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Friday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. in Clubhouse 5

## Stand Up for Ukraine

A Community-Wide Response to the Needs of Ukrainian Refugees

We will be accepting donations for American Red Cross, HIAS, and UNICEF-Ukraine

**Emcee: Carol Moore, Mayor of Laguna Woods**

**Speakers:**

**Jackie Menter**, Director of OCJCR (Orange County Jewish Coalition for Refugees and consultant for HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). OCJCR helps to raise awareness and act on global refugee problems. HIAS works around the world protecting refugees who have been forced to flee their homelands

**Ross Chun**, Mayor of Aliso Viejo who also serves as the Director for the American Red Cross Southern California District.

**Yuri Dench**, A Ukrainian with family in both Russian and the Ukraine, he will discuss the devastation and suffering of the populations.

**Dot Leach**, Women Drivers Interfaith Group, a cadre of women dedicated to driving the issues for peace, diversity and inclusivity.

With questions about the program, contact Lynne Rosenstein at 562-773-5107.

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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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The weather is getting warmer and we are less restricted in terms of what we can do. This is an opportunity to get out and get involved.

We had a Game Day in February which was fun for all. People played Mah Jongg, Bridge, Scrabble, Canasta, etc. The lunch provided by Jolanda was really good. Carol Sandusky and the committee are to be thanked for a wonderful day. We also distributed Membership Rosters. Be sure to pick one up at the next meeting. If you missed it, your next opportunity for socializing is our annual Fashion Show put on by Macy's on Friday May 13. Julie Neilson is coordinating the event. If you would like to help, give her a call at 714-305-4795.

On April 13, there will be a joint meeting sponsored by NCJW, Reform Temple of Laguna Woods, ORT, Hadassah, Shalom Club and Friends of the OC Federation on how we can be of help to Ukraine. There will be many knowledgeable speakers who can answer your questions.

The state will be holding a meeting in the near future. They are concentrating on three state bills, Child Care AD 92, Homelessness AD 1816, and Abortion Services SB245. These three bills have been selected as lobbying priorities in Sacramento.

In May there will be a conference in Washington D.C. Let me know if you are interested in going or attending virtually.

On NCJW's website it says,

**“ Education + Advocacy + Community Service = Transformation”**

Let's together find ways that we can work on these goals!



# Laguna Woods Friends of Jewish Federation of Orange County

April 4, 2022  
Clubhouse Five  
7:00pm



## Laguna JaZz Band

An evening of lively music brought to you by an 18 piece orchestra including vocalists.

They have a huge repertoire of songs with their specialty of nostalgic standards.

We are a new club offering fresh programs that will be entertaining, social and educational. Our goal is to enhance Jewish Life in Laguna Woods.

**Coffee and dessert will be served during the evening**

Attendees will be asked to show proof of vaccination.

**RSVP: Harriet Schwartz**

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# Advocacy

by Linda Mendelsohn

## Your Advocacy Team at Work

We had an anonymous donor give us \$1,000, and we used that money to buy a much needed commercial washing machine for one of Laura's Closet's residences. Noemi Epstein, a new member, donated \$250. Neomi is a Meals on Wheels volunteer, so I contacted them for their needs. We were able to buy three boxes to transfer food to patrons, the boxes they had were 20 years old. A committee has been formed to look into our donations. Many of the organizations we were reaching had the same population with the same needs. We want to use our help with money and products where it will do the most good. If you have suggestions please email me at [landjca@gmail.com](mailto:landjca@gmail.com).

The tzedakah boxes are going to be back on our tables during meetings. Well, not exactly boxes, blue cups. Please, as you have done in the past, make donations. Just as in the past, we will donate the money to an organization at the end of the year. I have been told that in the past, this has amounted to nearly \$500. After the committee of donation distributions has come up with a list, we will designate where that money will be going and let you know.

Our Advocacy Committee will be visiting Senator Dave Minn's offices in Irvine during the year to discuss legislation that we would like him to support. Some of the bills will be chosen by the state committee on legislative action. I am part of the group that combs through the legislation that is coming up to choose which ones we will support. If you are interested in lobbying Senator Minn and whomever is our new state and local representative, please let me know.

**It takes less than 5 minutes** to make a difference and improve the lives of California's women, children, and families. When important legislation comes up for a vote, Barbara Landsman sends out Rapid Response Team Blasts, please take the time to respond. It is only through our joint activism that we show our elected officials what is important to us. **When we, with Stronger California and many other groups, work together, we have clout.**

*Let's use the power of numbers.*

# Israel Report

*by Diane Levin*

**The megillah of hope:** Watch the Jews of Dnirpo, Ukraine, broadcast their Purim reading of the Scroll of Esther. Then see volunteers from Israeli NGO Makom read a special megillah on their flight to the Ukraine border to set up an aid center for refugees. Finally, Ukrainian refugees in Jerusalem celebrate their first Purim in Israel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRqce6uSv2l&t=826s> <https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/324091>  
<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/324167>

**The world's largest collection of Esther scrolls:** As the nation marks the Jewish festival of Purim, Israel's National Library provided a rare glimpse of its huge collection of Megallot Esther – the scroll of Esther.

