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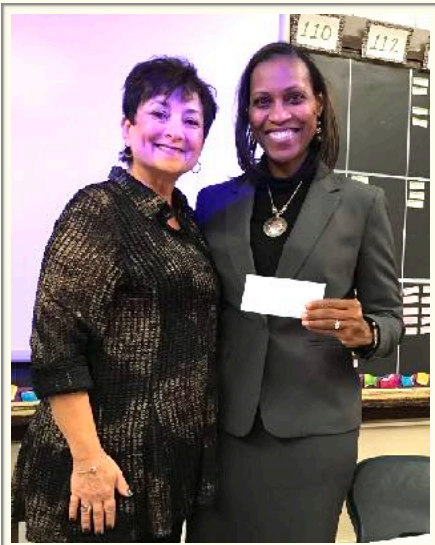


## OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL NEWS

Less than one year ago, our adopted school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, undertook a daunting challenge to help their children thrive. Undeterred by a sizable population of 1000+ students, grades K thru 8, and a paucity of physical space and resources in a woefully underfunded school district, Franklin Elementary embarked on a well researched program, the Positive Behavior Incentive System (PBIS). PBIS is designed to enable students to develop core values and skills which nurture a sense of community, respect for others and personal responsibility, all of which impact students' well-being and achievement. Franklin School's commitment is considerable. PBIS is data driven, and time and labor intensive, implemented everyday by all adults in the school community. Positive reinforcement schedules including monthly student events are structured to acknowledge and reward students positive behavioral contributions. Students have daily opportunities to earn vouchers, known as Bennie Bucks, which can be exchanged for rewards earned.

.....and speaking of "bucks", thanks to the incredible generosity of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section, donations to our adopted school, in the amount of \$1000 was raised at our annual membership luncheon. A check in that amount was presented to a very appreciative Franklin PBIS team by our Section President, Barbara Nussbaum, with some of our NCJW school volunteers in attendance. What a treat to support a school which shares NCJW's "Faith in the Future" and "Belief in Action"!

Harriet Gran



Barbara Nussbaum, NCJW Section President presenting our Section donation to Wanda Segal, Assistant Principal.



Pictured above, savoring the impact of our NCJW Section's financial donation to our adopted school's Positive Behavior Incentive System are standing left to right: Barbara Nussbaum, NCJW Section President, Tameko Stanley, Upper School Counselor, Corinda Brown, 8th grade Science Teacher, Harriet Gran, NCJW school volunteer, Roslyn Sample Green, School Principal, and Danielle Darby, PBIS leadership team member. Seated left to right are NCJW school volunteers: Essie Cutler, Beth Steinman, Joan Non, Lee Tonik, and Susan Horwitz.

## HAPPY, HIPPIE NEWS!

Elaine Kline, our NCJW section member and HIPPIE (Home Instruction Program for Parents of Pre-school youngsters) committee member, shared good news! The William Penn Foundation has granted HIPPIE \$175,000 for the current year. The HIPPIE Program, which receives support from our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section, has been shown to have a substantial positive effect on children's school readiness, parent involvement, school attendance, classroom behavior and academic performance

Kudos to Elaine Kline for her advocacy of this very worthy program!

## President's Message

"Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:18). This clarion Call to Action is the guiding imperative of National Council of Jewish Women.

Just as 2017 comes to a close, our call to action is as strong today as it was 125 years ago. We can take great pride in knowing that our Greater Philadelphia NCJW volunteers and advocates are still taking action to:

- Act against domestic violence
- Act against human trafficking
- Advocate for pay equity for women
- Advocate for Reproductive Justice
- Fight racial injustice
- Promote gun violence prevention
- Act to support Immigration and refugees
- Act to promote the vote
- Advance the Well-being of Children and Families
- Support a secure Israel and the well-being of all its people.



