

**A CENTURY OF
LOVING-KINDNESS**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
OF AUSTRALIA
NEW SOUTH WALES**

CENTENARY TIMELINE

1923 - 2023

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PREFACE

For a century National Council of Jewish Women of Australia NSW has worked to make a positive difference to the lives of others.

The vision of our founder, Dr Fanny Reading MBE, was to establish a women's organisation as an active force within the Jewish community. The organisation was to place its emphasis on service and advocacy in the Jewish and wider Australian community, concentrating on issues that concern 'common humanity'.

At the inaugural meeting in 1923 the goals – service to our religion, to our people and to the country in which we live – were promulgated, along with a pledge to work for Eretz Israel, while also providing a social network for Jewish women.

Throughout our research we have been continually impressed and inspired by our members' commitment and achievements. From one hundred years ago until today Council women have advocated, initiated, set up and maintained projects to help and support others. We thank every Council member who has contributed her skills and gifted her time to our organisation.

NCJWA NSW's work continues to empower and improve lives, in this way paying homage to Founder Dr Fanny Reading MBE and the century of women who have become NCJWA NSW members.

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CJW, NCJW and NCJWA badges worn by members 1923 - 2023

1920s



Dr Fanny Reading meeting with Madame Bella Pevsner of JNF USA. June 1923

A HISTORY OF NCJWA NSW

1923

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

JUNE. Madame Bella Pevsner of The Jewish National Fund USA visits Sydney.

Curiosity compelled me to meet and hear what to me was the first woman Jewish Zionist lecturer. She was a highly gifted and emotional speaker, and possessed magnetic charm and imaginative vision. She had come here in the interests of the Jewish National Fund.

Before her visit in 1923, there existed no organized Zionist band of women in Australia, and Madame Pevsner, prevailed on Mrs. Morris Symonds and myself to form an organization of Jewish women to work for Palestine, and as a result we formed the CJW, giving a solemn pledge to Madame Pevsner that such an organization would always work for Eretz Israel.

Dr Fanny Reading

JULY 8. The Inaugural General Meeting of The Council of Jewish Women founded by Dr Fanny Reading

In Dr Fanny Reading's words: we promulgated the aims of our organisation: service to our religion, to our people and to the country in which we live.

A movement in which (our) women and girls could meet, discuss and attempt to solve (our) many problems.

So much could be accomplished if (our) women organised themselves to work together.

Within the year CJW NSW had 377 members.

Immigrant Welfare Committee was established

Simcha Torah Ball was held.

EZRA Association formed a relationship with CJW from 1923

The early Council meetings were held in foundation member's homes and the Maccabean Hall (now the site of the Sydney Jewish Museum). Later Council premises were in the city.



Members c1930. Front: Dora Abramovitch, M Cohen Dr F Reading, Gladys Slutzkin.
Back: I Goldenberg, J Levy, B Stone, J Rosenfeld, R. Kornfield,

REMEMBER COUNCIL MONDAY

הסתדרות נשים עבריות

Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales

President:

Dr. Fanny Reading.

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. H. Cohen.

Mrs. J. Rosenfeld.

Hon. Secretaries:

Mrs. N. Simmons.

Miss D. Abramovich, B.A.

Hon. Treasurers:

Mrs. V. Cornfield.

Mrs. J. Samuels.

Editor of "Bulletin":

Miss D. Abramovich, B.A., 4

Ethne Avenue, Randwick.



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September, 1926.

THE COUNCIL BULLETIN

The General Meeting of Members will be held on

Monday, September 6th, 1926,

at 8 p.m.

(Maccleson Hall)

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend.

Gentlemen welcome at 9 p.m.

PROGRAMME

1. General Business.
2. Lecture—"The Significance of the Coming Festivals."
Mrs. A. Rothfield.
3. Supper.

1924

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

The EZRA Association in Palestine founded by Mr. and Mrs. L. Slutzkin.

CJW raised £100 to help pay for a district nurse in Palestine.

1925

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

Dr Fanny Reading attended the **International Council of Jewish Women** Convention in Washington: The Council of Jewish Women of NSW became an affiliate of ICJW.

Her international tour motivated her to set up many programs for the developing Council of Jewish Women.

Whilst in Palestine Dr Fanny Reading perceived an urgent need. On her return to Australia she formulated a plan to reconstruct a maternity ward at Misgav Ladach Hospital and endow 10 beds, hoping to help 100 women each year. The hospital was situated in the slum areas of the Old City where 2000 mothers were registered.

Council of Jewish Women began conducting English classes for new immigrants to Australia.

1926

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

SEPTEMBER. **First issue of The COUNCIL BULLETIN.** There were to be twelve issues each year. Founding editor was Dora Abramovitch B. A. who continued in this role until National Council headquarters moved to Melbourne in 1967

Goals of the organisation:

The Council of Jewish Women was founded in order to bring Jewish women to a loftier consciousness of the meaning of public spiritedness. The Editorial - First Council Bulletin, 6 September 1926

The Council's aims are Educational, Social and Philanthropical. President's message, First Council Bulletin 1926.

Here in Sydney the Council of Jewish Women proposes to establish The Council of Jewish Juniors.



An early Queen competition

1926 continued

Funds set up for Local Needs:

Council House Fund

Council endows bed at Crown St Hospital, donating 30 pounds per annum for its upkeep

Happy Day Fund

Cancer Research and Treatment Fund

Funds set up for International Needs:

Ukraine Fund

Self Denial Fund to aid Jews in Poland

Opening of Infant Welfare Centre, Vaad Ha-Kehilah, Tel Aviv, by Rabbi of Yemenite Community, partly funded by CJW.

Sydney Infant Welfare Centre in Tel Aviv.

Local Activities:

Meeting boats and helping immigrants pass through Customs and with their luggage and be taken to a place of shelter.

Hospital visiting.

Maintaining Girls group.

English classes for new immigrants, organised by Dora Abramovitch.

1927

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

The Council of Jewish Women acquired a valuable City property in Francis Street.

The purchase money for the Council House was £3500, £200 is in hand or promised.

Dr Fanny Reading urged donations be made to the Council House Fund perhaps by becoming a Life Governor (£25) or assisting at the Eastern Garden Fete. £3000 needed to be raised by March 1927.

First Queen Competition held (later run by JNF)

Eastern Garden Fete held in aid of Palestine maternity and Council House work.

Objective £3000.

Sydney Town Hall, March 8,9,10 1927

March 8 - Official Opening with The Eastern Ball.

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. Mostyn, performed the opening ceremony at the Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8 at 3 p.m.

The Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales is affiliated to the National Council of Women of New South Wales.



THE WORK OF THE YEMENITE INFANT WELFARE CENTRE (TEL-AVIV). Supported by the Jewish Women of Sydney.



COUNCIL BED AT CROWN STREET HOSPITAL.

A bed at Crown Street Hospital, Sydney endowed by CJW 1926

1927 continued

Council Shabbat instituted and held for the first time at The Great Synagogue. Many thanks are due to the management of the Great Synagogue for extending the courtesy of the pulpit for a talk on Women's activities. Rabbi Cohen spoke especially on the effect of women's work in Judaism as well as its spiritual, educational, and philanthropic... Dr Fanny Reading stated that in future Council Shabbat is to be the sabbath before Purim (Shabbat Zachor).

Hospital Committee.

The Hospital Committee do splendid work, visiting both private and public hospitals. Two members of this Committee take it in turns to visit each hospital every week, bringing to each Jewish patient some delicacy to cheer jaded appetites. ...unanimously resolved that the Hospital Committee give £15 towards the endowing of the bed in the Crown Street Hospital, with the hope that in the coming year the Girl's Committee could raise the sum of £100 to endow a bed in the Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem.

The Council represents over 600 women, thus forming one of the largest women's organisations in Australia.

A beginning will be made to establish our Maternity ward in the Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem.

Establishment of The Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) the basis of a voluntary title:

I hereby promise to contribute to the Keren Hayesod the sum of to be paid in 1927. The Keren Hayesod funds are used solely for the upbuilding of the country and Agricultural colonisation ranks first.

It is hoped that all members of the Council of Jewish Women will identify themselves with a cause that so vitally affects the future welfare of the whole Jewish race.

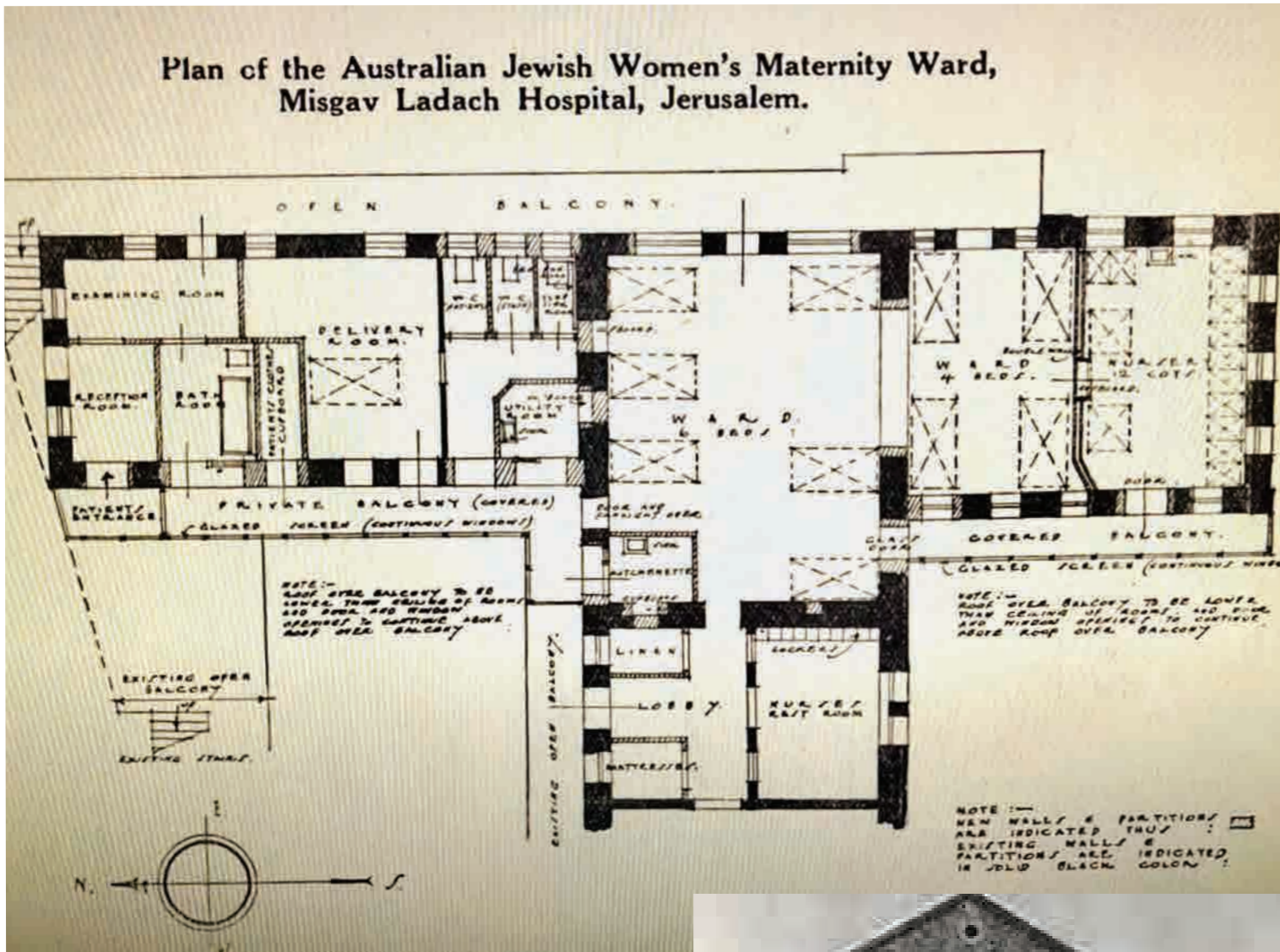
Winter Clothes for Palestine

Members and friends will be glad to know that one case of warm clothing has been despatched to Palestine, but the Council is anxious to send more.

Council of Jewish Women of Queensland inaugural meeting of Brisbane Section, August. The meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. H. Portrate, Brisbane, to welcome delegates from the Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales, and to inaugurate a Council in Queensland. Dr. Fanny Reading moved the following resolution: *That this general meeting of members of the Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales welcomes with very much pleasure and gratification the formation of the Council of Jewish Women of Queensland, and prays for its complete success. It is the earnest desire of all members that there will ever be mutual co-operation between the two bodies in the noble work for Judaism and humanity.*

OCTOBER. Dr Fanny Reading: *This creation of a Council for Queensland is the first big step in my movement for the establishment of a CJW of Australia and New Zealand.*

Plan of the Australian Jewish Women's Maternity Ward, Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem.



Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem, original building 1915

Plans for the Council of Jewish Women Maternity Ward for Misgav Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem



Council of Juniors of the Council of Jewish Women of NSW 1929



Eastern Garden Fete was held by CJW in aid of Palestine maternity and Council House work.



Jewish Men's Hostel situated on the top floor of the Council property in Francis Street, Sydney

1927 continued

NOVEMBER 28. Council of Jewish Women of Victoria formed.

Dr Fanny Reading continues as President of CJW JWA NSW.

At the July General Meeting I intimated to members that I did not wish to stand for re-nomination as President, for reasons that I stated.

So overwhelming was the request from the general body of members, for the sake of the grand and noble work which the Council of Jewish Women represents, it was absolutely necessary I continue to hold the honoured position I now occupy, that I reconsidered my decision and remained at the helm. In doing so, my members promised me their utmost support in all our undertakings, which support I now demand of them.

The Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales stands pledged to Four great works :

- Council House
- Maternity Work in Palestine,
- Hebrew Education
- Eastern European Relief

For these great objects money must be obtained. With very little effort each member can raise her quota of 40/-. The Council expects that every member will do her duty!

1928

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931

Dr Fanny Reading stated her aims for immigrant support.

Dr Fanny Reading's message 1928

My Council reviews the year with much pride and satisfaction mainly because of the extension of our noble work to our sister states Queensland and Victoria.

I hope most sincerely that harmonious inter-relationships will always continue to exist between my Council and these Sister Councils for the greater glory of our Jewish people. With five years of activities behind us, we can feel that a firm foundation has been laid for the big task ahead of us.

Membership CJW: Council badges to be issued to members to ensure women pay to become members.

MARCH 11. Jewish Men's Hostel Official Opening

Situated on the top floor of Council property in Francis Street, the hostel operated for five years with no cost to Council with many volunteers.

Men's Hostel has filled a great need in this city, giving nearly 1500 beds to the homeless since its inception four months ago.

Becky Lake elected Chair of Council Hospital Visiting Committee, a position she retained for more than 40 years.



Council Rooms in Hannam's Building, 134 Castlereagh Street, Sydney 1929

1929

Council of Jewish Women of NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931
National Council of Jewish Women President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 -1955

The Proposed National Council of Jewish Women of Australasia *The Headquarters of this Board for the time being will be in Sydney, N.S.W., and meetings of the Board will probably be arranged half-yearly.*

MAY 21-27. First Conference of Jewish Women of Australasia. Held in Sydney, NSW.

115 delegates including women from New Zealand.

This was the second national Jewish event ever to take place in Australia.

The first conference put forward this resolution:

Whereas the women of New South Wales have been granted the privilege of equal franchise in the Synagogues of New South Wales, be it recommended that all Synagogues in Australasia extend this power to the women of their congregations, and that a copy of this recommendation be forwarded to the Boards of Management of the Synagogues in Australasia.

The Organisation became known as National Council of Jewish Women.

It was resolved that Biennial Conferences be instituted.

The next Conference to be held in Brisbane, Queensland, June, 1931.

Kalgoorlie Section was inaugurated at the Kalgoorlie railway station in 1929 by Dr Fanny Reading when she passed through on her way back from Perth where she had inaugurated the Perth Section.

Additional to NSW, Sections were now formed in South Australia, Western Australia, Ballarat, Geelong, South Brisbane, Newcastle, Kalgoorlie.

Councils were now in every State of Australia, thus making a National Council of Jewish Women of Australia.

Opening of Council Rooms in Hannam's Building, 134 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Dr Fanny Reading pledged to advocate for agunot and put pressure on the rabbis to find a solution.

Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem was the first national project after the formation of NCJW.

NCJW affiliated with NCW – National Council of Women

CJW Juniors – at the General Meeting £100 will be presented to the Hon Treasurer of the Council as the contribution of the Juniors to the Shilling appeal.'

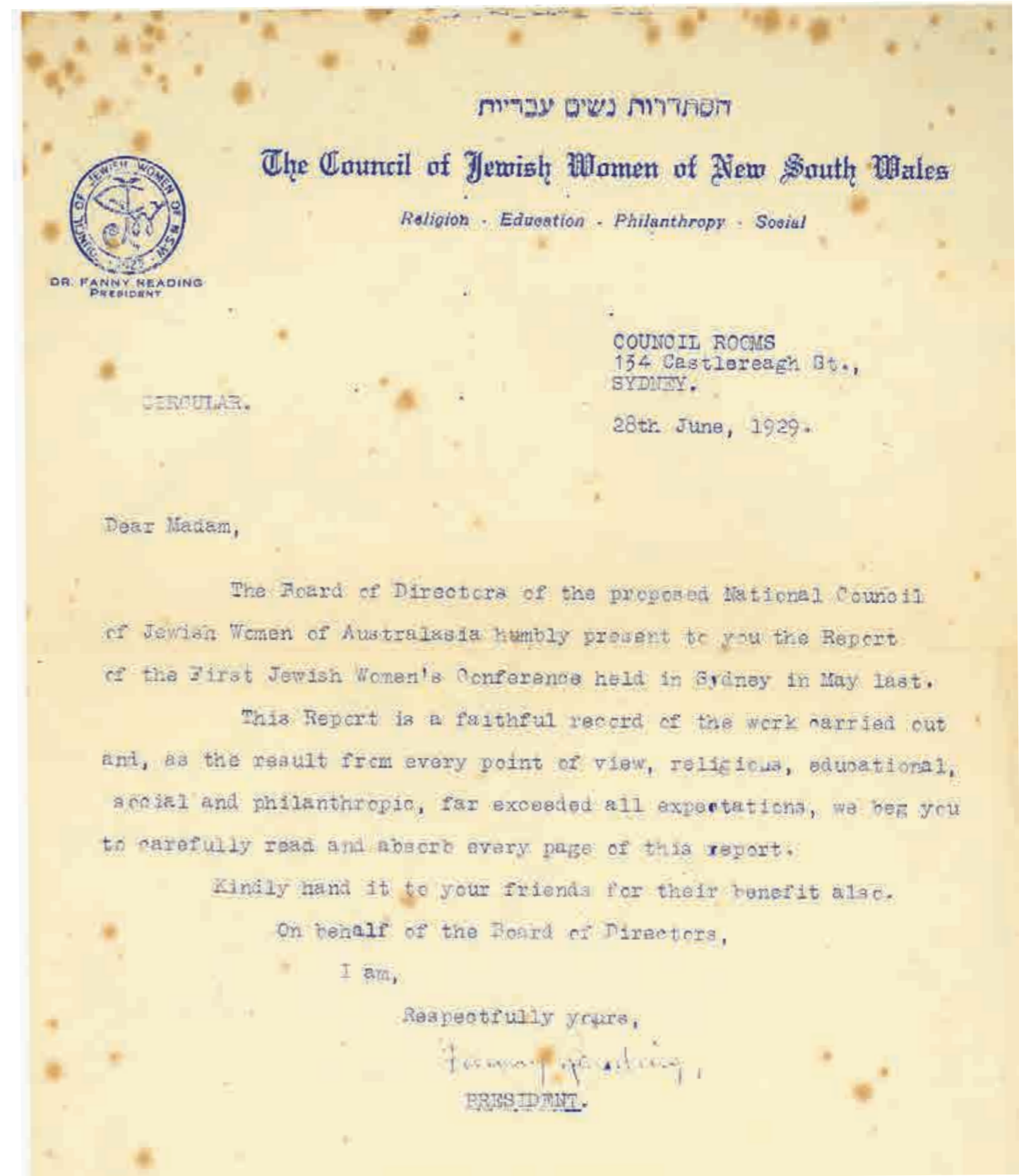
The Council's Thrift Shop opens at No. 3 Francis Street Sydney, later operating in various premises throughout the intervening decades.



Purim play by Council Juniors, Maccabean Hall, 1931



First Conference of Jewish Women of Australasia, Sydney 1929



1930s



Above: Junior members of the Vanity Fair Council Fete committee
 Below: Senior members of the Vanity Fair committee outside the Great Synagogue, Sydney 1930.
 Dr Fanny Reading (centre front row)



1930

NCJW NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 -1931
National Council of Jewish Women President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 -1955

Newcastle became 10th organisation in NCJW
 A Council Juniors Section of Newcastle was created.

The Sewing Circle will commence to function actively when an attractive programme of the method of work will be initiated.

The Hospitality Committee of the CJW has been revived.

The Catering Committee has done excellent work in serving dainty suppers at the close of each meeting.

First Council fete was held called Vanity Fair.

NCJW visits more than 2500 hospital patients annually.

CSW has given 2561 beds to needy unemployed Jewish men in our Jewish Men's Hostel, since inception in March 1928. 7th Annual Report

Dr Fanny Reading petitioned the government *campaign dock and port work and social adjustment (meeting boats).*

Dr Fanny Reading Scholarship. *In accordance with Conference resolutions to establish a scholarship in Australia under Junior auspices, we have liquidated our obligation by raising funds for this excellent scholastic requirement.*

This scholarship has been maintained for decades since its inception and by recognising leadership qualities in NCJWA Sections has brought forth many Section Presidents and National Presidents.

Assisted the formation of the YMHA (Young Men's Hebrew Association) in Sydney.

Course of post-biblical history for NCJW study groups compiled by Rabbi I. Brodie, B.A., B.Litt

1931

NCJW NSW President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1923 - 1931
 NCJW NSW President, Mrs Harris Cohen 1931 - 1933
 NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Second Australasian Jewish Women's conference postponed.

Whereas, because of the temporary financial crisis through which Australia is passing, the almost unanimous consensus of opinion of the various Councils to postpone the Conference to 1932.

Formation of Sub-Junior section of Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales for girls aged 9-16.

New Council rooms at 175 Pitt Street, City.
 We have much pleasure in announcing that we have secured more commodious rooms with large hall, palm court, dining room, private members' lounges, kitchen, etc.

This year 2,600 patients were visited by the Sydney Section Hospital Committee.

Francis Street Thrift Shop closed.

1932

NCJW NSW President, Mrs Harris Cohen 1931-1933
 NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

MARCH. Second Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney.

This was the second National Conference of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia and here the organisation was formally established with Dr Fanny Reading as its first president.

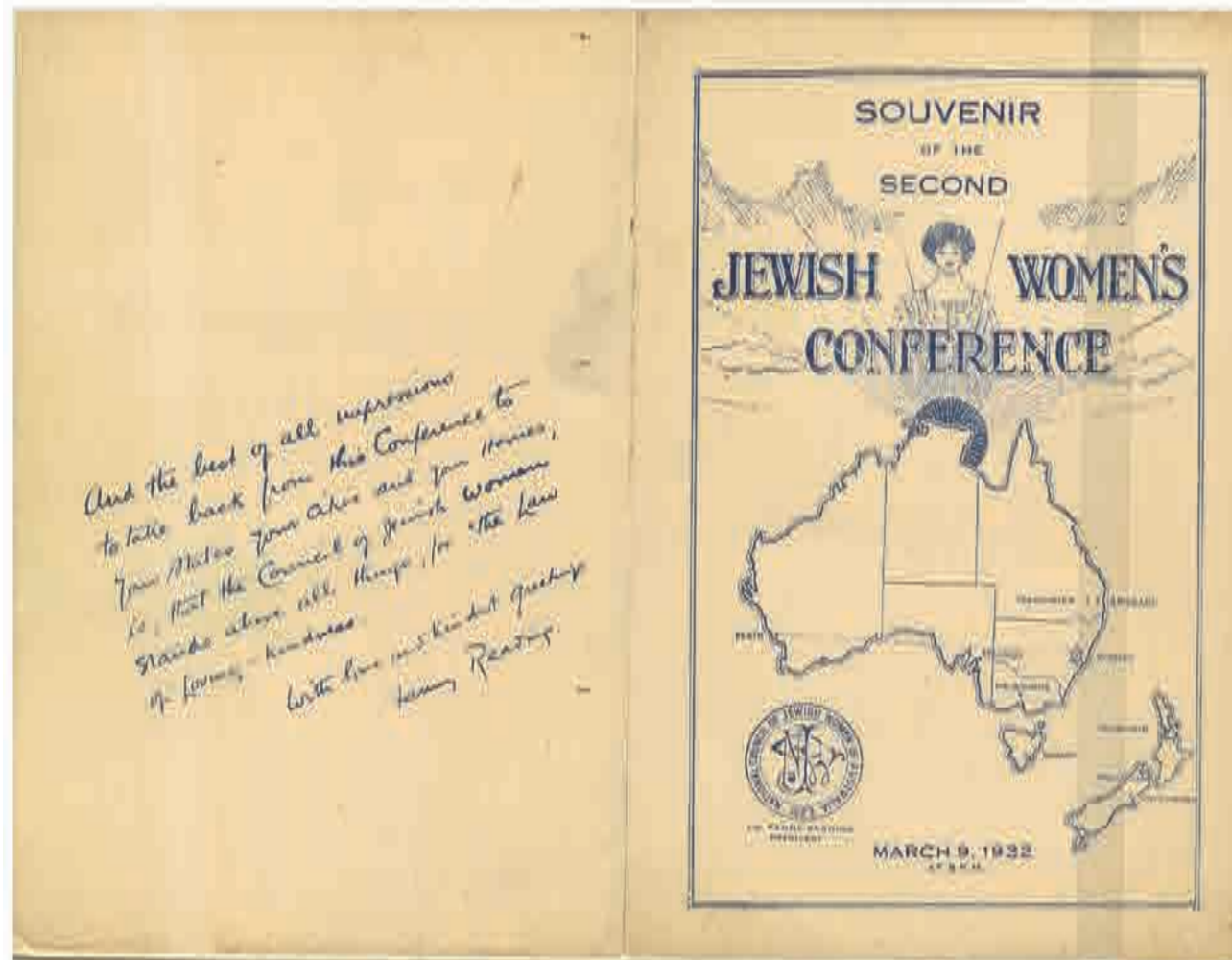
Sydney Section formed the Sydney Sub-Seniors group.

Men's Hostel in Council property, Francis Street, City has during the past year, provided gratis 3150 beds for the use of indigent men.

NCJW Hospital Committee formed.

Formation of Hobart Section during National President's visit to Tasmania.

Eastern Suburbs Branch begun.





NCJW Second Australasian Jewish Women's Conference Dinner held in the Maccabean Hall, Sydney 1932

1933

NCJW NSW President Mrs Harris Cohen 1931 - 1933

NCJW NSW President, Mrs Victor Cornfield 1933 - 1936

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

AUGUST. NCJWA NSW 10th Anniversary, Tenth Birthday Celebration Dinner Dance.

Address by Dr Fanny Reading broadcast on Station 2FC, Sydney.

Sewing Group established sewing for the patients in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children.

NCJW Men's Hostel was vacated as funds were not available to continue.

A parcel of children's clothes consisting of 25 matinee Jackets, 3 dresses and 6 bloomers to be sent to the Dalwood Home for Children – These had been made by Sub-Junior members. It was also decided to begin the Sub-Junior Lending Library.

Dr Fanny Reading began petitioning Australian government in support of refugee intake. Campaign intensified Dock and Port work and social adjustment.

1934

NCJW NSW President, Mrs Victor Cornfield 1933 - 1936

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Third Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Melbourne

At this Conference, the Palestine Fund Raising Committee "Chei" was established.

At the opening of every session of Conference and at all important functions, the Council Song and Hatikvah were sung with reverence and devotion. In this way, the minds of those present were straight away attuned to the beauty and sacredness of Council work and for what it stands. The Council Song was specially written for the N.C.J.W. for its Third Conference by the distinguished Australian musician, Miss Linda Phillips, of Melbourne.

Thrift Shop reopens.

For some time efforts for the Thrift Shop have been dormant due to the difficult times from which we are gradually emerging. Now, happily, the situation has eased somewhat, and we will be glad to receive parcels, which are put to the best use. Usable goods are passed on to poor people and the remainder sold and the money realised added to some worthy fund of the Council.

1934/35 Civics, Peace and Immigrant Welfare committee established.

The State Assembly was packed for the annual event of the YMHA and NCJW Sydney Section Sub-seniors.



Blue Boxes.
 It was announced that arrangements had been made with the Union of Sydney Zionists for the distribution and collection of Blue Boxes by the Council. These collections go to the Fund for the Australian Colony in Palestine. Many boxes were distributed amongst members at this meeting. Members are asked to bring their boxes to the General Meeting to be emptied.
 Supper concluded a very enjoyable meeting.



N.C.J.W. Maternity Ward in the Rothschild Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

1935

NCJW NSW President, Mrs Victor Cornfield 1933 -1936
NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Dr Fanny Reading awarded George V Jubilee Medal

At the AGM Sydney Section: Urgent Polish Appeal. Dr Fanny Reading made an impassioned appeal for the desperate condition of the Polish Jews.

Blue Boxes: It was announced that arrangements had been made with the Union of Sydney Zionists for the distribution and collection of Blue Boxes by the Council.

NCJW is affiliated to the NSW Section of the League of Nations Union

The fourth Musical Recital held under the auspices of the Council Musical Section proved the most successful of the series.

1936

NCJW NSW President Mrs Victor Cornfield 1933 - 1936
NCJW NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948
NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Fourth Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Adelaide

Major issues arising from conference are the Four National Projects which are the outcome of work at this Fourth Conference, and upon which sections throughout Australia will give undivided attention until next conference:

1. Palestine Work. Inclusion of a Palestine Page in every issue of the Council Bulletin
2. Jewish Education in Australia.
3. Immigrant Welfare. Through the 20s, 30s and 40s Council members met all boats with European refugees helping to provide support including accommodation, jobs, and English language classes.
4. Anti-Semitism.

The Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem.

For some time negotiations have taken place between the Hadassah Medical Organisation in Palestine, EZRA of Palestine and the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia for the utilisation in the best way of the £2000 raised in Australia and now lying in trust in Palestine in the custody of EZRA.

Zionist group formed. *Mrs. Julius Rosenfeld* has decided to make Zionist work for the Sydney Section one of paramount importance to Council members.



Palestine Bazaar and Queen Competition

COUNCIL PALESTINE TOUR—JANUARY, 1937.
PURIM in TEL AVIV—PESACH in JERUSALEM
3 Days in Egypt.
.. APPROX. cost of whole Tour—£125, Australian.
Fare includes: Steamers, Trains, Hotels, Sightseeing, Trips,
Cars and Guides.

1937

NCJW NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948

NCJW National President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Dr Fanny Reading MBE awarded the George VI Coronation Medal.

Sixth Zionist Conference Australia : Four delegates sent from NCJW.

First Council Study Tour to Palestine and Dedication of a Council ward, *a unit in the enormous Hadassah project.*

Local Charities committee formed under the leadership of Mrs. E. Myerson, the Seniors and Sub-Seniors will work towards raising a large sum annually for two deserving causes, one Jewish and one non-Jewish.

Some previous NCJW NSW Welfare work taken over by the Australian Jewish Welfare Society NSW.

NCJW NSW Immigrant Welfare Work.

A special committee is carrying out this work by giving all manner of service to German and Polish immigrants on arrival to this State. We are very gratified with members splendid responses to the urgent appeals for German Jewish Relief Fund, Polish Child Relief Fund and Palestine Funds. Many German and Polish refugees have been met by us at the boats on arrival at Sydney and other Australian Ports, and we have helped them through Customs.

In accordance with a plan for co-operation with the German Refugee Committee of this city, we handed over these requests for Permits to this Committee to apply for them (previously the NCJW made the applications, almost with 100 per cent success) We have helped several immigrants to start work. Our rooms serve as a home for so many of these newcomers who in every way are shown warm hospitality and are materially assisted.

An English Class is held every Wednesday night at the Rooms, the pupils becoming much advanced in English.

Warm Clothing for Poland Appeal.

Zionist Section: *It was suggested that a large Bazaar be organised in August at the Maccabean Hall and that other Zionist Organisations in this city be invited to co-operate. As an additional feature to this Bazaar a Queen Competition will be arranged.*

Palestine Bazaar and Queen Competition.

The Zionist Section of Council has much cause to be proud of the results, which will probably be about £ 230. The proceeds will be entirely given to JNF and WIZO work.

Fifth Jewish Women's Conference of Australasia

Sydney, March 9th to 20th, 1938.

CO-INCIDENT WITH THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTRALIA.

ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA.



Dr. Fanny Reading, President of the National Council of Jewish Women, at a Conference Lunch.

On her left the Lady Mayoresse, Mrs. Norman Arch. On her right, Lady Hulsehurst, wife of the Governor of the State.

With happy remembrance of many kindesses

F. R. H.

1938

1937 continued

As a result of distinguished emissary Mrs. Ariel Bension's visit in July 1937 Council formed a WIZO Yas Section which all Council members are invited to join. Meetings to be held each month at Council Rooms when members will be able to learn much concerning the National Home and its developments.

Council Rooms in Pitt Street were vacated and along with the YMHA very fine rooms at 374 George Street were secured. These rooms are proving very successful because of the additional space and attractive surroundings.

1938

NCJW NSW President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948

NCJW National President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Fifth Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney,
Co-incident with the Sesqui-Centenary of Australia

From The National President to the Members of the NCJW of Australia
The passing of the 15th Anniversary of the National Council marks the end of another stirring period in the life of our organisation and in its development. In this tremendous crisis of Jewish history, when our race finds itself in dire need of high morale and spiritual strength, this Women's Organisation takes its rightful place in shouldering our people's burden.

Two Radio Broadcasts from Station 2FC, Sydney
By Courtesy of the Australian Broadcasting Commission
Tuesday, November 29th, at 10.30 p.m.

'This Changing World' by Dr. Fanny Reading.

'The Jewish Outlook on Youth' by Miss Kae Israel, National Junior President

The **Council Bulletin** in production for 12 years.

Its importance may be gauged by the fact that it enters the homes of a thousand members as well as being distributed to New Zealand and other parts of the world. We devote from two to four pages regularly to Palestine affairs, and to contemporary world affairs. The Junior and sub-Junior pages are read by our young members with keen interest.

The first JNF Queen Competition established. It became a longstanding tradition, including in other Sections, raising money for our Israel projects in partnership with the Jewish National Fund.

NCJW NSW Hospital Committee started 1932.

1938 Report: *The remarkable work of this section is to be highly commended.*

Almost 2,000 visits are made annually to the various hospitals and public institutions.

We thank sincerely Mrs. Max Lake and her committee for their untiring efforts in this noble work which forms so important a part in Council activities.



SOME OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

Miss Kae Israel, Nat. Junior President; Mrs. Oscar Silberschmidt, Delegate for N.C.J.W. of America; Mrs. N. J. Reading, Sydney Delegate; Dr. Fanny Reading, National President; Mrs. Robert Renof, President, Melbourne Section; Mrs. Morris Jacobs, President, Geelong Section; Mrs. Sam Gild, President, Adelaide Section.

Fifth Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney 1938



NCJW NSW 15th Anniversary Banquet 1938

1938 continued

Affiliations 1938

We are affiliated to:

National Council of Women (NCJWA NSW is a regular participant in NCW NSW Jean Arnott Annual Luncheon which honours women over 90 years of age).

