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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

by Linda C. Fox, President



*"We all get the exact same 365 days.
The only difference is what we do with them."*

Hillary De Piano

Greetings and warm wishes for a prosperous, productive, and personally rewarding 2019! Yes, it is the secular New Year we now celebrate, but NCJW Long Beach has been busy at work since June, planning for our year that runs from July 1 through June 30. So allow me the privilege of highlighting the accomplishments and activities we have under our collective belt since July 1, the first half of our year:

- ROAR (Resistance, Organizing, Action, and Resilience) an enlightening advocacy training led by national trainers who said that ours was the largest group they had had to date. NCJW members, temple/synagogue representatives, and community members were in attendance
- Volunteer support for JFCS's Race with a View
- Voter registration drives at Long Beach Community College campuses, Orange Coast College and Los Alamitos High School
- A successful Membership event, Chat, Chop and Chardonnay: luncheon with a demonstration by Chef Terri Appleton
- Pastry and Propositions: ballot measures explained by the Long Beach League of Women Voters
- Phone Banking to over 250 of our members to Get Out the Vote and to offer information and assistance
- Advocacy for Long Beach ballot measure WW, which was overwhelmingly passed by voters (protections for women hotel workers in Long Beach)
- Formal partnership with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition and establishment of a new Tribute Fund, the Immigrant Services Fund
- Formal 2018 Membership in the Long Beach Homelessness Coalition, with a visit to the Multi Services Center; provision of toiletries for the homeless (joint project of our Community Service and Advocacy areas)
- Two Hug Packing sessions providing 300 filled backpacks for children entering the foster care system (in support of LA County DCFS)
- Tea For the Child, providing all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner for a significant number of families in need served by this agency that helps abused and neglected children and their families
- Chanukah donations of over-the-counter nutrition for LBCC students, toys for clients of For the Child, and holiday support of JFCS families.
- Continued partnerships with the Early Childhood Education Committee of Long Beach, Student Food Bank at LBCC, the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force, and the Coalition of Clergy and Laity for Economic Justice (CLUE).

This year National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW, Inc) is celebrating 125 years at the forefront of championing the needs of women, children and families, and courageously speaking out on issues of social and economic justice. We in the Long Beach Section – greater Long Beach and West Orange County - will celebrate our 73th birthday at Charter Day on February 24th at the Old Ranch Country Club. We hope you will support us and attend the festivities honoring the history of Jewish women in Long Beach, and Jewish Family and Children's Service Executive Director Kathryn Miles, our Hannah G Solomon Award recipient.

Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we are community servants and activists who impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. As the oldest Jewish women's organization in this country, NCJW welcomes all who share our core values to join us. NCJW Long Beach has much to be proud of and much to be grateful for. Our "New Year's resolution," then, is not "new" at all: NCJW Long Beach pledges to continue to work hard in our efforts to make the world a better place.

Paraphrasing an anonymous author's words, "Strong people stand up for themselves. Stronger people stand up for everybody else."

May we all grow stronger in 2019!

▶ WE ARE BUILDING OUR LONG BEACH DELEGATION FOR THE WASHINGTON INSTITUTE NOW!

by Joanne Levy, Co-Executive VP



Whether you're a seasoned advocate or have never lobbied, this conference is for you.

We encourage anyone who wants to experience NCJW's core work — advocacy in action — to attend Washington Institute 2019. The Washington Institute is open to all NCJW-LB members. This is also great experience for NEW members interested in advocacy. This year's theme: "Building a Movement, not a Moment"

What is Washington Institute and why should you attend? This is NCJW's premiere policy conference! You will have an opportunity to advance our policy goals by joining hundreds of women to meet with Congress together, strengthen your advocacy and leadership skills through interactive trainings, deepen your knowledge of the most pressing issues of the day through expert briefings and programs throughout the conference, get inspired by amazing speakers who are on the frontlines of making change happen, network with

smart, outspoken, and daring people from across the country, experience the dynamic energy of the nation's capital as you take your message to Congress, AND return home invigorated and inspired to continue your social justice work with new skills, ideas, and knowledge!

