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NCJW volunteers will participate in our annual interactive program for Sojourner House residents on March 21, 2012 at 6:45 p.m.

**"Elegant But Easy Delectable Desserts"**  
is the theme again this year.

Nutrition information, a home health safety quiz and preparing and tasting the desserts are all a special part of the evening. This was a huge success last year, and you will never forget this rewarding experience. If you would like to join us that evening, call **Sharon Rose** at 271-0433 or email shaymarty@rochester.rr.com.✉



**Sharon Rose**, Chairwoman

### 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

#### MARCH

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

THU / 8  
Purim

WED / 21  
Sojourner House Program

TBA  
Reel Women

#### APRIL

FRI / 6  
First Seder, Passover

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

SAT / 14  
Eighth Day of Passover

SUN / 15  
Hannah G. Solomon / Woman of the Year Event

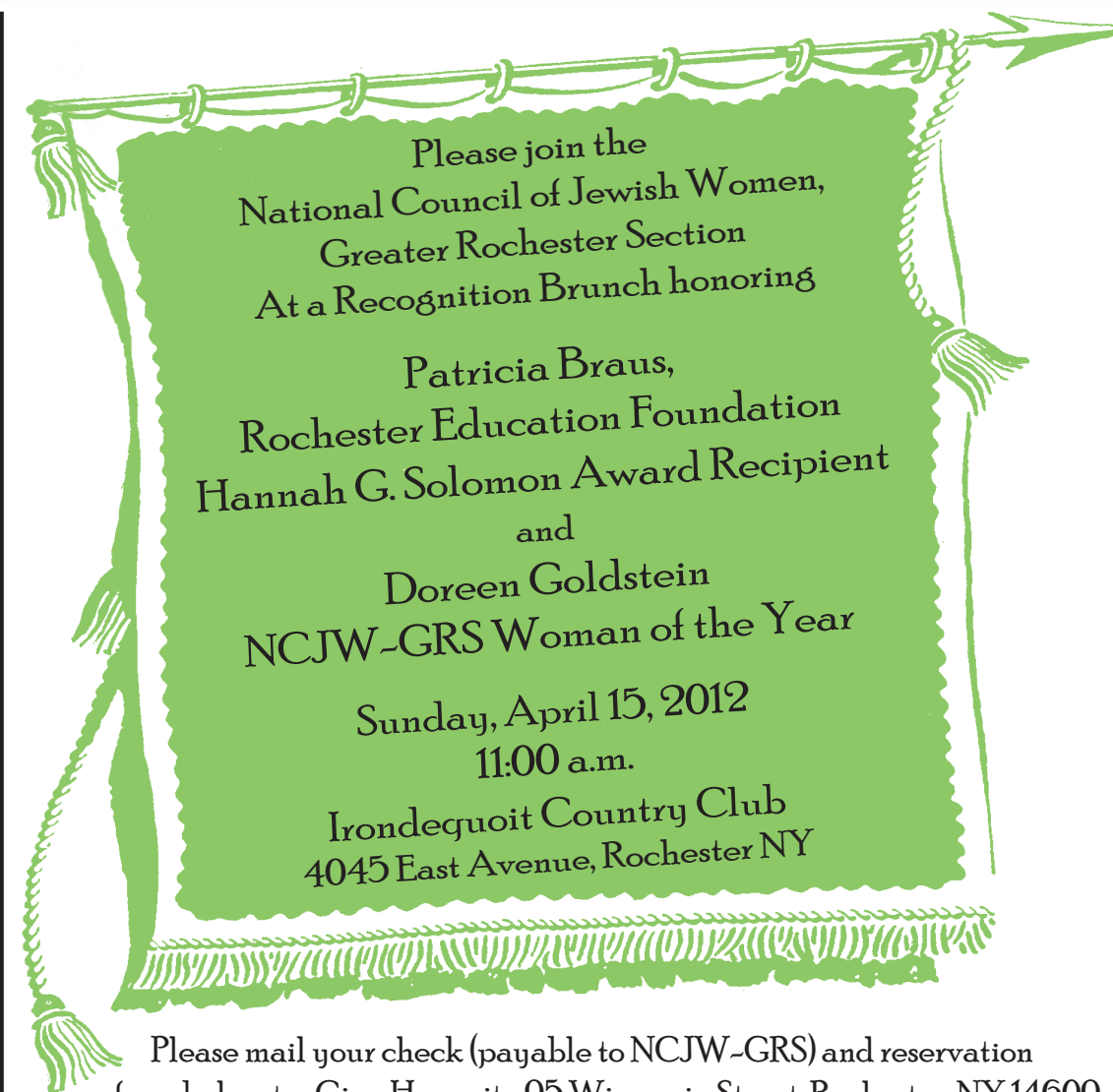
THU / 19  
Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day)

