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Dear Rabbi Dan,

As we draw closer to the dates of the Central District Conference, I thought I'd send you some material to get your wheels started. The enclosed copy of NCJW's "National Resolutions" for the current biennium seemed appropriate.

The theme of the Conference is "We Have Promises to Keep" with a sub-theme of "Trends and Opportunities". The one program workshop which I have seen deals with Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Israel and Jewish Life. (see Table of Contents No.'s VII, VIII, and IX).

The local Bulletin announcing your speech is also enclosed. I'm told to remind you that your time frame is one hour, including introduction and question and answer period.

We are all looking forward to your talk and, in addition, to showing off The Temple and University Circle.

Roo Butler

Lois L. Butler

Vice Chair, Hospitality

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#### Personal Note:

Judy has accepted a position at George
Washington University teaching aesthetics and
philosophy of literature. She will also be
involved in public policy programs.

The job at Columbia was mired in politics.

They have cancelled the search. Sidorsky
was supportive, but non-participating.

Her book (dissertation reworked) to the be published this fall by Columbia Press is titled "Subjects of Desire - French Recption of Hegel". She'll be home for passover and will again try to get in touch.

Many thanks for the introduction and the helpful words to Dan.

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### 1985 - 1987

# National Council of Jewish Women

# national resolutions



# PRIORITIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

Education, advocacy and community service form NCJW's combined approach to its areas of concern. NCJW develops and implements programs which affect the lives of people of all ages, races and religious backgrounds. Although these Resolutions enable NCJW and its Sections to operate in many areas, a particular emphasis has been placed on these priorities:

Aging
Children and Youth
Constitutional Rights
Israel
Jewish Life
Women's Issues



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#### National Resolutions 1985-87 Preamble

The National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer organization whose program is inspired by the tenets of Judaism and by the history of our people. From its founding in 1893, its goals and purposes have embodied Jewish values and democratic principles.

The National Council of Jewish Women, the oldest major Jewish women's organization in the United States, expresses its commitment to advancing human welfare through the activities of volunteers engaged in a multi-faceted coordinated program of education, advocacy and service.

These Resolutions, adopted by the National Council of Jewish Women at its 36th National Convention in March, 1985, affirm the organization's position on domestic and international issues. They are based on the belief that voluntary citizen action is vital to the development of responsible social policy and effective public and private programs which serve human needs.

These Resolutions authorize action and provide direction for participation in local, state, national and international affairs.

PRINCIPLES: These Principles are fundamental beliefs of the National Council of Jewish Women. They are basic to and inherent in all specific Resolutions.

#### Principle 1

Individual liberties and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are keystones of a free society and must be protected against erosion.

#### Principle 2

Religious liberty and the separation of church and state are constitutional principles which must be preserved in a democratic society.

#### Principle 3

All public laws, benefits and programs, must be enacted, developed, administered, and provided without discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, marital status, sexual preference, or disability.

#### Principle 4

A democratic society must recognize its obligation to provide for the needs of those persons unable to provide for themselves.

#### Principle 5

Freedom from the threat of nuclear contamination, catastrophe and annihilation must be guaranteed to preserve and protect the highest quality of life.

#### Principle 6

A pluralistic democratic society is dependent upon the collective efforts of the public and private sectors and is strengthened by the commitment and contribution of volunteers and the non-profit sector.

#### Principle 7

Accountability of public officials, agencies, and institutions is essential and must be guaranteed by law, regulation and practice.

#### Principle 8

Funding for public agencies and public programs must be at a level which will enable those agencies and programs to fulfill their stated mission and purpose.

#### Principle 9

An informed and educated public is integral to the success of both public policy initiatives and programs designed to remedy social, economic and educational problems.

#### Principle 10

The development, growth and continuation of effective human service programs are dependent upon training, monitoring and evaluation.

#### I. Economic Policy

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that economic priorities should be directed to human needs. Policies and programs should develop our nation's full human and economic potential and promote growth and stability in our economy.

