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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Friends,

As I write my President's message to you, the weather is turning cooler and the leaves on the trees are turning red, yellow, and orange before they fall. We've voted and the constant candidate commercials have ended. Yard signs have come down and lawns are turning brown.

The holiday of Thanksgiving has passed and probably looked different at your house this year, with the Covid-19 virus ever present. It was hard tasting the turkey and trimmings on Zoom or FaceTime, but hopefully, next year families will be back together in person. Let's count our blessings that our families have stayed healthy and safe during this time.

Speaking of blessings, I attend monthly Zoom meetings with the national NCJW office and Section Presidents from around the country. I realize how blessed the St. Louis Section is with our ambitious and motivated volunteers and our dedicated staff. We haven't let this virus stop us in our tracks. Through the pandemic, we have reimagined our projects and events, starting with the Back to School! Store, Jean Stein Block Wife, Widow, Woman, Healing Hearts Bank, and the Couturier Sale, to name a few.

I hope you have been joining us each month for Coffee Talk with SnL presented by our Membership department. Besides a different engaging guest each month, it's great to see everyone on the Zoom screen, allowing us to stay in touch with our NCJW community. I am so very proud of this organization - its members, supporters, and staff who have a great partnership, as we continue to do our work helping women, children, and families.

Annual Campaign mailers and reminders have been sent to you. Your support is so critical, especially during the pandemic. If you are like me, waiting for the end of the year to complete your tax deduction it is not an issue this year. The CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act) passed into law in March 2020, allows you to deduct up to \$300 in cash donations even if you don't itemize your deductions. The limit on how much you can deduct this year has also been waived. This is a one-time opportunity to double your impact and make a donation to support all the great work we do fulfilling our mission while getting a tax deduction at the same time. Use the envelope in this bulletin to make your gift.

As 2020 is winding down and our 125th year becomes our 126th year, I want to recognize and thank our 125th Celebration Co-Chairs: Darien Arnstein, Nanci Bobrow, Lisa Gubernik, Marlene Hammerman, Marilyn Ratkin, and Past President Susan Katzman for all the planning and hard work that they have done. It's not over yet. Hopefully, all of our plans can be fulfilled in 2021.

In closing, I want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday season and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Hopefully, 2021 will bring a vaccine to curb Covid-19 and we will be meeting and greeting in person. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Gail Eisenkramer, President NCJWSTL
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AWARDS



STL JEWISH LIGHT ★ UNSUNG ★ HEROES

The Back to School! Store was recognized as one of the Jewish Light's Unsung Heroes for 2020. The honor is given to individuals and organizations that make a difference not only in the Jewish community, but the community at large. More than 20,000 elementary school children in the St. Louis area have been helped by the efforts of the Back to School! Store since its inception in 2001.

(Pictured Left) Students at SoulFisher Ministries receive their backpacks full of school supplies

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Keeping our members up-to-date on the details of NCJWSTL's core issues through our Advocacy in Action Virtual Lunch and Learn series is a top priority. Lunch and Learn programs will take place on Zoom on the third Thursday of each month from 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM. The link needed to attend will be provided upon sending your RSVP to Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org. There's no cost to attend.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL LUNCH & LEARN SESSIONS

DECEMBER 17
Early Childhood Care & Access

JANUARY 21
Human Trafficking

FEBRUARY 18
Opioid Epidemic

SIGN UP FOR *FIVE WAYS TO ADVOCATE* EMAILS



Do you want to stay up to date with what you can do to advocate on behalf of women, children, and families?

Sign up to receive our weekly *Five Ways to Advocate* newsletter to learn how you can take action with NCJWSTL. To receive *Five Ways to Advocate* in your inbox every Monday morning, email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call the office at 314.993.5181.

WINE & WISDOM VIRTUAL BOOK CLUB

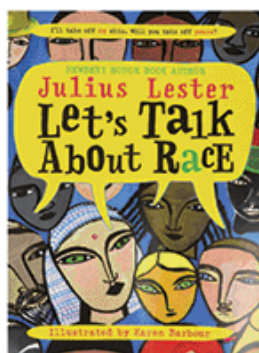
Come learn and socialize with other NCJWSTL members as we explore fiction and non-fiction books that delve into social justice topics.

So you want to talk about race

Ijeoma Oluo

Our next book is Ijeoma Oluo's "So You Want to Talk About Race." In this breakout book, Ijeoma Oluo explores the complex reality of today's racial landscape - from white privilege and police brutality to systemic discrimination. It offers straightforward clarity that readers need to continue contributing to the dismantling of the racial divide. Oluo offers a contemporary, accessible take on the racial landscape in America, addressing head-on issues such as privilege, police brutality, intersectionality, micro-aggressions, the Black Lives Matter movement, and the "N" word. Perfectly positioned to bridge the gap between people of color and white Americans struggling with race complexities, Oluo answers the questions readers don't dare ask and explains the concepts that continue to elude everyday Americans.

Oluo is an exceptional writer with a rare ability to be straightforward, funny, and effective in her coverage of sensitive, hyper-charged issues in America. Her messages are passionate but finely tuned, and crystalize ideas that would otherwise be vague by empowering them with aha-moment clarity.



We have also partnered with We Stories to read "Let's Talk About Race," by Julius Lester, a children's book illustrated by Karen Barbour. Julius Lester says, "I write because our lives are stories. If enough of those stories are told, then perhaps we will begin to see that our lives are the same story. The differences are merely in the details." Now Mr. Lester shares his own story as he explores what makes each of us special. Karen Barbour's dramatic, vibrant paintings speak to the heart of Lester's unique vision, truly a celebration of all of us.

