

# National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Section

# **NEWSLETTER**

### Fall / Winter 2014 - 2015

# Meet Our 2014 Scholarship Recipients!



**Katherine Koyfman** Freshman Dominican University, San Rafael



**Isabel Ullmann** Freshman UC Berkeley



Laura Rumpf Rabbinical Student Hebrew Union College, L.A.



Danielle Aubin Graduate Student Humboldt State University

# Learn more about all our scholarships on page 3

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

In our work at NCJW, we aspire to the top rung of Maimonides's ladder of generosity, offering the kind of charity that helps people help themselves. This philosophy is an apt description of the work of our Scholarship Program Chair Linda Kurtz and her dedicated team. As a result of their tireless effort, in less than two years NCJW SF established five scholarships and awarded 12 scholarship grants. We are profoundly grateful for their unprecedented accomplishment! Our deep gratitude also goes to the funders of our scholarships, the Goldberg, Surkin, Kurtz, Keyak and Brasso families for their remarkable generosity!

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Antonia Lavine, President



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### The book about NCJW SF's 115-year history, high-

lighting our Section's amazing women of the past and present, is ready for publication and will be due out in late spring.

We welcome your kind donations to support the printing of the book.

Many thanks to Victoria Cooper for researching our history and writing our book!

#### **DONATIONS**

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Leslie Friedman

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Deborah Lopez

#### Tanette Goldberg Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice

Kayla Goldberg

#### NCJW SF Sara Keyak Scholarship Fund

Antonia Lavine Leslie Keyak Sara Keyak

#### Lillian Foreman Memorial Scholarship for Youth at Risk to be Exploited

Robin Brasso

#### Nancy Surkin Memorial Scholarship of NCJWSF to Survivors of Human **Trafficking**

Debra Surkin Janet Surkin Pat Greenstein

#### **GRANTS**

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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

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We are profoundly grateful for your support!

#### The Tanette Goldberg Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice

The Tanette Goldberg Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice is awarded annually to current undergraduate or graduate college students who have been involved in social justice work and plan to pursue a course of study that will further their knowledge. The following four women are the 2014 recipients of this scholarship. Scholarship They will continue to give back through their social justice endeavors.



Tanette Goldberg 1925-2013

#### Katherine Koyfman - Freshman at Dominican University, San Rafael



Katherine has taken her passion and commitment for Tikkun Olam to get involved at a very young age. Her social media campaigns to promote awareness (among other activities) is very interesting, impressive, and inspiring. Her emphasis on political science and media will have a significant impact on making a "better world with less apathy and more people making a difference; a world with less bias and more people seeking the truth; a world with

fewer defeated and more who persevere- a world of justice."

#### Danielle Aubin - Graduate Student at Humboldt State University



Danielle has done international work in Guatemala, India, Thailand, and Rwanda, and continues with the Canal Alliance, Community Violence Solutions, and serving on the Marin County Human Rights Commission. Her endeavors and studies are quite impressive and demonstrate her passion and commitment to social justice issues, both internationally and domestically.

#### Isabel Ullmann - Freshman at UC Berkeley



Even at a young age, Isabel has used her passion and commitment to end human trafficking to educate others. She started Teaching To Stop the Traffick, and has since employed that dedication in her political work to make changes happen. She is currently a Peace and Conflict Studies student in the hopes of alleviating social injustices.

#### Laura Rumpf - Rabbinical student Hebrew Union College, L.A.



Laura has been involved in many of the Bay Area's Jewish social justice organizations (including the NCJW) that are near and dear to our hearts. Her passion and dedication to girls', women's and immigrant rights is quite impressive and inspirational. She is making a significant difference in her work to correct social injustices.

#### The Sara Keyak Scholarship Fund



We are grateful for Leslie Keyak's generous donation to establish the Sara Keyak Scholarship Fund! Two scholarship awards from this fund were provided this year to support a music student from the San Francisco Conservatory and a gymnastics student from UC Berkeley.

