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Dear Members,

The Board of Directors of your Section wishes you and your family a Happy Passover.

As you sit around the Seder table, please remember that supporting NCJW binds us to a larger family than your own. It is important that we become involved and stay informed about issues we care about. You can stay informed by regularly visiting www.ncjwsf.org.

NCJW has always been on the forefront of social change, championing the needs of women, children and families, and always striving to ensure individual rights and freedoms. This year our Section is continuing to broaden its impact as a founding member of the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking. We also worked with NCJW members across the country to collect petition signatures in favor of saving our right to choose what happens to our bodies. Our Drama Group performs for young children in Bay Area schools to inspire them with a love of literature through musical performance – each year reaching over 2,000 children.

As we reflect on celebrating our ancestor's freedom from slavery we continue to reach out to you – our members, our strength. NCJW needs your continuing support.

Enjoy this wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

-Pat Greenstein

NCJW –SF President

Calendar May - June 2011

May

1 Yom HaShoah

7 Marin Human Race

8 Mother's Day

9-10 JPAC Lobby Day, Sacramento, CA

17 Lecture: Cyberbullying with the ADL

June

12 Summer Luncheon

NCJW-SF was established over 100 years ago.

We are the women of yesterday, tomorrow and the future making an impact.

Section News

An NCJW Scholarship Recipient Still Giving Back

In 1955, Larry Steiner, a University of Michigan college student, did not have enough money to continue his schooling and was faced with the prospect of having to drop out of college. The Detroit Section of the National Council of Jewish Women came to his aid and made it possible for him to continue his education and graduate as an architect. Over a period of fifty-six years Mr. Steiner has given to the NCJW Scholarship Fund in thanks. This year our Section received a very generous donation in honor of the Bar Mitzvahs of two young men, Riki and Kaz Newton, which will be used to help fund our intern from JVS' Kohn Summer Internship Program.

Thank you, Mr. Steiner, for your generous donations over the years. We are very glad that NCJW helped you achieve your educational aspirations. The San Francisco Section has given over two hundred educational scholarships to worthy students since its establishment.

Our Voice in the Capital Protecting Women's Health

The Voices for Reproductive Choices emergency campaign was born in March as a result of an attack on women's health rights by Republican congressmen in the House of Representatives. NCJW Sections across our good nation quickly rallied their allies to spread the message of the benefits of supporting pro-choice legislation and pro-family planning.



NCJW's voice was heard in letters-to-the-editors, petition drives, district lobby visits, and at press conferences. Our efforts were a huge success - **NCJW nationally gathered over 5,500 petition signatures in less than a month! SF Section Volunteers collected 400 of those signatures at our Petition Rally on March 27th.** These signatures were delivered to members of Congress during lobby visits as part of Stand Up For Women's Health Lobby Day on April 7th. NCJW activists joined 30 other organizations in sponsoring this critical day of action and penning an Interfaith Statement opposing restrictions and the limiting of federal funding for women's health care.

Spring Luncheon Features Theater and Learning

On Thursday, March 31st, 62 NCJW Members and Friends gathered at Temple Emanu-El for our Spring Luncheon, featuring a musical performance of "Cinderella" by our Children's Drama Service and a lecture by Dr. Era Loewenstein on "The Healing Power of Fairy Tales". The Emanu-El preschool was invited to the performance and our actors had the kids up singing and dancing along with them. Dr. Loewenstein's talk was riveting. She described the history of the fable of Cinderella, its roots in many cultures, and its usefulness in children's learning.

Thank you to our sponsors of this event: Sandra Gordon, Pat Greenstein, Linda Kurtz, Leslie Levitas, Janice Prudhomme, Louise Sampson, Sue Warburg, and Linda Wertheim. Also special thanks to Candice Gold for our table center pieces and our volunteer, Marnie Krell.

Want to speak to State Leaders about NCJW issues on Jewish Political Action Committee, JPAC, Lobby Day May 9-10 in Sacramento? Call us at 415-346-4600 or write to sarah@ncjwsf.org to find out more about participation.

NCJW-SF Section

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For updates visit our website www.ncjwsf.org.

If you have any question, please call (415) 346-4600 or email us at info@ncjwsf.org

Upcoming Events

2011 Marin Human Race

Run-Walk-Roll

Saturday, May 7

The Marin Human Race is a collaborative fundraising event benefiting Bay Area nonprofits and schools. We are asking you today to donate to Antonia Lavine with Team SAGE. Sage does vital work by working with victims of modern slavery. NCJW-SF is a founding member of the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking and is an advocate of the SAGE Project. Go online to donate or register: www.marinhumanrace.kintera.org

Annual Meeting and Officer Installation at the Presidio Golf Club

Summer Luncheon

Sunday, June 12, 11:30am

Join your fellow NCJW SF Members at the Presidio Golf Club on Sunday June 12th from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm for a lovely meal. Celebrate the year in review as presented by current President, Pat Greenstein. Enjoy a lecture by a special speaker and meet the new team of officers for the year 2011-2012. Invitations will soon be sent to all current members.

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Your contributions are vital to the ongoing
work of NCJW SF!*

*You can give too!
Use the enclosed donation envelope or
visit our website, www.ncjwsf.org.*

*In case we missed you, you will be in the next issue.

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Spring 2011

National Council of Jewish Women
San Francisco Section
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NCJWSM

The National Council of Jewish Women – San Francisco Section
is a volunteer organization that works to improve the quality of life for
women, children and families to ensure individual rights and freedoms through
advocacy and education.

Study Group Activities

May—July 2011

NCJWSM

National Council of Jewish Women
San Francisco Section



Combating the 21st Century: Fighting Hate on the Internet

Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 – 8pm

Information on bullying and cyberbullying and their connection to hate and prejudice will be discussed by our speaker, Nina Grotch, ADL Education Director. She will cover ADL's successful participation with middle and high school educators, administrators, and student support personnel. Their program has increased awareness on the unique impact of online cruelty and how students can protect themselves and take action when others are targeted. Also a report on the White House Conference with President Obama and ADL's role will be discussed. This event will be hosted by Louise Sampson and Sara Keyak.

It will be held at the private residence of Mrs. Sampson at **3945 Clay Street, San Francisco, CA**. Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served. Suggested Donation is \$5+. This event is open to *members only* and you can sign up for membership at the event.

Summer and the Symphony

My Classic Gershwin

Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 8pm

Treasures of American Musical Theater like *Girl Crazy* and *American in Paris*

Member ticket: \$30/each

Guest ticket: \$35/each

Casablanca with the San Francisco Symphony

Friday, July 22, 2011 at 8pm

Watch this wonderful 1942 film with Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, and Paul Henreid with the soundtrack performed live by the Symphony.

This program is always a sell-out.

Member ticket: \$33.75/each

Guest ticket: \$38.75/each



Reserve your seats! Send in the RSVP form below with your check. Call 415-346-4600 to RSVP. Our member who is organizing these two musical outings is Sara Keyak. She can be reached at (415) 731-0348 with any questions.

RSVP, Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

May 17 Cyberbullying with Nina Grotch, Anti-Defamation League Education Director (Suggested Donation \$5+)

July 7 My Classic Gershwin (\$30/each for members and \$35/each for guests)

of Guests _____, Guest Names: _____

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