We would love for you to join us via Zoom for an engaging conversation about these books on **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 11:30 AM**. For more information and to register, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

LEADERSHIP

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LEADERSHIP CLASS

"Great Leaders Don't Set Out to Be Leaders...They Set Out to Make a Difference." To empower women to make an even greater impact in the world, NCJWSTL is offering our 2021 Leadership Class. This eight-session program provides each participant with the opportunity to:

- Develop personal leadership skills for career and community impact
- Realize personal potential by identifying skills and priorities
- Better understand NCJW structure, opportunities, and regional impact
- Build lasting connections with a multi-generational network of like-minded women

The updated Zoom format makes it easy to participate from anywhere without concerns about traffic, weather, childcare, or even work-required travel. Sessions begin on the evening of **Wednesday, February 10, 2021** and meet bi-weekly thru **May 20, 2021** from **6:45 PM – 8:30 PM**, culminating with a combined graduation, section awards, and installation celebration on **May 27, 2021**.

Workshop topics include:

- Contemporary communications skills
- Personal leadership styles
- Effective advocacy for just & equitable policy positions
- Trauma-informed community interactions
- Coaching skills for cultivating new leaders
- Techniques to de-stress, re-charge, and focus
- Navigating difficult conversations
- NCJWSTL history, structure, and community service

The participation fee is \$54 and applications are open now at ncjwstl.org/leadership. Scholarships are also available. Applications due no later than **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**. Participants will be notified by **January 13, 2021**. This program is ideal for millennials, empty-nesters, recent retirees, and any woman who wants to make a difference in today's complex and challenging world. If that sounds like you or someone you know, please contact Nancy Litz, VP Leadership at 314.803.4445 or NNR@NancyNixRice.com for more information.

CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE – MAKES US ALL BETTER!

To be our best selves in an increasingly multi-cultural world – both individually and as an organization - the ability to create positive relationships across “dotted lines of difference” is essential. Racial identity is in the forefront of American life today and NCJWSTL members also encounter a range of additional identities:

- Age, educational level, financial status
- Gender, gender identity, sexual orientation
- Career, homemaker, retiree
- Political affiliation and degree of engagement
- Branches of Judaism, synagogue affiliation, Christian, Muslim, and more
- Citizenship, immigration status, country of origin
- And so many more

Dr. Amy Narishkin uses the term “cultural intelligence” to describe the skill of working comfortably, graciously, and effectively across all these supposed dividing lines. She recently conducted a four-session virtual training to help 45 NCJW leaders refine their skills in that area.

That skill development begins with acknowledging that differences exist and can be a positive addition to our lives. Dr. Narishkin uses the STOP formula as a guideline for behaving in any situation where differences can cause an initial sense of discomfort:



S – Slow down before talking or taking action

T – Take three deep breaths to calm and reassure yourself

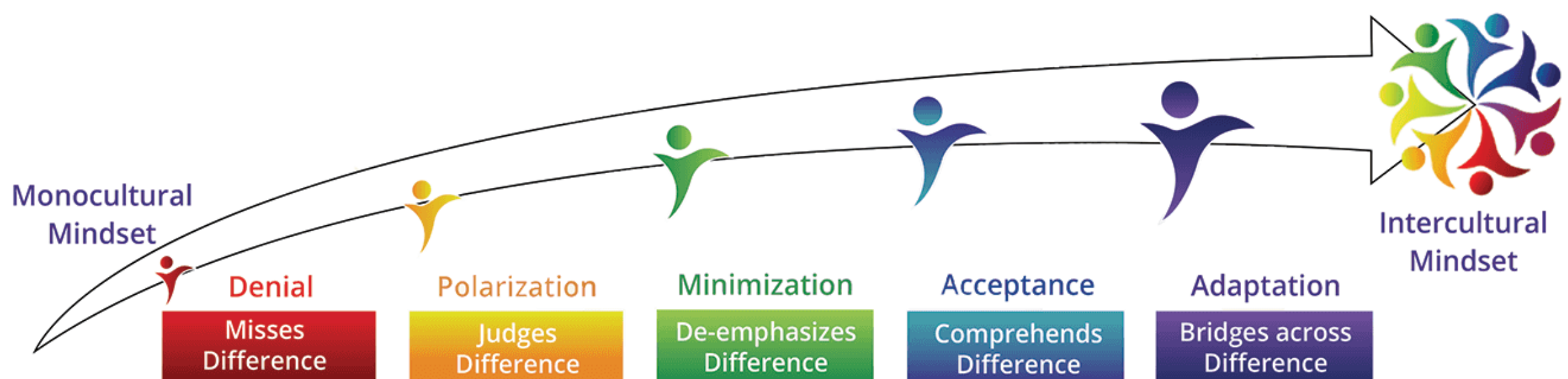
O – Observe your own reactions, the feelings of the other person, and the safety of the situation

P – Proceed with an attitude of curiosity and wonder

The acronym is easier to memorize than to put into practice so the workshop participants are meeting monthly in small groups to share their successes and challenges as they elevate their cultural intelligence. Thanks to our group facilitators Amy Hammerman, Susan Dertke Hendin, Julie Hundman, Mary Murphy, Karen Silverman, and Amanda Stein for continuing the work.

For more insights into developing your own Cultural Intelligence, visit Dr. Narishkin’s blog at EmpoweringPartners.com.

Intercultural Development Inventory®



NCJWSTL SECTION AWARDS

The St. Louis Section honors several individuals each year at our Installation event in May for outstanding commitment to NCJWSTL.

