

National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

A BELIEF IN ACTION[®]

October 2018

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.

Become A Member

Call us at
215-302-3586

Visit us at
ncjwphiladelphia.org

NCJW National Priority: Promote the Vote/Protect the Vote

The all-important mid-term elections will be held on **NOVEMBER 6**.

Be aware of whether or not you are in a new congressional voting district in Pennsylvania.

In Pennsylvania we will elect the following federal and state officials:

Federal: One U. S. senator for PA and ALL Pennsylvania seats in the U. S. Congress.

State: Candidates in the even numbered districts in the Pennsylvania State Senate and all Pennsylvania State House representatives to Harrisburg.

MUCH IS AT STAKE: reproductive rights, public school funding, access to affordable health care, U.S. federal court system, voting rights, protecting entitlements e.g. medicare, social security, etc.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION: Voter registration DEADLINE is OCTOBER 9. Online registration is available at this website: www.pavoterservices.pa.gov. You may also print out an absentee ballot request from the same website. OCTOBER 30 is the DEADLINE to request an absentee ballot. but it is wise to fill the ballot out ASAP and mail it back to the Board of elections for your county of residence.

Members will again let you know by email:

--How to locate your polling place

--Who the incumbents and the challengers are

--How to find out candidates' views and voting records.

FOR THOSE NCJW MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET: Please call the NCJW phone number **(215) 302-3586**. Leave your name and phone number and a member of the NCJW advocacy committee will return your call with the information you need. Also, call the NCJW number if you need a ride to the polls.

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Taste of Culture
Pearl Buck House
Tour and Lunch

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Join us for a guided tour of Nobel Prize winning author Pearl Buck's homestead located on 60 acres in Bucks County where she lived and wrote for 40 years. The house is filled with many Chinese and personal artifacts that highlight her many years in China which shaped her life.



Annual Membership Luncheon

Tuesday, October 30, 2018
at 10:00 a.m.



Boutique Shopping with your favorite vendors
and Hors d'oeuvres until noon
followed by
Luncheon and Fabulous Fashion Show

President's Message

Our High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the time in which we plan and set our goals for the coming year are now past. None of these goals will happen overnight. They need constant work and reminders in order to come to fruition. The sound of the shofar ushered in the hopes and dreams we have, not only as individuals, but for the work we do in NCJW.

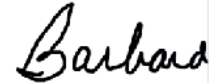
Our opening September program/luncheon was a wonderful gathering of over 75 women both veteran members as well as many new members and guests. I could not have been prouder as I looked around the room and saw our Advocacy committee members encouraging everyone to get out and vote on November 6. I could not have been prouder during the announcement of our newest Community Service project being planned at our adopted Ben Franklin elementary school. (you will learn more about this). I could not have been prouder when I met so many new members and listened to what is being planned for our members this coming month and year: new ideas and activities.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of NCJW, the oldest Jewish Women's Organization in the United States. Over these 125 years, NCJW has advanced social change through advocacy and community service across generations. We continue to fight for the reproductive health rights of women, continue to engage in social justice to preserve and promote equality for all women, children and families, fight for religious freedom, safeguard the rights of immigrants and refugees, and do what we can to fight sex trafficking and pursue legislative action to ensure all of these. This is who we are!

Our commitment is strong and we will remind ourselves throughout the year of the goals we set during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur so they WILL come to fruition. WE can only do this with YOUR help. Please commit yourself to getting involved with one or more of our many activities and causes. I promise you will feel wonderful and have so much fun with our NCJW sisters. Read our Bulletin thoroughly and go to our NCJWPhiladelphia.org website to learn more. You will find great personal reward in the work we do in addition to helping others.

Our next observance is the Festival of Succoth, a transition from the Days of Awe. Succoth reminds us of our ancestors wandering in the dessert; a harvest festival when we build a dwelling in a booth and wave branches and fruit. Succoth is a joyous holiday. Let us all hope that we will be able to rejoice over the next several months as we see the results of the fruits of our labor.

B'Shalom,
Barbara Nussbaum



Note: A SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank all of you who participated in our Personal Giving/Annual Campaign. Because of you, and our Chair, JUDY WENZEL, who worked so hard to make this possible, we surpassed last year's goal. Your gifts will help our section do the wonderful work we do.



