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Greater Philadelphia Section

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# Bulletin

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## HOW DOES IT FEEL?

How does it feel to know that you will have a positive lifelong impact on 120 families?

Ask Eleanor Levie and Elaine Kline, both members of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section who, are seeing the “fruits of their labor”. Their belief in the capacity of parents to make a crucial difference in the lives of their children found expression in their embrace of the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPIY). Their long, twisty road of advocacy finally reached its destination with their achievement in bringing and helping to secure a home for HIPPIY in Philadelphia. In a recent media release, Diversified Community Services Foundation introduced Hippy as part of that agency’s two generation anti-poverty strategy, funded by a grant from the William Penn Foundation. Their aim is to extend their reach to 120 families. Parents are provided with resources such as: weekly home visits, monthly family oriented group meetings, personal and professional development for parents, children’s books and curriculum packets that are delivered and shared with parents by their parent partners, to name a few.

Hillary Clinton, a long time advocate of HIPPIY who brought the program to Arkansas has referred to studies that show the HIPPIY model to be effective in improving school readiness, parent involvement, school attendance, classroom behavior and academic performance.

Kudos to Eleanor and Elaine for their good work and for the opportunity for NCJW to engage with this important mission.

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Images from HIPPIY USA website: <http://www.hippyusa.org>

Please bring new or gently used books appropriate for young children ages 3 - 5 to the next Board and/or General Meeting. NCJW is showering HIPPIY with books in March. Books for adults would also be appreciated as HIPPIY is part of the Two Generation Program at Diversified Community Services(DCS). We thank you for your support!  
Elaine Kline

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, January 19	Roslyn Weiss, President of RUBY'S KIDS	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, February 16	Rabbi Lance Sussman Oy, Oy, Oy and a Bottle of Rum: Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean	Keneseth Israel
Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program	
Tuesday, March 15	.Diane G. Steinbrink. A dramatic presentation about Amy Herzog: a new talent of the American Theatre	Keneseth Israel
Sunday, April 3 9 a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program	
Tuesday, April, 5	Judith Bernstein Baker, Executive Director of HIAS Syrian & Refugee Crisis , Greater Philadelphia	
Tuesday, April 12	<b>TASTE OF CULTURE: MURAL ARTS TROLLEY TOUR</b>	
Tuesday, May 3	Interfaith Center of Philadelphia Topic: "Interfaith Cooperation"	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, June 7	Closing Luncheon, <b>Shmooze with The Word Mavens!!</b> A Hilarious program! Featuring Ellen Scolnic and Joyce Eisenberg, authors of the <i>DICTIONARY OF JEWISH WORDS</i>	Meadowlands CC.

**WANTED:** New winter jackets and new socks for needy elementary aged children, ages 5 thru 10 years attending the Philadelphia School District. Please bring items or a monetary contribution to programs and/or board meetings or send your donation along with someone planning to attend a board meeting or other NCJW event.

Board Meetings

January 5    February 2    March 8    April 5    May 10    June 14

**Officers for 2015-2016**

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## Advocacy Updates from Lynne Jacobs, NCJW PA Policy Advocate-December 15

### Anti-trafficking

We are expanding our participation in groups working against trafficking. Of four subcommittees of the Philadelphia Anti-trafficking Coalition, Lynne Jacobs serves on the religion committee and Linda Lempert on the advocacy committee. We are now well known in the Philly group, and Linda made contact with the Montco group, which meets in a different town each month. There is also a statewide group that convenes by phone every month. We publicized the 12/15 event to all of them.

January is Sex Trafficking Awareness month. The coalition is planning activities on campus as well as using public spaces, in which we hope to participate. Advocacy activities in support of Senate Bill 851 (Safe Haven) will remain a focus. Recently, after some of our members signed postcards to our legislators in support of passage of SB 851, there were new developments in efforts to pass this bill.



