



National Council of Jewish Women
Saddleback section presents

Sunday, June 13, 2021 ZOOM meeting
6:00 pm.

(The Zoom link will be sent to all members. If you are not a member, contact Sharon Beck by email with your name and email address)



Installation of Officers
*Dinner
**Movie

****Movie: In Search of Israeli Cuisine 6:00PM**

In Search of Israeli Cuisine is a portrait of the **Israeli** people told through **food**. It puts a literal face on the culture of **Israel**. ... The chef/guide of our tour is Michael Solomonov, the James Beard award winning chef/owner of Zahav

For ZOOM access:
Sharon Beck morshar2@yahoo.com

Questions about the program:
Lisa Michaels (949) 472-1102

Invite your friends, husband and significant other.

***Menu**

Choice of:

- 1) Falafel Plate (w/ chopped salad, hummus, pita, and baklava)
- 2) chicken shawarma (w/lentil rice, hummus, pita, tahini and baklava)

Price: \$18.00

Make check to NCJW.
By June 7, MAIL to: Carol Sandusky
3513-A Bahia Blanca W.
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

PICK UP FOOD on June 13 at
LWV Community Center
between 4 and 5:00 PM

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Mission Statement

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 and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

President's Message

By Sharon Beck, President



I hope this message finds all of you healthy and vaccinated. The CDC has now given us more freedom to congregate without masks if vaccinated. I hope this means you will be able to see more of your friends and family and get that hug you crave.

Your board has been busy getting members for next year. The board will be installed in June. We are still in need of some people to work on programs. If you have some good ideas or just want to help please let me know.

The May program created a great deal of interest. Two experts Susan Johnson and Steph Campbell spoke on End of Life Options in California. They work with an agency called Compassion & Choices. "This group is the leading nonprofit working to improve care, expand options and empower everyone to chart their end of life journey.

In June we will be meeting on Sunday June 13 at 6:00 p.m., on Zoom. Put this different date on your calendar. We will be seeing an Israeli film and will order food from Pita Pita. This is a great opportunity to invite husbands, significant others, family, and friends to join you. See flyer on front page.

On May 26 a number of members will be participating in a California Lobby Day. We will be briefed on pertinent bills and then will meet with our legislatures virtually to help get their support. Bills such as SB364- End Child Hunger will be among those discussed.

We are all hoping that things will open soon and we can meet once again in our clubhouses.

While we don't have programs July and August, we will still be sending you information about ways to advocate for families, women, children and immigrants. Have a good summer and I hope to see you in the fall, in person

"The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate"

Oprah Winfrey

Israel Reports

By Diane Levin, *Israel Affairs Chair*

Israel-Russian beats tennis number one Russian-Israeli Aslan Karatsev beat world number one Novak Djokovic in the semifinals of the Serbian Open in Belgrade. Karatsev grew up in Israel but now plays for Russia. He recently rose from 114th in the world to number 28 and probably now will be even higher.

Cultural agreement with UAE The National Library of Israel (NLI) in Jerusalem and the National Archives of the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi have signed a historic memorandum of understanding (MoU). It covers cultural exchange, including conferences, exhibitions, workshops, study tours and training.

A Jewish AirBNB Israeli-founded Jstay is developing a free app for Jewish travelers to find the right place to stay. It differs from AirBNB in that Jstay is geared for people who need specifically Jewish services when they travel such as kosher food and local Jewish communities and synagogues for Sabbath observers.

Can we visit Israel? Although tourist travel to Israel is limited, first-degree relatives of Israeli citizens can visit, and some groups are starting tours in late May. Then from July, package tours and vaccinated individual tourists can travel here. Meanwhile, the Tourist Israel website lists the airlines currently flying to Tel Aviv.

A smart industrial zone in Dubai Israel's Tefen consultancy group, led by Mally Bitzur-Parnes, is to Project Manage the building of an industrial zone in Dubai where the factories will be operated by robots with almost no human contact. Tefen is also bidding on a tender for the construction of a new airport in Dubai.

Where no Israeli startup has gone before Jon Medved, CEO of Israel's OurCrowd, explains that partnering with the Gulf countries "is allowing Israel to penetrate markets we've never dreamed of in Southeast Asia and around the broader Islamic world".

Economic trends during Covid Ambassador Yoram Ettinger provides an excellent review of Israel's economic performance compared to other world economies during the pandemic.

<https://theettingerreport.com/israels-covid-19-economic-trends/>

Recycling old tires Tires are the world's largest source of waste rubber as 290 million tires are discarded each year in the US alone. Israel's EcoTech Recycling has developed a thermodynamic process that turns waste rubber into Active Rubber - a nontoxic synthetic material for making new tires, auto parts and insulation.

Math medals Two Israelis won medals at the 2021 European Girls Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO). Competing against 213 participants from 54 countries, Rehovot's Noga Friedman won a gold medal and Herzliya's Ya'ara Shulman a silver. The Israeli team finished ninth overall.