#### The Nancy Surkin Memorial Scholarship for Survivors of Human Trafficking



On February 11, 2015 at the closing event of the SFCAHT's 2015 Awareness Campaign at the San Francisco Main Public Library, we announced our newly created, "Nancy Surkin Memorial Scholarship for Survivors of Human Trafficking." Debra Surkin (pictured middle), daughter of Nancy Elliot Surkin, for whom the honor is named,

presented to Sarai T. Smith-Mazariegos (pictured left), Co-Founder of MISS-SEY (Motivating, Inspiring, Supporting & Serving Sexually Exploited Youth) the first two awards of this scholarship to youth human trafficking survivors, clients of MISSSEY. The scholarship will be awarded annually to survivors of human trafficking served in the Bay Area. We are grateful to Debra and Janet Surkin for their generous donations to establish this scholarship!

# The Lillian Foreman Memorial Scholarship for Youth at Risk to be Exploited



We are grateful for Robin Brasso's general donation to establish the Lillian Foreman Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded annually to youth at risk to be exploited. Two scholarship grants will be awarded this year to youth served at Potrero Hill Neigh-

borhood House in San Francisco.



#### Scholarship for Single Parents in Need

Two scholarships were given to single parents trying to make a better life for themselves and their children through an educational or training program, while giving back to the community in a meaningful way. The recipients of these scholarships are residents of Dream House, Jewish Family and Children's Services. We are grateful for Linda Kurtz's generous donation to establish this scholarship!

# STUDY GROUPS

Reception & Exhibition
Commemorating the Rescue
of Bulgarian Jewry
November 12, 2014
SF Main Public Library

The National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Section and Bulgarian Memory Foundation collaborated to present this exhibition, which highlight-

ed little known historical facts explaining the chain of events that, via the humanistic efforts of the Orthodox Church and the common people of Bulgaria, led to some 48,000 Bulgarian Jews being rescued from deportation to the Nazi death camps during WWII. Please visit our website for more information and a photo gallery.





# Estate Planning and Elder Law Sunday, August 24, 2014

Lynn Dean (pictured left), Attorney at Law, discussed "Trust Updating, Revising Trusts, and Recent Developments in Trusts". She covered IRAS and the distribution of IRAS. Many thanks to Sara Keyak, Study Groups Chair, for hosting this event





## **ISRAEL COMMITTEE**

#### "From the Holocaust to Darfur" Panel Discussions September 18-19, 2014

NCJWSF Israel Committee presented two panels about genocide refugees in Africa and around the world with featured speakers: Mark Hetfield (CEO and President HIAS), Joyce Kanja (Country Director, Chad HIAS), and Ahmed Adam (Sudan Advisor, Columbia University). The two events took place in the African American Art & Culture Complex, San Francisco and Hillel, Koret Pavillion at the Ziff Center, Stanford University. Israel Committee Chair, Einat Bauman, spoke on behalf of NCJWSF.



### "The Bay Stands With Israel" Rally July 3, 2014 / SF Civic Center

Three thousand people joined "The Bay Stands With Israel" rally to show their support to Israel and peace. Thirty-eight organizations, including NCJW San Francisco Section, cosponsored the rally.



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### JEWISH COALITION TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

# Luring Children into Sex Trafficking: Examining Recruitment Tactics Used by Traffickers February 9, 2015 / The Jewish Community Federation, SF



JCEHT in collaboration with Shared Hope International presented a panel discussion and screening of "Chosen" to learn about the ways traffickers are recruiting children into sex trafficking, and how to identify and prevent such victimization.

Among the panelists were Sergeant Antonio Flores, SF Police Department's Special Victims Unit, Cari Herthel, a trafficking survivor, Nancy Goldberg, and Laurel Botsford, Shared Hope Ambassador (pictured left).



