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## National Council of Jewish Women Arizona Section

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Arizona Section (NCJW)



## Arizona Children's Action Alliance

Children and working families often face struggles in Arizona. Amy Kobeta, Vice president for Arizona Children's Action Alliance will inform us about local legislation, the good and the bad, and how it is impacting children and families. She will provide information about Children's Action Alliance and give us ideas on how we can make a difference. Amy has a strong background in community advocacy and public relations and has been an advocate and lobbyist for non-profit organizations much of her career.

February 27, 2012

7 PM

Temple Solel 6805 E. McDonald Drive, Scottsdale, Az.

No RSVP required, Free Light Refreshments available



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends:

This past Sunday, January 29, 2012 several committees got together and produced our annual Domestic Violence Brunch. It was held at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale. The Brunch was a collaboration of the Community and Social Action Committee, Programming Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Publicity Committee, Membership Committee and many additional volunteers. Everyone put in their best efforts and a big THANK YOU to all. Hannah Kaplan, Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Coordinator, as chair person for the event, arranged for two dynamic speakers, Bobbi Sudberry from Kaity's Way and Donna Bartos from the Purple Ribbon Council. They were inspiring! The event hosted a Gift Boutique with 11 vendors prior to the Brunch, so what more could we ask for....shopping, eating and education???? The only disappointment I felt was the attendance. Where are our members? Where are the friends of our members? I feel the same disappointment at our General Meetings. Our program committee works diligently on getting fantastic speakers on timely topics and after each meeting we are complimented by the attendees on the program. Our Publicity committee has done a wonderful job in getting the "word" out between ads, articles and community calendars in a variety of publications. Our Bulletin Editor does a phenomenal job sending out the Bulletin on a timely basis and keeps reminding everyone by sending out e-blasts. This past year we changed the location of the General Meetings to Temple Solel, in central Scottsdale and still our attendance is not where it should be. Where are our members? Where are the friends of our members? Since I am asking the questions....I would like some answers. Please contact me and give me the answers. One situation that I am aware of is that some of our members don't like to drive at night. If you contact me, I will attempt to set up a ride for you both to and from the meeting. What else?????? I want to know. Where are our members and where are the friends of members????

Respectfully, Carol Consalvo

## FUND RAISING

Mark your calendars for two great events that are coming up soon. The first is Saturday, February 18. The Phoenix Symphony will be performing Ferde Grofe's Grand Canyon Suite at 8 PM at Symphony Hall. As an added attraction (as if the music wasn't enough), James Westwater has been commissioned to create a photographic multimedia event set to the music of the Grand Canyon Suite. Tickets are just \$50 each, and are located on the Main Floor, Section A, Row 23. Only a few tickets remain. Contact [michele@gusdorff.com](mailto:michele@gusdorff.com) for information on purchasing a ticket.

The second event is Thursday, March 22 at 6PM. NCJW is sponsoring a Chinese Auction, being held at a Chinese restaurant (hence the name- "Chinese Auction.") We will be dining at Oriental Garden, 8909 Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale. For the admission price of \$18, you will receive a very complete, and very delicious Chinese Buffet. You will also receive party favors (just for attending), and raffle tickets to start you off bidding for some pretty fabulous items. Everyone attending is asked to bring an unwrapped gift item, valued up to \$15. Each item will be displayed, and raffle tickets will be placed in a bag in front of each item. Winning raffle tickets will be drawn throughout the evening for each item. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase during the event, at reasonable prices.

Mark your calendar, invite your friends and family (they do not have to be NCJW members). Plan on having a fun evening. Contact [michele@gusdorff.com](mailto:michele@gusdorff.com) for more information. (A flyer will follow shortly with all of the details.) At this special event, we will be drawing the winner of our Gas Raffle. Tickets will still be available for purchase that evening. Don't forget, for the cost of \$10 per ticket, or 3 for \$25, you have a chance to win either a \$100, \$200, or \$300 gift card for Shell gasoline, usable anywhere in the U.S. Contact Connie at [cgrunfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:cgrunfeld@yahoo.com) for tickets or more information.

# TRIBUTES

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| Claire Bickel          | Lynn, Larry, and Suki Schmelzer<br>Stan Morganstern         | Wishing you the best for your family<br>Mazel Tov on your retirement                           |
| Board of AZ section    | Lynn, Larry, and Suki Schmelzer<br>Irene and Lenny Magerman | Thinking about you and hoping for better days<br>Thinking about you and hoping for better days |
| Linda Mack Ross        | Irv and Karen Katz<br>Marlene and Norbert Sobek             | Thank you for a lovely brunch<br>Congratulations on your 50th anniversary                      |
| Lynn & Larry Schmelzer | George Tarquinio  | Full and Speedy recovery   |
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| Claire Bickel          | Homer Chernin   | Loving memory of your sister, Ruth Silverman   |
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## COMMUNITY ACTION

On Sunday, January 29th we had a very successful Brunch and Boutique. I cannot thank all of the hard workers, who helped make the morning such a success, enough. I think we all had fun shopping and enjoyed meeting new people and bonding with old friends during the brunch. Most of all we all came away with a feeling of pride that National Council of Jewish Women, Arizona Section is doing its part to Break the Cycle of Violence through our collaboration with Kaity's Way and the Purple Ribbon Council.