Sharing success on Turkish TV HonestReporting CEO Daniel Pomerantz appeared on Turkish English-language news outlet "A News" to discuss Israel's success in battling the Covid-19 pandemic. He delivered the key message that Israel can be a role model for modern Western democracies.

Nephrologist donates his own kidney Dr. Aharon Bloch of Hadassah Medical Center is the first Israeli nephrologist to donate a kidney to a stranger. He made the decision after the passing of Rabbi Yeshayahu Heber, the founder of the NGO "Gift of Life" whom he treated.

Success in trials of multiple myeloma treatment. Israel's BioLineRx has reported positive results in the Phase 3 trial of its Motixafortide treatment in combination with G-CSF for multiple myeloma. The treatment demonstrated improvement from five-fold to 14-fold compared to the control.



Advocacy

By Linda Mendelsohn, Advocacy Chair

We all need to be part of Advocating. Please participate!

Last month I wrote about our collaboration with “A Stronger California” which is a group of 50+ advocacy groups and what we are all fighting for and at the same time joining with the “Women’s Caucus” in Sacramento.

Since that article we have had a Lobby Day where we met with Senator Dave Min and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris to discuss the 5 bills that we wanted to highlight. During legislative sessions we will be working to have even more bills that meet the needs of women, children and families.

Here is the list and a very brief description of what they are about. Please write or call the offices of Senator Min and Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie Norris (address and phone numbers below) and ask them to support these bills.

SB364 End Child Hunger - Presented by Sharon Beck
- One in every five children in CA experiences hunger. This bill addresses this critical problem by making school meals available to every public and charter school student.

SB234 Address Housing Instability and Homelessness Among Transition Aged Youth - Presented by Judy Mandel
- This bill addresses housing needs for youth between the ages of 16-26 who are currently or formerly in foster care, experiencing homelessness. Without this bill we are causing a significant barrier to these young people to holding steady jobs and/or attending post-secondary education.

AB92 Alleviate the Burdens Families Face in Paying for Child Care - Presented by Rabbi Joe Mendelsohn - CA is

one of the most expensive states for parents who need child care. This bill would extend the federal waiver of fees to October 31, 2022 and then create an equitable sliding scale for family fees.

SB691 Extend California Tax Credits for Low Wage Workers and Unpaid Caregivers - Presented by Julie Nielson - The federal EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) is a refundable tax credit targeted at low-to-middle-income working households. The CalEITC helps mitigate CA’s high cost of living for those who live in poverty. Both have been found to be among the most effective in reducing poverty but, unfortunately, not everyone receives a meaningful credit amount and unpaid workers are excluded. This bill will establish a minimum tax credit and would change the YCTC (Youth Child Tax Credit) to include unpaid caregivers with children ages 5 and under.

SB379 Ensure Equitable and Inclusive U of C Healthcare - Presented by Harriet Himmelstein - The U of C trains over 50 percent of CA’s medical students and residents and treats millions of Californians every year. Unfortunately, UC Health has entered into contracts with hospitals that prohibit UC practitioners and students from providing comprehensive reproductive and LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare. These discriminatory restrictions disproportionately impact patients of color and low-income patients. This bill would prohibit such contracts and ensure that all UC doctors provide Californians with a high level of care.

Please contact:

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Irvine, CA 92612 949-223-5472

Assemblywoman Cottie-Petrie Norris-19712 MacArthur
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Senator Dave Min



Assemblywoman
Cottie Petrie-Norris

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At our March 12th meeting the issues of
Elder Abuse and Domestic Violence
were discussed.
If you need help, call
The National Domestic Violence Hotline
1 (800) 799-7233

Tribute Cards

Tribute cards can be purchased through Judy Levyn-otnj@aol.com; 201-446-4378

ACT

Please take the time to go to ncjw.org. The importance of the ACT (Action) button on the ncjw.org web site cannot be stressed enough. When clicking on the orange rectangular box it will bring you to “Take Action” and if you scroll down you can find at least a dozen things you can do to help in areas that are part of our mission statement. You may sign petitions and send messages to our Senate and House members from California. Counts are taken to see how strongly their constituents feel about a particular topic or bill. Since we are 90,000 members strong all across the USA, our voices will be heard loud and clear.

Community Services

Reminder: please don't bring clothing to the meetings. Call the chairpeople to make arrangements.

Friendship Shelter

Chair: Bobby Rosenfeld 583-1895
Bed linens, towels, blankets and unopened toiletries.

South County Outreach

Chair: Rabbi Joe Mendelsohn
Clothing and household items.

Laura's House (for abused women and children)

Chair: Linda Berkowitz 859-2775
Gently used clothing and household goods
Laura's House Resale Store

Meals On Wheels

Chairs: Diane Levin & Arline Spindell
Drivers needed for one and a half hours each month
to deliver meals within Laguna Woods Village.

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Chair: Muriel Asch
Unopened toiletries,
baby clothes, and children's books and games.

MOMS Orange County

Chair: Ginny Frogel 858-220-4617