E-mail your submission by **February 25th, 2021** and include the candidate's name, address, and phone number; an explanation of why you are nominating the candidate; and your name and phone number. Submit your nomination to Marissa Rosen, Awards Committee Chair at marissabrosen@gmail.com or Heather Libhart, NCJWSTL Marketing Manager at hlibhart@ncjwstl.org. Pictured below are the 2020 Section Award Honorees.



**COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARD**
Steve Epstein



**FRITZI LAINOFF
ADVOCACY AWARD**
Marilen Pitler



**EMERGING
LEADER AWARD**
Melissa Forrester



**LEADERSHIP
AWARD**
Melissa Baris



**VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AWARD**
Alissa Arst

EMERGING LEADER AWARD

The Emerging Leader Award identifies and nurtures future Section leadership and is sanctioned by National. Recipient criteria:

- Has potential for assuming future Section leadership
- Understands and supports the NCJW purpose and programs
- Demonstrates commitment to the Section
- Currently serves on the Section board (for less than five years) or is currently chairing a committee or serving as an officer

RECIPIENTS

2009	Karen Silverman	2014	Jenny Abeles	2019	Amanda Stein
2010	Erin Guyer Schreiber	2015	Nancy Litz	2020	Melissa Forrester
2011	Andrea Newstead	2016	Lisa Gubernik		
2012	Jennifer Bernstein	2017	Amy Stone		
2013	Elizabeth Kruvand	2018	Allison Izsak		

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Community Service Award is given to one or more volunteers who have demonstrated the spirit of NCJWSTL on a particular project, through innovation and dedication

RECIPIENTS

2009	Karen Goodman	2013	Michelle Brooks & Karen Silverman	2018	Amy Gallant & Joyce Kolker
2010	Jenny Abeles & Peggy Pearline	2014	Eve Frank Bensky, Lori Goldberg, Sue Rundblad & Katie Berg Silversmith	2019	Sharon Barnholtz & Linda Yatkeman
2011	Elizabeth Kruvand	2015	Marvin & Muriel Beckerman	2020	Steve Epstein
2012	Ilene Ordower & Debi Feit	2016	Eleanor Rosenbaum		
		2017	Marilen Pitler & Dianna Fine		

LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Leadership Award is given to a member who has demonstrated long-term leadership and service to the Section

RECIPIENTS

2009	Darien Arnstein	2014	Jennifer Scissors & Amy Weiss	2019	Hillary Friedman
2010	Debi Feit	2015	Andrea Newstead	2020	Melissa Baris
2011	Sherri Goldman	2016	Gail Eisenkramer		
2012	Marilyn Ratkin	2017	Bonnie Solomon		
2013	Jill Gubin	2018	Amy Fenster Brown		

FRITZI LAINOFF ADVOCACY AWARD

The Fritzi Lainoff Advocacy Award is given to a member who has demonstrated a strong commitment to advocacy and raising awareness of NCJWSTL issues locally, regionally and nationally

RECIPIENTS

2009	Maxine Friedman	2013	Betty Kagan	2017	Nancy Litz
2010	Marilyn Ratkin	2014	Cynthia Albin	2018	Felice Joyce
2011	Jennifer Bernstein	2015	Rosalyn Borg	2019	Amy Hammerman
2012	Benita Boxerman	2016	Melissa Forrester	2020	Marilen Pitler

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Volunteer Service Award was created to honor outstanding volunteers who have given their time and talents to the Section

RECIPIENTS

2009	Susan Rich	2013	Clara Goldman	2017	Phyllis Langsdorf
2010	Carolyn Satz	2014	Reva Davis, Steve & Sherri Newstead	2018	Shirley Alper & Linda Mantle
2011	Leslie Waldbaum	2015	Helene Meisler	2019	Philip Deitch & David Lancaster
2012	Marsha Karney	2016	Judy Grosz	2020	Alissa Arst

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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NCJW
KIDSCOMMUNITYCLOSET

Kids Community Closet continues to support the children with our 27 closets, serving 31 schools, in seven districts throughout St. Louis City and County. The KCC Chairs, with the support of NCJWSTL staff, have set up a curbside delivery system to ensure our partners can continue to help those families with clothing needs while children are both back at school and receiving virtual instruction.

We received a note from Amanda Connelly, Principal at Iveland Elementary School in the Ritenour School District, stating, "Thank you so much for continuing to support the KCC at Iveland. Our families appreciate you so much. Knowing that when we have a child in need, there is a resource so readily available is such a comfort, so that we can spend more time attending to their academic needs."

Coat distribution to our closets began in October. If you are interested in being a closet liaison please contact our KCC Chairs, Diane Packman at love2mom2460@gmail.com or Michelle Brooks at michellebrooks@hotmail.com.

(Pictured Above) KCC Liaisons Harriet Kopolow and NJ Sterneck dropping off coats to Lucas Crossing Elamiddle School



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Despite having to end their last session virtually due to the pandemic, Wife Widow Woman chair Eleanor Rosenbaum and her board knew that as isolating as the pandemic can be, this program needed to continue to support widows in our community. They decided to have their next session start via Zoom. For participants who are unable to join via Zoom, they are arranging one-on-one check-ins. New sessions will be starting soon. For more information about the program, please contact Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.

NCJW **BACK TO SCHOOL! STORE**

After the success of the 2020 NCJWSTL Back to School! Store, the chairs and committee knew there were more needs to be met in our community.

The Back to School! Store donated 1,500 books to the St. Louis Public School Learning Centers. These learning centers were designed for students to have a safe place to engage in virtual learning while their parents or guardians are working. Our donation enabled each child at these centers to have books to read. An additional 150 books were donated to the students at Normandy's Jefferson Elamiddle so that each student can have two new books to take home. We also donated backpacks to the Hazelwood School District for their back-to-school event. Even with virtual learning, having a backpack is important as it can bring a sense of normalcy to kids.