The League of Nations Union

International Peace Campaign

Committee for the Reduction of Maternal and Infantile Mortality,

Central Cultural Council and the Equal Moral Standard Committee of the NCW.

Council is associated most intimately with almost every women's movement in Sydney, the Feminist Club, the United Associations, the Country Women's Association, Australian Federation of Women Voters and Women's Union of Service.

NCJW NSW 15th Anniversary Dinner celebrated by holding a Special Banquet.

Over 200 guests were present and Dr. Fanny Reading, National President, presided.

Many foundation members were present, including Mrs. Morris Symonds, founder of the Council in July 1923, together with Dr. Fanny Reading.

A Gracious Gift to Picton Lakes Village.

The donation of £100 from the National Council of Jewish Women was appreciated in a much greater measure than in terms of money.

This Village was established in 1925 for the prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis, and after-care of sufferers, and the Local Charities Committee of 1938-39 contributed to this most worthy cause.

A shop situated in Abercrombie Street, Redfern, was kindly lent by Mrs. E. Myerson for a sale of goods. The splendid sum of £15/8/10 was made.



Fifth Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney, 1938



Fifth Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney, 1938

October 1939

Message From The National President

Co-incident with the ushering in of our New Year, 5700, came the terrible tragedy of the beginning of another world war.

In one short month how deeply has Jewry sunk to the depths of misery and despair. What a heart-breaking nightmare is the plight of our Polish brethren-millions of them fleeing from the hell of war-ridden Poland! And what of the fate of those who perforce have to remain under the inhuman German yoke! Their sufferings will know no bounds, suicide or the concentration camp seem their only alternatives.

We take courage in the fact that the conscience of humanity is awakened to the horror of relentless Hitlerism which aims at the destruction of modern civilized life. Out of this great conflict we hope that a world peace will be built on a basis of international good faith, and that the time will come for the real solution for humanity, when religious, cultural, political and social values will once more be established according to the workings of justice and freedom.

Never in the history of our Council has greater responsibility been placed upon us and we must be prepared, firstly, to give every kind of service to our country, secondly, to give service to our people who have been crushed so terribly by the tyrant's heel.

Never has it been more imperative for Council members to remain loyal to our ideals of Humanity, of King and Country, for as a united body of Jewish women, the result of our combined efforts must produce an incalculable amount of good.

In facing the tragedy of war so that it becomes a victory for the British Empire, we pledge ourselves to the Empire and pray for a speedy peace and an early victory.

1939

NCJW NSW President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

SEPTEMBER 1. Start of World War II.

OCTOBER Message From The National President.

During the war period Dr Fanny Reading, on behalf of NCJW lobbied the Prime Minister of Australia and Great Britain to increase the numbers of Jewish refugees allowed into Australia and Palestine.

NCJW is involved in the War Effort for its duration:

Defence War Work:

Women's Voluntary Services. The National Council of Women invited all affiliate bodies to attend a special meeting at the State Assembly Hall, on Monday, January 9th, to hear the details of the Women's Voluntary Services Scheme.

As far back as April 1939, we got busy in obtaining the registration of members on the Commonwealth Voluntary Women's Register. More than 300 signed these yellow forms. On the outbreak of war in September 1939, an SOS Meeting was convened and we formed a Defence Committee of the NCJW, which has carried out excellent work.

NCJWA enrolls its members as the Jewish Women's Section of the Women's Auxiliary of the Australian Defence League.

SYDNEY SECTION COUNCIL DEFENCE WORK.

A splendid gathering attended the afternoon reception at the C&Y Centre on Wednesday, December, 20th, to hand over the several hundreds of garments made by the N.C.J.W. for the Lord Mayor's Comfort Fund for the soldier in camp. The former Lady Mayoress of Sydney, Lady Nock, was invited by the executive to receive these garments on behalf of the Lord Mayor's Comfort Committee.

Refreshment Kiosk :

We were given a valuable block of land in Martin Place for the duration of the war... and we built at our own expense, a Refreshment Kiosk. (Sydney Jewish News 1962).

A monthly roster of 160 Council volunteers operated the Kiosk six days a week. The food was cooked at home and brought to the city.

NCJW NSW supported the Monash Recreation Hut and ANZAC Buffet at Hyde Park and the Community Chest War Shop in Her Majesty's Arcade, with donations and volunteer workers.

Lord Mayor's Bush Fire Appeal Fund: *An appeal was made on behalf of this fund and resulted in £10/10/- being sent by the NCJW.*

1940s

The War Emergency Board of the N.C.J.W. Notifies Members, that all Activities Other Than War Work, Shall be Temporarily Suspended.

THE COUNCIL BULLETIN

CLARION CALL

TO ALL

JEWISH WOMEN

Registered at the General Post Office, Sydney, for transmission by post as a Periodical.



The NCJW Soldiers' Sewing Committee made a huge quantity of garments throughout the War years

1940

NCJW NSW President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Message from the National President :

All members should be eager to give their best in helping our Empire in every possible way.

So many problems beset our governments at the present time, and it is up to us to be of greatest service to those who are making appeals for the successful prosecution of this war.

By carrying out Council's policy of working for the 2 main war efforts, the Australian Comforts' Fund and the Red Cross Society, and by making worthwhile efforts for these, the NCJW will be able to contribute largely for patriotic purposes.

In these ways everyone can share in the grand privilege of helping the Empire to win the War. By our splendid war efforts, the Jewish women of Australia are most highly respected and honored because of the limitless patriotic tasks which we have self-imposed.

The War Emergency Board of the NCJW Notifies Members that all Activities Other than War Work shall be Temporarily Suspended.

The President announced the formation of the Council's Vital Emergency Board of 30 members for the purpose of raising funds for war contingencies. The idea is that each member of the Board should secure 20 other women who would be willing to contribute 1/- per week and a gift for the Community War Chest Shop. The gifts would be used to stock the shop which it is intended to open in the City, in Her Majesty's Arcade, Castlereagh Street.

1940s Soldiers' Sewing Committee made a huge quantity of garments during the war years.

1940s War Emergency Board – Martin Place Kiosk. 300 members volunteered for this work.

MAY 1940 Bulletin. *THE N.C.J.W. GROVE to be planted in Eretz Israel in the American colony Ain Hashofet, Palestine.*

If all Sections will send the Tree Contributions to the National Treasurer, Sydney, Council will then try and plant a grove.

Each Tree Costs 6/-

Already, the Sydney C&Y Juniors are raising funds for the C&Y Junior Gardens



NCJW Mobile Canteen operating in Sydney during the 1940's



1941

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Encouraged by the continued support of the Community for the Kiosk, we are launching a new venture of opening the Kiosk from 8pm to midnight, each night except Friday and Sunday nights. We are prepared to cater in continental and English fashion suppers that will excite and delight your individual tastes.

A Council canteen was operating on the Wharf feeding new arrivals. On one occasion for four days, 24 hours around the clock.

NCJW and WIZO Appeal for a Mobile Canteen for Palestine.

A Letter to Dr. Fanny Reading and the National Council of Jewish Women sent from Ida Wynn, President WIZO Federation of Australia.

May I take this opportunity of telling you how happy I am that the National Council of Jewish Women is collaborating with W.I.Z.O. in the Appeal for a Mobile Canteen for the Imperial Forces on the Northern Frontier of Palestine. Since you organized the Jewish women of this country nineteen years ago, they have consistently worked for Zionism in addition to all the other undertakings and especially in addition to their war work which has been such a spectacular success since The War started. I know how strong is your own Zionist loyalty and I am sure that all your members have done for that ancient Land we are rebuilding into our new National Home, has been inspired by the strong Zionist sentiment that conforms your leadership. Your donation of £500 was utilized for the purchase of one Canteen, upon which appears the following plaque:
GIFT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA.
 and that your Canteen was allotted to Westminster.
 Again thanking you for your generous support,

Yours truly,

Mrs. James Burns, Freda MacDonnell,
 Hon. Secretary, Mobile Canteens for Britain.
 London, 1st August, 1941.

Opening of the Lady Wakehurst Red Cross Home:

Many Council members attended the official opening of this Home at 107 Birrell Street Waverley. Our members were thrilled with the NCJW Ward which was equipped and furnished by us. We can be humbly proud of this fine effort on the part of the Council.



Donations were made by Council's Vital Emergency Board to the Community War Chest Shop

1941 continued

NOVEMBER 1941 Passing of Madame Bella Pevsner who was the inspiration for the formation of the N.C.J.W. in Australia. Had she not visited Sydney in 1923, the development of organized Jewish women's work in Australia might not have begun 19 years ago. Dr Fanny Reading

Aid in the form of clothes and other comforts was sent to 1800 Jewish internees in Hay, NSW.

1942

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There was increased effort to assist with large scale migration and absorption.

Council Sabbath was celebrated on Mother's Day, May 9th at the Great Synagogue by courtesy of the President, Mr. Saul Symonds.

Rabbi I. Porush gave an impressive and appropriate sermon on Mothers in Israel, and commended the N.C.J.W. for their outstanding War work and hospitality for the fighting forces.

After the service, Dr. Fanny Reading entertained members of the Executive at her home.

It has been decided that future Council Sabbaths be annually celebrated on Mother's Day.

Handing over by the Local Charities Section of the NCJW Mobile Canteen to the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund and the National Emergency Services. Both the Lord Mayor and Mr Heffron (Minister of National Emergency Services) were present.

The Canteen is able to provide hot foods and warm drinks for 400 people.

The NCJW was particularly happy about the activities of its 13 Suburban Committees, 5 new ones having been formed during the past year.

Volunteers were requested for the Rest Centre at the Maccabean Hall. Several promised to assist. Hostesses also gave their names for the billeting and hospitality of the Jewish Allied Forces at present in N.S.W.

The second year of activities of the National Knitting Circle ...there are 26 members ...

Much knitting has been done ... Articles handed in during the year comprise - 4 pullovers, 129 pairs of socks (74 long and 55 short), 23 skullcaps, 53 balaclavas, 2 mittens, 17 garters, 17 scarves.

300 voluntary workers assist unremittingly at the Kiosk.

NCJW Newcastle - On Sunday afternoon, after a service in the Synagogue, Council members entertained Allied Troops at Afternoon Tea in the Synagogue Hall. The men were afterwards taken to various members homes for tea and at night entertained at a Social Evening.

Members of the Fighting Forces who are passing through Newcastle at any time should get in touch with our President...they are assured a right royal welcome.

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SYDNEY WAR EMERGENCY BOARD.

The extreme urgency of the present situation of our country demands the utmost effort of all Council Members, old and new.

Our government has sent out its call for every man and woman to register for service in this critical period. For service, the War Emergency Board wishes members to contact Council when advice and directions will be given them how best to help in the defense of our country. As every minute is valuable, no time should be lost — please 'phone Mrs. R. Greenberg, Chairman (X.M. 3793) or Dr. Reading (F.A. 1273) that you are eager to help.

SOLDIERS COMFORTS SEWING CIRCLE.

Mr. Docker, Hon. Administrator, of the Lord Mayors Comforts Fund, has asked for more and more support for the provision of Comforts for our fighting forces. Therefore we urge more members to attend our Sewing Days, every Monday, 12 noon to 5 p.m., to help this most urgent call. During the past months 3,205 garments were handed in to the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund:—

Socks, 385 pairs; Stockings, 134 pairs; Underpants, 324; Balaclavas, 122; Woollen Vests, 9; Flannel Shirts, 21; Cotton Shirts, 12; Pullovers, 6; Scarves, 99; Mittens, 30 pairs; Neck Mufflers, 139; Kneecaps, 10 pairs; Skullcaps, 28; Garters, 28 pairs; Washers, 470; Cutlery Bags, 139.

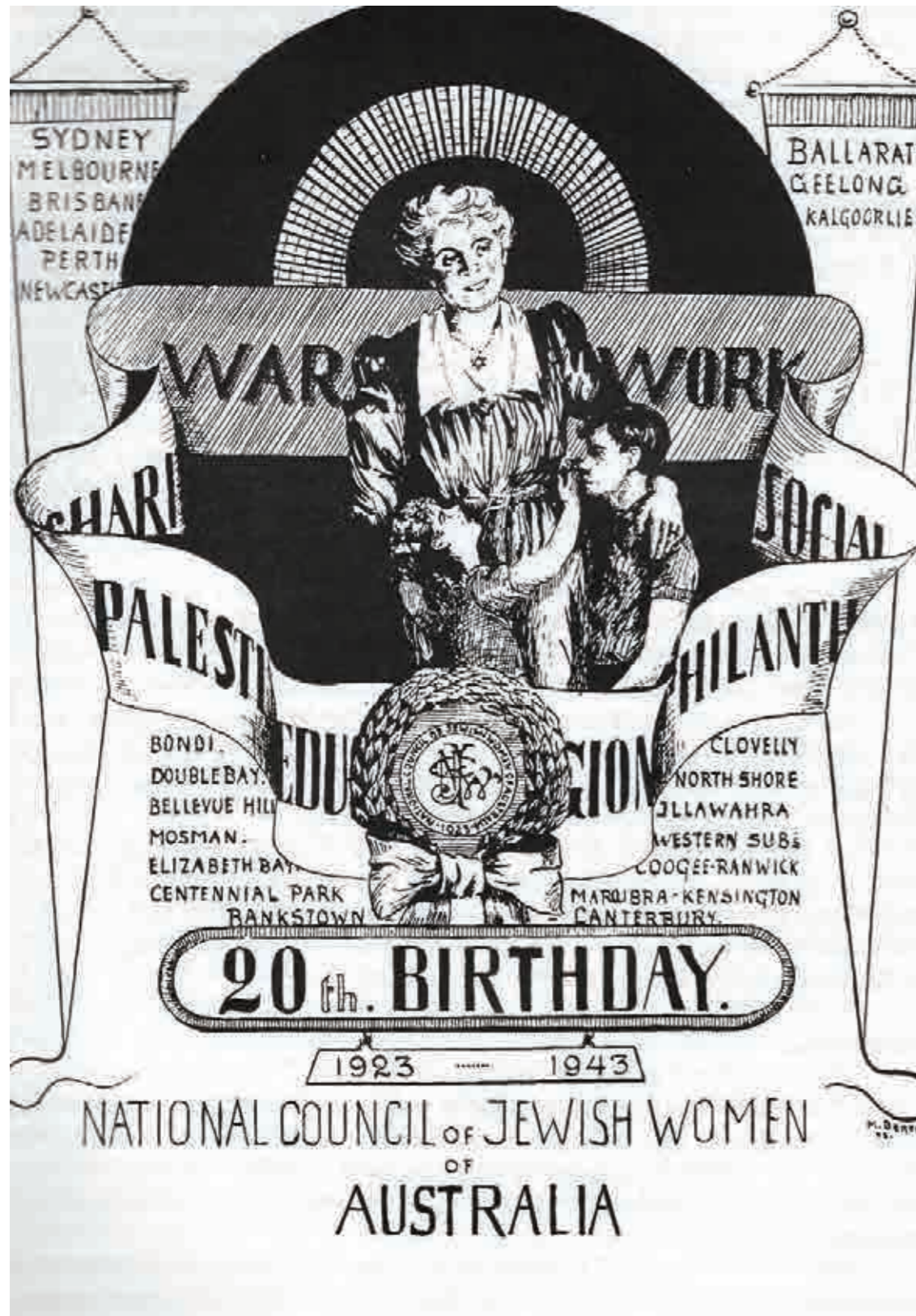
MARTIN PLACE KIOSK.

The Kiosk has recently been patronized by distinguished visitors who have expressed their admiration for the work that is being done by all our voluntary helpers. Lady Wakehurst informally had Luncheon with her friends at the Kiosk, and highly commended the efforts of those on duty that day.

Owing to the evacuation of many from the City, an appeal is made to members and supporters to come along and show their patriotism by helping to raise the daily proceeds to former levels.

Remember the proceeds are to equip our fighting forces wherever they may be.

Our brave men are giving their lives, surely you will help us to give them the Comforts they need.



1943

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NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 -1955

NCJW of Australia transferred through EZRA Association to Rothschild- Hadassah University Hospital Building Fund the amount of £2,000 for *The Maternity Ward of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, Established by the EZRA Association.*

Youth Aliyah-Save A Child Appeal. *The NCJW is vigorously pursuing the Campaign to assist in saving 1800 children from Nazi-Oppressed countries.*

Sixth National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Conference, Sydney

To commemorate our 20th Birthday, 20 years of Service of the NCJW in Australia, an Extraordinary Conference is organised by the Sydney Section

1. Future War Work,
2. The Alleviation of European Jewry from its present plight
3. The Reconstruction of Jewry after the war
4. Local Jewish problems.

Resolutions from Sixth National Conference:

ZIONISM Be it Recommended that all Sections emphasise the importance of Zionism as an integral part of Council programme, and support be given to every phase of Zionist activity, especially as concerns the preparation of Palestine for Post-War Reconstruction work, viz: JNF, Keren Hayesod, WIZO, Hebrew University, and Youth Aliyah.

WIZO

Be It Recommended, that a Council WIZO Section be formed within an N.C.J.W Section as in Sydney, and that an additional subscription of 10/6 be made per annum. A group of 5 members can constitute a Council WIZO Section.

EZRA

Be It Recommended that Mother's Day Ezra Appeal be adopted by Sections as a special feature and that preliminary two month's organisation be given to it.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY, Jerusalem :

Be It Resolved that in honour of the 20th Birthday of the NCJW a Birthday Gift of £100 from all Sections be given to the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Dr Fanny Reading lobbied the British Government *that the gates of Palestine be opened for unrestricted Jewish immigration as an urgent necessity for the saving of Jewish lives.*

(Resolution NCJWA Sixth Conference)



The Sir John Monash Recreation Hut and Anzac Buffet in Hyde Park operating during the War years, was supported by NCJW with donations and volunteers



History House, 8 Young Street, Sydney.
NCJW NSW premises from 1943



An early view of Ain Hashofet Colony, Palestine

1943 continued

October, November

National Broadcast from 2 BL Sydney by Dr. Fanny Reading
For the Sixth N.C.J.W. Conference and 20th Annual Commemoration
By courtesy of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Sydney

Lord Mayor's Comfort Project: Sir John Monash Recreation Hut and Anzac Buffet: by 1943
NCJW had donated £8,000.

Hospital Visiting Committee also visit Old People's Homes and Mental Hospitals at Yomtov.

By 1943 there were many NSW Groups called Committees:
Illawarra, Centennial Park, North Shore, Bellevue Hill, Western Suburbs, Bankstown-
Canterbury, Coogee-Randwick, Rose Bay-Vaucluse, Double Bay, Mosman, Bondi.

National Council of Jewish Women Sydney Section :
Our membership has increased and will soon reach its 1000th mark. (20th Annual Report for year ended May 31, 1943)

3rd Liberty Loan Council's objective oversubscribed.
NCJW is pleased to announce that the sum of £20,000 which it aimed at obtaining for this loan, has been over-subscribed. The amount was to be raised to commemorate the 20th Birthday of the NCJW in Australia marking 20 years of service to humanity.

NCJW NSW Moved to new premises: History House, 8 Young Street Sydney.

1944

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A message from the National President:
In three ways is our main policy directed:

- 1. The War Effort*
- 2. The Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation of Our Oppressed European Bretheren*
- 3. Palestine*

JNF Trees: The NCJW has been most fortunate recently in having a large number of trees added to its grove in the Ain Hashofet Colony in Palestine.



Opening of the Martin Place Kiosk: Vera Cohen centre, with Robert Heffron, Minister of National Emergency Services



1944 continued

NCJW NSW Headquarters :

A permanent secretary, Miss Pearl Whitefield, has been appointed. She will be at the Rooms from 10am to 5 pm every day.

Members of the Suburban Executives of the NCJW recently met and enthusiastically endorsed the proposal to re-establish the Council Service Bureau. Ever in the forefront to extend its services to the community, Council is pioneering three types of services...none of which cater specifically for Jews.

All these facilities are to be free to Council members.

- 1. Vocational Guidance, Child Guidance and General Educational Advisory Bureau.*
- 2. Employment, Room and Board Agency*
- 3. Good Companions and Friendship Club*

Martin Place Kiosk: £ 8441 pounds raised between 1940-1944 for the Lord Mayor's Patriotic and War Fund has been sent to the Fund over the past four and a half years from the Kiosk. The Directors of this Fund had expressed their profound admiration of the Jewish women of this City in assisting the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund.

In five years over £11,500 was raised for the Australian Comforts Fund.

WAR ACTIVITIES .

War Emergency Board :

This Board has functioned with remarkable success this year, every phase of war work being successfully carried on, viz. the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund through our Kiosk and its 300 Voluntary workers.

War Loans raising £107,000, assisting Button Days, Red Cross, Prisoners of War and Adoption Scheme Netting, Sewing and knitting, Co-operating with the Jewish War Services Committee in hospitality to the Forces.

Newcastle NCJW introduces a WIZO section.



NCJW Eighth Conference, Brisbane. June 1946



1945

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Victory in the Pacific Day – August 15 1945. Many Council members celebrated the two days of VP Day by giving their services at the Martin Place Kiosk which remained open during these two days. More than 1000 people were served.

SEPTEMBER 2 1945 World War II ends officially

Seventh NCJWA National Conference, Melbourne

Over £300,000 was raised for Commonwealth War Loans by NCJW Nationally.

Contributing generously to the “EZRA” Mothers’ Day Appeal: *With the approach of Mothers’ Day, a nation-wide appeal is being launched by the NCJW of Australia. It is part of the National’s project that Sections should maintain their support for the Ezra Clinics, and Mothers’ Day Celebrations take the form of functions in aid of the Ezra work.*

Council Emergency Committee Sydney raised £1,000 for the Magen Dovid Adom.

Jewish Education Week.

NCJW co-operated with the Board of Jewish Education of NSW and organised two functions to assist the work of this Board. The first function was the Council Luncheon on 8th November at the Council Rooms when the speakers were Rabbi Dr. I. Porush and Mr. H. Kellerman, on the subject “Problems of Jewish Education”. The Council’s participation in Education Week was the assistance given by the raising of £440 by means of a very successful High Tea and Card Party on Sunday, 12th November, at the Council Rooms of NCJW. This large sum went towards materially helping the finances of the United Jewish Education Board.

Conference of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand was held in Melbourne. A Special Resolution from the NCJW: *That the NCJW of Australia be directly affiliated with the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand as a Zionist Organisation, bound by the constitution of the Zionist Federation by virtue of the payment of a 2/0 Shekel fee by every Council member,* was passed and a representative of the NCJW was appointed to join the Executive of the Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand.



April, 1947

COUNCIL BULLETIN

SYDNEY SECTION

THE ARRIVAL OF "JOHANN DE WITT."

One of the most pleasant and soul-satisfying tasks was allotted to Council workers in welcoming several hundred arrivals from all over Europe, when the "Johann de Witt" berthed in Sydney on March 16. A great deal of spade work had been done to ensure smooth working between the many workers at the Rooms and those at the wharf.

One could commend all the workers for their indefatigable spirit and excellent co-operation. Food was prepared at the Rooms and sent down to the wharf. Passengers were given sandwiches, drinks and fruit, the latter being the most popular. It was sheer delight to watch the many lovely-looking children clamouring for ice creams. Though very few spoke English, they easily made themselves understood when they wanted more ice cream and fruit. The canteen was at the wharf for three days and meals were provided for all the weary travellers at the Council Rooms until they were ready for their departure by train and plane to other States. Transport was provided by "Y" members and Council members and the gratitude expressed on all sides makes this humane work of the N.C.J.W. more than worth while. It is to be hoped that members, whenever possible, will go on helping in a practical way, any new arrivals who are in need of help and advice.

1946

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Eighth NCJW National Conference, Brisbane, Queensland

As a tribute to the memory of the mother of our National President, Mrs Esther Rose Reading, the National Board decided to commemorate a building in the Children's Home on Mt Carmel as the ESTHER ROSE READING MEMORIAL BUILDING, and funds that Council members contribute will be allocated for this Memorial.

Mother's Day Appeal – Help maintain our own NCJW Maternity Ward in the Rothschild Hadassah-University Hospital on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem and the recently established Rose and Lazar Slutzkin Ward in Tel- Aviv.

There was an increased effort to meet and settle post-war migrants.

NCJW again met the influx of post WW11 refugees from Shanghai and Europe .

Once again NCJW had an opportunity of doing one of its most important pieces of work – that of welcoming new arrivals to this country. About 20 arrivals from Hong Kong were taken on a tour of Sydney by members of our very energetic Transport Committee.

The new policy of inviting overseas new arrivals to the Council Luncheon proved a great success. These Council Luncheons will take place every third Wednesday in the month.

NCJW Local Charities Committee to now work solely for NSW Jewish Hospital and is renamed the Council Jewish Hospital Committee.

1947

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NOVEMBER 29. UN General Assembly voted on Resolution 181 adopting a plan to establish the State of Israel.

Dr Fanny Reading named *Woman of Distinction* by Justice Herron of the Supreme Court for the principled stand she took on behalf of the Australian Jewish Community in a libel case with Smith's Weekly. This publication accused Australian Jewry of sending funds to support action against the British in Palestine.

Dr Fanny Reading, as Vice President of Youth Aliyah, was the plaintiff in the long drawn out libel suit against National Press Ltd.' Dr Fanny Reading lost the case on a technicality.



Ninth Conference Delegates and Newcastle members outside Newcastle Synagogue 1948



Delegates outside the Maccabean Hall awaiting cars for Wollongong Day, July 1948

1947 continued

Johann de Witt ship carrying hundreds of Jewish passengers from all over Europe berthed in Sydney. NCJW Canteen stayed at the wharf for three days and provided meals at Council Rooms. *NCJW Reception for new arrivals with 200 people attending. Guests of Council were delighted to meet with old friends from Germany, Austria and Poland.*

All new comers to avail themselves of talking to old friends and new ones every Wednesday night at the Rooms. Facilities would be made for letter writing. Members would be there to give advice and help the new comers to settle down in their new country.

Dr Reading visited the Jewish community of Wollongong on behalf of the JNF 1947 appeal. She suggested to the women present that they form themselves into a Council section to be called Wollongong section.

At the invitation of the Newcastle Section 30 Sydney members and friends visited Newcastle on November 23. Amongst the guests were Mr Horace B Newman President of the Zionist Federation of Australia and NZ.

Dr Reading appealed for assistance for Council work.... *particularly the building of Council House as a clearing house for new arrivals.*

By 1947 NCJW NSW committees were active and contributing: Council Emergency Committee, Western Suburbs Committee, Bellevue Hill Committee, Coogee and Randwick Committees, Maroubra, Kensington Committee, Illawarra Committee.

1948

NCJW NSW President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1936 - 1948

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

MAY 14. Establishment of the State of Israel.

National President's Report 1947-1948:

Membership is approximately 2,500 in Australia. In smaller Sections practically every Jewish woman is a member. There are 12 Senior Sections and 6 Younger Sections.

Ninth NCJW National Conference, Sydney NSW: Celebration of NCJW NSW 25th Anniversary

A large audience of more than 500 people were present at the official opening at the Maccabean Hall on Saturday June 26.

Jubilee Luncheon at the Trocadero Ballroom: Representatives of over 50 non-Jewish women's organisations *The President of the National Council of Women of Australia stated the greatest credit due to the National Council of Jewish Women was their ability as a sectarian organisation to see beyond sectarian interests.*

Message from the National President: Conference : *Thanks to the Presidents and members of the Hostess Sections, Sydney, Newcastle and Wollongong.*



NCJW Ninth Conference delegates in Council Rooms in History House, Sydney 1948



Gertie Wolper Stone and Aaron Wolper c1900



The Wolper Convalescent Home, 8 Trelawney Street, Woollahra

1948 continued

One hundred and five delegates and members were the guests of the Newcastle Section on Wednesday July 7th and were met on arrival at the Newcastle station and transported to the City Hall for a Civic Reception as guests of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle.

Approximately 150 delegates and members took the trip to Wollongong on Sunday July 4th. The day was one of the highlights of the Conference.

A meeting of Wollongong Section was held in Bulli in September. It was decided to hold several small Card Parties in members' homes for the NCJW Queen Candidate.

An NCJW NSW Luncheon was given to welcome the young migrants who arrived under the new Guardianship Scheme and the Save the Children Fund Scheme. After the Luncheon the boys and girls were taken in NCJW members' care to their new home at the Isabella Lazarus Home, Hunters Hill.

1949

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

The Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies thanks the National Council of Jewish Women, under the Presidency of Dr Fanny Reading for the wonderful work they have done in the reception and entertainment of inter-state migrants.

MAY. **Inaugural Conference of International Council of Jewish Women** in Paris, France: Dr Fanny Reading made a Vice President of ICJW (one of five ICJW Vice Presidents) Two NCW delegates Mrs Rosenbaum and Mrs Mendes attended.

Israel Independence Celebration – first anniversary at Council Rooms.

A property at 263 Elizabeth St purchased at auction for £ 9,500. When vacant possession is obtained it is hoped that many organisations whose work functions in the city, will desire to make Council House their City quarters also.

Gertie Wolper Stone bequeathed her house in Coogee to the NCJW NSW Hospital Visiting Committee for the establishment of a Jewish convalescent home in gratitude for the care Council members had given her. The Coogee house was not suitable to be used as such and was sold.



First fund raising event for the NSW Jewish Hospital held at the Trocadero, Sydney 1948
 Dr Fanny Reading 6th from the left, NCJW NSW President Vera Cohen extreme right

1949 continued

A property in 8 Trelawney Street, Woollahra was purchased for Jewish Patients and called the A&G Wolper Convalescent Home. It was run by the NCJW Hospital Committee with volunteer assistance, and at first NCJW members prepared all the meals.

The Community will come to bless the memory of Gertie Stone who made it possible for Council to carry out her heart's desire, that of helping the sick to good health.' 'By her bequest to our Hospital Committee, a long felt want in this community will be filled in the creation of a Jewish Convalescent Hospital which will be established in the near future. We, the NCJW shall be ever grateful to her memory for thus rewarding us by her munificent gesture.

Mr Cyril Rosenbaum of Sydney has handed the magnificent sum of £10,000 to the National Council of Jewish Women for the NSW Jewish Hospital, to endow the operating theatre.

Several planes arrived from Shanghai during March and April welcomed by NCJW in the Council rooms at all hours of day and night.

120 passengers on the ship Ville D'Amiens were welcomed by the Council Reception Committee.

NCJW House Committee for the Chip Chase Hostel gave a party for new arrivals now resident at the hostel. 21 children reside at the hostel. The residents of Chip Chase Hostel were hosted to a Hanuka party by the NCJW House Committee of the Hostel. Recently this Committee presented to Chip Chase Hostel, under the auspices of the AJWS, 2 Invalid Chairs, Baby's pram, Chair and Bassinette.

Hospital and Social Service Committee – the aftercare of patients is a special feature of their social service programme.

Council of Jewish Women of Parramatta held a Purim Party with 250 guests. Everyone voted the first function a great success especially nothing like this had ever been held in the Parramatta district before. The proceeds will be handed over to the United Israel Appeal.

Newly formed Israel Committee.

Dalwood Home and Hebrew Ladies Maternity Committee

NCJW Newcastle AGM Report: Nineteen Institutions were assisted, including many local appeals and donations to numerous Jewish causes. Large parcels of clothing were donated by members and despatched overseas.

Maccabi NCJW 1949 Annual Report: In the years 1947/48 the Club searched unsuccessfully for headquarters and if it had not been for the Council of Jewish Women in making their headquarters available Maccabi might not have functioned as an organisation at all. The Maccabi, now a younger Section of the NCJW, have expressed their thanks and appreciation for our co-operation and the privileges we have allowed them in our Rooms.

1950s



Second Israel Independence Day celebration 1950. The Rooms were decorated with a painted scene depicting Jerusalem.

1950

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

First NCJW National project in Israel: establishment of Kibbutz Kafar Hanassi in partnership with JNF.

Jewish Board of Deputies invites two members of NCJW as candidates for election to the JBD.

JULY 30 to SEPTEMBER 6. *Sydney Section will celebrate a whole month of Special Events. All events will assist Council to finalise the purchase of our Headquarters at 263 Elizabeth Street, Sydney, for our COUNCIL HOUSE.*

Second Israel Independence Celebration, an atmosphere reminiscent of Israel was created by the NCJW Israel Committee. *The Rooms were decorated with palms, citrus fruits etc and a painted scene depicting Jerusalem.*

Chip Chase Hostel Purim Party – members of NCJW Chip Chase Hostel Committee entertained new arrivals and their children at the Hostel. Rabbi Gottshall read the Megillah and children performed. Donations for a piano and gramophone records were requested for the children living in the Hostel.

E H Komlos Hostel: The NCJW House Committee for this Hostel organised another successful Social Evening at the Hostel. *The Committee were most fortunate in purchasing a Lipp Piano.*

NCJW National Knitting Circle : *The 10th year of our knitting and charitable activity ended in April 1950. The two-fold purpose of the circle this year was (1) for collection of funds for the NSW Jewish Hospital and (2) the knitting of cardigans, pullovers and nightwear for the children of the Far West Home in Manly.*

Eastern Suburbs Young Marrieds founded by Dora Wolfenson later renamed the Progressive Group.

NCJW Newcastle: It was decided that Council should become a member of the Newcastle Division of the United Nations Association of Australia.

NCJW Wollongong: Dr Reading in thanking for the Section's practical assistance for the Queen Competition and Aid for Israel Appeal, invited members to join the proposed trip to Israel in 1951 and to attend the Israel Independence Dinner on May 8th.





OUR FIRST PROJECT IN ISRAEL
Kfar Hanassi, showing the
Swimming Pool and Rotunda



1951

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Council's New Project Kfar Hanasi, The Australian Kibbutz in Israel.

Council's many other phases of Israel work are not affected in any way by its sponsorship of Kfar Hanasi.

Intended purchase of Council House: *We are pleased to report that we have paid off the sum of £2880 during the past year, leaving a balance of £5500. This is largely due to the bequests left to us.*

Under the auspices of the NCJW Hospital Committee a special meeting was called to draw up the constitution for the projected convalescent home. Three trustees and the present Hospital Committee to be the Board of Management. As is well known it is due to the generosity of a former member of this Hospital Committee, the late Mrs Gertie Wolper Stone, that this convalescent home to be called after her and her late husband will be established to fill a long-felt need of the Jewish Community of this state.

NSW Jewish Hospital , 4 Wentworth St Point Piper: The hospital was established through the collaboration of YMHA, NCJW, NSW Fellowship of Jewish Doctors.

Hospital Voluntary Helpers: *NCJW has organised a large band of voluntary helpers to give daily service at the Hospital in any capacity. The opening of the medical wing by the Minister of Health. NCJW was thanked for its big assistance for this the first Jewish Hospital in the Southern Hemisphere.*

NCJW Committee for Chip Chase Hostel retired after some years of contribution and assistance.

1952

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Tenth NCJW National Conference, Melbourne VIC

One of its outstanding and most satisfying results being the recognition by Israel of Council's work in its behalf for nearly 30 years.

At the Session held on October 31st, delegates resolved to adopt a new Project for Israel, that of building settlements in Israel to be known as the NCJW of Australia Settlements. A three year plan of establishing Workers' Settlements in Israel in the name of the NCJW of Australia.

The NCJW has in the past raised considerable sums of money for the JNF through Queen Competitions, etc, and it is fitting now that its work for Israel should be recognized by the JNF of Israel in this tangible way.

Money raised annually for Queen Competitions by NCJW throughout Australia will in future be set aside wholly for our new project.

Neve Zipporah settlement in Gan Yavneh honouring Dr Fanny Reading with Vera Cohen Communal Hall incorporating Gladys Slutzkin Library in partnership with JNF.

