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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION SPOTLIGHTS WOMEN IMPACTING OUR WORLD IN UNIQUE WAYS

In the coming weeks, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section brings two programs which evoke inspiration and pride in their different but compelling examples of women meeting challenges to the well-being of our country.



On TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 we will hear from Meredith Barber, Sally Selim, Carole Wilder and Teresa Marie Hadjai, members of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom. Their topic: **"Changing the World-One Jewish and One Muslim Woman at a Time"** addresses their mission as Jewish and Muslim women to build bridges and fight hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice. These amazing, accomplished Jewish and Muslim women-two in the medical field, one lawyer, one social worker and educator will share their pursuit to develop trust and respect for each other's narratives. Currently, there are 150 chapters of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom in the United States with plans to "grow" more chapters in this country and Canada.



On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018 we will be treated to a presentation on **"Emerging Issues in U.S. Security"** by Marisa Porges, a national security expert who has held policy advisory positions in presidential administrations, at the Department of Defense and the Treasury on the topics of cybersecurity and counterterrorism. Dr. Porges' academic work focused on radicalization and violent extremism leading to research in the Middle East and South Asia where she interviewed former Al Qaeda and Taliban, Syrian rebels, government officials and local tribal leaders. Dr. Porges, a graduate of the Baldwin School was appointed Head of School there in the summer of 2016. She undoubtedly presents an inestimable model for her students to engage meaningfully with the world.

**See inside for more details on these two not-to-be-missed events.**

## President's Message

By now, the worst of the winter weather is over! I hope you were still able to enjoy yourselves, including the Philadelphia Eagles triumph in the Super Bowl! While spending a number of weeks in the Phoenix, Arizona area with my children and grandchildren. I joined with former Philadelphians living now in Arizona to root for our home team. It is possible you heard us screaming in delight all the way to your homes in the Philly area when our so-called "underdog" Eagles won! It just proved to me that anything is possible when you believe in yourself and try your hardest; whether it is a sports team or the wonderful work we do in NCJW to change peoples lives.



While in Arizona, I met with some of my NCJW sisters. How wonderful it is to meet such like-minded women who share the same passion we have in our section. What always amazes me when I meet other NCJW leaders and members is their commitment to the mission of NCJW. While, NCJW sections may differ around the country in some of their activities, what is clear to me is we share the same goals and priorities: our appreciation of our members and donors, our passion to do advocacy and community service work, as well as a respectful openness for ideas and suggestions that are articulated by others. It is also wonderful to get together to have fun and to enjoy each other's company, because I find NCJW women to be so bright, articulate and compassionate.

We now can look forward to some exciting activities in our section. Please follow our Bulletin and website to see the various activities you can attend and participate in.

Also..., please consider: joining anyone of our book clubs; suggesting a subject for a Study or Interest Group; planning Movie Night get togethers, game nights, etc..., or suggesting some cultural places we can visit together. I really want to hear from YOU, our members, how we can make your involvement with NCJW Greater Philadelphia better for you. It would also be wonderful if you would volunteer to help organize any of these ideas as well. We are always looking for new leaders and organizers.

This also leads me to tell you about the national NCJW Leadership Retreat that will take place in St. Louis, Missouri June 1-3, 2018. The retreat kicks off Friday at 2:00 pm and ends Sunday. You do not have to currently hold a leadership position at NCJW. This retreat is for anyone who wants to learn and connect with us and gain skills. Please contact me, if you want more information. You can reach me by email at [Barban@aol.com](mailto:Barban@aol.com) or call our NCJW number at: 215-302-3586 and leave a message for me to get back to you.

See you soon!

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 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.

## TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

Our newest fund-raising opportunity allows a member to honor and support! For a minimum donation of \$100, you can honor someone or some special event in your life, (like an anniversary) or in memory of someone and support an NCJW monthly program. Advertising for the event will feature your name and why you are sponsoring the event.

Contact Barbara Nussbaum at Barban@aol.com

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- ~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
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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](http://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](mailto:horwitzsusan@yahoo.com)

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

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### UPCOMING ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES IN HARRISBURG

NCJW-Greater Philadelphia belongs to several strong issue-driven coalitions that work to bring our concerns to the PA legislature.

All section members are invited to participate in one or more of these 3 advocacy efforts.

Email Lynne Jacobs ([Ljacobs816@gmail.com](mailto:Ljacobs816@gmail.com)) if you'd like to spend a day in our state capitol meeting with your legislators.

Training and transportation will be provided.

#### **Wednesday, March 14**

PA Anti-trafficking Coalition on behalf of safe harbor legislation.

#### **Tuesday, April 17**

Jewish Community Relations Council-led trip to inform legislators about priorities of SE PA Jewish community.  
(For this trip there is a charge for bus transportation.)

#### **Wednesday, April 18**

Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition-led trip to focus on issues of concern to Bucks County residents.

Lynne Jacobs

Pennsylvania Policy Advocacy Chair

National Council of Jewish Women



## Welcome to New Members

Arlene Bell Helene Sternberg

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:

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WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215 657-9347

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Judy Fried

judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

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Gladys Greenfield on the loss of her great-grandson.  
To the Rudman family on the passing of our member,  
Geraldine Rudman

### Center City Book Club

Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m.

*Swing Time* by Zadie Smith

At the home of Judith Ginsberg

Discussion Leader Gwen Freedman

### 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](mailto:barryjoy@aol.com).



### Evening Book Club

Wednesday, March 20 at 7:30p.m.

*A Tale of Love and Darkness*

by Amos Oz at the home of Susan  
Horwitz.. Lee Tonik will be the discussion  
leader.

Wednesday, April 17

*The Sparrow*

by Mary Doria Russell

Thank you to Faith Edelman for  
hosting and Charlotte Schwartz for  
facilitating our December meeting  
and to Nancy Fagan for hosting and  
Barb Auerbach for facilitating our  
January meeting



# **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)**

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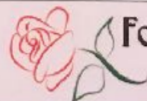
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Wednesday, April 11 7p.m.  
(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

**Featured Speaker: Dr. Marisa Porges**



At a time, when our news media reminds us that we are in a "cyber war" that threatens our democratic processes and institutions, it is a privilege to hear from someone who has extensive experience in cybersecurity and technology as well as counter terrorism.

Marisa Porges is the eighth Head of The Baldwin School, a 130-year-old all girls' school outside of Philadelphia. She is the first alumna to serve as Head of School.

Before joining Baldwin in Summer 2016, Dr. Porges was a leading national security expert in the U.S. government and academia.

Most recently, Porges worked at the White House as a senior policy advisor and White House Fellow at the National Economic Council, handling cybersecurity and technology policy. She also served as a counterterrorism policy advisor in both the Obama and Bush Administrations, at the Departments of Defense and the Treasury. Dr. Porges' academic scholarship focused on radicalization and violent extremism, including at the Council on Foreign Relations. This work included extensive research in the Middle East and South Asia, interviewing former al Qaeda and Taliban, Syrian rebel fighters, government officials, and local tribal leaders.

Marisa began her career serving on active duty in the U.S Navy, as a Naval Flight Officer flying the EA-6B Prowler. She received her Ph.D. from King's College London, M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and A.B. from Harvard. Her work has been published in the New York Times, the New Yorker, the Wall Street Journal, and more, and she's been featured on CNN, CSPAN, Al Jazeera, and other media outlets.

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Greater Philadelphia Section**

**MEETING AND LUNCHEON**

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

**Changing the World-One Jewish and One Muslim Woman at a Time  
Philadelphia Chapter**



**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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