



National Council of Jewish Women  
Saddleback section presents

**Friday October 8, 2021  
9:30, Clubhouse 5  
(in person meeting)**

## **Come and Hear**

Peg Corley, executive director will speak about the LGBTQ Center OC which advocates for individuals' rights and represents the policy and legislative interests of Orange County's LGBTQ community.



She will tell us more about the impactful work they are doing as well as provide some education around the culture and terminology of the LGBTQ community.

This year, the LGBTQ Center OC celebrates 50 years of fulfilling its mission. We will be collecting items for MOMS OC which is the region's largest non profit dedicated solely to newborn and pregnancy health. Ginny Frogel, Chair, is asking for infant and toddler size diapers which is in constant need.

Questions about the program: Lisa Michaels 949 472 1102

**Members Free**

**Guests \$3.00 donation**

**9:30 am wrapped cakes, coffee and conversation**

**10:00 am program**

For Laguna Woods residents and their guests only.  
PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED. (masks optional)

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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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I hope that this finds all of you well. Now that we are vaccinated we have a little more freedom in terms of social events. Last month we had our first live meeting. Our speaker Dana Ransons gave us an update from the ADL on Anti-Semitism. This as you know is a growing problem across the country and right here in Orange County. Attendees brought items for Friendship Shelter. Our October meeting will be a discussion about LGBTQ rights and provide new information. See Flyer.

***“Until every person has the power to make their own informed decisions about their body, sexuality, and future, our work is not over.”***

This is a quote for the NCJW website. We are all aware that the right to abortion is a major issue right now. Legislation in a number of states have either passed or will be passed restricting access to abortion. This is a time we must be there to make our voices heard.

An organization is only as strong as its leaders and members. If we want to grow and make a difference, we will need help! It is impossible to watch the news and not know that there are many issues of concern. Right now immigration is a major issue for this country. NCJW keeps current and finds ways to help in many areas.

Make this year the year that you help us to make a difference in our community. Read the bulletins put out by Barbara Landsman and be a volunteer by joining a committee. We help Friendship Shelter, Laura's House, South County Outreach, Meals on Wheels and SOS.

Confucius says, “The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.”

Let us find ways we can help women have a better life one small effort at a time.

**Advocacy**  
*by Linda Mendelsohn*

**Success!!!** We had our first in-person meeting and it was a definite success. Donna Ransons of the ADL brought us up to date on hate crimes, not only in the Jewish Community but in the black, Latinx and Asian communities. All have risen sharply, especially in the last four years. We, as a group, and as individuals, are doing what we can, especially with our letter writing campaign for Deborah Lipstadt to be the U. S. Ambassador to monitor and combat anti-Semitism.

Please join us next month when Peg Corley, Executive Director, will speak about the LGBTQ Center OC. It promises to be very informative. Many of us know members of this community but have not been able to keep up with the many permutations they have had. Come to understand the impactful work they are doing and learn more about the culture and terminology of the LGBTQ community.

Members were asked to bring toiletries and travel size items for Friendship House and so they did, by the bagful. Thank you to all who were able to contribute. Next month we will be collecting items for MOMS Orange County which is the region's largest nonprofit dedicated solely to newborn and pregnancy health. Ginny Froegel is the Chair and in consultation with MOMS is asking for infant and toddler size diapers which is a constant need. On their website their wish list also includes: Baby Wipes • Baby Care Items (shampoo, soap, combs, etc.) • Disinfecting Cleaners (sprays & wipes) • Developmental Toys • Infant & Toddler Books • Digital Thermometers. This is a partial list, you may go to their website [momsorangecounty.org](http://momsorangecounty.org) to see more.

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**Assistance League of Laguna Beach**  
*by Judy Levy*

In keeping with NCJW's mission of supporting women and children, NCJW Saddleback will now be supporting the Early Intervention Program sponsored by the Assistance League of Laguna Beach (ALLB). No other program in the nation offers early intervention for developmentally delayed infants prenatal to one year of age.

A professional staff of occupational and physical therapists, developmental teachers as well as behavioral health experts educate parents on how to exercise, stimulate, guide, play and care for their babies.

There is no cost for the participating families. Funding for this program is through proceeds from their ALLB Thrift Shop, grants and cash donations. Our NCJW chapter will be sending them a check for \$250.

# Israel Reports

by Diane Levin, Israel Affairs Chair

**International diplomats hosted for Rosh Hashanah** President Isaac Herzog hosted their first annual New Year reception for some 100 foreign diplomats stationed in Israel. President Herzog thanked the foreign diplomats for their work strengthening the ties of peace and friendship between Israel and their nations.