#### SFCAHT 2015 Awareness Campaign – Closing Event February 11, 2015 / SF Main Public Library



NCJW SF Board President, Antonia Lavine.

The San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCAHT) and the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking (JCEHT), culminated a month of raising awareness with a special youth-focused event at the San Francisco Main Library Koret Auditorium. Held in conjunction with the nation-wide 2015 Human Trafficking Awareness Campaign, this diverse occasion focused on promoting education, dialogue and activism against trafficking among Bay Area teens.

#### SFCAHT Annual Awareness Campaign - Kick-Off Event January 12, 2015 / SF City Hall

Supervisor Katy Tang and other top City officials and law enforcement gave a press conference about their priorities in combating human trafficking. At this event, we also honored the recipients of the 2015 Modern-Day Abolitionist Award.



Nancy Goldberg (right), SFCAHT Co-Chair and NCJW SF nominating committee member delivering opening remarks.

# SFCAHT's Conference "Exploring the Hidden Epidemic of Labor Trafficking" December 3, 2014 / Milton Marks Conference Center, CA State Building



NCJW SF Board Member, Marianna Warmee (right), moderating the morning expert panel presentation.

State legislators, city officials, state and federal law enforcement, community advocates and victim service providers met for a full day conference to discuss local policies and practices to combat labor trafficking. At several panel presentations, the participants in the Conference learned about the local response to labor trafficking crimes. They participated in

workgroups to develop recommendations for improved local policies and laws to combat labor trafficking. NCJW SF assisted with staffing and publicity for the Conference. Nancy Goldberg, Antonia Lavine, and Marianna Warmee, NCJWSF and JCEHT Activists,



NCJW SF leaders Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, Nancy Goldberg, Antonia Lavine, and Robin Brasso, participating in the morning session.

provided a key leadership to organize the Conference and were among the conference speakers. For more information on the Conference activities and recommendations visit the NCJW SF's and SFCAHT's websites.



#### Anti-Human Trafficking Workshops for Teens November 15, 2014 / Bay Area Regional Jewish Teen Foundation Retreat

NCJW and JCEHT leaders, Marianna Warmee (pictured right) and Antonia Lavine, presented three workshops for teens at the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Jewish Teen Foundation Retreat on November 15th. The workshops included screenings of a documentary featuring the story of a Bay Area survivor of child sex trafficking and information about human trafficking forms and indicators, local anti-trafficking collaborations, victims' and perpetrators' profiles, ways to help and statistics.



# CENTER FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

#### Youth Empowerment Mentoring Program for Girls at Risk

This year, the Youth Empowerment Mentoring Program Chair, Marianna Warmee, collaborated with Sojourner Truth Foster Family Service Agency to plan the pilot project of the program. Our volunteers will mentor girls and young women whose needs are not being met through other social service organizations - for example, girls who are at risk for future victimization, or survivors transitioning out of shelters into independent living. If you want to become a mentor let us know. There is perhaps nothing more effective to help vulnerable girls and women than becoming a mentor. Stay tuned for further information.



### NCJW SF NEXT GENERATION



Inspired by NCJW San Francisco Section's work on human trafficking eradication, our Next Generation member, Rebecca Gardi (10th grade), participated in this year's San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking Teen Poster Contest on the theme "Invisible but not Forgotten" (her poster on the left). Rebecca is working to bring a presentation on child trafficking to her high school. We welcome Rebecca to our anti-trafficking team and congratulate her for the courage to take on such an important issue for our community!

### **OUR LEADERS**

#### Effort to bring HIPPY back to the Bay Area



Linda and Eli Frank with Hillary Rodham Clinton at the HIPPY USA 25th anniversary celebration in April. To hear Mrs. Clinton's speech to HIPPY, go to the HIPPY website: <a href="www.hippyusa.org">www.hippyusa.org</a>

Linda Frank, board chair of HIP-PY USA and NCJW leader, is working to bring the program back to the Bay Area.

