

**Join us on Thursday November 8, 2012**

at the  
**Jewish Community Center (JCC) San Francisco\***  
3200 California Street, 2nd Floor /Adult Lounge

**Featured Speaker**

**Nancy Kaufman**  
CEO of NCJW, Inc.



will speak on

**THE WAR ON WOMEN AND OUR COUNTERATTACK!**

**5:00pm – 6:00pm** FOR NCJW MEMBERS: Reception and Special Q&A Session with Nancy Kaufman

**6:00pm – 7:30pm** Program with Nancy Kaufman.  
Doors open at 6:00 pm for non-members, ticket holders and guests.  
Hors d'oeuvres supper buffet will be served.

**Tickets \$25.00 at the door with reservation**

Space is limited. Please RSVP with Janice Prudhomme at [info@ncjwsf.org](mailto:info@ncjwsf.org) or  
(415) 346-4600 by **October 29, 2012**

**We hope you can join us for this special evening!**



National Council of Jewish Women  
San Francisco Section

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Janice Prudhomme

Dear Members,

Since becoming President this past August, I have been having enlightening conversations with many of you about visions for the successful future of our Section. Our members are our strength and it is gratifying to know that those who have participated in Council work for decades as well as the newly involved all have an enthusiastic stake in our endeavors. I treasure your wisdom and consider it a guiding principle in my service to you and the Council!



We share the belief that broadening our membership base to allow us greater capacity for advocacy and community work is a strategic priority. We also continue to strive for effectiveness and relevance in our advocacy areas of focus: Reproductive Rights, Family Safety (including Domestic Violence), Restorative Justice, Education and Human Trafficking Eradication. Improved programming and increased use of NCJW Inc. resources are concrete ways to approach these challenges and, of course, continual communication is key. We will also need to fundraise and look for grant possibilities to fuel all our efforts.

Our Board of Directors for 2012-13 represents women of various ages, with impressive backgrounds and experience in advocacy and philanthropic work in the community. Our new Executive Director, Janice Prudhomme who joined us in August 2012, is no stranger to NCJW SF. A former Officer and Director on our Board, Janice brings dedication, professional skills and intelligence to the post that will be invaluable to our operations and growth this year. I am proud and honored to serve as President of this wonderful group of women who are highly committed to making the vision for our Section's future a reality.

Fortunately for us, we have also been helped a great deal by continuous support from our national leadership and we will have the opportunity to host Nancy Kaufman, CEO of NCJW Inc. for a special program of learning and community building on November 8 at the JCCSF. Please plan to join us! Event details are on page 1 of this newsletter.

I feel greatly encouraged in discovering our common wishes and goals and look forward to an exciting year ahead! I hope that you will stay in touch to share your advice and creativity! As always, we need dedicated members to be the power behind our ability to get things done and shape our future—I urge you to consider participating on a committee this year.

I would like to conclude with a quotation from the Old Testament, a favorite of our San Francisco Section founder, Hattie Hecht Sloss:

“Come now and let us reason together!”

Sincerely,

Antonia Lavine

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Judith Babbiano

Miriam Damon

Sonya Friedman

Michael Gerber

Sherrie Rosenberg

Laura Rumpf

### How to contact NCJW-SF Section

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Please visit our website [www.ncjwsf.org](http://www.ncjwsf.org) for updates. You can also ‘Like’ our Facebook Page, **National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Section** or follow us on Twitter @NCJW\_SF. Janice Prudhomme is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am-5pm, and can be reached at [jprudhomme@ncjwsf.org](mailto:jprudhomme@ncjwsf.org). If you have any questions, please contact us!

## NCJW State Public Advocacy (SPA) Committee Recommendations on California Ballot Measures for the November 6 Election

### Proposition 30 – Support

Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

### Proposition 31 – No Position

State Budget. State and Local Government. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

### Proposition 32 – Oppose

Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 33 – No Position

Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 34 – Yes

Death Penalty. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 35 – Neutral

Human Trafficking. Penalties. Initiative Statute. (For further information, please view SPA's statement regarding Prop 35 at our website [www.ncjwsf.org](http://www.ncjwsf.org))

### Proposition 36 – Yes

Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 37 – No Position

Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 38 – No

Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 39 – No Position

Tax Treatment for Multistate Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding. Initiative Statute.

### Proposition 40 – Proposition Withdrawn

Redistricting. State Senate Districts. Referendum.

**Advocacy at the State Level:** Most states with NCJW sections have SPAs who are appointed by the NCJW president. SPAs monitor issues at the state level, represent NCJW on state coalitions, act as contacts on federal issues, communicate with local sections to update them on state and federal issues, and serve as advocacy resources to section. Our California SPA chairs are Lydia Inghram, Claire Lipschultz (NCJWSacramento) and Nancy Wolman (NCJW San Diego).

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### VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE AT SFSU

The San Francisco Section participated in the NCJW Protect the Vote Promote the Vote 2012 Campaign with a Voter Registration Drive on San Francisco State University's campus on October 3. It was a great morning of meeting students, answering questions (some of this registration stuff is more complicated than it should be!) and registering new voters. What a wonderful reminder of the fundamental basis of our democracy: it all starts with a precious opportunity to VOTE! We registered 24 people during our 2-1/2 hour session. Thanks so much to our volunteers Marlene Fullmer, Linda Kurtz and April Lapidus and Bella the wonder dog, pictured above right, for their enthusiasm in getting the attention of passing students and registering them in time to vote on November 6.

