

# BULLETIN

## MARICE HALPER... WITH LOVE AND THANKS.

**T**HE NEWS OF MARICE HALPER'S SUDDEN PASSING IN AUGUST OPENED THE floodgates of memories of a woman we knew as the heart of NCJW St. Paul Section. She impacted all of us with her creative energy. She was our cheerleader, brain trust, fundraiser and friend. She was often our leader, but more often, the one who pushed us into the forefront.



In 1960 Marice became president of NCJW St. Paul and provided the jump-start and direction we needed as America entered a turbulent era. She then became board member and vice-president of the NCJW national organization. By the 1980s Marice's reputation and experience had reached international heights and she became president of ICJW, International Council of Jewish Women.

Marice taught us how to create and execute an idea, and then delegate the responsibility. She actively mentored us which enabled our section to thrive under the leadership of exceptional women. To her tribute, her daughter, Wendy Rubin, became NCJW president in 1983 and her granddaughter, Jacy Rubin Grais will become our youngest president in Spring of 2007. How proud Marice would have been.

Marice could network like no other, which created powerful partnerships. NCJW women of the 1960s started a ground-breaking tutoring program at Gillette State Hospital, began the participant-as-volunteer program, Leisure League, at the St. Paul JCC, and started the fundraiser (and just-plain-fun) event, Country Store. During her presidency the St. Paul Board of Education asked NCJW to begin a new pilot project, Headstart...and history was made. And there was so much more. With the rising tide of civil unrest, immigration from Southeast Asia and drug abuse, NCJW began constant new initiatives through public policy and community service.

Marice would have been horrified that we were giving her the credit for all of this. She would have rattled off the names of our volunteers and presidents who really deserve all the credit. And, yes, we do all deserve the credit for the work, but Marice was the reason so many of us found our heart in NCJW.

To the end Marice remained an active and vital part of NCJW. We will miss her.

—The grateful volunteers of NCJW St. Paul

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dor L'Dor, generation to generation, is a phrase we use often within the context of our lives. Dor L'Dor is a phrase we use because, as Jews, we know that our present and future are tied deeply to the past.



Dor L'Dor embodies so many facets of my life: Judaism, family, parenting style (I thought it would never happen—but I have turned into my mother!), and now my NCJW presidency. Being a leader of a strong, well-known, highly-visible and respected group makes me appreciate that I am part of a continuum in St Paul. Women have been attracted to

NCJW over the years because NCJW affords people opportunities to improve the world, to perform tikkun olam. When there is a need, NCJW has the people, resources and pioneering spirit to find a creative solution. Often our work is built upon and expanded. Head Start, for example, now a national program, germinated in NCJW St Paul as the McKinley pre-school project. Teaching Tolerance—a program began by NCJW to promote peace, is now called Tolerance Minnesota (and has been adopted by the JCRC). Shalom Outreach Services, now called the Jewish Domestic Abuse Collaborative, addresses domestic abuse in the Jewish community. Resources for Childcare, began by NCJW members, just celebrated its 35th birthday and honored our section as its founder! NCJW looks for and welcomes new ideas. I am very excited about our newest NCJW community service project, Neighborhood Take Out (read the article for details). Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile project.

An organization's strength has many components, but none more important than the people who are passionate about the mission and willing to do the hard work that needs to be done in order to make programs successful. We have been fortunate to have truly inspiring leaders who have set NCJW on a path that has made us strong. No past leader has been more of an advocate, thinker and doer than Marice Halper. Her passing is a loss that is felt, not only in NCJW St Paul, but throughout the entire NCJW and ICJW community. NCJW is honored that her long time friends have put their thoughts about Marice in this bulletin.

As the president, one of my most important jobs is to find the next leader of NCJW. I am so pleased that Jacy Rubin Grais, daughter of Wendy Rubin (president '83-'85) and granddaughter of Marice Halper, will be the next president of NCJW, to be installed this spring. Now THAT is Dor L'Dor.

