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PHOTOS: Top right: NCJW-SF Washington Institute attendees with Reva Price, Advisor to the Leader Nancy Pelosi, center. Bottom: see p. 5.

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Dear NCJW Members and Supporters,

The National Council of Jewish Women, Inc. is celebrating its 120th anniversary year. As we continued to reach out and forge deeper connections with other NCJW sections this year and leverage our ability to advocate for social change, we feel ever-growing pride in our partnership with NCJW Inc. and in the impressive accomplishments of the National organization.

In celebration of this special anniversary, National is offering a gift membership opportunity that we would like to extend to you: gift an annual membership to a friend at no additional cost when you renew your own membership. NCJW asks for your friend's contact information and your friend will receive a welcoming letter. We will have forms at our Annual Meeting or you can contact Janice (info below) to renew and sign up a friend. Thank you!

Special 120th NCJW Anniversary Logo:



120 Years of Social Change

Antonia Lavine, President

UPCOMING PROGRAM "EXPECT RESPECT"

BUILDING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH, 11:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M

Event will include brunch at the home of Linda Kalinowski, Shalom Bayit Board Member/NCJW Supporter.

Shalom Bayit Staff Educator Zephira Derblich-Milea, winner of the 2012 Helen Diller Award for Excellence in Jewish Education, will present a workshop on cultivating healthy relationships, identifying bottom line aspects (what we must and must not have) in our personal, community, and professional relationships. She will demonstrate how she works with teens and young adults in the high school programs so they can distinguish between toxic and harmful behavior and the elements that build nurturing, healthy relationships with boundaries and mutual respect. Derblich-Milea will include a discussion of relevant Jewish texts regarding "Expecting Respect (and Happiness)" in relationships. Invitation and location information to follow.

**WE WELCOME OUR NEW
NCJW MEMBERS
Emma Mayerson
Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez
Joanne Donsky**

**AND THANK YOU TO MEM-
BER Linda Janourova-Tang
for becoming an NCJW
LIFE MEMBER**

How to contact the NCJW-SF Section

Our office is located at 2000 Van Ness Ave, Ste 411, San Francisco, CA 94109. **Tel:** 415-346-4600, **Email:** info@ncjwsf.org.

Please visit our website 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 through Thursdays from 8:30am-5pm, and can be reached at jprudhomme@ncjwsf.org. If you have any questions, please contact us!

*The National Council of Jewish Women, San Francisco
invites you to attend its
2013 Awards Luncheon, Board Installation
& Annual Meeting
Sunday, June 30, 2013, at 11:30*

*Featured Speaker
Dr. Andy David
Consul General of Israel*

2013 Award Recipients:

Emma Mayerson – Outstanding Advocate for Social Change

Sue Warburg – Outstanding Volunteer Achievement

Emily Murase, Ph.D – Outstanding Advocate for Women's Rights



*Hannah G. Solomon Award presentation to
Nancy Goldberg*

For extraordinary community involvement and action.



Location: The Presidio Golf Club, 8 Presidio Terrace, San Francisco, CA 94118

Free parking.

Please RSVP by June 18

Please see reply card on inside back cover of this newsletter for further details.

For more information, e-mail info@NCJWSF.org or call 415-346-4600

DATES TO NOTE

June 9

Community Celebration (FREE)
At Contemporary Jewish Museum

June 30

NCJW-SF 2013 Awards Luncheon,
Board Installation & Annual Meeting

July 4

Independence Day

July 14

'Expect Respect' Program

October 10-16, 2013

NCJW Inc.'s Mission to Israel
The Road To Tomorrow:
Women Leading Change
(Registration closes soon!)

March 6-8, 2014

NCJW 47th National

Convention in St. Louis, MO.

Washington Institute 2013

Washington Institute (WI) comes but once every three years, and its reputation is that of a 'premier policy event.' Six NCJW members from San Francisco attended the 3-day conference from March 17 - 19, and enjoyed the well organized camaraderie and intense learning that NCJW Inc. provided.