We know 2021 is right around the corner! On October 15, 2020 the BTSS committee held their 2021 Kick-Off Meeting. The committee used this time to recap the 2020 store and explore different scenarios for the 2021 store with the goal of keeping everyone safe and ensuring that the children in our community are receiving the necessary supplies to be confident and successful in the coming school year. This year's BTSS committee is chaired by Alissa Arst, Chris Bomze, Judy Grosz, Sarah Beth Matt, Jennifer Scissors. If you are interested in joining the BTSS Steering committee please contact Marci Ranger at mranger@ncjwstl.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

NCJWSTL is a convener of the Back to School Collaborative (BTS). A brain child of Immediate Past President Susan Katzman, The BTS Collaborative brings together representatives from nonprofits, school districts, and funders to discuss how we can collectively meet the needs for school children throughout St. Louis City and County.

This group has been working during the pandemic in order to help children be successful in these new learning environments by creating a way for organizations and schools to share resources and identify needs.

(Top) NCJWSTL Community Service Director, Marci Ranger, drops off backpacks to Jazell Thomas for the Hazelwood School District (Bottom) Scarves knitted and donated by volunteers from Traditional Congregation and Naturally Occuring Retirement Communities (NORC) to be distributed to children through the Back to School! Store & Kids Community Closet

On October 11, 2020 Project Renewal hosted a shopping event for two area shelters - The Women's Safe House and Haven of Grace. The women of these shelters were able to safely enjoy an afternoon of shopping at The Resale Shop and received a goody bag filled with snacks, personal care items, and information on self-care. Thank you to The Resale Shop staff and volunteers for partnering with our Project Renewal Chairs, Joyce Kolker and Amy Gallant, to make this day a safe success for everyone.



(Above) Women from Haven of Grace who participated in Project Renewal



The Healing Hearts Bank Co-chairs and Leadership team is focusing their efforts on ways to energize bank partners through:

- An updated, online loan application and check list for borrowers that will provide a more efficient, thorough, and intuitive process
- Gift card incentives for borrowers who complete their loan repayments as scheduled
- Borrowing terms during Covid that include a 2.5% interest rate vs. the program's usual 5% interest rate

Healing Hearts Bank is also exploring a grant program specifically for women business owners being adversely effected by the Covid-19 crisis. We want to thank the Healing Hearts Bank Co-Chairs, Arlene Baer and Patti Teper, along with bankers Jane Charbonneau, Margie Gold, Marcia King, Gail Lapin, Andrea Lubersbane, Nina Needleman, Marilyn Ratkin, Dina Rinder, Helene Sherman, and Katie Silversmith for their continued efforts in fulfilling the mission of NCJWSTL to improve the lives of women, children, and families in our community.

DEVELOPMENT

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

MAKE AN IMPACT TODAY TO CHANGE TOMORROW!

Many thanks to those that have made their gift to our annual campaign. Your support helps NCJWSTL continue its community impact through our initiatives, programs, and advocating for women, children and families.

Your support is vital for the future of our community. Please donate today and together we can change tomorrow!

IN HONOR OF NCJWSTL'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY, GIFTS OF \$125 OR MORE WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL NCJWSTL MASK!



DID YOU KNOW YOUR GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE CARES ACT?

Did you know that the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) that was signed into law on March 27, 2020 now allows you to deduct up to \$300 in cash donations even if you don't itemize your deductions? The limit on how much you can deduct this year is also waived. For example, if you normally deduct contributions up to 50% of your adjusted gross income (AGI), you no longer have that maximum limit for 2020.

As a result, it's easier than ever to give and your support is crucial. **Take advantage of this one-time opportunity to double your impact – make a donation to support our work and get a tax deduction!** Your support is more important than ever during this pandemic: people have lost jobs, been furloughed, kids aren't in the classroom and families need the help that NCJWSTL provides.

We so appreciate your ongoing support so please make a gift today. Thank you so much!



MEMBERSHIP

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

NCJWSTL's Membership Engagement is getting revamped and we need your help! At NCJWSTL, there are many ways to get involved, stay connected to the community and causes as well as meet new people.

NCJWSTL's events have gone virtual and are happening more frequently. To make this initiative a success, we need your ideas, passion, time and talents. We are forming a Committee to lead and plan virtual events and membership engagement strategies for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Each member will help to plan at least one membership event and attend 2-4 membership engagement meetings throughout the year via Zoom.

It doesn't matter how long you've been a member, if you have experience on committees or not, we need your creativity and voice!



(Pictured Left to Right) Lisa Gubernik, Andrea Newstead, Erica Holliam, Amanda Stein, Gail Eisenkramer

To join the Membership Engagement Committee or if you have questions, please contact Lisa Gubernik at lgpodo@aol.com.

WE WELCOME THESE NEW LIFE MEMBERS

As of November 5, 2020

Amy Abramson, Batya Abramson Goldstein, Ellen Binder, Jessica Brown-Billhymer, Serralesa Ivener, Karen Karabell, Fran Kunitz, Cynthia Lloyd, Tiffany Marler, Rhonda Oberman, Mandy Rubenstein, Lori Tesser, Sherri Weintrop

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

As of November 5, 2020

Wendy Flusser, Judy Freeman, Hannah Green, Barbara Greenspoon, Elise Krug, Sarah Moore, Karen Schechter, Christine Schulze, Sarah Schwartz, Lauri Teagan, Lori Wishne

WE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS IN LOVING MEMORY

As of November 5, 2020

Sidonia "Dolly" Arnstein, Patricia Bry, Jane Eiseman, Debra Grodsky, Terry Hieken, Arline Kalishman, Esther Lyss-Greenstein, Barbara Shifrin

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

NCJWSTL wants to make sure that our members are getting the most out of their membership and ensure that everyone is able to engage and connect with our community.

