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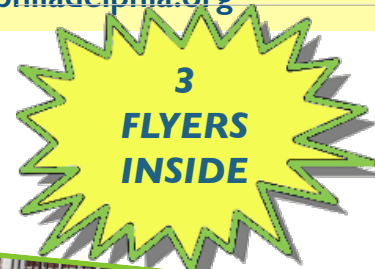
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The tradition of gift giving at Hanukkah has grown over the years. This tradition offers connections with what we, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section do-
THE GIFT OF ADVOCACY.

Once set in motion this is a gift that keeps on giving. Here are some images of our Section's gifts of advocacy.



**WOMENS' MARCH
FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE**



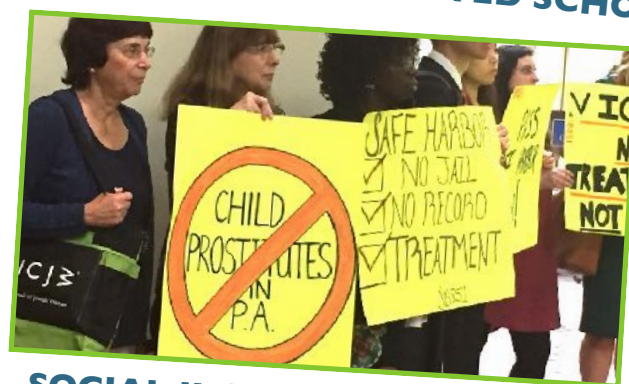
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FAMILIES IN NEED**



**DONATIONS FOR OUR
ADOPTED SCHOOL**



**NURTURING FAMILIES AT
RONALD McDONALD
HOUSE**



**SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS
OF SEX-TRAFFICKING**

ACTION ALERT; We are looking for NCJW MEMBERS from Montgomery and Bucks Counties to go to Harrisburg to support victims of sex trafficking on Tuesday, December 5. Our NCJW Section has worked for 2 plus years for the passage of SB544, The Safe Harbor Bill in the State House of Representatives. This bill was unanimously passed in the State Senate. It would prohibit the prosecution of victims for charges of prostitution and mandate services for the victims of sex-trafficking. A large presence of advocates making visits to legislators' offices and dropping off information can send a strong message of urgency. There will be a press conference at 10:00 AM with speakers from various religious organizations. Please contact Linda Lempert at lindalempert@verizon.net and/or Lynne Jacobs at ljacobs816@gmail.com if you are willing to carpool to Harrisburg. Linda will send out an email should there be any changes to this planned event.

President's Message

As I write to you this month, we will shortly be celebrating the traditional American Holiday of Thanksgiving and soon will be celebrating Hanukkah. I hope that you are able to celebrate with family and friends and cherish those moments.

While I know that we talk about the difficult and challenging world in which we live and our concerns for it, we still must take the time to reflect on those things in which we can be grateful. I want to tell you about how grateful I am and I hope you will feel the same way, for the positive things we have accomplished thus far, in our NCJW section. Let us look at just some of our accomplishments:



- Thanks to all of you, our membership has increased in size.
- Our section has given generous grants to aid in the recovery of communities devastated by hurricanes in Houston, Florida and Puerto Rico.
- We have increased the number of volunteers tutoring in our adopted Philadelphia school, packed and donated back packs for those children and recently raised \$1000 for the school's special project to teach good citizenship to the students.
- We have distributed grant money to benefit the clients of several social service organizations.
- We had a most successful community wide interactive evening to educate the greater community about our federal court system and we will continue to keep on offering information on this important subject. Another bonus was the new members we gained at this event.
- We have been working with and joining many coalition partners to work together to reach common goals. By working together, we are recognized as a premier, advocacy organization.
- We recently had a wonderful Membership and Vendor Boutique day, where we honored our members and gave everyone an opportunity to sign up to volunteer for our community services and advocacy projects.
- We have increased our visibility in the Greater Philadelphia Community via outreach efforts, publicizing our important work and sharing written information with people so they will better understand our mission.
- Our programs and educational activities have focused on the issues of Women in Politics, equal rights for women, as well as engaging in cultural events.
- We have provided meals for families at the Ronald McDonald House.
- We have provided toiletries and clothing to help sex trafficked women as well as brought clothing to the Mitzvah Circle.
- We have now seen the results of our advocacy work in the recent election on November 7th.