- 1. Employment policies which safeguard the dignity, rights, benefits, health and safety of all workers.
- 2. Laws which provide
  - a. A single minimum wage standard.
  - b. Protection of youth in the labor force.
  - c. The free exercise of the right to organize and bargain collectively.
- 3. Employment practices which provide for
  - a. Equal pay for work of comparable worth.b. Alternative patterns of work.

  - c. Recognition of the value of volunteer experience as a job qualification.
- 4. Laws and taxation policies which
  - a. Provide an equitable distribution of the tax burden based upon ability to pay.
  - b. Provide realistic deductions for dependent care.
  - c. Support quality child care options.
  - d. Provide incentives for increasing job opportunities in the private sector.
  - e. Assist in the rehabilitation of blighted communities with consideration for the needs of the present population.
  - f. Provide for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the nation's infrastructure.

  - g. Encourage charitable contributions.h. Provide incentives and recognize the value of volunteer service.
- 5. A financially stable and equitable social security system.
- 6. Laws which provide both spouses with an equitable vested interest in all insurance and retirement benefits earned, and a fair distribution of assets and property acquired during a marriage.

- Consumer laws and policies which protect the public against dangerous products and unfair, deceptive and fraudulent practices in the marketplace.
- Laws which require disclosure of foreign investments in the United States.

### II. Energy, Conservation and the Environment

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that protection of the world's resources and judicious use of its technologies are essential for the survival of humanity.

- A comprehensive energy policy which includes energy independence for the United States based on conservation efforts, research and development of safe energy sources.
- A moratorium on the construction of nuclear power plants until their safe use and the safe transportation and disposal of their wastes are assured.
- The protection of health and the environment through
  - Local, state, national and international standards which safeguard our natural resources.
  - Strict safety standards for all uses of nuclear and chemical technology with safe transportation and disposal of toxic materials.
- c. Expeditious cleanup of existing toxic waste sites.
- d. Safe, adequate and efficient mass transportation.
- The protection and restoration of the world's ecosystems.
- Approaches which address the problem of world overpopulation.

#### III. Foreign Policy

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that United States foreign policy should seek world peace by striving to achieve those conditions wherein human rights are assured and the world's people can live in dignity and freedom, free from hunger, disease and threats of annihilation.

We Therefore Resolve to Work for a United States Foreign Policy which:

- 1. Pursues every feasible alternative to military action as a means of resolving international disputes.
- 2. Promotes efforts to achieve an international verifiable freeze of nuclear armaments.
- 3. Seeks worldwide elimination of all testing, production, deployment, sale and use of chemical, biological, nuclear and advanced technological weapons on earth and in space.
- 4. Works for effective control of the sale of nuclear technology.
- Uses the full political, diplomatic and economic power of the United States to return the United Nations to its original purposes as delineated in its Charter.
- 6. Supports efforts to implement the 1978 Camp David accords.
- 7. Condemns all forms of terrorism and supports an international code of punishment for terrorists and for countries and individuals which aid and abet terrorists.
- 8. Supports the expansion of economic opportunities throughout the world and of economic assistance for developing nations which respect human rights.
- 9. Promotes worldwide trade by
  - a. A stable and responsible monetary policy.
  - b. International agreements for reciprocal reduction of tariffs.
- Takes legal action against companies and imposes sanctions against foreign countries which boycott on a discriminatory basis.

- 11. Secures protection of United States citizens and property abroad.
- 12. Promotes existing and additional international agreements to prevent the flow of illegal substances.
- 13. Continues efforts on behalf of those missing in action.
- 14. Promotes human rights and freedom throughout the world.
- 15. Opposes apartheid and seeks its elimination.

#### IV. Government Organization

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that government must respond to the needs of the people and, in so doing, must strictly adhere to the checks and balances provided in the Constitution.

- 1. Governmental processes which guarantee
  - a. Public access to all legislative proceedings except those which deal with national security.
  - b. Limitations on the authority of investigative committees and agencies, as related to their potential encroachment on civil liberties.
  - c. An independent judiciary.
- 2. Laws which require periodic review of the need for government programs, committees and agencies.
- 3. Effective and equitable civil service systems. Veterans' preference should be limited.
- 4. Free exercise of the franchise and fair representation for all citizens.
- 5. Financial disclosure requirements for candidates, appointed and elected officials, and lobbyists.
- Increased opportunities for and encouragement of women and minority persons to hold elected and appointed offices.

