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April, 2016

Bulletin

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MUSINGS FROM OUR NCJW PHILADELPHIA ADVOCACY TEAM UPON THEIR RETURN FROM THE NCJW WASHINGTON INSTITUTE

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“...three days with well over three hundred women who care so much about improving the lives of others.”

“I was particularly moved... (by) strong Jewish Women who fought all the way to the Supreme Court to bring justice... “

“Like every other Washington Institute, WI 2016 was thrilling, invigorating, and empowering. There was a sea of young faces among us, while old friends traded pictures of grandchildren. We are excited to bring the messages home and reinforce our determination to raise our voices for tikkun olam. And why not? After all, we have a faith in the future and a belief in action.”

Our Philadelphia Advocacy Team standing from left, Lynne Jacobs, Kami Knapp. Sitting left to right, Eleanor Levie and Barbara Nussbaum.



Tuesday morning found us proceeding silently (yes, progressive Jewish women were silent!), in single file, from the US Supreme Court to the US Capitol. The copies of the Constitution were delivered to Judiciary Chairman Grassley, along with our letters saying do your job.

Look for more exciting pictures and details from the Washington Institute inside this Bulletin.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In "PIRKEI AVOT", The Ethics of the Fathers, 2:21; Rabbi Tarpon said: "You are not required to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to abstain from it."

I know I have used this quote before but it always bears repeating. Whenever I feel frustrated about the overwhelming problems and social injustice around us and feel at a loss to make a big difference, this quote sustains me.

Consider that women's rights, especially reproductive rights, are being eroded throughout our country. Food insecurity faced by so many of our citizens, is so immense that, as reported in Mazon Magazine, "Even the nation's largest anti-hunger organization cannot make a dent in ending hunger in America." Sex trafficking and domestic violence are widespread human tragedies.. I can go on and on. Does this mean, we should throw up our hands and do nothing? Of course not! Jewish wisdom such as Rabbi Tarfon's quote inspires us to do what we can.

We show our resolve to continue our advocacy for those in need: we make phone calls, sign petitions, write letters, lobby our states as well as Washington. We engage with the larger lobbying efforts of our National organization, just as four of our section members are currently doing with others at the NCJW Washington Institute in DC.

We educate ourselves and as many other people as we can about sex trafficking and advocate for stronger laws to protect victims. We help a local shelter for women trying to escape this form of slavery. We help alleviate food insecurity by donating food and giving grants to pantries and providing food gift cards for Jewish victims of domestic violence. These efforts as well as other projects we sponsor have reinforced our belief that impacts come in different sizes, ALL meaningful.

Several people have told me that we produce a most educational and inspiring bulletin. In this issue, don't miss: an article by Jackee Swartz about her experience volunteering for the Youth Symposium on the Holocaust; Zelda Stern's article about our most recent Guest Chef breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House; an article about our volunteers at a nearby Philadelphia elementary school who are inspiring children to learn to read and impressions sent to us by our members attending the Washington Institute.

We do what we can, one step at a time. We always need more people to help. We need you! How can you help in addition to what you are already doing? Call me to discuss how you can take the next step. I can assure you that you will not regret it.

Sandy Fryer
215-646-7290

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Raffles Coming in May

Spring is here and soon our NCJW raffle booklets will be arriving. This fundraiser is our biggest of the year and we depend on it to support the expanding needs of our community as we strive to improve the lives of women, children and families in the Philadelphia area and Israel.