—Stephanie Brod Levine

## MARICE HALPER LEADERSHIP FUND

We wish to thank the following who chose to honor and continue Marice Halper's legacy by contributing to her very special leadership fund. Marice established this fund in 1996 as an endowment, with the annual interest used to train and develop NCJW St. Paul leaders. Since then numerous NCJW St. Paul women have attended stellar national events including NCJW National Conventions, Washington Institutes and Leadership Conferences. Through this fund NCJW St. Paul women will continue to serve Marice's beloved community.

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# NEW PROJECT

## NEIGHBORHOOD TAKE-OUT

**N** EIGHBORHOOD TAKE-OUT IS A collaborative project between NCJW St. Paul and Neighborhood House of St. Paul, a multicultural community center on the West Side, in the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center. The Neighborhood Take-Out program involves providing nutritious food to new immigrant families with young children, for consumption on weekends, when parents are busy caring for their children and working, and generally do not have the time or resources to prepare healthy meals, and when school-age children do not receive the benefit of subsidized meals.

Neighborhood Take-Out involves a symbiotic relationship in which NCJW provides funds and volunteers and Neighborhood House provides the space and relationship with parents, as well as the opportunity to access food at a reduced cost. The program will involve a regularly-scheduled event that will require approximately two to three volunteers for 1-2 hours on Fridays. One Friday per month, volunteers will also be involved in programmed activities with participants, such as nutrition education, cooking classes and tips, teaching key English grocery-shopping phrases, and discussion groups about making healthy choices, as well as less formal opportunities to interact and engage with participants.

The project is anticipated to begin this spring. Neighborhood Take-Out fits directly with NCJW's mission of providing direct support to women, children, and families. The program will enhance the quality of life of local children and families.

We are extremely excited about this new program and look forward to it being a huge success. There are many opportunities for involvement including volunteering, planning and grant writing. Please contact co-chairs Dede Smith at 651-450-1883 or [ded@stpaulplumbing.com](mailto:ded@stpaulplumbing.com) or Anna Brezman at 612-747-4126 or [abrezman@hotmail.com](mailto:abrezman@hotmail.com) for more information.

The Greater New Orleans Section is asking for New Orleans members to contact the office with their current address, phone and email.  
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## GOTM: READY TO GROOVE!

**W** E ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE a wonderful new partnership that promises to really move the award winning Girls On The Move/GOTM program. Out On A Limb Dance Company, a highly regarded educational and performance dance company located in St. Paul, has agreed to partner with us on the GOTM program. Through an incredibly generous supporter, Out On A Limb will be providing the movement element of the GOTM curriculum at no charge to NCJW.

The Out On A Limb mission is not only a compliment to our own NCJW mission, but exemplifies the foundation of their program and the synergy of the two programs into what will be an amazing experience for the participants, schools and NCJW;

- To provide a healthy, supportive, and creative atmosphere for young dancers.
- To offer a well-rounded dance program as well as professional performance opportunities.
- To foster the self-esteem that is crucial to developing resilient children.
- To bring the transforming experience of dance to at-risk and underserved youth by encouraging them to explore their unique abilities outside of the traditional classroom curriculum.

Once again EXPO Elementary School, St. Paul will proudly be featuring the GOTM program through their Theaters of Learning enrichment program beginning January 2007. We are thrilled to be returning to EXPO.

We continue to look for NCJW members who might be interested in further developing or facilitating the GOTM classroom sessions. For more information or to volunteer for Girls On The Move please contact GOTM Co-Chairs; Sandy Wolkowicz at [Sandyww@aol.com](mailto:Sandyww@aol.com), Deb Jopp at [DKjopp@msn.com](mailto:DKjopp@msn.com) or Tracey Agranoff at [twtbbe@juno.com](mailto:twtbbe@juno.com)

# HELP CELEBRATE THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAI

**T**HE AWARD WINNING CHILDREN'S Healing Arts Initiative (CHAI) is proud to be celebrating its 5th wonderful year and we would love for you to be a part of it. We are thrilled to announce the return of our phenomenal artist-facilitator Ta-Coumba Aiken. Ta-Coumba began this amazing journey with us and we could not be more delighted that he has chosen to join us during what we believe will be our final CHAI program with our terrific partners and supporters Gillette Childrens Specialty Healthcare and ArtStart.