- 7. Campaign reforms which provide a fair opportunity to all who seek elected office.
- 8. Representation of the public's interest on governmental advisory and regulatory bodies.
- 9. The reduction of the inappropriate use of firearms and explosives by restrictions and regulations covering all aspects of their manufacture, sale and transfer.
- 10. A voluntary military service except in case of duly declared war, which offers equal opportunities and incentives for men and women to choose a military career.
- 11. Better coordination and cooperation among all levels of government.

#### V. Health and Human Services

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that a healthy community, sound family life and individual well-being are interdependent. Respect for human dignity, individual security and human needs is fundamental.

- 1. A level of income maintenance which will provide a minimum standard of living, while protecting the dignity and rights of the individual and the family.
- 2. Physical and mental health care which is available to all and emphasizes prevention and health maintenance.
- 3. Quality health insurance programs, utilizing the public and/or private sectors, that ensure comprehensive, affordable care for all.
- 4. Services which are accessible and responsive to the needs of individuals and families, including, but not limited to
  - a. Children in or subject to out-of-home placement.
  - b. Victims of abuse, domestic violence, exploitation, neglect, rape, sexual assault. c. The disabled.

- 5. Programs and humane laws which treat substance abuse and addiction as medical and social problems.
- Services which provide family planning and reproductive choice, regardless of age, while assuring confidentiality.
- 7. Family life education, under the aegis of the public schools and other community institutions and agencies, which includes helping individuals deal responsibly with their sexuality.
- 8. Quality, comprehensive child care services available to all.
- 9. Subsidized and affordable housing as a major community priority.
- 10. A continuum of services which meets the needs of all older people.
- 11. Measures which recognize smoking as a health hazard and limit smoking in public places.

#### VI. Immigration and Naturalization

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that the immigration of peoples from all over the world provided strength and diversity to the building of this country and continues to be vital in the development of American democracy and culture.

- 1. A humane and equitable immigration policy and laws which
  - a. Give consideration to refugees and asylees.
  - b. Deny admission to and support the denaturalization and deportation of persons who have committed crimes against humanity.
- 2. Effective resettlement programs, which include a federal program of aid to minimize the financial impact of refugees on local governments.
- 3. A one time amnesty, based upon residency requirements, for undocumented aliens, except those with a prior felonious criminal record.

- 4. Improved enforcement of laws to discourage illegal entry into the United States.
- 5. Stringent penalties against those who exploit or knowingly hire undocumented aliens.
- 6. Prevention of the establishment of a national identity card.
- Federal assistance for communities which provide court ordered services to undocumented aliens.

### VII. Individual Rights and Responsibilities

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that individual liberties and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are keystones of a free society. Inherent in these rights is our responsibility to protect them.

- 1. Enactment and enforcement of laws and regulations which protect civil rights and individual liberties.
- 2. The use of only the congressional method of proposing amendments to the Constitution, in order to avoid a constitutional convention.
- 3. A constitutional amendment guaranteeing that equality of rights shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex.
- 4. The protection of every woman's right to choose abortion, and elimination of obstacles that limit reproductive freedom.
- 5. The right of individuals to live wherever they choose.
- 6. Affirmative action programs which ensure equal opportunity for all.
- 7. The elimination of quota systems in both the public and private sectors.
- 8. The right to know and to have free access to public information.

- Adoption laws which make the medical and ethnic history available to the adopting parents at the time of adoption and to the adoptee upon reaching the age of majority.
- 10. Free access to one's personal records except for adoption records sealed by court order.
- 11. Prevention of the invasion or disclosure of personal records without the individual's consent.
- 12. Laws which assure that non-citizens receive due process.
- 13. Laws which protect the individual's right to die with dignity.
- 14. Protection of the right to privacy in sexual relations between consenting adults.
- 15. The right of parents in consultation with medical personnel, and without governmental interference, to make informed decisions regarding life sustaining treatment for their severely handicapped newborn child.

