National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

A BELIEF IN ACTION

January, 2019

125 YEARS OF POWERFUL JEWISH WOMEN

NCJW confronts today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families. Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. Your voice has never been more essential and our voices together make a meaningful difference in the world.

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One Flyer enclosed



Raise your voice in our nation's capital: April 7-9, 2019

Join NCJW in Washington, DC for Washington Institute 2019 (WI 2019) to learn from experts, strengthen your advocacy skills, connect with activists from across the country, and storm Capitol Hill to meet with your lawmakers and their staff on critical issues!

All events will be at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center 775 12th St. NW, Washington, DC 20005.

At Washington Institute you will:

- Strengthen your advocacy and leadership skills through interactive trainings.
- Deepen your knowledge of the most pressing issues of the day through expert briefings and programs throughout the conference.
- Get inspired by our amazing speakers who are on the frontlines of making change happen.
- Network with smart, outspoken, and daring progressive people from across the country.
- Experience the dynamic energy of the nation's capital as you take your message to Congress.
- Return home reinvigorated and inspired to continue your social justice work with new skills, ideas, and knowledge!

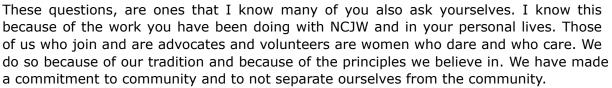
For much more information: https://www.ncjw.org/washingtoninstitute
Interested in contacting our NCJW section members who have and will be attending the Washington
Institute? Here are two you can email:

Barbara Nussbaum

barban@aol.com>
Lynne Jacobs <|jacobs816@gmail.com>

President's Message

As the calendar year of 2018 come to a close, I ask myself a few questions? Am I able to continue to live my life as someone who cares about social justice? Am I still committed to those values that I set over the Jewish High Holidays? Do I still try to improve my life and that of others and am I able to set new goals and strengthen relationships with others?





Rabbi Hillel said, "Do not separate from the congregation." The commentary on this basically means that we all belong to several congregations and communities where we are important members. We are members of our families, our friends, and various organizations and groups. Each one of these gives us strength where we know we are not alone and where we can stand together.

I know I am proud to be part of our NCJW community and involved in it with you. You all give me strength and hope to continue to work on behalf of social justice and community service both here and in Israel.

My New Year's resolution is to continue to work together with you to do acts of Chesed and Tikkun Olam. I feel blessed to know and work with so many of you. I want to thank our wonderful Board of Directors and Committee members and volunteers who have given of themselves this past year. WE are blessed to be part of NCJW's 125-year history and may we continue to find success in our communal achievements.

Wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy Secular New Year!

Barbara

SAVE THE DATES

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Holiday Calendar

Purim Mar 21, 2019 Th Pesach

Apr 20, 2019 Sat.-Sun.

BOARD MEETINGS

January 8 Tuesday, meet at KI at 11a.m. Program follows board meeting.

February, NO BOARD MEETING

March 5, ... Tuesday, 1:pm at GIANT (12:30pm to chat)

April 16, Tuesday, 1:pm at GIANT

May, 7, Tuesday, 1:pm at GIANT

Tuesday, January 8, 2019. 12:45 p.m.
Movie Matinee & Theater Snacks
Ellis Island Documentary
" Island Of Hope, Island Of Tears"
Free event

Wednesday May 1, 2019 at 2 PM
Spring Theater Trip
People's Light in Malvern
For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday
by Sarah Ruhl

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 NCJW Goes to Broadway Tootsie

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Elaine Gordon Rosenstein Barbara Pace Noreen Rounick

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

have.

Please contact: Wendy Rader Judy Fried

WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com or judyfried38@gmail.com 215 657-9347 215 245-1309

We will be delighted to send out membership packets. *Membership Dues: Annual \$40 (Be an Angel \$50)

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page

Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section"

*Good news! Our dues have not increased and remain at \$40.

For an additional \$10 you can achieve "angel" 😇 status which increases the number of people we can assist.

WE ARE ONLINE

www.ncjwphiladelphia.org

- ~Photographs of member events supporting our goals
- ~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!



If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Harriet Winokur harrietwinokur@gmail.com

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National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights. We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our National web site is www.NCJW.org



Spring Theater Trip to People's Light in Malvern

For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday by Sarah Ruhl

Wednesday May 1, 2019 at 2 PM

Five middle-aged siblings crack jokes, argue politics, and mourn their recently deceased father over a bottle of Jameson in their childhood home. Ann, the oldest, reminisces about her star turn as Peter Pan at the local children's theater fifty years ago, and now leads her siblings on one final journey to Neverland as they confront growing old and growing up.

Tickets: \$34.

We will arrange car pools to get there and plan to have lunch first at a nearby restaurant. Friends are welcome!

Please let Lynne Jacobs know by December 15 if you want a ticket, so she will know how many to reserve, and feel free to contact her with questions. Ijacobs816@gmail.com

Last Chance to sign up: December 28



Condolences:

to Beverly Sufian on the loss of her sister.

