

## SHARED LEGACIES: THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN JEWISH CIVIL RIGHTS ALLIANCE

More than 300 people watched this powerful, moving documentary about the commonality between the struggles by African-Americans and the Jewish people to fight for their civil rights and against prejudice and persecution in the United States.

There was a great alliance forged in the 60's between these two groups as the Jewish people in the United States felt a kinship with the struggles of African-Americans and were determined to stand with them against all odds.

Personal recollections and intensely moving stories from those who were there filled the viewer with a sense of pride and awe of their courage and perseverance.

Sponsored by 12 local organizations, including NCJW South Cook and NCJW Chicago North Shore, the discussion panel included: Dr. Janette C. Wilson (Rainbow PUSH Coalition), Chris Riehlmann (Open Communities), Sherry Frank (NCJW Atlanta), Rudy Garrett (Chicago Votes), and special guest Dr. Shari Rogers (Director and Writer of Shared Legacies).

Our own Nancy Burrows was the

fantastic moderator who presented a strong, perceptive program with intelligence and great skill.

Thank you to all the sponsors and the Shared Legacies committee members who made this event possible, plus everyone who watched the film and joined us for the discussion on Tuesday night, March 9th.

There will be a recording of the panel discussion available on the JCC Chicago YouTube page probably within the next week. The link will be made available at that time through an email blast.

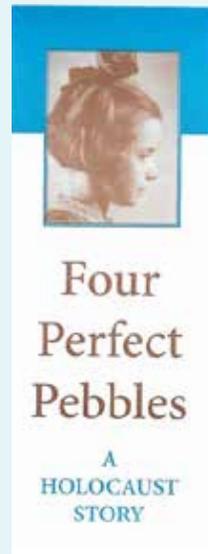
One of the main goals of this documentary is to once again forge an understanding and a bridge between these groups, which have unfortunately been lost in recent decades. This is a fight not just for one race or one minority but for all of us. We are so much stronger together!

Sharon Johnson



NCJW South Cook invites you to

**Join us on  
 April 21, 2021  
 7pm By Zoom  
 for...**



Marion Blumenthal Lazan, a Holocaust survivor and co-author of *Four Perfect Pebbles*, presents an evening discussing her award-winning book about her childhood under Hitler's rule. In it she conveys the lessons she has learned and the importance of going beyond

the facts, positivity to overcome adversity, and tolerance of others.

Registration details will be sent out closer to the date.  
 Questions? Contact *Debra Borodkin* at [dbbor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbbor@sbcglobal.net)

## ROE v. WADE 48TH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

On Wednesday, January 27th, South Cook Section welcomed Diana Parker, Executive Director of Midwest Access Coalition (MAC), into our homes via Zoom. Diana shared with us the wonderful work that MAC volunteers are doing in twelve Midwest states to help achieve reproductive justice for all women. Although abortion has been legal in all fifty states since January 1973, individual states have put up all sorts of unnecessary barriers to limit or make it almost impossible to obtain one. Women have to travel great distances and stay overnight to access this simple procedure. They have come to Illinois from as far away as Texas. MAC is women helping women to navigate these undue burdens with

transportation, lodging, food, childcare, emotional support, and other necessities that enable a woman to obtain the medical care to which she is entitled. We are lucky to be living in the state of Illinois, which has progressive regulations regarding abortion.

Please note that if you missed the original program, it has been recorded. Contact *Sharon Johnson* at (248) 770-0984 or [sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com](mailto:sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com) for the link.

*Debby Pebworth* and *Ellen Kaplan*  
 State Policy Advocates South Cook Section



## **“Being challenged in life is inevitable, being defeated is optional.”- Roger Crawford**

2020 was certainly a year of life altering challenges that have continued into 2021! Political upheaval, COVID-19, isolation, fear, prejudice, injustice, chaos. These are challenges that have existed in our world since mankind first appeared. It may seem new to us. It may seem unbelievable, but our parents and grandparents have faced these same obstacles and persevered.