Please take a moment to go online and answer our membership survey:
<http://bit.ly/NCJWMembershipSurvey>

(Pictured from left to right) Hillary Hinz, Amy Fenster Brown, and Marianne Chervitz



DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

COFFEE TALK WITH SnL

Grab your coffee or favorite morning beverage and join us for fun, interactive and ever-changing monthly coffee talks with Susan Katzman, Immediate Past President and Lisa Gubernik, Vice President of Membership

We will discuss important and pertinent issues and ideas that matter to you! Featuring top-secret guest speakers – you will not want to miss the opportunity to “see” these speakers. One of our past guests was Harry Friedman, former executive producer of Jeopardy! and Wheel of Fortune. This event is open to all NCJWSTL members, as well as anyone who would like to explore joining our organization. Coffee Talk will take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. For more information or to register, please contact Lauren Conroy at 314.993.5181 or lconroy@ncjwstl.org or visit our website at ncjwstl.org.



NCJWSTL presents

Coffee Talk with SnL

- Tuesday, December 22
- Tuesday, January 26
- Tuesday, February 23

VIRTUAL EVENT



HOLIDAY COOKIN' WITH NCJWSTL

DECEMBER 8, 2020

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Join the fun as special guests share their “top-secret” recipes: Jill Solomon, BBQ Brisket; Shirley Alper, Kasha & Shells; Nancy and Spencer Kessler with a surprise dessert! All attendees to this virtual event will be eligible to win a homemade Brisket made by Jill Solomon! Must be present to win.

To RSVP, visit ncjwstl.org or contact Lauren Conroy at lconroy@ncjwstl.org or 314.993.5181.

VIRTUAL EVENT



RELAXATION & MINDFULNESS

JANUARY 13, 2021

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

With 2020 in the rearview mirror, and our mind's-eye focused on the here and now, join us and special guests Dani Glassman and Jenny Hoffman Mentle in learning relaxation and calming techniques, breathing exercises, and how to set and keep one's intention. Kathy Ortvals will delight us with her powers of doodling, and you too can become a doodler. All participants in this virtual event will be eligible to win a relaxation gift basket! To RSVP, visit ncjwstl.org or contact Lauren Conroy at lconroy@ncjwstl.org or 314.993.5181.

VIRTUAL EVENT



NCJWSTL GAME NIGHT

FEBRUARY 16, 2021

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Can't make it to the Coffee Talks? Grab your drink of choice and join us for fun, games, and laughter as NCJWSTL hosts its first virtual game night on Zoom. What games will we be playing? You'll have to come play to find out! Oh, and one lucky player will win a Game Night gift basket with all the accoutrements you need to have fun playing games at home!

To RSVP, visit ncjwstl.org or contact Lauren Conroy at lconroy@ncjwstl.org or 314.993.5181.

VIRTUAL EVENT

The 125th Anniversary Celebration is chaired by:
Darien Arnstein, Nanci Bobrow, Lisa Gubernik, Marlene Hammerman and Marilyn Ratkin under the leadership of NCJWSTL President, Gail Eisenkramer and Immediate Past President, Susan Katzman

PARTNERS FOR OUR FUTURE

Imagine the St. Louis landscape without these programs founded by NCJWSTL...

- The Scholarship Foundation
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of St. Louis County
- Crown Center for Senior Living
- Legal Advocates for Abused Women

Inspired by our Jewish values, NCJWSTL has been improving the lives of women, children and families for 125 years. One hundred years ago starting a free milk program in the St. Louis Public Schools was vital to meet the needs of children; today, we are still challenged with meeting children's needs but also so much more: racial justice, domestic violence, human trafficking, anti-Semitic vitriol, loss of personal choice, gun violence and separating families at the border.

It's critical that NCJWSTL be around and strong for another 125 years. Our work has never been more urgent, and current issues bear this out even more. We have become a respected voice in the community, participating in and leading change. **Partners for Our Future** is our campaign, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, to create an Endowment Fund to ensure and expand NCJWSTL's financial capacity to sustain our work into the future. This Endowment Campaign will ensure that our legacy will continue far into the future. This endowment fund permanently restricts its donations in perpetuity and spins off four percent annually to provide long-term stability and financial viability.

At this time, we want to especially thank, and recognize, these initial generous donors (*listing is current as of October 21st*) who have already participated by making a commitment to the Partners for Our Future Campaign:

VISIONARY (\$125,000+)

Evelyn and Louis Cohen
Jane Goldberg**
Terry and Harvey Hieken **
Nancy and Ken Kranzberg
The Millstone Foundation
Bruce and Liz Shapiro*
Ruth and Alvin Siteman*
Carol and Michael Staenberg

TRENDSETTER (\$36,000 - \$53,000)

Darien and Stephen Arnstein*
Nanci and Jim Bobrow
Marlene and Harley Hammerman*

CHANGE AGENT (\$25,000 - \$35,000)

Gail and Charles Eisenkramer*
Susan Katzman*
Barbara and Michael Newmark
Sherri and Steve Newstead*
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WE INVITE YOU TO CONSIDER BECOMING A PARTNER FOR OUR FUTURE! THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS FOR YOUR ONE-TIME COMMITMENT:

- A one-time cash gift
- A multi-year commitment
- Join our Legacy Circle by making a designated gift to NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan

Or, you can combine any of these. This gift should not replace your dues contribution, your annual campaign or Hannah G. Solomon Society gift. It is a one-time gift to this Endowment Campaign, in honor of our 125th Anniversary, and we deeply appreciate and thank you for your support and consideration.

