

National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

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November, 2019

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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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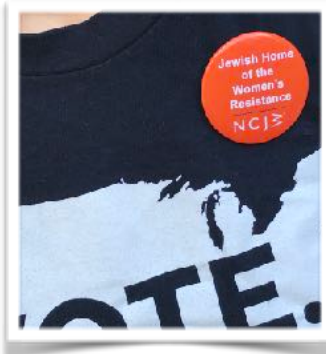
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Three Flyers enclosed

VOTING IS THE KEY TO PROTECTING ALL OF OUR RIGHTS !!!

At stake NOW:

- NCJW will continue to oppose restrictions which undercut women's established reproductive rights. The Supreme Court's decision to hear a restrictive Louisiana abortion law disregards precedent thus undercutting women's established reproductive rights.
- NCJW regards the drastic lowering of Refugee Admissions by Alarming Numbers as an "assault on refugees fleeing persecution and violence".
- NCJW calls on lawmakers to prioritize people over guns and Senate Leader Mitch McConnell to bring gun safety bills to the Senate for consideration.



WE'VE MARCHED!

WE'VE RALLIED!

WE'VE LOBBIED!

NOW WE MUST VOTE!

This may be an off-year election but your votes for judges and other office seekers who support our efforts and values is critical.

Vote on Tuesday, November 5

Co-President's Message

The month of October has been filled with celebrations – from all the Jewish Holidays to our upcoming visit from Beatrice Kahn, the President of NCJW for our membership luncheon. And how can we forget Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO's joining us for our opening luncheon in September? Makes me remember all we have to be grateful for. As we enter November, I have been thinking of my family and our Thanksgiving dinners.

Three of my four grandparents were immigrants. They came to America to escape the persecution of Jews. They struggled to settle here and raise a family while learning English and trying to earn a living. We celebrated the Jewish holidays as a family. I grew up on a street that was predominantly Jewish. Most of us had grandparents who were able to celebrate with us. Some of my friends' grandparents lived with them. We were a community.

Most of the families on Mohican Street bought their row houses when they were built in 1942.

We were the war babies although we didn't know much about the war until we were older. We were a very happy group of friends and neighbors. We played together as a group of kids on a block filled with kids of the same age.

It wasn't until 3rd grade that my sense of belonging felt challenged. I had stayed home to celebrate a Jewish holiday. I went back to school to a rude awakening. My teacher told me my absence note was not acceptable because it said I was out for a Jewish holiday. At eight years old, I was shocked by her words. When I told my mother she was outraged, as apparently were other mothers on our street. Apparently the wrath of the Mohican Street Mothers caused quite a furor. In protest, our mothers kept us home for every holiday that year and nothing was said again.

Thanksgiving was the one holiday that included all of the families on Mohican Street – Jewish and Christian alike. It was the most inclusive holiday of the year for me. We all ate turkey or chicken, stuffing, pumpkin pie, or lemon meringue – depending on whose mother was baking what. We shared the joy of being in America and being free. Not to mention the extra days off from school!

The history books teach us many lessons about that first Thanksgiving so long ago. We learned songs about how we "gather together". Here's what else I remember from lessons learned:

In November of 1621, a successful corn harvest led to the colonists and Native Americans sharing a feast together. The plentifulness of food which included turkey, deer, and fish seemed to foster respect and the communal sharing of their bounty. I was amazed to learn how much the Pilgrims didn't know about farming and how grateful they were to survive. Thus, both groups experienced their differences and interdependence and shared a feast.

I believe acceptance is a part of everything we do. NCJW teaches us how to be accepting of each other, to see the validity of others' viewpoints especially when we feel strongly about an issue. We must see to it that every person is included and respected.

This Thanksgiving I hope we all take a moment to remember that our mission is to "improve the quality of life for women, children and families and safeguard individual rights and freedoms." I am especially grateful for the continued good health of my children and grandchildren. The older I get the more grateful I am for all the blessings I enjoy.

Happy Thanksgiving – a National Holiday we can all share.

