

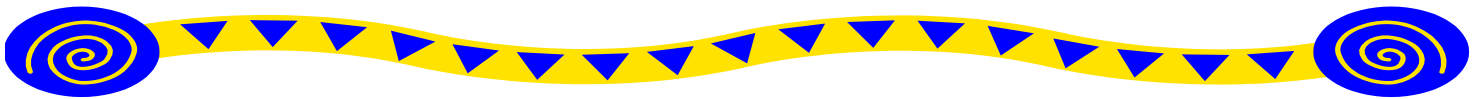


A FAITH IN THE FUTURE.  
A BELIEF IN ACTION.®

September 2011

[www.ncjwaz.org](http://www.ncjwaz.org)

## National Council of Jewish Women Arizona Section



Monday September 12, 2011

7 PM

Temple Solel 6805 East McDonald Dr., Scottsdale, Arizona

### **The Separation of Church and State**

For those of us committed to religious freedom for all, quality education systems, and medical research, we must preserve the constitutional principle of church and state separation. In order to do that we need to be well informed. Please join us to learn about the history of these issues, common questions and arguments, and where we are today both locally and federally. You will have the opportunity to meet activists from some of our local organizations.

#### **Speaker Information:**

Zenaido Quintana, VP Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, Greater Phoenix Chapter. Zenaido is a businessman and involved volunteer with a passion for bettering our education system and society.

Please join us No RSVP is required, refreshments will be served.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we are still experiencing 110+degree days it is hard to comprehend that we are approaching the fall season, the summer is almost over and it's time to renew and restart. As a kid, it was the time of a new school term, shopping for school supplies, buying pristine books and getting new clothes...and the anticipation as to what lies ahead was always exciting. As an adult, the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur added to that feeling of exhilaration. Another year to do some of the things I wanted to accomplish either at work or at home. As the current President of NCJW, I'm enthusiastic about our upcoming events and activities. The sounding of the Shofar wakes us up and makes us aware of the promises and pledges to ourselves and to G'd, and among other things, gives us the opportunity to renew our commitment to NCJW. The program committee has planned a series of outstanding speakers for our general meetings and presentations for special events. Our fundraising committee has a renewed goal to raise money for our programs and projects and it should be a good year for contributing to our national organization as well as to our local efforts of helping women, children and families. As an aside, this past month, our section was given the furniture and household goods belonging to a woman who was moved from a retirement community to a nursing home. We sold the contents and suddenly we had a few hundred dollars more in the treasury. It was unexpected, took a few hours of time and was a mitzvah for the donor. The membership committee stands ready to reach out to the community to attract new members, both regular and life members. Ask us about our new financing plan to become a Life Member. It's important in today's times, to be counted and when NCJW National states we have approximately 90,000 members, we should be proud to be one of them. Wishing all our members and friends a very Happy and Healthy New Year and we hope to see you in our midst as the year progresses.

L'Shana tova.

Carol Consalvo

NCJW AZ



## COMMUNITY ACTION



Our Teen

Dating Abuse Project for 2011 – 12 is taking off with a great start. We have been instrumental in calling together a collaborative group of community organizations involved in Teen Dating Abuse Awareness, Prevention and Intervention. Our first meeting was held at the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence. By way of introductions, each member explained what they and their organizations do with regard to Teen Dating Abuse.

After naming our successes, we discussed our challenges. They included:

- 1-Getting schools and school districts to comply with a new law that required them to discuss including dating abuse in their policy and curriculum. In a recent Arizona Republic article it was revealed that a majority of school districts stated that they decided not to include a dating abuse curriculum. Many communities seem to believe that this is not a problem for kids in their socio-economic group.
- 2- In many cases, money is seen as a problem by schools, when in actuality the cost of preventing abuse pays for itself. The challenge is convincing the community.
- 3-Coordinating with one another and making the resources already available to the community more readily available.
- 4-Schools believe that they cannot take time away from their regular curriculum to add a new mandatory requirement.

Following our discussion of successes and challenges, we decided that we may have more success getting schools to add teen dating abuse policies to their already adopted bullying policies and programs. To that end, we all agreed to invite those bullying groups we are aware of to join us at our next meeting, which will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 at the offices of the Arizona Department of Health Services.

We also decided that we will seek public awareness by joining Peer Solutions when they have a lobby day at the state capital on October 13. Our collaborative will present awards to those legislators and school districts that have already addressed Teen Dating abuse awareness. Hope you will all join us at this advocacy event.



# DUES ARE DUE

DIRECTORY DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 30

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

## FOOD BANK

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. Please bring all donations to our 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 Street, Phoenix. If you have donated in the past your fellow Arizonians thank you.

### NCJW Monday Afternoon Book Group

**The NCJW book group meets on the first Monday of each month from 1:30-3:30 at members homes. The group concentrates on fiction, reading occasional non-fiction and classics. All participants are required to be members in good standing of NCJW..**

**The next book meeting is on Monday, September 12, from 1:30 -3:30 pm. at the home of Hannah Kaplan. We will be discussing Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson**

**For address and directions please respond to Hannah @event@ncjwaz.org by September 7.**



FREE DAILY CLICKS  
SIGN UP FOR DAILY REMINDERS

*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.therainforestsite.com](http://www.therainforestsite.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.

## FUND RAISING

Our fund raising projects for this year are off to a great start.


Thanks to the efforts of Bunny Berkowitz, our honey jar project for the New Year was a success. We sold 66 jars in just three weeks. Next year we will have a longer lead time, and hope to sell even more.