Dr Fanny Reading made Life Governor of YMHA (Young Men's Hebrew Association). YMHA President was proud to say Dr Fanny had founded the YMHA in Australia confer on Dr Reading the honour of Life Governor of the Y. This was the first time such an honour was paid to a woman.

Israel Committee : Jewish Child's Day : For the first function of this Committee it was decided to launch 1952 Jewish Child's Day. This day has come to be accepted as a memorial to the children who perished in the Hell of Europe and Jewry makes its special effort on behalf of displaced children, to ensure them a fresh start in life.

NCJW Rose Bay - Vacluse Group formed

1953

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

*Message to Council members throughout Australia – Tribute to the National President:
May I appeal most earnestly to Council members and friends to support to their utmost capacity the Fanny Reading Council House Building Fund. In the long history of NCJW in Australia, a proud history of more than 30 years, this is the first time that a public Appeal is being made. The Fanny Reading Council House will be City Headquarters for Council activities, a Jewish Centre, a Hostel for young people and a Centre for cultural pursuits.*





Sydney members waiting to board a train for Newcastle to celebrate Newcastle Section Silver Jubilee 1954

1953 continued

Financial drive to raise funds for the purchase of Council House 263 Elizabeth St. Sydney.

In recognition of the efforts of NCJW for the JNF a settlement in Israel will be established in the name of Dr Fanny Reading.

30th Anniversary of NCJW NSW. Representatives from 65 Jewish and non - Jewish organisations were guests at the celebrations in Sydney.

Wolper Convalescent House officially opened at 8 Trelawney St Woollahra.

Council gave much support for the NSW Jewish Hospital, giving six beds.

Councilettes Group formed – girls 12-16 years.

1954

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

Dr Fanny Reading and Vera Cohen invited by State Government to Luncheon at which Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth met representatives of women's organisations, also invited to a royal garden party.

Coronation Forest in Israel In Honour of Queen Elizabeth II.

Her Majesty has graciously consented to the planting in Israel by the Jewish subjects throughout her realms, of a Queen Elizabeth Coronation Forest of 250,000 Trees. This Royal consent is of great historic significance. Australian Jewry is committed to 50,000 Trees in this Forest. Each donor's name would be inscribed in a Roll of Homage to be presented to the Queen on her departure from Australia. The NCJW throughout Australia will join other organisations in this memorable project on the joyful occasion of Her Majesty's visit.

Conversazione: to assist in establishing the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Forest in Israel, a very impressive evening was held at the Council Rooms. Mr John Goulston outlined the importance of this *Act of Homage*.

From 1954 NCJW Scholarships at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

The property at 263 Elizabeth St Sydney now paid fully, intention is to make it NCJW Council House. At the Annual Meeting - *at last, after 4 ½ years work, the debt on Council House has been discharged. Plans now will be put into action to gain possession of the property and reconstruct it to suit Council's requirements.*

The projected amalgamation of the NSW Jewish Hospital and the Convalescent House, on the present Woollahra site, both of which projects are sponsored by the NCJW, should be a dignified objective of which Sydney Jewry should be justly proud.





1954 Front: M. Symonds, Dr F Reading, Rebbitzin B. Gottshall. Back: NSW President V. Cohen, D. Goldring.

1954 continued

New Group Formed : Junior Young Marrieds *many of whom have recently married and wish to continue their interest in Council.*

Three beds at Wolper Convalescent House have been endowed by NCJW members and friends, to the value of £750.

Continental Committee: *held a Social Reunion at the Council Rooms.*

NCJW Newcastle Section celebrated their Silver Jubilee. *Thirty-two Sydney members journeyed (by train) to Newcastle to celebrate with Newcastle members. Representatives of 25 women's organisations joined the NCJW members. Newcastle members personally accommodated Sydney visitors in their homes for their night's stay in Newcastle.*

1955

NCJW NSW President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1948 - 1955

NCJW NSW President Mrs Ann Einfeld 1955 - 1958

NCJW National President Dr Fanny Reading MBE 1929 - 1955

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Eleventh NCJW National Conference Sydney

Dr Fanny Reading MBE retired from NCJW National Presidency

Formation of NCJW Canberra Section.

December 1955 Urgent Appeal for Israel launched.

Wolper Convalescent House Month: *under the auspices of the Hospital Visiting Committee of the NCJW is now appealing to Council members for further support for funds made absolutely necessary for building extensions demanded by the new regulations of the present Health Act. Members are asked to contribute to this Appeal by sending their contribution to the Trustees of the Wolper Convalescent House, 8 Trelawney Street, Woollahra.*

Council Jewish Hospital Committee: *has taken over the responsibility of looking after the linen and its supply for Wolper Hospital and is doing an excellent piece of work for this worthy Council Institution.*

Meals on Wheels -NCJW NSW members involved since 1950s.

NCJW North Shore Group formed.

Council Younger Set formed : *At the first meeting of this young Group at Council Rooms, an enthusiastic band of Council members met and elected their office bearers.*

ISRAEL EMERGENCY APPEAL — Israel's Desperate Plight

An Appeal of greatest urgency has been issued throughout the length and breadth of Australia by the E.C.A.J. and the Zionist Federation of Australia and N.Z., to send immediate assistance to Israel whose plight is so desperate. The present situation of Israel is critical and an appeal goes out to every member to help all she can. Surely the sacrifices which our young men and women of Israel are making in our fight for our country and freedom and the strain and tension of old and young in Israel, must stir our hearts and minds to do our duty and all we can to save the little country we call our own.

We pray that if trouble assails Israel our people will be victorious. Again we urge Council Sections to organise and assist this Emergency Appeal to the utmost.



GUESTS AT OFFICIAL TABLE

Mrs. M. Simon (Newc.), Mrs. L. White (Melb.), Mrs. W. Magnus (Brisb.), Mr. G. de Vahl Davis (Syd.), Mrs. G. de Vahl Davis (Syd.), Mrs. B. Cohen (Syd.), Mr. B. Cohen (Syd.), Mrs. Ann Einfeld (Syd.), Dr. Fanny Reading (Syd.), Mr. S. D. Einfeld (Syd.), Mrs. S. D. Einfeld (Syd.), Mrs. I. Porush (Syd.), Mrs. Z. Dover (Syd.)

NCJW 33rd Anniversary celebration 1956

1955 continued

NCJW Women's ORT: Over 500 people attended a successful Garden Party at Leura. This is the first ORT function to be organised and the NCJW is very grateful for this very fine effort. ORT is a global education network driven by Jewish values – working since 1880.

Newcastle Section: Seven teenage girls of our community will constitute the Junior Group of our Council and assist in our aims.

1956

NCJW NSW President Mrs Ann Einfeld 1955 - 1958

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Sydney Section Council Month: appeal ... for funds to carry on the project of the establishment of the Fanny Reading Council House in Sydney.

Golden Age Group for over 60s formed.

NCJW NSW Fundraising for extensions and alterations to the Wolper Convalescent Home. Grand Gala Fete – on Grounds of Wolper Convalescent Hospital.

ECAJ called a Communal Meeting under the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies for the urgent need for widening the activities of sick visiting in the community, especially as there were so many mental hospital patients who needed personal attention. Tributes were paid to NCJW Hospital Visiting Committee and their cooperation was sought in this scheme. We have paid weekly visits to all general hospitals in the metropolitan areas and monthly visits to institutions, such as mental and old people's homes. With that end in view a larger organisation will in future function so that patients in these institutions will be regularly visited.

Council to assist in the collection of clothes for the North African Jews arriving in Israel. Groups offered to collect clothes from donors and deliver them.

Coogee Randwick Group formed.

NCJW NSW Membership secretary Mrs G Hoffman is the link with Council for many members who are unable to attend functions, telling them of Council's activities and plans for the future.

The Francis St and Elizabeth St properties are retained and vacant possession is being arranged. A communal building scheme has been mooted. Together with other organisations we were invited to a meeting to ascertain the attitude of organisations. We agree in principle with the scheme.



A large number of "Golden Age" members at 1st Birthday Party

The Golden Age Group for over 60's was formed in 1956

Council Park in Israel



● Australia Park established from the results of Council Queen Competition efforts, is set on one of the highest points near Jerusalem. It nestles in a vast JNF Forest stretching for more than three miles from Mount Herzl. Pictures shows a young Israeli having "the time of his life" on the slippery dip in the playground of Jerusalem Forest. Inset shows the commemorative plaque at the entrance to Australia Park.

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NCJW NSW President Mrs Ann Einfeld 1955 - 1958

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW / JNF proposal in Israel: The proposed project aimed at the establishment of an Open-Air Recreation Centre for children within the Jerusalem Forest Park in partnership with JNF. It was named *NCJW Australia Park*. The six year project raised \$80,000.

NCJW NSW Thrift Shop opened at 332 Crown Street, Sydney.

In Social Service, Council has played an important part in the Meals on Wheels Scheme. Council members participated fortnightly in this service to old-age pensioners.

Council Jewish Hospital Committee raised £1,000 (our aim being a bed in the name of National Council of Jewish Women, Jewish Hospital Committee, in the Jewish Hospital.) It was resolved at the last Annual Meeting of the New South Wales Jewish Hospital, that the Hospital and Wolper Hospital merge.

The Golden Age Group, formed in 1956, now lists 80 people. *The NCJW is the first Jewish Organisation in Sydney to provide social amenities for this Age Group. Some of our members have reached the magnificent age of 85, and have never missed a meeting.*

Sydney Opera House Appeal The following members have responded to the Special Call for the magnificent project of an Opera House. This will not only be an acquisition to the cultural life of Sydney but to that of the whole of Australia. If your name is not on this list please send your small contribution as soon as possible to the Treasurer, NCJW, 8 Young Street Sydney. 146 names appeared on this attached list.

During her trip to Israel Dr Fanny made special effort to meet Ezra officials in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. She reported on mothers seeking for their babies clothing forwarded by the Ezra groups in Sydney and Melbourne.

Currently there were 18 successful Groups in NCJW NSW.

Kingsgrove Earlwood Group formed.

We still retain the Francis Street and Elizabeth Street properties.enquiring into the suitability of these properties to build our Council House. No further progress has been made re the Communal Centre since last year.



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NCJW NSW President Dolly Lambert 1958 - 1960
NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Twelfth NCJW National Conference, Brisbane.

NCJW NSW 35th Birthday.
 Council Month February – March 1958
Each Council group and Committee will arrange its own function for Council Month. What became predominately obvious was the fact that after all the years NCJW had so ardently worked for all and every Zionist cause, now, through the offices of the Jewish National Fund, projects are being specifically promoted in the name of NCJW in Israel.

18th Australian Zionist Conference praised the NCJW singling out our organisation for the work we are all doing, not only in the interest of Zionist work but in all branches of our various activities.

Neve Zipporah, named for Dr Fanny Reading, is a settlement fully paid for by the NCJW ... and is fast becoming a flourishing home for Jews who have escaped the Arab countries.

Tenth Anniversary of the State of Israel: Combined NCJW- WIZO Luncheon at the Trocadero. More than 500 women representing 75 NSW women's organisations attended. Dr Fanny Reading speech: I wish to make the point that Jews have always existed in Israel, Jews were always there even though in very small numbers, to guard our interests. Thank God for the UNO which made the State of Israel possible.

The NCJW Sydney Section was very proud of the prominent part it took in the 10th Anniversary of Israel Celebrations. Council Rooms were festively decorated, a special chicken luncheon was served and His Excellency, Mr M Nurock, Minister for Israel delivered a most inspiring talk on Israel. His Excellency paid particular tribute to the work of NCJW for Israel and stressed that this should be more publicised and particularised.

Tenth Anniversary Ball – 1800 people attended this grand event.

To celebrate the 1st birthday of Meals on Wheels, all the voluntary workers were the guests of the Lord Mayor at an afternoon tea in the Sydney Town Hall. Since its inception Meals on Wheels has considerably expanded and now meals are served to over 100 patients by the NCJW team.



Dedication of Neve Zipporah settlement Israel 1957



Dedication of the Vera Cohen Community Centre and Gladys Slutzkin Library at Neve Zipporah 1957



1958 continued

New Group Lane Cove Young Marrieds formed.

All NSW Groups were very active in their fundraising and social events during the year.

NCJW NSW National Knitting Circle – *have just donated a parcel of beautifully hand-knitted garments to the Far West Children's Home.*

Newcastle Section. Rebbetzin Gottshall reported that a Jewish inmate of Maitland Gaol – *...would be glad of a chess set. It was decided to purchase one for him.*

Council will continue its Civic project – helping at the Senior Citizens' Club in Newcastle – a roster was drawn up.

1959

NCJW NSW President Dolly Lambert 1958 - 1960

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW NSW Groups continued to grow and to work in many areas of the community. Council members paid membership and raise money for the organisation.

CYS (Council Younger Set) held events almost weekly including film nights, house parties with themes like Masked House Party, also speaker nights with local speakers such as Rev Lubofsky.

The Young Marrieds Group, at times held at Dr Reading's home, aimed to encourage public speaking in this Group.

Catering for the older age members, the Golden Age Group held fortnightly Social Afternoons in the Council Rooms on alternate Tuesdays, with up to sixty members attending.

Senior Social Club held functions every Tuesday night in the Council rooms.

Other NCJW NSW Groups included:

- Dover Heights Group,
- Bondi- Bellevue Hill Group,
- Progressive Group,
- North Shore Group,
- Darling Point Group,
- Coogee- Randwick Group,
- Kingsford- Earlwood Group.

1960s



Dr Fanny Reading being presented with an MBE by Sir Eric Woodward, Governor of NSW



Mrs Becky Lake, Hospital Visiting Committee Chair, at the opening of The Wolper Jewish Hospital 1961. Left: Rabbi Porush, Right: Hon Sydney Einfeld

1960

NCJW NSW President Dolly Lambert 1958 - 1960

NCJW NSW President Dora Wolfensohn 1960 - 1962

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW National project: Leah Simon swimming pool at Kfar Hanassi in partnership with JNF to be opened.

NCJW NSW working committees community services continued to include Hospital Visiting Committees weekly visits to :

- Public Hospitals
- The New South Wales Jewish Hospital
- Wolper Convalescent Hospital

Local Government Meals on Wheels deliveries from Willoughby Council and City of Sydney Council.

NCJW NSW Thrift Shops open very weekday. A Mezzanine Floor has been installed and amongst other improvements, fluorescent lighting. A new 'Department' is furniture.

NCJW NSW Fetes - collection and selling of clothes and goods.

1961

NCJW NSW President Dora Wolfensohn 1960 - 1962

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Dr Fanny Reading awarded M.B.E. – Member of the Order of the British Empire.

Thirteenth NCJW National Conference, Sydney

Canberra National Project commenced. A National Jewish Centre suggested by Earle Hoffman and taken up by NCJW National President Vera Cohen. Auditorium to be named Dr Fanny Reading Auditorium. NCJW was the first Jewish National organisation to raise funds to begin building a national centre.

The Sydney Jewish Hospital and the Wolper Convalescent Hospital amalgamated to become The Wolper Jewish Hospital.

President of the Hospital stated that *Council now owned property to the value of £80,000 and it was hoped to commence building the Dr Fanny Reading Surgical Wing soon.*



NCJW NSW members discuss plans for Council House. L to R Rebbetzin Gottshall, Dr Fanny Reading, Fanny Adler, Bessie Altschuler, Bessie Einhorn.

1963

NCJW NSW President Jill Balkind 1962 - 1964

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW NSW Fortieth Anniversary Council Dinner:

Message from Life President Dr Fanny Reading MBE, unable to attend through poor health:
I pay a glorious tribute to the gallant band of women who realised the great responsibility of our duty to Judaism and the country in which we live. I also pay tribute to the hundreds of women who have followed our banner for the past 40 years. We have made history in Australia by opening up new vistas of service for the Australian woman which had not been her lot before Council was established.

It is my hope that the NCJW will not rest on its laurels and achievements of the past 40 years but will go forward with the help of the Almighty and continue to exert its benign influence upon the Jewish women of Australia.

By 1963 all Sections of NCJW nationally were affiliated to their State's Jewish Board of Deputies, Zionist Councils, National Council of Women and United Nations Association.

DECEMBER 18. Opening of Fanny Reading Council House, NCJW War Memorial Council House, by Lady Woodward, wife of the Governor of NSW. The building, at 111-113 Queen St Woollahra, was dedicated by 3 Rabbis - Porush, Freedman and Brasch and attended by more than 800 guests. The War Memorial plaque was unveiled by the President of the NSW Association of the Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women.

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and thankfulness to the Almighty that I have been spared to witness this great day.

I little thought when I returned from New York in 1926 with the idea of a Council House here, that it would take 37 years to reach its fulfillment. Dr Fanny Reading

At a later well-attended ceremony special areas of Council House, windows and rooms were dedicated by Rabbi Porush in the names of families of Council women: The Sarah Rosenbaum Hall, The Annie Whitfield Foyer, The Redelman Hall, Offices and reception area donated in memory of Fanny Adler, Esta Roland and Meta Bayer.

Council members had put forward the money to build Council House. It had been intended to have three floors, the top one allowing accommodation for country girls in need.

Decision to follow each annual pre-Purim Council Shabbat synagogue service with Purim Shabbat Lunch at Council House.

1963 Foundation stone for the Surgical wing of the Wolper Jewish Hospital dedicated in the name of Dr Fanny Reading.

1963 NCJW NSW Incorporation sought and finalised in accordance with Articles of Incorporation. The 1963 Fete resulted in the largest amount of money ever raised at a Fete.

Suburban and Standing Committees work exceedingly well under their individual chairmen whose leadership and sincerity will be proven in their reports.

CYS Group reformed with a male chairperson.

85 % of the Jewish women living in Newcastle were members of Council.
Our main effort for a non-Jewish cause was for the Newcastle Own Physically Handicapped Association and our presentation of a cheque for £42 received extensive local press publicity.

Sydney, Friday, December 6th., 1963 "THE SYDNEY JEWISH NEWS" Page Nine

FANNY READING COUNCIL HOUSE
NCJW War Memorial Centre - Supplement

National Council of Jewish Women of Australia
 (N.S.W. DIVISION)

PROUDLY ANNOUNCE

THE

Opening

By LADY WOODWARD
 (Wife of the N.S.W. Governor)

● National Council of Jewish Women's Fanny Reading Council House, in Queen Street, Woollahra. (Mike Studio pic.)

- Established War Savings Certificate Groups.
- Visited Jewish Servicemen in Hospital and Convalescent Homes.
- Assisted on all Button Days for special appeals.
- Members gave service in many servicemen's canteens and as V.A.D.s in hospitals etc.
- Established centres for making camouflage nets and supplied thousands to the Defence Authorities.
- Supported such special appeals as:
 - BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN
 - MISS RABBIT'S LONDON APPEAL
 - SHRIMPPORE FOR RUSSIA, ETC., ETC.

SOCIAL

Whilst fund raising has been such an important part of Council's work, the educational and social aspects have not been neglected. For many years Sections have had monthly luncheons with outstanding Guest Speakers; Suburban Groups usually have an interesting speaker at their regular meetings. Conversations are arranged to welcome Israeli Diplomats and their wives and overseas visitors; and evenings are held to welcome new members. At regular intervals Seminars and Forums are arranged.

BULLETIN

Council has Thrift Shops in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide. Apart from being a good source of income, from time to time we clothe needy families free of charge, and have helped men to look presentable when applying for employment.

The success of these shops is due to the loyalty and devotion of those who donate the goods, and the volunteers who collect and also serve as saleswomen.

THRIFT SHOPS

Since 1926 "The Council Bulletin" has been published. It has brought Sections closer to each other and requests have been received from Jewish Organisations all over the world to be included in the mailing lists.

Without the Bulletin, this brochure could never have been compiled.



PRESIDING Mrs. Bernard Cohen, National President

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
 HATIKVAH

DEDICATION PRAYER Rabbi Dr. I. Rapoport
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WELCOME TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Mrs. Bernard Cohen

WELCOME TO DELEGATES AND VISITORS Mrs. N. H. Kloot
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 Mrs. Pearl Mendes
 (Hon. Secretaries)

INTRODUCTION OF

SENATOR, The Honourable J. G. Gorton,
 Minister for Works, and under The Prime Minister, Minister in Charge,
 Commonwealth Activities in Education and Research
 Mrs. Bernard Cohen

OFFICIAL OPENING OF CONFERENCE

Senator, The Honourable J. G. Gorton

GREETINGS

Mr. Baron Snider, M.L.A.
 Representing the Premier of Victoria



NSW delegates at Fourteenth National Conference include Ray Ginsburg, Fanny Adler, NCJW National President Vera Cohen, Pearl Mendes,

1964

NCJW NSW President Jill Balkind 1962 - 1964

NCJW NSW President Ray Ginsburg AM 1964 - 1972

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Fourteenth NCJW National Conference, Melbourne:

Conference discussion re Israel projects. A decision was made to not continue dissipating NCJW efforts which tended to not be recognised. For example these projects include the Ward in Hadassah Rothschild Hospital in Jerusalem, the Ward in WIZO Baby home Haifa, WIZO Infant Welfare Centre Tel Aviv.

Decision to support by Section events Melbourne's Ilan program which becomes a National project - now renamed ILAN (Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children) in Tel Aviv.

National Conference resolution to adopt the village Alma in the Highlands of Galilee. *We will develop it in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund. All our Queen Competition monies will be devoted to this project.*

The Australia Park project was completed this year and our National Board is already preparing our next Israel Project.

NSW Division has fulfilled its pledge towards the National Jewish Centre in Canberra.

41st Annual Dinner at Council House. *A very pleasing feature of the function was the ceremony of presentation of cheques by all the Suburban Groups. It made a moving picture of the devotion of the members to the work of the National Council of Jewish Women.*

Sydney Section finds its great strength comes from the development of the Suburban Groups. The Membership Chairman, Mrs Gerda Hoffman, attends meetings of every Group.

Council Emergency Group introduced their 200 guests at a fashion parade to Miriam Karlin, TV star of the Rag Trade who spoke about her first love - Israel.

NCJW National Board and Council Bulletin moved to Melbourne. The Council Bulletin, September 1964 Vol 38 No 3 was the first bulletin to be published outside of NSW.

1964 Annual Council Fete held for first time in Council House.

A very successful Revue entitled The Dollies Follies of 1964 was held at Council House and proved itself to be a most hilarious show.

All NCJWA Sections donated Talking Books to the Blind Society in each state. There are NCJW NSW Thrift shops in both Crown Street and Alexandria, Sydney.



The first NCJW study group, 1960. Twenty members led by National President Vera Cohen MBE visited sister groups in the UK, Europe, Israel and the USA.

1965

NCJW NSW President Ray Ginsburg AM 1964 - 1972

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW Life President Vera Cohen awarded MBE – Member of the British Empire medal

FEBRUARY 17. NSW Division were hostesses at a luncheon at Council House to celebrate the birthday of our founder and Life President, Dr Fanny Reading MBE. A large attendance.

The Israel Group formed.

Council Emergency Group commenced their year with a delightful Wine and Cheese Tasting Dinner. Card Parties have been arranged by the Darling Point and Dover Heights Groups. Theatre Parties are being organised by the Progressive and Coogee – Randwick Groups.

Ray Ginsburg NSW President stated: *Suburban Groups have been a tower of strength to me– they are, without doubt, the backbone of our organisation.*

Newcastle Section: *Young visitors from Sydney attended the dance and a most enjoyable car trail and picnic to Clarendon was held the next day. As the day was warm, we swam in the river.*



NCJW National President Vera Cohen at the Nahlat NCJW Dedication ceremony

1966

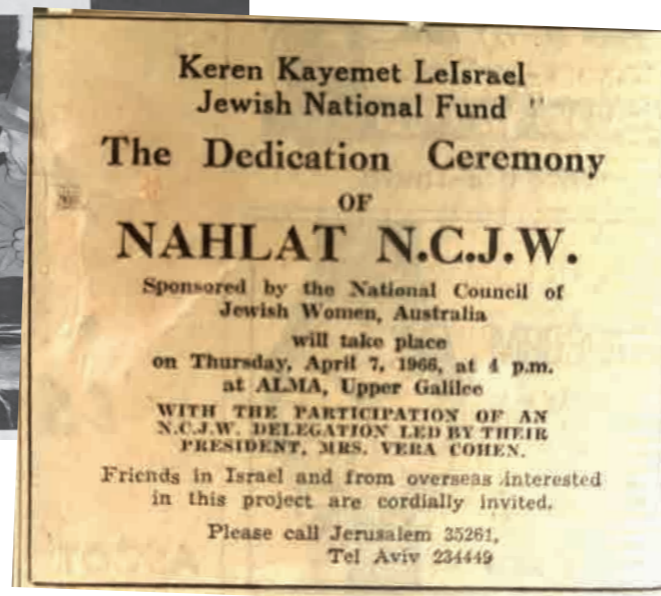
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NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

Moshav Alma Upper Galilee, help in building synagogue and community centre. JNF NCJWA continued to support Alma with proceeds of JNF Queen Competition focusing on vocational guidance provided to women and girls in the settlement.

Wolper Hospital surgical wing opened.

Chief Rabbi Entertained: A delightful Morning Tea, chaired by the State President Mrs Walter Ginsburg – was tendered to Rabbi Dr Brodie and Mrs Brodie at Council House, 150 members and friends being present. Rabbi Dr Brodie congratulated the NSW Division on its new home and said how delighted he was to have been spared to shake the hand of Dr Fanny as he had been present at the inception of NCJW in Melbourne.





Above: Laying of the foundation stone of Dr Fanny Reading Surgical Wing at Wolper Hospital. Donor Sir Adolph Basser with Dr Reading 1963



Left: Operating theatre in the Surgical Wing 1967

1966 continued

Nearly 200 members and friends attended the **43rd Anniversary** Dinner at Council House. Guest Speaker His Honor Mr Justice Isaacs, Guest of Honor Mr SD Einfeld MLA and Mr Sam Karpin were all foundation members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association founded by Dr Fanny Reading MBE who was also present.

During Council Month *members have once again rallied to assist in every way possible for Council's fundraising programme.* The ever-popular theatre parties, luncheons demonstrations and card parties organised by all the Groups were very well supported.

Regular Monthly Luncheons have been held at Council House throughout the year. Two Receptions highlighted the year, firstly the Dinner for Mrs Bernard Cohen in honour of her receiving the MBE. Secondly the Combined Jewish and Non-Jewish Women's Organisations Reception attended by their leaders.

Ray Ginsburg represented Council in Canberra at the presentation of the deeds of the Menzies Forest to Sir Robert and Dame Pattie Menzies.

A new NCJW Group was formed: Ryde-Hunters Hill Group.

Newcastle Section was the first NCJW (Section) to fulfil its quota to the National Community Centre in Canberra.

1967

NCJW NSW President Ray Ginsburg AM 1964 - 1972

NCJW National President Mrs Vera Cohen MBE 1955 - 1967

NCJW National President Mrs Mina Fink MBE 1967 - 1973

Fifteenth NCJW National Conference, Perth

Visit of ICJW President Mrs Isabelle Brown

Six Day War in Israel:

As we produce this Council Bulletin, our thoughts and hearts and minds of Jews everywhere are occupied with one theme: ISRAEL. The days of anxiety which were so quickly changed to thankfulness, pride and relief, strengthened the determination to hold our land and support our people, who fight not only for themselves but for us all.

Never before in the history of the Jewish people have we been so deeply moved as by the recent events that have taken place in Israel. Council has endeavoured to play its part. The Women's Rally held at Council House resulted in a magnificent amount being raised. This was only one of the small parts played by Council in the recent Emergency Appeal.

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Phone FA 7039 if you need us to pick up your parcels.

It would help the N.C.J.W. if you could deliver the parcel yourself to the shop.

The shop is situated at 332 Crown Street (off Oxford Street, Darlinghurst).

We look forward to your assistance.

1967 continued

Jewish Communal Appeal established in NSW. NCJW NSW is an inaugural affiliate, sitting on JCA Board of Governors.

Financial support is still given to the Wolper Jewish Hospital. *It is pleasing to note that since the additions to the Hospital of the Fanny Reading Surgical Wing, the hospital has progressed considerably.*

I must express my personal appreciation to all our Suburban Groups for the wonderful support they gave Council in the 1967 Queen Competition. ... These Groups are the backbone of our Organisation. A new Group, the Young Mothers' Committee was recently formed. To enable young mothers to attend, a babysitter is always in attendance.

1968

NCJW NSW President Ray Ginsburg AM 1964 - 1972

NCJW National President Mrs Mina Fink MBE 1967 - 1973

1968 is the International Year for Human Rights, I call on all Sections to participate in the observance of Human Rights Year.

History was made as we had Dr Fanny Reading MBE, our Life National President, Mrs Bernard Cohen, Immediate Past National President and Mrs L Fink, our newly elected National President together for the first time in Council House.

The lease on the Alexandria Thrift Shop expired and a decision was made not to renew it but concentrate on the Crown Street Thrift Shop.

NCJW NSW President Ray Ginsburg, attending the WIZO Annual Luncheon commented *I am delighted that such a feeling of fellowship exists between the two major Women's Organisations.*

NCJW NSW 45th Anniversary Dinner: Guest Speaker Hon JC Maddison BA LLB MLA, Minister of Justice. 200 people including representatives of leading Jewish organisations attended.

A new source of income was established with the holding of Jumble Sales, at Council House and at Central Railway Station. All those who volunteered to help in this new venture were thanked.

Israel's 20th anniversary celebrated at Newcastle by NCJW Newcastle Section with a weekend of activities. In honour of the occasion 100 trees are to be planted in the Newcastle Forest in Israel in the name of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Gold Coast Group formed in Queensland Section and later became Gold Coast Section.

National President Visits N.S.W. Division

It was a hectic week of activities for NSW Division when National President, Mrs. L. Fink descended upon the scene.

Mrs. Ray Ginsburg accompanied the National President on a visit to the North Shore Group and Emergency Group.

The full Executive Board and Chairmen of Groups gathered in Council House on Thursday, 20 February to listen to the National President outline the urgency of the Middle East situation, the importance of better informed NCJW members and the Weekend School in Canberra

Mrs. Fink is full of admiration for the handful of NCJW women in Newcastle who carry out the manifold tasks performed by several different organisations in larger centres. At the luncheon tendered by this Section, she found it good to see that amongst the audience of 95 women, 75 were non-Jewish, intently listening to her talk on 'Israel' and the Council story.

Mrs. Fink was a Guest of Honour on NBN Channel 3, Newcastle during her recent tour of NCJW Sections.

She was introduced to Newcastle

Tuesday evening 18th February. The President of the Newcastle Hebrew Congregation, Mr. Solomon, and the Rev. Wugman joined with members of Council and the community in this warm and friendly reception.

The National President spoke of her visits to Israel and future Council projects particularly Adult Jewish Education. A spirited discussion followed, in which both male and female members of the audience enthusiastically joined.

Mrs. Fink presented a book entitled 'Where There's a Woman,' to Mrs. Owen, President of the Newcastle Section, as a token of affection and appreciation for service to CJW of Australia.

During her visit to Sydney, our National President was honoured by the presence of Dr. Fanny Reading at the 'Mornin Coffee' at Council House. She nodded approvingly while Mrs. Fink spoke and whispered a 'Thank you Mina' at the conclusion of her address.

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The NCJW of Australia takes pleasure in greeting Dr Nahum Goldman, President of the World Jewish Congress on his first visit to Australia.

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Sydney Section : *At the request of the State Zionist Council we held a very successful Independence Day Luncheon at Council House Guest Speakers were Sir William Yeo, President of the NSW Returned Soldiers League and Mr John Gordon, Acting Consul General for Israel.*

At the **46th Anniversary** Dinner held during Council Month, a message from Dr Fanny Reading was read : *Council has served faithfully my ideals and the credit must go to Council members for their devotion and trust in me. I will always feel grateful to have been a daughter of Israel and of humanity.*

NSW Section is very thrilled with the response of our Group Chairmen in bringing their girls up to date on current Israel events. Copies of Newsletters sent by the Embassy of Israel are now being circulated to Group Chairmen and are being read out at Group meetings.

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Annual Report of NCJW Newcastle Section: *There are 39 senior members and 4 junior members registered. It is however disappointing to have to record that the bulk of the workload must be carried by a small core of active members.*

The President and members of the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies paid a weekend visit to Newcastle. They were entertained by Council members in their homes. Council provided a Kiddush following the Shabbat service.

Newcastle has joined Council Sections which have their own Economy Shop.it has already made substantial donations to Newcastle Section's Local Charities - Newcastle Forest in Israel and the Synagogue Funds.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA
FOUNDED 1923



The photograph shows our smiling National President Mrs. L. Fink, at the ceremony marking the progress building of the Synagogue at Alma. On this occasion she presented a cheque to Mr. Kachlon, in the absence of Mr. Safer representing Moshav Alma.

Pictured with Mrs. Fink is Mr. Sabie, the JNF representative. Others present were Mr. Gardi, Hapoel Hamizrachi, and Mr. Shaliv representing the district Council.

1970s



Laying of the foundation stone for the synagogue in Alma settlement Israel



1970 Visit of Zena Harman, Member of the Knesset (Seated third from left)

Mrs. Harman surrounded by Members of Sydney Section at their luncheon at the home of Mrs. Walter Ginsburg (Pres.).



NCJW NSW 47th Anniversary dinner at Council House, Sydney

1970

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Sixteenth NCJW National Conference, Brisbane

Mr and Mrs Walter Ginsburg have been invited to meet the Queen at a Garden Party at Government House and The Lord Mayor's Reception at the Sydney Town Hall.

Dormitory in Australia House, Hebrew University, endowed.

Alma Settlement in the Upper Galilee, NCJW National Project, laid the foundation stone for the synagogue.

Zena Harman, Member of Knesset, Chairman of UNICEF Executive was the guest of NCJW for a morning tea jointly with Friends of the Hebrew University - for representatives of Jewish and non-Jewish women's organisations.

Mrs. Harman's visit has well and truly served to put NCJW on the map. From being an organisation which serves without fanfare, NCJW has suddenly hit the limelight.

During 1970s Ray Ginsburg AM NCJW NSW President with Rebbetzin Marion Apple formed the NCJWA Status of Women in Judaism and Jewish Law Committee to educate Australian lawyers on the need to push for a Gett (Jewish divorce) along with a secular divorce.

Joint Communal Appeal: In 1969 Council participated for the first time and played a very prominent part. This year we are again participating and members are assisting. Council still maintains its support for the Wolper Jewish Hospital. The NCJW Wolper Jewish Hospital Committee holds many functions to raise money for this project.

Volunteers with a few hours to spare are urgently needed to help with hospital visiting and at the Thrift Shop.

During 1970s Moriah College Annual Scholarship was granted.

Donation was made to the Board of Jewish Education.

The NSW Division of the NCJW was the first women's organisation asked to sit on the Executive of the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Women's Committee and are participating in the Exhibition in the Sydney Town Hall.

The Newcastle Forest in Israel Appeal is nearing completion. It is hoped to present the deeds of the Forest to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle in July.

Unfortunately the Newcastle Economy shop closed after four successful months, during which over \$800 was cleared.