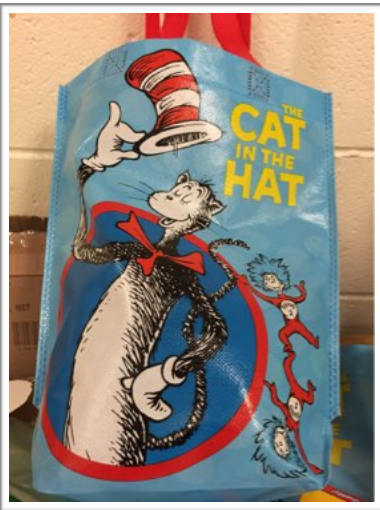
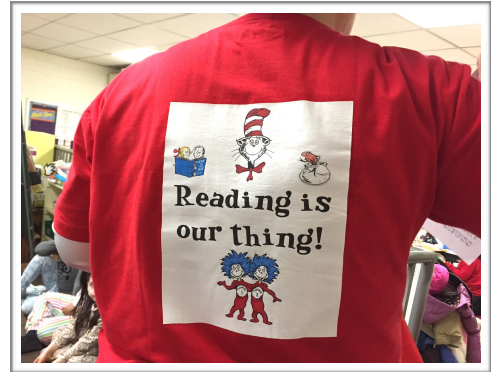
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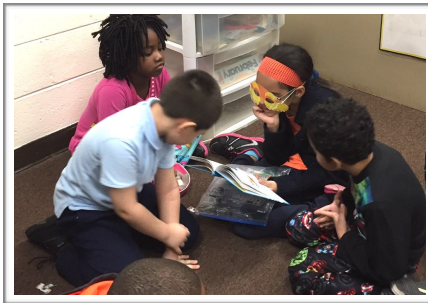
Public Affairs Community Service

Reading Buddies meet Dr. Seuss

Entering the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School on March 1, our NCJW section READING BUDDIES, caught sight of children, lots of children and teachers, too, wearing pajamas! We soon discovered this was a special day, Dr. Seuss Day. Instead of tutoring one to one, we had the pleasure of seeing first graders and their fourth grade helpers form an instant community of readers celebrating Dr. Seuss. We were welcomed to stay and we felt free to jump in and assist. Children raised their voices in a pledge to read everyday and each signed a pledge to do so. The school may be short on space and materials but it is long on enthusiasm for reading. The school is very appreciative of NCJW donations of school supplies such as paper, pencils, markers, erase boards, etc.



Students and staff at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School and NCJW Reading Buddies Susan Horwitz and Lee Tonik, flanking Dr. Seuss during a celebration of reading.



Pictured below at our March 6 Ronald McDonald guest chef program are Phyllis Blaskey, Ilene Gallagher, Gladys Greenfield, Susand Handis, the Tinkleman family, Seymour, Mollie and Jay and with me in the center. These dedicated and dependable men and women, representing our NCJW section, are the “ingredients” that make this program successful. They cook, set up, clean up and most importantly chat with the families, who are temporarily uprooted from their homes while they help their critically ill children receive medical care. Thank you to all our participants for your help and eagerness to do any job to provide a warm and tasty respite to the families you serve. A special kudos to Ilene who made beautiful and delicious mini Quiche. With warmth and gratitude,

Zelda Stern



Last Volunteer Date
 Sunday at 9 a.m.:
 April 3

Please call Zelda Stern at 215-947-2348 to help continue this vital program.

HIPPY BOOK SHOWER

The First Annual HIPPY Book Shower, sponsored by NCJW, was held at Diversified Community Service's (DCS) community center, Dixon House, on Thursday, March 10th from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

Both HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) and Head Start families were able to sort through over 1,000 free books (categorized by age level) to take home! It was refreshing to see so many happy faces of all ages surrounding the crates of books! The guests also enjoyed dinner from Lee's Hoagies. Raffle tickets were distributed at the door gratis to all participants. Raffle winners took home Gift Cards, which included a \$50 card from Shop Rite; two \$25 Shop Rite cards as well as a \$50 Visa Card. Book donations were graciously given from First Books and Tree House Books who each donated over 250 books for this special event.

We were lucky to have in attendance: Ms. Loraine Yarborough, President of the DCS Board; Ms. Theresa Booker, National HIPPY Trainer; Ms. Tina Watson, National Program Assistant Director; and Ms. Joslyn Jones, Director of Dixon Learning Academy; and Mr. Otis Bullock, Esq. Director of DCS. Last, but certainly not least, Ms. Siria Rivera, Director of Family Engagement/HIPPY Coordinator without whom this Book Shower would not have happened.

Our Section was privileged to have been part of this effort! Thank you to each of you who generously donated books! Your time and energy is appreciated. A Special Thank You to Barry Schwartz of SGS Paper who graciously donated the balloons for this event. Thank you to our NCJW section Council Board for the monetary support!

