



National Council of Jewish Women
Saddleback section presents

Friday September 10, 2021
9:30, Clubhouse 5

Another Hot Topic!

“From Global to Local Antisemitism; How to Curb Disturbing Trends”

Speaker: Dana Ransons will tailor her talk to include ways to respond and help.

Dana is a 3rd generation ADL supporter.

Dana joined the Orange County/Long Beach ADL five years ago after working for more than a decade for education reform, reproductive health and LGBTQ nonprofits. She is honored to continue her family’s tradition of supporting this hundred-year-old organization.

ADL CEO Jonathan Greenblatt wrote in a July 9 Newsweek op-ed that the ADL has recorded 251 antisemitic incidents since May 11, a 115% increase over the same timeframe a year ago. Greenblatt attributed the recent spate of antisemitic incidents to “anti-Israel sentiment” that “is not limited to the halls of Congress. It is spreading. And it is dangerous.”

Questions about the program: Sharon Beck- 949 -380-1018

Members Free

Guests \$3.00 donation

9:30 am bagels, coffee and conversation
10:00 am program



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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
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Shanah Tovah. I hope this New Year brings you good health and much happiness.

This has seemed like a long summer. We have had hot temperatures and still many things that we cannot do. Hopefully this will begin to change.

The Board has been working all summer to plan programs for the year that will be both informative and fun.

Barbara Landsman keeps you up to date with information from National and important issues that you can respond to.

The four key issues for NCJW National right now are Expanding Abortion Access, Protecting and Promoting the Vote, Ensuring Courts Matter, and Mobilizing women and girls in Israel. Go to the National Website frequently to stay current.

We have a new treasurer, Jerry Halpert. This is a much needed position and we are very grateful for his help.

Now that things seem to be opening up a little, we are looking forward to being able to see each other in person. See flyer for our first program on September 10 on Anti-Semitism where we will have Dana Ransons from the ADL. Her focus will be on what we can do to help.

An organization is only as good as its members. Please think about a neighbor or friend that you think would like to be part of NCJW and bring them to a meeting! Let's grow NCJW here in Laguna Woods.

If you would like to be a part of the Board, please let me know.

I hope to see all of you at the meeting.



On July 4, Laguna Woods had a golf cart parade. They encouraged clubs to participate. NCJW entered a decorated golf cart and received a lot of good responses from spectators.

Advocacy *by Linda Mendelsohn*

We will be back together in September, either in person or on Zoom. We will be back to giving you opportunities to show your activism for all the critical issues that women, children and families are facing. Besides our letter writing campaigns you will have an additional way to help. Each month, an eight foot table will be set up to accept items for various organizations (South County Outreach, Laura's House, Friendship House, MOM's, etc.) that we help support. Our first endeavor will be to bring in hotel/travel size hygiene items, that you probably have sitting in a drawer, that will go to Friendship House. These will go to help people who are homeless and in need. If you don't have any hotel items, you can get travel size items in most pharmacies.

At our September meeting, a speaker from ADL (Anti-Defamation League) will talk about what is happening locally as well as globally. On Sunday, October 24, at 6:00 PM we will be showing the movie "Denial" on Zoom followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Joseph Mendelsohn. Our showing of the movie and discussion afterwards will build on the information received from the ADL speaker.

Please continue (or start) to use the [ACT](#) button on our national website NCJW.org. By doing so you are helping to let our elected officials see how strong we are; numbers do make a difference to them.

Israel Reports

by Diane Levin, Israel Affairs Chair

The Walls of Jerusalem One of the sights on Jerusalem's city walls is the Lomka Project - an exhibition of portraits of 360 survivors of the Shoah (Holocaust) together with a short biography on each. They include German survivor Sonia Kam whose daughter is now married to the Israeli Ambassador ... to Germany!

130 French new Olim 130 new immigrants from France just arrived in Israel on a flight funded by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews. A typical comment "We simply want to live openly as Jews. I dream of the moment when our son will be able to walk outside with his yarmulke on and be able to feel safe."

Adidas promotes Haredi female athlete Adidas, one of the biggest sportswear companies in the world, has featured Israeli Haredi orthodox marathon runner Beatie Deutsch in its "Impossible is Nothing" campaign, which aims to unite people through sports and expand the limits of human possibilities.