THU / 26  
Yom Ha'atzmaot (Israel Independence Day)

TBA  
Stay-at-Home

#### MAY

WED / 9  
Installation / Shari Eshet Speaker



Please mail your check (payable to NCJW-GRS) and reservation form below to: Gina Horowitz, 95 Wisconsin Street, Rochester, NY 14609 by April 8, 2012

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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## DOREEN GOLDSTEIN, 2012 Woman of the Year

It was with great pleasure and anticipation that eight NCJW women approached the Goldstein home on a cold January morning and surprised Doreen by honoring her with the title of "Woman of the Year" for 2012. She cried tears of joy and was happy to let us in! Doreen has been an extremely helpful member in a myriad of ways and has been involved in numerous activities for NCJW.

During the 15 years that Doreen has been a member, she has chaired the Hannah J. Solomon luncheon four times, been in charge of the installation event for several years, been a vice president of administration, and headed up the entertainment book fundraiser. In addition, she has volunteered for the Film Night Committee, the thrift shop, Books, Mommy and Me and the Garden Odyssey. One of her favorite projects is Consider College, where she mentors students and helps them strive for a future they may not visualize or even think possible. Doreen has also helped out in many other ways and always with a smile and sweet nature.

Doreen is retired from Monroe #1 BOCES where she worked as a job developer for the Eastern Monroe Career Center.

Her 30-year working career also involved helping students to have a better life and her caring ways are still apparent in all she does for NCJW. She is married to Les and they have a daughter, Alison (Scott) Zakalik, and a wonderful new grandson named Benjamin, who keeps her busy and is the apple of her eye!

Please join us in honoring **Doreen Goldstein** as the 2012 Woman of the Year on April 15. ☺

**Carol Fybush**, NCJW, GRS Woman of the Year 2011



## IN THE FAMILY

Condolences to:

**Lynda Garner Goldstein** on the loss of her father

Get Well Wishes to:

**Gina Horowitz**

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

### **Membership News**

**Welcome Back  
Marci Miller**



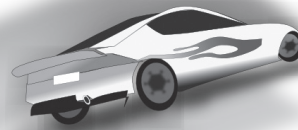
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or email to:  
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*SAVE THE DATE:*  
**SUNDAY, MAY 20 10:00 A.M. - NOON**

### **FIRST ANNUAL NCJW AMAZING N-A-R\* ROAD RALLY (\*not-a-race)**



**for NCJW members and friends**

**The goal is to start at point A and end at Point B by following brilliantly constructed directions. You will drive through the beautiful upstate NY countryside completing various tasks that will entitle you to brag during lunch.**



**Take a photo of a member of your party with a cow. Purchase a can of food to donate to a food pantry, plus many other equally silly tasks.**



**\$100/car tax-deductible donation**

**Proceeds will help fund Greater Rochester Section initiatives:**

**Consider College;  
Books, Mommy and Me;  
Sojourner House;  
Higher Ground**

**Advance registration required:  
[ncjwgrs@gmail.com](mailto:ncjwgrs@gmail.com) or Mollie Traub 442-7521**





## PATRICIA BRAUS, Advocate for City School Children, to Receive the 2012 Hannah G. Solomon Award



An involved parent when her own sons went through the city schools, **Patricia Braus** saw firsthand the lack

of resources plaguing Rochester's school system. It seemed unfair to her that suburban school districts such as Brighton and Greece had foundations to provide extra support, while the city school district --- where kids faced the greatest needs -- had so little.