Please help us continue our commitment to the women, children and families of St. Louis as we have done since 1895. Be a part of keeping NCJWSTL strong!

Questions about the Partners for Our Future 125th Anniversary Endowment Campaign can be directed to Darien Arnstein at sdarnstein@sbcglobal.net or Jessa Glick at jglick@ncjwstl.org.

NCJW CELEBRATING WOMEN

On Tuesday, October 13, 2020 more than 300 guests attended the virtual Celebrating Women event to honor Senator Claire McCaskill with NCJWSTL's highest honor, the Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award.

The 2020 Celebrating Women event, part of the NCJWSTL 125th Anniversary Celebration, took place at the Missouri History Museum and prominently featured elements and imagery from their special exhibition: "Beyond the Ballot: St. Louis and Suffrage" commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment.

The program guest speakers included Fran Zamler and Dana Sandweiss, Celebrating Women Co-Chairs, Dr. Frances Levine, President and Chief Executive Officer at the Missouri Historical Society, Rev. Traci Blackmon, past Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award honoree, Nanci Bobrow, NCJWSTL 125th Anniversary Co-Chair, Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL President, Marlene Hammerman, past NCJWSTL President, and our 2020 Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award Honoree, Senator Claire McCaskill.

Senator McCaskill graciously accepted the award and shared some poignant and powerful remarks, leaving all who attended inspired to "get to work." A highlight of the evening was an intimate conversation with Senator McCaskill facilitated by NCJWSTL past president and 125th Co-Chair, Marlene Hammerman. A special thank you to the Celebrating Women Co-Chairs: Debra Matson, Dana Sandweiss, and Fran Zamler.



(Clockwise from top left) Senator Claire McCaskill & Marlene Hammerman, NCJWSTL Past President in front of the original "Zoom Wall"; Senator Claire McCaskill & Marlene Hammerman, NCJWSTL Past President; (L to R): Heather Libhart, NCJWSTL Marketing Manager-Section, Jessa Glick, NCJWSTL Director of Development & Marketing, Rev. Traci Blackmon, Dr. Frances Levine, President & CEO, Missouri Historical Museum; (L to R): Heather Libhart, NCJWSTL Marketing Manager - Section, Gail Eisenkramer, NCJWSTL President, Nanci Bobrow, NCJWSTL 125th Anniversary Co-Chair, Senator Claire McCaskill, Marci Ranger, Director of Community Service, Jessa Glick, Director of Development & Marketing, Marlene Hammerman, NCJWSTL Past President, Nanci Bobrow, NCJWSTL 125th Anniversary Co-Chair; Fran Zamler & Dana Sandweiss, Celebrating Women Co-Chairs; Nanci Bobrow, NCJWSTL 125th Anniversary Co-Chair during filming.



125TH STORIES: THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED

By Jan Abrams, Executive Director at Caring for Kids, Inc.

The Back To School! Store is one of the projects that I boast about to my Caring for Kids Board of Directors all year long. We are not comprised of many Jews, so I feel it is my mission to spread the word about the good work we as Jews do in our community.

My Board is always amazed at the numbers of kids we serve every year at the Back to School! Store --after all, each of them cares about kids more than I can tell you. They love that Caring For Kids can send kids through the Store, and they also love that my husband and I both volunteer each year. They like hearing about the kids we take shopping, what they like, and what they get to take home. The best, of course, is what our Caring for Kids kiddos get. These children all need so much and have so little.

One caseworker I remember in particular told me about the children on her caseload who were very excited to come to the Store. They wanted especially to get new winter coats. When I say NEW winter coats, I'm really just saying winter coats. These kids either walked to school or waited for the school bus, but had NO coats at all. What a wonderful gift for each of them to be able to receive a coat - ANY coat. This would mean these youngsters could wait in our cold St. Louis winters for the bus or walk to school in the snow, ice, and rain in a brand new coat. We often do not think of the lack of a basic need, but here is just that.

Caring for Kids helps fill urgent, basic needs as our mission, and the Store assists us with those in a very timely manner. The Back To School! Store means the world to these children. Thanks would never be enough.



125TH STORIES: THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED

By Brenda Smith, Owner of
A Little Something Sweet (Kakes)

Brenda decorated cakes for years, dreaming of how to make it her full-time career. She attended an entrepreneurial class at Better Family Life in order to learn the skills she would need to start her own bakery. Her instructors encouraged her to apply for a Healing Hearts Bank loan in order to buy a piece of equipment that would help her decorate cakes faster.

After paying off her loan, Brenda took the leap and quit her job as a school bus driver to focus on developing her business. She already had several contracts at local stores, and not long after making those connections, Brenda's business, A Little Something Sweet (Kakes), moved into a local bakery store. Today, Brenda's dream is a reality, and by paying back her loan she has helped other Healing Hearts Bank participants' dreams come true.

(Right) A note from Brenda to the Healing Hearts Bank Committee

9/20/14
To: Marilyn and
Healing Hearts Committee
I would like to thank
you all for such a great
investment in me a my future
to start a "Cake Shop"
A little Something Sweet
(Kakes)
I will be ever so thankful
and Grateful.
I purchase my cake photo
machine, and some cake supplies
I will get my laptop on Thursday
(9/20/14)
I'm very happy for this jump
start
Thanks so much
Brenda Smith
E Kakesforu



125TH STORIES: THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED

By Shirley Mosinger

In 1949 I was a volunteer; 20 years old, newly married and beginning my new life in St. Louis. On that day, I was babysitting with the preschoolers while their parents, Holocaust survivors, were learning English through the National Council of Jewish Women.