In any discussion, I choose to be the optimistic voice. I have faith that for every step backward there will be two steps forward. I hear it whenever I talk to our NCJW officers and members. I see it when your generosity of spirit reaches out to those who are less fortunate.

At a time when it is so difficult to act, NCJW South Cook continues to act. Sometimes alone, sometimes in conjunction with so many of our partner organizations that are on the frontlines. I am proud of our accomplishments this past year and know there

will continue to be new challenges that must be faced. NCJW South Cook is ready to face those challenges. Our main priorities this year, but not our only ones, are gun violence protection; reproductive health, rights, and justice; voting rights; and racial justice. We will continue to address issues of domestic violence, immigration, and individual rights and freedoms whenever and wherever we find them.

I know we have made a difference in many lives. I hope we have made a difference in your life. Please think of NCJW South Cook as a lifeline that is there for you. As we celebrate our 100th anniversary, we will do our best to help with any obstacles you may face this coming year.

Thank you for your generosity, your courage, and your faith in us!

*Sharon E. Johnson,*  
President of NCJW South Cook Section

## **PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2021**

### **Can you believe it! NCJW South Cook Section is celebrating 100 years of service and advocacy to the South Suburbs!**

Soon, in the mail, you will receive the NCJW South Cook Section's **Personal Giving campaign request card**. This anniversary year, more than ever, please take a moment to reaffirm your commitment to NCJW South Cook, by returning a check in support of our many community service and advocacy programs.

These projects exemplify the Jewish values that our organization is based upon. Please give what is comfortable for your situation.

This is the only time during the year that we request funds that are not linked to a fund-raising event. 50% of funds raised during the year from events such as Garden Walk and Honey for the Holidays is provided by non-members.

Even with the restrictions of COVID and the cancellation of Garden Walk we were very pleased with the response to our variation of Honey for the Holidays. Thank you!

This special 100th anniversary year is your opportunity as a member to show your support and belief in the goals of NCJW South Cook Section so we can continue to grow and survive another 100 years!

As always, your support is greatly appreciated and used in a meaningful way.

If you do not receive a Personal Giving request mailing within the next few weeks, please contact Vicki Weiss at [dvha-weiss@att.net](mailto:dvha-weiss@att.net).

# Illinois State Policy Advocate Updates

## LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS



To improve the lives of women, children and families, NCJW South Cook Section will be advocating for the following legislation, which we would like to see passed this year:

### **Federal Bills**

**John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act-** will restore the full protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were decimated by the Supreme Court in the 2013 *Shelby County v. Holder*. It will address voter suppression laws that disproportionately prevent people of color, the elderly and youth from voting.

**For the People Act-** will make voting easier and more accessible, lower barriers to running for office by addressing the problem of money in politics, and require independent redistricting commissions.

**Women's Health Protection Act-** will protect the right to access abortion care by creating a safeguard against bans and medically unnecessary restrictions that apply to no similar care

**Each Women Act-** would eliminate abortion coverage bans in federal health insurance programs and prohibit local, state, and federal

political interference in the decisions of private insurers to offer abortion coverage

**Resolutions to remove the deadline for the ratifying of the ERA**

### **Illinois State Bills**

**Repeal of the Parental Notification of Abortion Act-** will eliminate the onerous appearance before a judge of minors who do not want to have a guardian notified of a pending abortion.

**BIO Bill (Block Illegal Ownership)-** closes gaping loopholes in the Illinois gun regulation system.

**Illinois Healthy Youth Act-** builds on current sexual health education standards in Illinois to include instruction that is culturally and linguistically appropriate and removes outdated and stigmatizing language.

**Voting-** makes permanent some of the regulations of the presidential election of 2020.

*Ellen Kaplan and Debby Pebworth*

NCJW South Cook Illinois State Policy Advocates

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## Illinois State Policy Committee

**The Illinois General Assembly is in session and so are we. We need your help!**

The Illinois General Assembly is back in session and NCJW is ready with our advocacy goals, including a number of bills we'd like to see passed. We need your help to make these goals a reality. Please watch for our weekly Take Action Tuesday email highlighting specific topics requiring urgent action such as signing a petition, contacting your legislators, signing a witness slip, or spreading the word.

