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National Council of Jewish Women  
Arizona Section



Start off the 2011-2012 year with **NCJW**  
**POTLUCK DINNER AND SHOWER**  
for **Natalie's House**, a home for exploited girls ages 11-17.

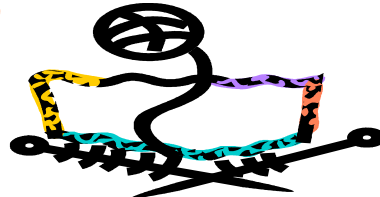
Monday, August 22, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Temple Solel 6805 East McDonald Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona

**Janet Olson, Director of APECA**, (Arizonans for Protection of Exploited Children and Adults), will share her experiences working in a coalition to help youth who are leaving the FLDS (Fundamentalist of Latter-Day Saints) Community in Colorado City, AZ and tell us more about Natalie's House.

**Show gift ideas** for Natalie's House residents ages 11-17: any kind of craft kits (e.g. science kits, drawing, painting, or scrapbooking materials, etc.) Umbrellas, MP3 Players, puzzles, and sun glasses for teen girls.

Let us know what you will be bringing to the Potluck dinner by entering it at [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org) (control and click)



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



You are all cordially invited to join myself and our board to experience a new NCJW year starting this month. The Board and Committee Chairs had a very successful planning meeting in June and we are excited about our programming, our fundraising events and the significant meetings we have scheduled.

This year, we have two new board members, Sydel Ukeiley is the Co-VP with Margo Blumenfeld as VP of Membership and they are starting off with "woman--ing" a booth at the JCC Community Fair on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the JCC. It's a free event and it's a chance for synagogues and organizations of the Valley to showcase their activities and benefits of membership. The Fair is open to the public from noon to 3:00 pm. NCJW Arizona will have a booth, and if you plan to attend, stop by and say hello to Sydel and Margo. Other "membership" projects will be planned during the year, so please introduce your friends and relatives to NCJW and bring them along....it will be fun to grow our membership again this year. If you are not a life member, please think about changing your status. If you are a life member, please consider giving someone a gift of life membership...it's a wonderful way to support the organization in an extremely meaningful way.

Michele Gusdorff is our new VP of Fundraising and along with her committee is busy setting up superb and appealing events. We will need all of you to participate and support their efforts to make this a successful fundraising year.

Linda Mack-Ross has a different responsibility this year as she is our VP of Programming and is setting up a stirring calendar for this year.

Hannah Kaplan also changed roles and this will be working on Community Action projects for us to work on with an emphasis on Teen Dating Abuse Awareness, a project we have worked on in the past and has been an important tenet of our Section.

So, I'm asking for the "order"..... come to our meetings, support our fundraising, work on projects and participate on the Action Alerts on the National website at [www.NCJW.org](http://www.NCJW.org).

Our first General Meeting is August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Temple Solel (somewhat centrally located), break bread with your NCJW sisters at the potluck and learn about Natalie's House and bring a house gift. Stay cool!!!!

Respectfully,  
Carol Consalvo

## NATALIE'S HOUSE

We are pleased to announce that we used the funds raised at our Human Trafficking Brunch to buy a Television for Natalie's House. Natalie's House will be housing exploited teenage girls and will be opening in the next few months. While we are still planning programs for the year, some of the programs we have booked so far are: Learning about Social Media; Update on Roe Vs Wade, and Legislation that will affect children. Please hold the date for our Teen Dating Abuse Brunch to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012. I look forward to seeing you at our programs.

# FACEBOOK

Our section in now on Facebook



Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and in the search box type ncjwaz and our site appears, join and become a member

# TRIBUTES

*Our beautiful tribute cards go a long*

*way in supporting NCJW and the great work that our organization does. You can contact Fran Richter@event@ncjwaz.org to request a card sent in your name. I can be reached at any time about your balance in the tribute card account. We also have blank cards that you can purchase and send out on your own.*

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Carol Consalvo	Ken Mossman	Loving memory of Blaire
Ruth and Jeff Lerner	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Joan and Jerry Millman	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Judy and Larry Magid	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Ilene and Howard Kornblue	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Al and Harriet Lobliner	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Carol and Joe Consalvo	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
The Greenbergs	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
The Tillems	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
The Witzers	Jo and Irwin Adler	Bat Mitzvah of Granddaughter
Fran Richter	Bronia Bronkesh	In honor of your 90th birthday
Lee and Debby Finkel	Ellen DeDomenico	Honor of birth of 2 grandchildren
Steve and Judi Gross	Ellen DeDomenico	Honor of birth of 2 grandchildren
Carol Consalvo	Ellen DeDomenico	Honor of birth of 2 grandchildren
Bunny Berkowitz	Ellen DeDomenico	Honor of birth of 2 grandchildren
Carol Consalvo	Janet Lottman	Mazel Tov on Andy & Sarah's Marriage
Irene Magerman	Maya Jacob	Loving memory of Maya's mother
Hannah Kaplan	Ellen Hirsch	Loving memory of Ellen's mother
Freda Pine	Ellen Hirsch	Loving memory of Ellen's mother
Bunny Berkowitz	Sandy Hirshman	Loving memory of your friend, Roz
Irene Magerman	Flori Lustgarten and family	Loving memory of Joseph
Hannah Kaplan	Janet Lottman	In honor of your son's marriage
Hannah Kaplan	Joan Milman	Loving memory of Jerry
Hannah Kaplan	Delia Alter	Welcome back from your 100 day journey
George and Paula Eckstein	Carol Shapiro and family	Loving memory of Richard