There was a little boy leaning over a coloring book trying to decide what color crayon to use on the animal picture. He was a toddler and was talking to me but he spoke no English. Unfortunately, I could not understand the European language he was speaking. I suggested a brown crayon to color the bear since most of the brighter colors were in use. This was my first experience with NCJW and the beginning of a long, rewarding relationship that is still treasured after 70 years.

I was vice president in 1979, and one of my duties included overseeing Council Shop which became The Resale Shop located on Lindbergh Boulevard. Council Shop was responsible for the annual Couturier sale which was - and still is - one of the most significant fundraisers for NCJW. The sale consists of the finest items that are donated, including: designer dresses, coats, suits, shoes, jewelry and more.

Betty Baron was the president at that time and Betty had boundless energy, an amazing creative spirit, and "can-do" attitude that could overcome obstacles. Betty asked friends at Brod Dugan Paint and Supply Company to donate paint for the store. She then contacted the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity at Washington University, and a dozen young painters - mostly novices - volunteered to come. The scholars-turned painters gained experience as they worked up and down the walls. When they finished, they had a few minutes of youthful exuberance and painted each other.

When moving day came, the driver came to me and said, "You know we charge by the pound. Do you want me to load those bowling balls in the truck?" I looked over at the stack, each weighing up to 16 pounds, and said "No I'll take care of those." I counted them all, 22, and loaded them into my car and took them home. I finally found a bowling alley that said they would give me two dollars each. I drove to the bowling alley in South Saint Louis, and every time I turned a corner 22 bowling balls roared as they went from side to side in the trunk together. I consider the day a success, \$44 for a good cause and I threw in the bags as an extra for the bowling alley owner. Council shop opened at the new location shortly after.

One of the things I am most proud of concerning NCJW, is that I introduced my dear friend Anna Lee Brown to NCJW early in our friendship. In 1961 she became the youngest person to serve as president and that record still holds. I cherish the wonderful friendships, treasure the memories, and I continue to support the work today.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

We would love to include your stories involving NCJWSTL in some special upcoming projects as we continue celebrating our 125th anniversary. Send your items and/or email your stories to hlibhart@ncjwstl.org or 295 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141. You can also call our office at 314.993.5181.



125TH STORIES: THE LIVES WE'VE TOUCHED

By Vivian Zwick

In 2013, I was extremely honored to receive the Hannah G. Solomon Founder's Award from NCJWSTL, which I grew up referring to as "Council," as many of my generation still do. Many of us followed in the footsteps of Hannah G Solomon, founder of NCJW, in recognizing the need for associations for Jewish women. I was turned down for membership in a sorority in the early 1930's as an entering student at Clayton High School, because I was Jewish. These were hard lessons.

I truly believe that volunteer service is a learned activity, and I believe we learn it from others. Just as Hannah learned from the example of her family, I learned it from my parents. My father was actively involved as an officer of United Hebrew and I remember my mother volunteering in what was called a "milk station" where bottles of milk and a cookie were sold to St. Louis school children for a nickel. I know this was an NCJWSTL sponsored program.

My story of volunteering begins like so many other stories. Most of my volunteer activity has been a result of requests by friends. As soon as I was married, the late Barbara Hirsch (a former Council president, and sister-in-law of the late Wilma Messing) said to me, "Vivian, now that you are married, you join the Council." How far we've come. No one would think to say that now, but before World War II few married women worked. My first Council job was as chairperson of the Council Shop on Easton Avenue (now Martin Luther King Drive). Council was the first St. Louis organization to open a resale store like this. After my volunteering at the Shop was over, I continued on as the NCJW financial secretary and a board member.

I want to encourage everyone to be a volunteer and contribute to the community. For me, besides NCJW, I have served in leadership roles with the Jewish Hospital Auxiliary, the Jewish Light, Reproductive Health Services and Planned Parenthood (PP). Unfortunately, when I had to give up driving, my volunteer work in counseling services at PP had to end. I miss it because after 40 years it had become a habit. I want people to know how rewarding volunteering is. I'm so appreciative of the opportunities I've had to be active in the community.

LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

Keep NCJWSTL Thriving

Planned giving can ensure that NCJWSTL will continue to receive your support in perpetuity and help us maintain our financial capacity and strength for the next 125 years!

Plan Ahead, Your Way

Please consider including NCJWSTL in your will or estate plan. It's a simple way to continue a lifetime of support for our mission. We can make it easy by providing language for you, your attorney and/or your estate planner. If you've already made a planned gift, be sure to let us know so we can add your name to our Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Jessa Glick, Director of Development & Marketing at 314.993.5181 or jglick@ncjwstl.org.



HAVE YOU MADE A LEGACY GIFT FOR NCJWSTL?

We're delighted to recognize and thank these individuals and families who are members of our Legacy Circle as of July 31, 2020: Darien and Stephen Arnstein, Drs. Nanci and James Bobrow, Michelle and Gary Brooks, Gail and Charles Eisenkramer, Marlene and Harley Hammerman, Terry and Harvey* Hieken, Betty Kagan, Karen Kalish, Susan Katzman, Lucy and J. David Levy, Sidney Martin, Sherri and Steve Newstead, Nancy Siteman, Ruth and Alvin Siteman, Bill Solomon*, Rochelle Weiss and Stephen Loeb (*of blessed memory)



COUTURIER RECAP

Couturier #56 will go down in history as "One-of-a-kind". While shopping looked different this year, NCJWSTL's commitment to raise funds that support women, children and families in our community did not waver.