#### VIII. Israel WRHS

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that the survival and security of the State of Israel are central to the Jewish people and vital to the interests of the United States. It believes we have a special concern and responsibility for the welfare of the sovereign State of Israel which serves as an example of democracy, freedom and social progress in the Middle East.

- 1. Diplomatic, economic and military assistance to Israel by the United States.
- 2. United State's support of Israel's efforts to
  - a. Establish a just and permanent peace.b. Establish secure and defensible borders.
  - Continue as an independent Jewish nation with an undivided Jerusalem recognized as its capital.
- 3. The social, educational, economic and cultural development of the State of Israel.

4. Informational and educational programs in the United States which

a. Create a better understanding of Israel.

- b. Promote exchange programs, in all disciplines and technologies, between the United States and Israel.
- 5. Continuation of the interpretation of Israel's Law of Return as it has existed since the founding of the State.

#### IX. Jewish Life

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that Judaism bequeaths to every Jew a rich legacy of ethical and religious values, a cultural heritage and a strong sense of individual, family and community responsibility. Transmitting this legacy through education and implementing its principles strengthens Jewish identity, the Jewish community and our commitment to Jews throughout the world.

We Therefore Endorse and Resolve to Work for:

1. Jewish community support of

- a. Quality Jewish education by encouraging and supporting the lifelong study of Jewish religion, history, culture, and contemporary issues.
- Programs for Jewish individuals and families in need of services.
- 2. Strengthening the Jewish identity of youth through educational programs in the community and on the college campus.
- 3. The study of the Holocaust as part of the regular curriculum in all schools.
- 4. The acceptance and participation of women in all phases of Jewish life.
- 5. Rabbinic reinterpretation which will eliminate inequities experienced by women under Jewish Law.
- 6. The elimination of anti-Semitism.
- 7. The attainment of religious and cultural freedom and the human rights of Jews wherever they are denied or abridged.

#### X. Legal System and Justice

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that a free, secure and ordered society depends upon just laws and their equitable enforcement. Violation of the law should result in appropriate and expeditious action with proper regard for the protection of constitutional rights.

- 1. The provision of legal services for those who need them.
- 2. Measures which aid victims of crimes and which encourage restitution by the criminal.
- 3. The removal of victimless crimes from the jurisdiction of criminal court.
- 4. A consistent approach to sentencing which takes into account the severity of the crime and past records.
- 5. The abolition of capital punishment.
- 6. A penal system designed to improve the ability of prisoners to function in society upon their release.
- 7. Laws which give victims of domestic violence the right to bring criminal charges against their aggressors.
- 8. Laws that treat sexual assault, including rape and marital rape, as a violent crime and assure privileged communication between victim and counselor.
- 9. A system of justice for children which provides for due process and takes into account their special needs and vulnerability by
  - a. Providing a separate juvenile/family court.
  - Removing status offenders from the jurisdiction of the courts and by providing alternative services.
  - c. Limiting waiver to adult criminal courts to the most intractible cases of sixteen and seventeen year olds alleged to have committed the most serious felonies.
  - d. Taking into account their records and the severity of their crimes when determining the sentence which should not exceed that meted out to adults for the same crime.

e. Requiring detention and incarceration in facilities separate from adults.

f. Protecting their right to live in a permanent home, free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

- g. Working for the prevention of child kidnappings and abductions and support of the national network for recovery of these victims.
- Reciprocal, uniform state laws relating to marriage, divorce, adoption, child custody and spousal and child support.

#### XI. Public Education

The National Council of Jewish Women believes that a strong system of public education is essential to American democracy. Inherent in the concept of public education is a strong belief in and strict adherence to the separation of church and state. Access to quality education is a fundamental right for all individuals.

