GRS member, Vancy has held the offices of treasurer and at-large board member. She has also chaired and served as a committee member for a number of NCJW events, most recently "Celebrating Our Women" and the Hanukkah brunch. Several years ago she attended the Washington Institute.

One of Vancy's finest qualities is that she asks incisive questions and makes us think more deeply about each event or social action that our section undertakes. As one board member said, "She is like our chiropractor. She adjusts us."

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**Fran Weisberg, at left
Vancy S. Boyar, above**

VANCY S. BOYAR *continued*

In addition to her NCJW activities she has served on the Religious School Committee at Temple B'rith Kodesh, chaired the Religious School Accreditation Committee, and also chaired the Rabbinic Search Committee. She also served on the United Way Allocations Committee for several years.

Vancy, who is a CPA, was a tax manager when she left her 17-year career in public accounting. Currently she is a yoga instructor and has worked in retail sales for the last five years.

A first generation American and the daughter of Italian immigrants, Vancy has four younger brothers, and all of her family still lives in Ohio. She has been married to Stuart for 32 years, and they have two sons, Jeffrey, who lives in NYC, and Philip, who will be graduating from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in May.

Vancy tells us that **Linda Sischy** recruited her to become a member of NCJW and that it was "one of the nicest things a friend could do." We are so happy that she decided to join NCJW and are grateful for all of her contributions over the years. Please join us in honoring **Vancy Boyar** as the 2013 Woman of the Year on Sunday, April 7. ⌘

Doreen Goldstein,
Woman of the Year, 2012

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WEB ADMINISTRATOR
MOLLIE TRAUB**

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. ⌘

YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT GRS WEBSITE

The most useful and practical section of the website is the opening page, www.ncjwgrs.org

There you will find:

- Up-to-the-minute listing of upcoming events with date, time, location, and contact information for reservations
- Links to all of our Rochester coalition partners
- A link to the NCJW national website
- NCJW Insider column -- current articles of national interest

If you misplaced your bulletin you can find a current issue under "**Bulletins.**"

If there's someone you would like to invite to join the section, you can click "**Membership.**"

Click "**Contact Us**" if you would like to write to us and you're out of stamps.

The "**News**" tab leads you to local NCJW news and photographs as well as the NCJW Israel Program Report written by Shari Eshet, director of the Israel office.

The "**About**" tab tells you the names of the current officers and directors, the list of past presidents, Women of the Year, Hannah G. Solomon Award recipients, Emerging Leaders, the section bylaws and some interesting historical information about the section. ⌘

Please visit!