Two veteran WI attendees, Antonia Lavine (NCJW SF Section President) and Linda Frank (NCJW National-Board Member emeritus) reconnected with colleagues from 'Institutes Past' and shared their admiration for Director of Washington Operations, Sammie Moshenberg, who refers to herself as 'a Feminist foot-soldier in the battle for equality and justice.' Moshenberg was honored with a warm and meaningful Gala dinner to celebrate 30 years of service to NCJW on the closing night of the conference. First-time WI attendees (Pat Greenstein, Julie Bernstein, Janice Prudhomme and Tessa Wells) had their chance to be charmed first hand by the engaging and impressive Sammie. The Institute offered a wonderful lineup of speakers, including MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry, who received the 2013 Women Who Dared Award, and Sandra Fluke.

Participants joined "Issue Conversations" with experts in the afternoons leading up to Lobby Day on the Hill, with topics including LGBT Rights: Marriage Equality; Judicial Nominations: Why Courts Matter; Reproductive Justice: Family Planning Programs; Immigration: Immigrant Women and Families; Gun Violence Prevention; Domestic and Sexual Violence: Human Trafficking; Israel: Innovative Approaches to Israel and Advocacy and Religion-State Separation: Religious Restrictions to Care.

Due to sequestration and longer security lines, the buses taking us to Capitol Hill on Lobby Day morning were wheels up at 6:30 am. Once through the lengthy lines, however, we were treated to additional inspirational talks from key legislators. Our SF delegation, which included Urban High School student Hannah Berk, met with Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's Senior Advisor Reva Price in a positive and informative meeting. SF Section advocates then joined the larger California group to meet with key staff members of Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein.

Washington Institute attendees from California, with representatives from Contra Costa, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco Sections.



Coming from San Francisco, how could we not to be struck by local and gender pride, having such illustrious women leaders as Boxer, Feinstein and Pelosi representing the Bay Area and California in the Nation's Capitol? While the outcome of our voicing support for Gun Violence Prevention, Immigration Reform and Reproductive Rights and Access to Abortion is still pending, coming together with women advocates to tell the legislators our well-informed views (thanks in large part to the excellent prep of WI) was valuable beyond measure.

What a unique and enriching experience! Lively intelligent women of all ages (from teens to octogenarians at this Washington Institute), convening to learn from one another and leverage their intelligence for social change!

Mark your calendars for 2016!

TAKE ACTION: Join the NCJW Action Center: Sign up now to make it clear to Congress and the President that you support legislation to strengthen gun violence prevention laws. Together, we can insist on common sense legislation to prevent gun violence!
GOTO: action.ncjw.org

Advocacy at the State Level: NCJW-CA

Still fresh from the inspiration, learning and lobbying of the Washington Institute in March, NCJW-SF planned to take part in the California-wide NCJW Lobby Day in Sacramento on May 6 & 7. Our NCJW State Policy Advocacy (SPA) chairs, in conjunction with the Sacramento Section, set up an excellent conference that included issues briefings, information sharing and additional opportunities for NCJW members from across the state to meet and build community. State Senator Loni Hancock (D-9 Alameda, Berkeley) also provided an excellent keynote speech on Gun Violence Prevention and the LIFE Act package of bills on which we would be lobbying the next day.

NCJW Members from San Francisco and the North Bay who attended the Lobby Day were Antonia Lavine, President, Pat Greenstein, Vice President, Linda Kurtz, Treasurer Sandra Gordon, Neysa Nankervis, Stefana Borovska, Joyce Sokolik, Barbara Kraus and Janice Prudhomme, NCJW SF Executive Director. Lobbying on the issues of Immigration Reform (AB4, The Trust Act, Ammiano); Equity Access to Abortion (AB-154 Atkins); and Gun Violence Prevention (LIFE Act with bill package authors including Senators Leno, Yee, and Hancock from the Bay Area and Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, members of our SF Bay group met with Senator Leno, Assemblymember Marc Levine, Policy Director for Tom Ammiano Curtis Notsinneh and Legislative Aides of Senator Leland Yee and Assemblymember Philip Ting.

About the Cover Photos (bottom): Senator Darrell Steinberg honored NCJW's 120 year anniversary with a resolution and a special opportunity to have our members photographed with him in his historic office. Senator Steinberg thanked NCJW members for their commitment to social justice and stated that he felt proud of the Jewish Community for its dedication to helping others. He also stated his pride at receiving the Hanna G Solomon award from NCW Sacramento. To see additional pictures from the lobby day, please check out the album on our NCJW San Francisco Facebook page.



