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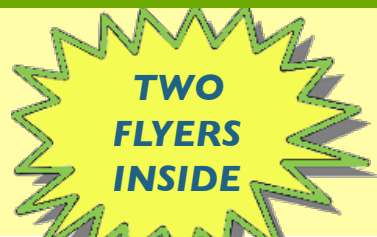
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WE MARCHED AGAIN !!!



WE LEARN FROM HISTORY



WE WELCOME OUR
NEW MEMBERS

MORE ABOUT THESE PICTURES INSIDE

HOT OFF THE PRESS !!!

The Pa State Supreme Court has found the present congressional districting map of PA to be unconstitutional according to the PA state constitution. The court blocked the use of the map for the 2018 midterm elections and ordered the drawing of a new map. **STAY TUNED !**

Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair

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President's Message

Welcome 2018!

Did you know that 2018 in China will be the Year of the Dog? **Dog** is the symbol of loyalty and honesty. People born in the **Year of the Dog** possess the best traits of human nature. They are honest, friendly, faithful, loyal, smart, straightforward, venerable and have a strong sense of responsibility.

We Jews, do not have a year of the Dog but we do have our special number! So, I decided to analyze the meaning of the number 18, which in Judaism is our special number.

The Letters CHET and Yod have numerical values. Chet is 8, and YOD is 10 which add up to 18. CHET and Yod spell CHAI=LIFE. So...if we then connect 20 to 18, we have 2018! To me, I hope that 2018, brings all of you a good LIFE and good HEALTH!

That being said, I want to say thank you for a few activities that took place in December. First of all, our monthly program featured Teresa Maebori, a Japanese American, who shared the story of the Japanese Americans who were interned in camps during the second world war. We had quite a crowd of almost 100 people. Thank you Char Kurland, Joyce Eveloff, and Margie Zukerman for bringing Teresa to us. The Greater Philadelphia Jewish Exponent wrote a feature story about her presentation. This is a good moment to acknowledge our Publicity Chair Kay Skloff for all of her efforts in promoting our section in the press.



Next, our Membership Department, welcomed 20 new Members at the home of Charlotte Schwarz to have them meet each other and learn about our NCJW work in Greater Philadelphia. Thank you Judy Fried, Wendy Rader, Sandy Fryer and Charlotte for organizing this lovely afternoon.

Our Goodies for the Good Guys program was quite the success. Making trays for community First Responders, were 38 volunteers in both Montgomery and Bucks Counties making a total of 37 trays! This year, our volunteers delivered trays all over Bucks County even as far as Yardley and Doylestown! Thanks to everyone who prepared and made those deliveries. Thank you Lynda Myers and Charlotte Schwartz for organizing and hosting in your areas.

The month of January had also been busy. We held a program featuring our very own, Diane Steinbrink, on January 16. Martin Luther King Day of Service brought many NCJW volunteers to the Mitzvah Circle foundation to provide service to those in need. Thank you Sherrie Kohn- Eisman for organizing.

I leave you with a thought..People join organizations that inspire them and that make a difference in their lives. I hope they will be attracted to us because we are innovative and impact people's lives. NCJW definitely is the organization that makes that positive difference in the lives of so many.

Happy 2018 and Stay warm this winter!

Barbara Nussbaum



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SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, March 6 11:30 a.m.

Keneseth Israel (Meeting and luncheon)
The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, Jewish and Muslim Women will talk about joining together to cook for a cause.

Wednesday, April 11

Keneseth Israel (Evening Program)
"Counter-terrorism- Thinking Outside the Box"
Marisa Porges, Head of School at the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr and former counter-terrorism policy advisor in the Bush and Obama administrations.

Wednesday, April 25

New York Broadway Trip to see "Once on an Island."
See flyer!

Thursday, May 3

Painting with a Twist. (Details to follow)

Tuesday, May 8 11:30 a.m.

Keneseth Israel (Meeting and Luncheon)
Art in the Spring-- Brighten your day with a wonderful presentation and information about the Michener Art Museum, Doylestown.

Tuesday, June 5

Closing Luncheon (To be announced)

2018 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section will be meeting soon to determine who will be leading our section for next year. Should you be interested in joining our exciting and creative Board of Directors please submit your name and contact sahofr1@verizon.net. You do not need to have lots of experience...just a willingness to attend Board meetings, participate on a committee and activities, and be a "change agent" in our community. You will grow, enhance your skills and be with dynamic women!