- 1. Appropriation of public funds for public education only.
- 2. School financing based on equitable distribution of public funds.
- 3. Continuous improvement of educational programs and personnel to meet the needs of a diverse student population.
- 4. The competency of teachers and administrative personnel as a criterion for initial and continuing employment.
- 5. Academic freedom which is essential to education.
- 6. Prevention and elimination of censorship of textbooks and library materials.
- 7. Measures to avoid stereotyping and other biases in all programs and materials.
- 8. Integration in the public schools of both pupils and personnel.

- 9. Scholarship and loan programs for post secondary education and training.
- 10. Measures and programs which protect the health and safety of all students and school personnel.
- 11. Programs which provide subsidized food services for students in need.
- 12. Elimination of corporal punishment in the school system.



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#### **Principles**

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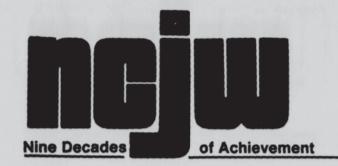
George Washington University is a first-rate institution. I am delighted that Judy is settled there. Obviously, her record commends her to the best. My congratulations.

I look forward to seeing you on the second of April, if not before.

Sincerely,

Daniel Jeremy Silver

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December 30, 1985

Rabbi Daniel Silver The Temple 26000 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, Ohio 44122

Dear Rabbi Dan;

National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section will be the hostess section to our Central District Conference on April 1-3, 1986 at Stouffer Inn on the Square.

On Wednesday, April 2nd we will be having a luncheon and meeting at The Temple on 105th Street. There will be approximately 250 participants attending from several states and an additional 75-100 from our local membership.

Since one of our National Priorities is 'Jewish Life', our committee agreed unanimously that you would be the most appropriate person to be our guest speaker. It would be a privilege for our participants to hear you. Luncheon is scheduled for 1:00 PM and we would like you to join us. The time period set aside for the speaker is from 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM. Would it be possible to allow some time for audience participation?

A copy of our National Resolutions is enclosed. The 'Jewish Life' priority is on Page 11. One of our workshops will deal with the issue of infringements of human rights and the conflicts and choices in advocacy and action in the context of Jewish collective wisdom.

We would appreciate your response and topic by Wednesday, January 8, 1986 so we can move forward with our plans.

Sincerely,

Lynn Schmelzer

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January 2, 1986 Ms. Lyn Schmelzer Ms. Margaret Gottlieb National Council of Jewish Women 3535 Lee Road Cleveland, Ohio 44120 Dear Lynn and Sis: Thank you for your kind invitation to speak to your group on April 2. I will be happy to do so. The one problem is that I do not have any idea of what I want to talk about and probably will not have a topic in mind until much later in the spring. I like to deal with what is fresh and at the top of my mind. If it is alright, I will accept the date and I guarantee that before I get up on the 2nd of April I will have worked out a topic which should be of interest. With all good wishes for the new year, I remaibp Sincerely, Daniel Jeremy Silver DJS:mp

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## Cleveland:



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, CLEVELAND SECTION Invites You To The CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE April 1-3, at Stouffer Inn on the Square

# DISTRICT



Cleveland Section is delighted to be hostess to the Central District Conference in April at Stouffer Inn on the Square. We look forward to spending the time together with all the participants who will be here, to share experiences and learn about our many NCJW goals and projects.

For all of our members in Cleveland, you will be provided a rare opportunity to hear outstanding speakers and participate in the many fine workshops. We will come away with a better understanding of the multi-faceted work

of NCJW.

An exciting agenda has been planned for the Conference with many "promises to keep" and to help build on the success of all past conventions. You will be provided an opportunity to make new NCJW friends, to renew acquaintances with leadership from our Central District and to learn from each other.

Our excellent Cleveland Section planning committee has been hard at work for several months to insure that

all of the participants will feel the warmth of our hospitality.

Cleveland Section members are encouraged to attend all or part of the Conference to gain further insight into our fine national organization.

We look forward to seeing you — Cleveland Section members and out-of-town participants at Stouffer Inn on the Square, April 1-3.

