



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



I hope this finds all of you well and vaccinated. Although there are still many restrictions and all clubhouses are not yet open, there is still some sense of freedom. We wear masks when we are not at

home, we still social distance but we now are more likely to be with friends and relatives.

Some of us have used this time to read more, play more games, redecorate, exercise, find new tv programs, cook more, eat more, etc. NCJW Saddleback has also been providing Zoom programs that help you to know where to focus your advocacy and community help. This month is an important program about California's End of Life Option Act. See cover for more information.

We are in the process now of selecting our new board. Installation will be at the June meeting and positions will start in July. Please consider joining our board. We are in need of a Treasurer, Editor of the Tidings, Recording Secretary, Program chair and members at large to help with programs and events. Make this year the year you agree to give us some of your time and help this worthy organization. It is a good way to meet and work with new people. It is also a way of helping us to decide on programs and community aid for the coming year. Please email me at morshar2@yahoo.com or call 949-380-1018

It is important to also visit the National website frequently and use the Act button to send your support to your legislators.

I leave you with this famous quote

“You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream”

C.S Lewis

Israel Reports

By Diane Levin, *Israel Affairs Chair*

All who are hungry come and eat This Passover, even more than previous years, Charity Colel Chabad is fulfilling the mission to feed and clothe Israel's poorest citizens - Jews, Arabs, Druze, and Christians alike. Its dozens of programs include Pantry Packers, 23 soup kitchens, lunch-bags for kids and Passover Seder-in-a-Box.

Two gold medals and more Israeli gymnast Linoy Ashram won the all-around gold medal in the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Cup in Sofia, Bulgaria. She then won a second gold medal in the ball event a day later. To round off the tournament, Linoy won a bronze medal in the hoop event.

Nigerian female basketball star tours Israel Nigerian international basketball player Rosalyn Gold-Onwude has a Russian Jewish mother and a Nigerian father. She toured Israel under the "birthright" program, and then as a staff member on her sister's tour. Rosalyn loved Israel and spent Shabbat with her mother's Jerusalem family.

Israel to host world flag football (soccer) championship Israel will host the Flag Football World Championships in Jerusalem from Dec. 6-8, 2021. More than 40 teams from up to 30 countries will compete for the world title that was postponed in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic. Jerusalem hosted the 2019 European Championships.

CBS to remake Shtisel CBS Studios says that it is developing an American adaptation of the popular Netflix-distributed Israeli drama Shtisel. It is described as a modern take on "Romeo and Juliet" and will be a TV directing debut for Oscar-winner Kenneth Lonergan.

Virtual tours of Israel For those currently unable to physically visit Israel, Israel is Beautiful offers instant access to original and informative virtual tiyulim (tours) in Israel.

<https://israelisbeautiful.com/>

Turn your smartphone into a 3D studio Israel's TetaVi is developing a system to transform a regular smartphone into a portable broadcast-quality video studio. It will enable users to create 3D holograms of themselves and project themselves into a video game, on a concert stage, or anywhere they want.

30-second baggage disinfection The AirFort machines from Israel's WarpUV use a 3D array of UV lights to disinfect travel bags and packages. They will help stop the spread of bacteria, spores and the viruses that cause, seasonal influenza, Covid-19, and viruses yet to come. WarpUV plans to start delivering AirForts this year.

Satellite orbit launch closes the circle Professor Pini Gurfil of Israel's Technion Institute is the mastermind of the project to launch three nano satellites into orbit

from Kazakhstan. Ironically, Kazakhstan is where the USSR dictator Stalin had exiled Prof. Gurfil's father and grandparents to, just because they were Jewish.

"Nobel Prize" for Math again For the second year in a row an Israeli has won a share of the Norwegian Academy of Science's Abel Prize - the math equivalent of a Nobel Prize. Israel's Avi Wigderson won the 2021 prize for contributions to theoretical computer science and discrete mathematics.

Most resilient Middle East country The Institute of Economics, Society and Peace in the Middle East Studies ranked Israel top of its resilience list of 33 Middle East countries. Military strength was excluded but Israel scored high in economy, social, gender equality, global openness, plus ethnic and religious variance.

World Water Day To mark World Water Day, this great video summarizes the work of JNF, Jewish National Fund, USA in helping Israel conserve its water. The JNF supports hydroponic farms, wastewater recycling and helped fund Israel's largest artificial lake that has turned Beersheva in the Negev desert into a water city.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zMoVHYs0Dc4>

Relatively happy Israel climbed two spots to 12th in the 2021 World Happiness Report which measured GDP (Gross Domestic Product), life-expectancy and opinions in 149 countries. Canada ranked 14th and the United States 19th.

Treating diabetics & women in Dubai Doctors from Israel's Sheba Medical Centre are flying out to Dubai to treat an initial 350 diabetes patients in the UAE army, police, and firefighting services. Sheba is also sending physicians to train medical staff at Medicare Women & Children Hospital in Dubai.