On August 13 we introduced "Couturier Everyday", a new in-store section showcasing select designers. During this 10-week event, we rotated new designers into the section every two weeks. Shoppers enjoyed the opportunity to shop more frequently and avoid the crowds. This effort sold over 4,000 items, and served over 3,800 shoppers!



On October 22 we pivoted to a virtual event "Premier Online Shopping Event & Auction". This new event offered shoppers 50 Auction items, nearly 200 "Buy It Now" items and Three Chances to Win. More than 500 shoppers participated and this online shopping experience provided valuable insight into what shoppers may want to find on the upcoming launch of The Resale Shop's ecommerce site.



Despite the pandemic, we offered shoppers a way to shop Couturier from home, in-store or both! Thank you to our Couturier Co-Chairs: Faith Berger, Phyllis Langsdorf, Sheri Sherman, and the entire Couturier Committee of more than 30 volunteers! Proceeds from Couturier benefit women, children and families and we are grateful to the volunteers, shoppers, and staff that made this year's Couturier one for the books!

(Left) Shoppers lined up outside The Resale Shop on the first day of Couturier Everyday on August 13, 2020

THE RESALE SHOP IS GOING VIRTUAL!

The Resale Shop is launching an e-commerce website.

Why E-commerce?

The recent pandemic has accelerated online retail sales and more businesses are joining the e-commerce revolution. This impact is more than a shopping trend; but one that is here to stay, even after Covid-19. People have gotten comfortable with the convenience online shopping offers and the benefits of contactless payments, both of which are likely to cause a permanent shift towards digital purchases.



Consumers feel more comfortable shopping online and increasingly use mobile devices to shop. Younger generations have grown up surrounded by technology and are more likely to use their mobile devices to shop, in comparison to older generations to shop on-the-go.

Millennials are paving the way forward to greener consumerism habits, resale is becoming the new trendy way to shop. For every second-hand garment purchased, one less new one is produced. Resale shops keep clothing out of landfills therefore helping to preserve water and other natural resources.

Initially this e-commerce website will offer women's clothing, shoes, jewelry, and handbags. As we test and learn what our shoppers want to see, we expect to expand the product offerings. Online orders can be shipped directly to your home or available for contactless curbside pickup. We anticipate the e-commerce website going live in early 2021.

Stay tuned for your invitation to visit theresaleshop.org to explore a new way to shop and support the NCJWSTL mission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 8 Holiday Cookin' with NCJWSTL - Virtual Event
- 10 Hanukkah – Begins at sunset
- 11-19 Eight Days of Hanukkah Sale at The Resale Shop – Promo offer changes daily
- 14 Executive Team Meeting*
- 17 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Early Childhood Care & Access
- 18 Hanukkah - Ends at sunset
- 22 Coffee Talk with SnL
- 24 Christmas Eve – Office closes at 1:00 PM / The Resale Shop closed
- 25 Christmas Day – Office and The Resale Shop closed
- 26-31 Winter Break – Office closed
Year End Clearance Sale at The Resale Shop
- 31 The Resale Shop closes at 2:00 PM

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day – Office and The Resale Shop closed
- 4 NCJW office reopens
- 7 Wine & Wisdom Book Club - "So You Want to Talk About Race"
- 13 Relaxation & Mindfulness - Virtual Event
- 15-16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Sale at The Resale Shop – 25% off Storewide
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Office and The Resale Shop closed
- 21 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Human Trafficking
- 25 Board Meeting*
- 26 Coffee Talk with SnL
Virtual Human Trafficking Lobby Day

FEBRUARY

- 2 Groundhog Day Sale at The Resale Shop – 25% off Storewide
- 13 Heart Sale Drawing at The Resale Shop – Draw a Heart for discount
- 15 President's Day - Office and The Resale Shop closed
- 16 President's Day Sale at The Resale Shop – 25% off Store Wide
NCJWSTL Game Night: Zoom, Fun & Drinks
- 18 Advocacy in Action Lunch & Learn: Opioid Epidemic
- 22 Board Meeting*
- 23 Coffee Talk with SnL

**All meetings are virtual until further notice*

TRIBUTES

AUGUST 1, 2020 – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

Thank you to all of our tribute donors! The money raised through tributes is very important in helping us meet our goals and uphold our mission. Tributes are listed under the name of the person honored or remembered. Each tribute is keyed with the initials of the fund to which the contribution was made. The fund initials appear after the donor's name. Tributes received after the deadline for this bulletin will appear in the next issue.

As we come together to support one another in difficult times, we also celebrate each other's joys. You can honor and celebrate a special event in your or a loved one's life by making a tribute.

Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and personal wins - big or small - are all great ways to honor and celebrate those we love and are most proud of. You can set up a tribute charge account, and know that you only need to call the office to make your tribute! For more information on how to make a tribute, visit ncjwstl.org/donate/tributes or call the office at 314.993.5181.

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and visual artistry in publishing my mother Irene
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Barbara Greenspoon (SLL) ■

Steve Alper, in honor of a Speedy Recovery

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Darien Arnstein's Birthday

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the engagement of Elissa and Josh

Lise Bernstein (BTSS/KCC) ■

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Nancy Kalishman, in honor of her Special Birthday

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Susan Katzman, in honor of her receiving the Woman of Achievement Award, as well as, her two years as NCJWSTL President

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Susan Meltz, in honor of the marriage of her daughter Karyn to Chris

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granddaughter Sally's Bat Mitzvah

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Faith Williams, on the birth of her twin boys

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