Just recently, several of us have had the wonderful opportunity to share the above information with new members, at our New Members Appreciation Get Together, in which over 20 new members attended. I also had the opportunity to talk about NCJW's work at a synagogue education program. How proud I was when I gave our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School information about our amazing women, as I presented the school with a \$1000 check that will support a program that teaches the children: respect for others, personal responsibility and a sense of community.

While we continue our work and have accomplished so much over the past several months, there is still much more we can do. So, when a prospective member or an existing member asks the question, "What can I do to help?" answer them by saying:

- Join us or tell a friend about us
- Attend an event
- Serve on a local NCJW Committee
- Volunteer in one of our community service projects
- Talk about our mission to everyone you know
- Send a check
- Call an elected official about our issues
- Learn with us, debate issues and mobilize with us
- By doing any of these, you will also be with like-minded talented women and will also have FUN!

I want to thank all of our members, volunteers and advocates for everything they have done to make a difference in our society. I also want to thank our devoted Bulletin Editor, Harriet Gran, for creating our wonderful NCJW Bulletin each month. Mal Gran, the creator of our local website, constantly keeps it updated. Thank you Mal! I would be remiss if I did not thank our outstanding Board of Directors for their dedication, and hard work.

May you all have a very Happy New Year and may 2018 be a Healthy and Peaceful one!

Barbara Nussbaum

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Barbara". The script is elegant and cursive, matching the printed name above it.

## SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, January 16 11:30 a.m.

### **Diane Steinbrink Lecture Amy Herzog-A New Jewish Voice In American Theatre.**

*Keneseth Israel*  
(Meeting And Luncheon)

Thursday, **May 3**, 2018 Painting with a Twist

**Note: May 3 is a corrected date**

### **Program Details TO BE ANNOUNCED But Save these Dates!**

- Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (Evening Program)
- Tuesday, May 8, 2018 luncheon program (details to follow).
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018 (Closing Luncheon)

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- ~Legislative and Advocacy updates
- ~An archive of NCJW Bulletins
- ~Notices and flyers for our fund-raising events
- ~Book Club links
- ~Volunteer Opportunities
- ~Options for Donations

We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!



## Martin Luther King Day of Service

**January 15, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.  
Mitzvah Circle Foundation**

NCJW Philadelphia Section is committed to continue supporting the Mitzvah Circle Foundation. Besides donating clothing, shoes, school supplies, diapers, household items, and food we also have the opportunity to do "hands-on" work at the Mitzvah Circle warehouse on the MLK Day of Service. We have done this in the past and we hope to have an enthusiastic group again this year. It is a wonderful way to have a meaningful multi-generational experience. Bring your children and grandchildren and help to improve the lives of local people who are facing difficult challenges.

Your participation of just a few hours on this national day of service provides support, hope and dignity to individuals and families during times of crises, poverty homelessness and serious illness.

Contact Sherry Kohn-Eisman 215-322-0441

. Let her know that you are ready to perform this important Mitzvah.

## Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)



Prepare breakfast for patients and their families as part of our  
NCJW Guest Chef Program at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House

Two more Sunday mornings this year

March 4      April 8

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Thank you.

Zelda Stern 215 947 2348

**Support Holocaust survivors and liberators as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.**



NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up to The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. The center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and/or facilitating. Please contact me. I will be happy to share details with you. Thank you,

Susan Horwitz [horwitzsusan@yahoo.com](mailto:horwitzsusan@yahoo.com)

### **Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Trafficking**

Household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper (single-ply only!), personal grooming products.... also NEW single bed sheets and non-perishable food.



Section members attended a December 5 rally in Harrisburg in support of "safe harbor" anti-trafficking legislation.

L to R: Sherry Kohn-Eisman, Lynne Jacobs, Rhonda Mandel, Janet Ecksel, and Linda Lempert.

### **Mazel Tov to:**

Adrienne Feuer on the birth of her great granddaughter Sienna Rose.

Marcy Aronow on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Samantha Segal.

Gladys Greenfield in honor of the birth of her great granddaughter Sarah Miriam.

### **Speedy Recovery to:**

Cindi Pasceri and her granddaughter, Chloe.