With Hanukkah approaching, we celebrate the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem and the significance of lights. Just as we understand the power of the Hanukkah story and the ability of the small to overcome the mighty, our work will continue and we will do even more. I am asking you to consider rededicating yourselves to our NCJW Section by making a financial Tzedakah contribution, at any level you feel comfortable, so we can continue our hard work.. By doing so, we will continue to safeguard individual rights, help needy families and offer you, the opportunity to help others and make the world a better place.

Barbara Nussbaum

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara".

"On behalf of all of us in our Greater Philadelphia Section, I want to thank our Membership team for the wonderful Luncheon and Vender Boutique they created on October 24th. Thank you Judy Fried, Wendy Rader, Harriet Winokur and Sandy Fryer".

Barbara Nussbaum
President

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 21 12:45 p.m.

Movie Day – “Iron Jawed Angels”

The Story of Alice Paul

& the American Suffragette Movement

Free program Popcorn Included

Keneseth Israel

Tuesday, December 19

Teresa Maebori

A Japanese American Tells Her Story

Why It is Especially Important Today

Keneseth Israel (Luncheon)

Tuesday, January 16 11:30 a.m.

Diane Steinbrink Lecture

**Amy Herzog-A New Jewish Voice In
American Theatre.**

Keneseth Israel

(Meeting And Luncheon)

Tuesday, May 8

Painting With A Twist (Details to follow)

Program Details TO BE ANNOUNCED But Save these Dates!

- Tuesday, January 16, 2018
- Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (Evening Program)
- Tuesday, June 5, 2018 (Closing Luncheon)

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!



NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section prepares GOODIES FOR THE GOOD GUYS

in 2 locations

Please help us continue this wonderful NCJW tradition as we assemble trays of delectable homemade, and store bought treats to be delivered to those who must work on Christmas Eve. We deliver our trays to police, firefighters, and hospital and nursing home employees.

We need homemade or store bought cakes, cookies and candy and, most importantly, volunteers to assemble the trays.

We will work on Friday, December 22nd starting at 9:30 a.m. at my home.

If you are unable to help on that day, but would like to contribute “goodies” they can be dropped off at my home but please call first.

Charlotte Schwartz
1315 Cinnamon Drive
Fort Washington, PA
215-817-1774

Lynda Myers will be also be coordinating a GOODIES FOR THE GOOD GUYS at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, December 22 at her Bucks County home at the Meridian in Warrington, PA. Interested volunteers can call Lynda at 215-205-0527. Donations of baked goods would be appreciated.
Thank you all for your help.



Charlotte and Lynda

Martin Luther King Day of Service January 15, 2018

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

Three more Sunday mornings this year
December 3 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

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.

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section Invests in Children

NCJW members attending the October 24 Membership Luncheon raised \$1000 for our adopted Philadelphia School, the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. This was cause for cheer by an ecstatic Principal, Roslyn Sample Green and her faculty.

Our NCJW Volunteers registered similar excitement. In the third year of our volunteering our NCJW group has grown from 5 to 13 volunteers. Franklin is lacking in space for its 1000+ K thru 8th graders. Kindergarteners and first graders have no lunchroom nor playground for recess. What it does have is a staff committed to bringing a measure of joy and meaning to their students' formative years. They have adopted a skill-driven program, Positive Behavioral Incentive System, that focuses on developing children's sense of community, respect for others, and personal responsibility. The costs incurred are for staff training and handbooks, and rewards in the form of monthly student events such as ice cream dances and items delivered to classes on carts, earned by children's behavioral achievements. Our donations can help our adopted school in its life-long goals for their children.

