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Dear Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Section's Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon on June 12th.

This will be our last newsletter this term. The Board of Directors thanks you for your continuing support and contributions to our section.

We have included in this newsletter information on our new Bylaws and Slate of Officers.

Sincerely,
Pat Greenstein
NCJW -SF President

Calendar June - July 2011

June

2 New and Old Board Mixer
12 Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon

July

7 Summer at the Symphony, Gershwin
22 Summer at the Symphony, Casablanca



Hannah Solomon, NCJW Founder.

NCJW-SF was established in 1900.
We are the women of yesterday, today, and the future making an impact.

Nominating Committee

Dear Members of NCJW SF Section,

We are pleased to announce the slate of Directors for our Section for the coming year, including bios of prospective Board members who are new to our Section. This slate was submitted by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Committee and approved for submission to the membership by the Board of Directors on May 11, 2011. We are always looking for excellent candidates to join our leadership team.

Per our protocol, we are providing candidacy information at least 15 days prior to our Annual meeting. The election of incoming Directors and Officers will be held at the Annual Meeting Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Presidio Golf Club on June 12, 2011. I hope to see you all there.

- Leslie Levitas
Nominating Committee Chairwoman

2011-2012 Board Slate

POSITION	NAME
President	Amy Bacharach, PhD
VP Administration & Public Relations	Antonia Lavine
VP Programs	Aimee Ellis
VP Public Policy	Jamie Wolfe
Treasurer	Candice Gold
Recording Secretary	Janice Prudhomme
Parliamentarian	Sarah Singer
Directors	Emily Salgado Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman Leslie Levitas

Governance Committee

Dear NCJW San Francisco Section Members,

The Governance Committee is pleased to report that, with Board approval, we have successfully updated our Bylaws. The section's Bylaws were last revised in 2006. In future, we hope to review and update this important governance document every two years.

In an effort to conserve natural resources, we will not send paper copies to members unless specifically requested. E-mail copies are available. To obtain an e-mail copy, please write to info@ncjwsf.org. You can read the full text online at <http://www.ncjwsf.org/about-us/>.

Many thanks,
Janice Prudhomme
Chair, Governance Committee
Recording Secretary

NCJW-SF Section

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

Upcoming Events

National Council of Jewish Women, S.F. Section
Invites you to our
Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon
 &
Installation of New Officers and Board of Directors
 Speaker
Sunny Schwartz, Esq.
Author and Leader in the field of Social Justice

Sunday, June 12th 11:30 am
Presidio Golf Club
8 Presidio Terrace
San Francisco, California 94118

National Council of Jewish Women, S.F. Section

Annual Awards Ceremony Luncheon

Please respond by June 1, 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Phone: _____ *Email:* _____

- Yes, I plan to attend \$50*
and I will bring _____ guests at \$50 each
- No, I cannot attend but I would like to make a donation*
- Yes, I'd like to include an additional tax-deductible contribution*
with my RSVP at the following level:
 - \$75 Patron*
 - \$100 Benefactor*
 - \$250 Founder*

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NCJW-SF 2011-12 Board Slate New Member Bios

Aimee Ellis



Aimee Ellis was born and raised in the Richmond district of San Francisco. She currently works as a Public Affairs Associate at Daniller Consulting, Inc., a bay area based public affairs firm specializing in government relations & community outreach. Aimee also works as a campaign consultant, and is currently the Campaign Coordinator for the Ross Mirkarimi for S.F. Sheriff Campaign. She graduated with honors from S.F. State University with a BA in Sociology, having also spent a year abroad at the Universidad de Belgrano in Buenos Aires studying politics and dance. Her passion for South America comes from having spent a year abroad in high school as a Rotary Club Youth Ambassador to Cuenca, Ecuador. In her spare time, she teaches youth dance classes in her home neighborhood at the Richmond Recreation Center and participates in a variety of political clubs and non-profit groups in the city. She is currently Vice-President of the District 5 Democratic Club and serves on the board of the San Francisco Young Democrats. Aimee is also a member of the Junior League of San Francisco, the Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club, A.I.P.A.C. and the Jewish Family and Children's Services Public Issues Committee. She is very excited to be joining the board of the NCJW, San Francisco Section.

Emily Salgado



Born in San Francisco, Emily grew up in the coastal town of Pacifica and has lived in The City for over 10 years, studying political science at SFSU before entering the field of public affairs. An active member of the community, women's and political organizations, Emily looks forward to working with NCJW-SF to continue working towards policies that positively affect the women, children and families of San Francisco and beyond. Emily works as a state senate liaison and remains active in her local community, serving as a board member of the Raoul Wallenberg Jewish Democratic Club, as President of the District 3 Democratic Club, and as External VP of the San Francisco Young Democrats. Emily looks forward to working with NCJW-SF to maintain and expand the section presence and impact in San Francisco. In her free time, Emily is a die-hard Giants fan and will go to the ballpark any chance she gets.

Sarah Singer



Growing up in southern California, Sarah Singer was an active part of her local Jewish community. In high school, she was a local chapter leader and on the regional board of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. Through that organization, she advocated for youth issues in politics. As a Political Science major at Sonoma State University, she remained politically active and organized on behalf of lowering student fees while working as a Hebrew teacher at her local synagogue. Sarah graduated from Sonoma State University in 2006 and continued her education at the Women's Campaign School at Yale (2009). She currently works as the Campaign Coordinator for David Onek for DA 2011. Sarah has lived in San Francisco for 4 years and has always remained active in both the local political culture and local Jewish community. She is excited to bring her political background to the NCJW to expand NCJW's outreach throughout San Francisco.

Jamie Wolfe



Educator, activist & California native, Jamie Rafaela Wolfe grew up attending Jewish Day School and Jewish Camps. After receiving a BA in Political Science from Humboldt State University, Jamie continued studies in African Politics at Stanford University while continuing to work as a corporate tax accountant in the entertainment payroll industry. In 2006 Jamie applied and was accepted to the prestigious DeLeT fellowship at Hebrew Union College where she graduated with her certificate in Jewish Day School Education and later earned her California State Multiple Subject Teaching Credential. She currently teaches Judaic studies and Hebrew to elementary students in a school in San Francisco as well as serves on multiple Boards & Committees dealing with LGBT, Jewish, and Social Justice issues. Jamie is thrilled to share her commitment to Tikkun Olam with NCJW-SF.

Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman



Rabbi Jessica Zimmerman is Synagogue 3000's Director of Congregational Engagement. She is passionate about helping synagogues transform into kehillot kedoshot - sacred communities - and has been involved in cutting-edge conversations about transformation throughout her time as a rabbinical student and a rabbi. Rabbi Zimmerman graduated from Columbia College, Columbia University in 1995, with a degree in art history. She spent two years doing research in astronomy for the Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics at Columbia and at Cerro Tololo Interamerican Observatory in Chile before beginning her rabbinical studies in 1997, at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. In addition to helping synagogues reshape their visions, Jessica is very involved in interfaith issues, both learning and teaching. She has enjoyed her work with the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding in Connecticut and it inspired her to co-found, with Rev. Frank Shirvinski, Geshet: An Interfaith Bridge to Understanding. Jessica is interested in helping to increase interfaith dialogue in America and Israel. She is an active member of the Steering Committee for New Generations of the New Israel Fund.