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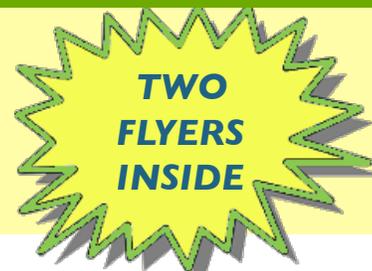
April 2018

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NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION MEMBERS DO WHAT WOMEN DO BEST: LEAD and SUPPORT!

Pictured here are our Section's Advocacy Committee members successful in their advocacy efforts for legislation to assist the young victims of sex trafficking. Displaying their message at the State Capitol Building are Lynne Jacobs, PA Policy Advocacy Chair, Janet Ecksel, Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair, Rhonda Mandel and Lea Wecht.

On March 14, five intrepid NCJW advocates arrived in Harrisburg to speak to legislators about a bill we have been supporting: Safe Harbor for young victims of trafficking. As you may recall, this bill passed the PA Senate last year, and our anti-trafficking coalition is eager to have the House take it up before the end of this session. If passed, this bill will ensure that trafficked youth identified by police are not treated as criminals.

Our group split up and visited 15 Representatives' offices, both Democrats and Republicans. Legislators and aides listened attentively as we explained the purpose of the bill and the bi-partisan support we have so far. It was a good day for us because we were able to get two more co-sponsors for the bill!

Lynne Jacobs



MORE INSPIRATION TO VOLUNTEER

- NCJW is in its 125th year of women's activism and volunteerism to benefit women, children, and families.
- Women marched en masse in protest of anti-immigration policies, acts and rhetoric of bigotry, and threats to women's reproductive rights.
- Women were a majority in the People's Climate March.
- Women were a majority in the March on Science.
- Women constituted 86% of calls to congressional offices (March 2018 survey).
- Women are at the forefront of grassroots resistance (over 5,000 groups across the country) working to preserve, protect, and advance social justice and the core values of our democracy under assault by policies of our current President and his administration.
- An unprecedented surge this year of first-time women candidates running for offices from local school boards to state legislatures to the U. S. Senate.



**ITS TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR
GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.**

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President's Message

This month we celebrate Passover, the holiday we love, that brings together families and friends who sit together at the Seder table telling the story of how Moses led the Jewish people to freedom. Moses was not afraid to "speak out" against slavery to free the Jewish people. We must remember, that even today we have to continue to speak out to KEEP our freedom!

Our history has shown us that time after time, when there is injustice in the world, we do not sit back. We speak out to let others know when our freedom of speech is being threatened. We speak out to support these incredibly strong young high school students who want to see gun violence stop. We speak out when we vote and we speak out when our human rights are being threatened.

NCJW women have always spoken out when there is a need to do so. Everything we do, whether it is our advocacy work, our community service or our programming and education work, we take action.

We do what we can to bring together divergent cultures and to bring together like-minded coalitions to work on mutual goals. Our message is clear: create a safe, inclusive community, build a better world for women, children and families and strive for justice for everyone.

So, when you join together at your Seder table, open your doors to others, let all who want to join you do so. Engage in discussion on the meaning of freedom and open the eyes of your children and grandchildren to understand never to take their freedoms for granted and to always "speak out" when there is a need to do so.

I wish all of you a wonderful Passover and I look forward to seeing you soon at our upcoming events and programs.

Barbara Nussbaum



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By including NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section in your estate planning, you can help its important work continue for years to come.

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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.

Women

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Guests welcome

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Featured Speaker: Dr. Marisa Porges
"EMERGING ISSUES IN U.S. SECURITY"

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

Questions? Call Char Kurland 215-805-3006 or NCJW 215-302-3586.

Community Ceremony for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs

Sunday, April 15. 1:00 p.m.

Cong. Rodeph Shalom, 615 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19123

The Annual Memorial Ceremony for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs is Philadelphia's largest communal commemoration of Yom HaShoah that honors both the survivors as well as the memory of the victims. The program features civic, community and religious leaders, music, readings and the traditional Yizkor prayers. The Ceremony is sponsored by the Memorial Committee for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs of the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and the Association of Jewish Holocaust Survivors. For information contact Beth Razin at brazin@jewishphilly.org or 215-832-0536.

Bus Order forms are available at

<https://ncjwphiladelphia.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Holocaust-Ceremony-2018-Bus-Wreath-Order-Forms-1.docx>

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

SAVE THE DATE

.Wednesday, April 11

Keneseth Israel (Main Sanctuary)
Free Evening Program
"Emerging Issues in U.S. Security"
Dr. Marisa Porges, Head of Baldwin School 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. **(SEE THE FLYER)**

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

Annual Closing Luncheon
Talamore Country Club
Alisa Dupuy will transport you back in time in her portrayal of Queen Victoria in "Victorian Experience".

Congratulations to:

Diane Plotnick on the marriage of her grandson.
Kay Skloff on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson.
Shelley Mattleman Rubin on the birth of her granddaughter

We wish speedy recovery to:

Phyllis Kedson

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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

Afternoon Book Club

March 22 *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*
by Kelli Estes
April 26 *The Professor and the Housekeeper*
by Yoko Ogawa
Both meetings are scheduled to be at the Dublin Terrace club house.
Thanks to Sue Leon for hosting and facilitating our last meeting.
For more up to date info please call Joyce at 215-402-0287 or barryjoy@aol.com.