**Israel appreciates its Covid workers** Israel is distributing grants to every medical and health-system employee involved in treating COVID-19 patients. Each will receive a multi-use debit card containing NIS 1,000, distributed via hospitals and Israel's four Health Management Organizations.

**Letters to the Almighty tripled** Israel's postal service reports a three-fold increase in the number of letters it has received in 2021 addressed to the Kotel (Western Wall) in Jerusalem compared with last year. Rabbi of the Wall Shmuel Rabinovitch, placed hundreds of notes between the stones ahead of the Jewish New Year holiday.

**An Israeli synagogue in Washington** The Israeli delegation (PM, journalists, security staff etc.) visiting the US President, had to spend Shabbat at a hotel near the White House. Due to Covid regulations, they could not attend a synagogue in the city, so they created a "pop-up" Israeli synagogue in one of the hotel rooms.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/312582>

**"And sons shall return to their borders"** Services have restarted at the ancient Yemenite synagogue in the Yemenite Village (Kfar HaShiloachin) in Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood. Members of Israel's Yemenite community blew Yemenite shofars, as they did from the 1880s until the Jordanians expelled them in 1948.

<https://www.jns.org/old-yemenite-synagogue-in-kfar-hashiloach-hosts-special-selichot-event/>

**Israeli success at the Paralympics** Israeli swimmers won six golds at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Mark Malyar broke two world records, winning two golds and a bronze. Ami Dadaon won two golds and a silver. Iyad Shalabi is the first Arab Israeli medal winner (two golds). And Moran Samuel won silver at rowing.

**End of August events in Jerusalem** Those lucky to be able to walk the streets of Jerusalem would enjoy Docu.text, the annual documentary film festival, at the National Library; also, the International Puppet Festival, concerts at Kikar Safra, the Jerusalem Night Run, weddings, flowers and pomegranates.

<http://rjstreets.com/2021/08/22/the-end-of-august-in-jerusalem/>

**Jerusalem goes to the movies** After many postponements, the 38th annual international Jerusalem Film Festival took place from Aug 24th to Sep 4th. Over 200 films were shown, starting with "Where is Anne Frank" and included a free film every night showing in various Jerusalem open-air locations.

**Startups raised \$1 billion in August** Israeli startups raised \$1.05 billion in August, bringing the total to \$15.3 billion in the first eight months of 2021 – more than the record \$10 billion raised in the whole of 2020.

**Israel's first medicine & science museum** Technoda in Hadera is the first of its kind medicine and science museum in Israel and one of the biggest in the world. Its theme "Diving into the Human Body" includes 120 exhibits on anatomy, physiology, diagnosis and pathology, treatment and advanced technologies.

**Put yourself in the movie** Computer vision technology from Israel's D-ID has been used to promote the new movie "Reminiscence". Anyone can upload still photos of themselves, which are then animated and inserted into the movie trailer, for sharing with others. <https://www.israel21c.org/put-yourself-in-hugh-jackmans-new-film-reminiscence/>

**Free tech training for new immigrants** Jewish Agency-founded nonprofit academy, Israel Tech Challenge ([ITC.tech](https://www.itc.tech)) is partnering with the Aliya Ministry to offer fully subsidized Front-end Web Development and Data Analytics training that will grant eligible Olim (new immigrants) entry into Israel's lucrative high-tech industry.

**500 villages** Israeli NGO, non-government organization, Innovation: Africa has just reached the major milestone of bringing light and water to 500 villages. It has transformed the lives of nearly three million people across seven African countries.

**Israelis aiding the evacuation from Kabul** Israelis from the NGO Shai Foundation are working to extricate persecuted minorities, women activists, and others, from war-torn Afghanistan.

**First Bahraini ambassador to Israel arrives** Bahrain's first ambassador to Israel, Khaled Yousif al-Jalahma, arrived in Israel to take up his post. A statement carried by the state-run Bahrain News Agency touted al-Jalahma's arrival as "an important step in developing relations between the two countries and their people.

**Startup for those on the spectrum** Israel's Point.AI hires only high-functioning individuals on the autism spectrum to perform critical data annotation for the fast-growing Israeli AI industry. They are ideally suited to the tasks, with heightened senses, determination and the ability to see patterns and details.

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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](http://ncjw.org). The importance of the ACT (Action) button on the [ncjw.org](http://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.

#### S O S

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

#### MOMS Orange County

Chair: Ginny Frogel 858-220-4617