Pictured here at our December 15 program is our extraordinary panel of women engaged in efforts to combat human trafficking, a National NCJW priority: from the left, Lori Cohen, Attorney and NCJW National Board Member, Liz Robbins, Reporter for the New York Times; and Sister Terry Shields, President and a founder of Dawn's Place. NCJW section members standing in the rear, who made this event happen are from the left : Linda Lempert, Lynne Jacobs, Susan Horwitz, Barbara Nussbaum, and Diane Steinbrink.

### Upcoming Training for Anti-trafficking Volunteers

NCJW members are invited to participate in a community-wide *Trafficking 101* seminar on Wednesday, January 27 from 8:30 AM to noon at the Salvation Army office in Philadelphia (Broad and Fairmount). There is a large parking lot available on Fairmount between 13th and Broad. The cost is \$20. To register on line, go to <http://patc.ticketleap.com/ht101> For further information about this program, please contact Lynne Jacobs at [info.ncjwphila@gmail.com](mailto:info.ncjwphila@gmail.com). Let Lynne or Linda know if you would like to take part in some training but cannot make it on 1/27.

### Refugees

National has become active in addressing the refugee situation, and they are sending out regular action alerts on this issue. If you want to learn more about what National is doing on this front, go to [www.ncjw.org](http://www.ncjw.org). Click on *Take Action*, then *NCJW Action Center*.

#### Editor's Note:

Our Legislative Co-Chair, Linda Lempert has composed an e-mail to our membership expressing appreciation for the large turnout for the December 15 program on sex trafficking. Her e-mail is also an appeal for us to take a next step and call members of our State Senate's Appropriations Committee to advocate for the passage of Senate Bill 851 (safe haven). For that purpose I have included the link to Senate Appropriation Committee membership contact information.

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/CteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=3&CteeBody=S>

Legislators are aware that victims of sex trafficking are not likely voters. Our voices can incentivize their attention to this tragedy that affects more than 100,000 victims. When making a decision for advocacy ( calls to legislators), it also seems worthwhile to consider that a main theme of sex trafficking is the exploitation and degradation of women. This issue is not an "island" unto itself. It is on the extreme end of a continuum that includes campus rape, workplace sexual harassment as well as sexual violations experienced in youth, many times not shared, for years, by women who have been held hostage to their memories.



**Volunteer dates**

Sundays at 9 a.m.: March 6 and April 3  
 Please call Zelda Stern at 215-947-2348  
 to help continue this vital program.



NCJW volunteers looking very content and “culinary” in their aprons as they host breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House on December 6.



Surrounding Dr. Rela Mintz Geffen, who spoke on the “evolving roles of contemporary Jewish American grandparents,” at our November 17 meeting are on the left, Susan Horwitz and to Dr. Geffen’s right: Barbara Nussbaum Sandy Fryer, and Linda Dzuba.



Food, friends, education, entertainment, and a walk in the rain! Our second Taste of Culture event, which took place on December 1 was all of that and more. Nineteen of us met at the Day By Day restaurant for a delicious brunch/lunch, relaxed conversation and camaraderie. A short walk, umbrellas in hand, led us to The Rosenbach Library and Museum for a docent led tour. The house, formerly owned by the Rosenbach family, is filled with interesting and historic furniture and artifacts and the library is nothing short of amazing and impressive. We had the added pleasure of seeing a special exhibit marking the 150th anniversary of “Alice in Wonderland”.

What a delightful way to feed our bodies and minds while supporting the good work of NCJW



**Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center**

Once again, NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up to support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and /or facilitating. Please contact one of us and we will be willing to explain more to you.

Thank you,

Roz Fudell [s.fudell@comcast.net](mailto:s.fudell@comcast.net) and Cindi Pasceri [vpasce@gmail.com](mailto:vpasce@gmail.com)

**Welcome to New Members**

Emily Lowe  
Elaine Coren  
Maryellen Bass

Marcia Hyman  
Barbara Lederer  
Penny Blaskey

Meryl Kern  
Emily Lowe

Hedimay Berger  
Harriet Winokur

As your membership vice-presidents we welcome our new members to call us regarding any questions you may have.