OFFICERS 2018-2019

<i>President</i>	Barbara Nussbaum	<i>Community Services Vice President</i>	Charlotte Schwartz
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Lynne Jacobs
NCJW National Board Director and Pennsylvania Policy Advocate

Harriet Gran, Editor
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Mal Gran, Website Manager

SAVE THE DATES

EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 1:00pm
Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
NCJW goes to Broadway
Pretty Woman

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 10:30 a.m.
Taste of Culture
Pearl Buck House Tour

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Annual Membership Luncheon
Vendor Boutique & Fashion Show
Green Valley Country Club.

Sunday, November 4, 2018
Ronald McDonald House Guest Chefs

Thursday, November 8, 2018 1:00pm
Board of Directors meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
Trivia Night

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Ronald McDonald House Guest Chefs

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 1:00pm
Board of Directors meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2018
Happy Birthday Israel Celebration

Holiday Calendar

shemini atzeret
yizkor
Oct 1

simhat torah
Oct 2

Chanukah
Dec 3-10, 2018 M-M
Purim
Mar 21, 2019 Th
Pesach
Apr 20-21, 2019 Sa-Su

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Marcia Hyman

Joan Beste

Brenda Goodis

Anne Markowitz

Bonnie Rothstein

Denise Schwartz

Our Angels:

Nancy D. Ginter.

Linda Brosgol

Sandra Rosner

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

Please contact: Wendy Rader
WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com or Judy Fried
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.

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

Best wishes to:

Sherry Kohn on the birth of her granddaughter.
Harriet Winoker on the birth of her granddaughter.
Wendy Rader on the engagement of her son.

Condolences to:

Sandy Chaefsky and her family on the loss of beloved son, Todd.

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

Membership Committee!

Welcome to Ann Pollock, our new Social Membership Committee Chairperson.

Would you like to join in planning social events, getting to know others and helping our members feel welcome?

Do you know a prospective member? If so, please contact us, we'd love to hear from you.

Wendy Rader
WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215-657-9347
Judy Fried
judyfried38@gmail.com 215-245-1309

Afternoon Book Club

October 25
When Breath Becomes Air
by Paul Kalanithi
Hosted by Selma Tolin

November 15
Pachinko by Min Lee
Hosted by Wendy Rader

December 20
Beartown
by Frederik Bachman
Hosted by Roz Fudell

For more information:
Contact Joyce at
barryjoy@aol.com
or 215-402-0287

Center City Book Club

October 10, 7p.m.
The Address by Fiona Davis
Leader - Joanne Stoloff
at the home of Sandy Finkle
Thanks to Judith Ginsberg for
hosting and facilitating our Sept.
meeting. Great evening.

For information contact:
Audrey Block
215-688-0094 or
ablock1919@comcast.net

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, October 16
Ali & Nino by Kurban Said
Host: Evy Goldhammer
Facilitator: Tammy Hertzbach

A big thank you to co-hosts Etta Nissman and Tammy Hertzbach for our delicious August Book Club luncheon. Thanks also to Etta for "serving up" a great book discussion on Little Fires Everywhere.

IT'S EASY TO ORDER YOUR BOOKS
USING OUR WEBSITE BOOK CLUB PAGE
ncjwphiladelphia.org

With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon or to your Kindle.
Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section



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!

\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS
GIANT cards are available to purchase.
Please contact
Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424
(Note: this is a new number)



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



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

Upcoming Sunday mornings

September 23. November 4. December 2

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

Susan Horwitz horwitzsusan@yahoo.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](tel:215-887-1888) or Ellen Mirbach at [215-771-5311](tel: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.



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



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

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS.....



MUCH ADO ABOUT SOMETHING!

There were many elements to preparing for this year's NCJW section's volunteer program at our adopted k-8 school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary: providing school supplies in time for students' return; planning our move from the school annex to the main building; meetings with Principal Ros Sample-Green to identify grade and classroom assignments and an appropriate tutoring site.

AND MORE GOOD NEWS..... our VP Community Services Chair, Charlotte Schwartz, spearheaded plans to provide clothing assistance to students, K-8, in need of clothing conforming with school uniform colors (blue) and warm attire for the winter. We now have a school closet, key included, dedicated to clothing donations from NCJW members and other donors sourced by Charlotte.