Azerbaijan opens Israel trade office Muslim-majority Azerbaijan has opened a trade representation office in Tel Aviv. Israel's Tourism Minister Yoel Razvozov said the historic event "will doubtless serve as a focal point for Israeli entrepreneurs in fields including energy, medicine, water treatment, agriculture and investments."

French Champions in Tel Aviv The scheduled French Champions Trophy (Trophee des Champions) season curtain raiser took place at Bloomfield Stadium Tel Aviv in front of a sell-out crowd of 29,000 spectators. French Champions Lille beat Cup winners Paris Saint-Germain 1-0.

More Olympic success The Israeli judo team won the Olympic bronze medal in the mixed-team judo event. Meanwhile, Iranian judoka Saeid Mollaei (now competing for Mongolia) dedicated his Olympic silver medal to the State of Israel. Plus, an Iranian judo champion and Israel's judo coach issued a video of sporting friendship.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/310930>

Two Olympic Golds Israeli artistic gymnast Artem Dolgopyat made history when he won Israel's first Tokyo Olympics gold medal, and first gymnastic medal, in the men's floor exercise. Then Israel's Linoy Ashram won the individual all-around gold medal in the women's artistic gymnastics final.

Digitizing the writings of Hannah Senesh In celebrating 100 years since the birth of Jewish war hero and poet Hannah Senesh (Szenes), the National Library of Israel has digitized dozens of items from her recently acquired archive. They include her poems, manuscripts, correspondence, notebooks, photos and documents.

Pioneers of flexible working One of the reasons so many Israeli startups have succeeded despite the pandemic is because their employees can work remote from their main Israeli offices. Startups have even allowed their staff to work overseas but retain their jobs in Israel.

Integrating Arabs in "Hi-Tech" *Atidna in High-Tech* is a unique program to integrate Israeli Arabs with tech degrees into the Israeli high-tech market. Working with Facebook, Google, Wix and Salesforce, the three month training course, improves soft skills and competencies and then helps with interviews to find a suitable job.

How IDF located victims in Miami tragedy The Israeli Defense Forces' National Rescue Unit recovered 81 of the 97 victims from the Champlain Towers South condo collapse site in Surfside, Miami. The IDF team used experience and hi-tech to search the rubble and worked with families to identify where to find their relatives.

New York teens at Israeli summer camp Non-Jewish US youths, including African Americans from Brooklyn and Harlem, joined Israeli Jews and Arabs on Givat Haviva's "Horizon" program - an international summer camp with a difference.

Intel Israel's first Arab Vice President Reda Masarwa, from the Israeli city of Taybeh, has been promoted to Vice President at Intel Israel – the company's first Arab VP. During his 24 years at Intel, Reda managed the construction of Intel's chip plants, heading a team of 150 Intel engineers and over 2,000 external engineers.

US approves 3D medical holographs Israel-based RealView Imaging has received FDA clearance for its HOLOSCOPE-i holographic system. The system creates spatially accurate, 3D interactive medical holograms, based on data received from standard CT scans and 3D ultrasound systems.

Removable heart implant Israel's Append Medical is developing the Appligator - an implantable device for closing the Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) to prevent blood clot leakage and strokes in those suffering from atrial fibrillation (A-Fib). However, unlike other implants, the device is removed after surgery, leaving just stitches.

A New Member's Perspective

by Elissa Kaplan Senter

Beshert... the following article speaks to it.