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Mrs L Fink, our National President comments on 1971 – The Year for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination. The NCJW of Australia joined the Australian Committee for Action. A petition was sent from NCJW National to the Ambassador of USSR to Australia: *We earnestly request you to urge government to grant to all its Jewish citizens the right, laid down in the constitution of the USSR, to live in accordance with their cultural and religious heritage. Moreover we ask your government to act in the spirit of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which it has freely subscribed.*

Canberra War Memorial Centre: *The Prime Minister Mr W McMahon will officially open the War Memorial Centre on November 14. Council is proud of the part it has played in its establishment. NCJW was the first organisation to give financial support.*

NCJW Salutes the Jewish National Fund on its 70th Anniversary: *The National Council of Jewish Women of Australia who has worked for many decades in close cooperation with this great organisation and extends its greetings.*

48th Anniversary dinner: Guest Speaker Sir Asher Joel O.B.E., M.L.C and Lady Joel. To highlight International Day Sir Asher spoke at length on Australia's part on inter-racial relations, aiming at a gradual intake of our Asian neighbours, and our part in the Colombo Plan.

Crown Street property sold and funds used to install air conditioning in Council House ensuring the hall will be in greater demand.

Once again NSW Division extended hospitality to a group of visiting tourists, members of the National Council of Jewish Women of America. A team of cars organised by National Hospitality Chairman and driven by their owners took them for a drive around the Eastern beaches and harbour, bringing them back to Council House for afternoon tea, where they were presented with a copy of the Council Story as a souvenir.

For the second time since its inception a Jewish woman, Captain of our Meals on Wheels Team, was elected President of the whole Meals on Wheels Scheme.

The life blood of our Organisation is its membership and our thanks go out to Mrs. Gerda Hoffman as Membership Chairman, for the splendid work she has done in keeping our figures up, and also for her untiring liaison with the Groups.

Right: Delegation to present a petition to the USSR Ambassador requesting that Russian Jewish citizens be granted the right to live in accordance with their cultural and religious heritage.



Jewish Women's Delegation at Russian Embassy in Canberra to Present Signed Petition. Mrs. Fink (on right) shows the Books containing the Petitions to the delegates who had come from Sydney: (left in right): Mrs. Fitchman, Mrs. Porush, Mrs. Glasser.

1972

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Canberra National Jewish Centre now in use by NCJW Canberra and the community.

President Mrs Phyl Glasser was happy to welcome a large number of members to her presidential reception. She was delighted with the formation of the new St George group.

Mrs Glasser participated in the Candle Lighting ceremony to mark Israel's 25th Anniversary and was also invited to Canberra for a similar Ceremony.

In answer to a long-felt need NSW has arranged Sunday afternoon Open House at Council House, from January 23rd next year. They hope it will provide for old and new friends to meet.

A by-product of NCJW's Arts and Crafts classes has resulted in two members undertaking to teach mosaic making to Montefiore Homes residents. The group have donated many products of their work to organisations including the Spastic Centres, Aid Retarded Persons (NSW), the Heart Foundation, the Autistic Children's Association and the Royal Blind Society. Considerable sums have been raised from raffling these articles.

The Champagne Group have arranged a theatre party to see *The Taming of the Shrew* at the Parade Theatre Kensington.

At a recent meeting a donation was given to the families of the victims of the Munich tragedy.

Newcastle Section:

Israel's ambassador Mr Moshe Erell was Guest Speaker for the Hamilton Apexians Annual International Dinner. Leading members of the Jewish Community were present as well as the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Newcastle. More than one hundred Apexians attended to hear about Israel and the gradual freedom of Russian Jews.

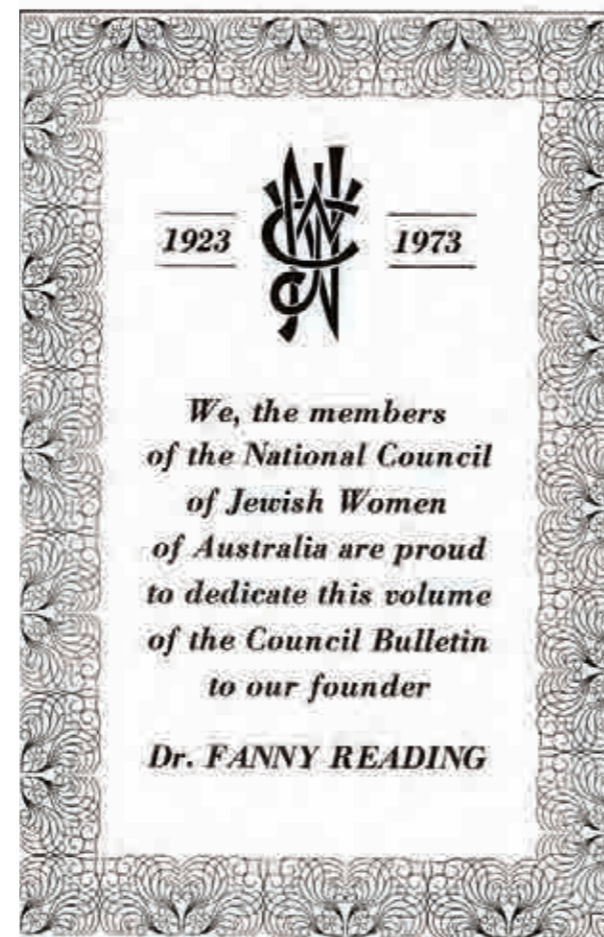
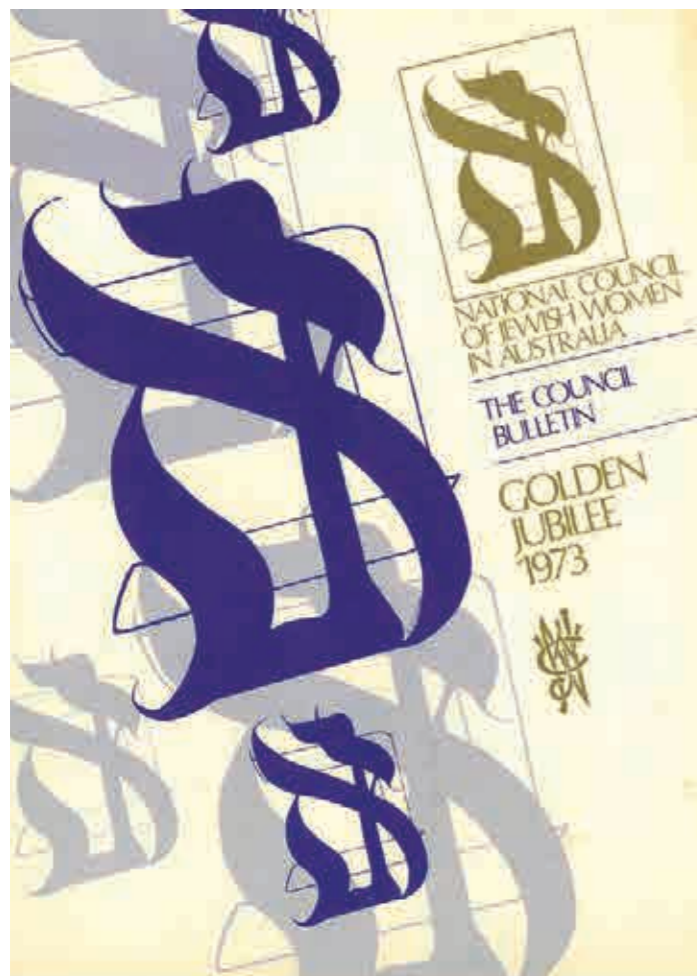
The Caves Beach View Club held their International Luncheon, the subject: Israel. NCJW was requested to provide a speaker and information.

The Raymond Terrace Torch Bearers held a film night – *A Trip to Israel*, in which Council took part in the Intercession Campaign for the release of Russian Jewry: a highlight was the visit of the Israel Ambassador Mr M Erell.

We cooperated with the Methodist Church's Psalm of Flowers Festival.



Honour Badge winners were applauded at the glittering Golden Jubilee Banquet.





Opening of the Sydney Opera House 1973. NCJW NSW was represented by State President Phyllis Glasser.



AGM 1973 Z Cohen-Young, P Glasser, F Adler, J Roth, P Epstein, R Ginsburg, S Grant, R Lang, C Lake, E Gold

1973

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Yom Kippur War in Israel October 6 - 25.

Annia Casten opened the Ilan Kindergarten in Tel Aviv, a project supported by NCJW of Australia.

1973 is the year in which NCJW celebrates its Golden Jubilee:
 50 years of services to the community and to fellow Jews throughout the world,
 50 years in which Council women have endeavoured to help those less fortunate than themselves
 50 years in which Council has quietly, modestly, unobtrusively shown that COUNCIL CARES.

NCJW NSW 50th Golden Jubilee Conference in Sydney.

The Gala occasions were the Official Opening Banquet at the Maccabean Hall and the Golden Jubilee Morning Tea at Council House.

We all had a sense of joy and thanksgiving that our living legend Dr Fanny Reading MBE was present : that she who had founded NCJW in Australia should see its 50th Anniversary. She received a standing ovation from 400 guests when she arrived.

Australian Jewry has truly been blessed, for people of Fanny Reading's calibre are rare indeed. A devout believer in the Almighty and Judaism, gentle, dedicated and a born leader she has been an inspiration to thousands of people. By her example their lives have been enriched.

In honour of NCJWA'S Golden Jubilee, 10,000 trees at Keren MaharaI planted by JNF.

Two scholarships providing one year's tuition at Moriah and Masada colleges endowed by NCJW NSW in honour of its Jubilee.

NCJW Gold Coast became an NCJW Section, no longer a Group of Queensland Section.

Upgrading of Council House now included carpeting, wall-papering and a chandelier in the main hall.

Official opening of the Sydney Opera House by her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II:
 Mrs Phyl Glasser, State President represented Council.

Newcastle Section: Our numbers fluctuate. The same faithful few keep the group in action. I am pleased to note we will commence our new year with 36 (people) and with youth among them a gleam of hope shines through.



IN MEMORIAM

Dr Fanny Reading

Founder of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia



Gone to eternal rest
19-11-1974

Kistev 5 5735



DR. FANNY READING M.B.E. M.B. B.S.
1883 - 1974
FOUNDER OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
OF AUSTRALIA

Dr Fanny Reading's Medals
Top : Member of the Order of the British Empire
Bottom Left: King George VI Coronation Medal
Bottom Right: King George V and Queen Mary Jubilee Medal

1974

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NOVEMBER 19. Dr Fanny Reading MBE died after suffering Parkinsons disease for 11 years

Rabbi Dr B Gottshall, excerpt from funeral address:

In two weeks time, on Chanukah, our beloved Dr Fanny Reading would have reached the ripe old age of ninety years. She was born on Chanukah, the symbol of dedication and of light and indeed her whole life was that of dedication....

Dr Fanny was very busy in her profession as a doctor and it is hard to understand how she found time to travel to Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Newcastle, Geelong and Kalgoorlie , everywhere establishing the Council of Jewish Women

Mina Fink MBE, Past National President: *The Organisation Dr Fanny founded was not a rigid one, but very flexible. Dr Fanny was able to direct its manpower wherever and whenever it was needed most. From the early years of Philanthropy, Religion and Social activities she mobilised all available resources to the service of the country at war. In the post-war period Council Volunteers became absorbed with the enormous task of rehabilitating the victims of Nazi persecution who came to Australia to find a new life.*

NCJWA NSW Charity Fund established, enabling members and friends to make tax deductible donations through our organisation to local charitable institutions which operate in areas of welfare, health and education.

New group The Eastern Set which existed till mid 1980s. Young women living in eastern suburbs. Lynne Davies, later NCJW NSW and National President, came from this Group.

Other new groups were the Action Group and the Northsiders Group which continues strongly today. Robyn Lenn, later NCJW NSW and National President, and ICJW International President, came from Northsiders.

NCJW Newcastle: 1974-75 will see a further drop in numbers as four families will be moving to Sydney shortly. We can only hope that some of those ladies who have not been part of NCJW will come forward in our hour of need. ...Will do our best to see that NCJW in Newcastle does not fall by the wayside. Don't let us plead in vain for your support.

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THE CHILDREN AT ALMA DANCING FOR US

Happy Chanukka! THE VILLAGE OF ALMA

1975

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The Consecration of the tombstone of the late Dr Fanny Reading MBE, our founder, took place at Rookwood Cemetery on November 9 1975. A plaque in honour of Dr Fanny Reading, suitably inscribed, was placed on the grave by the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia.

International Council of Jewish Women Triennial Convention in Melbourne, Australia: the first ICJW Convention held in the Southern Hemisphere.

Theme: The Jewish Woman in Tomorrow's World.

Thirty- four members of the NSW Division attended the 10th ICJW Convention in Melbourne, travelling by plane, train and car.

Throughout its long history ICJW has continually lobbied to find within Halacha the means to assist agunot (women unable to obtain a Jewish divorce) to obtain a Gett (Jewish divorce document). In the Argentine Jewish Press appeared a note informing that a Rabbinical Court in Israel decreed that 960 Israeli widows of the Yom Kippur war have been relieved from the Aguna and can, therefore, marry again if they so wish.

International Women's Year 1975 was celebrated at Council House with a Morning Tea for Jewish and Non-Jewish Women's organisations. Over 180 women comprising leaders of fifty organisations attended the function.

NSW President Phyll Glasser with members attended demonstrations for the Campaign to Rescue Soviet Jewry. *With members I was at the Chanukah demonstration against Russian gymnasts. I sent a telegram of protest to my local member on the proposed visit by the PLO and received a 100 word telegram in reply.*

Group Visiting: *Estelle Gold arranges that members of the Executive attend all group meetings periodically. All the Annual General Meetings are also visited by members of the Executive and Estelle. These visits are proving a great success.*

Art Exhibition: *Organised by the Northsiders Group was a great success and a credit to the members and their husbands who worked so hard for this function, the first of its kind in Council House.*



Scenes at Fetes at Council House

Above right: North Shore Group members Cake stall, Flora Grunfeld, Greta Pines, Vicki Steigrad

Right: Bric a Brac stall Tina Vander Heyden, Lottie Meyer

Below: Boutique, Esta Roland, Magda Gerstel

Below Right: NCJW members running a street stall in their local area



1976

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Eighteenth NCJW National Triennial Conference, Canberra . This was the first time that the Conference could be held in ACT. Two young delegates were sponsored by NSW Division, National President Sylvia Gelman's focus is on fundraising and community service.

Tree certificates from JNF to support NCJWA and JNF Projects in Israel.

This year Mrs Gerda Hoffman resigned as Membership Chairman (NSW). My thanks to her for her untiring efforts in keeping close liaison between the groups and the office as well as attracting new members and forming new groups.

Thrift shop in Crown Street, City opens five days a week. Later the Thrift shop moved to a series of shops in Bondi Road and was finally called Bondi's Best Bargains.

Fetes were big events in Council House, often twice a year. New goods were collected each time by group members from donating manufacturers.

Council groups ran street stalls and cake stalls in their own local Council areas.

The Northsiders held their 2nd Annual Auction at Council House and were well rewarded for their weeks of organising in collecting the goods to auction, by the record crowds who attended. Mr Rodney Hyman, husband of one of the Northsiders acted as the auctioneer.

Meals on Wheels continued – firstly delivering meals from City of Sydney, then from South Dowling Street. Meals on Wheels from Willoughby Council with *North Shore and Northsiders groups who took their young children in the back seats of their cars.*

NCJW Wolper held regular card parties and luncheons in support of Wolper Hospital.

NCJW NSW hospital visiting of Jewish patients continued in public, private and Wolper hospitals until State hospital visiting rules changed, around 1990.

Newcastle Section: *Mrs Gelman our National President is due in Newcastle on 10th March, coinciding with the date of the Newcastle Lord Mayor's Reception which we hope she will attend.*

Although we are part of the National Council of Jewish Women I do not feel we are entirely a Section as are other groups within the Council framework, inevitably we are more of a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Newcastle Hebrew Congregation.

It is essential that Jewish people are aware of communities outside the main Australian cities. In this regard I feel that a member of the Executive should be available to attend at least one meeting of a NCJW group outside their own group.

An emissary of the Immigration Dept. has visited us and all details of Jewish Life in Newcastle now available to would-be immigrants.

VICE-REGAL GUEST AT JUBILEE LUNCHEON

Lady Cutler, wife of the Governor of New South Wales, was guest of honor at the "Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Luncheon" of the NSW National Council of Jewish Women last week.

Speaker at the luncheon was Pat Dasey, editor of 'Cleo' magazine. Guests included Edna Roper, MLC, the Lady Mayoress Edith Port, Ruth Bar-Haim wife of the Israeli Consul, Mrs Barraclough, wife of John Barraclough MLA, Rebbetzin Apple and Gottshall, leading members of the NCJW and other women's organizations in Sydney.

The NCJW will contribute to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal to help the education of young Australians, Zara Cohen, president of the Council announced.

She presented Lady Cutler with a certificate of 25 trees, planted in the NCJW Golden Jubilee Forest in Israel.

Lady Cutler, said she visited Israel with her husband less than three years ago, including the forest honoring her and the governor.

She paid tribute to the National Council of Jewish Women for their more-than-half-a-century of dedicated work for charity and humanity.

"A jubilee is a time to rejoice and there is no nicer way to do so than with this luncheon," Lady Cutler said.

She said the strength of women is often underestimated and she hailed the many achievements of women in Israel.

"Members of the National Council of Jewish women and your charitable work among the needy is much admired and en-

couraged," Lady Cutler said.

"Cleo as educator and informer" was the topic of the address by Pat Dasey, editor of the magazine with one million readers.

She stressed that "Cleo" considers its main responsibility to keep women informed, who are often ignorant about their bodies and some of them are even embarrassed to go to their own doctors with their problems.

She quoted letters from teenagers, who cannot discuss their questions with their parents.

"Ignoring alarming factors does not make them go away," she said referring to symptoms of breast-cancer, a topic often discussed in the magazine.

Commenting on the "centrefold" (male nude) of "Cleo" she said it is all part of entertaining readers.

"There is a new morality, a changing lifestyle and it must be analysed, particularly regarding to women," she stressed.

While she spoke against the radical women's liberals, she hailed the additional freedom and new options available for women.

The Council prayer was recited by Jill Balkind, the blessing and grace by Rebbetzin Gottshall and Apple. Guests were welcomed by Zara Cohen and the loyal toasts proposed by Estelle Gold and Pam Epstein.

The vote of thanks was given by Ray Ginsburg.



• Lindy Davis, 6, greeted Lady Cutler with a posy at the Silver Jubilee Luncheon of the National Council of Jewish Women. Also pictured are Vera Cohen MBE, former national president of NCJW and NSW president Zara Cohen.



• The Lady Mayoress Edith Port, Sally Morris MBE, Pat Dasey editor of "Cleo" and Edna Roper MLC at the Luncheon. (CPS Photos)

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Vice Regal Guest at Jubilee Luncheon: NCJW Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Luncheon in Sydney, Lady Cutler, wife of Sir Arthur Roden Cutler, Governor of New South Wales was the Guest of Honour. President Zara Cohen-Young presented Lady Cutler with a Certificate of 25 trees planted in the NCJW Golden Jubilee Forest in Israel.

In her speech Lady Cutler stated: *The National Council of Jewish Women of Australia has given loyal and devoted service to the Throne. Your patriotism and citizenship is of a high order, and your charitable work, your generosity and humanity is well known. Your concern for other people is to be much admired and encouraged.*

Members of the National Council of Jewish Women last week were thanked for supporting Israeli causes. The appreciation came from the Israeli Consul, Mr Shaul Bar-Haim: *It is a comforting feeling to know that the women of NCJW are supporting the people of the Jewish State.*

Sydney Section of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, New South Wales Division were indeed fortunate that Mrs Isabelle Brown, Life Vice-President of the International Council of Jewish Women broke her journey to spend one day in Sydney giving us the opportunity of rendering an afternoon reception in her honour. Her stimulating address was given to an audience of Jewish and non-Jewish representatives of the women of Sydney, New South Wales.

President Zara Cohen-Young tendered a Presidential Reception at an Oneg Shabbat which was well attended by members of Council.

Representatives of both Jewish and non-Jewish women's organisations attended the Special Luncheon organised to honour Vera Cohen MBE Life President of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia at Council House. Guests included the wives of the Israeli Consul General and the Israel Consul, President and Past President of the National Council of Women, Rebbetzin Aloni and Gottshall.

Ladies of the Montefiore Home were entertained at Luncheon. Members of the North Shore Group together with other members of Council visit the Montefiore Home each fortnight. Residents are always guests of Council at the first luncheon of the year. Transport is provided by members of the Northsiders Group.

A day-long Seminar with interesting speakers was held during March, Council Month. There was a large attendance of younger members.

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Newcastle: 50th Anniversary celebration of the Newcastle Congregation. NSW President Zara Cohen-Young attended.

On the occasion of Israel's 30th Anniversary

The President, Mrs. Zara Cohen and the Board of Management of National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, N.S.W. Division (Inc.)



cordially invite

to a *Morning Reception*

at COUNCIL HOUSE, 111-113 QUEEN ST., WOOLLAHRA

on THURSDAY, 20th JULY, 1978, at 10.15 a.m.

in the distinguished presence of Her Excellency Lady Cowen, C.St.J.

GUEST SPEAKER: Life Pres., Mrs. Vera Cohen, M.B.E.

Reservations: 32-0257 by 13.7.78

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Lady Anne Cowen, wife of the Governor General of Australia, was greeted at a morning tea on Thursday July 20th to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the State of Israel, by the Sydney members of the National Council of Jewish Women, as the daughter of a foundation members of NCJW Melbourne Section. Lady Cowen obviously enjoyed her stay at Council House and unceremoniously mingled with the more than 300 guests, who filled the hall to capacity. Lady Cowen was welcomed by NCJW State President Zara Cohen, She presented Lady Cowen with a certificate of trees planted in her honour in the NCJW Golden Jubilee Forest in Israel.

NCJW Golden Jubilee Tree Certificates: We encourage members and friends to purchase tree certificates and bricks for Ilan in lieu of gifts and to send Councilgrams as greetings.

Second kindergarten at Ramat Gan, ILAN, under construction.

We continue to help the families living at Moshav Alma, a very needy settlement just 7 miles from the Lebanese border. Over the past 13 years we have contributed towards a Synagogue, air-raid shelter, communal hall, and provided scholarships for the girls' education.

NCJW NSW gave a luncheon honouring Dora Abramovitch for her more than fifty years of dedicated service to National Council. In her speech Dora said that throughout her life the philosophy of Council has kept her a member. What other organisation apart from the Zionist group can give so much assistance to Israel? she asked. Dora Abramovitch was made an Honorary Life Member of the New South Wales Division and her name was added to the plaque in the Foyer of Council House.

The EZRA Mother's Day Luncheon is held yearly under the auspices of the NCJW, it was attended by large numbers of Council members.

Arts and Crafts Group: Classes are very well attended each Tuesday and members of this group teach various handicrafts to the ladies.

Two new groups were formed: Residents of the Montefiore felt the need to identify with NCJW and now meet bi-monthly, when they have guest speakers. Members of the executive attend their meetings. A group of young marrieds residing in the Eastern Suburbs have formed the Seasideers.

20—The Australian Jewish Times, Thurs., July 27, 1978.

LADY COWEN: AT HOME AT COUNCIL HOUSE . . .

Lady Anne Cowen, wife of the Governor General of Australia, was greeted at a morning tea last week by Sydney members of the National Council of Jewish Women as the daughter of a foundation member of NCJW.

Lady Cowen, at the first Jewish communal function she attended without her husband, obviously enjoyed her stay at Council House and unceremoniously mingled with the more than 350 guests, who filled the hall to capacity. Guests included Legislative Council members, Edna Roper and Margaret Davis, the wives of Israeli diplomats, Sarah Ben Dov and Ruth Bar Haim, Lady Mayoress Edith Port, the deputy mayor of Woollahra, Brenda Backhouse, Dame Monica Gallagher, president of the Catholic Women's League and Lady Joel.

Leaders of Jewish women organizations and representatives of more than 20 non-Jewish charities and church groups were present.

Lady Cowen was welcomed by NCJW State president, Zara Cohen, who recalled that Lady Cowen's mother was founding vice-president of NCJW in Victoria.

She presented Lady Cowen with a certificate of trees planted in her honor in the NCJW Golden Jubilee Forest in Israel.

Lady Cowen said she saw the JNF Forests and experienced what these trees meant to the people of Israel.

"Their symbolic growth speaks of the strength of good in nature."

She spoke of the busy and interesting activities of the Council.



• Lady Cowen greeted with flowers at Council House by Trudie Davies, with State president of NCJW, Zara Cohen, and life president, Vera Cohen, MBE, taking up.



• Lady Cowen with Lady Mayoress Edith Port. Also pictured are Lady Joel and wife of the Israeli Consul-General, Sarah Ben-Dov.

• Klar Hanassi, where Council assisted in the reflect credit to all

NCJW MEETS NEEDS OF JEWISH WOMEN

The National Council of Jewish Women meets the needs of Jewish women throughout Australia, president Zara Cohen said recently.

She was addressing NCJW members at the organization's annual general meeting.

Mrs Cohen said the women work and subscribe to Jewish and non-Jewish charities within Australia and assist Israel to their utmost in a financial way.

"Surely these three separate and equally important aspects should appeal to every Jewish woman," she said.

Mrs Cohen, who will continue her presidential term of office this year, said two new groups were formed during the past year.

Residents of the Montefiore Home felt the need to identify with the NCJW and now meet bi-monthly.

"There is also a group of young marrieds residing in the Eastern Suburbs who have formed the 'Seasiders'."

She described the new group as "a vital en-

thusiastic group of young women interested in the aims of the organization and said it was the younger generation that the NCJW looked to.

A number of guests from Jewish and non-Jewish organizations were represented at the meeting.

Cheques were presented to the Autistic Children Association, the Australian Kidney Foundation, the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and the Laser Surgical Knife Association.

Jewish organizations helped by NCJW include the Maccabi Sports Centre, Moriah College, Masada College and the NSW Jewish Board of Education.

Mrs Cohen said she faced her final year of office with "great spirit and optimism for the Council."

"Ours is a many faceted organization of great tradition and I feel we need



• Mrs Zara Cohen •

to promote ourselves and what we do for the community and Israel a lot more than we do.

"I look forward to the coming year to a strengthening of purpose among our members and a year of further achievement for Council," she added.

The executive this year will include: J. Balkind, H. Epstein, S. Gold, K. Burns (vice-presidents), P. Glasser (honorary treasurer), J. Feigan (assistant honorary treasurer), W. Cooper, W. Dryen, M. Davis, G. Hoffman, D. Knopman, S. Renal (board members).

The Australian Jewish Times, Thurs., June 29, 1978—23



Sydney Delegates to 19th NCJW National Conference, Perth 1979

1979

NCJW NSW President Zara Cohen-Young OAM 1976 - 1979

NCJW NSW President Margaret Davis 1979 - 1980

NCJW National President Sylvia Gelman AM MBE 1973 - 1979

NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985

Nineteenth NCJW National Triennial Conference, Perth

The official opening took place in the distinguished presence of the Governor General of Australia, Sir Zelman Cowen and Lady Anne Cowen. Sir Zelman and Lady Anne have had, through their respective mothers a long association with NCJW: Mrs Cowen and Mrs Dora Wittner were among the earliest members of the Victorian Section.

Message from Ray Ginsburg AM, National President: *As Council Members we have three areas of responsibility. To be a Council member is commitment and because of this each Council member is responsible to people whom the Organisation has traditionally aided. In this International Year of the Child help for institutions caring for children is uppermost in our efforts.*

UN Year of the Child: *NCJW NSW took on new services – training at Prince of Wales Hospital to help child patients feel comfortable.*

NCJW Bulletin Editorial: *How many Jewish women realise that we are represented by NCJW on most umbrella Women's Organisations in Australia, of whose population Jewish people are something less than one per cent? NCJW is the only Jewish Women's Organisation to devote so much of its efforts to so great a variety of causes, both Jewish and non-Jewish.*

ILAN Foundation fundraiser – took over Double Bay cinema to screen the premiere of Entebbe.

Council Month – A Revue script was written by Zara Young and Debbie Knopman, the Production included many Council members.

Newcastle NCJW Golden Jubilee Luncheon celebrating 50 years of service in Newcastle: NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM and NCJW NSW President Margaret Davis attended from Sydney.

A luncheon in the Synagogue Hall was packed to capacity with over 80 Jewish and non-Jewish women, representatives from 16 organisations, and one lone male who brought greetings from the Great Synagogue, Sydney. Mrs Stella Cornelius, a daughter of Newcastle, was guest speaker. She reminisced about the time when her mother had been a member and she a Council Junior. Of the ladies who attended the inaugural meeting in 1929 one, Miss Leah Samuels, was at the luncheon.

Newcastle Council women took on the responsibility of looking after the Synagogue Hall, *they have completely refurbished it. For some years they have been organising a Communal Seder and they also arranged a wonderful Kiddush for the Synagogue's 50th anniversary.*

During the fifties Council worked to establish the Newcastle Forest in Israel and the JNF Certificate now hangs in the Lord Mayor's Chambers in the Town Hall.

NCJW NSW again won JNF Queen Competition.

1980s



Mrs Sylvia Gelman, National President and Mr Manuel Gelman, on a recent visit to Israel presented, on behalf of N.C.J.W. of Aust., a substantial sum of money which facilitated the commencement of the building of N.C.J.W.'s second Kindergarten at Ramat Gan. Mrs Leah Rapoport, Chairman of ILAN is the happy recipient of the cheque.



Tree planting for Tu B'Shvat became an annual NCJWA NSW celebration

1980

NCJW NSW President Margaret Davis 1979 - 1980

NCJW NSW President Lynne Davies AM 1980 - 1984

NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985

Moshav Alma in Israel : NCJW National upgraded the school yard paving. Kibbutz Kaderim assistance.

Ramat Gan Kindergarten in Israel dedicated to Annia Castan was opened.

ICJW Open Door – Jerusalem Project assisted by all affiliates including NCJW Australia.

Immediate Past National President Sylvia Gelman stated re JNF Queen Competition : *The annual Queen Competition has been a problem to all Sections, year after year. Changes were made to its structure, and later NCJW NSW supported the fund raising but did not campaign with a candidate.*

1980 National President Ray Ginsburg with her committee successfully lobbied the National Minister for Foreign Affairs, Andrew Peacock and Bob Ellicot, National Minister for Home Affairs to vote against any resolution equating Zionism with Racism. NCJW of Australia was active on this issue crucial to Israel long before the male-dominated ECAJ and Zionist Federation of Australia realised the need for it and began to act.

Continuing NCJW NSW service work included:

City of Sydney Meal on Wheels.

North Shore Meals on Wheels.

Kosher Meals On Wheels deliveries through Sydney Jewish Centre on Ageing.

Two-thirds of NCJW members in 1980 were involved in community work projects.

NCJW NSW Status of Women portfolio promoted. *Lynne Davies relished the public relations role of promoting Jewish women to the non- Jewish community.*

Tu B'Shvat became an annual NCJW celebration with tree planting at or in environs of Council House. Frequently Woollahra Council supplied trees and suitable parks for the plantings.



Members meeting in Council House Hall 1980s



Trustees of the Hospital Visiting Committee NCJWA NSW Division handing over the Woollahra property title to Wolper Hospital 1982. NCJWA representatives: Estelle Gold, Lynne Davies, Phyllis Glasser, Anne Einfeld, Ena Rychter, Lilli Bergman.

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MUST GROW TO SURVIVE!**
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Wolper Jewish Hospital must increase its capacity by 25% and add capacity to provide therapy and ancillary facilities of 250 beds.

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The hospital has a major project and we need to raise \$500,000 to complete the job.

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\$500,000 Capital Appeal*
for Stage 3 Building Development

* Approved by Jewish Community Council Planning Committee

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NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985

The Golden Jubilee Forest, Keren Mahara, was dedicated in May 1981 at an ICJW Conference in Israel.

NCJW assisted with building a Youth Club at Alma settlement which has 120 families with 1400 children.

NCJWA NSW mostly Progressive Group members assisted on a weekly basis for more than a decade for the Royal Blind Society Proofreading – Talking Books for the Blind.

Public Hospital visiting involving Council volunteers maintained strongly.

A small band of Council members from different groups became volunteer guides for hospital tours at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Two programmes were designed to achieve our aims, which are to familiarise children and their parents with some of the basic practices and procedures of the hospital and to help them identify hospital personnel.

Play groups continued in Council House and at North Shore Synagogue.



Hospital Visiting volunteers, including left: Kate Feigen, second from left: Eva Stein, right: Estelle Gold

1982

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NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985

Twentieth NCJW National Triennial Conference, Surfers Paradise, Queensland.
At Conference delegates voted to build our final project at Alma Moshav, the library.

NCJW joined CAPOW – Coalition of Australian Participating Organisations of Women.

Wolper Jewish Hospital renovation. *The Trustees of the Hospital Visiting Committee NCJWA NSW Division on the 14th May 1982 transferred the title to the land. This was done in the spirit of communal cooperation for the symbolic sum of \$1. In recognition of the part played by NCJW NSW: 3 NCJWA NSW members were appointed to the Wolper Board, a plaque placed to recognise Gertie Wolper Stones's contribution and the NCJWA NSW Hospital Visiting Committee. A substantial area of the hospital to be named in honour of NCJW and the origins of Wolper Hospital.*



Sir James Rowland, Governor of NSW, Lady Rowland, Ray Ginsburg AM NCJW National President, Marice Halper President ICJW, Lynne Davies AM State President NCJW at NCJW Jubilee celebration



1982 continued

NCJW NSW – a new Council House Redevelopment committee was chaired by NSW President Lynne Davies. Council received advice on rezoning from *Residential with Special Purposes* to *Commercial*.

NCJW NSW won the 1982 JNF Queens Cup Competition and the trophy presented to NCJW was placed in the showcase in the foyer of Council House. The JNF Queen Competition was renamed The JNF Queen's Cup Competition and some conditions were altered. *We have been a participant in the competition for over 40 years and accepted the need for a change in the competition style.*

Newcastle Section: Due to the crisis situation in Israel in 1982 we gave additional support to Magen David Adom and joined with our Hebrew Congregation's own project of assistance to the Alyn Orthopaedic Hospital in Jerusalem for the supply of equipment.

1983

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NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985

CEDAW the UN Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women was ratified by Australia.

A precis of NCJW's work for Ilan was printed on the NGO Forum page of UNICEF's Newsletter.

Ray Ginsburg was the only Jewish organisational representative of 80 women attending a Status of Women meeting in Canberra with the Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Senator Susan Ryan.

NCJW NSW Diamond Jubilee year. Our Jubilee Target – *Every Member Enrol a New Member.* At the February 60th Anniversary Luncheon *we made presentations to all Past Presidents of NSW Section. Each of them spoke about her particular term of office.* At the Diamond Jubilee Dinner 250 guests packed into Council House. His Excellency Sir James Rowland, Governor of NSW and Lady Rowland were most gracious guests of honour and Marice Halper, President of ICJW was guest speaker. *The master of ceremonies was Rabbi Raymond Apple AM.*

In honour of our Diamond Jubilee the JNF planted a Garden of Trees in the International Women's Forest.

Senior Citizens Week was held during March this year and NCJW Arts and Crafts group joined with the Australian Jewish Welfare Society in an exhibition at the Sydney Town Hall where several organisations entered exhibits. Our exhibition won first prize!

Council and Current Affairs: *A new education programme commenced earlier this year for members of the Board of Management with invitations to other women leaders in the community – stresses awareness and knowledge of the world situation affecting Israel and the need to be informed.*

National Council of Jewish Women NSW DIVISION DIAMOND JUBILEE 1923-1983



- THE UPHOLDING OF ISRAEL
- JEVISH CAUSES IN AUSTRALIA
- NON-JEWISH CAUSES IN AUSTRALIA

The vision lives on

The story of Australia's Jewish community...



Mrs. Frank Manning M.B.E.