Judy Fried 215-245-1309 [judyfried38@gmail.com](mailto:judyfried38@gmail.com)  
Wendy Rader 215-657-9347 [wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com](mailto:wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com)

Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like the NCJW to recognize? Think of us. What a great way to share by making a donation to our Section

Send your donation to: Charlotte Schwartz, 1315 Cinnamon Drive, Ft. Washington, Pa 19034

Please let Bobbi Berman and/or Sandy Fryer know of any simcha, illness, or passing of members. We would like to mention it in the Bulletin and be in touch with the families.

Bobbi Berman [handbberman@aol.com](mailto:handbberman@aol.com)  
Sandy Fryer [sahofrl@verizon.net](mailto:sahofrl@verizon.net)

**BRIGHT IDEAS**

Dear Members,  
We have formed a fundraising committee to generate new ideas for trips, Taste of Culture, other trips and other traditional fundraising initiatives.

Charlotte Schwartz our Fund Raising VP Chairwoman can be contacted at 215-643-7542 or by e-mail at [charlotters6@comcast.net](mailto:charlotters6@comcast.net)



**Correction:** At an anniversary fundraiser dinner on Saturday evening, November 14, 2015, at Philmont Country Club, Philadelphia NCJW section members were honored as partners and given certificates acknowledging our support for the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. Jackee Swartz was also honored at that dinner.

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## Book Clubs

### Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 p.m.

*Secrets of a Charmed Life* by Susan Meisner

RSVP to Etta Nissman 215-886-8882 or [ettaniss@aol.com](mailto:ettaniss@aol.com).

Thank you to hostesses Evelyn Goldhammer and Faith Edelman and to our discussion leaders, Joan Sax and Evelyn Goldhammer respectively for the November and December meetings of the Evening Book Club.



### Daytime Book Group

Dec. 17 *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

Jan. 28 *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

All meetings are held at the Dublin Terrace club house. 1:00 to socialize and 1:30 meeting start.

For info, please contact Joyce Avrach @ 215-402-0287 or [Barryjoy@aol.com](mailto:Barryjoy@aol.com).

### Center City Book Club

December 9, 7 p.m.

*The Boys in the Boat*

by Daniel Thomas Brown

Host and leader: Joanne Stoloff

Thanks to Judy Podwil for leading our November discussion of *Orphan Train*

Questions: contact Audrey Jaffe Block 267-519-9255

### Speedy recovery to:

Marcia Hyman, Candy Weiss and Marion Gittis -

### Special thanks to:

Pearl Tragash for hosting the December board meeting in her beautiful new condo. May Pearl and Hal enjoy it for many years in good health.

### Congratulations:

Judy Fried and Marcy Aronow on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson.

Harriet and Jon Rudolph on their 50th anniversary

Maxine and Asher Stutman on the Bat mitzvah of their granddaughter

### Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

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If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Diane Morgan via email at [dianebmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:dianebmorgan@yahoo.com)



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**MEETING AND LUNCHEON**  
Tuesday, January 19 11:30 a.m.

Speaker, Roslyn Weiss, President of RUBY'S KIDS

Join us as Roz Weiss tells us the story of Rubye Caesar, a woman who was dedicated to supporting less fortunate children in North Philadelphia, and how she inspired Roz and her husband to found an all volunteer , non-profit , grassroots organization dedicated to providing enriching experiences and resources for needy children in the Philadelphia area. The program, Rubye's Kids benefits hundreds of children. Rubye's Kids has received numerous honors and recognition for their work to promote strong values, education, respect for self and others and commitment to community.

**\*Our Philadelphia NCJW Section is a grant supporter of Rubye's Kids.**

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Tuesday, February 16 11:30 a.m.

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