

2014 Annual Awards Luncheon

Sunday, June 15, 2014, 11:30AM - 2:00PM
Presidio Golf Club, 8 Presidio Terrace, San Francisco



Hannah G. Solomon Award

*The most prestigious NCJW Award for
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Senator Mark Leno
11th Senate District of California

Outstanding Volunteer Achievement Award



Jerilyn Gelt
Jewish Coalition for Literacy, Tutor
Jewish Community Relations Council,
Board Member/Past President
New Israel Fund, Board Member
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Outstanding Advocate for Human Rights Award



Theresa Sparks
Executive Director
San Francisco Human
Rights Commission

To register please go to www.ncjwsf.org/2014-annual-awards
or contact the Section's office: Nalini Elias at nalinielias@ncjwsf.org / (415) 346-4600

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In Memory of Sue Warburg

It is with great sadness that we think about the recent passing away of our dear colleague and friend Sue Warburg. Sue has come to mean so very much to us all during her time with the Council. Her energy and keen reasoning will be missed. The impact she made in our community will be remembered. Our sympathy goes to Felix Warburg and their family.



After a year of hard work on programing, we praise ourselves with the successful development of three new programs. NCJW membership and the family of our beloved Tanette Goldberg graciously supported the newly launched Scholarship program. By September, the first recipients of our scholarships will receive grants to support their studies, while giving back to the community in a meaningful way.

After an exciting start with a series of workshops in 2013-2014, our Center for Women and Girls has been expanding its services to include a mentoring program, an exciting volunteer opportunity for our members to directly impact the lives of women and girls.

Our Legacy program has gained momentum, widely supported with information provided by NCJW members and friends. The Legacy Giving component of the program is preparing us to secure the continued support for our programs.

Two new programs will offer additional volunteer venues to our members and supporters, starting this summer. The Israel Committee will collaborate with local and national partners to add to our agenda the issues of importance for women and families in Israel and the Middle East. Our program against gun violence will bring together local groups to advocate for relevant policies and laws.

Make sure to learn more about all these programs in this issue. Call the office or contact our program chairs to volunteer. Further information will be available on our newly launched website.

Antonia Lavine, President



2014 Donations and Tributes

In Honor of Libby Denebeim
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For the Tannette Goldberg Scholarship
Dena Gardi
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For the Educational/Training Scholarship for Single Parents in Need
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NCJW SF's Legacy Giving Project
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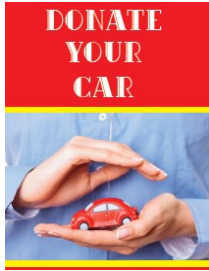
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Welcome to Our New Members!

Einat Bauman
Adele Shafer
Ronna Stone
Emma Tao White

We are profoundly grateful for your support!



From the Treasurer

It is now possible to support NCJW San Francisco by donating your car. It can be running or not. Someone will pick it up from your home, office, or where ever the car is. Just call 877-411-3662 and let them know you wish us to get the credit. They will make it as convenient as possible for you. (It may even be tax deductible).

Michael Gerber
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From the Office Manager

Our new website is up! We hope to make your online experience with us a lot easier and more visually appealing. Please feel free to make any suggestions for improvement or additional content. We will continue to upload information from our archive during the following months.

Nalini Elias
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From the Scholarships Committee Chair

Update on NCJW SF's Scholarships:

NCJW San Francisco Section will make a grant of \$1,800 toward the **Educational/Training Scholarship for Single Parents in Need**. The recipients are 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 person(s) receiving this scholarship will be resident(s) of Dream House or beneficiaries of other services through Jewish Family and Children's Services. Our 2013 Hannah G. Solomon Recipient Nancy

Goldberg will represent NCJW in the selection process.

The **Tanette Goldberg Memorial Scholarship for Social Justice** will be administered by the San Francisco Hebrew Free Loan Association (HFLA) in collaboration with NCJW San Francisco Section. Recipients will demonstrate a personal and professional engagement with community service. This scholarship program will be publicized through HFLA in early June. Dena Gardi, Tanette's daughter, will represent NCJW in the screening and selection process during the summer. Recipients will be announced in September.

Linda Kurtz
info@ncjwsf.org

From the Membership Committee Chair

Shalom from the Membership Committee!

Our goal for this year is to reach out to local synagogues and communities to share our progressive ideals and partner with them to turn those ideals into action.