AND MORE GOOD NEWS.....Principal Sample-Green shared that an assessment tracking students' reading progress showed our volunteers contributed significantly to students attaining higher reading levels

Interested in joining our school volunteer group? Call me at 215-836-5993 or email me at hgranncjw@gmail.com.

Harriet Gran

SHOP

NCJW members purchase book bags and school supplies for K-8 students attending our adopted school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.



PACK

Forming our NCJW section's "backpacking assembly line", left to right are: Amy Beitman, Charlotte Schwartz, Harriet Gran, Susan Horwitz, and Lee Tonik.



DELIVER

NCJW volunteers team up with Ben Franklin School staff to move our donated supplies in on the first day of school opening for staff.



**NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members
in search of
"Supreme Justice"**



Janet Ecksel speaks at the Philadelphia rally, sharing heartbreaking stories of women before Roe vs. Wade.

Three of our NCJW section members at the **Unite for Justice Rally** protested the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court because of the risk he poses to women's reproductive rights, environmental and worker protections, LGBTQ rights, quality healthcare, affirmative action and public education as well as his opposition to a ban on background checks for semi-automatic weapons. Left to right, Lynne Jacobs, NCJW National Board Director and Pennsylvania Policy Advocate, Joyce Ecksel, NCJW section member and Eleanor Levie, NCJW volunteer advocate

and...

A coalition of advocates shared their alarm with the current nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court, Brett Kavanaugh's judicial record and statements which could jeopardize women's reproductive rights, and consumer, environmental and worker protections. Also at issue with the nominee's congressional review is the lack of transparency, a rushed process and a lack of access to relevant materials. They requested and were granted a meeting with Senator Patrick Toomey's staff in the Senator's Philadelphia Office. Advocates, Eleanor Levie, NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section, Tam St. Claire, President Emeritus of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition, and Barbara Price, Co-Chair of Public Policy, American Association of University Women-PA, also penned a letter to Senator Toomey and his staff to document their concerns. (You can see the letter on our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's website)



Advocates outside Senator toomey's office. Left to right: Eleanor Levie, Tam St. Claire, and Barbara Price



Advocates meeting with Toomey staff, standing left to right Steve Kelly, Allentown Office Mgr. and Philip Innamorato, Philadelphia Office Mgr. Included in the meeting on video conference were D.C. legislative aides Sam Heyrich and Dan Sullivan.

Advocacy Committee report on efforts to get out the vote for the midterm elections.

Our primary effort this fall is to get out the vote for the midterm elections.

Almost all of our NCJW members have been contacted by phone alerting them to the deadlines to be registered to vote, apply for an absentee ballot and the deadline for the completed ballot to be mailed in to their county board of elections. In doing so we were able to help several women with obtaining an absentee ballot application. We even mailed absentee ballot applications to those of our members who do not have internet. During our opening meeting, Advocacy Committee members spread out among all the tables to answer questions and take down names of members who do not have internet access.

MOVING FORWARD

We found that most of our members are quite aware of the elections and the deadlines. Our next communication with our membership will be via e-mail blasts on where to find information for ALL PA STATE LEGISLATORS, websites to obtain information about them, and websites to help voters find their polling place, etc. For members, who need a ride to the polls, you can call the NCJW phone number at 215-302-3856. Member Elva Davis has volunteered to coordinate rides.

For women who do not have internet, we will send out postcards with info similar to that sent via e-mail, but tailoring the information specific to their polling place. We need to make an effort at every meeting to find those who do not have internet so we can get information to them.

We still need to develop a printed card with midterm election info on it – such as websites to find your polling place, who the candidates are....etc. Most likely we will include the League of Women voters website: vote411.org and the Committee of seventy's website. We hope that NCJW board members will distribute these cards to public places: libraries, markets such as Wegman's, Acme, and synagogues in their residential areas.

Linda Lempert

Linda Lempert
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Elkins Park, PA 19027
215-884-5906
Lindalempert@verizon.net

A BIG THANK YOU for a Big UNDERTAKING!

Our Advocacy Committee members made calls to the entire membership to encourage voting in the upcoming mid-term November 6 election. I salute the committee members: Judy Beck, Arlene Spector, Janet Ecksel, Phyllis Barsky, Carol Aronoff, Susan Brooks, Gerrie Greene, Rhonda Mandel, and Elva Davis, who worked under the leadership of Advocacy VPs Betsy Parziale and Linda Lempert.