This year we are focused on Reproductive Rights, Gun Violence Prevention, Voting Rights, and Racial Justice, while still keeping an eye on Immigration Rights, Federal Judiciary, Comprehensive Sex Education, Gender-based Violence, and Women's

Equality. Specific state bills we'd like to see passed are the Repeal of the Parental Notification of Abortion Act, The Fix the FOID (Firearm Owners Identification) Act, and the Illinois Healthy Youth Act.

NCJW state advocacy work is managed through the Illinois Policy Committee, comprised of advocates and interested members from both the Chicago North Shore and the South Cook sections. Meeting monthly (by zoom, of course) we coordinate NCJW advocacy efforts, plan outreach to legislators, facilitate responses to emerging issues, and learn from and support each other. If you're interested in any of the NCJW issues and want to get more involved, please join us! Contact Jill Lexier at [jill@ncjwcns.org](mailto:jill@ncjwcns.org)



**TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM AND TEMPLE BETH EL  
PRESENT NAOMI LESS CONTINUES**

**OPENING WAYS TO PRAY THROUGHOUT THE DAY**

Our traditional prayers are meant to nourish our souls and give expression to our deepest emotions. Barriers such as language and our own preconceived notions can get in the way of tapping into them in this way.

Join Naomi Less for a four session series geared towards unlocking this spiritual resource. In each session we will focus on a different prayer from a different time of the day.

Bring your curiosity, your critical mind and open heart, plus something to eat, drink and doodle with. We will use text, conversation, journaling, meditation and some LIGHT body work.

**Session 1 - Waking Up the Soul "Elohai Neshama" Wednesday March 3 7 PM**

**Session 2 - Afternoon Appreciation "Ashrei" Thursday March 11, 7 PM**

**Session 3 - Evening's Safe Return "Hashkiveinu" Wednesday March 17, 7 PM**

**Session 4 - Soulful Slumber "Bedtime Sh'ma" Wednesday March 24, 7 PM**

**Mark your calendar for each of the above sessions. We will send out reminders ahead of time.**

**The Zoom link will be provided a few days before each session.**

All sessions are free and open to the public. Brought to you in partnership with the Jewish United Fund in Serving our Community.

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**National Council of Jewish Women Incorporated  
Location: Homewood, IL**

Thank you for your consideration. One of our partner organizations recently received \$5000 from Amazon Smile purchases! Let's see if we can do the same!

*Sharon Johnson*



**NCJW South Cook Section wishes longtime NCJW member Alvina Shutan, a very happy 100th birthday!** Alvina joined NCJW when she and her family moved to Homewood in 1967 and the Section was known as Lincolnway.

According to her daughter *Lauren Sax*, also a long time NCJW member, Alvina is considered the "Eveready Bunny" and optimist of her family. Alvina is a very social and active senior who loves life and her family, and still maintains close contact with her friends. She has always been "on the go." While raising her three daughters, she volunteered her time with NCJW, the PTA, her synagogue Sisterhood, and Girl Scouts, among

other activities. Later, she took a part-time job in a ladies' dress shop when she was 60, and then, at age 70, she worked as a receptionist at a local retirement home for another 15 years. At age 95, she joined her older daughter in Boca Raton, Florida and moved into a nearby retirement community.



Now 100, Alvina still has a valid driver's license although she doesn't drive much. She takes each day as it comes. "Get up, get dressed and look ahead," she firmly states. Due to the pandemic, she celebrated her milestone birthday with a small family gathering. And to her, that was enough. As she says, "it can always be worse."