In March, we partnered with Congregation B'nai Emunah, a conservative synagogue in the sunset district, to show "Not My Life", a documentary about modern day slavery. Following the screening of the film, our panelists, Marianna Warmee (NCJW Board Member), Antonia Lavine (NCJW Board President), and Helen Liang (U.S. Fund for UNICEF Global Citizen Fellow), presented NCJW's anti-trafficking and mentoring programs. You can read more about this event on B'nai Emunah's blog at: <http://bejewish.wordpress.com/2014/04/03/not-my-life-movie-presentation-about-human-trafficking/>. An article about this event was also published in the April 18th, 2013 issue of *The J* on page 32.

In August, Congregation Ner Tamid, a synagogue in the Sunset district, will host us for a similar event during Tisha B'Av, which will include members of four synagogues. We are also in the process of organizing another film screening event in Daly City with the support of our NCJW Nominating Committee Member Sandra Gordon.

Join us for these events and invite your friends and family. The more we work together the greater the impact we can make!

Join the membership committee to help us expand our programs for membership engagement. Please leave a message for me in the office and I would be delighted to speak with you.

April Lapidus
info@ncjwsf.org





Marianna Warmee
Chair

Mentoring Program for Young Women and Girls!

We are very proud to announce our new Mentoring Program for Young Women and Girls!

Help us prevent human trafficking and other forms of female victimization. Join NCJWSF's Center for Women and Girls as a mentor for young women who may be vulnerable to human trafficking or other victimization. Offer guidance, share fun experiences, and act as a positive role model, all while helping to prevent future victimization.



NCJW San Francisco
Center for Women and Girls



- Mentoring is Important!
- Mentoring Works!
- Mentoring Enriches Your Own Life!
- Mentor Young Women and Girls who are at Risk for Victimization & Survivors
- No Special Qualifications Necessary

For more information about becoming a mentor, please contact Nalini Elias at nalinielias@ncjwsf.org / (415) 346-4600 or visit www.ncjwsf.org/mentoring-program.

Introductory Workshop for Teens on Human Trafficking Issues

On April 8, NCJW San Francisco, in collaboration with Haddassah, U.S. Fund for UNICEF, and Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking, hosted an introductory workshop for teenagers on human trafficking issues.

Helen Liang, Global Citizenship Fellow for U.S. Fund for UNICEF, guided an enlightening discussion on how to prevent human trafficking. She also provided a curriculum designed in line with Middle and High School Common Core Standards and National Content Standards. The workshop helped understand the endemic in which children are exploited through practices, which may include forced labor, domestic servitude, commercial sex, begging, and child soldiering.



Helen Liang, Global Citizenship Fellow for U.S. Fund for UNICEF

FAMILY SAFETY



12th Annual Mother's Day Rally

On May 11, 2014, NCJW San Francisco Section supported the 12th Annual Mother's Day Rally organized by the San Francisco Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. Activists and advocates gathered in front of the San Francisco City Hall steps to voice their support for more restrictive gun ownership laws and better victim assistance policies.

On June 2, representatives of our Section and the Brady Campaign met at the NCJW SF office to plan future collaboration and action. Stay tuned for more information on that. If you are interested in joining, contact April Lapidus at info@ncjwsf.org.



Modern-Day Slavery in the Workplace: The Explosion of Labor Trafficking in the U.S.

On December 16, 2013 at The Jewish Community Federation Board Room, experts from the Equal Employment Commission and the U.S. Departments of Labor and Homeland Security discussed the complex dynamics of labor trafficking crimes. The discussion was organized and moderated by our Board member, Federal Administrative Judge, Marianna Warmee.

SFCAHT 2014 Modern Day Abolitionist Award Ceremony and Panel Presentation on Discouraging Demand

On February 11, 2014 at the San Francisco Public Library, Koret Auditorium, Supervisor Katy Tang presented SFCAHT's 2014 Modern Abolitionist Awards to Genice Jacobs, Diana Oliva-Aroche. San Francisco Police Department Special Victim Unit's Human Trafficking Task Force Panelists identified the most vexing challenges in addressing the issue of trafficking demand.

The Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking co- sponsored this event. For more information, check our website at www.ncjwsf.org/jceht-mission.