## COMMUNITY ACTION

With a record number of people on food stamps,

food banks face bare shelves unless donations pick up. Bunny Berkowitz is collecting any type of canned food, packaged food, toiletries, baby food and diapers (all sizes) even cat food for the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank. Bring all donations to our next General Meeting. If you would rather make a check donation or deliver the food in person the food bank is located at 10862 N. 32 St., Phoenix. If you've donated in the past your fellow



Arizonans thank you

# DUES ARE DUE DUES ARE DUE

Annual membership in NCJW is \$35 and offers a full range of programs and activities, invitations to events, workshops, and newsletters.

Life membership in NCJW is \$350 and includes the same benefits that annual membership provides, plus a beautiful life member pin symbolizing your commitment. This amount can be payable over two years.

Strong membership numbers give us a Strong Voice when advocating on issues important to us all. We appreciate all levels of involvement. Together we can make a difference!

Our BLUE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY will be distributed at our October Meeting. Your information will be included in the directory if we receive your dues prior to October 1, 2011.

Please send your check for dues to:

Judi Gross  
10631 E. Tierra Buena  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS

- Sydell Ukeiley
- Jennie Gorrell

FREE DAILY CLICKS  
UP FOR DAILY REMINDERS



SIGN

Free Mammograms for women in need

[www.thebreastcancersite.com](http://www.thebreastcancersite.com)

Cup of Food for the hungry [www.thehungersite.com](http://www.thehungersite.com)

Make health services possible for children living in poverty.

[www.thechildhealthsite.com](http://www.thechildhealthsite.com)

Save an area of imperiled land [www.therainforestsitesite.com](http://www.therainforestsitesite.com)

Help a homeless and hungry veteran get a free meal, at no cost to you.

[http://www.theveteranssite.com/tpc/ERV\\_072911\\_VET](http://www.theveteranssite.com/tpc/ERV_072911_VET)

Help provide therapy for children living with autism and their families, at no cost to you.

[http://www.theautismsite.com/tpc/ERU\\_072911\\_AUT](http://www.theautismsite.com/tpc/ERU_072911_AUT)

PLAY AND DONATE RICE FOR FREE [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com) for each right answer they donate 10 grains of rice through the World Food Program to help end hunger.

## NCJW INTEREST GROUPS



**International Dining:** Contact Linda Ross [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Movie Mavens:** Contact Carol Lieber [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Canasta:** Contact Cheri LeMieux [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

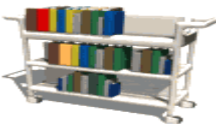
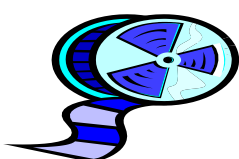
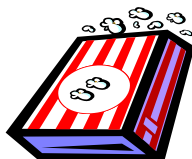
**Writing Group:** Contact Diana Schmidt [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Knit Wits and Happy Hookers** Contact Freda Pine  
[event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Book Group:** Contact Ellen Widoff [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Bridge:** Contact Elaine Goldberg [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)

**Done in a Day** Contact Hannah Kaplan [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)



## LOOKING FOR NEW INTEREST GROUP

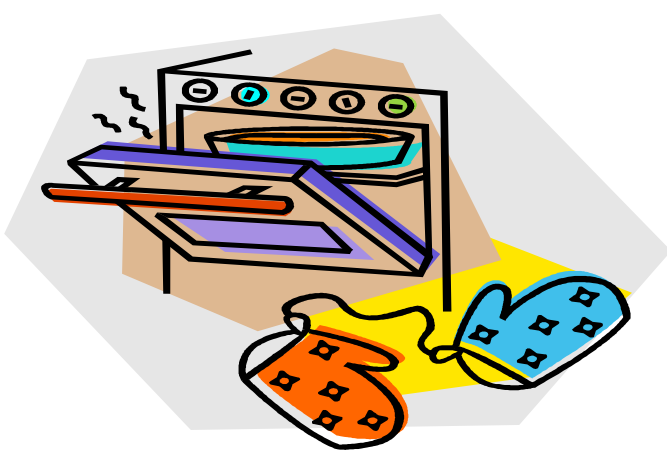
Last year our first *international dining* group was a huge success. A member from the group selected a restaurant and we discussed various aspects about the country. We meet on the third Wednesday of the month for dinner. We have two openings in our group. If you would like to be an international diner, let me know. The first two people who respond, will be part of this group and if there is enough interest expressed, a second group may be formed. Please email [Lmackross@cox.net](mailto:Lmackross@cox.net) or call 480-425-0470 and let me know if you prefer lunch or dinner.