San Francisco NCJW delegation pictured with Senator Mark Leno (SD-11)



Pictured with Asm Phil Ting (AD-19), center, from left: Sandra Gordon, Barbara Kraus, Pat Greenstein, Stefana Borovska, Joyce Sokolik, Linda Kurtz, Antonia Lavine, Janice Prudhomme, Neysa Nankervis

Julie Bernstein, center, with Senate President Darrell Steinberg prior to the LIFE Act Gun Violence Prevention Legislation Package hearing. Julie's story that recently appeared in the J can be found at: <http://www.jweekly.com/article/full/68532/s.f.-woman-speaks-out-about-murder-of-her-father/>



STUDY GROUP PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER 2013

DISNEY IN CONCERT

Sun, Jul 28, 2013 at 2:00pm
Davies Concert Hall



SAN FRANCISCO
SYMPHONY

Disney In Concert: Sarah Hicks conducts the San Francisco Symphony in excerpts from *Beauty and the Beast*, *Mary Poppins*, *Aladdin*, *The Little Mermaid*, & *The Lion King*. Listen and watch as favorite Disney stories come to life through memorable melodies, film clips, and more. Share in the magic of Disney and discover anew why these timeless motion picture scores continue to enchant us all. We can hold 30 spots for this lovely summer concert.

Please join us and please act quickly to make your reservation. Payment must be received by July 5.

Tickets are \$55.00 per adult, \$27.00 for youth 17 and under.

For reservations or more information please Contact Sara Keyak, Study Group Chair at 415-731-0348 or Janice Prudhomme at 415-346-4600.

Send check made out to NCJW and mail to NCJW San Francisco, 2000 Van Ness, Suite 411, San Francisco, CA 94109. Be sure to send payment no later than July 5. Reservations will not be held without receipt of ticket payment in advance.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THE CJM

President Antonia Levine and Study Group Chair Sara Keyak attended a special program introducing the Museum's 2013-2014 exhibitions to the Bay Area Community of Organizations. The CJM would like to announce the following exhibits and a special Free Museum Day for members of the Jewish Community.

JUNE 9TH 12 TO 3 PM A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: FREE MUSEUM ADMISSIIION ALL DAY IN HONOR OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LORI STAR Featuring special programming.

The photographs of Allen Ginsberg - May 23rd, 2013 to September 8th 2013
Over seventy photographs by renowned poet, Allen Ginsberg (1926-1997). **BEAT MEMORIES** tenderly captures the young writers and rebels that would define the Beat Generation.

Museum is open daily (except Wednesday) 11 am to 5 pm Thursday 1 pm to 8 pm
Admission: Members Free ---- Adults \$12.00 ----Seniors \$10.00 ---- First Tuesday of the month Free (June 4th, 2013)

Contemporary Jewish Museum, 736 Mission Street., San Francisco, CA 94103 Phone 415-655-7800

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Respectfully submitted by Pat Greenstein, Chair.

We are pleased to present the slate of Officers and Directors for 2013-2014:

Officers:

President: Antonia Lavine

Vice President: Pat Greenstein

Vice President: Sue Warburg

Treasurer: Linda Kurtz

Secretary: Linda Janourova-Tang

Nominating Committee 2013-2014:

Sandra Gordon

Nancy Goldberg

Amy Rassen

Deborah Lopez

Pat Greenstein

General Directors:

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Robin Brasso

Sara Keyak

Marlene Levenson

Leslie Levitas

Deborah Lopez

Marianna Warmee

ANNUAL MEETING RESPONSE CARD

(E-readers: Please print, clip and send to address below with your check to reserve your place!)

National Council of Jewish Women, S.F. Section
2013 Awards Luncheon, Board Installation & Annual Meeting on June 30, 2013
Please respond by June 18, 2013

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to sponsor a table for the Annual Meeting:

_____ \$650 (Includes table of 8 and a full page ad in the program.)

I would like to purchase individual tickets for the Annual Meeting:

_____ \$600 Founder *

_____ \$400 Benefactor *

_____ \$150 Patron*

_____ \$60 Individual ticket(s)

_____ I cannot attend, I am sending a contribution in the amount of _____.

* Patrons, Benefactors and Founders will be listed in the program according to their donor category.

NCJW-SF is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization; our Tax ID is#94-1156613.

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Please make checks payable to NCJW San Francisco

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