Treating heart & kidney patients remotely The IPUD (Implantable Peritoneal Ultrafiltration Device) from Israel's Paragate Medical removes excess fluid from patients coping with chronic heart and kidney failure at home. Paragate is a portfolio company of Nazareth's NGT3. Human trials will start soon.

Developing an oral Covid-19 vaccine Israel's Oramed has launched Oravax - a joint venture with India's Premas Biotech to develop a Covid-19 vaccine. The vaccine is administered orally (not injected) and targets three virus proteins, so it should counter any mutations. Human trials expected soon.

The human-cloud interface Israel's X-trodes has developed a wireless sensor patch combined with data analysis algorithms that a patient wears on their body. It remotely measures and analyzes the health of the brain, eyes, muscles, or heart during sleep or everyday tasks. The technology was developed at Tel Aviv University.

Change Makers

By Linda Mendelsohn

Rima Nashabishi is the founder of Global Hope 365.
<https://www.globalhope365.org/>

Her presentation at our last meeting brought us up to date on her accomplishments in trying to change the laws for Child Marriage. Below are web sites that you can use to become advocates for ending child marriage. Please take the time to explore them and find ways in which you can help.

CA Coalition to End Child Marriage <https://cacoalitiontoendchildmarriage.org/>

CA Coalition to End Child Marriage Digital Letter-Writing Campaign - CA and Other States <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/end-child-marriage-in-the-state-of-california/>

CA Coalition to End Child Marriage Advocacy (Request a Personalized Resolution) <https://cacoalitiontoendchildmarriage.org/advocacy/>

Join the following CA Coalition to End Child Marriage Members

<https://cacoalitiontoendchildmarriage.org/coalition-members2/>

CA Coalition to End Child Marriage Join Us <https://cacoalitiontoendchildmarriage.org/join-us/>

Global Hope 365 Donate <https://www.globalhope365.org/donate>

Vivian Clecak gave us information about Human Options; she is one of the founding four. The website <https://humanoptions.org/> gives us a brief history. Starting with a crisis hotline, four pioneering women conceived Human Options in 1981 because they believed that the women and children of Orange County deserved to live violence-free lives. Their desire evolved into a groundbreaking perspective: relationship violence threatens everyone in Orange County. Nearly four decades later, we continue to ignite social change by leading collective county-wide responses in service of those affected by abuse. Ultimately, we are empowering every person and family in Orange County to experience lives free from fear.

Want to make a difference? From volunteering, joining a group, or making a donation, there are endless ways that you can use your talents to make an impact. Join to stand against domestic violence. Change starts here. To donate go to <https://humanoptions.org/donate/>.



Your Support is Needed

By Linda Mendelsohn

Our State Advocacy and Education (A&E) committee meets monthly to discuss and plan Section involvement in policy and legislative advocacy at the local and state level. Our participation with community and statewide coalitions, such as A Stronger California, amplifies our power.

Stronger California Women's Agenda

The Stronger CA Women's Agenda is a collaborative campaign of 50+ advocacy groups (of which NCJW is part of) and coalitions from across the state. Together, we have driven groundbreaking reforms to help Californians combat poverty and build assets, achieve workplace justice and family-friendly workplaces, and expand access to affordable, quality child care. The agenda's workplace justice efforts include fair pay and harassment, which are setting the pace for the rest of the nation. All Californians should have the opportunity to thrive and lead economically secure lives.

The Stronger California Advocates Network has worked with the Legislative Women's Caucus and lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to pass bills advancing economic and civil rights for women and families across the state. With bills that are being replicated across the country, including the nation's strongest laws combating sexual harassment and pay discrimination, the Stronger California Women's Agenda is setting the pace for the nation.

The 2021 agenda would:

- Include chosen family in workplace leave laws such as time off to care for loved ones to cover those whose

chosen families don't fit traditional outdated family models;

- Eliminate per-piece rate pay in the garment industry to end wage theft and ensure garment workers are paid legal wages;
- Protect survivors of economic abuse from the negative impacts of debts taken out in their name without their knowledge or consent;
- Extend basic workplace health and safety protections (CalOSHA) to domestic workers;
- Prohibit employer non-disclosure agreements in cases of racism and other forms of discrimination and harassment;
- Supply more child care options in underserved communities, expand child care subsidies and financial support for child care providers, and eliminate family fees through 2022;
- Reduce childhood hunger by providing free meal access to all public school children and creating a nutrition program with food benefits for when schools close and child hunger spikes;
- Grant job-protected bereavement leave to all workers;
- Increase SSI/SSP (social security) grants for people who have disabilities and older adults so that their income is no less than the federal poverty line;
- Require free menstrual products in public schools grades 6-12, community colleges, and CSUs to reduce menstrual-related absences among low-income and unhoused students;

Please help support these efforts by sending letters and calling our state legislators to pass bills as they come up. I will send you information on specific bills as I get it. Thank you.

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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

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