If you would like to learn and or play Canasta afternoon or evening, or Other games, Current events discussions, Cooking, Scrapbooking Art museum tours, Culture days what are your thoughts and/or interests. Please let us know by August 22nd, [@event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:@event@ncjwaz.org)



# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

# COMMUNITY ACTION



The first board meeting for the 2011-2012 was a Pot Luck Brunch. Everyone loved this casserole and wanted the recipe. We decided to include it out bulletin, and have a new recipe each month. If you have a recipe you would like to share. Please email it to me at [ncjwclaire@cox.net](mailto:ncjwclaire@cox.net)

## Amish Breakfast Casserole

**Prep Time** 15 Minutes      **Cook Time** 35 Minutes  
**Ready in:** 50 Minutes      **Servings:** 12

### Ingredients:

MorningStar Crumbles (used instead of 1 lb of thawed diced Bacon).

- 1 medium sweet onion (chopped)
- 6 eggs, lightly beaten
- 4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar Cheese
- 1 1/2 cups small curd Cottage Cheese
- 1 1/4 cups shredded Swiss Cheese

### Directions:

- 1- In a large skillet, cook bacon and onion until crisp; drain. In a bowl, combine the remaining ingredients; stir in bacon mixture. Transfer to a greased 13 inch X 9 inch X 2 inch baking dish.
- 2- Bake uncovered at 350 degrees F for 35 to 40 minutes or until set and bubbly. Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.

**HAPPY EATING**

NCJW's community action projects address the needs of women, children, and families at the local level --identifying distinct challenges, developing responses, and delivering support and strength.. This has always been the part of NCJW that sets us apart from most of the other Jewish women's organizations. The scope of NCJW projects includes action on child care, domestic violence prevention, gun control, reproductive rights, and voter education and mobilization, among others.

Our recent Community Action projects have been directed at Human Trafficking, Child Safety, Comprehensive Sex Education and Teen Dating Abuse Awareness and Domestic Violence. This year we will address Community Action in several ways. First, we will continue to enhance our Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Project. We began this program in 2005, with the hope that reaching our teens to make them aware of the behaviors that are potentially abusive would help STOP the Cycle of Violence so many victims of Domestic Violence experience. This is part of the National NCJW project called STOP (Strategies to Prevent Domestic Violence.) As part of this project we obtained a video called Dating Abuse: Matters of Choice created by NCJW Essex County. We also wrote a lesson on Dating Abuse that goes with the video and we trained several volunteers to bring our program to schools and youth groups. This year we will have a Teen Dating Abuse Awareness brunch on January 29, 2011. Be sure to put that date on your calendar now.

Second we have started the year off by calling together other organizations doing Teen Dating Abuse Awareness programs in order to form a coalition to help schools comply with HB 1308 and to raise community awareness of this issue. HB 1308 was one of the positive laws passed by our legislature. It required school districts to consider teaching about dating abuse in their curriculum by June 2011. While a recent Arizona Republic article reflected reluctance by many school districts to address the issue, Phoenix Union High School District has adopted a policy on dating violence. We will be working with these other organizations to let our voices be heard on teaching our youth about this problem and will join these organizations at the Capitol on October 13th to raise awareness of this issue. Finally, we will try to have a monthly Done in a Day activity that highlights important needs in our community. For all of these projects we need your participation. If you are interested in helping at a Homeless Shelter or Senior Citizen facility, becoming a part of the Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Project or have an idea for a special project activity needed in our community please contact Hannah at [hankaplan@gmail.com](mailto:hankaplan@gmail.com)

# **On the Cutting Edge . . . Today' s Jewish Woman Symposium**

**Sunday, November 6th, 2011**

**8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, Scottsdale**

**Share this special morning to**

**Enhance One's Mind & Enhance One's Well-  
Being**

***Sponsored by***

- **Bureau of Jewish Education of Greater Phoenix**
- **Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center  
& Jewish Book Council**
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of Greater Phoenix**
- **Brandeis National Committee, Phoenix Chapter**
- **Hadassah Valley of the Sun**
- **Jewish Studies—Arizona State University**
- **National Council of Jewish Women – Arizona Section**

**The morning includes fabulous speakers on  
current topics, a delicious Spa Cuisine  
Luncheon and great raffles.**

**For additional information or to receive an  
invitation,**

**call Linda Feldman**

**480-634-8050     [Jewished@bjephoenix.org](mailto:Jewished@bjephoenix.org)**

**IT'S A MORNING YOU  
WON'T WANT TO MISS!**

**Invitations & Speaker information will be sent  
in September.**

**Mark your calendar for  
November 6<sup>th</sup>!**

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## SAVE THE DATE

August 17 International Dining  
August 22 Pot Luck Dinner & Shower Temple Solel 6 PM  
September 12 General Meeting Temple Solel  
September 27 Erev Rosh Hashanah  
September 29-30 Rosh Hashanah  
September 30 Paid Member Directory goes to print  
October 7 Erev Yom Kippur  
October 8 Yom Kippur  
October 12-21 Sukkot  
October 13 Day at the Capitol  
November 6 Women's Symposium  
January 29 2012 Teen Dating Abuse Brunch

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



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