Our next project, which does have a long lead time, is our Shell Gas Card Raffle. Tickets cost \$10 each, or three for \$25. The drawing will not be held until March, 2012, so you have plenty of time to sell those raffles. Please send your ticket stubs and checks to: Connie Grunfeld, 14744 N. 115<sup>th</sup> Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255. Shell is a nation wide gas station, so you can buy the raffle tickets for those who live out of town. Prizes are gift cards of \$100, \$200, or \$300. This raffle has the potential to earn a nice profit for the AZ Section of NCJW. Let's make it a success.

Lastly, who doesn't enjoy eating out? We are having lunch or dinner at Nick's Italian Restaurant on Monday, September 19. Bring your Nick's flyer with you to the restaurant. They will return 18% of your check to NCJW. Lunch is 11-2, and dinner is 4-9. You may also get take out, and we will still receive back 18%. Nick's has two locations- 13910 Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale, and 10810 N. Tatum Blvd., Phoenix. Remember to print out the flyer in this Bulletin, and bring it to Nick's. BonAppetito.

# NCJW INTEREST GROUPS



**Movie Mavens:** Group meets monthly to view a movie and discuss it over dinner. for more information please contact Carol Lieber @event@ncjwaz.org 

**Writing Group** - This group will stretch your creative imagination. Your interpretation of life is what matters as you sit before a blank page and write. For more information please contact Diana Schmidt @ncjwaz.org. 

**Knit Wits and Happy Hookers** Knitting and crocheting blankets and donating them to Project Linus who gives them to children seriously ill or traumatized. Please contact fredapine@event.ncjwaz.org


**International Dining** Meets monthly to enjoy delicious food and learn about different cultures Please contact Lindamackross@event@ncjwaz.org

**Canasta Group** meets weekly beginners as well as experienced players. Beginners will be taught to play Please Contact Cheri@event@ncjwaz.org

**Done in a Day** Volunteer projects that can be completed in one day. Please contact Hannah Kaplan @event@ncjwaz.org.

**Book Group** See above or contact Ellen Widoff

**Advocacy** meet monthly to review what our State is doing legislatively and take action to support programs important to NCJW Please contact Eleanor Eisenberg@event@ncjwaz.org

**Current Events and Issues Group** Please contact Carol Consalvo @event@ncjwaz.org. 

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## Fabulous Grape Salad


4 lbs. grapes (2 lbs. red & 2 lbs. green)  
 8oz cream cheese softened  
 8oz sour cream  
 1/2 cups sugar  
 1t vanilla  
 Mix cream cheese, sour cream sugar & vanilla, then add grapes.  
 Top with 1/2 cup brown sugar and some chopped nuts.



Share a recipe with NCJW. Please submit your recipes to claire@event@ncjwaz.org.

## SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL

The following link to a letter that you may want to sign to voice your solidarity with Israel, the government and the people, at this time in their fight for peace...(strange but, true...the citizens of Israel have to fight in order to live in peace.....). [www.tinyurl.com/solidaritywithisrael](http://www.tinyurl.com/solidaritywithisrael)

**FACEBOOK** Our section is 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

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Board of AZ section	Lynn Schmelzer	Thinking about you and hoping for better days
Lee and Debby Finkel	George and Paula Eckstein	In honor of twin grandson's birth
Lynn Schmelzer	George and Paula Eckstein	In honor of twin grandson's birth
Carol Consalvo	Jo and Irwin Adler	In honor of your 50th anniversary
Carol Consalvo	George and Paula Eckstein	In honor of twin grandson's birth
Sondra Mesnik	George and Paula Eckstein	Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandsons



National Council of Jewish Women

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, ARIZONA SECTION**

**Invites you to enjoy lunch, dinner or take-out at**



**13910 Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd, Scottsdale**

*and*

**10810 N. Tatum Blvd, Phoenix**

***Monday, September 19, 2010***

***Lunch 11:00- 2:00     Dinner 4:00- 9:00***

***Bring this flyer and NICK'S will donate 18% of each check before taxes  
to NCJW, AZ Section***

**YOU MUST PRESENT THIS FLYER**

# **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**
- Women's Philanthropy of the Jewish Federation  
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>!**

## NCJW 2011-12 OFFICERS

### PRESIDENT

Carol Consalvo

### VP Membership

Sydell Ukelley

Margo Blumnefeld

### VP Fund Raising

Michele Gusdorff

### VP Publicity

Ellen De Domenico

### Treasurer

Debby Finkel

### Bulletin

Claire Bickel

### VP Community Action

Hannah Kaplan

### Programming

Linda Mack Ross

### Financial Secretary

Judi Gross

### Recording Secretary

Paula Eckstein

NCJW, Inc Arizona Section

event@ncjwaz.org

www.ncjwaz.org

## SAVE THE DATE

September 12 General Meeting Temple Solel 7 PM

September 19 Lunch/Dinner at Nicks Restaurants

September 28 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

October 24 General Meeting Temple Solel

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.



Experience Makes The Difference



# RE/MAX

## Excilibur Realty

### Barbara E. London

Associate Broker, CRS

8510 E. Shea Boulevard, Suite 100

Scottsdale, Arizona 85260

Office: (480) 355-3500

Toll Free: (888) 899-0496

Cell: (602) 363-6107

Direct: (480) 860-6671

BLON223@AOL.COM

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



# TravelWorld

TRAVEL MADE EASY

Suki "Susan" Schmelzer  
\*Leisureologist

480.634.1221

TRVELWORLD@AOL.COM