Margaret "Sis" Gottlieb President, Cleveland Section



"Cleveland — A Kaleidoscope of Cultures", is the theme selected by the Central District Conference Cabinet. We hope it will conjure up marvelous images of our diversified and exciting community. Our guests, representatives from the 11 states of the NCJW Central District, will begin arriving March 31st at Stouffer Inn on the Square for four days of intense training, special programs and district business. Even though their schedule is jam packed, we feel we could not let our visitors leave without seeing some of the highlights of which we are all so proud. We are offering a driving tour or a Cleveland Museum of Art Gallery Showing Tuesday morning and an off-site program, luncheon and bus tour Wednesday afternoon. We especially encourage you to attend the Wednesday luncheon session at The Temple, University Circle at Silver Park with **Rabbi Daniel Silver** as guest speaker.

We last hosted a District Conference in 1972 and in reviewing the former hostess section committee roster, we found many of the same women still as actively involved. This speaks so well for the Cleveland Section and its stature in our community. The conference cabinet, composed of some 40 highly committed women, has been working vigorously since last summer under vice-chairwomen **Alice Band** and **Lois Butler**, to create and execute an exceptional conference. Please try to take advantage of the unique programs and do not forget to invite your

husband.

A highlight for us will be the gala opening night dinner and address Tuesday by National NCJW President, Barbara Mandel, a past President

of the Cleveland Section. How very proud we are of her as President of a major Jewish women's organization.

There will be many NCJW celebrities who will be anxious to greet you along with **Barbara Mandel**, including National Vice President, **Lenore Feldman**, Peninsula Section; Central District President, **Mona Kerstine**, Cincinnati; **Lynn Schmelzer**, Cleveland, Central District Vice President in charge of the Conference; **Vivian Mitchel**, Chicago, NCJW National Field Representative, and all the Central District officers and board.

NCJW Cleveland Section volunteers will be staffing the Boutique (you may wish to view the unusual merchandise assembled for sale), office, registration, hostessing, baking, and decorating. We urge your attendance and participation. As Hostess Section Charirwoman, it will be my pleasure to welcome you to this Conference.

Barbara Sobel Chairwoman, Hostess Section Conference



Welcome to the 1986 Central District Conference. On behalf of the entire Conference Planning Committee and the District Board, I extend greetings to each of you. We hope that the next two and one-half days will be a valuable experience and that you will discover many new ideas to translate into action when you return home. The biennial meeting of Central District always is an exciting time to meet old friends, make new ones, exchange ideas and to enhance our leadership and volunteer skills. This year we anticipate adding a new dimension to our meeting as we pilot the innovative Conference format.

It is a special treat to be holding our Conference in Cleveland. Barbara Sobel, the Hostess Committee, as well as Sis Gottlieb and the Section Board have worked enthusiastically to provide the ideal setting for our meeting.

We thank them most sincerely for their wonderful hospitality.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support and assistance I have received during the two years of my presidency from **Lynn Schmelzer** and **Judy Ravine**, the vice-presidents, and from the entire District Board. A special salute and thanks to **Vivian Mitchel**, our terrific National Field Representative. It is indeed a privilege to have served as President of Central District.

I look forward to working productively with you during the next two and one-half days and hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities to learn, share, communicate and enjoy.

Mona Kerstine, President NCJW, Central District



"We have Promises to Keep" is the overall NCJW theme for 5 District Conventions. In Central District (11 states), we are keeping our promises with an innovative Conference pilot plan.

We are keeping our promises by responding to several past requests...offering a kaleidoscope of indepth trainings, informative programs, and thought-provoking speakers. NCJW and Central District continue to respond to the needs of today's women and to our communities.

It has been an exhilarating experience for me to work closely with National volunteer leadership and staff, Central District volunteer leadership and especially Cleveland Sections volunteer leadership, too numerous to mention every name. Each and every person has held an important role to assure our success. My personal thanks for allowing me the opportunity to experience the many facets of planning and implimenting the needs of multifaceted women in a multifaceted NCIW.