You are welcome to grow our list of volunteers: Susan Horwitz, Barbara Auerbach, Beth Steinman, Roz Fudell, Sandy Chaefsky, Adrienne Feuer, Shelly Friedman, Joan Non, Essie Cutler, Joan Sax, Diane Plotnick, Lee Tonik and Harriet Gran. If interested, please email me at hpncjw@gmail.com or call me at 215-836-5993.



Harriet Gran



Advocacy updates from Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair

Pennsylvania State Budget:

Apparently, HB1401, a bill introduced by state representative Gene Digirolamo of Bucks County to impose a severance tax of 3.2% on the shale gas industry did not pass the state legislature. Despite bi-partisan support (a majority of the state senate and many of the House of Representatives were in favor of this bill), Mike Turzai, Speaker of the Pa House of Representatives) and Mike Reed, the House Majority Leader did not allow a vote. Passage of this bill is crucial to providing revenue to better fund education, health care, and other needs that affect the well-being of our communities. More advocacy information to come.

NOTE: Follow -up to NCJW's program "You be the Judge" can be viewed on the NCJW website at

https://ncjwphiladelphia.org/?page_id=3525

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Lynne Jacobs	<i>National Board Director and Pennsylvania Policy Advocate</i>

Welcome to New Members

Joan Polsky Martha Millison

Membership Dues: Annual \$40 (Be an Angel \$50)
Lifetime \$350

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

WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215 657-9347

or Judy Fried

judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page

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

The November Ronald McDonald House breakfast took on even more meaning. The breakfast was generously sponsored by Zelda Stern in memory of her beloved son, Michael. Kudos to Rhena Kelsen for her help and support for Zelda in managing this project.

Pearl Tragash



Putting the FUN in FUNDRAISING!

Back by popular demand, Trivia Night saw a big turnout. While Joan and Rob Sax did the labor intensive work, teams of six people competed, creating a symphony of cheers, groans, and high fives. Gift certificates were awarded to the top teams. The winning table is pictured here but they were not the only winners. The people served by our NCJW section were as well. Thanks, Joan and Rob and thanks to the donors of gift certificates from The Blue Bell Inn, The Drake, Tavern on Pine, Iron Hill Brew Pub, China Garden Inn, Bella's, The Upper Crust, Head Over Heels and Grant Nail Salon.

Thanks to Charlotte Schwartz, Judy Fried, Patti First and Barbara Nussbaum for their help obtaining the donor certificates.

The National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

Matinee Movie & Theater Snacks
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 12:45 pm

***Iron Jawed Angels:
The Story of Alice Paul
and the American Suffragettes Movement***

tarring Hilary Swank & Angelica Huston



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Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Guests Names: _____

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MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:30 a.m.
Teresa Maebori

“Uprooted” Born in an internment camp for Japanese Americans, she fears Muslims face a similar fate.



Teresa Maebori’s parents spent a year imprisoned at the Tule Lake concentration camp in California, with 19,000 other Japanese Americans, before they were sent to a farm labor camp in Idaho. Their daughter, Teresa, was born there in 1945. Teresa, a teacher for 36 years at Germantown Friends School, never forgot what her family endured and sees a similar situation of hate being experienced, in the anti-Muslim sentiment today.

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LUNCHEON – MEMBERS \$20.00 GUESTS - \$25.00
(Want to skip lunch? Join us at 1:00 pm for the program. Non members pay \$5.00)



Questions? Call Margie Zukerman 215-862-5114

A vendor from Embellish with clothing and jewelry will be available.

Please Mail Checks Made Payable to NCJW to:
Margie Zukerman
5106 Meridian Blvd,
Warrington, PA 18976

Checks must be received by Friday, Dec. 15th

Name _____

Phone _____

eMail _____

Guests _____

REMINDER: BRING HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES FOR DAWNS PLACE AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR OUR ADOPTED PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.

Our Annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon was attended by over 130 members and guests. Following our vendor boutique, participants were treated to our feature guest speaker, Bill Wine, KYW Newsradio's film critic.