NCJW is committed to creating a world where all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, or immigration status, have the right to build their families and live their lives with dignity. Our Jewish values teach us that our reproductive freedoms are integrally bound to our religious liberty; we are committed to advancing the goals of reproductive justice so that every person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and family.

Since its founding, NCJW has been a leader in the reproductive health and rights movement, and while much advancement has been made in the past 100 years to legally secure a person's right to abortion and contraception, there is so much more that needs to be done to truly ensure reproductive freedom for all.

Reproductive health, rights, and justice goes beyond the basics of reproduction. It requires us to dig deeper, advocate louder, and love harder. It requires us to center the voices of those who have been marginalized at the center to lead the conversation for social change.

Until every person has the power to make their own informed decisions about their body, sexuality, and future, our work is not over.

From Nancy Kaufman, CEO of the National Council of Jewish Women The case for reauthorizing VAWA



As a new government shutdown deadline looms and Congress debates which federal programs to fund, one thing is clear: women's lives are not a part of their equation. For so many of our elected officials, building a border wall is a bigger priority than protecting the one in four women who experience severe intimate partner violence.

The solution is also clear (even if it doesn't go far enough), reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which has already led to a 72 percent decline in partner violence by providing critical social services to survivors of abuse.

It sank into the purgatory of short-term funding extensions while efforts to authorize its renewal went nowhere. Funding has been given a temporary reprieve as part of the current continuing resolution that keeps the government operating until Dec. 21. But let's be clear, that is only a stopgap measure.

VAWA will expire altogether if it is not reauthorized for extended periods, as it has been in the past.

How did we get here? Just a few short weeks ago, the national conversation focused on sexual assault and violence against women in the context of the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to fill a lifetime appointment on our nation's highest court. The Kavanaugh hearing perfectly reflected the real institutional attitudes toward ending violence against women — speak platitudes and then do nothing. It's no wonder survivors don't come forward, choose not to report and data only scratches the surface of what's really going on behind closed doors and in workplaces across the country.

The 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) was enacted in the wake of the Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill hearing and the "Year of the Woman" elections of 1992 when record numbers of women gained office. It was championed by then-Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.) who failed to stop the appointment of Thomas to the Supreme Court after the Anita Hill Judiciary Committee hearings.

The landmark legislation is a primary source of federal funds for rape crisis centers, shelters, and legal assistance programs that serve those affected by sexual violence. It has been improved over the years, with provisions added to address sexual violence on campus, LGBTQ individuals, native women, and additional Uvisas immigrant women escaping sexual assault. Until its most recent expiration, it had always been renewed with bipartisan support.

The latest iteration of VAWA was introduced by Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee(D-Texas) with 173 sponsors, all Democrats. Her proposal is based on extensive consultation with service providers, advocates, law enforcement, and other experts. In contrast, senators have yet to introduce a companion bill in the Senate. Indeed, six of the male senators now on the Senate Judiciary Committee voted against renewal of VAWA in 2013. We shouldn't be surprised. Time and time again, Congress has refused to enact sexual harassment policies that protect its own members and staff.

In February, the House approved stronger protections for survivors of harassment and abuse by staff and lawmakers, only for the Senate to water down the terms in May. Then, in the midst of the Kavanaugh uproar, seven women who complained openly about suffering from sexual harassment while working in Congress, lost patience. They went public in a letter demanding that both houses of Congress agree on reforms to Capitol Hill's misconduct policing system, calling it "antiquated, unfair, and traumatizing." Their calls for change have gone unanswered. It's not just partisanship that poisons the well; institutional interests on both sides of the Capitol are reflected in negotiations that have yet to result in protections for congressional staff.

Is it any wonder that so many people, and women in particular, are disaffected or worse by watching the inaction in the 115th Congress in general, and specifically regarding sexual harassment and assault?

The 115th Congress has a final chance to get this right. They can reauthorize VAWA before it expires on Dec. 21 and we can all go into the holiday recess with a win for women.

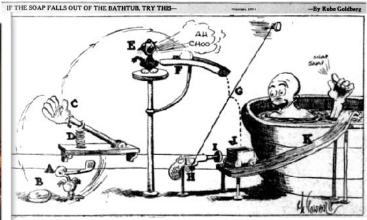
And what if they don't?

The 116th Congress must pick up the mantle and do the right thing. The incoming class of legislators in the U.S. House of Representatives is the most diverse in history. Elected with a focus on protecting health care coverage including abortion access, preventing gun violence, and so many other issues supported by the American people, we hope the House will also prioritize reauthorizing and increasing protections for those victimized and traumatized by sexual violence and harassment. We've learned too much from data collected through VAWA and in the hundreds of thousands of new voices and stories shared in the wake of the Kavanaugh confirmation. Building on the negligence of the last Congress is not an option.

Rube Garret Lucius Goldberg (1883-1970) Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist

continues to draw an audience to learn and view his illustrations that provided a visual commentary on a breadth of topics such as fashion, sports, gender, politics and international themes.