WHEN: April 7-9, 2019 Where: Washington, DC of course!

WHERE: Washington Marriott at Metro Center located at 775 12th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

REGISTRATION: Early bird registration opens in early December. We are eligible for one scholarship per every 4 members registered by January 25th so if you are interested in attending let us know as soon as possible.

EARLY BIRD - \$625 (BEFORE JANUARY 25TH)

REGULAR - \$675 The cost includes all programming and 4 meals

WASHINGTON MARRIOTT/METRO CENTER rooms start at \$285/plus taxes and fees - double occupancy.

We think attendance is so important that the Board has budgeted substantial funds to assist attendees with registration/housing/travel. The amount available will depend on the number of members who express an interest in attending.

To attend: Please let us know prior to January 15, 2019 if you would like to attend so that we can count you in our delegation and apply to National for scholarship funds.

To apply for a subsidy from NCJW-LB: Please submit a letter of intent to the Nominating Committee, along with an expressed willingness to serve in a future leadership role (officer, committee chair, board member) For questions, please call Linda Fox or Joanne Levy.

▶ MITZVAH & MERLOT

by Deb Lewis



**JANUARY 31ST
6:30 PM AT ALPERT JCC**

Please join us for a community wide mitzvah project. We will be making fleece blankets to provide warmth for children and families currently experiencing homelessness. No sewing experience required! Please bring a good pair of scissors.

"Wrap the Kids", a non-profit organization founded by a group of people who are without housing in North Long Beach, will distribute these blankets to families living in, near and under the flood channel and 91 freeway in North Long Beach. We are hoping some of the members of the organization will be able to attend and tell us about the work they are doing. Light appetizers, dessert & wine will be served. This event is being co-sponsored by Temple Israel Sisterhood, Temple Israel Social Action Committee, NCJW & Hillel.

There is no charge for the event, but RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Deb Lewis at info@ncjwlongbeach.org or (657) 235-2511.



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ANNOUNCING OUR NCJW WOMAN OF VISION 2019 *by Linda C. Fox, President*



The NCJW Long Beach honoree for 2019 Arlene Solomon Visions Dinner is none other than your expert eblast and membership database miracle worker, Dale Strok. Dale began her journey in NCJW Long Beach as a co-president of the now defunct Sunday branch of our Section several decades ago and is a Life member. She has more recently taken on the Co-VP of Communications position and was instrumental in the 2017-2018 effort to “go green” with our communications. Dale maintains our master database and keeps it up to date; sends monthly and special eblasts that

provide information about current and upcoming activities and events; sends notices of funerals of our members; submits our monthly entry to the Federation eblast; prints labels for members who must receive our online Pillars in print form; and provides addresses for bulk mailings such as alternate-month postcards, periodic letters, and Charter Day invitations. She worked with our social media consultant to improve our website and is currently working with her to produce the upcoming online Directory for 2019. Much of her work is “behind the scenes” and absolutely essential to NCJW’s capacity to reach out to our membership in an efficient and timely manner. Dale Strok truly fits the description of a woman of vision who “works tirelessly to promote the mission and vision of the organization.” Please support her as the NCJW honoree by attending the Arlene Solomon Visions Women’s Philanthropy event on March 14, 2019.

CHARTER DAY

by Tila Carrol and Sharon Brannon



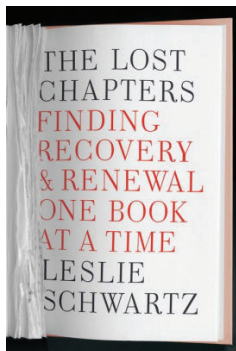
This year we celebrate the 73rd Charter Day, which commemorates the founding of the Long Beach Section of the National Council of Jewish Women. Please join us at Seal Beach’s beautiful Old Ranch Country Club to mark the occasion. The day will begin with a presentation on Jewish Women in Long Beach by Jeffrey Blutinger, Professor of History, CSULB. Jeffrey is also the Barbara and Ray Alpert Endowed Chair in Jewish Studies.