Also to Francee Black and Sandy Roeberg.

### **Correction:**

A caption under the picture of volunteers at the Reproductive Justice Mixer in the November Bulletin misspelled the name of Cindi Pasceri.

### Center City Book Club

Wednesday, January 10

*All I Love and Know* by Judith Frank

Discussion Leader: Helene Sternberg

### Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 pm

*Another Brooklyn* by Jacquelyn Woodson

RSVP to Nancy Fagan at 215-643-3215

or [nfaganmsw@gmail.com](mailto:nfaganmsw@gmail.com)

### Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, December 28

*A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline  
at the home of Betsy Parziale,  
facilitator Sandy Fryer

Thursday, January 25

*Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks  
at the home of Sandy Fryer,  
facilitator Roz Fudel

Thank you to Selma Tolin for hosting in October

For more information please call Joyce Avrach at  
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### Welcome to Nine Months of New Members

Judy D. Beck.

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JoAnn Caplan

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Linda Freed

Shelly Friedman

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Renee Scholowitz

Sheila Seidman

Susan Snellenburg

Betsy Sterhthal

Patricia Tagliolini

Sondra Tucker

Lyn Tuckman

Susan Weber

Lea Wecht

Rebecca Zaslow

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

Do You Know a Prospective Member? Please contact:

Wendy Rader

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## NCJW National Policy Updates

On the Hill Update: December 8, 2017

Budget and Tax

### Harmful Tax Plans Move Forward

House and Senate Republican lawmakers are working behind closed doors — without including Democrats — to reconcile the House and Senate-passed tax bills, the most cruel and destructive tax plans in recent memory. Among countless onerous provisions, the Senate plan would repeal the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate, leaving 13 million individuals uninsured but “saving” the federal government over \$300 billion to make corporate tax breaks permanent. The House version would gut the Johnson Amendment by allowing all tax-exempt organizations, including houses of worship, to endorse candidates — upending the entire charitable sector and turning houses of worship into tools of political campaigns; and would allow 529 educational savings accounts to benefit an “unborn child,” codifying fetal personhood — long a priority of anti-abortion proponents. Both measures include a massive tax cut for the wealthiest and corporations along with an equally massive price tag of at least a trillion dollars. Lawmakers are expected to resolve the differences in the two plans soon, with votes in both the House and Senate, and a final-passed version on the president's desk for his signature prior to Christmas

### Gun Violence Prevention

#### House Passes Concealed Carry

The House of Representatives passed (231-198) HR 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, **opposed by NCJW**, on December 6th. The bill would override existing state laws and allow dangerous, untrained individuals to carry guns in every state and every city. Included in the measure was a bipartisan fix to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), **supported by NCJW**, that would incentivize reporting of legal and mental health records. Sights now turn to the Senate and their versions of both measures: the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (S 446) and the Fix NICS Act of 2017 (S 2135), where votes are expected later this month.

**Take Action:** Call your senators using the Capitol Switchboard (202-224-3121). Tell them to oppose the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (S 446), which would have deadly consequences, and to support the Fix NICS Act of 2017 (S 2135), which would save lives.

Sample Script: Hi, my name is [X], and I am member of the National Council of Jewish Women from [City, State]. I urge Senator X to oppose federally-mandated concealed carry reciprocity (S446) as it would make our communities less safe. Instead, I urge you to support the Fix NICS Act of 2017 (S 2135), which would save lives by increasing the submission of domestic violence records to NICS.

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact

Harriet Winokur  
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Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:30 a.m.

Diane Steinbrink Lecture  
Amy Herzog - A New Jewish Voice In American Theatre



Diane will discuss the family background and work of Amy Herzog, a significant new and prolific playwright. It will feature monologues of some of the significant characters from her plays, *After the Revolution*, *The Great God Pan*, *Belleville*, and *4000 Miles* which was nominated for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for drama. Diane will also discuss Herzog's moving new play, *Mary Jane*.



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