Bill's interesting topic was "Best-Seller Cinema".

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who made generous contributions to help our adopted Philadelphia school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary School with their 2017-18 major project.

Fondly,
Judy Fried and Wendy Rader



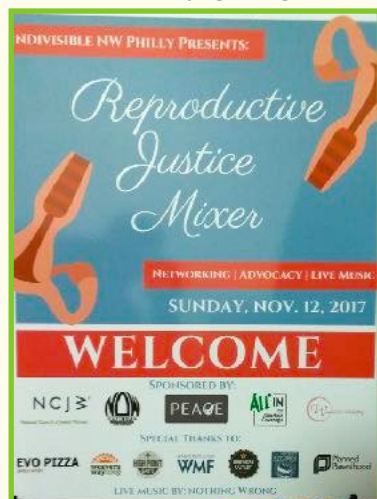
NCJW member shoppers satisfied with their boutique purchases and the fact that 20% of vendor proceeds benefit people we serve.



Bill Wine, KYW Newsradio's Film Critic, our featured speaker at our NCJW membership luncheon, with Wendy Rader, Judy Fried and Barbara Nussbaum

NCJW Co-sponsored a Reproductive Justice Mixer

Presented by Indivisible Northwest
Philadelphia
with
NOW
(National Organization For
Women)
ALL IN and PEACE



Lynne Jacobs on stage introducing the issues and the stellar panel advocates for reproductive justice.

Our NCJW member and PA Policy Advocate, Lynne Jacobs standing behind Betsy Parziale (seated right) and Cindi Pasce at the NCJW table set up for the event.



Center City Book Club

Wednesday, December 13, 7 p.m.

The Wonder by Emma Donahue
Discussion leader Audrey Block and
Host at The William Penn House

Thanks to Eileen Dwell and Laurie Lisa for
hosting the Oct. and Nov. meetings, and to
Eleanor Levie and Joanne Stoloff for
facilitating.

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, November 30

The Pearl That Broke Its Shell
By Nadia Hashimi

Thursday, December 28

A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline
Home of Sandy Fryer

Thanks to Sandy Fryer for leading an
interesting discussion on our October
selection,

For more information please call Joyce Avrach at
[215-402-0287](tel:215-402-0287) or barryjoy@aol.com.

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m.

A House in the Sky by Amanda Linkhout &
Sara Corbett

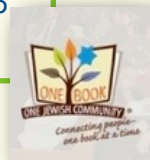
RSVP to Faith at 215-947-0164 or
harvey.edelman@verizon.net.

Thank you to Evelyn Goldhammer for
hosting the November meeting and to Joan
Sax for a remarkable discussion worthy of an
outstanding book: *Norwegian by Night*

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Condolences:

To Kay Skloff on the loss of her sister,
Marcie Silverstein



Theater Trip to People's Light in Malvern

Wednesday January 31, 2018
at 2 p.m.

Morning's at Seven by Paul Osborn

Family secrets unravel in this classic dramedy.

Morning's at Seven takes place in a small Midwestern town,
where four close-knit sisters and their husbands confront
long-held secrets and simmering tensions as they seek
fulfillment in their senior years. Philadelphia icons Carla
Belver, Alda Cortese, Janis Dardaris, and Marcia Saunders lead
a stellar cast in this timeless tribute to family dysfunction.

Tickets are \$34. There are a limited number at this price.

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 5 if you want a
ticket. Feel free to contact her with questions.
ljacobs816@gmail.com

In the event of a serious storm, they will reschedule us for
another date.

Congratulations:

To Al and Patti First on the marriage of their son Dan Lisman
to Elena Cupingood.

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Please contact

Roz Fudell. 215-302-3586

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email
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Harriet Winokur

via email at harrietwinokur@gmail.com

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the recipient is our pleasure.

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MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 11:30 a.m.

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



In this lecture 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. She will also discuss her moving new play, *Mary Jane*.



Audience participation will follow.

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

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 web site is www.NCJW.org