The story of Mrs. Frank Manning...

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It was the 19th Anniversary of the NCJW...

The NCJW work through the years...

The Australian community...

U.S. INFLUENCE

National Council of Jewish Women...

DELEGATE

Mrs. Dr. Pandy...

President's invitation

The invitation to the Council...

The Australian Council of Jewish Women...

NON-JEWISH

The non-Jewish Council...

- ISRAEL
- PHILANTHROPY
- COMMUNITY SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- SOCIAL WELFARE
- GENERAL COMMUNITY

Greetings on behalf of Israel

On the occasion of the 19th Anniversary...

The NCJW work through the years...

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The non-Jewish Council...

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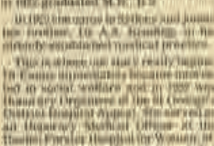
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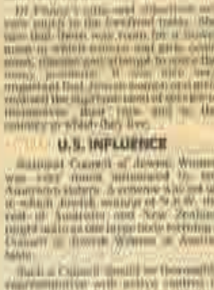
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JNF Israel Project scheme began - two tennis courts in Misgav, as part of Galil Australia to be built by NCJW.

Soviet Jewry: NCJW members are asked to write letters to refuseniks. Russian immigrants are now attending rallies in Australia.

NCJW National has Observer status with ECAJ and may send two representatives. At the NCJW National Plenary Conference the previous year a motion carried unanimously: NCJW recommends that ECAJ (Executive Council of Australian Jewry) appoint a Chairman (male or female) on a sub-committee on United Nations Affairs.

Three NCJW National representatives invited to be part of the Federal National Women's Consulting Group.

NCJW NSW is involved in WINGO (Women's International Non- Government Organisations) headed by Mrs. Jessie Scotford OBE, Senior Vice- President of the International Council of Women. Together with ten non-Jewish ladies representing various organisations (and Council and WIZO, which do not hold office) will take up our cause in regard to the forthcoming Nairobi Conference.

Gett committee formed in NSW: Ray Ginsburg, Zelda Feigen, Rebbetzin Apple and Lysbeth Cohen.

Establishment of an Annual Tree Planting Day to be held throughout Australia, when every member of NCJW purchases at least one tree.

Hilla, a new NSW group has a strong Israeli emphasis.

Northsiders had a lamington drive -they prepared and sold 436 dozen, quite an achievement!

A group of 20 ladies visited the Montefiore Jewish Home, we visited a number of our members now residing at the home.

A feasibility study has evolved a viable plan for the future of Council House and building estimates are currently being sought. This auditorium is not adequately used by the community. The original concept of Council House was to serve as headquarters for Council activities as well as offering services to the community.

Action commenced to replace the roof of Council House and also updating the air conditioning unit. Council House is in need of refurbishing and redecorating and painting. I would welcome offers of financial and other assistance to carry out this costly and long overdue maintenance.



AGM 1985. L to R Esta Roland, Claire Lake, Pam Epstein, Zara Cohen-Young, Netta Mann, Sylvia Langer, Zelda Feigen, Barbara Eisenberg, Phyl Rose..., Ruth Lilian , ... Ruth Guth...

1985

NCJW NSW President Zelda Feigen OAM 1984 - 1987
NCJW National President Ray Ginsburg AM 1979 - 1985
NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

Nairobi Decade of Women's Conference 1985

The vilification of Israel in the international arena, started at the Mexico UN Women's Conference in 1975, became entrenched at the UN at Copenhagen in 1980 – has now been buried at the Nairobi UN End of Decade for Women Conference in 1985.

Twenty- first NCJW National Triennial Conference, Sydney

NCJW resolves to continue its support for Ilan.

NCJW resolves to complete the building of 3 tennis courts in the Galil Australia Project.

The final competition of many years of National JNF Queen Competitions was held.

A Taste of Israel was the theme of the official opening of our Israel Projects Period. A highlight was the silent film of a delegation of NCJW Australia Israel Tour in 1960s.

The major project that Israel Affairs would like to undertake is an NCJW tour to Israel, last done 20 years ago. We are looking forward to visit Israel in Spring 1987.

During Volunteer week in NSW a school poster competition to depict 'What is a volunteer?' was organised by NCJW NSW and sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation. Winning entries were displayed by the bank for one week.

At the NCJW NSW Luncheon Rebbetzin Rivka Shulman joined the NCJW NSW Status of Women in Jewish Law committee.

NCJW NSW Section is collecting goods for the Henrietta Szold Institute for Handicapped Children with problems at home in Haifa. Zim Shipping Line will deliver goods.

We took up the plight of babies and toddlers in India – a large load of babies' clothing and cots etc was handed over to the shipping agents.

Our members continue to be active in Community Services, more importantly I think that Council's role in this City is that of a provider of expression of Jewish Life. Here the Jewish Community and Section of Council overlap and must integrate to express all that Jewish Life in a small community has to be. We are fulfilling a very vital part in the life of this community.

It is a pleasure to come into Council on Monday morning and see 25-30 children at play in the Play Group.

For Purim the Hilla Group entertained about 100 children, the Pacific Group held a Square Dance, the Eastern set held a picnic in Centennial Park. The Northsiders held a Progressive dinner.

New Group: The Western Group located in the Western suburbs of Sydney



Visit of Judith Karp, Deputy Attorney General of Israel - First Scholar in Residence 1987.
L to R Ray Ginsberg, Nellie Weiss, WIZO, Judith Karp, Lynne Davies, Estelle Gold, Zelda Feigen



AGM 1985. NSW President Zelda Feigen and Zara Cohen-Young



Dora Abramovitch at her 90th birthday celebration in 1987 with NSW President Zelda Feigen

1986

NCJW NSW President Zelda Feigen OAM 1984 - 1987

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

UN International Year of Peace 1986.

Resolution: *NCJW to undertake and support Australia-wide projects and programmes designed to foster peace in the world in general and in Israel in particular.*

1986 was the year dedicated to David Ben Gurion, the primary national founder and first Prime Minister to the State of Israel. The centenary of his birth was on December 7 1886. The Jewish holiday Ben-Gurion Day, would commemorate his life and vision.

Soviet Jewry: Resolution: *NCJW to renew its efforts to try to effect the release of Soviet Jews to join their families in the West if they so desire.*

When in Israel visit Galil Australia! January 1986 the Keren Kayemeth Leisrael (JNF) invites you to participate in a conducted tour of Galil Australia.

NCJW Australia sponsors Israeli Wheelchair Basketball Team in World Titles in Melbourne, April 1986.

First NCJW Scholar in Residence, Deputy Attorney General for Israel. Judith Karp.

1987

NCJW NSW President Zelda Feigen OAM 1984 - 1987

NCJW NSW President Estelle Gold OAM 1987 - 1988

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

Visit of Judith Karp, Deputy Attorney General for Israel. Judith Karp was the first NCJW National Scholar in Residence. The Lord Mayor of Sydney Alderman Sutherland gave Judith a Civic Reception – also a tribute to the standing NCJW holds in the community at large. There were several functions and informative meetings held during her visit.

Australian Jewish Welfare Society approached NCJW NSW with a proposal to take over NCJW NSW Council House building. This suggestion created an Extraordinary General Meeting in Council House with hundreds of Council members present. It was a difficult meeting including untrue allegations against NCJW Board. The vote taken at the meeting confirmed that NCJW NSW would retain its premises.

NCJW Israel Study Tour – over forty members and friends from National Council around Australia joined organisers Dalia Ayalon and Geulah Solomon. NCJW National Projects including ICJW Open Door, Ilan Sports Centre and Day Care Centres, Galil Australia and other projects were visited along with sightseeing around Israel. There was a farewell function prior to the tour at Council House.



Twenty Second NCJW Triennial Conference 1988
 Back L to R : Nona Rosenbaum, Robyn Lenn, Marilyn Atlas, Rose Halprin, Ruth Guth,
 Zara Cohen-Young, Esta Roland, Ray Ginsburg
 Front L to R: Claire Lake, Pam Epstein, Estelle Gold, Vera Cohen, Phyl Glasser



Bondi Bellevue Hill Group 1989

1987 continued

Marta Abramovich, the refusenik whose release was announced today was very excited to receive a congratulatory telephone call from NCJW of Australia. National President Malvina Malinek and Soviet Jewry Chair Danielle Charak and a roomful of NCJW members spoke to the released refusenik.

NCJW's support for JEWAR was in line with a resolution by the International Council of Jewish Women in May 1987 recognising JEWAR (Jewish Women Against Refusal) and inviting their membership to become associate members of ICJW.

An invitation was extended to Ida Nudel, recently released from the Soviet Union and now living in Israel, to be Guest of Honour at the NCJW National Triennial Conference in May 1988.

During the Woollahra Queen Street Celebrations NCJW NSW took part in the proceedings by opening its doors to local residents. Our contribution 'Eating your Way Through the Jewish Festivals', a display of Arts and Crafts and a presentation of projects being undertaken in Israel. This was undertaken as part of our charter in the forum of local charity work.

Status of Women in Jewish Law Committee: two members of the legal profession received a copy of a Pre-Nuptial agreement which will be investigated by them.

1988

NCJW NSW President Estelle Gold OAM 1987 - 1988

NCJW NSW President Zara Cohen - Young OAM 1988 - 1989, her second term of office.

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

Twenty-second NCJW National Triennial Conference, Melbourne.

National Project: The Ethiopian Women's Scholarship Fund at Haifa University was adopted at the Triennial Conference. *This is the only NCJW Israel project targeting the advancement of women, specifically from a disadvantaged migrant group.*

National project: Kibbutz Kadarim in the Galilee was adopted, to provide a multi-purpose sports complex.

NCJW National Study tour to Israel.

ICJW International Jewish Education Day, part of World Jewish Education Day observed in all NCJW Sections.

Shalom Israel Musical Revue: The first NCJW NSW Celebration of Israel's Fortieth anniversary.

EZRA's Golden Gathering (50th anniversary) hosted at Council House by Council volunteers. More than 200 attended the event. NCJW NSW now inscribed on EZRA's Honour Roll.



ISRAEL 1988

Left: Some members of the NCJWA group



Lto R: Lynne Davies, Israeli representative, Sir Zelman Cowan, Lady Anna Cowan, NCJW NSW President Zara Cohen-Young, Malvina Malinek



Kibbutz Kadarim 1988

1988 continued

NCJW NSW was the first women’s organisation invited to sit on the Executive of the Captain Cook Bicentenary Celebration Women’s committee.

1988 -1989 Major redevelopment of Council House Queen St Woollahra now including two rental shops facing Queen St. Lift installed at NCJW NSW expense. The initiative and eight years of ground work under Lynne Davies AM.

Redevelopment Committee Chair throughout was Zara Cohen-Young OAM

Legal responsibility Kate Feigen

Honorary Solicitor Paul Conway OAM

Builder David Newman

Architect Harry Guth

Kadarim Committee held a Mix and Match singles night – from this event a new group of singles over 30 was formed: Mix n Match Group.

Action Group held regular aerobics classes at Council House.

1989

NCJW NSW President Zara Cohen - Young OAM 1988 - 1989

NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM 1989 - 1995

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

National Project: JNF Cocktail reception celebrating completion of payment for three tennis courts in Galil Australia Park.

National Project: Kibbutz Kadarim Multi-purpose Sports Complex completed.

National Project : The NCJW Tourist Park in the Valley of Uvdah.

All members of NCJW are urged to ensure that the NCJW Petition on Gett is signed by every Jewish woman in Australia. The Petition, which is an Australian initiative and part of an ongoing ICJW campaign, is now circulating throughout all NCJW Sections.

Volunteer Thank you Morning tea with Guest Speaker Stella Cornelius AO OBE, Convenor of the Conflict Resolution Network.



Bondi - Bellevue Hill Group in the kitchen at Council House 1989

1989 continued

Participation in the Australian Jewish Welfare Society Expo 89 for Seniors Week. NCJW display was manned by Council members for four days.

Reunion of Judean Girl Guides at Council House – organised by North Shore member Julie Morris who was Guide Captain of the First Judean Group in 1930s.

Reunion of C and Y Juniors at Council House.

Israel affairs: Update on Israel, speakers included Channel 9 Journalist Tony Richie, Jeremy Jones, Shemi Tzur.

A highlight of NCJW National Plenary held in Sydney in September was a workshop presented by the Volunteer Centre of NSW dealing with leadership and management of volunteers.

New group Shifra formed, emphasis on the arts.

Weekly activities at Council House include Aerobics on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday Ballroom Dancing every Wednesday, Play Group every Monday.

Newcastle Section:

We resumed after the recess but our meetings have been poorly attended. More working members are required.

A Luncheon was held in the Shule Hall. The Guest Speakers were Mrs Marion Apple, wife of Rabbi Apple, Chief Minister of the Great Synagogue, Sydney. She spoke on Gett related problems and the President of the Victorian Section Dr Geulah Solomon spoke on the same topic.



Scholar in Residence Leah Rabin with NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn, 1989

1990s



Several Northsiders Group members removed the wallpaper in Council House Hall during renovation of the building 1990. At work Above: Marilyn Rosenbaum, Right: Tina Davis



Pacific Group receiving certificates of recognition for their work for the Royal Blind Society
L to R Blind Society representative, Rae Sekel, Nada McClean, Trudy Collins

1990

NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM 1989 - 1995

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

NCJW National Scholar in Residence, Leah Rabin, Chair of Israel Association for Autistic Children.

NCJW Australia appears before Federal Government enquiry into Equal Opportunity and Equal Status for Australian Women: public hearings of the federal government enquiry.

Reopening of Council House, its lift installed, kosher kitchen refurbished. Two shops on ground floor, fronting Queen Street. A new balcony above the shops. The intention to redevelop the valuable site was not new – many dedicated Council members and professional friends developed the concept over an eight year period, particularly Lynne Davies AM, Zara Young OAM, Zelda Feigen OAM and Kate Feigen. Robyn Lenn OAM located the builder with whom a special lease and contract allowed Council's payment over an 18 year period.

A Redevelopment Fund, Appeals committee and a Fundraising committee formed.

Introduction of Council Toastmasters by Denise Edelstein. This program continued successfully through the 1990s

NCJW NSW has begun new service work for Soviet immigrants including cooking demonstrations both for and by new Russian immigrants. Our dedicated catering volunteer Zina Conway OAM assisted.

Five members of NCJW Pacific Group were honoured at a luncheon given by the Royal Blind Society, thanking them for their ten years voluntary service on a weekly basis, proof-reading books for the blind.

NCJW NSW Articles of Association altered to allow male Associate membership - important for our thriving singles group Mix n Match.

1991

NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM 1989 - 1995

NCJW National President Malvina Malinek OAM 1985 - 1991

NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

Twenty-third NCJW National Triennial Conference, Brisbane.

First NCJWA National Woman of Achievement Award instituted. Awardee to always speak at the current National Conference.



Mother and Daughter event in the hall 1990



NSW delegates to 23rd National Triennial Conference, Brisbane, 1991
 Front L to R Vera Cohen, Estelle Gold, Ray Ginsburg, Pam Epstein, Esta Roland, Ruth Lilian
 Back L to R Marilyn Rosenbaum, Robyn Lenn, Janet Roth, Lynne Davies, Glenness Messiah, Claire Lake,
 Ruth Guth, Tina Davis, Zara Cohen-Young

1991 continued

Delegates to JNF's Plenary Session paid glowing tribute to the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia for underwriting \$150,000 which will sponsor the development of 30 units of land for the housing of as many immigrant families.... New housing estate in Karmiel, in the Galilee. The 68 year old association between Council and JNF has created an enduring legacy of achievement on the landscape of Israel.

In NSW we need to place our major fund-raising functions outside the dates occupied by the fund-raising giants UIA and JCA. We work closely with the Women's Division of the Jewish Communal Appeal, we also host a table at the Women's Division of the United Israel Appeal. In 1991 UIA Emergency meetings were held at Council House without cost.

A Valentine Variety with entertainment for members, families and friends was held in February (ahead of the JCA period.) It became a fund raiser for Israel under the prevailing circumstances.

The balcony outside Council House Board Room was used for a Tu B'shvat event for the first time since it was built. *Three plants were planted in large terra cotta pots by the Consul General of Israel Mr Raphael Goren and the Consul of Israel Mr Aaron Ram.*

Membership Night attracted members who were especially interested in fine porcelain and antique silver, as two visiting experts from London's Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers assessed all articles brought in by members.

We held our Prestige Luncheon with Guest of Honour Betty Sembler, wife of the USA Ambassador. A number of local Jewish VIPs attended.

The President's Purchase a Piano (for Council House) Party at Robyn Lenn's home, featuring a number of performing artists, initiated the special piano fund. A Musical Raffle launched on the same night enabled purchase of a Yamaha grand piano for Council House.

Jewish Community Services –NCJW NSW hosts visually handicapped LiOr group weekly, at Council House.

Court Support services for victims of domestic violence.

NCJWA NSW hosted the Holocaust and Contemporary Antisemitism course with 60 participants and gave a half scholarship for one participant to the Yad Vashem course in Jerusalem.

Life Member Anne Dryen continued organising the annual card party in support of ILAN. Past President Estelle Gold retired from Vice Presidency of Meals on Wheels in Sydney after 35 years.

NCJW continues to deliver for local municipal councils in the metropolitan area.

Each Group has participated as hostess group for one particular Council House function during 1991, in this way assisting the Board and hardworking catering chair person Zina Conway OAM.



Dr Gillian Pollock speaking to NCJWA NSW members 1992. L to R: Kathy Stein, Susan Cohen, Barbara Shotland, Liane Froneman, Stephanie Lenn, Miriam Stein, Gillian Pollock, Robyn Lenn, Dinah Danon, Sylvia Langer, Julia Myers, Jeannette Tsoulos



A Russian language library set up at Council House containing books and newspapers was available to all Russian speakers in Sydney in the 1990s

A new group 'Chai' formed during the Gulf War, attracts women with a special interest in working for Israel.

NCJW Thrift shop has a staff of twenty volunteers every week.

Lynne Davies AM elected President of Wolper Hospital.

1992

NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM 1989 - 1995

NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

NCJW of Australia is part of the National Women's Consultative Committee.

Morning Tea in honour of Rebbetzin Elaine Sacks, wife of Chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth, Dr Jonathan Sacks, hosted at Council house jointly with WIZO, Emunah, AIJA.

Mrs Shirley Sinclair, wife of the Governor of NSW, Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, was Special Guest at the Luncheon in honour of the 90th Birthday of NCJWA Life President, Vera Cohen MBE. Nearly two hundred women and men attended.

NCJW Newcastle Tea Dance was well attended by nearly forty adults and welcomed friends from Maitland and Sydney.

Newcastle Group organised a Jewish tour of Maitland and Newcastle Jewish sites led by a professor of history at Newcastle University, with afternoon tea in the Succah after the tour.

Jewish Festival education and cooking demonstration for Soviet Immigrants at Council House: third segment, Pesach. These have been ably conducted in Russian and English by two Northsiders members, Zina Conway and Sara Salamon.

Our new immigrants were offered a house full of goods for their free selection, and goods from our Thrift Shop.

Founder's Day : two members of our new Russian group gave an eyewitness account of the massacre of local citizens in a Russian town last year. All present were requested to write protest letters both to the Russian government and also to Australian government officials.

Seminar and Workshops - The problems of migrant women in the workforce - presented by Dr Gillian Polack, NCJW National Status of Women co-chair.

NCJW NSW Shifra and Northsiders Creative Arts weekend at the holiday home of Robyn Lenn in Bundanoon NSW.



AGM 1993 Kate Feigen, Zara Cohen-Young, Nona Rosenbaum, Esta Roland, Gleness Messiah, NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn, Karen Fried, Tina Davis, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Sylvia Leibovitch, Sunny Gold, Marianne Blanks, Gloria Allen

NCJW Status of Women hypothetical on the changing role of women. Carolyn Hewson (director of Schroder's Australia) Joanna Kalowski moderator, organised by NCJW Committee for the Status of Women. Over 250 people attended.

Members of NCJW B'Yahad Group, grown from the Girls' Group formed two years back, walked for Ethiopians with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

1993

NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM 1989 - 1995
NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

UN Conference on Human Rights: representing ICJW, two NCJW NSW members attended the five day conference, followed by a meeting at Council House with Judith Karp, Deputy Attorney General for Israel, on the final day.

NCJW NSW affiliations include Volunteer Association of NSW and the Zionist Federation of Australia.

Northsiders organised the well-supported Jeanette Lesnie Memorial Dinner at Hakoah Club with all proceeds to Sydney Melanoma Foundation, University of Sydney.

NCJW NSW 70th Anniversary dinner held at Council House in the presence of the Ambassador of Israel Mr Avner and Mrs Avner, with guest speaker Geraldine Doogue and musicians drawn from Shifra group and a newly arrived Russian pianist sponsored by Council.

NCJW NSW 70th Birthday Garden party in Government House and its grounds with more than one thousand guests attending. *In the presence of the Governor of NSW Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair and Mrs Sinclair, we were entertained by Putting on the Ritz, Carlson Chorale, Mt Sinai Dancers, Jade Singers, the Strolling Magician and enjoyed Israeli dancing, karate displays, instrumental and vocal groups, tennis displays, handicraft stalls, face painting, a succah. The event was fully kosher, catered by Zina Conway OAM and her team.*

NCJW NSW Historical 70th Anniversary Exhibition in Council House Board Room, committee Julie Morris, Helen Bersten and Agnes Schwartz. The Exhibition was open for two months.

New NCJW NSW Russian Group formed. A Russian language library was launched at Council House currently containing forty books; a new weekly subscription was opened for a Russian language newspaper printed in Israel. Available to all Russian speakers in Sydney.

1993 Local Government Conference passed the new laws – NCJW NSW Lobby Committee had successfully enforced skating prohibitions in public places. Chair, Jan Shedlezki.



1993 NCJWA NSW 70th Anniversary Garden Party at Government House, Sydney included a Succah





Founders Day 1994 - "Today's Woman"
Panel : Gavriella Abor, Amanda Gordon, Helen Bersten, Rosemary Foot



NCJWA Scholar in Residence 1994 Prof Alice Shalvi, was Israel's delegate to the 1995 Beijing World Conference on Women



Twenty Fourth NCJW National Conference 1994. NSW Delegates with visiting ICJW President Helen Marr: Gleness Messiah, Denise Edelstein, Sylvia Langer, Gloria Allen, Karen Fried, Jan Shedleski, Janet Roth, Ruth Lilian, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Sunny Gold, Zara Cohen-Young, Marianne Blanks, Estelle Gold, Anne Lehmann
Front row: Robyn Lenn NCJWA NSW President, Helen Marr visiting ICJW President, Lynne Davis NCJWA National President, Esta Roland

1993 continued

NSW Division Human Rights Committee formed: Sent Submission to the Attorney General on racist videos and computer games. The Committee visited Yasmah Children's Corrective Centre with a banquet of festival foods and entertainment by B'Yachad group.

Founders Day Guest speaker was Clover Moore, Councillor of the City of Sydney.

Jewish Community services had Council sponsorship in our premises for two of its seminars, on Grief Counselling and Holocaust Survivors Therapy.

Hospital visiting committee continues strongly, marking up 3500 visits per year

1994

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NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

UN International Year of the Family.

National President Lynne Davies stated: *NCJWA have an agenda for the future: to embrace issues affecting women and families and to preserve the family as the cornerstone of Jewish Life.*

It is appropriate that the International Year of the Family is also the International Year of the Agunah.

Twenty fourth NCJW National Triennial Conference, Canberra.

NCJW National endorsed the adoption of the Besor Reservoir as the next project in partnership with JNF/KKL. To be named the Vera Cohen Besor Reservoir.

NCJW National moved that Newcastle Section become a Group of NCJW NSW, as fewer Jewish women are now resident in Newcastle district. Passed.

New NSW Groups included the revival of Newcastle NCJW as a NCJWA NSW Group and the opening of a Coffs Harbour/ Northern Rivers Group.

Passing of NCJWA Life President Vera Cohen MBE on September 18, 1994.

A Memorial Tribute to Vera Cohen MBE held at Council House, presented by NCJWA National President Lynne Davies AM.

NCJWA Scholar in Residence: Professor Alice Shalvi, Israel's delegate to the Beijing Conference to be held in 1995 spoke on *Forging the Bonds of Sisterhood: Feminism as a Key to Understanding* to a large audience including the newly arrived Consul General of Israel Mordechai Yedid and his wife Rika.

Dr Alice Shalvi spoke again at joint NCJWA/AIJA event at Council House and the following day at the NCJWA United Nations Day Luncheon at Council House, co-hosted with Australian Jewish News.



NCJW NSW AGM Council House Sydney, 1994



NCJW NSW President Robyn Lenn OAM in conversation with visiting US Feminist author Betty Friedan



L to R: Mirian Frommer, Ruth Lewin Broit, Chair, Ruth Moss, Esta Roland, Jan Shedleski, Susan Cohen
Standing: Miriam Stein, Leah Einfeld



NCJWA NSW Status of Women weekends at Bundanoon, NSW.
Left and above: Visiting the Buddhist Forest Monastery

StaySafe - NCJWA NSW Community Lobby Group, Chair Jan Shedleski: our submission to NSW government on footpath safety came into law.

US Feminist author Betty Friedan spoke at Council House, organised by Penelope Toltz, NCJWA NSW Public Relations Officer.

Formation of the Council Toastmasters Club introduced by Denise Edelstein, NSW Chair of Education.

The Club resulted from a most successful Speechcraft Course completed by more than twenty Council members and friends. Council Toastmasters was open to men and women, Jewish and non-Jewish, with monthly meetings at Council House.

NCJW NSW Continues to support other organisations by giving free of charge use of Council House halls to:

- Jewish access Disability Group.
- Chesed Bereavement Counselling
- Jewish Community Services Grief Counselling and Holocaust Survivors Counselling.
- Board of Deputies Security Volunteers' Self Defence Training.

NCJWA NSW financial sponsorship of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies Country Speaker Service.

NCJW NSW special memberships include - Friend of Council category for non-Jewish well-wishers: Male associate membership: Teenage associate membership.

1995

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NCJW NSW President Jan Shedleski 1995 - 1997

NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

NCJW NSW has eleven working Groups.

NCJW National Pledge \$180,000 to JNF's Besor Water Reservoir in memory of Vera Cohen.

NCJWA NSW invited for the first time to nominate a Council member to sit on JNF Board.

National Peak Body to be established by National Government - Office of the Status of Women. Consultation attended by Lynne Davies and Zara Young.

NCJW lobbied ICJW for strong action against French nuclear testing in Pacific.

At the National Council of Women Australia Day Luncheon at Parliament House Sydney Dr Stella Alexander, Northsiders Co-Chair spoke on Becoming an Australian, her life story from Romania to her Sydney Hospital medical career.



Members at AGM 1995

1995 continued

NCJW NSW broadcasts its inaugural Council Half Hour on Radio FM: Joan Rodd, Penelope Toltz and Denise Edelstein.

NCJW NSW funded the formation of a Status of Women Library at Council House with an associated book club which meets monthly.

Status of Women weekend *Escorting the Queen: a Celebration of Jewish Womenhood* : Shabbaton at Bundanoon, conducted by member Dr Ruth Lewin-Broit. Twenty eight women attended including four from Canberra and three from the Southern Highlands.

A second Bundanoon Status of Women Residential Weekend was held later in the year with sessions relating to Science, Religion and the Female Body, and a rousing discussion on the Gett. Chaired by Dr Ruth Lewin.

Project Keshet introduced to NCJWA by Miriam Stein: Global Women's Succot Service. This heralded a series of events linked to Jewish women around world.

A second Speechcraft Course attracted thirteen more Toastmasters, including four men.

A personal Effectiveness Training seminar was conducted by Rebbetzin Eileen Franklin.

New fundraiser: making and marketing of parve kosher Council Chocolates – Vivian Falk

80 volunteers work monthly in Bondi's Best Bargains, the new premises opened in Bondi Road. A mezuzah placed by Council husband Sid Rosenbaum.

Founder's Day featured anecdotes by longstanding members Faye Caplan, Julie Morris and Viva Davis Life President of Ezra. Each spoke of her personal relationship with Dr Fanny Reading.

Finally our second Project Keshet function on Chanukah night 4 included Dianne Steinman AM, newly elected President of the ECAJ, Margaret Gutman, Executive director of the Board of Deputies, Suzanne Rutland and Rebbetzin Eileen Franklin who conducted the Chanukah service

1996

NCJW NSW President Jan Shedleski 1995 - 1997

NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

NCJW National President attended the Round Table meeting in Canberra, Lynne Davies has attended five such Round Table meetings over the past three years. NCJWA is the only Jewish Women's organisation represented at the Round Table and is perceived as being representative of women in the Jewish community.

Status of Women - *Beyond Pearls - Women and Judaism*: Weekly Lectures by NCJW NSW Status of Women Chair Dr Ruth Lewin together with Dr Miriam Frommer.

NCJW/JNF VERA COHEN BESOR PROJECT-ISRAEL



The Karen Kayemeth Leisrael Mission to Israel in May 1996 unveiled a temporary Plaque in memory of the late Vera Cohen MBE at the Besor Reservoir. A number of NCJW members were on the mission and they collectively unveiled the plaque.



Bondi's Best Bargains thrift shop, Bondi Road, Sydney



Presentation of Dr Fanny Reading's framed medals to Jan Shedleski, NCJW NSW President by Julie Morris, North Shore Group



GALA LUNCHEON
 To be held on Wednesday October 23, 1996
 at 11.30am
 Fanny Reading Council House
 111 Queen Street, Woolloohera
 Guest Speakers:
KATHRYN GREINER
 Topic: "SYDNEY IN THE NEXT MILLENIUM"
 RACHEL HELLMAN (Council Toastmaster)
 Topic: "KINDNESS IS BLESS"

Gala Lunch, October 1996 L to R Rebbetzin Gottshall, Jan Shedleski, Zara Cohen-Young, Guest Speaker NSW Politician Kathryn Greiner, Robyn Lenn



Jerusalem 3000 High Tea 1996 with Israeli Ambassador Shmuel Moyal and Israeli Consul General Mordechai Yedid

1996 continued

Jerusalem 3000 Chai High Tea with Israeli Ambassador Shmuel Moyal and Israeli Consul General Mordechai Yedid held at Council House.

Continued NCJWA and ICJW collection of signatures aiming at 10,000 signatures in support of Gett Halachic solutions. Dr Geulah Solomon OAM held intensive meetings in Israel with seven influential Rabbis, supportive of the Gett Petition wording. All the signed petitions to be presented to the Chief Rabbi of France at ICJW meeting.

Gett Halachic panel discussion with Rabbi Franklin, Diana Perla, Ruth Lewin, and Geulah Solomon was moderated by Rachel Kohn.

Introduction to NCJW of Project Keshet by Miriam Stein, Past President of Union of Jewish Women of South Africa. Connecting with women from the Former Soviet Union in global celebrations of Jewish festivals.

Global Women's Seder using special Women's Haggadah prepared by Project Keshet. It was presented by senior students of Moriah College and the Emanuel School.

Meeting in Sydney with Nachman Wolf, Deputy Director of Ilan Rehabilitation and Sports Centre Haifa.

Re-establishment of monthly ILAN Card parties on the third Wednesday every month by Ilan Chair Anne Dryen, Life member NCJW NSW.

Communal support continued with many organisations given use of Council House Hall without cost including NCJW Eastern Suburbs Playgroup, Hamoadon Israeli Dance group. Chabad use the building over high holidays.

Continuing to support EZRA financially, giving an annual morning tea and also attending their annual Mothers' Day luncheon. Functions are in support of EZRA's Mothers and Babies projects in Israel.

North Shore Group sponsored the renovation and framing of Dr Fanny Reading's medals MBE, MB and BS to be placed in our cabinet in Council House.

Council Toastmasters members won awards at area and international speech competitions. New Speechcraft course beginning. Under new Toastmasters president Karen Fried Council Toastmasters hosted Area 11 Humorous and Evaluation competition, winning several awards.

Project Keshet Chair, Miriam Stein presented Succot Sensations concentrating on multiculturalism and featuring women from Greek, Maori, Croatian, Israeli and Aboriginal communities.

Say No to Prejudice developed by Miriam Stein and Ruth Wilson, introduced a new multicultural program. A successful weekend retreat to an Aboriginal Cultural Centre was set up.

Founders Day : Dr Suzanne Rutland President of the Jewish Historical Society spoke about Dr Fanny, and Executive Director of the Volunteers Association Margaret Bell AM, spoke about *the considerable contribution we provide in the Community as Volunteers.*



North Shore Group late 1990s
 Back: Nita Argy, Tina vander Heyden, Nona Rosenbaum,
 Olga Bleier, Doris Rubenstein, Shirley Myers
 Front: Kathleen Steinhaus, Adrienne Swarts



AGM 1993 Award presentation to Pacific Group
 L to R National President Lynne Davies, Nita Rothman
 Gleness Messiah, Ruby Stern



Northsiders Group 25th Anniversary 1998.
 Jeannette Tsoulos, Sandy Sacks, Sylvia Langer,
 Sunny Gold, Zina Conway



Shifra Group, late 1990s L to R: Rhoda Abadia, Ada Shagrin, Karen Fried, Susan Cohen, Cathy
 Edelstein, Ruth Turner, Diana Bahar, Liane Froneman, Judith Lewis, Robyn Lenn, Elizabeth Robinson

1997

NCJW NSW President Jan Shedleski 1995 - 1997

NCJW NSW President Denise Edelstein 1997 - 1998

NCJW National President Lynne Davies AM 1991 - 1997

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003

Twenty fifth NCJW National Triennial Conference, Perth

We have eight working NCJWA NSW Groups including playgroups in both the east and the north.

Ray Ginsburg Friendship Club was formed at Council House for older Council members.

Two Steering committee meetings for the Jewish Business Women's Network organised by Denise Edelstein.

As part of NCJW NSW commitment to Jewish Continuity we helped fund two young women , one from AUJS and the other from Hineni, to attend Youth Leadership programs in US and Israel.

Say No to Prejudice – a multicultural program devised by Miriam Stein and Dr Ruth Wilson. A group of 14 women from different ethnic and religious backgrounds has undertaken an innovative program to address prejudice and intolerance among young Australians. Miriam Stein brought together women from Maori, Aboriginal, Muslim, Vietnamese, Greek and Jewish communities. The women developed a pilot programme to raise the level of awareness among students about the need to accept the many different ethnic groups in Australian schools and communities.

JULY 14. Maccabiah Bridge collapse in Israel claimed the life of Yetty Bennett, a much loved foundation member of NCJW NSW Northsiders Group. A memorial to Yetty has been set up and dedicated by NCJW in Israel.

Hosted by NCJW at Council House *the Night of Reconciliation* was organised by Wik-ED. *Jews will not remain silent in the face of oppression and discrimination.* NSW Jewish Board of Deputies President Peter Wertheim declared. 600 people attended, speakers included former Prime Minister Gough Whitlam and Cape York Land Council Chairman Noel Pearson.



NCJW NSW 75th Anniversary celebration



Girls Group which later became B' Yachad Group



NCJW Girl's Group cooking chocolates at Robin Lamm's home for Mother's Day 1990

1998

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003

NCJW National Plenary hosted by NCJW South Australia in Adelaide. Shirley Payes and Grace Hollander attended from New Zealand NCJW.

NCJW National received its first ever operational grant of \$25,000 from Federal Government funding to women's non-government organisations. Announced by the Hon Judi Moylan MP, Minister for the Status of Women. NCJWA National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM had applied for the grant to maintain Council's work in every field.

Australian Round Table consultations in Canberra: Publication Australian Women Working Together included NCJW.