<https://www.jpost.com/judaism/article-701355>

**Trade between New Jersey and Israel has soared** during the pandemic. Exports to Israel increased by 41% to \$461 million. Imports rose to 1.9 million. New Jersey exports consumer products, medical supplies, and natural products to Israel. Imports include energy supplies and minerals.

Warming ties between Israel and Egypt have led to the expansion of **direct flights to Sharm el Sheikh** from Israel. A new route from Tel Aviv to the southern Sinai resort of Sharm el Sheikh will commence in April. It follows the recent meeting between the Israeli Prime Minister and Egyptian President.

**Fruitful visit by Canadian trade minister:** Mary Ng, Canada's Minister of International Trade, completed a three day visit to Israel. She had productive meetings with Israel's Economy and Industry Minister and its Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology. Discussions centered on building up trade and technology relations.

Lockheed Martin has launched three more MadaKids **science kindergartens in the Israeli northern city of Beit She'an**. There are now seven science-based kindergartens opened in Israel by the global aerospace giant.

**Israel's cyber women:** Israeli security researcher and industry analyst Keren Elazari founded Leading Cyber Ladies, a global movement of top women in cyber tech. Starting with thirty Israelis, it now numbers around 3,000 globally of which 1,000 are Israelis. Its goal is to increase the numbers and impact of women in cybersecurity.

A high-speed data cable is being laid under the Red Sea that will **connect (for the first time) Israel to Saudi Arabia**. Part of the France to India link, it promises to improve the speed and lower the cost of transmitting data between Europe and Asia and improve relations between former enemies.

**More scholarships for Ukrainian refugees:** Following the initiatives of Tel Aviv University and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Haifa University has launched a fund for 100 Ukrainians to receive scholarships, accommodations, and access to counseling.

**Benefits for Ukrainian refugees:** Israel will provide medical services to the thousands of Ukrainian refugees in Israel (and expected) but ineligible for immigration. They will also receive temporary housing, food assistance, social services, health insurance, enrollment in the education system, and more.

Russian- and Ukrainian-speaking **IDF soldiers will assist new immigrants** and refugees from Ukraine and Russia in the absorption process when arriving at Ben Gurion Airport. Some 8,000 refugees have arrived in Israel in the past two weeks, and thousands more are expected.

**Haredim aid Ukrainians:** Twelve haredi members of Israel's ZAKA rescue organization have been working in Lviv, providing food to all who need it and evacuating Jews to Israel. At their Israel IT building, refugees can sleep, shower, and take their kids to playrooms.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/with-haredi-volunteers-an-israeli-entrepreneur-28-rescues-jewish-refugees-in-lviv/>

**EI Al passengers bring aid for Ukrainians:** EI Al passengers flying from Tel Aviv to Bucharest acted as couriers, taking boxes containing items from medicine to baby food and diapers for delivery to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Romania. The flight also carried two doctors and two Russian-speaking nurses.

**Breaking the sound barrier:** The first Royal Air Maroc flight from Morocco to Israel landed in Tel Aviv last week. Its pilot, Karim Taiser, is also the founder of the Moroccan Symphonyat Orchestra and was in the Jewish state a week earlier for a unique performance by Jerusalem's East & West Orchestra in Timna Valley.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/culture/1647188615-israeli-conductor-moroccan-pilot-break-sound-barriers>

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/culture/article-693889>

**Druze woman connects Arabs and Jews:** Janan Faraj Falah was the first Israeli Druze woman to receive a PhD and the first non-Jew to receive the Jerusalem Unity Prize for contributions to Israel. She founded the Akko Women Vision Association, to advance the status of women and connect Arabs and Jews

**A breath test for any disease:** Israel's Breath of Health was featured on I24 News. Its trial at Israeli hospitals showed that it could replace the PCR test for COVID detection. Its blow test pattern analysis can be adapted to detect any pathogen – e.g., different cancers, Alzheimer's, or diabetes etc.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIpBD\\_5Hk\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIpBD_5Hk_U)

**Diagnostic blood test advances:** Israel's OncoHost has opened a new laboratory in North Carolina for its PROphet blood test to identify which cancer treatments are likely to work. Israeli Nobel Prize winner Aaron Ciechanover is an OncoHost's advisor. PROphet may also help autoimmune disease sufferers.

Israelis have again displayed a high sense of well-being. **Israel rose to ninth, in the annual UN-sponsored World Happiness index**, its highest-ever placing. It was twelfth in 2021 and fourteenth in 2020. The index also takes into account GDP, social support, personal freedom, and corruption levels.

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### ACT

Please take time to visit [ncjw.org](http://ncjw.org). The importance of the ACT (Action) button on the ncjw.org website cannot be stressed enough. When the orange rectangular box is clicked, you will be taken to “Take Action.” Scroll down to see 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 California Senate and House members. 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 U.S., our voices will be heard loud and clear.

### Tribute Cards

Tribute cards can be purchased through  
Rhona Ginsberg:  
460-226-5495, [rhonabridge@gmail.com](mailto:rhonabridge@gmail.com)

## 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 Joseph Mendelsohn 309-1564  
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: TBD  
Drivers needed for one and a half hours each month  
to deliver meals within Laguna Woods Village.

### SOS

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

### MOMS Orange County

Chair: Ginny Frogel 858-220-4617