HIPPY USA (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) began as a division of NCJW in 1988, before it spun off as a solo nonprofit. It employs home visitors recruited from the community to train parents to work with a curriculum of books and activities geared to preparing the children with the reading and math skills they will need to start school.

HIPPY operated in San Francisco from about 1998 to 2006, and the NCJW San Francisco Section augmented the program through the contribution of Kaboodle Kits. We look forward to an exciting reemerging collaboration with HIPPY!

#### Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez is now the Executive Director of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls!



On August 8, 2014, Geena Davis, Academy Award-Winning Actor and Commission Chair announced the appointment to the press.

Nancy (left) has been instrumental in the building of our local anti-trafficking collaborations. She cochaired the San Francisco

Collaborative Against Human Trafficking in her position of Director of Government Affairs for Mayors Gavin Newsom and Edwin Lee. She is currently serving on the Steering Committees of SFCAHT and the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking.

Congratulations Nancy!

#### Einat Bauman was appointed Commissioner to the Santa Clara's Commission on the Status of Women

Our Israel Committee Chair, Einat Bauman, was appointed Commissioner to the Santa Clara County's Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission works on various areas of improving the lives of women, children, and families such as minimum wage, development and outreach.

We look forward to Einat's achievements in this important position. Congratulations Einat!



#### 2014 Hanukkah Party / December 18, 2014

We had a packed house this year as we shared Hanukkah cheer with our members and friends! Sara Keyak, Pat Greenstein and Linda Kurtz were presented with the President's Appreciation Award "for preserving the NCJW San Francisco legacy for future generations of women." We are profoundly grateful to our Board member, Dena Gardi for hosting this lovely event! See more info and pictures on the NCJWSF website.





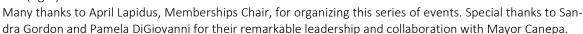




Antonia Lavine, Board President with Sara Keyak, Study Groups, Pat Greenstein, Legacy, and Linda Kurtz, Scholarships (left to right).

# Film Screenings and Panel Discussions of "Not My Life" Mar., Aug. & Sept. 2014 / Seton Medical Center and Temple B'nai Emunah

NCJWSF organized a series of film screenings and panel discussions on human trafficking issues, most recently at Seton Medical Center in collaboration with the Mayor of Daly City, David Canepa. Our featured speakers included: Sally Lieber, Former Pro-Temp Assemblywoman; Sister Caterina Chu, Daughters of Charity; Nancy Goldberg, SFCAHT's Co-Chair; Marianna Warmee, Federal Administrative Judge, EEOC; and Antonia Lavine, President of NCJWSF and JCEHT Chair. Mayor Canepa presented NCJWSF with a letter of recognition (right).





#### 2014 Awards Luncheon and Annual Meeting June 15, 2014 / Presidio Golf Club

Local legislators, city and consular officials, community activists, and NCJW friends attended our annual membership meeting to honor the NCJW 2014 Award Recipients: Senator Mark Leno - Hannah G. Solomon Award; Jerilyn Gelt - Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award; and Theresa Sparks - Outstanding Advocate for Human Rights Award. Supervisor Scott Weiner presented the awards and delivered a key speech (pictured bottom right). Congratulatory addresses were made by Rabbi Doug Kahn, JCRC's Executive Director; Becky Buckwald, New Israel Fund's Executive Director; Linda Janourova-Tang, Vice Consul General of the Czech Republic; Nancy Goldberg, JFCS's Board Member and SFCAHT Co-Chair; and Randi Fields, Director of Bay Area Jewish Coalition for Literacy. Guests were entertained by live classical music. Pictures from the event are posted on our website.



Guests



Linda Janourova, Supervisor Scott Weiner, Theresa Sparks



Scott Weiner, Jerilyn Gelt, Antonia Lavine



Nalini Elias, Antonia Lavine, Robin Brasso, Senator Mark Leno, Linda Kurtz

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