NCJW National /ICJW the only Women's NGO representing at UNESCO Science Conference in Sydney 1998, a Regional Preparatory Conference. December 2-5 1998.

NCJWA Delegations in Melbourne, Perth and Gold Coast formally presented to leading rabbis in their cities - 35,000 ICJW Gett Petition signatures including 7,500 from Australia. The Australian Rabbinate was asked to support international deliberations to find halachic solutions to the problem of agunot and mamzerut. Rabbi Heilbrunn agreed to place the issue on the Australian Orthodox agenda.

Israel 50th birthday.

Dedication of the Vera Cohen Besor Reservoir Project in Israel May 1998. Variety Concert Proceeds went towards the Reservoir Project.

Denise Edelstein stepped down from presidency, Dinah Danon became Acting NSW President until AGM 1999.

NSW 75th Anniversary celebrated, also Ray Ginsburg's 90th birthday.

November Gala Dinner Dance with NSW Governor Samuels and Ambassador of Israel Schmuel Moyal attending.

Women's Issues in Israel event with speaker Naomi Chazan, Deputy Speaker of Knesset.

75th Anniversary Exhibition in Council House Foyer. 75th Anniversary Brochure printed.

New B'yahad Group for young adults formed, some were third generation Council women.



AGM 1998 L to R Sandy Sacks, Ruth Turner, Judith Lewis, Dr Stella Alexander, Hon. Margaret Davis, Dinah Danon, Denise Edelstein, Karen Fried, Sue Cohen, Robyn Lenn, Miriam Stein



Members of the Council House Group handing over knee rugs they had knitted. Beryl Goldshaft, Ethel Rappaport, Doris Loufer, Miriam Mason, Estelle Gold

1998 continued

NCJW NSW Jewish Business Women's Network organisation founded.

Project Keshet flourishing: telephone link-ups with women around the world. Sallie Gratch, USA, International Founder of Project Keshet spoke. Pesach Cooking Demonstration by Dinah Danon.

Project Keshet Founder Sallie Gratch spoke in NCJW NSW as well as in other NCJW sections on the Keshet organisation's strong work in the communities of the Former Soviet Union.

Northsiders 25th Anniversary dinner dance event .

NCJW NSW Continues to financially support the NSW Board of Deputies Speaker Service - no other organisation supports it financially.

1999

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997- 2003

70th Anniversary of NCJW OF AUSTRALIA.

UN International Year of Older Persons.

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM addressed the Conference of the Association of Rabbis and Ministers of Australia and New Zealand. She presented the position of NCJW and ICJW in regards to Jewish women obtaining the Gett. It was concluded that the Australian Rabbinical emphasis will be on encouraging spouses to sign Pre-Nuptial Agreements.

Three new NSW groups formed - teenagers and young women.

Tova Group - fifteen year-old girls visit Montefiore Home regularly. Eighteen year-olds are a Rosh Chodesh group.

35+ women held their first function, a dinner with speaker Carolyn Hewson, Schroeders banker and wife of the former Leader of the Opposition. Several of these leaders of the new groups are third generation NCJW members.

Founders Day event was a Leadership Course which included all Groups, each of which presented items to reinforce the aims of Council.

Australian National Maritime Museum added Dr Fanny Reading to the permanent listing on its Welcome Wall honouring any immigrant's arrival to Australia. Dr Fanny's name will be unveiled on January 23 2000.

Afternoon tea held at Council House for Anne Dryen OAM on her 90th birthday - she was Chair of ILAN for NCJW NSW for almost 3 decades.

Projects supported by NCJW in Israel over 70 years

HAIFA

1. Moshav Alma - JNF
2. Kfar Hanassi - swimming pool - JNF
3. Kibbutz Kadarim
4. Migav Dov - tennis courts - JNF
5. University of Haifa
6. Aust / Israel Friendship Forest - JNF
7. Keren Maharat Forest - JNF
8. Hamadia Reservoir - JNF
9. Karmiel - JNF

TEL-AVIV

10. Neve Zipporah Moshav - honouring Dr Fanny Reading
11. Vera Cohen and Gladys Starkin - library and hall
12. Ilan - three centres
13. Micha

JERUSALEM

14. Hebrew University
15. Golda Meir Scholarship
16. Open Door - ICJW
17. Australia Park - JNF

BEERSHEBA

18. Besor Water Project - JNF

THE NEGEV

19. Uvdah Recreation Park - JNF

After visiting the Holy Land in 1867, just 130 years ago, the American author, Mark Twain, wrote in his book "Innocents Abroad".

"It is desolate and unlovely. The hills are barren, the valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with feeble vegetation. There is hardly a tree or shrub anywhere. It sits in sackcloth and ashes."

You, as a member or supporter of National Council of Jewish Women, have helped to clothe those naked hills with forests; to make those deserts bloom; to replace the sackcloth and ashes with the laughter of children from many lands.

NCJW PROJECTS

When you are in Israel, take the opportunity to visit projects which NCJW supports. A letter of introduction should be obtained from the National President.

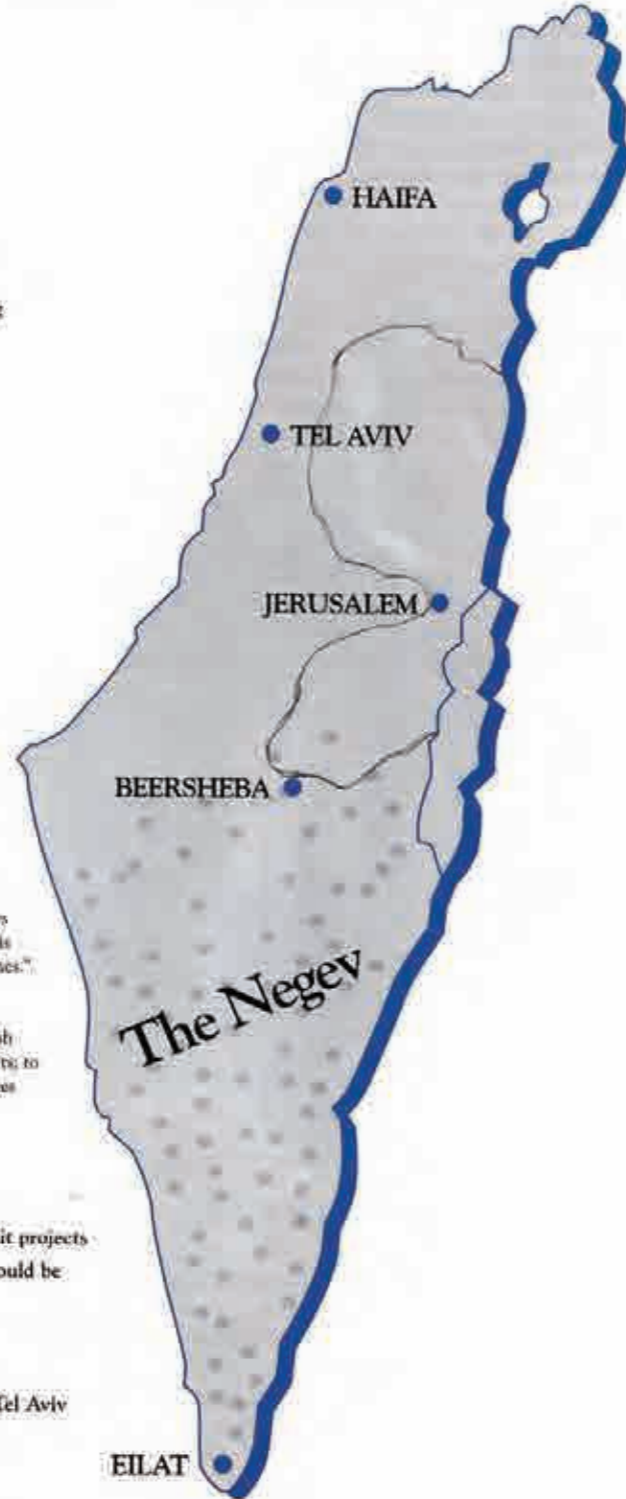
The organisations are as follows:

JNF (Keren Kayemet), Jerusalem

Ilan Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children, Tel Aviv

Ethiopian Women's Fund, Haifa University, Haifa

Micha Association for the Deaf, Jerusalem



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We held a successful Channukah function entitled 'Let There Be Light', part of the Living in Harmony Government Grant received by NCJW. Members of several ethnic communities were invited to speak about the meaning of lights in their communities... a very cross-cultural education of women. Everyone present was invited to light the Channukah.

All NCJW members invited to sponsor / support the National History Project 1929-1999.

A book published by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society was launched, depicting the outstanding achievements of women from Sydney's district of Ku-ring-gai. Longtime NCJW North Shore member Julie Morris is included in this publication.

NCJW INVOLVEMENT IN JNF PROJECTS



The Besor Reservoir

IMAGE above: Council Bulletin, November 1997

IMAGE: Council Bulletin 71:3 September 1997

2000s



NCW function at NSW Parliament House where Dinah Danon, NCJW NSW President was invited to recite grace.
 Front : Dinah Danon Back L to R : Sue Cohen, Sylvia Leibovitch, Miriam Stein, Margaret Davis, Judith Lewis, Ruth Turner, Rhoda Abulafia, Robyn Lenn, Esta Roland



Dedication of Shlomit Playground Israel
 NCJW members with Shlomit Councillor, The Mayor and JNF's Hila Zabari



Visiting International Council of Women President Pnina Herzog, centre, with Rysia Rozen and Robyn Lenn who were representing NCJW at the ICW General Assembly in Perth

2000

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003

Twenty-sixth NCJW National Conference, Gold Coast

In this International Year of the Culture of Peace, let us dedicate ourselves to educating all children towards peace and peaceful co-existence.

The Living in Harmony project, funded by a grant from the federal Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, shows how the membership of NCJW is working in partnership with government to improve relations between the various ethnic groups which make up Australian society.

NCJW and JNF project 2000-2001, NCJWA Children's Playground at Shlomit, a suburb of Shlomi.

The NCJWA Ethiopian Women's Scholarship, adopted as a National Project in 1988, has been awarded in 2000 to Hana Berihun who arrived in Israel from Ethiopia in 1991. The six past recipients are now mainly working in areas of social work and community development.

Pnina Herzog, President of the International Council of Women, in conjunction with the Consul General of Israel spoke on women's and children's rights at Council House.

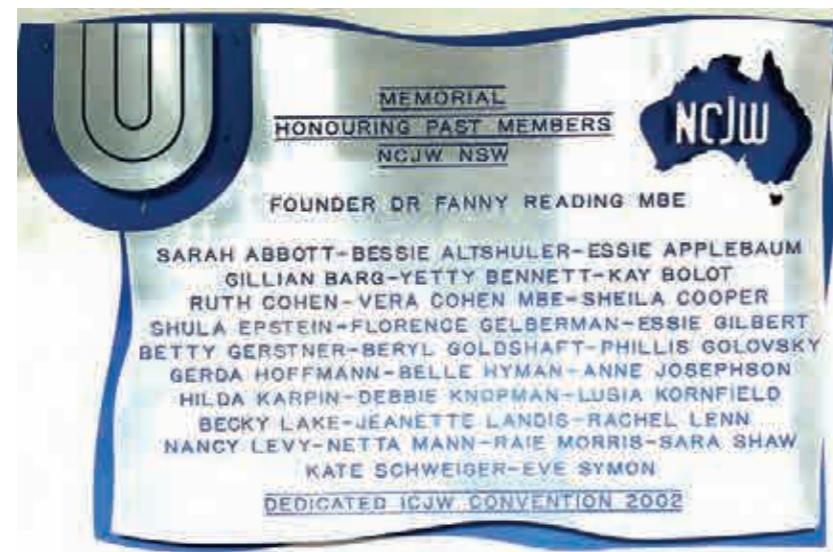
NCJW NSW in conjunction with NCW of NSW and UNICEF held a seminar entitled 'Women Against the Exploitation of Children in Conflict'. Speakers included Alana Sherry, Advocacy Manager UNICEF Australia; Jamal Ajami, a Counsellor from the Lebanese community; Cindia Henty-Roberts from Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, Aboriginal Social Justice Unit, Ruth Ben Matityahu, Israeli Educational Counsellor.

Health in the Jewish Community: Sydney May 15 2000. Miriam Stein and Ruth Cohen from NCJW NSW and Malvina Malinek from NCJW Vic. attended as delegates.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall at a special Council morning tea in her honour said *I have never expected any honour - my loyalty to NCJW stems from the unforgettable Dr Fanny Reading who coined my title NCJW Rebbetzin and I deemed it a privilege to participate at NCJW functions.*



ICJW Convention Sydney, executive committee : Robyn Lenn, Dinah Danon, Ruth Lilian, Malvina Malinek, Miriam Stein, Zara Cohen-Young.



The National President of the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia and Convention Committee look forward to welcoming you to beautiful Sydney for the

ICJW 19th TRIENNIAL CONVENTION

24 - 29 May 2002

Enquiries: Fax 61 9362 4092 or 61 3 9523 0156

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2001

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003

International Year of the Volunteer.

JNF Centenary: *For almost the entire century our longtime partner, the National Council of Jewish Women has been at our side every step of the way. For over 70 years the NCJW and the JNF have worked togetherin order to achieve a secure and sustainable future for the land of Israel.*

Planning for the ICJW Convention to be held in Sydney in May 2002 is well underway. We are compiling an In Memoriam list to be placed on a decorative art plaque designed by NCJW NSW member Deirdre Hart, to be dedicated at the Convention.

NCJW Plenary NCJW National joined the national women's alliances set up in 2001, WomenSpeak – 2001-2010. NCJW National is part of Equality Rights Alliance funded by the Commonwealth Government's Office for Women. ERA with its dozens of Australian Women's organisations continues to this day.

Miriam Stein, Sylvia Leibovitch and Susan Cohen represented NCJW at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission's Community Consultation for the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. Chaired by Eleanor Hogan from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Unit HREOC.

La Perouse HIPPY program (Home Interactive Program for Parents and Youngsters) established by NCJW NSW member Miriam Stein to prepare preschool children for entry to school jointly with Friends of Hebrew University and Brotherhood of St Laurence – 28 indigenous children and 3 tutors. The first HIPPY in Australia and first with indigenous children.

Founders Day – Women Without Boundaries – Guest speakers Rabbi Alyson Conyer, Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio and Sheila Factor CEO of NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

For some years once a month or more Groups have been involved in running a Charity Stall in the Mall at Bondi Junction. Now Waverley and Woollahra Councils have decided that this Charity fund raising activity should cease.

An NCJW NSW member of Tova Group Deborah Frenkel has taken over the role of a lifetime - Youth Envoy for the NSW Centenary of Federation in 2001. The 15 year old from North Sydney Girl's High is one of only 22 young Australians picked to document her experiences during the Centenary of Federation event.

NCJW NSW Newest group Ki Tov have hosted three successful functions. They have a data base of more than one hundred names in the 25 to 40 age group, married and single.

ICJW Convention 2002 held in Sydney



Outgoing ICJW President June Jacobs, UK handing over to her successor Sara Winkowski, Uruguay



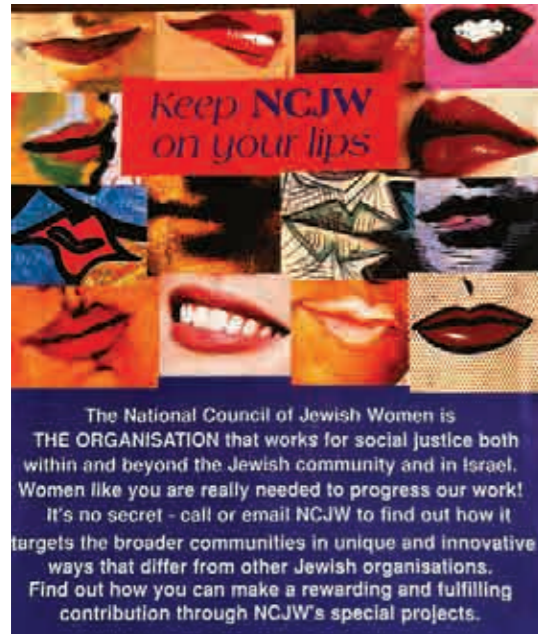
Back: Convention Convenor Robyn Lenn, NSW President Dinah Danon. Front: Delegates



NCJWA National President Geulah Solomon congratulating NSW President Dinah Danon and her team



All the Susans at the Convention.
Front: Susan Levy, Susan Balint
Back: Susannah Hart, Susan Cohen, Suzanne Faigen, Suzi Ivany, Sue Katz, Sue Levy



Lips Poster and postcard produced for a 2002 membership drive



NCJW NSW B'Yachad Group participated in the 2002 UNIFEM Walk raising funds for women in Afghanistan.
L to R: Susannah Hart, Eva Szeduj, Mel Lewis, Stephanie Lenn, Ruth Beran

2002

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003

Centenary of Women's Suffrage in Australia

Nineteenth Triennial **International Council of Jewish Women Convention** held in Sydney – The Most Human of Rights – ICJW Working for Women of the World.

Convenors : Miriam Stein and Robyn Lenn.

2002 Council House Memorial Garden, sponsored by James Wolfensohn in memory of his late mother;

Dora Wolfensohn, a Past President NCJW NSW. Garden was dedicated by ICJW President June Jacobs CBE at ICJW Convention 2002.

Convention Scholar in Residence Dr Dafna Lemish, Israeli media researcher in the fields of children, youth and leisure culture and gender identity in the media.

A new NCJW National JNF Project – providing a children's playground at Shlomi will be undertaken by NCJW. To be ratified at the NCJW 27th Triennial Conference in 2003.

JNF honoured NCJW at their centenary celebrations. The JNF Queen competition was a major fundraising annual event. From 1936 NCJW worked with JNF clearing Blue Boxes and worked with JNF on Green Sunday telephone appeals.

NCJW NSW received Sydney Einfeld Memorial Award from JNF NSW *as a tribute to their inestimable contribution to the Jewish and wider communities both in Australia and in Israel. Kol Ha Kavod!*

Miriam Stein, NCJW National Vice President, was elected to the Board of UNIFEM.

Formation of a Social Justice committee. Status of Women Group in conjunction with WomanPower is running a series of lectures on Fundamentalism in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, at Council House.

A new NCJW group called PRIM (Public Relations, Image, Membership) organised a stall at the Great Synagogue Chanukah party.

Postcards and posters with 14 pairs of lips have been produced as a membership drive. They will be posted to over 200 prospective young members the day after they receive an email from us.

2003

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004
NCJW National President Dr Geulah Solomon OAM 1997 - 2003
NCJW National President Robyn Lenn OAM 2003 - 2007

Twenty seventh NCJW National Conference, Melbourne.

June 2003 NCJW National changed from a three year term to a four year term of office. NCJW National Conferences to be held every four years.

NCJW National Scholar in Residence: Ethiopian Social Work student Yafa Trunash Tarkay, University of Haifa, a recipient of NCJW National project funding.
NCJW is one of only seven out of over 100 national women's organisations successful in its application for project funding from the Federal Office of the Status of Women. NCJWA has received three major Federal Grants in the past six years.

This new national research project has been funded by \$50,000.
 The Launch of the Monograph on the Sandwich Generation - Superwomen? A contextual Study and Report of Jewish Sandwich Generation, balancing Intergenerational Family Responsibilities in Multicultural Australia.

NCJW Portfolios added: Socio- legal Issues / Women and Children /Communication with Youth/ Migration and Integration to welcome Jewish migrants from Russia, Israel and South Africa.

NCJW NSW 80th Anniversary Celebration - Eight Decades Dinner was celebrated at Council House. Eight communal personalities each presented a light-hearted review of one decade, which was very informative and entertaining.

National Maritime Museum/ NCJW NSW Cocktail event honouring Dr Fanny Reading MBE and the many Council members who met and welcomed Jewish migrants at the wharves. A booklet giving a brief history of the period has been produced by NSW members.

Conversations About Books events initiated, programme presented by Andrea Stretton. There were four books to be studied through the year. First meeting: *Fiction- How it Illuminates the Real World*, with speakers Ivor Indyk, Joanna Kalowski and Lynn Segal.

The NCJW NSW Social Justice group discussed Gender Roles in the Middle Ages in their third meeting. This month the discussion was on *Gender Across Cultures*.

A series of lectures on Sex, Gender and the Third Millenium and a workshop covering areas of Government structure and policy protocol were of great interest.

Council House event: Re-imagining the Jewish-Christian relationship. Speaker: the new International President of the Council of Christians and Jews, Dr John Pawlikowski. Moderator: Rabbi Raymond Apple AM RFD.

Regrettably two very long-standing Groups folded during the year: Council House Group and the Pacific Group are no more. Their members had served NCJW NSW for many decades.



27th NCJW National Conference working members with visiting ICJW President Sara Winkowski 2003



Five former NCJW Section Presidents meeting Haifa University student recipients of NCJW funding, 2004

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE
Yafa Trunash Tarkay

Curriculum Vitae

Place of Birth: Ethiopia
Year of Immigration: 1984
Nationality: Israeli



2003 NCJW National Scholar in Residence Haifa University student Yafa Trunash Tarkay



Visiting Rebbetzin Anne Harris wife of Chief Rabbi of South Africa who spoke at an NCJW NSW function in her honour. L to R Dinah Danon, Sue Cohen, Rebbetzin Harris, Barbara Shotland, Sylvia Langer



2004 Antisemitism Forum. Helen Bersten, Moderator, Diane Shteinman Past President ECAJ, Sunny Gold NCJW Chair of Antisemitism, Racism and Human Rights, Shalom Norman Director JNF NSW



2004 Elected Executive Committee
L to R: Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland
Susan Cohen

2004

NCJW NSW President Dinah Danon OAM 1998 - 2004

NCJW NSW Executive Committee Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland 2004 - 2007

NCJW National President Robyn Lenn OAM 2003 - 2007

NCJW reaffirmed its role as the voice of Australian Jewish Women, now becoming a member of the Federal Government Secretariat, the Australian Women's Coalition .

Haifa Rape Crisis Centre partnership with NCJW set up. 2004 and 2005 NCJW funded the South American Outreach and Support Project at the centre. 61 hours of lectures, workshops and empowerment group meetings were facilitated, reaching 245 new immigrants to Israel.

NCJW Israel Tour November 2004. Participants visited the University of Haifa, meeting Ethiopian students some of whom are supported by Council. A\$10,000 presented.

A new NCJW Group set up in Hobart, Tasmania when visited by National President Robyn Lenn. To be part of NSW Division.

NCJW NSW Gold Coin Day at Australian Jewish preschools, later Jewish day schools and high schools - initiated by Jan Shedleski, ILAN Chair, and held annually on Cerebral Palsy Day each August.

From 2004 NCJW NSW Transcultural Group organised many events around Harmony Day, nominated UN dates, Human Rights days, Interfaith Seders, visits to mosques, temples, synagogues and churches.

A new award, the NCJW NSW Jewish Woman of Distinction Award: The first recipient was Dr Rachael Kohn, coincident with her new publication *The New Believers - Reimagining God* as well as her long-running Radio National program.

Second recipient of the NCJW NSW Jewish Woman of Distinction Award: Elena Katz Chernin, Russian Jewish composer whose ballet *Wild Swans* was presented by the Australian Ballet. At the same time a new computer program for music composition, Sibelius, was presented to her by Council supporters.

NCJW NSW hosted Rebbetzin Ann Harris, wife of Rabbi Harris, Chief Rabbi of South Africa to a lunch at Council House where she spoke.

NCJW NSW Mentoring Project inaugurated and launched by Lisa Rubinstein and Yvonne Coburn. Seven pairs of women in NSW and Canberra took part.

Memorial Tribute to the late NCJW National, formerly NCJW NSW President Lynne Davies AM.

Memorial Tribute to the late Miriam Stein, *a valued and loved NCJW leader and mentor*. An NCJW NSW group called the Miriam Stein Group was formed by South African members under the guidance of Barbara Shotland.



Israel Day 2005 with Peter Debnam Leader of the NSW Opposition, Sylvia Langer, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair and the Jewish Choral Society



Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Vic Alhadeff, CEO NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Robyn Lenn



A special 2006 Bar and Batmitzvah ceremony for nine ILAN children. A donation of \$12,500 was presented to ILAN Foundation to celebrate the 40th year of involvement of NCJW.



2005

NCJW NSW Executive Committee Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland 2004 - 2007
NCJW National President Robyn Lenn OAM 2003 - 2007

Dr Geulah Solomon OAM, NCJW Immediate Past National President and ICJW Status of Women Co Chair, attended 49th session of UN Status of Women Commission – CSW 49 - as part of the Australian Government delegation.

Revamped NCJW National website launched.

New NCJW JNF Project launched: Erection and Maintenance of an outdoor classroom at Rosh Tzipor in Israel, to include a dedication site recognising NCJWA contribution for rehabilitation of the Yarkon River where NSW member Yetty Bennett lost her life at the Maccabi Games.

NCJW is the only organisation to hold a position on the Jewish National Fund at Federal level.

International Women's Day celebrated NCJW 40th year of involvement with the ILAN Foundation in Tel Aviv.

Celebrating Israel launched as a NCJW National event. National and Information Chair, Dalia Ayalon OAM stated *it is part of the Israel Advocacy program to reaffirm the special bond that exists between Australia and Israel.* The program's aim is to recognise Israel annually, not only as a recipient of NCJW donations over many years, but as very important to NCJW. To be celebrated each November 29, the anniversary of the passing of Resolution 181 by UN General Assembly calling for the establishment of a Jewish State alongside an Arab State.

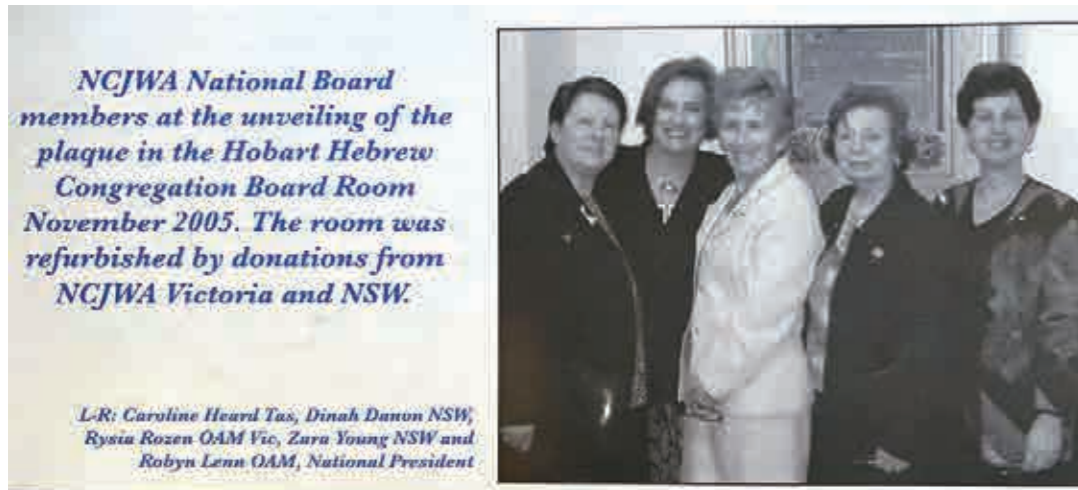
Israel Day-UN Charter Day: Vic Alhadeff, CEO NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, Peter Debnam Leader of the NSW Opposition, Ha'Moadon Dancers and the Jewish Choral Society.

Australian Jewish Women in the Arts launched at NCJW Plenary by educator Ruth Wilson, Patron of AJWA, Jeanne Pratt AC, members include Romana Koval, Rachel Kohn and Miriam Margolyes.

Education program: Rabbi Ritchie Moss: Discussion - *What Madonna will never know.*

Founders Day: *How the Family Law Courts are dealing with Domestic Violence cases.* Speakers - Director of Domestic Clearing House and Women's Refuge Resource Centre.

North Shore Group raised money for a JNF Certificate for an Avenue of 100 trees to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Presented to Chairperson Adrienne Swarts and Past Chairperson Nona Rosenbaum at an Afternoon Tea Party.



2005 continued

Miriam Stein Group: Presented *A History of the migration of Lithuanian Jews across Europe and into South Africa during early 20th Century.*

NCJW NSW Division Lehava Group hosted 200 guests at their Mother, Daughter and Best Friend fundraiser extravaganza.

Shifra Group held a Grandmothers' Afternoon Tea in which thirteen Council members who had become grandmothers in the past year were honoured. Each grandmother received a framed JNF Certificate inscribing their grandchild into the JNF Children's Book.

Tasmania NCJW Group. 160th Anniversary Celebrations included a Reception at Government House, synagogue services, a concert called 'A Few from Afar', NCJW afternoon tea with speaker National President Robyn Lenn OAM.

Tasmania Group welcomed three new members who live in the north of Tasmania. A Harmony Picnic was held at Waterworks, City Park, Hobart as part of Cultural Harmony week – hosted by Scots Memorial Uniting Church, the Aboriginal Congress Community and the Tasmanian NCJW group.

Hobart Hebrew Congregation Board Room was refurbished by donations from NSW Division and Victoria Section, dedicated by Council members in Hobart in November 2005, at the 160th birthday of the Synagogue.



Shifra Group *Grandmothers Simcha* with their certificates inscribing their grandchildren into the JNF Childrens Book

2006

NCJW NSW Executive Committee Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland 2004-2007
NCJW National President Robyn Lenn OAM 2003-2007

NCJWA Israel Project at Haifa Rape Crisis Centre. Working with Youth at Risk program enabled 396 youths to be assisted, also professional training for 130 professionals.

Jan Shedleski, NCJW Ilan Chair, presented NCJW cheque for \$12,500 to Ilan Foundation. She attended a special Bar and Bat ceremony for 9 Ilan children at Beit Knesset Avraham Ha Moleshet, Jerusalem. (photos)

National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Limited is now incorporated, as are all NCJWA Sections. This has been done without cost by NCJW National Honorary Solicitor Dr Paul Conway OAM and NCJW Constitution Committee headed by Kate Feigen.

We gratefully acknowledge their work.

Dr Paul Conway OAM served as NCJWA NSW Honorary Solicitor from 1989 and NCJWA Honorary Solicitor from 1997. On Tu B'shvat Paul was presented with a JNF certificate of 18 trees planted in Israel, in appreciation of his work for NCJW.



NCJWA Honorary Solicitor Dr Paul Conway with his wife Zina, NCJWA National Honorary Secretary receiving a JNF Tree certificate on Tu B'Shvat



Jewish Women's Breast Cancer Network display in Centennial Park
Left: Susan Cohen and Zara Young



NCJWA NSW hosts Lady Elaine Sacks wife of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks.
L to R: Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Robyn Lenn, Lady Sacks, Barbara Shotland

2006 continued

Daphne Tamir, wife of Israeli Ambassador Nati Tamir together with National President NCJW Robyn Lenn OAM unveiled the NCJWA National Presidents' Honour Board in the Dr Fanny Reading MBE Auditorium at the National Jewish Memorial Centre in Canberra. The Honour Board was donated by Earle Hoffman OAM.

NCJW National Board hosted a Sydney Jewish Community farewell function in honour of Orna Sagiv, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Israel. The L'Chaim was attended by representatives from WIZO, Emunah, SZC, JCA, UIA, Academy BJE, Hamoadon, COA and Chai Foundation.

NCJW NSW were the only Sydney organisation invited to host an Afternoon Tea for Lady Sacks, wife of Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the Commonwealth. Members and invitees from many organisations enjoyed her talk about her life as mother, grandmother, community worker and rabbi's wife.

Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs: Building Bridges Project events:

1. Under the Sky movie about Muslim Women headgear screened at Council House.
2. A group of NCJWA women were invited by the Auburn Mosque Community, hosted by the Muslim Women's National Network of Australia, speaking about their religious beliefs. Members from NCW and PSEAWA attended.

Jan Shedleski, NCJWA Ilan Chair presenting certificate for Gold Coin Day 2006 at Kornmehl Kindy, Sydney.

In their second year, *The Jewish Women's Breast Cancer Network* led by Susan Cohen, placed a mini-field of 100 pink silhouettes of women in Centennial Park in the shape of a Magen David.

NCJWA Business Women's Mentoring Program was set up in 2005 and assists women returning to work.

HIPPY program continues at La Perouse Public School, assisted by the Miriam Stein Group.

Harmony Day, co-hosted with the Australian Women's Coalition: young women from a variety of cultures spoke on their roles which have been traditionally held by men.

Bondi's Best Bargains premises moved to Bondi..



Celebrating Israel. 2007. Barry O'Farrell, Frank Levy, Alexander Downer, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Ambassador Rotem, Ron Wiseman



Founders Day 2007 - *Dancing and Laughter is Human*. Speakers Dr Peter Spitzer and Zara Pennicock with Zara Young and Sunny Gold.



Transcultural Succot event in the Council House Succah with Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio, Sister Gideon and author Alan Gold



2007

NCJWA NSW Executive Committee Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland 2004 - 2007

NCJWA NSW President Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA National President Robyn Lenn OAM 2003 - 2007

NCJWA National President Rysia Rozen OAM 2007 - 2011

Twenty-eighth NCJWA National Conference, Sydney. (First NCJWA Quadrennial Conference)

NCJWA - Haifa Rape Crisis Centre partnership begins workshops on the prevention of sexual violence to youth at risk; also workshops for professionals working with them.

NCJWA Haifa University Ethiopian Women's Scholarship Fund: thanked NCJWA for extra funding during the recent Israel/ Lebanon war.

Tu B'shvat event with speaker Nikki Solomon from NSW Fire Brigade. JNF Director Shalom Norman spoke about the devastation by bushfires in north Israel last year.

NCJWA NSW Harmony Day, celebrated on UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. NSW Division hosted a Demonstration Seder. Members of all faiths invited to tour the Great Synagogue and hear about Pesach customs.

Pink Sunday initiated in NCJWA NSW held annually in October as part of NCJWA NSW Breast Cancer Network.

Celebrating Israel jointly celebrated with SZC NSW. Guest of Honour Alexander Downer, then Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs and Yuval Rotem, Israeli Ambassador. This is the third annual Celebrating Israel event: *it is timely that NCJWA which has worked to support Israel since our inception in 1923 holds an annual event focussing on Israel and its history.*

Founder's Day incorporates Human Rights Day in the first week of each December along with tributes to our Founder Dr Fanny Reading MBE in her birthday month. Speakers : Dr Peter Spitzer and Zara Pennicock talk - *Dancing and Laughter is Human* - on enhancing laughter and communication through interaction with sick children.

Fund-raising Cocktail Party hosted at the Sherman Galleries by Dr Gene Sherman speaking on collecting contemporary art. Proceeds for HIPYPY Program supported by NCJWA NSW Miriam Stein Group.

Transcultural meeting: Discussion about Amy Tan's Joy Luck Club with guest speaker Helen Choy.

Transcultural Succot Lunch attracted 50 guests to the Succah at Council House with Rabbi Ninio officiating.



NCJWA NSW 85th Anniversary
 Above: Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Dr Ruth Wilson, Robyn Lenn, Sari Brown
 Right: At Gala Dinner - Rysia Rozen, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair,
 and Guest speaker, Double Oscar winner, Catherine Martin

Memorial to Yetty Bennet, NCJWA NSW
 Northsiders member who lost her life in
 the Maccabiah Games Bridge disaster,
 Yarkon River, Tel Aviv



L to R: Jaye Lifshitz JNF, Lesley Simons,
 Caroline Heard, Mina Glaser, Di Hirsh



Celebrating Ray Ginsburg's 100 birthday at Council House
 Front: Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Phyl Glasser, Ray Ginsburg, Sylvia Gelman
 Back: Dinah Danon, Robyn Lenn, Margaret Davis, Jan Shedleski, Zara Cohen-Young,
 Denise Edelstein, Barbara Stewart-Kann

2007 Continued

Maya Sela Public Talk attended by 80 guests.