With the glow of the inspiring program on Teen Dating Abuse Awareness fresh in our memories it is time for us to take action. Sunday was the beginning. It is now February and we need to do our part to make sure that this month lives up to its name as Teen Dating Abuse Awareness Month. We have the opportunity to GET INVOLVED by sharing our video with teens and becoming presenters at a variety of schools. We also need ambassadors to contact schools and make them aware that programs like ours, Purple Ribbon Council and Kaity's way are available for them to implement. Contact Hannah Kaplan, if you want to explore your next step in Breaking the Cycle, Breaking the Silence and Saving Lives.

Hi, Hannah I congratulate you and your committee on such a successful and wonderful event this morning! What a superb program and such fabulous speakers! Finally, there are programs to deal with these terrible problems that Exist, thanks to those who have taken action . . . Hope to see you soon, Lynn Turgel,

# PROGRAM

In January, Eleanor Eisenberg and Michelle Steinberg of Planned Parenthood enlightened and sometimes frightened us about local and national legislation relating to women and choice. We had a good turn out and really appreciate their fine, comprehensive presentation. The March 26 program presented by a member of the Scottsdale Fire Department will teach us the new method of CPR. The presenter is dynamic and it will be a another program worth attending. There will be a limit of 50 people and Linda Mack Ross, [lmackross@cox.net](mailto:lmackross@cox.net) will be taking reservations. More information will be provided. In April, we will be joining with the League of Women Voters, to prepare us for the election year, with a program on civility. We are fortunate to have Jane Prescott-Smith of the Institute of Civil Discourse to tell us about their research, her experiences working with national groups and congress to promote civility, and provide us with suggestions on how we can work toward creating a more civil environment. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our program. Linda Mack Ross, Program Chairperson

## MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Thanks to Linda Feldman for her hospitality and interesting book discussion in January. We greatly appreciate her efforts.

The next book is: **The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer**

We will meet on Monday, February 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the home of Nancy Malmon

Please RSVP to Nancy if you plan to attend at [Nancymalm@aol](mailto:Nancymalm@aol) or 480-778-0807



# INTEREST GROUPS

## MONDAY BOOK GROUP February 6


The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer  
March 5 The Good Daughter Jasmin Darznik  
contact Ellen Widoff [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org)





**MOVIE MAVENS:** Group meets monthly to view a movie and discuss over dinner. Carol Lieber



**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. Diana Schmidt

**KNIT WITS AND HAPPY HOOKERS:** Knitting and crocheting blankets and donating them to Project Linus who gives them to children seriously ill or traumatized. Freda Pine 

**INTERNATIONAL DINING:** Meets monthly to enjoy delicious food and learn about different cultures. Linda Mack Ross 

**CANASTA GROUP:** Meets weekly beginners as well as experienced players. Beginners will be taught to play. Cheri LeMieux 

**DONE IN A DAY:** Volunteer projects that can be completed in one day. Hannah Kaplan

All interest groups are free to join. The only cost are those that are charged for food or admissions

We are looking to start new groups If you have an interest please let us know

All address go to [event@ncjwaz.org](mailto:event@ncjwaz.org).

Will the person who spoke with Bunny Berkowitz about learning quilting and quilting classes please contact her at: 480-621-8422 or at the next General Meeting



## Daily Clicks



### Sign up for Daily Reminders

Thank you to the Komen Foundation for recanting their decision to stop funding Planned Parenthood .Thank you to Mayor Mike Bloomberg for your generous offer to match donations to Planned Parenthood to ensure that every women has access to lifesaving breast cancer screening services. Thank you to all the women who have united in messages telling the Komen Foundation how important their funding is in giving services through Planned Parenthood.

Thank you to NCJW for our role as an advocate for women's rights and supporter of women's health