DID YOU KNOW ?

By including 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.

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

Condolences to:

Marcy Aronow on the loss of her husband, Eugene.
Gladys Greenfield on the loss of her great-grandson

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!



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

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

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.

Center City Book Club

Wednesday, February 14 at 7 p.m.

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul
Karanithi

At the home of Gwen Freedman
Discussion Leader Judith Ginsberg
Thanks to Arline Bell for hosting
our January meeting and to Helene
Sternberg for leading our discussion.
(Both new members)

Evening Book Club

Wednesday, March 20

A Tale of Love and Darkness
by Amos Oz

Wednesday, April 17

The Sparrow
by Mary Doria Russell

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, January 25

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

For more information please call
Joyce Avrach at 215-302-3586 or
barryjoy@aol.com.



Welcome to New Members

Maxine Marlowe

Sandra Spitzer McKelvey

Sylvia Band

Donna Spector

New Life Members: Gwen Freedman

Elizabeth Asch Downing

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

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We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

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

Lifetime \$350

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Support Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section

Raising money seems to be an issue for every charitable organization. We in the National Council of Jewish Women love to give away money when we hear of a good cause... that's part of our creed. The challenge: How can we raise money to fund our projects and programs. Following are a number of ways our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section has in place to improve the quality of lives of women, children, and families.

Here is how YOUR assistance can make a difference!!!

- 1. Buy Giant Supermarket gift cards which can be used as cash. Our Section receives 5% of your costs. Just buy the cards at our events or call Roz Fudel (267-419-8525), and she'll get them to you.
- 2. Buy our beautiful tribute cards, 6 for \$ 25.00, or \$5.00 each to use in someone's honor or memory. Call Gladys Greenfield (215-635-4244) or Susan Leon (215-653-0773) for tribute cards. You can also simply make a donation to our chapter to celebrate a Simcha or acknowledge a loss. We will send a note of recognition to you and to the recipient.
- 3. Sell raffles for our annual raffle campaign. You can sell raffles to your family and friends. Last year we saw our best sale ... let's see if we can top that revenue this year!
- 4. Join us for our Taste of Culture excursions, including our trip to New York. It's a great, fun-filled day out and earns a small profit.
- 5. Join our family entertainment. Our popular Trivia Night offers competitive entertainment. Win prizes and make money for NCJW, too! In May we're trying something new: a hands-on FUN AFTERNOON OF PAINTING WITH A TWIST in Jenkintown We will receive 50% of all fees paid. (We bring our own snacks.)
- 6. Shop online with us. If you make purchases on Amazon, first go to SmileAmazon.com and designate our NCJW Section as your designated charity. When you make any purchases, Amazon will make a contribution to our Section.
- 7. Can you sell any ads for our Bulletin? They make money for our section. Just call Pearl Tragash at 215-542-0595. She'll be delighted to get the ad to our printer and collect the money.
- 8. Our newest opportunity is for you to sponsor one of our events for a minimum donation of \$100. You can sponsor a program meeting in honor of someone, or some special event in your life, (like an anniversary) or in memory of someone. Advertising for the event will feature your name and why you are sponsoring the event.

Now enough lists. Here is the crux of this article. I need your help. If you have any ideas for adding money to our treasury I want to hear them. I'd also love to have your help on committees. We need people to help plan trips and other activities.

Have a wonderful New Year. I hope to hear from you!

Patti First, Vice President of Fund Raising
Patal16@verizon.net (215-887-1888)



Teresa Maebori,

a Japanese-American woman, shared a compelling story of the U.S. government internment of Japanese U.S. citizens during World War II with a turnout of about 100 attendees at our NCJW program. Her personal and moving account of this tragic event will always have relevance as we confront and reflect on our core values as a country.

Photographs brought by Ms. Maebori of her family members made her remembrances that much more poignant.



NCJW....Goes to Broadway!



Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Once on This Island

A Musical

Bus & Show \$ 150

Leaves KI at 8:30 a.m.

(lunch on your own)

Approximate arrival back at KI 7 p.m.

This is the tale of a fearless peasant girl who falls in love with a wealthy boy from the other side of the island. Their divided cultures keep them apart. Bursting with Caribbean colors, rhythms and dance, the story comes to vibrant life in a striking production.

