National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION® March, 2019

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.

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MEETING & LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:30 a.m.

REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK NINETY YEARS LATER

Lecture by Our Devoted Member

Diane Steinbrink

Audience Q & A to follow.

Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel 8339 Old York Road Elkins Park, Pa 19027 Main Auditorium

Flyer enclosed

RSVP By Friday, March 8,2019







Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

"Preserving History to Learn from the Past"

On Thursday, May 2, 2019, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section will be honored with the Excellence in Education award by the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. This is indeed an achievement for which we can all feel proud. There is something about the word honor that conveys concepts of decency, worth and justice.

Honor should be a familiar concept to us because it is a practice and a presence in our NCJW Section experience. We honor each other and the people we serve with our time, donations, and advocacy for social justice and improving the well-being of others.

We hope you will come to this momentous event. Details of this event are on page 8.

President's Message

"Fight for the things you care about , but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." (A quote by Ruth Bader Ginsburg")

Recently, my husband and I saw both her documentary film as well as the movie, "On the basis of Sex". Both of these were so inspiring. I thought about how RBG fought for the things she cared about with courage and determination. Her fight for women and others to receive equality and basic human rights, made me think about the work we do in NCJW. RBG is a leader who has been able to lead others to join her.



Our founder, Hannah G. Solomon, also fought for what she believed in and set an example for us to join her. Like Hannah, NCJW women have been fighting for what we believe in for 125 years and have been doing so with the same determination we have seen in both of these two amazing women. When I see how our women work on behalf of women, children and families and the positive changes we have been able to make, it gives me the motivation to hopefully, inspire you to join us; to volunteer, speak out and perform acts of Chesed and Tzedakah.

I am so proud of our section. So many new programs, activities and willing volunteers and advocates are stepping up to make a difference and lead others to join them.

Shortly, you will see the success of our Nominating Committee as they reach out to identify new members who are willing to assume new leadership roles for 2019-20.

I am also delighted to say that our section was one of three sections from around the country that very early in January reached the targeted recruitment number to qualify us for a scholarship for one of our attendees to attend the Washington Institute in April. At this time ,we have 7 women attending, compared to three attendees a few years ago. This tells me that our women want to learn, be advocates and meet other NCJW women from around the country, and return to Greater Philadelphia to lead others to join them.

Stay warm and safe for the remainder of winter and I hope to see you soon.

B'Shalom, Barbara

Barbara

SAVE THE DATES

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ı	EVENTS and ACTIVITIES	BOARD MEETINGS						
March 12	Luncheon/ Diane Steinbrink 11:30 a.m. Remembering Anne Frank Ninety Years Later	March 5	Tuesday, 1:00 pm at GIANT (12:30pm to chat)					
March 26	Social Get Together Curds-N-Whey 12:30 p.m. (see page 4 for more information)	April 16	Tuesday, 1:00 pm Home of Charlotte Schwartz (12:30pm to chat)					
April 10	Evening Program/Speaker from ADL		(12.30pm to chat)					
May 1	NCJW Goes to Broadway Tootsie	May, 7	Tuesday, 1:00 pm at GIANT (12:30pm to chat)					
May 1	Spring Theater Trip 2 p.m. People's Light in Malvern For Peter Pan on Her 70 th Birthday	Holiday Calendar						
May 9	Painting With a Twist 1 p.m.	Mar 21	Purim Pesach					
May 14	Luncheon/ Panel of Female Rabbis	April 20						
June 4	Closing Luncheon Talamore Country Club							

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WE ARE ONLINE

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- ~Photographs of member events supporting our
- ~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!



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

\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS

GIANT cards are available for purchase. Please contact Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424 (Note: this is a new number)

We need ads for the Bulletin. If you know of someone who would like to advertise with us...

Contact: Pearl Tragash 215-302-3586. Business size cards are \$50 for 10 issues of our Bulletin.

NCJW is committed to creating a world where all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, or immigration status, have the right to build their families and live their lives with dignity. Our Jewish values teach us that our reproductive freedoms are integrally bound to our religious liberty; we are committed to advancing the goals of reproductive justice so that every person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and family.

Since its founding, NCJW has been a leader in the reproductive health and rights movement, and while much advancement has been made in the past 100 years to legally secure a person's right to abortion and contraception, there is so much more that needs to be done to truly ensure reproductive freedom for all.

Reproductive health, rights, and justice goes beyond the basics of reproduction. It requires us to dig deeper, advocate louder, and love harder. It requires us to center the voices of those who have been marginalized at the center to lead the conversation for social change.

Until every person has the power to make their own informed decisions about their body, sexuality, and future, our work is not over.

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

Support Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's Mission to improve the quality of lives of women, children, and families.