Elaine H. Kline



Holocaust Awareness

What an honor it is to work together with Holocaust Survivors! Through the Holocaust Awareness Museum at the Klein Life Center, I have had the opportunity to go with Holocaust Survivors to venues including schools, rotary club meetings, and large scale symposiums. It is very rewarding to do my part to make sure their stories are remembered.

I also believe it is a way to honor all the millions of people who did not survive. Just today, March 14, 2016, Ernest Gross, a survivor, and I spoke to a large group of students at the Holocaust Symposium at Gratz College. After Ernie's talk, we opened up the floor to questions. One question that comes up often is, "What is your feeling about people in Germany." Ernie and other survivors I have volunteered with ALWAYS answer by saying that they will not and cannot blame the generation of people who were born after the Holocaust for things that happened in the past.

Ernie also told the students that once a man asked him the same question and he gave the same response. The man jumped up on the stage to hug Ernie. This man was a German citizen and had struggled with this for many years of his life. Ernie's acceptance and warmth towards him made a tremendous difference. I encourage you as fellow NCJW members to get involved with this project. As I mentioned above, I am honored to do this and I learn more about myself and my perceptions each time I spend the day with survivors.

Jackee Swartz

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, April 3 9 a.m. Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program

Tuesday, April, 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Judith Bernstein Baker, Executive Director of HIAS
Syrian & Refugee Crisis , Greater Philadelphia

NOTE: This evening event will be at Melrose Bnai Israel Emanu-El which is at the parking lot end of Keneseth Israel. Entry is the door with the mosaics.

Tuesday, April 12 **Taste Of Culture: Mural Arts TROLLEY TOUR**

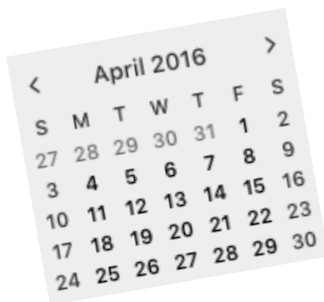
Tuesday, May 3
Keneseth Israel Interfaith Center of Philadelphia
Topic: "Interfaith Cooperation"
Reverend Judy Sullivan, Dean, Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
and Rabbi David Straus, Beth Elohim, Main Line Reform Temple

Tuesday, June 7 Closing Luncheon Meadowlands CC.

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ADDITIONAL REMINDERS FOR YOUR APRIL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 17 Yom Ha'shoah, Plan to attend the Holocaust Commemoration Ceremony 2016, 16th and the Parkway at 1 pm.

Friday, April 22 Passover First Seder

Tuesday, April 26 PA primary

Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up to support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and/or facilitating. Please contact one of us and we will be happy to share details with you.

Thank you,

Roz Fudell s.fudell@comcast.net and Cindi Pasceri vpasce@gmail.com



Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like the NCJW to recognize?
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MEETING AND LUNCHEON
Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.

Rabbi David Straus and Reverend Judy Sullivan

INTERFAITH COOPERATION: an important issue for our current times.

David Straus is Senior Rabbi
at Main Line Reform Temple.



Judy Sullivan is the Chair of the Board
of Directors for the Interfaith Center
of Greater Philadelphia.

Please join us as we learn about the work of the
INTERFAITH CENTER of GREATER PHILADELPHIA

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LUNCHEON - MEMBERS \$20.00 GUESTS - \$25.00
(Want to skip lunch? Join us at 1:00 p.m. for the meeting and program.)

Please mail your check made out to NCJW to
Susan Horwitz
1324 Robinhood Road
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Checks received after Friday, April 29 will be returned and the member will be most welcome at the program and dessert.

Please note: If a guest becomes a member of NCJW, \$5.00 will be deducted from membership dues.

Questions? Call Barbara Nussbaum, 215-280-0046 or Susan Horwitz, 215-938-8569

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TASTE OF CULTURE
April 12, 2016

Mural Arts Trolley Tour
"Philadelphia's Re-Imagined Landscape"

We will view modern day murals as we travel through the old industrial commercial corridors of Philadelphia's Frankford and Kensington neighborhoods. Our guide will enable us to view these neighborhoods as today's residential and creative arts enclaves.

We will meet to board the trolley at
Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
Hamilton Building
128 North Broad St, Philadelphia
at 10:15 a.m.