Please make checks payable to NCJW and send to:

Linda Richter

335 Waring Road

Elkins Park, PA 19027

Questions: call Linda at 215-635-3197

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section**

MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 11:30 a.m.

**Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom
Women Coming Together to Cook for a Cause**



A cross-cultural learning experience where Jewish women and Muslim women form bonds, dish by dish. Learning about each other's culture through cooking together and delivering food to the needy, these women are building

bridges and fighting hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice. Changing the world, one Muslim and one Jewish woman at a time!

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Questions? Call Margie Zukerman 215-862-5114

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Guests _____

The information below announces A Human Trafficking Awareness Event in Philadelphia on January 30. It is a joint effort between the Philadelphia FBI office and the Philadelphia police department to inform professionals and the public in general about both sex and labor trafficking in the Philadelphia area. This information was sent to me from our favorite F.B.I. agent Alexis Krieger!

Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

9 am - 12 noon

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

801 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA

Human trafficking is a crime which involves the forcing or coercing of a person into performing a commercial sex act or forced labor. To honor Human Trafficking Awareness Month and survivors of trafficking, the Region III Anti--Trafficking Federal Interagency Task Force is partnering with the city of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility to bring you this event. Those in attendance will hear from a law enforcement official around details of a recent local trafficking case and have opportunity to network with organizations that support trafficking survivors in and around Philadelphia.

Attendees will also hear from two survivors about their journey and resilience.

This event is open to those interested parties including healthcare and social service professionals, faith-based organizations, academia and students.

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Questions? Contact:
christine.woolslayer@hhs.gov

BenchMark Updates from our member, Eleanor Levie (eleanorlevie@gmail.com)

Through BenchMark, NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign, grassroots volunteers and advocates have been a leading voice in the progressive community's fight to put its mark on the bench, ensuring a fair and independent judiciary with an unwavering commitment to constitutional rights.

First, the Bad News:

President Trump's nomination of David Stras to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit is highly troubling, not only because of the nominee's extreme ideology – harmful to victims of rape, minority voters, and those suffering personal injury; and upholding age discrimination and school desegregation---but also because Judiciary Committee Chairman Grassley has decided to use this nomination to overturn the Senate's century-old "blue slip" tradition, which has protected the role of home state senators in the judicial nominating process. NCJW joins more than 200 national organizations opposed to the nomination of David Stras.

Now, the Good News:

Three new nominees for the federal judiciary in Pennsylvania have the backing of both Senators Toomey and Casey. Amazingly, Trump has nominated Judges Susan Paradise Baxter and Marilyn Jean Horan for the Western District, both of whom were previously nominated by President Obama, but obstructed by Senator Mitch McConnell and the GOP. The third nominee, Judge Chad Kenney has been tapped for the Eastern District (ours). Following is the background on all three nominees as documented by YourErie.com.

TAKE ACTION: Call Senator Toomey at his DC office: (202)224-4254, and thank him for working with Senator Casey to support fair and independent federal judges mainstream enough to please both parties. Also urge him to oppose the nomination of David Stras, or to express your appreciation or disappointment in his vote on Stras.

If you have time, also call Senator Casey at (202)224-6324 to thank him for supporting only fair and independent judges.



LAUNCHING MORE THAN A MARCH

NCJW has been proud to partner with the Women's March again. But this is not a one day event only! On January 20 and 21, thousands will have gathered across the country to march once again. The signature march, Women's March: Power to the Polls, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, will launch a national voter registration tour to channel the energy of the Women's March into tangible outcomes in 2018.

The tour will target swing states to register new voters, engage impacted communities, and harness our collective energy to advocate for policies that reflect our values. The goal? To continue uplifting the voices and campaigns of the nation's most marginalized communities to create transformative political and social change.



Mitzvah Circle Day of Service continues as an annual event

in which our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section participates to honor Martin Luther King and improve the lives of local people in need with donations of clothing, school supplies, diapers, household items and food. Section members with family, provide hands-on assistance with sorting and packing items to be distributed to families.

Of note is an observation by Sherry Kohn-Eisman, who organizes our Section's participation with Mitzvah Circle. Sherry sees members' grandchildren who attend this day of service as being provided with building blocks that pave the way for them to become future leaders, volunteers, and caring adults.