## STUDY GROUP PROGRAMS FOR THE FALL, 2012

### TOUR THE SAN FRANCISCO FOOD BANK

Wednesday,  
November 28, 2012 – 6PM



900 Pennsylvania Ave at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street,  
San Francisco, CA 94107

The San Francisco Food Bank is Commemorating 25 years of distributing tens of millions of pounds of nutritious food in San Francisco and Marin to people of need. The farmers' market-style pantries provide healthy foods to families, seniors, schools, etc. Packages of nutritious grocery items, including dairy, protein, grains, fresh fruits and vegetables and prepared meals are available for the needy. Come and learn how this great program succeeds with the help of a staff of 120 and also 25,000 volunteers per year.

A suggested donation of \$5.00 will be collected from participants by Sara Keyak. These donations will be given to the SF Food Bank in support of their work.

Evening parking is available in the SF Food Bank parking lot.

Public transportation, take the Muni T line toward Sunnydale at inbound platforms. Get off at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and walk west on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, 3 blocks, until it ends on Pennsylvania.

For further information and reservations call Sara Keyak, Chair, 415-731-0348 or the NCJW office, Janice Prudhomme, Executive Director at 415-346-4600.

**Our Study Group Chair, Sara Keyak, is planning a wonderful slate of varied programs in 2013. Please consider a year end donation to NCJW-SF toward Study Group Programming. Thank you!**

## SAVE THE DATE! NCJW WASHINGTON INSTITUTE - March 17-19, 2013

**Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC**

Plan to attend NCJW's premier public policy event, where members from across the country will gather together to enhance their knowledge of the issues and challenges facing our country and our world through in-depth briefings by political leaders and policy experts. They will hear the voices and stories of those directly impacted by the issues here in the US and in Israel, share ideas and experiences and network with like-minded individuals. Participants will also speak out to their members of Congress in face-to-face meetings on Capitol Hill.

### GOOD AND WELFARE

Congratulations to Libby **Denebeim**, past NCJW Board President, who received the first Norma Satten Community Service Innovation Award from the Community Living Campaign. [<http://www.sfcommunityliving.org>] Libby Denebeim consistently provided gracious, dynamic, pioneering and effective leadership in education, social justice, and holistic services for those in need. It is wonderful to see Libby honored in the name of our late, beloved friend and NCJW community leader, Norma Satten.

Congratulations to **Linda Frank**, recipient of the Immigrant Heritage Award from The Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation for bridging the Jewish and Asian communities. AIISF is the nonprofit partner of California State Parks and the National Park Service in the effort to preserve, restore and interpret the historic immigration station. A tireless community leader, Linda has served as an NCJW Board member at the National and local levels and officiated at the installation of the current Board of Directors held on August 2, 2012.

The incoming Board of Directors and Officers for 2012-13 were installed at a special evening ceremony and dinner at the home of Sue and Felix Warburg on August 2, 2012.

Thanks to all who attended. It was a happy time of reconnection and looking ahead.

Linda Frank officiated at the installation and we were honored to have Rose Singer of NCJW-Seattle and member of the national NCJW Board as our featured speaker.



## **Roles and Responsibilities of the NCJW Board of Directors**

Excerpted from Linda Frank's Installation Speech, August 2, 2012:

*Directors: Your specific roles may vary, but your fundamental duties are not insignificant. They include educating yourself on the workings of Section business, contributing to the planning and implementation of Section activities, committee service and representing NCJW and the SF Section in the communal arena. Legally, you bear responsibility and potential liability for the financial and legal actions of the Section. Ignorance is no excuse. Your role as fiduciaries, trustees literally, mandates that you ask questions and operate in a manner that reflects the highest ethical standards that Judaism and the law demand. Embrace your duties with enthusiasm, creativity and respect for your colleagues. Work as a team. You are hereby installed. Mazel tov!*

*Teamwork, enthusiasm, creativity, respect for colleagues—these are attributes that of course also pertain to officers. In addition, you have very specific duties.*

*The treasurer as the primary financial fiduciary needs to guide, along with staff, the process of formulating a budget and insuring that it's adhered to. Policies and procedures spell out roles and responsibilities of both professionals and volunteers, but it's the volunteer treasurer whose oversight ultimately counts.*

*Secretarial adherence to accurate recordkeeping leaves no doubt as to board decisions and the processes that lead to them. Vice-Presidents best support the president but should themselves assume responsibility, per her direction, for specific portfolios reflecting the needs of Section operations. These can include membership, fund raising, program—whatever areas result from a visionary, yet realistic, process of board planning and strategy.*

*And Mme. President—as the ultimate Section leader you're the overseer of virtually all the other positions. I don't have to tell you how important this is. But equally important is your role in setting the tone and the outlook as your board begins its very important work of taking the San Francisco Section to a new level of achievement consistent with the core values of NCJW. Antonia, you've demonstrated a high level of commitment and advocacy skill in your work on human trafficking, as well as the heart that goes along with it—an ideal combination for a successful NCJW Section president.*