B'Shalom,
Cindi



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Jeri Barford Ruth Farber Jill Zipin Dimitra Dimopoulou Teena Sigman Friedman
😊 Barbara Blumberg 😊 Ellen Weiner Lairie Kleinhaus (Life Member) Mary Relles Merle Salkin

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

Please contact: Ellen Mirbach semirbach@gmail.com or Donna Spector queenaheartds@hotmail.com
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We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

Membership Dues: Annual \$45 (Be an Angel \$55 😊)*

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page

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

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

SAVE THE DATES

November 10 Ronald McDonald House breakfast volunteers

November 12 Cooking Class at Giant Market

November 19 Taste of Culture outing to National Museum of American Jewish History for docent led tour of RGB exhibit.

NCJW Section Board Meetings for 2019.

November 6, 2019 9:30 chat, 10:00 meeting

December 10, 2019 12:30 chat, 1:00 meeting

Center City Book Group

Wednesday, November 13
Educated by Tara Westover

Thank you to Laurie Lisa for hosting our Oct. meeting and to Joanne Stoloff for leading a challenging discussion of *Secret Wisdom of the Earth*.

For more information:
Contact Audrey Block at
ablock1919@comcast.net
or phone 215-688-0094



Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, November 21
The Only Woman in the Room
by Marie Benedict.
Hostess: Judy Blumberg

Thanks to Sandy Fryer for hosting and Betsy Parziale for moderating our October 24th meeting.

For more information:
Contact Susan Brooks at
seamcrazy@verizon.net or
215-542-0712

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, November 19
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine
by Gail Honeyman
RSVP to Susan Horwitz
215-938-8569 or
horwitzsusan@yahoo.com

Thank you to Nancy Fagan for hosting and to Etta Nissman for leading the October Meeting.

For more information:
Contact Joan Sax at
215-947-9166 or
joansax@comcast.net.

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.

Contact Ann Pollock for information.
215-773-0594 apollock1229@yahoo.com

MahJong Thursdays

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members are playing MahJong on Thursday afternoons. We meet at Panera on The Fairway at 12:30. If you are interested in playing, please call or text Sherry Kohn Eisman. 215-208-0550



Condolences:

Jackee Swartz on the loss of her husband, Allen.

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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A TASTE OF CULTURE PROGRAM

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

NMAJH will be the first east coast stop for a new exhibition about Justice Ginsburg. Tracing a career that traveled from trailblazer to pop-culture icon (RBG bobble head, anyone?), the upcoming special exhibition *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg* is the first museum retrospective about the extraordinary life of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg. Originated by the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, and based on the New York Times best-selling book of the same name, the visually rich and entertaining exhibition explores RBG's legacy—including her days as a student, her pioneering work as a lawyer and advocate for women's rights, and her precedent-setting role on our nation's highest court.

Petite Breakfast at Beth Sholom 9:00 AM

Carpool from Beth Sholom to the Museum 9:45 AM

101 South Independence Mall East
(5th & Market Streets)

Docent led Museum Tour 11:00 AM

Lunch on your own at the Bourse
or Reading Terminal Market
or anyplace of your choice

You can re-enter the Museum after lunch

RSVP by October 30, 2019

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Members.... \$25.00

Guests....\$30.00

Make checks payable to: NCJW and mail to:

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NATIONAL
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OF
AMERICAN
JEWISH
HISTORY
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 19,
2019



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at Ronald McDonald House at Front St. & Erie Ave. 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? We arrive at

8:15 so we can set up and have food ready by 9:00.

Oct 27 Nov10 Dec 8

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 fifth 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 215-206-1026 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

and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each. Purchase the cards at a meeting or contact Fran Radel and she will send a card for you.
Contact Fran at 610-584-9234 (home) 610-304-3908 (cell) or Email: fran@markradel.com

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.**

A Volunteer Program that Nourishes Receives a Letter of Gratitude

The following letter was sent to NCJW member Zelda Stern who leads our Section's Volunteer Program at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House, which houses families whose children are hospitalized while they are treated for often life threatening illnesses. The breakfasts provide not only physical nourishment but emotional nourishment as well.

If interested in joining Zelda's team of volunteers look for more information on our NCJW Bulletin's page on the many ways to contribute.