Mitzvah Circle is open all year with volunteer opportunities. You can call Sherry Kohn-Eisman at 215-322-0441 to set up a time.

Our "Goodies for The Good Guys"

project, as always, drew a large, enthusiastic crowd to the Montgomery County home of Charlotte Schwartz on December 22 and to the Bucks County home of Lynda Myers. Our members gathered to prepare cookie and candy trays which were delivered to local police and fire stations, ambulance crews and hospital ERs. At each location, we received broad smiles and many thanks. This is a fun project and a wonderful way to thank those who take care of us every day of the year.



On Monday, December 11, a large turnout of new members were treated to a

welcome

New Members Appreciation Get Together at the home of Charlotte Schwartz.

STAY TUNED

Two Pennsylvania gerrymandering cases; one in the federal court system and the other in the Pennsylvania state court system.

On Wednesday, December 10, a three judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit rejected the plaintiffs' argument that the congressional districting map in PA was unconstitutional by a vote of three to two. Justices D. Brooks Smith and Patty Schwartz wrote in their opinion that the courts should not be directing a re-write of Congressional maps, that that should be the purview of the political branches. In his dissenting opinion, Senior U.S. District Court Judge Michael Baylson said that he found five of the 18 districts violated the "traditional" factors for redistricting which "requires that the 2011 maps be redrawn.

However, days ago in North Carolina federal judges ruled that the state will have to quickly redraw its 13 congressional districts because the map is unconstitutionally partisan. This is the first federal ruling to strike down a congressional map on the grounds that it is unconstitutional. The ruling was short-lived. On Jan. 18, the U.S. Supreme Court held off the re-drawing of the North Carolina congressional map.

There is another case in the Pennsylvania court system regarding gerrymandering – that of League of Women Voters et al vs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Prior to trial, the League of Women Voters was dismissed from the case due to not having the standing to sue. However, 18 other individuals petitioners continue as parties to the case.

Following a five day trial in December, PA Commonwealth Court Judge Kevin Brobson issued his Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law at the end of December. The key points from the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are:

1. The maps in Pennsylvania are clearly a partisan gerrymander. Judge Brobson found that Petitioners demonstrated the existence of partisan intent.
2. The current Pennsylvania law does not support throwing the current maps out.

The case moved to the PA Supreme Court for oral arguments on January 17, 2017 in Harrisburg. The decision from the PA Supreme Court will take time. Stay tuned.

The League of Women Voters and FairDistrictsPA believe that the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals which voted against the plaintiffs in the PA Gerrymandering case will not have an impact on the case in front of the PA Supreme Court. The federal lawsuit interpreted federal law, not Pennsylvania law which is the focus of the League of Women Voters of PA lawsuit. (That is, of course, only if the U.S. Supreme Court does not rule on gerrymandering and applies their decision broadly!)

The fight against gerrymandering is legal and political. Politically, in Pennsylvania, all state House seats and half of the Senate seats are up for re-election. Voters need to hold candidates accountable to good-government reforms, such as limiting lawmakers' outside incomes, abolishing the secret legislative security forces, strengthening the law that strips pensions from wayward public officials – to name a few. Voters can join movements to pressure the PA legislature into more responsible behavior. Once such movement is Fair Districts PA. Learn more about this non-partisan organization at <https://www.fairdistrictspa.com>

Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair

CALL NOW!!!

URGE SUPPORT FROM OUR SENATORS TOOMEY AND CASEY FOR IMPORTANT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO COMBAT SEX TRAFFICKING VIA THE INTERNET

FROM NCJW National Office

The multi-billion dollar global sex trade is being increasingly powered by the internet, where classified advertising websites make buying vulnerable human beings for sex as easy as ordering a pizza. (the most well-known of these is backpage.com) Many of those who are being bought and sold on these websites are sexually trafficked children and adults.

That's why amending Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, by passing The Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, S. 1693 (SESTA), is so critical. It will close the legal loophole that allows exploiters to escape liability for knowingly facilitating trafficking, while sending a powerful message: exploitation is unacceptable, no matter where it occurs.

PLEASE CALL SENATORS TOOMEY (202) 224-4254 AND CASEY (202) 224-6324. Urge them to support passage of the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act, S. 1693 (aka SESTA).

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