Hosting our tour of the Rube Goldberg exhibit are Charlotte Schwartz. on the right, our NCJW Section VP of Community Services with Resa Levinson, retired teacher. Both are docents at the National Museum of American Jewish History

Sunday, December 2,2018 Breakfast at Ronald Mc Donald House at St Christopher's Hospital



Thank you to Judy Fried for sponsoring the Ronald Mc Donald breakfast on December 2 in honor of the special birthday of her husband, Richard.





The Birthday Honoree

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL!

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members and guests gathered to honor 70 years of Israel's statehood. The program included Israel's history, proclamation of Independence, and Israel's achievements over the last 70 years. NCJW's work in Israel on behalf of women, children and Families was featured as well.



Left to right, top row. Margie Zukerman, Char Kurland, Margaret deRouleaux, Paula Burstyn Goldberg, Barb Nussbaum, Sherri Minkoff, Janet Ecksel, Lynda Myers Bottom Row ...Diane Steinbrink, Diane Plotnick, Lynne Jacobs

OUR CELEBRANTS!!!









"Portraits" of three of our speakers, left to right: Diane Steinbrink, Diane Plotnik, and Paula Burstyn Goldberg.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: Cindi Pasceri, Diane Plotnik, and Diane Steinbrink.



Afternoon Book Club

Jan. 24 *Pachinko* by Min Lee

Feb. 28 When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

For more information: Contact Joyce at MsJoyce1716@gmail.com or 215-402-0287



Wed. Jan. 9th, 7 P.M. Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng Host: Laurie Lisa Leader: Maryellen Blass

Thank you to Gwen Freedman for hosting and to Eleanor Levie for leading our December meeting.

For information contact Audrey Block ablock1919@comcast.net

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m. Pachinko by Min Jin Lee RSVP to Charlotte at 215-643-7542 or charlotters6@comcast.net

Thank you to Lee Tonik for hosting and Joan Sax for leading our December meeting.

For information about the Evening Book Club... contact Joan Sax at 215-740-7263 or joansax@comcast.net.



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News about our Membership Social Committee!

We are looking for members who would like to plan and participate in activities such as lunches, movies followed by discussions, cards, bridge, Mahjong or whatever might interest you.

We are hoping to form geographic groups in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Looking forward to expanding this new avenue of membership. If you are interested please contact Ann Pollock, Chairperson for the Membership Social Committee at Apollock1229@yahoo.com or 215 806-4068.



Once again you all have the opportunity to participate in one of our favorite activities, "Goodies for the Good Guys". If you've done it before we hope you will sign up again and if you've never been part of this, now is the time to try something new. All you need to bring are cookies and/or seasonal candy and a happy, generous attitude. Home made or store bought makes no difference. We will make up trays to be distributed to local police, fire, first responders and hospital ERs, who work on Christmas. Delivering the trays is the best part because we are always

met with big smiles of gratitude from all the folks who take such good care of us year round.

Contact:

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Sign up for Martin Luther King Day at Mitzvah Circle Mitzvah Circle has changed its sign up procedure for MLK Day. You must go to their website, click on volunteer and go to the calendar. Each person must sign up individually including grandchildren. The spots are going quickly. After you sign up, please email me at kohnsherry@gmail.com so I can keep a count.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House provide breakfast and more to families staying there from out-of-town while their critically ill children receive treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital. To all participants in this "nourishing" program, know that you make a meaningful difference. Unforgettable are the words of one parent who looked at our volunteer group and said, wistfully, "this is what my mother would do for me if she could be here." Interested in becoming a volunteer? Prepare breakfast for

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

Upcoming Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. March 10 April 7

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Call Zelda Stern at 215-394-8335



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteers at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our fourth year. Work with our first and second graders to help them accomplish pre-reading and higher reading skills with our one to one concentrated time and encouragement.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-836-5993 or email hgranncjw@gmail.com.



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 for 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,

Judy Fried (215) 245-1309 judyfried38@gmail.com

Sponsoring an event for a minimum of \$100.00 in honor of a special event or person in your life, or in memory of an important person is a great way to do a double mitzvah! You are honoring the person or event and helping NCJW. You can share this sponsorship between friends. Your name (or names) will be on the invitation flyer. This is a lovely and meaningful way to support our NCJW section!

Please consider sponsoring an upcoming event.

Just call Patti First at 215 887-1888 or Ellen Mirbach at 215-771-5311 and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Call Gladys Greenfield 215 635 4244 or Sue Leon 215 653 0773. Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each. You may purchase the cards at a meeting or call Gladys or Sue and they will send a card for you.

INCLUDE NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section in your estate planning, You can help its important work continue for years to come.

Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like NCJW to recognize?

We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure. What a great way to share by making a donation to our Greater Philadelphia Section. For information, call 215-302-3586 and leave a message for Pearl Tragash, Treasurer.



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

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ITS TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Call us at 215-302-3586.

National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

MOVIE MATINEE & THEATER SNACKS

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

1:30 pm



ELLIS ISLAND DOCUMENTARY ISLAND OF HOPE, ISLAND OF TEARS FREE EVENT MOVIE MATINEE & THEATER SNACKS

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luthe King Day of Service	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		