I was just visiting SoCal and Laguna Woods Village is where I ended up!! I am a retired Rebetzin from NY, NJ and NH and landed here. Are you thinking that during Covid may not have been the best time to move here? Well the time was right for me. I moved into a rental on March 15, 2020, and everything pretty much shut down the next day. So I looked at the club offerings, picked out a few and called the presidents to hear about my options. In NYC, where I am from, I was a member of all of the local Haddassah and ORT groups in Riverdale, Long Island and Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where my deceased husband and I served as Rabbi and Rebetzin for 14 years before he passed away. I was only 54 then, but our dream together was to move west, somewhere warmer. I was lucky enough to have sat next to Joe and Linda Mendehlson one Shabbat last February of '20 @ TBESOC and when he heard the last name Senter, he asked me how David was. I told him he had died. Cancer, I told him. He was shocked. My husband was a 4th generation Orthodox Rabbi living an amazing Conservative/Reform life with me back east. I was brought up Orthodox. My mom would get a babysitter 2-3 times a week to go to her ORT and Hadassah meetings my entire childhood. Lucky me, Linda, our Advocacy Chairperson, who has now become a friend, leaned over and asked me how old I was. I told her 56. She couldn't say enough wonderful things about LWV. I got a realtor that night, found a place to rent, called my friend in NH and she downsized my home, staged and helped sell it the same day it was listed! Linda then mentioned the NCJW and that I should look into it and get involved. I researched on the internet and boom, became the CO-VP of Membership and now I serve on the Advocacy Committee. Let me tell you, these women on the board are smart, creative and committed and I am proud to participate in the NCJW mission. I have always been a liberal woman, Jew, friend, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, but now it is more important than ever to get involved with our cause, take action and hang out with a bunch of great women. Come to our next in person meeting. Read your emails, flyers, etc., and by the way, I am always open to a conversation, by phone or a cup of coffee nearby. I just bought and closed near gate 2. So excited to see what our NCJW group has in store for 21/22!! Elissa can be reached at ekapsent@aol.com or call/text (845) 304-3908.

Your Support is Needed

by Linda Mendelsohn

Equal Rights Amendment

In recent years there has been a resurgence of women’s activism, from the Women’s March on Washington to the #MeToo Movement to the record number of women elected to Congress and state legislatures in 2018. Amid this renewed focus on issues of gender equality, lawmakers and advocacy organizations have put the amendment back on the nation’s agenda.

Jennifer Weiss-Wolf, the Brennan Center’s Women and Democracy Fellow, **noted** that the ERA would empower Congress “to enforce gender equity through legislation and, more generally, the creation of a social framework to formally acknowledge systemic biases that permeate and often limit women’s daily experiences.” And it would create **consistency** to address the patchwork ways gender and economic inequity are often addressed in our current laws.

The required 38 states have now ratified the ERA, and the US House has just voted to remove the time limit from the preamble of the ERA. We must now win Senate approval of the House Resolution to remove the time limit. Sens. Ben Cardin (D-Md.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) are introducing a Senate resolution that aims to affirm the amendment’s ratification by rescinding the deadline for three-fourths of the states to ratify the now 49-year-old proposition.

Efforts to add the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution have new momentum now that the Senate is under Democratic control, but the disputed amendment’s fate is expected to rest with the Supreme Court regardless of congressional action. President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have long supported the ERA and need your support to get it passed.

At our October meeting I will have a letter, for everyone who wants, to sign and send to our California Senators as well as Senators from other States they have lived in. NCJW is a major sponsor of the push for passage of this amendment.

Who Are We?

by Ginny Frogel, Chair of MOMS of Orange County

MOMS of Orange County is an organization to educate and provide for families of limited income and ability based out of Santa Ana. NCJW adopted this agency two years ago and provided some financial aid as well as children’s items for them to distribute. NCJW recently donated \$500, \$300 from NCJW and two \$100 personal donations to MOMS, along with assorted infant and children’s toys and diapers collected over the past few months.

At our September meeting, we would appreciate any items for the agency; diapers, baby wipes, and infant formula are the most wanted items. MOMS provides education, home support and necessary items to mothers in the Santa Ana area, of limited income and sometimes, knowledge of how to care for their babies and young children. The agency provides home support from volunteers, Mommy and Me classes, along with vital education. NCJW is proud to provide ongoing support to the agency.

Questions or information for dropping items off before the meeting contact Ginny Frogel at (858) 220-4617 or co-chair Phyllis Faigeles at (516) 361-5820.

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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:
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

Chair: Chris Schecter
Drivers needed for one and a half hours each month
to deliver meals within Laguna Woods Village.

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Chair: Diane Levin 380-1179
Unopened toiletries,
baby clothes, and children's books and games.

MOMS Orange County

Chair: Ginny Frogel 858-220-4617