So in 2003, Braus and a small group of concerned parents and residents launched the Rochester Education Foundation (REF), an organization aimed at creating tangible ways to improve the learning and success of city school children. It started as a barebones operation, becoming part of the Rochester Area Community Foundation Initiatives. One of REF's earliest endeavors was helping raise funds to pay for

school nurses after the County Legislature cut their funding midway through the 2004 school year.

In 2005, REF incorporated and became an independent non-profit with its own board. Braus, a former journalist who had been teaching science and medical writing at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, left her job a few years later to become REF's full-time executive director. Though still small, the organization has thrived under her leadership, cultivating partnerships among educators, business people and community members. REF's "Give Back, Give Books" program, started in 2006, has distributed more than 30,000 new books to city school children; a recent evaluation praised the program for its ability to motivate kids to read and to support teachers. The "Spring for Music" project, which collects musical instruments for city students, has brought in more than 800 instruments to date. REF also hosts an annual awards dinner to recognize community partners and educators, and works with community businesses and the city schools to offer the National Academy Foundation-

REF summer work internship program. The group is getting ready to start a new student grant program for Monroe High School graduates attending college with funding by Monroe's Class of 1960.

For her work with REF, Braus was named an "Everyday Freedom Hero," by Channel 13 and the Sisters of St. Joseph, and she received a meritorious service award from Phi Delta Kappa, an educators' association. She graduated from Cornell University and received a Master's in Public Health from UR. She and her husband, Edwin Lopez, have two grown sons, Daniel and Jay.

The Hannah G. Solomon Award goes to a person who takes action on issues vital to NCJW and translates them into community programs. **Pat Braus** -- who is an NCJW member -- demonstrates that action daily with her commitment to improving the lives and education of city school children. Join us April 15 as we honor Braus for her outstanding community service. (To learn more about the Rochester Education Foundation, visit [www.rochestereducation.org](http://www.rochestereducation.org).)

## NCJW,GRS BOARD MEMBERS JOIN CHOICE ADVOCATES IN ALBANY

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** Although New York was among the first states to legalize abortion, women's reproductive issues are still regulated as part of the criminal code?

**DID YOU KNOW . . .** Legislatures around the country have enacted 450 bills that would ban or restrict abortion? And that if one of these challenges reaches the Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade could be overturned? Impelled by facts such as these, Arlene Schenker and Gina Horowitz joined 400 other citizens from around New York state to participate in Family Planning Advocates Day of Action on opening day (January 10) of the 2012 state legislative session in Albany.

After donning our hot pink scarves, Planned Parenthood pins and RHA (Reproductive Health Act) patches, and helping ourselves to coffee and muffins, we sat in "The Well" of the legislative building and listened to members of the legislature address us with encouragement for our day's activities but unease about the current status of women's reproductive rights.

NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli focused his comments on the first of the day's four talking points -- **to keep funding for Planned Parenthood services at the current level.** For many women and increasingly men, Planned Parenthood centers are becoming the primary option for affordable health care. Where would these thousands of people go if funding were to be decreased?

Another of the day's issues was **funding for sex education in schools.** Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver addressed this

point, urging that New York state provide "medically accurate and age appropriate" sex education in our schools. Sex education policy, he said, must be driven by "doctors, not doctrine."

Jennifer Cook, our Rochester team leader, explained the third and key component of our agenda: **passage of the Reproductive Health Act**, which will protect the fundamental rights of reproductive freedom and a woman's right to make private health care decisions. Passage of the RHA, which Governor Cuomo supports, would put women's reproductive issues into medical and health law and remove it from criminal law.

The day's fourth agenda item urges **passage of Health Benefit Exchange legislation.** The HBE will act as a centralized system that can be used by eligible individuals, families and small businesses to purchase affordable health care insurance coverage.

After many informative and inspiring speeches we gathered in groups of eight to 10 and visited the offices of legislators James Alesi, Sean Hanna, David Gantt, Harry Bronson, and Joseph Robach, and although none was there to meet us personally, their executive assistants welcomed us and listened and took notes on our four talking points.

We were encouraged to save the date of April 18, when we will all be welcome to strengthen the ranks at Concerned Clergy for Choice Advocacy Day. >

**Gina Horowitz**, 482-8652

## Nominating Committee Report Proposed NCJW,GRS BOARD MEMBERS 2012-2014

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