POLITICS DOES NOT BELONG IN HEALTH CARE



**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/>

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

<http://www.theautismsite.com/>

**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

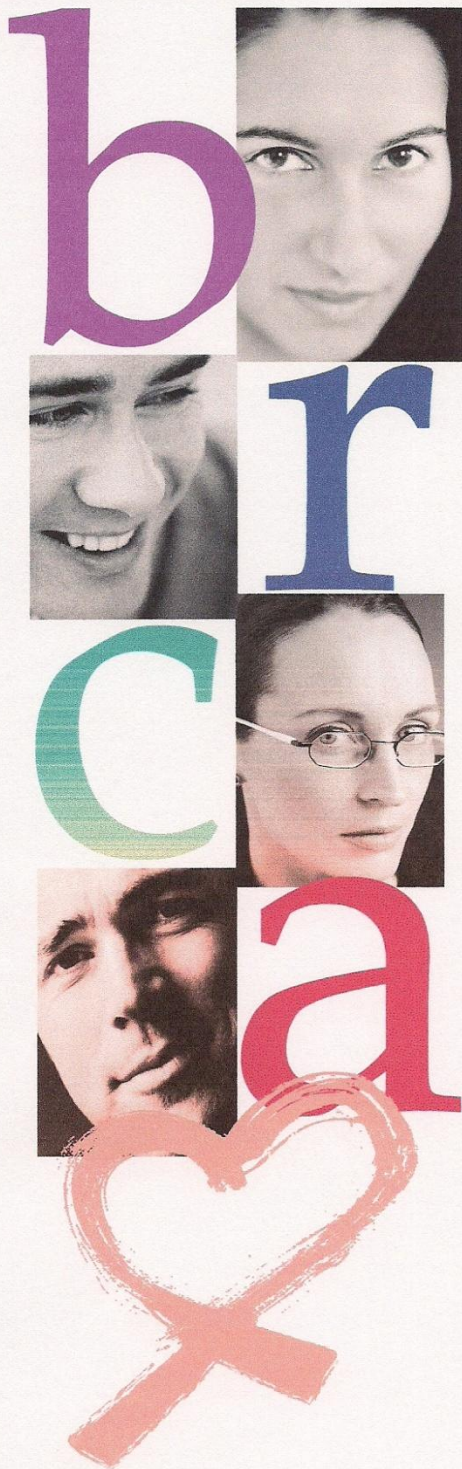
## Hereditary Cancer – Is Your Family at Risk?

### “Breast and Ovarian Cancer (BRCA) Awareness Program”

All women have a one in eight lifetime risk of developing breast cancer; however, women who carry mutated genes, such as the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, face up to an 80% lifetime risk of developing breast cancer and up to a 40% lifetime risk of developing ovarian cancer.

Hereditary cancer is a heightened concern in the Jewish community. Approximately 1:40 individuals of Ashkenazi/Eastern European Jewish descent are carriers of mutations in their BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes, approximately 10x the frequency in the general population. Both men and women may be carriers for these mutations and can pass the mutations along to their sons and daughters. We estimate there may be approximately 1,000 women of Ashkenazi heritage in the Greater Phoenix area who are carriers of BRCA mutations and thus at high risk of developing cancer during their lifetimes. An additional 1,000 men carry the mutations and are at elevated risk for male breast cancer, pancreatic cancer and prostate cancer. Both men and women are advised to begin cancer screenings earlier (women as young as 25), as BRCA-related cancers manifest themselves at younger ages. The good news is that individuals can take steps to significantly reduce risk through careful evaluation of family cancer history, done in concert with a genetic counselor, cancer screening, and preventative measures.

On Sunday, February 26, 2012, the Jewish Genetic Diseases Center of Greater Phoenix will present a free hereditary breast and ovarian cancer (BRCA) awareness program at the Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus, located at 12701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP, call 480-634-4900 ext. 1128 or write [info@jewishgeneticsphx.org](mailto:info@jewishgeneticsphx.org).



# Hereditary Cancer in the Jewish Community.

Is your family at risk?

1:40 Ashkenazi Jewish women are carriers of BRCA mutations and at higher risk for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. Know your family history, empower yourself, explore choices, and ask questions of our team of experts.

**Sunday**  
February 26, 2012  
9:30am to 12:00pm

- Free program featuring presentations by four major cancer centers:

Chelsy Jungbluth, MS, CGC  
**City of Hope - Banner**  
Cancer Screening and  
Prevention Program

Katherine Hunt, MS, CGC  
**Mayo Clinic**

Cary M. Armstrong, MS, CGC  
Virginia G. Piper Cancer Center  
**Scottsdale Healthcare**

Cathy McCann, MS, CGC  
The University of Arizona  
Cancer Center  
**St. Joseph's Hospital and  
Medical Center**

- Compelling family stories
- Art exhibit inspired by families facing a BRCA-diagnosis
- Individuals completing a family history questionnaire will have the opportunity to visit with a genetic counselor to learn if they should consider comprehensive genetic counseling to assess cancer risk. Download the form at [www.jewishgeneticsphx.org](http://www.jewishgeneticsphx.org).

Ina Levine Jewish Community Campus

12701 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Jewish Genetic Diseases Center of Greater Phoenix

RSVP to [info@jewishgeneticsphx.org](mailto:info@jewishgeneticsphx.org) or call 480-668-3347

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Hereditary Breast and Ovarian  
Cancer Awareness Program

A program in loving memory of Denise Simmons

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**SAVE THE DATE**

February 18, 2012 Phoenix Symphony

February 26, 2012 BRCA Education Event

February 27, 2012 General Meeting Temple Solel

March 22, 2012 Chinese Auction

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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