NCJWA NSW Ray Ginsburg Friendship Club launched at Council House on the occasion of Ray's 99th birthday. To meet fortnightly at Council House.

NCJWA NSW Reception in honour of Bill Berman, Honorary NCJWA National and NCJWA NSW Auditor and Patron for 30 years.

NCJWA NSW Reception in honour of Dr Paul Conway OAM, Honorary Solicitor, and Zina Conway OAM for their decades of dedication to NCJWA and NCJWA NSW.

2008

NCJWA NSW President Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM 2007 - 2011
NCJWA National President Rysia Rozen OAM 2007 - 2011

80th Anniversary of the formation of the National body - National Council of Jewish Women of Australia

Council House: 100th Birthday Party for Ray Ginsburg AM – NCJWA Life Governor, Past NCJWA National President, Past NCJWA NSW President - celebrating Ray's achievements. These included the building of NCJWA NSW Council House ; forming the NCJWA Committee for the Status of Women in Jewish Law concerned with Gett and Civil Divorce; addressing the Minister of Foreign Affairs prior to the 1980 UN Women's Conference In Copenhagen – re the Australian vote against the Resolution equating Zionism with Racism. A hugely contributing Council member all her life!

NCJWA Israel Tour. NCJWA JNF project at Rosh Tzipor on the Yarkon River in Tel Aviv dedicated in memory of Yetty Bennett, loved member of NCJWA NSW Northsiders Group and victim of the Yarkon Bridge accident.

Gala Dinner to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of NCJWA NSW, has certainly marked the conclusion of a remarkable period for Council during which our members continued to adhere to the guidelines set by Founder Dr Fanny Reading MBE. This was indeed the highlight of the year with Double Oscar Winner Catherine Martin, and Movie Man Don Perlgut as our special guests. The Time of Our Life video depicting the history of Council was produced by our members and is available at the office.

MUM FOR MUM - NCJWA NSW's new signature program initiated by Dalia Ayalon Sinclair offers free home based confidential support for mothers of new infants, by trained volunteers. *Seven volunteers began training under Program Coordinator Lea Gilad. Fourteen volunteers have been matched with new mothers referred by the Royal Hospital for Women. Program underwritten by NCJWA NSW.*



Dalia Ayalon Sinclair NCJWA NSW President with actor Henri Szeps and Evangelical Sisters of Mary



Multicultural and Interfaith events at Council House



Founders Day and Human Rights Day 2008
Theme: Trafficking of Women



Multicultural and Interfaith events at Council House



2008 World Youth Week:
Israeli Harmony Dance Workshops at Council House

2008 continued

NCJWA NSW Tu B'Shvat family event and Tu B'Shvat Seder to coincide with Green Sunday. Pink Sunday event to raise awareness and fundraise for Breast Cancer Network Australia. *A Celebration of Life* through family activities and guest speakers. One On One cancer support program launched on Pink Sunday with plans for volunteer training as part of NCJWA JWBCN.

Transcultural Interfaith events and luncheon in Council House: The Jewish Festival of Shavuot and Christian Festival of Pentecost, The Joy of Succot luncheon, interfaith guests

World Youth Week – NCJWA NSW hosted 100 young Catholics from around the world in two days of *Israeli Harmony Dance workshops* at Council House.

Celebrating Israel at Council House in Israeli Style. Israel's 60th year of Independence.

Chamber Music from Israel to Australia: 120 guests attended Shifra group's Chamber Music concert at Council House. Rodica Iosub-Cohen, a member of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra led the ensemble in the Dvorak Piano Quintet with second violinist NCJWA member Robyn Sarajinsky and Rachel Valler OAM pianist.

December 8 Founder's Day/Human Rights Day - *Trafficking of Women* - panellists Jennifer Burns, Anti-Slavery Project, Elan Jeffreys, President Australian Sex Workers and Karen Seymor, Salvation Army. Over 70 people attended this forum discussing the dimension of the industry worldwide and the Australian Government's commitment to act and prosecute traffickers.

Woman Power linked to NCJWA NSW for some joint events.



NCJWA NSW members visit to Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary



Moving Through Cultures tour of Newtown Synagogue



NCJWA NSW Board at the 2009 AGM
 Back: Dinah Danon, Robyn Lenn, Sunny Gold, President
 Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Eva Robey, Josephine Holland
 Front: Zara Young, Victoria Nadel, Zeld Feigen, Laura Taitz

2009

NCJWA NSW President Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA National President Rysia Rozen OAM 2007 - 2011

Celebrating Tu B'shvat: *Trees for Peace*. 80 people participated in tree planting and Seder Tu B'shvat.

Israel Advocacy Program: The X Factor in Science, Science - Innovation and Humanity, Professor Daniel Zajfman President of Weizmann Institute, the development of Copaxone for multiple Sclerosis.

KEVA (Kibbutz former volunteers) an organisation which aims to promote positive relations between Israel and Australia, Dr Yoke Berry.

Israel Diaspora Relations - *Not every Jew in the Diaspora is a Zionist, not every Israeli is a Jew*. Dr Ron Weiser AM, Life Member of ZFA Executive.

From Strength to Strength, Towards a Harmonious Future address by Warren Mundine, Indigenous advocate and activist.

Celebrating Israel: 62nd Anniversary of adoption of UN Resolution 181. NCJWA jointly co-hosted with ECAJ and ZFA. One hundred and sixty Communal leaders attended as well as Israeli Ambassador Yuval Rotem, Attorney General Robert McClelland and Rosalind Carrodus daughter of Dr H. V. Evatt 'Doc' Evatt. Event paid tribute to 'Doc' Evatt, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine.

Training of 'One on One' NCJWA JWBCN. Information on NCJWA NSW program introduced to St Vincent's and Prince of Wales Hospitals to raise awareness of Jewish support group.

JWBCN presented *Bridging the Gap* – two specialist doctors discussed breast reconstruction. Author and artist Cyndi Freiman discussed her book *There's More to Life than my Left Breast*.

Interfaith/ Transcultural events: Program received \$5000 funding from JCA.

Harmony Day, *Integration with Integrity – Maintaining Cultural Diversity*. Moving Through Cultures tour of Newtown Synagogue and Buddhist Centre.

The Colours of Succot – lunch with the rituals of Succot experienced by women from diverse cultures.

Founders Day / Human Rights Day: Women's Transcultural Library discussion with 50 people attending. An Ethiopian Women's Narrative: *The Hospital by the River* focusing on fistula disease. Speakers Lucy Perry and Stella Alexander.

NCJWA NSW members visit Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary Retreat for a discussion of common concerns and friendship.

HIPPY- Address by Dr Sherel Levy whose mother Miriam Stein, a member of NCJWA NSW introduced the program to La Perouse School.

Shifra Group screening *Sentenced to Marriage* highlighting the ongoing struggle of women in Israel to gain a gett. Discussion led by Judith Levitan, a solicitor.

New Group opened: Keren Or.

2010s



Tu B'Shvat Tree planting celebration in 2010 with Mayor of Woollahra Andrew Petrie left and Zelda Feigen above



2010

NCJWA NSW President Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA National President Rysia Rozen OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA Scholar-in-Residence, Sharon Shenhav, International Womens Rights lawyer based in Jerusalem and the only woman serving on the Commission to Appoint Dayanim in Israel.

NCJWA joined the new Australian Government Alliance – AWAVA – Australia Women Against Violence Association, one of six new National Women’s Alliances.

Changes to the Wolper Jewish Hospital Constitution included the reduction of our representatives from three to two members on the Board of Management. Two NCJWA NSW members serve on the Wolper Jewish Hospital Board and a third on a Wolper Committee.

International Interfaith Peace Day NCJWA NSW leaders represented the Jewish faith and read a Peace prayer.

Understanding Women’s Financial Makeup – a joint event with Jewish House, attracted more than one hundred women.

Pink Sunday events expanded to include Queen St and the Woollahra community, Woollahra Council and Queen St West Woollahra Association ‘to paint Woollahra pink’ in the week up to the Pink Sunday celebration. Jewish Women artists were showcased, children’s activities, information stalls. Pink Sunday is now registered as a trademark in NSW.

Founders Day / Human Rights Day, ICJW and Human Rights discussion.

2010 -12 *GrandKidz Playgroup* for grandparents and grandchildren, providing support, socialisation and up to date information on raising children today, begins meeting fortnightly.

A NCJWA NSW Transcultural event held on the UN International Day of Tolerance.

Celebrating Israel in the presence of Eli Yerushalmi, Israeli Ambassador, panel discussion *What Would Herzl say Today*, screening documentary *I was There in Colour*.

Renovations to Council House, balcony and windows upgraded.



Dalia Ayalon-Sinclair, Robyn Lenn and Ruth Lilian with 2010 Scholar-in-Residence Sharon Shenhav, second from left

Pink Sunday events expanded in 2010 and 2011 to include Queen Street and the Woollahra community



2011

NCJWA NSW President Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA NSW President Victoria Nadel OAM 2011 - 2015

NCJWA National President Rysia Rozen OAM 2007 - 2011

NCJWA National President Di Hirsh OAM 2011 - 2015

Twenty ninth NCJWA National Conference, Melbourne

NCJWA- Park Golda- ANZAC site playground upgrade 2011-2012

100th Anniversary of International Women's Day.

Passing of Ray Ginsburg AM at the age of 103. NCJWA Life Governor, Past NCJWA National President 1979-85 and Past NCJWA NSW President 1964-1972. Ray's 103rd Birthday fundraiser was held at Council House earlier in the year.

We were apart by almost 20 years in age but we formed a great bond. I just enjoyed being with Ray, she was such fun, my mentor, my friend, always encouraging young women to continue the ideals of Dr Fanny. Her passion for the work of Council knew no bounds. Zara Young OAM.

The Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library: Dedication and official opening of by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell. The library, built and donated by the Rebbetzin's children Eva Wittenberg and Alex Gottshall, acknowledges the close relationship between Rabbi and Rebbetzin Gottshall, Dr Fanny Reading MBE and Council from their arrival in Sydney as Holocaust survivors. *The collection focuses on subjects and issues concerning Jewish women and has been carefully chosen by a committee of Jewish women professionals: two librarians and an author.*

Wolper Hospital: NCJWA NSW'S role and that of Dr Fanny Reading MBE in its establishment and our organisation's ongoing association recognised at the *First 50 Years of Wolper* Exhibition at the Jewish Museum and a month later at the dedication of the NCJWA NSW Lounge at Wolper Hospital. President NCJWA NSW Victoria Nadel given the honour of delivering an address at both functions.

Pink Sunday A Celebration of Life continues to raise awareness and funds for Breast Cancer Network Australia, opened by Hon Gabrielle Upton MP Member for Vaucluse. Cr Susan Wynne, Woollahra: *NCJWA NSW have done a remarkable job over the past four years creating colourful and unforgettable events that encourage greater awareness of cancer research, prevention and treatment. I commend the National Council of Jewish Women of Australia NSW for their ongoing efforts to educate the community and support women and families through their journey to recovery.*

Queen St Woollahra had actually been pink for a whole week. Dozens of shops and businesses dressed their windows in Pink and featured the life size Pink Lady Silhouette especially produced for the occasion. A feature at Pink Sunday was the Kids and Teens Creative Art Exhibition Themed *Supporting Each Other.*

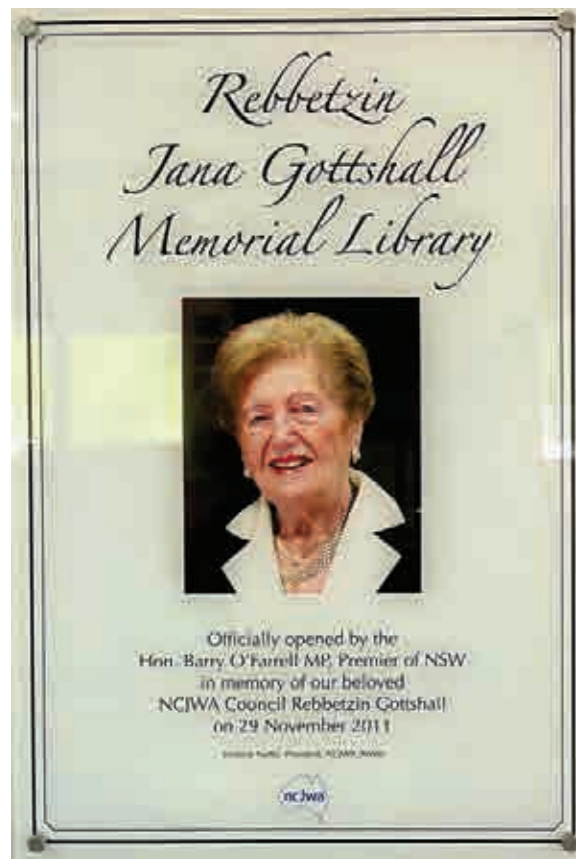
NCJWA NSW JWBCN One On One Cancer Support Group holds volunteer training day, facilitator, Dr Mandy Goldman Strous, President of Cancer Counselling Professionals Inc. and retired Oncologist.



On November 29 2011 NCJWA NSW Division preceded its Celebrating Israel event with the dedication and official opening of the Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library. NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell opened the Library in the presence of a large crowd of dignitaries from both the Jewish and general communities.



Eva Wittenberg, daughter and Alex Gottshall, son of Rebbetzin Gottshall z'l at the Opening of the Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell





Celebrating Israel 2011, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, Guest speaker Kate Millward, The Hon Jonathan O'Dea, NSW Member for Davidson



The Shalom Gamarada Art Fair held annually to raise funds for a scholarship that assists Aboriginal students in studying medicine at University of NSW



From left: Daniela Alhadeff, Vic Alhadeff, Vicki Hadel, Malcolm Turnbull, Yair Miller



Transcultural Harmony Day: *Faith in Harmony* moderated by Helen Bersten with panellists from Bahai, Catholic, Muslim, Humanist and Quaker faiths



MUM FOR MUM: Lea Gilad Coordinator, returns to Israel. Nadene Alhadeff appointed new Program Coordinator.

Wee Share – a service program partnered with MUM FOR MUM, recycling as new clothes and toys for families in need. Free, confidential, and non-denominational.

Celebrating Israel: *Focus on Peace* guest speaker seventeen year old Kate Millward recipient of the Order of Australia Association Medallion and Marie Bashir Peace Award from the National Council of Women.

Transcultural Program event and lunches around International Harmony Day, UN International Day of Tolerance included an insight into W. Dalrymple's book *Nine Lives, an Indian context* by anthropologist, Dr Wendy Sinclair.

Founder's Day address, *Human Rights and the Status of Women locally and Globally* : Speaker Dr Anne Morris Chair, ICJW Status of Women Committee.

2012

NCJWA NSW President Victoria Nadel OAM 2011 - 2015

NCJWA National President Di Hirsh OAM 2011 - 2015

Centenary of International Council of Jewish Women.

Dedication of the ONN Kindergarten at ILAN Tel Aviv, in the name of NCJWA Victoria volunteer Sonja Krawatt.

In preparation for NCJWA NSW's 90th Anniversary in 2013: Work on ORAL HISTORY project begins. Interviews with our senior members by Eva Robey Chair, and a committee of Northsiders and Shifra Groups

HISTORY PANELS 90th Anniversary project begins: Dr Yoke Berry, Liane Froneman, Jeannette Tsoulos, Victoria Nadel and committee.

Theatre and Supper Fundraiser at Bondi Pavilion, *Address Unknown* raises three quarters of NCJWA NSW's Israel Projects annual quota. All groups worked to sell tickets and fill the theatre to capacity.

Council Shabbat followed by lunch at Council House, speaker Dr Dasia Black Gutman, child survivor and psychologist : *How parents and grandparents can raise resilient children in today's world.*

Transcultural Harmony Day *Faith in Harmony* moderated by Helen Bersten with panellists from Bahai, Catholic, Muslim , Humanist and Quaker faiths.



Pink Sunday Bike Ride participants



Some members of the last group of Thrift Shop volunteers 2012

A new Status of Women and Social Justice Committee (NSW) launched: *To take a more proactive approach to a range of issues, effecting change and encouraging active involvement.*

Birthing Kit Packing Event at Sydney University attended by NCJWA NSW volunteers. Members inspired by event to organise their own event in the coming year as part of this program.

Human Rights Day: Status of Women and Social Justice event: Screening documentary and discussion on Liberian women of diverse backgrounds working to end civil war.

Pink Sunday: A new direction event, pre-sponsored stationary bike rides raises \$15,000 on MyCause website for BCNA. *Pink Breakfast, Pink Pooch Competition, supervised children's activities.* Deputy Mayor of Woollahra, Katherine O'Regan: *I am honoured to cycle with a wonderful group of people and contribute to raising funds for such a worthwhile cause.*

One On One NCJWA JWBCN *Chat Nights* series continue with specialists, professionals and personal stories addressing aspects faced by women and their families touched by cancer including *Its OK To Talk Breast Cancer*, author Susanne Gervay.

Shalom Gamarada Indigenous Art exhibition, co-hosted at Council House. Shalom Gamarada Institute Indigenous Scholarship: NCJWA NSW provided funds towards an Indigenous female scholarship at University of NSW.

NCJWA NSW's new website and Facebook launched.

Transcultural event: Documentary *The Forgotten Refugees* dealing with the 20th century expulsion of Jews from Arab and Muslim countries, followed by Q&A with those whose lives were affected by these events. *A worthwhile discussion of an almost forgotten Jewish refugee issue.*

Celebrating Israel: The Great Divide, Q&A panel discussion, moderated by International Journalist and ABC Presenter Eleanor Hall.

NCJWA NSW co-hosts Talking About Israel course with NSW Jewish Board of Deputies, at Council House. From 2012 to 2014.

MUM FOR MUM: *Now in its fourth year. 45 mothers have been provided with support and 30 trained volunteers and a waiting list of volunteers waiting for training.*

Tu B'shvat Speaker JNF Director Ygal Shapir: *Water politics in the Middle East*, followed by National Environment Chair Jeannette Tsoulos highlighting NCJWA's long history and association with JNF.

Closure of NCJWA NSW Thrift Shop - Bondi's Best Bargains. *It has been increasingly difficult to encourage younger members to volunteer as well as provide a safe working environment for our more senior volunteers. However the fact that NCJWA NSW has run such a fundraiser and service to the community in a variety of venues since 1929 is something we should be proud of - as well as the decades of service given by its multitude of volunteers.* Victoria Nadel OAM

NCJWA NSW 90th Anniversary event at Council House including the launch of the History Panels and the Oral History Book



Victoria Nadel NCJWA NSW President and Guest of Honour Gabrielle Upton, NSW Member for Vacluse



Jeannette Tsoulos, Robyn Lenn, Di Hirsh, Laurel Ginges, Anne Morris



L to R: Denise Edelstein, Victoria Nadel, Zara Young, Robyn Lenn, Zelda Feigen, Phyllis Glasser, Sylvia Langer, Dinah Danon



One of eight history banners produced for the Anniversary

2013

**NCJWA NSW President Victoria Nadel OAM 2011 - 2015
NCJWA National President Di Hirsh OAM 2011 - 2015**

NCJWA Tour of Israel Projects led by NCJWA National President Di Hirsh. 13 NCJWA members attended. Participants visited: Tel Aviv: Ilan School and Kindergarten Plaques dedicated to Ray Ginsburg AM z"l and Diana Gelfand z"l. Haifa Rape Crisis Centre; Haifa University: Ethiopian Women's Fund; JNF Past Projects: Dedication of NCJWA JNF Playground at Golda Park, part of the Anzac Trail in the Negev. Micah which is supported by some NCJWA Sections.

Participants also visited a selection of projects out of which Council's new JNF project would be chosen. ILAN Director, Silvina Freund visited all NCJWA Sections. Cocktail event and fundraiser held in her honour in NSW.

NCJWA NSW 90th ANNIVERSARY Cocktail event at Council House

Launch of History Exhibition Panels and NCJWA NSW Oral History project, both showcasing the organisation's work, projects and community service over 90 years.

Guest of Honour, keynote speaker, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton, Member for Vacluse: *What an extraordinary history the organisation has had - among many things, you were the first Jewish women's organisation in Sydney providing assistance to migrants - under the leadership of founder Dr Fanny Reading.*

Ms Upton also commended the organisation, on its activism and many programs including Mum for Mum, Pink Sunday and raising awareness and funds for BCNA.

The event also paid tribute to our founder Dr Fanny Reading MBE: *Dr Fanny was a trailblazer at a time when a woman's role was very different. But she stood up and did something that was not traditional, taking a leading role in the community and encouraging Jewish women to be active participants as well.*

Concern with the rise in anti Semitism prompted a presentation on the rise in online anti Semitism in Australia by Julie Nathan ECAJ Research Officer.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library Book Club launched, organiser, Gael Hammer. Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library event: *Hand in Hand - Jewish and Indigenous people Working Together.* Address by authors Dr Anne Sarzin and Liza Miranda Sarzin.

Status of Women - Jewish Women's Book Club : *With 51 %of the Brain power, what are Jewish women doing with it?* Jacque Seeman speaker.

BOOKS OUT LOUD launched, inspired by Victoria Section, a reading and social outreach program engaging with residents in nursing homes and care facilities with trained NCJWA NSW volunteers. Miri Orden OAM Chair.

NCJWA NSW Transcultural program: *Out of Cordoba* exploring the importance of interfaith relations in the struggle against extremism.



Above: Karen Fried and Zina Conway
Left: Dr Yoke Berry and Gael Hammer



Joan Rodd, Michael Gold, Eva Robey



Turkish Day 2013: NCJWA NSW members Tour of Gallipoli Mosque Auburn



Remember the Sixties 2013 fundraiser event for MUM FOR MUM.
Janet Merkur, Miri Orden, Victoria Nadel, Patricia Liling, Ruth Osen, Sylvia Lenny

2013 continued

Turkish Day: Tour of Gallipoli Mosque, Auburn, attended by our members and friends from Christian faiths.

NCJWA JWBCN Information and discussion series in lead up to PINK SUNDAY include Living Healthy A Holistic Approach incorporated Jewish and secular attitudes to health. PINK SUNDAY morning bike riding event and activities raised \$12,000 for BCNA.

Status of Women and Social Justice: Introduction of Birthing Kit packing events and luncheon. Monies raised to purchase kits for assembling are sent to developing countries to help in lowering the mortality rate of mothers and babies. 600 birthing Kits packed. Introduced as an annual event.

The Objectification of Women in the media and popular culture, speakers Deb Malcolm, Collective Shout, Laurel Ginges, social worker.

Screening of *Women Unchained* dealing with the Gett, Q&A with Rabbi Lawrence, Great Synagogue.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA receives *Woollahra Council Citizenship Award for outstanding contribution to the community. This award has motivated us to continue what we do, and to increase our services as we witness the value of this program in creating more resilient and stable families.*

Nadene Alhadeff, Program Coordinator, AJN

As of June 2013 ten mothers are currently waiting to be matched and 42 mothers have already been supported since the 1st July 2013. We have 34 current volunteers, 5 new volunteers have been trained in the past year. Josephine Holland Co Chair, Mum for Mum NCJWA

Peace, Love and Music : Remember the Sixties themed dinner/dance Mum for Mum NCJWA fundraiser, organised by Sylvia Jacobson.

Work on NCJWA NSW Archives continues. Jeannette Tsoulos steps down after years of service and Dr Yoke Berry aided by Liane Froneman takeover.

Building upgrade 2007-13 completed under direction of Building Chair Zara Young OAM and committee. Upgrade includes painting of building, new balustrade, windows, blinds, new stage curtains, anti-slip floor in kitchen, new air conditioning unit in hall. Funding sought from Council members and friends, names listed on Honour Board in Board room.

Zara Young OAM steps down after 24 years as Building Chair.



Reception 2014 honouring Robyn Lenn on her appointment as President of the International Council of Jewish Women

Above: Victoria Nadel, Robyn Lenn, Gabrielle Upton, NSW Member for Vacluse, Di Hirsh

Left: Robyn Lenn with her committee
 Front: Jeannette Tsoulos, Agness Kainer Geyer, Di Hirsh, Robyn Lenn, Eva Robey, Adrienne Swarts
 Back: Deirdre Hart, Julie Nathan, Stella Alexander, Anne Morris, Laurel Ginges, Lynda Ben Menashe, Liane Froneman



Transcultural Group event
 Victoria Nadel, NSW President, Miri Orden and participants

2014

NCJWA NSW President Victoria Nadel OAM 2011 - 2015

NCJWA National President Di Hirsh OAM 2011 - 2015

Appointment of Robyn Lenn OAM as President of the International Council of Jewish Women, the first Australian President in over a hundred years. NCJWA NSW proudly held a reception in her honour.

Robyn spoke about her aim to *continue ICJW's longstanding commitment to gender equality, improving women's rights and enabling empowerment for all women-not only Jewish women-around the world. She singled out the priority of preventing Gett refusal, helping agunot and on the portrayal of women in the media.* AJN

ILAN Tel Aviv begins building Beit Hana Day Care Rehabilitation Centre for Adults with Physical Disabilities.

2014 Report from NCJWA Project at Haifa Rape Crisis Centre:

Girls and Boys at Risk in After School Programs (173 participants/ 144 meetings)

Girls and boys in Schools for Youth at Risk (109 participants, 24 meetings)

Girls and Boys at Risk in Boarding Schools (660 participants, 180 meetings)

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA Program receives Deductible Gift Recipient Status.

Tu B'Shvat environmental theme, *Sustainable Futures and Vertical Gardens* speaker Judy Friedlander.

Status of Women screened *Too Sexy Too Soon* – sexualisation and objectification of women.

NCJWA JWBCN: Program now includes fundraising and awareness raising on breast and related cancers.

NCJWA JWBCN establishes partnerships with local community and Moriah College. Funds raised at these Pink Sunday breakfasts donated to BCNA through NCJWA JWBCN .

NCJWA JWBCN information series: Wholefood Interactive Demonstration, Monique Richards.

Dr Kerryn Phelps AM, *How to Achieve Ultimate Wellness*.

Pink Sunday: Opened by the Mayor of Woollahra Councillor Toni Zeltzer. Guest speaker Professor Allan Spigelman: *The Future of Genetic Testing*.

Two Birthing Kit packing events: 5,000 kits packed. Money raised by members to purchase kits. *Volunteers from the wider community, and women of different backgrounds and faiths and ages: Young Women's Intercultural Morning Tea, Diversi-Tea* co-hosted by NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

Transcultural Group *Women Helping Women* event.

Intercultural Diversi-Tea morning and packing of Birthing Kits



2014 continued

Volunteer training with professionals has been ongoing from Mum for Mum's inception, *positively affecting the lives of women, children and families. The support of Mum for Mum has had such an enormous impact on me, both practically and emotionally that I struggle to find the words to express my gratitude and it scares me to think of the place I'd be in had everything deteriorated and I couldn't have your support. Thank you from the bottom of my heart* (Mum for Mum recipient)

NCJWA NSW Transcultural event and Challah Bake at Our Big Kitchen: *Women Breaking and Baking Bread together.*

Library event: *Jewish Women Writers.*

Book Club event *What it Means to be Jewish* - Rebbetzin Mandi Lawrence.

Founders Day and Book Club – Jewish Women Rebels with Rachael Kohn.

Kindertransport Documentary screened for two Group meetings: *Into the Arms of Strangers.*

Human Rights – *Children in Immigration Detention – How Safe Are They?* Professor Karen Zwi.

Council House: Bifold doors installed in the hall, costs assisted by a community grant.

2015

NCJWA NSW President Victoria Nadel OAM 2011 - 2015

NCJWA NSW Steering Committee: Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM 2015-2017

NCJWA National President Di Hirsh OAM 2011-15

NCJWA National President Rysia Rosen OAM 2015-2017

Thirtieth NCJWA National Conference, Sydney.

2015 NCJWA National Scholar in Residence Sharon Shenhav addresses NCJWA NSW: *Multiculturalism in Relation to Marriage and Divorce.*

Zara Young OAM received the Jewish Communal Appeal Hal Goldstein Lifetime Award for Outstanding Service to the Jewish Community of NSW. This award recognises Zara's more than 70 years of Jewish communal service.

Status of Women, Social Justice: Events focused on preventing Domestic Violence against women which included 'Brave Miss World', an Israeli documentary about rape shown in August and September with over 450 people attending the four viewings. *Two were held at Council House, and Kehillat Masada and Maroubra Synagogue where we worked in partnership with the synagogues. Karen Willis OAM, CEO of Rape & Domestic Violence services and Susan Johnston, Relations manager from RDVSA, spoke about Domestic Violence prior to the film. Funds raised went to the Haifa Rape Crisis Centre and RDVSA. As an outcome, twenty NCJWA NSW members were trained by Karen Willis OAM, on raising awareness about domestic violence and responding appropriately.*

Nadene Alhadeff, Liane Froneman - Co Chairs Status of Women/Social Justice.



Founders Day 2014 Book Club event : *Jewish Women Rebels*
L to R: Eva Wittenberg, Helen Bersten, Rachael Kohn, Gael Hammer, Anne Sarzin, Judith Lewis, Victoria Nadel NCJWA NSW President



Thirtieth NCJWA National Conference, Sydney
 Seated: Shirley Glance, Zara Young, Anita Shroot, Rysia Rozen
 Standing: Sylvia Deutsch, Victoria Nadel, Sunny Gold, Gillian Green,
 Sylvia Lenny, Carolyn Goldsmith, Di Hirsh, Esta Steingieser

Celebrating Israel 2015.
 Dalia Ayalon Sinclair, His Excellency Shmuel Ben Shmuel, Israeli Ambassador to Australia,
 Victoria Nadel, Anne Reid, Miri Orden



Nadene Alhadeff second right, and Maxine Bachmayer, left, receiving an award for MUM FOR MUM from the Australian Psychological Society at NSW Parliament House



2015 continued

Tu B'Shvat – screening *Living for Tomorrow – Untold Stories by Pioneering Women of Israel*.

Founder's Day and Library event: *Domestic Violence and Judaism* - panellists Rabbi Gourarie and Psychologist Caron Caplan.

JWBCN NCJWA Cancer Support Network event hosted at Vacluse Tearooms. Merle Finkel Director Australia Gynaecological Foundation, Susanne Gervay, children's author and cancer survivor.

PINK MONDAY Morning Tea: Krystal Barker, preventative cancer activist: *BRCA 1 gene prevalent in Ashkenazi Jewish heritage*. From 2013 to 2015 NCJWA NSW JWBCN raised \$33,000 for Breast Cancer Network Australia.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA receives award from the Australian Psychological Society (NSW) at NSW Parliament House.

Celebrating Israel: *Point of No Return*: Guest of Honour His Excellency Shmuel Ben Shmuel Israeli Ambassador to Australia.

Rabbi Dr Jeffrey Cohen donated one hundred books to the Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library.

Council House upgrade: New back fence. Security cameras upgraded.

2016

NCJWA NSW Steering Committee: Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM 2015 - 2017

NCJWA National President Rysia Rosen OAM 2015 - 2017

Status of Women / Social Justice events: A productive, lively panel discussion on the inclusion of the Jewish LGBTI community within our larger Jewish community. The panel included Rabbi Ben Elton (Great Synagogue), Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio (Emanuel Synagogue) together with prominent members of the LGBTI community: Dawn Cohen, Dr Joshua Koonin, Brandon Srot, moderated by Vic Alhadeff CEO NSW Jewish Board of Deputies.

Panellist Brandon Srot praised NCJWA NSW for hosting the event *because it is pioneering. I think it is a big step and I hope it is just the start of putting this issue on the communal map.* AJN.



Members of NCJWA NSW and the Greek Zakynthian Association of Sydney at the screening of *Song of Life* a film tribute to the brave people of Zakynthos who saved all their Jewish citizens during WW2

NSW - Song Of Life: L-R Courtney Houssos MLA, Vic Alhadeff, Victoria Nadel, Steve Koutoulogenis, Anna Koutsis, John Koutsis, Jim Gouskos, Dennis Gouskos, Denise Gouskos, Miri Orden, Sophie Cotsis MLC, Vaios Oreopoulos (Trade Commissioner, representing General Consul of Greece).



Antisemitism Panel:
Alex Ryvchin, Samantha Khavin, Victoria Nadel, Julie Nathan, Vic Alhadeff



AGM 2016 Elected Board with Gabrielle Upton NSW Member for Vacluse

2016 continued

Screening of *Song of Life*: NCJWA NSW and the Greek Zakynthian Association of Sydney, with the NSW Jewish Board of Deputies co-hosting. Over 350 people attended the event including Jewish and Greek religious and lay leaders, Greek Consular representative, State Labor parliamentarians and local councillors.

The film, a tribute to the bravery of Mayor Loukas Karrer and Bishop Chrysostomos Demetriou from the island of Zakynthos and Zakynthians who saved all their Jewish citizens during the Holocaust. Vic Alhadeff shared his family stories of wartime survival and departure from the Island of Rhodes. *Greeks and Jews have lived together since time immemorial and it is wonderful to see that this coexistence continues today as is clearly indicated by this gathering tonight: Sophie Cotsis, AJN*

It's a privilege to be able to stand before the descendants of Zakynthos and leaders of the Greek community, and salute them for their humanitarianism, courage and decency in what were challenging circumstances: Vic Alhadeff, moderator. AJN

Dealing with casual antisemitism – respond or ignore? Panel and Q&A

The difficulty with casual antisemitism is that it doesn't involve violence and is not public discourse; it is much more subtle, often disguised as a joke or backhanded compliment: Alex Ryvchin, moderator, ECAJ Public Affairs Director AJN.

NCJWA NSW in conjunction with NSW Board of Deputies. Panellists: Julie Nathan ECAJ research officer, AUJS National Convenor, Samantha Khavin, Vic Alhadeff, Victoria Nadel. Convenors Julie Nathan, Sunny Gold.

NCJWA JWBCN establishes new support group for women with cancer, survivors and carers, meeting at Council House - *to provide a safe and nurturing environment for women who have been affected by cancer: Isabelle Shapiro OAM.* The group is listed with Breast Cancer Network Australia and the Cancer Council. Isabelle Shapiro OAM, Mandi Chonowitz-Jacobson, Co-Chairs, Dr Mandy Goldman Strous, facilitator.

MUM FOR MUM: *In the past year 58 mothers in the east and 11 in the north were assisted by our volunteers in the program. We have 43 volunteers in the east and 18 in the north.*

NCJWA NSW Birthing Kit packing morning, an annual event: 1000 kits packed.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library event: a musical interview with Elena Kats-Chernin, Australian composer, at the piano.

Celebrating Israel: *A Cultural Narrative* - speakers from the Embassy of Israel and the Jewish Agency.

Founder's Day: Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library with poet and translator Agnes Silberstein.

Northsiders: *Jews, Hollywood & the movies* talk by Dr Don Perlgut.



NCJWA NSW AGM 2017 Northsiders win Denise Edelstein Trophy for fund raising.
L to R: Robyn Lenn, Eva Robey, Sunny Gold, Sue Levy, Deirdre Hart, Chair, Stella Alexander



NCJWA NSW and UIA co-host Professor Tsivia Walden, daughter of the late Shimon Peres former Israeli Prime Minister speaking on *Creating Positive Change in the Lives of Israeli Women*.
L to R: Victoria Nadel, Tsivia Walden, Miri Orden, Rebecca Dreyfus, Barbara Ford, Sharon Davis, Sandy Hollis



Status of Women/Social Justice event: Legalising Marriage Equality.
Panel: Justice Stephen Rothman AM, Lauren Reinhardt, Dr Justin Koonan, Dr Kerry Phelps

2017

NCJWA NSW Steering Committee, Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM 2015 -2017

NCJWA NSW Acting Co-Presidents, Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Maxine Bachmayer 2017 - 2018

NCJWA National President Rysia Rosen OAM 2015 - 2017

NCJWA National Acting Co-Presidents Sylvia Deutsch OAM Victoria Nadel OAM 2017 - 2018

NCJWA and JNF complete last project together - NCJWA Outdoor Classroom, Gil Rabin School, Sderot.

