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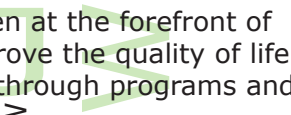
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National Council of Jewish Women, Inc., is a volunteer organization that has been at the forefront of social change for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW works to improve the quality of life for women, children and families, and to ensure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

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National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Rochester Section

COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

THU-FRI / 5-6
Rosh Hashanah

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

SAT / 14
Yom Kippur

TUE / 17
Opening Event,
Mind, Body and
Soul, 6:30 p.m.

THU-FRI / 19-27
Sukkot

THU / 26
Shemini Atzeret

FRI / 27
Simchat Torah

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

MON / 11
Books, Mommy
and Me at YWCA

WED / 13
General Board
Meeting
7:30 p.m., JCC

Opening Event

Mind, Body and Soul

September 17, 2013

6:30 – 9 p.m.



King's Bend Park,
North Lodge

170 W. Jefferson Road,
Pittsford, NY

(Between Galle's Nursery
and Heather Heights)

With:

- **Ann Germanow**, creator of Scensibles, hygienic and eco-friendly solution for feminine hygiene disposal
- **Marie Lovenheim**, nutrition counselor and manager of The Little Green Café at Pilates Plus
- **Laura Chey-Warren**, Lac, MTOM. licensed acupuncturist and certified Chinese herbalist and owner of Balance Acupuncture Center
- **Kristine Iannazzi**, fashion designer and lingerie boutique owner of Embrasse-Moi

Refreshments will include wine, teas, fruit, desserts.

Participants are invited to bring feminine hygiene products, which will be donated to Sojourner House.

Program is free.

Please RSVP to **Nancy Chodak** 506-2319 or nmchodak@aol.com by September 15

Become a patron of this program with your \$18 donation.

Please send patron checks payable to NCJW, GRS to **Nancy Chodak**, 15 Devonwood Lane, Pittsford, NY 14534

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number attending: _____

☐ I would like to be a patron for this event. Enclosed is my \$18.00.

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

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope you’re excited about our opening event, *Mind, Body and Soul*, and by the names of the women who will be sharing their knowledge with us that evening.

But, you may ask, what’s with the request for feminine hygiene products?

It is my pleasure to tell you. Over the past year, the New Projects Committee has been exploring new ideas for our section. We considered developing a women’s resource guide, similar to the elder services guide that we created and which is still highly regarded and often used. But we discovered that there already is an online resource guide, available to service providers and those in need, at www.211fingerlakes.org or by dialing 2-1-1. The information is extensive and updated more often than a hard copy product could be.

So we searched on and found out that there is a surprising lack of availability of feminine hygiene products for many women in Rochester and Monroe County. Money from SNAP (the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), formerly food stamps, may not be used to purchase them. School

budgets often lack funds for nurses’ offices to have sufficient supplies, and local food banks often find their paper products shelves understocked or empty of these products.

So these facts became our starting point. We are at the very beginning of developing a project. Whom do we want to target? ‘Tweens, food cupboards, women in recovery? Do we want to create a bank for feminine hygiene products, with collection points and a delivery plan? Is there an education component? Are there public policy changes that we want to see? What would success look like? Who are our partners? What is our timeline?

The committee has begun its work. To kick off the 120th anniversary year of NCJW at our September 17 opening event, we invite you to attend and bring a box of tampons or sanitary napkins. Our recipient for these will be Sojourner House. And if you’d like to take part in planning the project, call me. ≥

Gina Horowitz, President
482-8652, ginarose@rochester.rr.com

NCJW, GRS HELPS TO SUPPORT THE ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

NCJW, GRS recently made a donation of our Yad B’Yad monies collected this year (and a little more added to round out the contribution to \$200) to the NCJW Israel Granting Program. The Israel Granting Program, overseen by Shari Eshet, the director of NCJW’s Israel office, funds important social change efforts in Israel. The cornerstones of the program are empowerment and leadership programs for women and girls and gender equality. (Learn more at www.ncjw.org/Israel)