**Congratulations, Alvina!**

## Traveling Players in the Time of Pandemic

Traveling players has not been able to perform in person this year. But we have a technology angel in Mandy Sigale. She organized, directed and filmed a video of the performance we planned to do this year. It was a chilly, breezy day so she had her hands full with us. She produced a lovely video, which we sent to all of the schools that would be available to show as they chose. The feedback has been wonderful. They love it and were very grateful to have it. It's so nice that we can share it in times of change. We are all very eager to get our costumes

dusted off and re-learn our songs when we can get in front of our excited and smiling audiences. But the video was a gift for us as much as the schools. Special thank you to our talented and very patient director and videographer, Mandy Sigale. *Pat Arnold*



## Calling All Graduates!

Please send us your graduates' names with the type of graduation (ie. religious school, high school, college, etc.) to *Cathy Davis* at [kashazi@aol.com](mailto:kashazi@aol.com) or text or leave a message for her at (708) 372-8732. You can also leave a message on her landline at (708) 957-0086. We will publish their names in the bulletin and you will have an opportunity to make a donation to honor all of their accomplishments.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST!

In honor of South Cook's 100th anniversary, we are delving into our Section's rich and varied history. Check out South Cook's bulletin cover page from February 1996!





# Directory Updates

Please let *Debra Borodkin* know of updates to the Directory by emailing them to [dbbbor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dbbbor@sbcglobal.net) or calling her at (708) 798-8049. If you know of changes or additional information about other members we should put in the Directory, please tell Debra. If she's not home, please leave a message with your changes.

## Corrections/Updates:

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Marcie Stern - remove landline #

## SOUTH COOK MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW SECTION LIFE MEMBERS

Barbara Dutton  
Adele Meyer  
Ann Snedden



# Public Officials Address Changes

Please make the following changes in your NCJW Directory 2020-2021 for our Illinois Federal and State Representatives:

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## Prairie State Scholarship Awards

Once again, it is our pleasure to announce that three scholarships have been awarded to worthy applicants applying to Prairie State for help with furthering their educational pursuits. Two women have registered in the school's Nursing Program and one in the Dental Assistant Program. All applicants were reviewed in regard to their involvement in community service and helping to support their families. We wish them success in all their future endeavors!

Sincerely,  
*Mindy Miller and Lois Fine,*  
Co-chairs

# Friendship Notes

*Sheri Larks* is our Friendship Notes chair. She will send notes to members observing life cycle events for themselves or immediate family members, including spouses, parents, siblings, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Notes are sent for births and deaths, speedy recoveries, marriages and bar/bat mitzvahs. Please let Sheri know... Email her at sherbear1229@yahoo.com or call her at (708) 798-4992.

## CONGRATULATIONS/MAZEL TOV!

Marcia Gevers Bar Mitzvah of grandson  
 Isa Gloger Birth of grandson  
 Alvina Shutan Happy 100th Birthday!

## GET WELL SOON/SPEEDY RECOVERY

Nancy Aaronson Sister  
 Teri Gaby  
 Sue Gertz  
 Sue Kluger Husband  
 Alvina Shutan  
 Priscilla Sutker  
 Julia Ziev

## CONDOLENCES

Sheri Larks Stepfather-in-law  
 Vivian Zimmerman Mother in-law  
 Vivian Zimmerman Sister-in-law

We mourn the death of NCJW Member *Lenore Zeiger*. We extend our heartfelt condolences to her family. May her memory be a blessing.

# Book Clubs



## SOUTH SUBURBAN BOOK CLUB

South Suburban Book Club meets on the first Thursday of the month. Please join us on ZOOM (ID and password sent closer to date of meeting) at 8PM. Books are available at Flossmoor Library. For more information call Peggy Butler at (708) 799-3355 or e-mail annabellelake@gmail.com.

April 1 WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING by Delia Owens  
 May 6 THE WORLD THAT WE KNEW by Alice Hoffman  
 June 3 THE GREAT BELIEVERS by Rebecca Makkai  
 Peggy Butler

## CHICAGO BOOK CLUB

For information about joining the Chicago Book Club, please contact *Susan Nusbaum* at maestrasu@gmail.com. New members are always welcome! We've decided to Zoom monthly for the foreseeable future, with in-home meetings only if we all feel safe. Meetings will be the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm Chicago time.