Zelda,

Thanks again to all the volunteers from National Council of Jewish Women that provided another great breakfast for our families at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House on Front & Erie yesterday.

We just couldn't provide the services we do without the commitment of caring folks like yourself. We truly extend our gratitude for going the extra mile and look forward to having you serve our families again next month.

Gratefully,

Cheryl Harmon

Volunteer Assistant | Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House
100 E. Erie Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19134

"A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others." (author unknown)



NCJW Philadelphia Section rallies with HIAS in support of refugees.

Rhonda Mandel proudly holds up our NCJW message *FAITH into ACTION* next to Lynne Jacobs' sign, *Rise for Refuge*.



Double the Pleasure

The Evening Book Club takes time from their book discussion to enjoy the Sukkah at Nancy Fagan's home.



Getting news to our members.

A loyal team: left to right Betsy Lewinson, Sandy Fryer, Bobbie Kroungold and Betsy Parziale label and stamp the October Bulletin

A special thanks to Betsy Parziale for picking up the bulletins and stamps and schlepping the bulletins to the post office this month.

Holocaust Survivor Facilitators

Jackee Swartz and Cindi Pasceri are facilitators for Ernie Gross and Don Greenbaum who shared their experience of the Holocaust at Germantown Academy in August.





The focus is on engaging voters in our Democracy at our Opening Luncheon

Lynne Jacobs , our Section’s State Policy Advocate at the podium. Looking on are panelists Laura Richland, Peggy Dator, and Mimi McKenzie, leaders of organizations concerned with the impact of voting outcomes on our democracy.



*Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO, joined in our Section’s Opening Luncheon.



NCJW CEO, Sheila Katz with our Section co-presidents: Cindi Pasceri and Barbara Nussbaum.



Greater Philadelphia Section was well represented at Federation's *Women of Vision* program at the Rittenhouse Hotel where our NCJW CEO, Sheila Katz shared the important work and achievements of our organization.

(L to R) Lynne Jacobs, Jill Zipin, Marilyn Lieberman, Sheila Katz, Judith Ginsberg, Rabbi Lynnda Targan, Eve Berger. (Not pictured - Penni Blaskey)

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Time - 11am to 1pm
Cost - \$ 15.00

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Seating is limited.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 - 7:00pm

Reproductive Justice - The Jewish Perspective

at Congregation Beth Or

239 E Welsh Rd Maple Gen, PA 19002

Congregation Beth Or's Social Justice Committee welcomes everyone for this timely discussion. Panelists include **Rabbi Gregory Marx**, offering the Jewish perspective, and **Dayle Steinberg**, President/CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southeastern PA, providing the history and legal interpretation.

NCJW has taken a strong stand on this issue, and our advocacy materials will be distributed.

Pre-registration required by November 18. Call 215-646-5806.

AND SAVE THIS DATE

Wednesday July 8, 2020 ~ 2 PM

**Summer Theater Outing
to People's Light in Malvern**

Mary Jane by Amy Herzog

A story of a single mother with a chronically ill toddler and the supportive women around her.

Yes, it's quite far away but many of the good seats were already taken!

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW
NATIONALLY CONNECTED WEBSITE**
www.ncjwphiladelphia.org

What's new:

NCJW National will be providing our new site with news, nationally and internationally, and opportunities for all members to engage in actions together.

We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

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DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING & PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 -- 11:30 a.m.

**REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH ISRAEL
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INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNICATION – WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

What's it like when a 70-year-old talks with a 20-year-old and vice versa? Do they really understand each other? How can we bridge our generational gaps by better understanding the experiences, styles, expectations and even the language steeped in each of the four now active generations (traditionalists, baby boomers, gen-x and millennials)?

JT Kendall, the program manager of Temple University's Intergenerational Center, will be our speaker.

RSVP REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE WILL BE SEPARATE TABLES FOR PAID LUNCHEON ATTENDEE SEATING & OTHERS RESERVED FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE PROGRAM ONLY

Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006, Joyce Eveloff (215) 906-4315, Donna Bader (856) 303-9616

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- I am attending the program but do not want to eat any lunch. (FREE FOR MEMBERS)

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Email _____

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November

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