Anti-Trafficking Efforts on the Peninsula



When Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills adopted studying human trafficking as their social action initiative for the year, things moved fast. The Tzedek Council, the social action committee of the congregation, drafted a year long series of programs and events to increase awareness, educate the community about the tragedy of human trafficking and provide volunteer opportunities.

Realizing the importance of working with groups outside of the congregation, meetings were

held with representatives of other area synagogues and churches as well as meeting staff members from anti-trafficking organizations such as the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking, Sage, the Asian Women's Shelter, Bay Area Anti-trafficking Collaborative and Freedom House, a safe house located in San Mateo.

To gain access to additional resources and venues for collaboration, the Beth Am Board of Directors voted to join the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking, becoming the first Reform congregation in the Bay Area to do so. A broad array of events attracted large audiences of individuals interested in learning about human trafficking and what they can do to help. During this year the following programs were presented:



- July, 2013 - As the "kickoff event" to introduce the Beth Am social action initiative, an outdoor Erev Shabbat service was held with a D'var Torah on Human Trafficking presented by a member of the Tzedek Council.
- September 2013 - Yom Kippur Study Session at Beth Am, a one hour workshop including text study around the Jewish perspective of slavery titled "From Slavery to Freedom" held during the break between morning and afternoon High Holy Day Services.
- November, 2013 - Tzedek Shabbat at Beth Am - Sally Lieber, former Assembly-woman from Santa Clara County was the guest speaker during the Erev Shabbat service followed by a community dinner a question and answer session.
- December, 2013 - Film presentation of "Not My Life" accompanied by a panel discussion at Beth Am with guest presenters from Freedom House, Sparks Church, and the Assistant District Attorney of Santa Clara County.
- February, 2014 - Participation on a panel as part of a program for eight grade students and their parents on human trafficking at the Gideon Hausner Jewish Day School in Palo Alto.
- February, 2014 - Community meeting on volunteer opportunities in collaboration with Congregation Kol Emeth and the Bay Area Anti-Trafficking Coalition.
- March, 2014 - Freedom Seder, an interfaith event held at Beth Am in collaboration with JCRC and the All Saints Episcopal Church.

The Beth Am Tzedek Council is committed to continuing it's work on helping eradicate human trafficking and as more and more people want to get involved, we are optimistic that we can make a difference.

Marlene Levenson
NCJW SF and JCEHT's Liaison for the Peninsula

Take Part in the Writing of Our 100-year History!

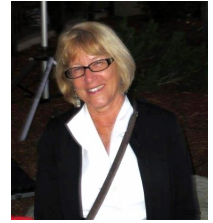
Our Legacy Project is under way!

Many NCJW San Francisco leaders and activists have already been interviewed by Victoria Cooper, who is researching and writing our 100-year history. Vikki has been exploring the material in our archives and creating, with our help, a list of our milestones.

She is documenting our commentaries and interviews about the NCJW San Francisco Section's relentless strive for social justice. Based on material and information, kindly offered by members and supporters, Vikki is structuring a publication that will chronologically reflect the major concerns and actions of our women over the years. The interviews and documents collected by Vikki will become a part of our Section's oral and written archive.

If you would like to contribute to our Legacy Project, please contact Vikki Cooper at vacooper20@yahoo.com or (415) 407-0801. Our goal is to have a printed publication in hand by **January 2015**.

Vikki has just finished working on two books for Jewish Family and Children's Services: the JFCS history and the publication in February 2014 of a diary written by a 14-year-old girl in the Lodz ghetto but unpublished until now. Vikki is a long-time editor and communications professional, having worked in the media in Denver, in management consulting in Boston, and at three academic institutions--as an editor at MIT, Cornell, and San Francisco Art Institute. Vicki has also edited business books for McGraw-Hill and social science books for Westview Press. You can learn more about her and see a sampling of her writing and editing projects at her website: www.coopercomms.com.



LEGACY GIVING

NCJW has been a force for social change in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 100 years. To make sure we can continue being a steadfast defender of social justice and freedoms for all our section has initiated a **Legacy Giving Program** to lay the foundation for the future.

The need is great. You can help us meet tomorrow's challenges by **participating in the Legacy Campaign**.

- **Name NCJW-SF in your will** or as a recipient of a planned gift from your estate.
- **Share your memories** to be acknowledged as a contributor in a book we are writing that recognizes NCJW-SF's remarkable achievements and gives all of us an opportunity to take pride in our history.

Your legacy gift will help secure the future of NCJW-SF. For more information, call the NCJW San Francisco office at 415-346-4600 or email info@ncjwsf.org.

STUDY GROUPS

Into NCJW's Global World with Sharon Gustafson,

Sara Keyak, Chair of Study Groups, organized a lovely luncheon and tour at Delancey Street Restaurant on December 4, 2013 to welcome the President of the International Council of Jewish Women, Sharon Gustafson.

The members learned how our international umbrella organization, ICJW, gives them a voice at the global world's scene through its representation in the United Nations, International Council of Women, Council of Europe, European Women's Lobby, and many other international and regional organizations.

Sharon Gustafson's visit reminded the members that they are part of a worldwide network of courageous and compassionate women. It was exciting to learn how NCJW's sister organizations in 43 countries on 5 continents promote a just society based on human rights and Jewish values.



NCJW SF Members with Sharon Gustafson
(third from right)

SAVE THE DATE

Study Group Presents: Estate Planning and Elder Law

When: Sunday, August 24, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 Where: The home of Sara Keyak
 Speaker: Lynn A. Dean, Attorney at Law
 RSVP: Sara Keyak at (415) 731-0348. Stay tuned for more information.

From April 29 to 30, 2014, NCJW California Sections met in Sacramento to lobby for high quality universal transitional kindergarten, immigrant health care access, and health and safety protection for children born into poverty.

Antonia Lavine, Pat Greenstein, Sandra Gordon, Leslie Levitas, Robin Brasso, Stefana Morgan, and Victoria Cooper attended advocacy training and met with State legislators and their staff.

The following bills were on the NCJW California Lobbying agenda:

- Early Childhood Education / SB 837 (Steinberg)
- Reproductive Justice and Family Well Being / SB 899 (Mitchell)
- Immigrant Justice and Healthcare Access / SB 1005 (Lara)

For more information about the lobby mission and supported bills, contact our Policy Chair, Robin Brasso at info@ncjwsf.org.



NCJW Members in the State Capital



Members with Assembly Member Tom Ammiano

NCJW's 46th NATIONAL CONVENTION

Antonia Lavine and Nalini Elias attended NCJW's 46th National Convention at St. Louis, Missouri, which took place from March 6 to 8, 2014.

Highlights of the conference included the Women Who Dared Awards' presentation, Show Me Showcase!, Faith and Humanity Shabbat dinner, and of course, an exquisite and celebratory Installation Banquet to welcome NCJW's new Board of Directors.

The conference workshops of special interest to our section representatives were: "Why Israel? Why NCJW? Why Now?", "Hidden in Plain Sight: Human Trafficking", and "Growing Your Online Reach—Strategies for Social Media Messaging".

For more information about the Convention's activities and decisions, check the NCJW Inc.'s website at www.ncjw.org.



Installation of NCJW's New Board of Directors



Genius Bar underwritten by NCJW SF in honor of Sara Keyak

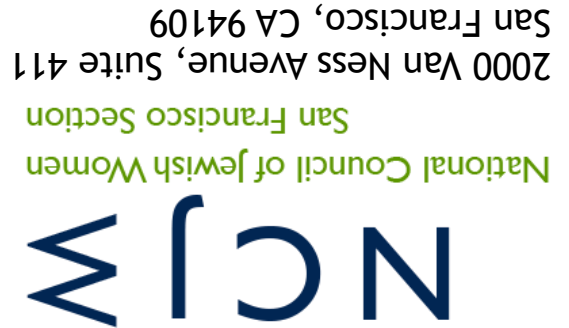
ISRAEL COMMITTEE



We are excited to welcome to our team Einat Bauman, NCJW SF newly appointed Israel Committee Chair and Liaison for Silicon Valley.

Einat holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Ben-Gurion University, a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering from Tel Aviv University, and Certification in Project and Program Management from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She works as an applications engineer at Total Phase, Silicon Valley. In addition to being a Committee Chair at NCJW SF, Einat is currently serving as a Board Member of Jewish Community Relation Council Silicon Valley.

If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, contact Einat at einatbauman@yahoo.com to sign up.



How to contact the NCJW-SF Section

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Nalini Elias is in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am-4:30pm,
and can be reached at nalinielias@ncjwsf.org.

News to share? Our next newsletter submission deadline is **November 30, 2014**



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.