Individual NCJW, GRS members also made contributions to IGP, making our total donation \$680. Thank you to the following members for supporting NCJW’s work in Israel:

Judy Abelman
Vancy Boyar
Gina Horowitz
Dolores Kleinberg
Wendy Moss
Arlene Schenker ≥

AN EVENING WITH SAMMIE MOSHENBERG Director, NCJW Washington Operations

Thirty-five women gathered at the home of **Barbara Orenstein Present** for NCJW-GRS’s 2013 closing event and installation of the new officers and board members.

Our speaker for the evening was Sammie Moshenberg, director of NCJW's Washington operations and staff director for NCJW’s advocacy efforts nation-wide. She represents NCJW on national coalitions concerned with judicial nominations, civil rights, reproductive rights, child care, and First Amendment issues.

Sammie spoke passionately and eloquently on several “hot topic” issues:

- Gun violence prevention -- NCJW endorses and resolves to work for laws, policies, and programs that restrict and regulate firearms and prevent gun violence. We support measures to: require all gun buyers to pass a criminal background check, including closing the private sale loop-hole; ban military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; and make gun trafficking a federal crime.
- Immigration reform --- The day of our program, the Senate Judiciary Committee

passed by a 13-5 bipartisan vote in favor of immigration reform. NCJW supports a path to citizenship that will bring 11 million undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S. out of the shadows of our society, while also expediting citizenship for DREAMers and providing protections for immigrant workers. As Sammie explained, the bill doesn’t do it all; the path to citizenship is too lengthy and onerous and excludes immigrants and their families from life-saving programs like Medicaid. The bill also fails to extend to LGBT spouses the same right to seek citizenship as is now enjoyed by heterosexual couples and its provisions on family unity do not adequately address the needs of today’s diverse immigrant community.

- Reproductive choice --- Sammie discussed NCJW’s historic support of reproductive choice for all women and ongoing commitment and leadership on this issue. She also informed us of an anti-choice event that was to occur in Rochester at the end of July. The group, Operation Save America, has targeted Rochester and planned to march at three sites, including

Strong Memorial Hospital, to protest women’s choice. Sammie urged us to look into ways that we could support women’s choice during this July “operation.”

- Judicial reform-- NCJW has been actively working towards judicial reform since it began its campaign for the Supreme Court justices. Now, NCJW speaks out on much broader issues facing the court and the process of judicial nominations.

Sammie emphasized that since the moment 120 years ago that NCJW came to be, we have been taking action through community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families. With no shortage of issues, we have had some victories, most recently the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women’s Act, confirmation of two new women justices of the Supreme Court, and passage of the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009.

It was an informative and delightful evening, learning from Sammie and schmoozing with each other while enjoying exceptional desserts provided by participants. ≥

Judy Abelman, Ex Officio

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. ≥

Welcome to our
New Members

Ann Germanow

Linda Maehr

TAKING OUR MESSAGE TO LAWMAKERS: NCJW, GRS Meets with Reed's Top Aide

Rancor and gridlock may characterize politics in Washington, but closer to home congeniality and civil discourse reign. At least that was the experience of four Greater Rochester Section members --- **Gina Horowitz, Wendy Moss, Arlene Schenker** and me - when we met in early June with James Smith, regional director for Rep. Thomas Reed, a conservative Republican from the Southern Tier's 23rd District.

The meeting's goal was to follow up a March visit by GRS members to Reed's Capitol Hill office during the Washington Institute. We gathered at Java Joe's in Rochester -- which saved us all a trip to Reed's Geneva office -- to further the dialogue on gun violence prevention, comprehensive immigration reform and reproductive rights. Smith is personable, experienced and politically astute; he listened carefully to our arguments, and though NCJW's positions tend to differ from those of Reed, our conversation was thoughtful, respectful and educational.