Projects and programs currently in place in which you can support our causes.

- 1. Buy Giant Supermarket gift cards and Our Section receives 5% of your costs. You can buy the cards at our events or call Roz Fudel (267-419-8525).
- 2. Beautiful tribute cards: buy 6 for \$ 25.00, or \$5.00 each to use in someone's honor, or memory by contacting Ellen Mirbach, 215-771-5311, semirbach@gmail.com or Patti First, 215-470-1560, patal16@verizon.net. To celebrate a Simcha or acknowledge a loss, simply make a donation to our section. A note of recognition will be sent to you and to the recipient.
- 3. Our annual raffle campaign. Sell raffles to your family and friends. This year let's see if we can top last year's record sale!!
- 4. Taste of Culture programs, including a trip to New York. Great fun-filled excursions!
- 5. Family entertainment. Trivia Night offers competitive entertainment. Vie for prizes while we make money for NCJW. In May look for a hands-on FUN AFTERNOON OF PAINTING WITH A TWIST in Jenkintown We will receive 50% of all fees paid.
- 6. Shop online. When you make purchases on Amazon, first go to SmileAmazon.com and designate our NCJW Section as your designated charity and Amazon will make a contribution to our Section.
- 7. Ads for our NCJW Bulletin. To place ads, call Pearl Tragash at 215-542-0595, who will be delighted to get the ad to our printer and collect the money.
- 8. 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.
- 9. NEW! Use our website Book Club page to order your books at ncjwphiladelphia.org With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon to your Kindle. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section

WHAT WE NEED NOW!

Your IDEAS for adding to our funds to increase our capacity to contribute to the well-being of women, children, and families.

Your HELP on committees to help plan trips and other activities.

WE can do so much TOGETHER!

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

Patal16@verizon.net Patti First 215-887-1888 Ellen Mirbach semirbach@gmail.com 215-771-5311

Fundraising Vice Presidents

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.



We have scheduled our first social get together at Curds-N-Whey 817 Old York Road, Jenkintown

March 26 Time: 12:30

In order for us to have sufficient seating Please RSVP By March 20 to Ann Pollock 215-773-0594 or apollock1229@yahoo.com

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

😇 Roslyn (Roz) Weiss 😇 Barbara Hoffman

Linda Mosko

Lorrie Lichtenfeld

Lynn Album Donna Reisman

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

Please contact: Wendy Rader

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

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" \bigcirc status which increases the number of people we can assist.

Mazel Tov to:

Linda Butler on her grandson Jack Barrack becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Kay Skloff and her family on the birth of her greatgrandson, Asa and the "birth" of Kay as a greatgrandmother.

Celia Rothkopf on the birth of her sixth grandchild, Emily, the first girl after five grandsons!

Thank you to Celia for sharing your and Kay's news. Your joy for Kay and your family was palpable!

Condolences to:

Sherry Zlotnikoff on the loss of her husband, Steven.

Liz Nover on the passing of her mother-in-law.

Speedy Recovery to:

Judy Wenzel Fran Radel

Afternoon Book Club

Feb. 28 When Breath Becomes

by Paul Kalanithi

Thanks to Betsy Parziale for facilitating our discussion in January and Wendy for hosting us.

For more information:

Contact Joyce at MsJoyce1716@gmail.com or 215-402-0287

Use Our Website Book Club Page to order your books.

ncjwphiladelphia.org With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon to your Kindle.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section

Center City Book Club

Wed., March 13, 7 P.M. Our Souls At Night by Kent Haruf

Host: Melba Axelrod Leader: Gwen Freedman

Thank you to Laurie Lisa for hostina and Maryellen Blass for leading our January meeting and to Phyllis Barsky for hosting and Joanne Stoloff for leading our February meeting.

For information contact: Audrey Block ablock1919@comcast.net



Evening Book Club

Tues, March 12, 2019 7:30 pm. Sina, Unburied, Sina by Jesmyn Ward.

RSVP to Faith Edelman at 215-947-0164 or faithedelman@gmail.com.

For more information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at joansax@comacast.net.

Thank you to Charlotte Schwartz for hosting and Faith Edelman for facilitating the January Book Club Meeting.

For information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-740-7263 or ioansax@comcast.net.

We Supported the Good Guys Who Were Working on Christmas





In Bucks County, our NCJW Section members, turn out to show their appreciation to the first responders and health care givers working on Christmas in service to their communities which include Warrington, Doylestown, Southampton, and Warminster.

Here, our members are shown with their donations of home baked and packaged "goodies" before delivering them. Thank you to Amy Beitman for chairing and hosting the Bucks county group and thank you, also, to Michelle Utain for providing for the "good guys" in the Yardley, Langhorne areas of Bucks County.