This year's theme will be "Independence" which is represented by the Gillette Blue Bird icon. We could not think of a more fitting theme to conclude our program with these most talented patient artists and their families.



**This year's sessions will be held Sunday afternoons January 7, January 14, January 21 and January 28 from 1:30-3:00pm.**

This year's project will be a book project featuring artwork, poetry and stories created by the CHAI artists and their families. We are hoping to secure a benefactor/donor who

will take on the cost of printing/publication for distribution to CHAI 2007 participants, as well as allow us to be able to gift the books to ALL inpatient families when their children have been released (given their independence) from the hospital.

It should be a fabulous project and another great CHAI year. We look forward to having you join us for an afternoon (or two) of heartfelt fun, creativity, positive energy and awesome inspiration—you won't want to miss it!

To volunteer for a CHAI session or for more information on CHAI please contact Robin Taple at (651) 699-3368 or [getdesigned@msn.com](mailto:getdesigned@msn.com) or Tracey Agranoff at (651) 698-6596 or [twtbbe@juno.com](mailto:twtbbe@juno.com).

—CHAI Co-Chairs



## RAINBOW CONNECTION

Hopefully by now you have received in your mailbox St. Paul's Section annual fundraiser known as Rainbow Connection. The St. Paul Section needs your gift in order to continue its legacy of commitment to championing the needs of women, children and families. Please consider a special gift to ensure the continued success of our programs.

**Donations are tax deductible. Enjoy tax benefits by donating before the end of the year!**

## EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF HUNDREDS OF NCJW WOMEN IN ACTION

**E**VERY YEAR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Jewish Women hosts a national meeting to advance the goals of our organization. The meetings are planned on a triennial cycle beginning with Convention where we elect new national leaders and update our operating principles and resolutions. Next is Washington Institute, the spotlight of this article and third is Leadership Conference, which focuses on building and strengthening the skills of current and emerging leaders. All the events are wonderful and important, but truly Washington Institute is the crown jewel of NCJW.

Washington Institute, from March 18–20, 2007, is held at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC offering us the opportunity to hear from the top policy makers about current issues affecting our country. We will have face-to-face meetings with Senators Coleman and Klobuchar and our Congressional Representatives to express our views on issues important to us. We will hear from dynamic and inspiring speakers who have helped shape our world. And we will return to Minnesota inspired, enthused, informed, and empowered.

Participation in Washington Institute is open to all NCJW members and stipends are available. Registration information can be found at [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org) or from Judie Liszt, [judiel@comcast.net](mailto:judiel@comcast.net) (952-933-4656). If you like Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol, you will love Washington Institute!

## NCJW WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Jenny Benowitz, Heather Corndorf, Tammi Grais\*, Sari and Robin Lipschultz\*, Jodi Rubin\*, Julia Rubin\*, Michelle Schuleman

\* Life Member



## PLANNING JEWISH WOMEN'S MORNING AT THE CAPITOL

**J**EWISH WOMEN'S MORNING AT THE Capitol, NCJW's annual legislative day, will be held on February 13, 2007. The event, co-sponsored with Hadassah, brings Jewish women from across the Twin Cities to the State Capitol to learn about important issues facing our state and to meet with their state senator and representative. No experience is necessary, as all participants will be trained on speaking with their legislators and briefed on the issues. This year we have added a new component, an optional luncheon immediately following the program offering an opportunity to socialize and discuss this powerful experience. We encourage everyone to bring a friend and come for this worthwhile event.

### Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol

**February 13, 2007**

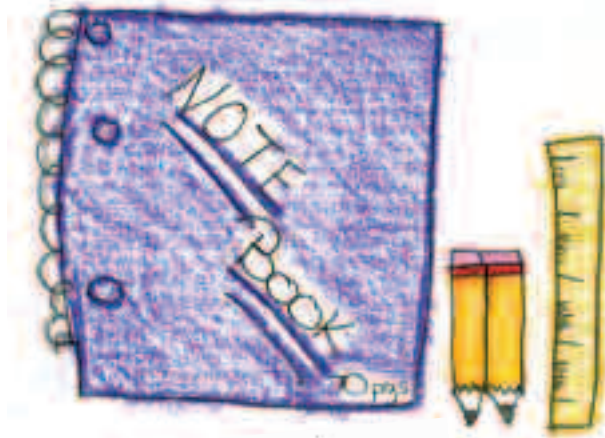
Any NCJW member interested in advocacy is encouraged to join the committee which meets quarterly. For more information contact Judie Liszt at [judiel@comcast.net](mailto:judiel@comcast.net) or 952-933-4656.

**ABOVE:** Members of the SPA committee met to plan upcoming events including the Voter Mobilization campaign, Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol, the Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* Reception, and promotion of Washington Institute. Pictured above are: Renee Popkin, Beth Silverwater, Lisa Liszt, Lori Weissman, and Judie Liszt.

**Learn about NCJW National and Israeli programs! Make a difference! Sign up to receive NCJW email Action Alerts at [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org).**

## STUFF FOR SCHOOL

Heartfelt thank yous a few of the nearly 16,000 St Paul public school children that recieved school supplies this year.



Dear 3M and the National Council of Jewish Women Thank you for all the school supplies. I hope I meet you some day.

Dear national Council of Jewish Women Thank you for the Crayons, notbooky markers and folders, I took them home and will use it to do my homework. Have a wonderful day.  
Kimberly



Sincerely,  
Dana Osborn

we  
love  
u guys!

## Tributes Summer 2006

Jacy Rubin Grais, in honor of your upcoming position of president of NCJW St. Paul.

From The Badzin Family, Fern, Jimmy, Tracee, Josh and Brooke

To Lynn Zamanksy and Family. With deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother.

Laurie and Lee Kamman

To Wendy Goodman and Family. With deepest sympathy on the loss of your husband.

Laurie and Lee Kamman

To Wendy Goodman. In memory of your husband Steve. Bobbie Edelstein and family

To Sharon Specktor and Family. We're deeply sorry for your loss.

Laurie, Lee and Matt Kamman

To Laurie Smith and Family. With deepest sympathy on the loss of your father.

Laurie, Lee and Matthew Kamman

To Laurie Smith and Family. In loving memory of your dad Bud and all his contributions to our community.

Marissa Onheiber and Jeff Sewald and Family

To Laurie Smith and Family. In Memory of your father, Bud Sweet.

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To Laurie Smith and family in memory of your father.

Bobbie Edelstein and family

In memory of Michael Glaser Marilyn and Leonard Horowitz

The Levine Family

To Joanie Binder. In honor of your special birthday. Bobbie Edelstein and family

To Sybil Lipschultz, get well soon. Bobbie Edelstein and family

Congratulations to Arielle Bear on your Graduation from High School.

The Levine Family

To Gretta Freeman and family in memory of your loving husband, Earl Freeman  
NCJW Board of Directors

Congratulations to Sandy Wolkowitz for being volunteer of the year!

Bobbie Edelstein and family

To Samantha Saltzman. In honor of your Bat Mitzvah. The Levine family

To Sarah Garr. In honor of your Bat Mitzvah. The Levine family

To Anne London—thank you for the board training. NCJW Board Members

To Marge and Irv Weiser—thank you for hosting the St. Paul Section evening for the Guthrie reception. Stephanie Levine

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This gift supports NCJW's efforts to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

SAVE THE DATE

- January 7, 14, 21, 28 CHAI Sessions 1:30–3:30 p.m.
- January 27 Israel Education Program 9–10:30 a.m. @ JCC
- February 13 Jewish Women's Morning at the Capitol
- March 18–20 Washington Institute



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