Lunch at Sabrina's Cafe and Spencer's Too
1804 Callowhill Street

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Book Clubs

Evening Book Club

,April 12 7:30 pm. *The Nightingale*
by Kristin Hannah
RSVP to Joan Sax...215-947-9166 or
joansax@comcast.net.

Thank you to Judy Miller for her yummy
hostessing and to Tammy Hertzbach for leading
a great discussion at our March meeting.

Center City Book Club

April 13, 7 P.M. *Everything I Never Told You*
by Celeste Ng
Hostess: Laurie Lisa
Leader: Judith Ginsberg

Thanks to Judith for hosting our March meeting
and to Maryellen Bass for leading our discussion
of A Hole in the Earth



Welcome to New Members

Cheryl Roth Frank

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

Wendy Rader	215-657-9347	wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com
Judy Fried	215-245-1309	judyfried38@gmail.com

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Do You Know a Prospective Member?

Please contact Co-Membership Vice Presidents Wendy Rader at WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215 657-9347 or Judy Fried at judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309 and they will send out a membership packet.

Mazel tov to:

Rhena Kelsen who was recently honored upon completion of her term as co-president of the Philadelphia Jewish Archives Center. We are proud to have such talented and giving people in our section like Rhena who was also one of our past presidents and remains active in our section.

Thank You to:

Evelyn Goldhammer for graciously hosting the March Board meeting in her lovely home.

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Our complete PA delegation poses following a wonderful caucus meeting led by our SPA, or state policy advocate and fearless leader, Lynne Jacobs in the first row. Lynne is flanked by yours truly and Paula Garret, Pittsburgh NCJW president. Back row, far left, is Samantha Dye, Pittsburgh NCJW Director of Programming and Outreach, and far right is Andrea Kline Glickman, Exec. Dir. of Pittsburgh NCJW. Rounding out our Greater Philadelphia presence was Kami Knapp, 2nd from left. Kami is a student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Next to her are Tanya Bielski and Cheryl Kleiman of Pittsburgh NCJW. Barbara Nussbaum, 2nd from right, is our Programs Queen, and was a glamorous ball of energy to boot. Missed you, Sherry Kohn, and hope you're on the road to recovery!

At a breakout session, Monika Rae Simpson of Sister Song led the way, with Lynne Jacobs close behind, to show the intersection of the Black Lives Matter movement and Reproductive Justice.



After receiving an award from Marge Weiser, Wade Henderson, President of the Leadership Conference on Human and Civil Rights, thanked NCJW for decades of working closely together. He explained that we, and our Senators, should look at the Constitution, Article II, Section 2, Clause 2, for the law on Supreme Court vacancies.



On Monday afternoon, Susan Weiss explained the Supreme Court in Israel, as Dahlia Lithwick shared her candid opinions on the SCOTUS vacancy. Nan Arons, of the Alliance for Justice, moderated.



Privileged to take in Monday night the incredibly moving story behind US v. (Edith) Windsor (right) as argued brilliantly before the Supreme Court by Roberta Kaplan (left), explaining how the Defense of Marriage Act, or DOMA was defeated. Two other NCJW families shared the stories of their triumphs for gay marriage, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

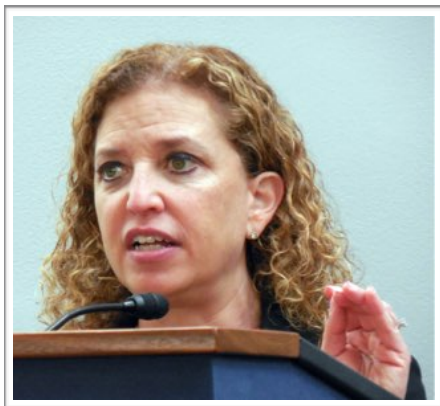


Here we are, after meeting with Devorah Goldman (4th from the right), aide to Senator Toomey.



Here, the PA delegation surrounds Gwen Camp in blue, aide to Sen. Casey, who tipped us off there would be big news later that day (a nomination to fill Judge Marjorie Rendell's seat).

After our lobby visits, we were thanked by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, and by Congresswomen Debbie Wasserman Schultz and Jan Schakowsky—both NCJW life members.





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