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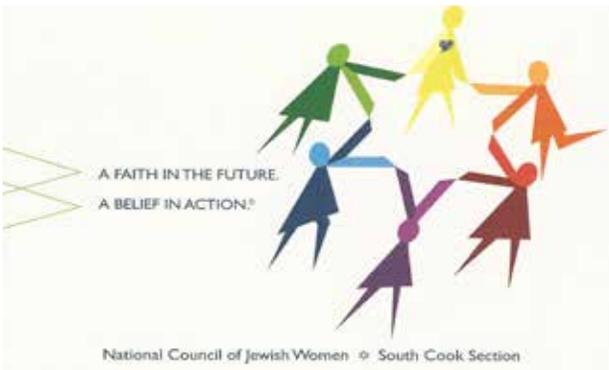
Dear Susan and Membership of NCJW-South Cook:

Thank you for your generous donation to benefit spring scholarship awards for the **Prairie State College Foundation**. Last fall the Foundation proudly awarded nearly \$60,000 in need-based scholarships to deserving students seeking a degree or certificate. Thank you for answering the call to our donors to help us keep up with the extraordinary need during these unprecedented times. I know there are many wonderful organizations and causes that you are asked to support—thank you for choosing to help the students of Prairie State College.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for not only providing financial assistance, but for giving our students the encouragement to pursue their dreams. Because of friends like you, student lives are being changed every day at Prairie State College.

Best regards,

Deborah Smith Havighorst  
 Executive Director, Institutional Advancement & Foundation



## TRIBUTES

Express your good wishes or condolences and support NCJW projects by purchasing NCJW Tribute cards. To purchase or send a tribute, please contact *Bonnie Mosbacher* at (708) 342-6275 or bmoos1121@yahoo.com.

All articles for the next bulletin should be emailed to **Beth Lichtenberg** at [bethlich5@gmail.com](mailto:bethlich5@gmail.com) by April 15th

**MARCH**

March 27-April 4 Passover  
 March 30 Executive Committee Meeting

**APRIL**

April 1 South Suburban Book Club  
 April 6 Board Meeting  
 April 21 Four Perfect Pebbles by Zoom  
 April 27 Executive Committee Meeting

**MAY**

May 4 Board Meeting  
 May 6 South Suburban Book Club  
 May 17-18 Shavuot  
 May 25 Executive Committee Meeting



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**SOUTH COOK ON FACEBOOK**

If you would like to post on South Cook's page, please contact *Sharon Johnson* at [sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com](mailto:sejohnsonncjw@yahoo.com).



**Hot Tix via MAIL** As our South Cook fiscal year comes to an end, we are offering Hot Tix through May 2021 at the reduced price of \$5 each! These Hot Tix would be eligible for the April and May 2021 drawings only. New Hot Tix

must be purchased for the October 2021-May 2022 drawings. These \$10 Hot Tix will be available July 1st 2021.

Members can purchase as many Hot Tix tickets as they would like by sending a request via **MAIL to Susie Goldberg at 1326 Hillview Road, Homewood, IL 60430**. We need the name and phone number of each ticket holder and payment at the time of ordering. **Please enclose your check payable to NCJW South Cook and write Hot Tix in the memo line.**

**Please enclose your address labels for the ticket stubs or hand-written labels if you want the tickets to have different names and phone numbers.**

**Tickets will be drawn monthly at our Zoom South Cook Board meetings.**

Remember, each month from October through May three winning tickets will be drawn for \$100, \$50 and \$25. Winning tickets go back in the pot for the next raffle. You have 24 chances to win each year, with eight drawings and three winners each time. Hot Tix make great gifts too. They are perfect when the occasion calls for "no gifts!"

January Winners	February Winners	March Winners
\$25 Flora Alderman	\$25 Fran Moeckler	\$25 Nancy Schneider
\$50 Stan Noskin	\$50 Elena Morone	\$50 Rebecca Moeckler
\$100 Sheryl Curtis	\$100 Jamie Benovic	\$100 Susie Goldberg

Please note correction for November Hot Tix Winners: \$50 winner was Priscilla Sutker.

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.

**Need information? Visit NCJW South Cook online at [www.ncjwsouthcook.org](http://www.ncjwsouthcook.org)**

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