A lovely lunch will then be served followed by the presentation of the Hannah B. Solomon award. Kathryn Miles is the recipient of this prestigious award. She is Executive Director of Jewish Family and Children’s Services of Long Beach and North Orange County (JFCS) since 2013. Kathryn is passionate for the nonprofit sector and has over 15 years in management roles in this area. Kathryn is very well respected and has received many accolades for her outstanding work. We are thrilled to present her with our highest award and hope you will be there.

The event will take place on Sunday, February 24, 2019. The cost is \$75.00. It will truly be a wonderful afternoon. Save the day.

SHIRLEY STEIN BOOK REVIEW LUNCHEON

by Barbara Millman, VP Programs



This year the Shirley Stein Book Review co-sponsored by the Sharon- Carmel Hadassah will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at The Grand starting at 10:30 am. We are fortunate to have Leslie Schwartz review her memoir The Lost Chapters Finding Recovery & Renewal One Book At A Time. She has published novels, short stories, articles and taught writing at the college level. In 2014 she was sentenced to 90 days in Los Angeles County Jail for a DUI and battery of an officer. The book is a powerful, skillfully woven memoir of redemption and reading, as told through the list of books she read and the stories of her fellow inmates. She will be bringing copies of her book, which can be purchased and autographed. To RSVP please mail check for \$36 payable to NCJW by January 9th to NCJW, Alpert Jewish Community Center, 3801 E. Willow St. Long Beach, CA 90815.

HALLIDAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

by Linda C. Fox, President



Thanks to the creativity and purchasing skills of our wonderful Jeanne Halliday (who not only does Project Shabbat at Bixby Towers every month, prepares food for hungry volunteers at the 4 annual Kindergarten Festivals, and puts together and delivers Mishloach Manot/Shalach Manot baskets at Purim), NCJW is able to provide 2 Jewish Family and Children's Service client families in need with items that will make their holidays brighter. Thank you, Jeanne - you make our community a better place!

MEGA CHALLAH Bake

Join women of the Greater Long Beach area as we knead, braid, and get inspired by Challah

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
6:30 pm Reception · 7:15 pm Challah Bake

AT THE ALPERT JCC
3801 E Willow St, Long Beach, CA 90815

CONNECT. SHARE. ENJOY.

Register at alpertjcc.org or call 562-426-7601

Cost: \$25.00 per person (Hillel students free)
\$36.00 at the door
Sponsorships available
spaletz@alpertjcc.org

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS:

Alpert Jewish Community Center Beach Hillel Chabad of Los Alamitos Congregation Lubavitch	Congregation Shir Chadash Geshercity Jewish Federation Of Greater Long Beach & West Orange County	Hadassah Jewish Women of Long Beach JFCS Long Beach Jewish Life Hebrew Academy	NCJW Shul By The Shore Temple Beth David Temple Beth Shalom Temple Israel
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REGISTER TODAY: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2BJ1W3C](https://bit.ly/2BJ1W3C)

INTERESTED IN SUPPORTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS? VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SAFETY SYMPOSIUM (YESS)

by Linda C. Fox, President

As a member of the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force since 2014, NCJW Long Beach has provided volunteers at the annual YESS event for the last 3 years. This year, it is being held on January 26, 2019 at the Salvation Army facility at 3000 Long Beach Blvd from 10 am to 2 pm. Shifts for volunteers will be only 1 ½ hours long so that we can enjoy the event as well. It is always an enlightening event for everyone, students as well as adult attendees alike. If you have children and grandchildren this event will provide critical knowledge. Human trafficking has replaced drug sales as the most lucrative gang activity and cyber security is essential. Come learn about the safety issues while you support this cause. Please click on the link for the flyer and let Linda Fox know by January 9 if you'd like to take a shift convenient for your schedule on Saturday, January 26th.



JANUARY 26, 2019

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SAFETY SYMPOSIUM

Human Trafficking Awareness
Through: Arts, Workshops, & Dialogue

10am-2pm Expo

10:30am Workshops

12:30pm Special Performances

FREE EVENT

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FOOD & MUSIC

FAIR TRADE EXPO

PRIZES & MORE!

LOCATION

The Salvation Army
3000 Long Beach Blvd.,
Long Beach, CA 90807

LBHTTF@gmail.com



KINDERGARTEN FESTIVALS AND FOSTER CHILDREN'S HUG PACKS, OH MY! HELP NEEDED!

by Linda C. Fox, President

January 12, 2019 at Dooley Elementary School in Long Beach marks the first KFest of the four the Early Childhood Education Committee of Long Beach puts on every January – March. As an organization that provides on-site sign in and information for the day's workshops and activities, we need a minimum of 10 enthusiastic NCJW volunteers arriving by 8:30 am to staff these functions. We promise it will be a rewarding experience to assist these families, as they learn about working with their children to get them ready for Kindergarten next fall, and at the same time, gather lots of information about available resources from community agencies. Every child about to enter Kindergarten who fills his or her "passport" gets a backpack with school supplies. While LBUSD provides the "filling," the NCJW Denise Berro Kindergarten Fund, so generously established by the Berros to honor their daughter, provides the backpacks for all four festivals annually. Our immediate need is for January 12, so please volunteer by calling Barbara Wolfe, Judy Leff, or Trish Goldin or by leaving a message at the NCJW monitored phone number (657) 235-2511 or email info@ncjwlongbeach.org. Remaining Festival dates are Saturday, Feb 2 at Roosevelt Elementary School; Saturday, Feb. 23 at Oropeza Elementary School; and Saturday, March 9 at Burcham Elementary School.

AND... our third Hug Packing party of the 2018-2019 year on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 at the Alpert JCC is yet another way to help "heal the world." Come and spend just 90 minutes with us as we contribute to the well being and support of foster youth taken in by the LA County Department of Children's and Family Services (DCFS). At each session we pack 150 Hug Packs filled with all kinds of items appropriate to the grade level: toiletries, school supplies, books, and much more; this packing will be for children in 3rd-5th grade. The project co-chairs, Nancy Press and Karen Fried, sustain our efforts with cheese and crackers, chocolate, and wine! Come and bring a friend!



WILL WE GET A MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SOON?

by Dale Strok, Co-VP communications

Expect to receive your new Directory soon after the first of the year! Distribution of the 2019 Membership Directory was delayed in order to incorporate the end-of-year membership roster changes. We will be sending it out as an email attachment; you'll be able to save it to your phone or computer and then print out as many copies as you wish. Those few members who get Pillars on paper will receive a paper printout of the directory. You will get a new directory once a year in January and an update page every few months to keep your contact list current.

We look forward to getting the new directory out to you. We know many of you depend on having it close at hand.

SAVE THE DATE

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE EMAIL
INFO@NCJWLONGBEACH.ORG
OR CALL (657) 235-2511**

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| JANUARY | 12: KFEST DOOLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 8:15 A.M.
15: SHIRLEY STEIN BOOK REVIEW 10:30 AM.
17: WOMEN'S MEGA CHALLAH BAKE 6:30 P.M.
26: YESS CONFERENCE 10:00 A.M.
31: MITZVAH AND MERLOT 6:30 P.M. |
| FEBRUARY | 1: PROJECT SHABBAT 1:00P.M.
2: KFEST ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 8:15 A.M.
5: HUG PACKING 6:30 P.M.
23: KFEST OROPEZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 8:15 A.M.
24: CHARTER DAY 10:30 A.M. |
| MARCH | 1: PROJECT SHABBAT 1:00 P.M.
9: KFEST BURCHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 8:15 A.M.
14: ARLENE SOLOMON VISIONS DINNER TBA |

IMMIGRATION SERVICES TRIBUTE FUND

by Sharon Brannon

In order to support NCJW Advocacy Outreach a new category of Tribute funds has been established. This is the Immigration Services Tribute Fund. Money placed in this fund will be used to provide assistance to individuals or groups. Some areas where these funds may be used include, but are not limited to the cost of applications, classes in citizenship preparation, ESL, legal assistance, and advocacy.

You can contribute to this fund by making out a check to NCJW with Immigration Services noted on the memo line and mail to NCJW at 3801 E. Willow St. Long Beach 90815 or by going to our website, ncjwlongbeach.org, and clicking on the donation button. Contributions can also be made in the usual way by sending them to Audrey Zahler.

DO YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT WHO COULD USE SOME HELP?

by Romie Temkin,
Chair, Linda Calderon Scholarship Committee

Romie Temkin, Chair, Linda Calderon Scholarship Committee, has announced that her committee will begin meeting in January to plan for the awarding of the Long Beach biannual scholarships for 2019/20. Recipients must be Jewish permanent residents of the Long Beach, Orange County area and be currently enrolled in a college or vocational program, although they can be in attendance at any location. They must have completed at least 12 hours of undergraduate or graduate studies and submit a letter of application. Committee members are Marilyn Day, Barbara Millman, Lisa Raufman, Louise Sperr, and Harriette Ellis.

Further details will be announced later, but Romie can be contacted for more details at info@ncjwlongbeach.org or (657) 235-2511

AS YOU KNOW NCJW CHARTER DAY IS OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE YEAR.

Your participation and contributions are critical to the success of this event. The Charter Day committee is asking for a generous donation of a timeshare or your vacation getaway in Southern California as a raffle item. Please contact Sharon Brannon or Tila Carrol directly. Thank you for your consideration!

REMINDER

Postcard deadline is the 10th of the previous month. Please send postcard information to Barbara Millman.

Pillars deadline is the 1st of the previous month. Send copy to Editor Ann Millman.

TRIBUTE FUNDS

We thank all these donors who have acknowledged other members, family and friends on special circumstances in their lives with contributions to our organization.

**To: Bea Aron
Happy Birthday**
From: Helen Barrad, HPF

**To: Shirley Feiwell
In memory of Earl**
From: Roz Bassin, HPF

**To: Ellen Cohen
In memory of Ray Feuerman**
From: Barbara Shipnuck, SOF

**To: Heather Raphael
In loving memory
of your mother, Ruth**
From: Elaine Warren, CSNF

**To: Charlotte Drogin
In memory of Ray Feuerman**
From: Barbara Shipnuck, SOF

**To: Linda Nussbaum
& Family
In loving memory
of your mother, Inge**
From: Elaine Warren, CSNF

**To: Don Fike & Family
In memory of Diane**
From: The De Jong Family
Dawn Haldane, CSNF
Roger and Bonnie Leib, GF
Elaine Warren, CSNF

**To: Joy Rosenthal
In loving memory
of your husband, George**
From: Elaine Warren, CSNF

**To: NCJW
A good cause**
From: Dale Blessing, CSNF

**To: Family of Ruth Weiss
In loving memory
of your mother, Ruth**
From: Elaine Warren, CSNF

PLEASE SEND YOUR TRIBUTES TO AUDREY ZAHLER.

GF: General Fund

HPF: Hug Pack Fund

DVF: Domestic Violence Fund

SOF: Senior Outreach Fund

SF: Linda Calderón Memorial Scholarship Fund

KFF: Denise Berro Kindergarten Festival Fund

CSNF: College Student Nutrition Fund

ISTF: Immigration Services Tribute Fund



CARING CORNER

by Harriette Ellis

NCJW sends deepest sympathy to:

Tybie Becker, whose dear sister, **Helen Geller**, passed away.

Marilyn Day, whose dear sister, **Judith Kelderman**, passed away.

Heather Raphael, whose precious mother, **Ruth Stotland**, passed away.

NCJW sends loving get well wishes to:

Barbara Wolfe

Nancy Speizer

Audrey Zahler

PLEASE NOTIFY CARING CORNER CHAIR,

HARRIETTE ELLIS if you know of any of our members who are ill, or have passed away, or of awards, honors, or special celebrations, at info@ncjwlongbeach.org or (657) 235-2511. NCJW wants to know!