Our Montgomery County "good guys", the first responders and health care providers working on Christmas were the recipients of the appreciation of our Montgomery County members of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section. Lynda Myers, chaired the group's mission to assemble and deliver donated baked goods to the "good guys".

Deliveries were made to our "good guys" at the Police and Fire Departments of Wissahickon, Upper Dublin, Abington, and Cheltenham Townships, Upper Moreland and Lansdale Police Departments and, in New Jersey, the Margate Police Department, the Cinnaminson Fire Department and the Palmyra Rescue Department.

Also, deliveries were made to our "good guys" at the following medical facilities: Ambler emergency, Abington Hospital, Einstein Hospital (Elkins Park and Lansdale campuses), Fox Chase Cancer Center, Jeanne's Hospital, Holy Redeemer, and St. Joseph's Manor.



WARM HEARTS PREVAIL OVER FRIGID TEMPS!

Pictured here are our NCJW Section members Lynne Jacobs (left) and Yona Dansky (right) at the Women's March-Philadelphia advocating for health access for all.



NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section member volunteers drop off supplies to Dawn's Place in December.

(L to R) Gerrie Greene, Rhonda Mandel, Sister Kathleen Coll, Dawn's Place Director, and Lynne Jacobs. Sister Kathleen Coll is a leader in the Catholic Church's anti-trafficking movement. Dawn's Place is a shelter for victims of sex trafficking.



A HAPPENING AT OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section school volunteer Sandy Chaefsky conferring with one of our Franklin School second graders about winter fashion, extolling the benefits of warmth and style. The second grader pictured with Sandy was joyous with her selection of a winter jacket, scarf, and hat. Another of our volunteers had noticed that this child's former jacket was torn with the insulation coming out. Her teacher was helpful in contacting her parent for permission to receive new outer wear. When asked the next week how her mother liked the jacket, the child beamed and said her mother said she "looked beautiful".

A "shout out" to Charlotte Schwartz, our Community Services VP, whose leadership with seeking donations of warm children's clothing as well as pursuing financial donations to purchase winter clothes (she does the shopping, too!) has likely lessened the number of sick days for many students in our adopted school.

Harriet Gran



Thank you to our members who attended the December 27 training at The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. We will have another training in April. Please contact Judy Fried for more information. (215) 245-1309 judyfried38@gmail.com

Save The Date

Thursday, May 2, 2019 11:00 a.m.

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

Educators' Luncheon

Philmont Country Club 301 Tomlinson Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA

Please join us as we honor

National Council of Jewish Women - Greater Philadelphia Section

with our third annual

Excellence in Education Award

in recognition of the exceptional advocacy, leadership, and dedication of NCJW members to promoting the field of Holocaust studies and education,

which advance the values and mission of the

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

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Barbara Nussbaum, NCJW - Greater Philadelphia Section's President will be our guest speaker.

Couvert - \$50/person

RSVP By Friday, April 12,2019

For additional information contact Shelley Rappaport, Program Director, Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center - shelley@hamec.org or 215.464.4701

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House 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? Prepare breakfast for

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

Upcoming Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. March 10 April 7

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 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,

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 or Ellen Mirbach at 215-771-5311 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 Ellen or Patti and they will send a card for you.

Contact Ellen Mirbach,215-771-5311, semirbach@gmail.com or Patti First, 215-470-1560, patal16@verizon.net.

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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11:30 a.m.

REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK NINETY YEARS LATER Lecture by Our Devoted Member, Diane Steinbrink



In this lecture, Diane will discuss the original DIARY of 1952 and the newer edition published in 1995 that added newly discovered pages. She will also present characters from the original play DIARY OF ANNE FRANK from 1955 by Goodrich and Hackett, and from the adapted version by Wendy Kesselman from 1997. She will talk about the talent and personality of this teen, wise beyond her years, and the legacy that she has left through her words and ideas. This program has special meaning since 2019 is the ninetieth anniversary of Anne's birth.

Audience Q & A to follow.

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Margie Zukerman 5106 Meridian Blvd,

Warrington, PA 18976

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I am joining you for lunch. My check includes \$20.00 for me. (DUE BY MARCH 8)
I am attending the program but do not want to eat any lunch. (FREE FOR MEMBERS)

Member Name Phone EMail

I have guests attending for the program and luncheon and \$25.00 for each is included with my check. (DUE BY MARCH 8)

Guests' Names Attending Luncheon and Program:

I have guests attending for the program only (without lunch) and \$5.00 for each is included with my check (DUE BY MARCH 8)

Guests' Names Attending Program Only:

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National Council of Jewish Women

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March

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