From left to right, Wendy Moss, Mollie Traub, James Smith, Arlene Schenker and Ronny Frishman.



We were there to push "common-sense" proposals calling for criminal background checks for all gun sales, a ban on assault and high-capacity magazines, and making gun trafficking a federal crime. Reed is an "ardent" supporter of the Second Amendment, Smith said. While the congressman wants to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill, he favors better enforcement of existing gun laws, Smith said, and would prefer to see gun violence addressed through mental health approaches. Smith indicated, however, that Reed would like to see penalties strengthened for "straw purchases" of guns.

As for reproductive rights, Smith said he didn't think Reed would modify his pro-life stance against abortion, although he believes the representative might be

swayed in cases of rape and incest and where the mother's life was in jeopardy. Smith said he appreciated our passion and argument for seeking equal access to reproductive health care for all women.

In our discussion of immigration reform, all of us - including Smith, whose family is of Irish descent - invoked our shared history of immigrant relatives. We agreed that immigration policy is particularly important to Western New York because of its farming industry and reliance on migrant and immigrant workers. NCJW supports a comprehensive bill that gives undocumented immigrants a path to citizenship with protections and no penalties. Smith said Reed's position on immigration is "evolving," and it remains a critical issue because of its impact on his district.

No meeting of the minds during this visit, but Smith assured us he would convey our positions to Reed and he welcomed further discussion. "The congressman is reaching across the aisle when he can," Smith noted, "but not changing what he believes in." ≧

Ronny Frishman, Board Member

IN THE FAMILY

- Mazel tov to:*
Karen Lustig on the birth of her grandson, Austin Levi MacKenzie
Roz Baum on being awarded the Etz Chaim award from Temple B'rith Kodesh
Marcia Wishengrad Metzger on being honored by the Daily Record's as an Unsung Legal Hero
Soralee Cook on the wedding of her son Neil
Marsha and **Bob Cherry** on the birth of their grandson, Benjami

- Healing Wishes to:*
Beth Bruner
Condolences to:
Lois Taubman on the loss of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Taubman
Arlene and **Howie Schenker** on the loss of Howie's father Norman Schenker ≧

SECOND ANNUAL CONSIDER COLLEGE GRADUATION DINNER June 26, 2013

For the second time, Consider College held its graduation dinner at P.F. Chang's China Bistro at Eastview Mall. Three members of the class of 2013 - Lucille Wilson, Briana Jones, Janay Cotton--- and five members of last year's graduating class - Glenn Hines, Annali Colon, Monica Ortiz, Jeannette Santana, and Idalis Miranda --- enjoyed a sumptuous dinner in the company of mentors **Diane Shrager, Nancy LeVant, Ruth Kramer, Gina Horowitz** and **Mollie Traub**. Janay graduated a year early and Jeannette received her GED last July.

All of the students are currently enrolled at Monroe Community College or SUNY Brockport or have plans to enroll in the near future.

It continues to delight us to see how conversational and charming the students are

becoming. We discussed plans for the future, car repairs, clothing, hair styles, a small amount of gossip, the Rochester City School District and other juicy topics.

In August we went kayaking - a new experience for both mentors and students - and there are plans for the 2013-2014 school year to provide a college visit and job shadowing

as well as a performance at Geva or the Rochester Broadway Theater League.

The class of 2014 will be our last big class of graduates. We plan to keep in touch with all mentees and follow both their pursuits with encouragement and support.≧

Mollie Traub, Board Member mtraub@rochester.rr.com



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Friendly Reminders

- We are still accepting contributions for the SPA Stay-at-Home. Send your contribution to **Doreen Goldstein**, 31 Chatham Woods, Pittsford, NY 14534
- Please send your annual NCJW dues (\$36) to **Judy Slade**, 12 Trailwood Circle, Rochester, NY 14618. ≧