Lynn Schmelzer Vice President, Central District

#### CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1986

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM Registration

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM BUFFET LUNCHEON

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Opening Conference

3:15 PM - 5:15 PM NATIONAL PROGRAM

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM Hostess Section Reception

7:30 PM OPENING DINNER

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** 

Barbara Mandel, President, NCJW



#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1986

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Jazzercize

9:00 AM - 7:30 PM Registration

8:30 AM - 9:15 AM BUSINESS PLENARY

9:30 AM - Noon Workshops - Training

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Box Luncheon at The Temple

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM PROGRAM:

SPEAKER: Rabbi Daniel Silver

The Temple, University Circle and

Silver Park

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Special Interest

Workshops - Training

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM DINNER

PRESENTATION: Terry Bond, Director

NCJW Center for the Child

DISTRICT PROGRAM

SPEAKER: Judith Widdicombe,

"It's Our Turn; Strategies For The

Pro-Choice Community"



#### THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1986

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Jazzercize

8:00 AM - Noon Registration

8:45 AM - 11:15 AM Skills Development Workshops

NOON CLOSING LUNCHEON

INSTALLATION: Lenore Feldman



Barbara Mandel. NCJW's National President began her involvement with NCJW over 3 decades ago. A past President of Cleveland Section and National Recording Secretary, she was National Vice President from 1979-83 and served on the Board and Executive Committee. Mrs. Mandel is a Governor of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Ben Gurion University. In 1985, she was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.



Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver has spent more than 30 years at The Temple where he first worked with and then succeeded his father, the famous Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver. In addition to being an Adjunct Professor of Religion at Case Western Reserve University, Rabbi Silver was a Visiting Scholar at Oxford Center for Post Graduate Hebrew Studies.



Judith Widdicomb is a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis and holds a B.A. in Sociology from Webster College. She is President and founder of Reproductive Health Services, a non-profit organization at which NCJW volunteers counsel women with troubled pregnancies. Ms. Widdicomb is also a founder and ex-President of the National Abortion Federation.



Lenore Feldman, Vice President of NCJW, is a past President of Peninsula Section and currently Vice-Chairwoman of the NCJW National Executive Committee. She also sits on the Executive Committee of the National Jewish Community Relations Council (NJCRAC). Mrs. Feldman will be leading workshops and conducting training sessions at the 1986 Central District Conference.





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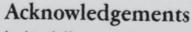
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**BIG SISTERS** serve as tutors and friends at Bellefaire, a nationally known multi-service children's center providing treatment intervention/educational services for children and adolescents. They also serve as teachers' aides at Jewish Day Nursery.

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CLEVELAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM volunteers serve in a multi-sensory environment where children learn by doing.

CLEVELAND SCHOOLS ENRICHMENT PROJECT provides resource personnel to George Washington Carver Elementary School.

CLEVELAND SHALOM welcomes Jewish newcomers to Cleveland.

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COUNCIL LUNCHTIMERS provide hospitality in a family setting for discharged mental patients.

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JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS assist in Sunday programs for senior adults.

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER AIDS befriend isolated clients.

**JEWISH TRANSPORTATION SERVICE** provides transportation to doctors' appointments for the elderly and handicapped.

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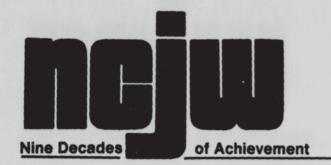
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Rabbi Daniel J. Silver The Temple University Circle and Silver Park Cleveland, OH 44106

Dear Rabbi Silver:

National Council of Jewish Women, Cleveland Section is extremely proud of our visit to The Temple during the Central District Conference. Many of the participants expressed deep appreciation for the opportunity of having you address them. Not only was the subject thought provoking but the history of The Temple and its environs was exceedingly enlightening.

We thank you so much for taking the time to help us make this Conference one of exceptional quality.

Sincerely,

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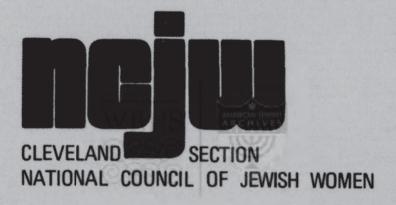
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