At Plenary held in Canberra a decision made for *a strategic review of our (National) organisation with professional consultants, to ensure that our purpose, processes and structure meet contemporary challenges. An interesting outcome of the review is exploring the setting up of a national advocacy committee to formulate policy statements. Our affiliation with a number of women's organisations gives us a unique opportunity to influence national policy formation.*

The National Council of Jewish Women of Australia (NCJWA) said *it supports marriage equality as part of its stand against discrimination.*

Based on the human right to equality, we believe that civil marriage under the Marriage Act should be available to all people regardless of their gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious affiliations and beliefs. We encourage our members and community to take part in the plebiscite. It is our hope that Australia will join the growing list of over 20 countries around the world where marriage equality is legally recognised. NCJWA Acting Co Presidents, Sylvia Deutsh OAM Victoria Nadel OAM, AJN

Status of Women/ Social Justice:

Legalising Marriage Equality: What Does it Mean for our Community.

Panel: Justice Stephen Rothman AM, Dr Kerry Phelps AM, Lauren Reinhardt, Dr Justin Koonan.

The event took place a few weeks after Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull announced the Marriage Equality postal Plebiscite. Many community members who attended the event voiced their appreciation to NCJWA NSW for addressing this issue ... *We received wonderful media coverage from the Australian Jewish News and Plus61J.*

Status of Women/ Social Justice Program: Program continues to link to the transcultural program.

Special event Q&A with survivors of sexual abuse, speakers and funds to Aminata Maternal Fund, helping women of Sierre Leone.

NCJWA NSW and UIA co-host Professor Tsivia Walden, daughter of the late Shimon Peres former Israeli Prime Minister: *Creating Positive Change in the Lives of Israeli Women.*

Who's Afraid of Orthodox Feminism: Dina Brewer orthodox feminine activist, Rabbis Moshe Gutnick, Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton, moderator Rabbi Selwyn Franklin.

The Torah was given equally to men and women: Women are not claiming a place at the table, women are 'reclaiming their place. Rabbi Moshe Gutnick, AJN.



Celebrating Israel 2017 was held at Parliament House Canberra on 29th November, marking the 70th Anniversary of the Partition Resolution. In attendance were Julie Bishop, Australian Foreign Minister, Mark Sofer, Israeli Ambassador and Anat Sultan-Dadon, Deputy Chief of Mission

2017 continued

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We were delighted that this significant event had been hosted by Senator David Fawcett, Chair of Australia Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group with co-hosts, NCJWA, the Embassy of Israel, Australia Israel Jewish Affairs Council, Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Embassy of Israel, Zionist Federation of Australia.

The event reaffirms the special bond that exists between Australia and Israel. These events promote Doc Evatt's contribution as a shining example of the power of the human spirit, the strength of the will and a commitment to justice that all peoples should aspire to. Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM, NCJWA Chair Celebrating Israel.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA has 65 volunteer mothers, now also a program on the North Shore. Nadene Alhadeff, appointed Executive Director Mum for Mum NCJWA, receives the Randwick Community Services Award for her work through Mum for Mum and her convening NCJWA NSW Social Justice programs.

Professor Marie Paul Austin, Chair of Perinatal and Women's Health, St John of God Hospital, Burwood and University of NSW becomes Ambassador for Mum for Mum. *I have come to understand the role that Mum for Mum plays in many women's lives, particularly important as the social fabric of our lives becomes eroded and many new families have lost their extended family networks. I am thrilled and honoured to become an ambassador for Mum for Mum.*

Pink Monday - NCJWA JWBCN. Petrea King from Quest for Life Foundation speaking to Women's Health meeting.

Books Out Loud program continues strongly in nursing homes in the east and the north.

Birthing Kit packing event. Volunteers from interfaith communities and local schools.

Liane Froneman, NCJWA NSW Archives, digitized all NCJWA Bulletins, photos and papers belonging to Dr Fanny Reading, housed at the State Library of NSW.

NCJWA NSW work with the Australian Jewish Fertility Network in the establishment of a mentoring program for women going through IVF.

Commemoration of World Kindertransport Day co-hosted with NCJWA NSW, Janet Merkur, Chair, Australian Chapter of Kindertransport Association.

A valuer has been engaged, preparing a comprehensive report on how to maximise potential of Council House building.



Centre: Ambassador for MUM FOR MUM Prof Marie Paul Austin with Nadene Alhadeff, Executive Director and MUM FOR MUM volunteers



MUM FOR MUM training session

Below: MUM FOR MUM group gather in the hall at Council House





Delegates to the 2018 International Council of Jewish Women Quadrennial Convention held in Sydney

2018

NCJWA NSW Acting Co-Presidents:

Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Maxine Bachmayer 2017 - 2018

NCJWA NSW Acting Co-Presidents:

Maxine Bachmayer, Miri Orden OAM, Janet Merkur 2018 - 2019

NCJWA National Acting Co-Presidents Sylvia Deutsch OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM 2017 - 2018

NCJWA National President Negba Weiss-Dolev 2018 - 2020

International Council of Jewish Women Quadrennial Convention, Sydney.

Evolving Beyond Tradition: The Impact of Women's Perspectives and Developing Roles.

Sixteen ICJW global affiliates converged on Sydney, dozens of women from around the world and Australia attended the Convention.

Hadassa Australia co-hosting with NCJWA NSW: *It's My Body-Respect it! Dealing with Sexual and Physical Abuse in Jerusalem.* Dr Mushira Aboo Dia.

NCJWA NSW Cancer Support Group meets regularly. Moriah College continues to make annual donations through NCJWA NSW JWBCN to BCNA.

Mixed Talmud classes with Rabbi Dr Benjamin Elton continued this year with two classes discussing *Seder Night in the Talmud.*

Books Out Loud program continues. Now eight aged care facilities in Sydney are involved.

Days For Girls: New program to create *a free dignified and educated world, through providing lasting access to feminine hygiene solutions and health education in developing countries, by making reusable sanitary kits.* Chair Ruth Shteinman

The inaugural event sewing day was a great success with more than 70 women and girls in attendance. With the support and guidance from the Ryde Area team more than 1200 components were made on the day.

Cuddle Bundles: New Program, providing clothes packages for mothers and new babies in need, both locally, nationally and overseas. Christmas packages provided to regional areas in Australia.

Chair Michele Brandenburger.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA awarded the prestigious NAPCAN Play Your Part Award from the National Association for the Protection of Children Against Child Abuse and Neglect, in recognition of their role in creating resilient families.

MUM FOR MUM volunteers receive Waverley Local Heroes services Award, and also the Randwick Community Services Award 2018.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA informative event *The Women's Brain* with Dr Sarah McKay, Neuroscientist.



Youth Groups at Council House celebrating Israel's 70th Anniversary of Independence



Days for Girls: Second event held at Council House 2019. Standing: Ruth Shteinman, Chair



Birthing Kit packing events at Council House 2017 and 2018 with the assistance of NCJWA NSW Transcultural group

2019 Special event in the NCJWA NSW Lounge at Wolper Hospital to acknowledge Council's past support. L to R: Ruth Osen, Josephine Holland, Robyn Lenn, Zara Young, Anne Biner, Miri Orden, NSW Co-President, Victoria Nadel



2018 continued

Birthing Kit packing events held in 2018 provided hundreds of kits. Participants in July included students from Moriah College, and in November, Zonta Sydney Breakfast Club.

Celebrating Israel: Israel's 70th Anniversary of Independence and 71st of the Partition Plan. *What Israel means to Youth Today*: celebration with Australian Jewish Youth Group participants. Miriam Levy and Janet Merkur.

2019

NCJWA NSW Acting Co-Presidents: Maxine Bachmayer, Miri Orden OAM, Janet Merkur 2018 - 2019

NCJWA National President Negba Weiss-Dolev 2018 - 2020

NCJWA NSW is no longer represented on the Wolper Jewish Hospital Board but continues to have a representative on the Wolper Community Services Committee.

MUM FOR MUM: In the last eighteen months we have supported 136 mothers from 81 postcodes, 40 of them being 40 years and over, 36 single mums and over 90 percent identified as isolated and flagged as anxious or depressed. Many mums have left abusive relationships and the majority have had traumatic experiences impacting on their mental health. Workshops continue including suicide prevention, grief and loss, family law for volunteers. Nadene Alhadeff, Executive Director.

NCJWA JWBCN - In light of the high rate of breast and related cancers especially among the Ashkenazi Jewish population, Dr Leslie Andrews and Isabelle Shapiro OAM launched GENE CIRCLE to promote free BRCA gene testing program and support those who carry the gene fault.

Days for Girls: Second event held at Council House with seventy mothers and daughters attending. Those present commented on the wonderful sense of community. Ruth Shteinman, Chair.

NCJWA NSW again supported Share the Dignity campaign, locally providing sanitary products to homeless women as well as collecting for *Bras for Uplift*, an organisation that recycles bras to women in need.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library – Iris Makler, Foreign correspondent and author pre-launch of her book *Just Add Love* interviewed by Geraldine Doogue, ABC Presenter.

Look at us Now Mother – documentary film about emotional abuse by Emmy award winning Gayle Kirschenbaum.

Falls Prevention and Getting Up – Feldenkreis international speaker Lavinia Plonka.

80th Anniversary of World Kindertransport Day celebrated at Council House with the Kindertransport Association, Great Synagogue and NCJWA NSW.

Celebrating Israel, *The Melting Pot* – overview of Aliyah Groups that make Israel what it is today. Miriam Levy.

2020s

2020

NCJWA NSW Co-Presidents Maxine Bachmayer, Miri Orden OAM Janet Merkur 2020 - 2021
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March 2020 – The first cases of person to person transmission of coronavirus confirmed in Australia. In accordance with COVID lockdowns advice, NCJWA NSW Fanny Reading Council House closed and our office manager went onto a 3 day working week. During the lockdown periods programs continued but with changes to working procedure. Many events went to *Zoom*. Our Groups continued to hold events despite and in between COVID lockdowns.

Dr Ruth Perets, Rambam Hospital Haifa: *Is Ovarian Cancer Really Ovarian and why do we care?*
NCJWA NSW co-hosted with Australian Friends of Rambam, The Jewish Folk Centre Ha' Moadon Ha'Israeli.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library event - American foreign policy historian and commentator Charles Edel, co-author of *The Lessons of Tragedy - Statecraft and World Order*, spoke on the rundown to the American elections.

Northsider's discussion of Dr Ruth Ratner's book *Dance me to the End of Time* exploring issues around growing up in a Holocaust survivor's household.

MUM FOR MUM NCJWA – *Despite and perhaps because of the pandemic Mum For Mum has grown exponentially and has supported over 200 families this past year. We now have 140 active volunteers.* The program was able to employ an assistant as well as a social worker due to support of JCA The Giving Tree, Haberman Kulawicz, Wolanski Fund, and JCA allocations committee.

Cuddle Bundles: *In the last two years the program has grown significantly in terms of the numbers of organisations and people they have assisted.* Michelle Brandenburger, Chair.

The program was deemed an essential service and a 'skeleton team' of volunteers worked throughout lockdowns making bundles and sourcing items.

2020 2021- Despite COVID restrictions Cuddle Bundles still managed to fulfill its local and international requests and abide by COVID guidelines.

During this period packages were sent locally to refuges, Christmas presents and pamper packs for mums, some to Ladies of the Land, blankets to the Northern Territory. Items also sent to South Africa until sudden shutdown with the cancellation of flights due to COVID. Those items not good enough were sent to the pet shops and other items to H&M for recycling.

Days for Girls: Despite COVID the program was able to move forward. *The committee devised Make-at-Home-Project and set up a mobile service with a team of 43 volunteers, sewing thousands of pads during the lockdown. This provided an activity beneficial to both maker and recipient.*

Requests from Ascham and Reddam schools for NCJWA NSW to coordinate events for students. These events have 3 dimensions: *education, hands on making, and fundraising.*

Ruth Shteinman, Chair



The Cuddle Bundles program was deemed an essential service throughout COVID 2020-2021. Despite the restrictions Cuddle Bundles still managed to fulfill its local and international requests. Above right: Michelle Brandenburger, Chair with Ella Lazor





Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library Bookclub Chair, Gael Hammer with Miri Orden, Bernice Bachmayer and Jenni Michelson.

Greatest Musical Concert held at Council House 2022 with Sydney Jewish Choral Society and Chutney Band



Front: Ron Nachman, Elizabeth Mechler, Agi Cantone, Bernice Bachmayer
Back: Miri Orden, Sunny Gold



2021

NCJWA NSW Co-Presidents Maxine Bachmayer, Miri Orden OAM, Janet Merkur 2020- 2021
NCJWA NSW President Maxine Bachmayer 2021-
NCJWA National President Melinda Jones 2020-

NCJWA NSW Instagram and Facebook page active.

MUM FOR MUM: Recruitment of a Business Development Manager and a part time executive assistant.

As covid restrictions eased the program was able to resume face to face support and resume training of volunteers to support mothers in Northern Beaches.

Cuddle Bundles: *The need for the program's services increased as a result of covid. The fact that we were open when many larger charities were not operating during lockdown created an even greater demand for our services.* M Brandenburger, Chair.

The program continued to establish relationships with businesses which have provided generous support. Blankets and babywear again sent to Northern Territory, and the Congo. Christmas gifts through SHINE for children of prison internees, Barnados and families in the Jewish community.

Days for Girls: NCJWA NSW Scale project. The *Students Change A Life Easily* project devised to enlighten Australian students about period poverty worldwide.

Holiday working bees held for year 7-9 Moriah College students , Reddam High School and Ryde Girl Guides.

NCJWA JWBCN. Davina Ash, new chair, initiates Tikvah V'Or (*Hope and Light*).

Zoe Guenzl and Davina create a Facebook Private Group to reach out to those with cancer in a supportive and informative way.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library Bookclub. Chair, Gael Hammer, initiates a weekly zoom chat group, CONNECTING, to help combat COVID isolation.

Celebrating Israel: Zoom event from Israel with special guest Nachman Shai Minister of Diaspora Affairs, Israel.

Council Groups able to once again meet and fundraise: Northsiders Theatre Party and end of year Garden Party held at local park to comply with COVID restrictions and safety.



Maxine Bachmayer NSW President with Award recipients at the NCJWA NSW 2022 AGM
 Above Left: Davina Ash, new Chair of NCJWA JWBCN and initiator of Tikvah V'Or womens cancer support group.
 Above Right: Wendy Lessick Bookatz, NCJWA NSW Manager and Media Manager

Days for Girls event combined with Kindertransport Commemoration 2022



Left: Presentation by Janet Merkur Chair Australian Kindertransport Association
 Above: DFG sewers Sandy Hotz and Ella Lizzor



L to R: Scarlet Marshall, Shardi Cleminson, Committee members, Ruth Shteinman, Chair, Kathy Hurwitz, Head of Production, Anita Billings, Systems Manager

2022

NCJWA NSW President Maxine Bachmayer 2021 - NCJWA National President Melinda Jones 2020 -

Launch of the NCJWA NSW social media pages, Instagram and continuation of Facebook managed by Zoe Guenzl and Wendy Bookatz, NCJWA NSW Manager.

NCJWA NSW Youth Committee initiated by Zoe Guenzl. First meeting, an International Women's Day Breakfast *Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow*.

Youth Committee's group launched and named EMPOWER HER. First event *Celebrating Her Success*, further events planned including a Challah Bake.

Greatest Musical Concert held at Council House with Sydney Jewish Choral Society and Chutney band.

Days for Girls: Working Bee includes sessions for young adult volunteers, realising a goal of the Youth Committee, to engage young adults in women's issues and advocacy. Commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child, 2000 material pads made.

Speakers from *Plan International*, an organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls.

Days for Girls event assembling kits for young women, event shared with December Commemoration of Kindertransport.

MUM FOR MUM: 180 volunteers supporting 250 families over the year.

Cuddle Bundles program chosen as a recipient of a Federal Stronger Communities Program Grant.

President NCJWA NSW Maxine Bachmayer addresses Communal NAJEX ANZAC Day Commemoration, held at Council House, on the significant contribution NCJWA made during WWII.

An exploration of *Climate Change and the Jewish Community* held at Council House, co-hosted with Sydney based Jewish Sustainability Initiative.

1000 Birthing Kits were packed, helping to lower the mortality rate of mothers and babies in developing countries.

Rebbetzin Jana Gottshall Memorial Library event with Sydney poet, emerging composer and singer, Anna Hueneke

Inspiration for Rosh Hashana event featuring Israeli singer, songwriter Vered Harel and Australian composer, songwriter, pianist, Warren Wills



Celebrating Israel 2022 : *Right of Return*
75th Anniversary of the UN General Assembly
vote for the partition plan 29 November 1947

**NCJWA NSW CENTENARY Launch Event
*Pink Breakfast in the Succah, October 2022***



2022 continued

Death of Queen Elizabeth II. NCJWA NSW as an affiliate of ICJW, joined all members in mourning our Monarch's passing.

Preparations begin for NCJWA NSW 100 YEARS CELEBRATION 2023.
Lynda Ben Menashe appointed Coordinator of NCJWA NSW's 100th Anniversary Celebrations.

Centenary Launch Event, *Pink Breakfast in the Succah* October 12th 2022, held during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Tikvah V'Or group partnered with Adamama/Shalom and Wolper Hospital.

Tikvah V'Or: Pink Shabbat Challah Bake, raises funds for National Breast Cancer Foundation, a second Tikvah V'Or Purple Shabbat Challah Bake raised funds for Pancreatic Cancer Association

Celebrating Israel, *Right of Return*, convenor, Dalia Ayalon Sinclair.

Founder's Day, launch of Estelle Rozinski's book, *The Healer*, a memoir of her mother's visits to her grandmother in pre-war Poland.

Fleeing the Horrors of War, A Girl's Perspective, Webinar: Current Ukrainian Women's journey and Kindertransport Association.

2023

**NCJWA NSW President Maxine Bachmayer 2021 -
NCJWA National President Melinda Jones 2020 -**

January - NCJWA NSW members attend NCW event Celebrate Being an Australian with guest speaker Emeritus Professor, Rosalind Croucher AM, President of the Human Rights Commission.

NCJWA NSW sponsors one of NCW NSW Australia Day Awards tertiary students to assist with their future studies.

Tu B'shvat Tree Planting with Woollahra Council at Signal Hill Reserve.

Council Shabbat, The Great Synagogue.

International Womens' Day, co-hosted with Shalom Jewish Writers' Festival.

Her Name in Lights Jewish Women in the movies.

JULY 1st 2023 CENTENARY GALA DINNER

JULY 8th NCJWA NSW TURNS 100

THEN and NOW

Dr Fanny's portrait has travelled with us for almost a century



Members meeting in Council Rooms in History House, Sydney 1948 with portrait hanging on the wall at left



Board Members meeting in Council House, Sydney 2023



Members outside the Great Synagogue, Sydney c1930



NCJWA NSW members and international delegates to the ICJW Conference, Sydney, in the foyer of the Great Synagogue 2018

LISTS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA PRESIDENTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

1923-31	Dr Fanny Reading MBE
1931-33	Mrs Harris Cohen
1933-36	Mrs Cornfield
1936-48	Dr Fanny Reading MBE
1948-55	Vera Cohen MBE
1955-58	Anne Einfeld
1958-60	Dolly Lambert
1960-62	Dora Wolfensohn
1962-64	Jill Balkind
1964-72	Ray Ginsburg AM
1972-76	Phyl Glasser
1976-79	Zara Cohen-Young OAM
1979-80	The Hon. Margaret Davis
1980-84	Lynne Davies AM
1984-87	Zelda Feigen OAM
1987-88	Estelle Gold OAM
1988-89	Zara Young OAM
1989-95	Robyn Lenn OAM
1995-97	Jan Shedleski
1997-98	Denise Edelstein
1998-04	Dinah Danon OAM
2004-07	Executive Committee: Susan Cohen, Sylvia Langer, Barbara Shotland
2007-11	Dalia Ayalon Sinclair OAM
2011-15	Victoria Nadel OAM
2015-17	Steering Committee: Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM
2017-18	Acting Co-Presidents: Miri Orden OAM, Anne Reid OAM, Maxine Bachmayer
2018-19	Acting Co-Presidents: Miri Orden OAM, Maxine Bachmayer, Janet Merkur
2019-20	Co-Presidents: Miri Orden OAM, Maxine Bachmayer, Janet Merkur
2020-21	Co-Presidents: Miri Orden OAM, Maxine Bachmayer, Janet Merkur
2021-	Maxine Bachmayer

NCJWA NSW PATRONS

Bill Berman, Paul Conway OAM, John Einfeld, Stephen Gerstl, Sid Rosenbaum

LIFE MEMBERS NCJWA NSW

1975	Ludi Adler
1975	Dolly Lambert
1977	Ray Ginsburg AM
1978	Dora Abramovich
1980	Anne Einfeld
1981	Jill Balkind
1982	Bessie Altshuler
1984	Ruth Freeman
1984	Minnie Kutner
1985	Ena Rychter
1986	Zara Young OAM
1987	Phyl Glasser
1989	Anne Dryen
1991	Pamela Epstein
1991	Zelda Feigen OAM
1991	Estelle Gold
1991	Claire Lake
1993	Nona Rosenbaum

1995	Gleness Messiah
1996	Kate Feigen
1998	Julie Morris
1999	Esta Roland
2001	Miriam Stein
2004	Anne Lehman
2005	Vicki Steigrad
2007	Anne Biner
2007	Zina Conway OAM
2007	Sadie Grant
2007	Robyn Lenn OAM
2010	Dinah Danon OAM

GROUPS in NCJWA NSW

Active between 1923-2023

Illawarra, Centennial Park, Bellevue Hill, North Shore, Western Suburbs, Bankstown-Canterbury, Coogee-Randwick, Rose Bay- Vaucluse, Double Bay, Mosman, Bondi, Council Juniors, Councilettes, General Emergency Group, Wollongong, Northerners, Coogee, Golden Age, WIZO 1937 and 1944, Kingsgrove Earlwood, Lane Cove Young Marrieds, Northsiders, CYS Group, The Eastern Set, Progressive Group formerly Young Marrieds, Action Group, Newcastle, Russian Group, Shifra, Miriam Stein Group, Sela, Lehava, Hilla, Keren Or, Empower Her.

COUNCIL AFFILIATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS and SUPPORTIVE INTERACTION

Ezra Association (Palestine) founded by Mr and Mrs I. Slutzkin- 1924
 International Council of Jewish Women – 1925
 Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund)-1927
 National Council of Women NSW-1927
 NSW Section of League of Nations Union-1935
 A Council W.I.Z.O Section formed 1937
 International Peace Campaign
 Committee for the Reduction of Maternal and Infantile Mortality
 Central Cultural Council and Equal Moral Standard Committee of NCW
 Feminist Club
 United Associations
 Country Women's Association
 Australian Federation of Women Voters
 Women's Union of Service
 Women's Auxiliary of Australian Defence League (Jewish section)- 1939
 Women's Voluntary Services- 1939
 War Emergency Board- 1940s
 A second WIZO section introduced into Council-1944
 Zionist Federation of Australia and New Zealand- 1945
 Jewish Board of Deputies- 2 NCJW members invited as candidates for election to Board- 1950
 Meals on Wheels, from 1950s
 Affiliated to United Nations Assoc NSW
 All NCJWA sections affiliated to their state's Jewish Board of Deputies, Zionist Council, National Council of Women, United Nations' Association.
 Jewish Communal Appeal- NCJWA NSW an inaugural affiliate sitting on JCA Board of Governors- 1967
 Meals on Wheels extended to North Shore and Kosher Meals on Wheels through Sydney Jewish Centre on the Ageing- 1980s
 Wolper Jewish Hospital
 NCJWA NSW nominated to sit on JNF Board -1995

HIPPY Program established in La Perouse by Miriam Stein jointly with Friends of Hebrew University and Brotherhood of St Laurence - 2001
 NCJWA Ltd, a member of the Federal Government Secretariat, the Australian Women's Coalition-2004
 Jewish Women's Breast Cancer Network, under the umbrella of BCNA- 2010
 NCJWA-Australian Women Against Violence Association- 2010
 Executive Council of Australian Jewry
 Equality Rights Alliance
 Sydney Alliance
 PPSEAWA. Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Assoc of Australia, NSW
 Wolper Jewish Hospital and Board
 Wolper Community Service Committee
 JCA Board of Governors
 National Council of Women NSW
 NSW Jewish Board of Deputies

DONATIONS NCJWA NSW

Donations and support given to a variety of organisations and charities either out of general funds, fund-raising, the local Charities Committee and NCJWA NSW Charity Fund include
 (A local Charities Committee formed 1937 to raise annual funds for 2 causes, one Jewish, one non-Jewish. Charity Fund NCJWA NSW established 1974 onwards)

Board of Jewish Education, Ezra Association of Israel, Communal Seders, Maccabiah Fund, Ichud Habonim and B'Nei Akiva Camps, Autistic Children's Association, The Spastic Centre, Aid Retarded Persons NSW, Cancer Research, The Heart Foundation, the University of New Guinea, Papuan Hall of Residence Women's Fund, Youth Aliyah, Council House Hall used to train debutantes for Montefiore Home Ball 1973, 2 scholarships providing one year's tuition at Moriah and Masada College endowed by NCJW NSW, Marrow Bone Transplant Foundation, The Chai Foundation, Gujaga Aboriginal Corp., National Association of Child Abuse and Neglect, Point Zero Youth Services, Giant Steps, Black Dog Institute, Children's Cancer Institute, Diabetes Australia (NSW), Sydney Jewish Museum, Centre on the Ageing, Chai Foundation, Shalom Gamararda Institute Indigenous Scholarship, Cancer Council NSW, Salvation Army, The Humour Foundation, POW Hospital Foundation Hereditary Cancer Clinic, Children's Cancer Institute, Street Swags, Australian Lymphology Association, Macular Degeneration Foundation, The Council of Jewish Education on behalf of Sababa Lagamba, Asylum Seekers Centre NSW, Benjamin Andrew Footpath Library, Jewish Alliance Against Family Violence, Motor Neurone Disease Australia Inc., Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia, Warrumbungle Shire Mayor's Bushfire Appeal, Indigenous Literacy Foundation, Tikva Incorporated, October 2013 Bush Fire Appeal, Birthing Kit Foundation, The Jewish Museum, Athens, Pink Hope, Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation, Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia, Breast Cancer Network Australia, Women's Community Shelters Ltd, NSW Friendship Circle Inc., Down Syndrome Association, Adults Surviving Child Abuse, Sydney Western Darfuri Women's Group, The Bread and Butter Project, Hatzola, National Centre for Childhood Grief, Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Drought Recovery, Dress For Success, Days For Girls, Jewish House, Jarrah House - Women's Alcohol and Drug Advisory Centre

NCJWA NSW COUNCIL HOUSE SITES

1927 Francis Street, Sydney
 1928 Day Street, Sydney, included the Men's Hostel
 1929 134 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
 1931 175 Pitt Street, Sydney
 1937 374 George Street, Sydney, rooms with the YMHA
 1944 History House, 8 Young Street, Sydney
 1949 263 Elizabeth Street, Sydney
 1963 Fanny Reading Council House, NCJW War Memorial Centre, 111-113 Queen Street, Woollahra

THRIFT SHOP PREMISES

1929 3 Francis Street, Sydney
 1938 Abercrombie Street, Redfern
 1957 Crown Street, Sydney
 Bondi's Best Bargains, Bondi Road near Bennett Street
 Bondi's Best Bargains, Bondi Road, near Denham Street
 Closed 2012

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF NEW SOUTH WALES

1923-1929 Dr Fanny Reading MBE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

1929-1955 Dr Fanny Reading MBE
 1955-1967 Vera Leah Cohen MBE
 1967-1973 Mina (Miriam) Fink MBE
 1973-1979 Sylvia Gelman AM MBE
 1979-1985 Ray Ginsburg AM
 1985-1991 Malvina Malinek OAM
 1991-1997 Lynne Davies AM
 1997-2003 Dr Geulah Solomon OAM

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OF AUSTRALIA from 2006

2003-2007 Robyn Lenn OAM
 2007-2011 Rysia Rozen OAM
 2011-2015 Di Hirsh OAM
 2015-2017 Rysia Rozen OAM
 2017-2018 Sylvia Deutsch OAM, Victoria Nadel OAM (co Presidents)
 2018-2020 Negba Weiss-Dolev
 2020- Melinda Jones

NCJWA SECTIONS

1923 First Council meeting held 8th July 1923 at the home of Mrs Morris Symonds, Bellevue Hill. Beginning of organisation Council of Jewish Women of New South Wales. Dr Fanny Reading, President
 1927 Victoria Section formed, first President Mrs Marie Patkin
 1927 Brisbane Section, first President Mrs E.R. Isaacs
 1929 Western Australia, first President Mrs Fanny Beckler
 1929 South Australia, first President Mrs Isabella Solomon (Closed)
 1929 Newcastle Section. These sections closed long ago. Newcastle along with Sydney Section formed the NSW Division and in 1992 Newcastle became a NCJW NSW Group
 1932 Hobart Section formed (Closed)
 1955 Canberra Section, first President Ruth Mendelsohn (Closed)
 1973 Gold Coast Section. Originally a group of Queensland Section.
 2004 Hobart Group, part of NSW re-established (Closed)

NCJWA NATIONAL CONFERENCES including ICJW Conventions hosted in Australia

1923	Council of Jewish Women formed by Dr Fanny Reading. First Council meeting held at home of Mrs Morris Symonds, Bellevue Hill.
1929	First Conference of Jewish Women of Australasia held in Sydney, 21-29 May. Delegates including women from N.Z. Organisation became known as National Council of Jewish Women.
1932 2nd	Australasian Jewish Women's Conference Sydney.
1934 3rd	Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Melbourne
1936 4th	Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Adelaide
1938 5th	Australasian Jewish Women's Conference, Sydney
1943 6th	National Council of Jewish Women of Australia Conference, Sydney
1945 7th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
1946 8th	NCJWA Conference, Brisbane
1948 9th	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
1952 10th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
1955 11th	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
1958 12th	NCJWA Conference, Brisbane
1961 13th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
1964 14th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
1967 15th	NCJWA Conference, Perth
1970 16th	NCJWA Conference, Brisbane
1973 17th	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
1975	ICJW Convention held in Melbourne. First ICJW Convention in Australia
1976 18th	NCJWA Conference, Canberra
1979 19th	NCJWA Conference, Perth
1982 20th	NCJWA Conference, Surfers Paradise
1985 21st	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
1988 22nd	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
1991 23rd	NCJWA Conference, Brisbane
1994 24th	NCJWA Conference, Canberra
1997 25th	NCJWA Conference, Perth
2000 26th	NCJWA Conference, Gold Coast
2002	ICJW Convention held in Sydney.
2003 27th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
2007 28th	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
2011 29th	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne
2015 30th	NCJWA Conference, Sydney
2018	ICJW Convention, Sydney
2019 31st	NCJWA Conference, Melbourne

ISRAEL PROJECTS

1924	The EZRA Association in Palestine founded by Mr and Mrs L. Slutzkin
1926	Plan to construct maternity ward in Misgav Ladach Hospital in old city of Jerusalem and endow 10 beds in the ward
1926	Opening of Infant Welfare Centre, Vaad Ha-Kehilah Tel Aviv, partly funded by Council of Jewish Women
1927	The Keren Hayesod (Palestine Foundation Fund) begin contributions.??
1929	First National Israel project adopted Misgar Ladach Hospital, Jerusalem
1934	Palestine Maternity Fund, Palestine Infant Welfare Fund
1935	Blue Boxes, arrangements made with the Union of Sydney Zionists for the distribution and collection of Blue Boxes
1936	At third Jewish Women's Conference, the establishment of the Fund Raising "Chei", The Palestine Committee
1936	Zionist work for Sydney section became of paramount importance for Sydney section

1936	Negotiations between EZRA , Hadassah Hospital and Council of Jewish Women of Australia
1937	Council Tour to Palestine, dedication of Council ward, in the Hadassah Project
1944	NCJW Maternity Ward in Rothschild Hadassah- University Hospital, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem
1944	Large number of trees added to its grove in Ain Hashofet Colony in Palestine
1950	First National project in Israel, Kfar Hanassi, in partnership with Jewish National Fund (JNF)
1952	Neve Zipporah settlement in Gan Yavneh with Vera Cohen Communal Hall and Gladys Slutzkin Library, in partnership with JNF
1957	NCJW Australia Park in Jerusalem Forest, in partnership with JNF
1960	"Leah Simon" swimming pool in Kfar Hanassi
1964	ILAN (Foundation for Handicapped Children and Adults) Tel Aviv, becomes a National project
1966	Moshav Alma, Upper Galilee, synagogue and community centre, in partnership with JNF Continued support focusing on vocational guidance to women and girls in settlement.
1970	Dormitory in Australia House, Hebrew University, endowed
1973	In honour of NCJWA's Golden Jubilee, 10,000 trees to be planted at Keren Maharal, in partnership with JNF, completed 1982
1975	Annia Castan opens Ilan kindergarten, Tel Aviv
1980	Moshav Alma school yard paved and assistance to Kibbutz Kaderim, in partnership with JNF
1981	Ilan in Ramat Gan officially opened
1982	Library at Moshav Alma, in partnership with JNF
1983	Diamond Jubilee Forest in honour 60th anniversary in Australia begun, completed 1990
1986	Tennis courts in Misgav in the Galil, in partnership with JNF
1987-92	NCJWA raised funds towards JNF project in Segev region, regional centre Misgav, settlements at Shorashim, Rakefet and Koranit and Australia Park
1989	Scholarships for Ethiopian female students at Haifa University
1989	NCJWA Negev Desert region in Uvdah Valley and NCJWA Tourist and Recreation Park, in partnership with JNF, begun, completed 1990
1990	Rishon Le Zion Project in partnership with JNF
1991	Commence Karmiel Project
1994	NCJWA dedicated their contribution to Besor Reservoir project in honour of Vera Cohen, in partnership with JNF
2000	2001 In partnership with JNF NCJWA Children's playground in Shlomit
2003	Haifa Rape Crisis Centre adopted as National project
2008	Outdoor Classroom at Rosh Tzipor, Yarkon River; in partnership with JNF
2011-12	Park Golda ANZAC site playground upgrade, in partnership with JNF
2017	Outdoor Classroom, Gil Rabin School, Sderot, in partnership with JNF

ISRAEL TOURS

1937	NCJW Tour to Palestine
1987	NCJWA First Study Tour of Israel
1989	NCJWA Study Tour of Israel
1990	NCJWA Study Tour of Israel
2009	NCJWA Study Tour of Israel
2013	NCJWA Tour of Israel projects

NCJWA SCHOLARS IN RESIDENCE

1986	Judith Karp, Deputy Attorney General, Israel
1989	Leah Rabin, wife of Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin
1995	Alice Shalvi, Israeli professor and educator
2003	Yafa Trunash Tarkay, Ethiopian Social Work student, recipient of NCJWA project funding, Haifa University.
2010	Dr Sharon Shenhav, social scientist and research psychologist
2016	Dr Elana Maryles Sztokman, sociologist, writer and Jewish feminist activist