In addition, we are grateful to Diane Morgan, who contacted many synagogues in the area to get our voter information sheets distributed throughout the community.

--Lynne Jacobs, PA Policy Advocacy Chair

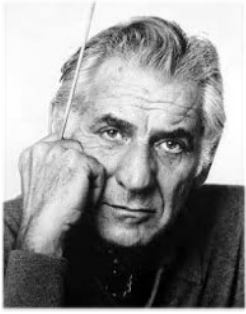


Check out the NCJW Action Center at
www.ncjw.org/act/

For over a century, NCJW has been at the forefront of social change. NCJW members and supporters are outspoken champions for progressive policies at the federal, state, and local levels. Over the years, NCJW's collective voice has changed the world for the better -- impacting the lives of women, children, and families in the US and Israel.

Learn more. Speak out. And make your mark on history.

**NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's Opening Program
A Retrospective On The Life Of Composer, Conductor Leonard Bernstein.**



Dr. Moylan Mills, Professor Emeritus of Integrative Arts at Penn State captivates our large NCJW audience with his presentation on the life of Conductor, Composer Leonard Bernstein



West Side Story was an astonishing success and the realization of Bernstein's long term ambition to produce an opera.



Sharing smiles with the outcome of a well-attended and well-received program are (left to right): Joyce Eveloff, Program V.P., Barbara Nussbaum, NCJW Section President, Margie Zuckerman, Program V.P., and program speaker, Dr. Moylan Mills.

Not pictured, Char Kurland, program VP

Join us in Washington, DC in April



**Save the date for Washington Institute
April 7- 9, 2019**

Test your memory (once again) at



Trivia Night



Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 pm

Tavern on Pine
2840 Pine Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 (near Philmont CC)

Benefit NCJW by joining us for a fun-filled night of team competition, camaraderie and prizes.

Bring your spouses and
friends.

\$15 per person to play

Dinner available on your own from a limited menu for faster service

Mail your check payable to NCJW
along with names of participants by November 1st to:

Joan Sax
436 Kenwood Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Questions...Joan Sax 215-947-9166 or e-mail to
joansax@comcast.net



National Council of Jewish Women

Harriet Winokur
732 Johns Lane
Ambler, PA
19002-2616

October

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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The Greater Philadelphia Section of
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The tour will be followed by a box lunch on site.

Please send your check payable to NCJW with your menu choices by **Wednesday, October 10** to

Susan Horwitz
1324 Robinhood Road
Meadowbrook, PA 19046

Questions: Joan Sax 215-947-9166 or Susan Horwitz 215-680-4569

Name _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Please circle one choice for each item:

Sandwich: Chicken Salad, Turkey, Tuna Salad, Veggie

Side: Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Apple

Bread: Croissant, Ciabatta, Wheat, Rye

Dessert: Chocolate Cookie, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Brownie

Beverage: Lemonade, Iced Tea, Diet Iced Tea, Water

Note: Please submit one form for each attendee.

**The Greater Philadelphia Section of
National Council of Jewish Women
invites you to join us for our**



**Annual Membership Luncheon
and not to be missed vendor boutique**

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**Green Valley Country Club
201 West Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA**

**Boutique Shopping with your favorite vendors
and Hors d'oeuvres until noon
followed by a
Luncheon and Fabulous Fashion Show
by Designs by Karen**

Members \$55.00 Guests \$60.00

**Please mail your check payable to NCJW by October 18, 2018
in order to guarantee your seating request to:**

Harriet Winokur, 732 Johns Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

**Questions: Call Membership Vice Presidents Judy Fried at 215 245-1309
or Wendy Rader at 215 657-9347**

Please bring school supplies to be donated to our adopted Philadelphia elementary school

NAME _____ PHONE _____
PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YOURSELF AND EACH OF YOUR GUESTS.

NAMES _____
Salmon Filet with Honey Soy Lime Glaze

NAMES _____
Chicken Piccata with Capers and Lemon

NAMES _____
Roasted Seasonal Vegetables and Quinoa

If you have any special food requirements please call Judy or Wendy

Please seat me with: