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National Council of Jewish Women

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Arizona Section

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# NCJW AZ Christmas Eve Game Night & Pot-Luck

Play Poker! Play Mah Jongg! Play Mexican Train!  
Play Scrabble! Play Trivial Pursuit!  
Bring your favorite game!

**Saturday, December 24, 2011 - 6:30 PM**

**\$5.00 for members + a dish**

**\$5.00 for spouse or significant other of member**

**\$10.00 for non-member + a dish**

**\$15.00 per-person at the Door**

**"Guests Welcome"**

**McDowell Mountain Ranch Center  
10607 East Paradise Lane**

email your RSVP with potluck selection to [carolc@ncjwaz.org](mailto:carolc@ncjwaz.org) by

**DECEMBER 18th**

You will be called regarding the address to send check

## DONE IN A DAY IT'S A WRAP

On Tuesday, November 29th, our Done in a Day group attended the JFCS "Its a Wrap" event where we participated with other organizations in wrapping gifts. After a lunch of wraps, we wrapped the gifts NCJWAZ had contributed to 2 families we adopted for the holidays. Our families were: one Jewish woman escaping abuse with her three boys, and a Christian family with disabled parents and 5 children. Thanks to Kohl's we were able to use the \$300 allotted by our Board to purchase over a \$1000 worth of gifts, including two baby dolls, jeans and tops for 5 youngsters, 3 zip-up hoodies for 3 other youngsters, dishes, sheets and a comforter and two \$20 gift cards requested by the mom's.



Picture of group includes from left to right: Susan SchesnoI, Claire Bickel, Carol Consalvo, Hannah Kaplan, Phyllis Shostack, Joan Sacks. Michele Gusdorff

## LATKAS FOR HANUKAH

1 pound potatoes 1/2 cup finely chopped onion 1 large egg, lightly beaten 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil

Preheat oven to 250°F. Peel potatoes and coarsely grate by hand, transferring to a large bowl of cold water as grated., then drain well in a colander. Spread grated potatoes and onion on a kitchen towel and roll up jelly-roll style. Twist towel tightly to wring out as much liquid as possible. Transfer potato mixture to a bowl and stir in egg and salt. Heat 1/4 cup oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet. Working in batches of 4 latkes, spoon 2 Tbs potato mixture into skillet, spreading into 3-inch rounds with a fork. Reduce heat to moderate and cook until undersides are browned,. Turn latkes over and cook until undersides are browned Transfer to paper towels to drain and season with salt. Add more oil to skillet as needed. Keep latkes warm on a wire rack set in a shallow baking pan in oven.

## COMMUNITY ACTION

We have had a busy month. On November 3rd I had the opportunity to see Donna Bartos present the Purple Ribbon Council's program on preventing abuse at the Kohler Beauty Academy. The program entitled Cut It Out informs beauty operators about recognizing signs of abuse and providing help where requested. On Sunday, January 29th Donna will be one of our presenters at our Love Is Kind Brunch.

Our own Teen Dating Abuse program took off with a training session on Nov. 3rd and two presentations. The first was at the JCC with the BBYO girls and the second was at Phoenix College for a Psychology class. We will have another training session after the holidays and will get into full swing after our kick-off event "Love Is Kind" Brunch on January 29th.

On Nov. 9th our Done in a Day group had a great time at Bunny Berkowitz's house making blankets for the Linus Project and getting to know one another. We took flannel and decorated the edges with slip stitches. Although a few of our members found it challenging it was still a fun afternoon and the food was terrific.



On November 15th, Eleanor Eisenberg, Sydell Ukeilley and Hannah Kaplan attended The Gun Violence Prevention Event. The presenters were victims of gun violence from a former gang member who is now confined to a wheel chair and now speaks to schools about the effects of gun violence to mothers of children killed by guns. One of the speakers was Bobbi Sudberry, who will be speaking to us on January 29th about Teen Dating Abuse. Her daughter's death was the result of gun violence as well as dating abuse. The final speaker was Steve Gallardo a member of the state legislature who is fighting the good fight for all of us  
Hannah Kaplan VP Community Action



Delia Alter becomes an American

CONGRATULATIONS

# Fund Raising

Save the date, January 29, 2012. NCJW will be sponsoring a Teen Dating and Healthy Relationships called "Love is Kind" Brunch at Chaparral Suites Scottsdale, at 10:30 AM. Come early, 9:30 AM, to shop the Fashion Boutique in the area right outside the Mohave Room where our "Love is Kind" Brunch will take place. Our carefully selected vendors will be selling one of a kind jewelry, scarves, handbags, unique hand sewn items, fashions, and much more. Prices are reasonable, and you will be amazed at their wares. More information will follow about this very special morning!

Don't forget about our Gas Raffle; \$10 per ticket, 3 for \$25. Prizes are \$100, \$200, \$300 Gift cards to Shell Gas stations across the US. Buy them for others or for your self. Contact Connie for Raffle tickets. (cgrunfeld@yahoo.com)

We also have Phoenix Symphony tickets available for Saturday, February 18 at 8 PM. The Symphony will perform Ferde Grofe's "Grand Canyon Suite". Tickets are \$50 each, Main Floor, Section A, Row 23. This is a great Holiday gift! Contact Michele for tickets. (michele@gusdorff.com)

Lastly, mark your calendars for Sunday, February 12 for our first ever "Antiques Road Show" type event. We will be having a cocktail party, and antiques experts will be available to value your items (just like the TV show!). More information will follow.

# Food Bank

With a record number of people unemployed, food banks have an increased need for food before the holidays. Bunny Berkowitz is collecting any type of food and toiletries for the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank. Please bring all donations to our General Meeting



or game night.

# TRIBUTES

FROM

Board NCJW Az Section

TO

Sydel Maher

REASON

Loving memory of niece



# Social Media Meeting

Our November program on Social Media could have gone on into the wee hours of the morning. Abbie Fink was a terrific speaker. There was so much to learn about and audience members had many questions. It was a very informative evening. Don't miss our January 23 meeting when we will hear from Eleanor Eisenberg how Roe Vs Wade is being whittled away.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

December 20-28

Hanukkah

December 24

Christmas Eve Game Night

January 23, 2012

General Meeting Temple Solel

**JANUARY 29, 2012**

**TEEN DATING ABUSE BRUNCH**

February 12, 2012

Antiques Road Show" type event

February 18, 2012

Phoenix Symphony

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