Center City Book Club

Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.
Americanah
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
At the home of Joanne Stoloff
Discussion Leader, Arline Bell
Thanks to Judith Ginsberg for hosting our March meeting and to Gwen Freedman for leading our discussion

Evening Book Club

Wednesday, April 17
The Sparrow
by Mary Doria Russell
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READERS WANTED FOR OUR HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST

This year four schools will be participating in our Holocaust Essay Contest: Springfield Township Middle School, Upper Dublin Middle School, Community Academy of Philadelphia (a charter school) and Paxon Hollow Middle School. Students' essays will express their thoughts and reflections in response to Holocaust themed readings (e.g. Anne Frank) a movie or a visit to a museum. Their writings, which may include poetry are not to exceed two pages. Hopefully, we will start receiving essays to read by the end of April, beginning of May. Our committee members read them at their leisure in their own homes. They grade them and then we have a meeting of our committee where we read aloud the better essays and take a vote. My co-chairman, Celia Rothkoph and I will then attend the closing ceremony at each school and present a certificate of participation to each student and prizes to the winners. Please let me know if you would like to read essays and help select the winners. We welcome new members of our section...as well as our seasoned readers. Many of you as former teachers are very qualified to do this. Let me know if you are interested.

Evelyn Goldhammer....egoldhammer@comcast.net



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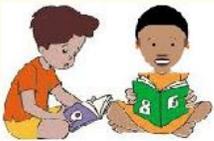
NCJW is asking anyone with a few hours to spare to sign up to The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. The center will be happy to train anyone who is willing to help whether it means driving and/or facilitating. Please contact me. I will be happy to share details with you. Thank you,

Susan Horwitz horwitzsusan@yahoo.com

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215-836-5993 or email hgranncjw@gmail.com.



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?

One more Sunday morning this year

April 8

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Thank you.

Zelda Stern 215 947 2348

Welcome to New Members

Meredith Barber Nina Cohen Jo Ann Simon

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: WRBarbieGirl150@gmail.com 215 657-9347

or

Judy Fried judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

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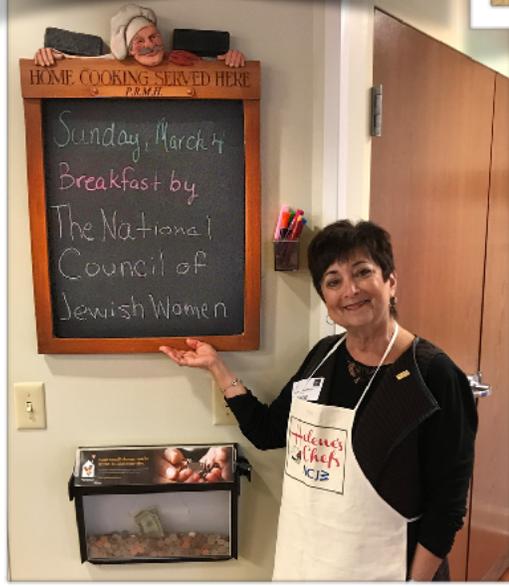
Beth Steinman scrambling some incredible eggs.



Phyliss Sorof and Gladys Greenfield serving muffins and fruit to go with the eggs and french toast.



Bobbie Berman, Susan Handis and Zelda Stern getting the OJ.



Barbara Nussbaum with the blackboard that shows parents which volunteer group is making breakfast.



Members of NCJW and of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom queue up for a celebratory pose after an informative, well received program about Jewish and Muslim women joining together to fight hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice.

Pictured here are left to right: Carole Wilder, Joyce Eveloff, Teresa Hadjali, Sally Selim, Meredith Barber, Margie Zukerman, Janet Ecksel Char Kurland, and Barbara Nussbaum.

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Tuesday, May 8, 2018 11:30 a.m.**



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Melissa Sandquist will brighten your day with a wonderful presentation and virtual tour of the beautiful James A. Michener Art Museum. The Michener Museum is home to a world-class collection of Pennsylvania impressionist paintings, and special exhibitions.

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Name _____

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Guests _____

**National Council of Jewish Women
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**NCJW is planning an exciting outing at: *Painting With A Twist*
Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 1 p.m.**



What is *Painting With a Twist* ? It's a fun way to spend two or three hours with old friends or making new ones. It's a fun way of forgetting your problems and immersing yourself in the moment. It's a fun way of getting in touch with your creative side - don't worry, it's in there and you will be helped to find it.



Painting With A Twist is a BYOB art studio where you are encouraged to bring your favorite wine or beer, finger foods, and friends. Paint, brushes, canvas, glasses and everything needed for a fun and transformational experience will be provided. Talented artists will walk you through the class's artwork step by step so that at the end.....you have a truly original work of art.... one you will be proud to sign. You can paint from one of almost 7,000 paintings in their exclusive catalog so there is something for every taste and temperament. What, you say you have no talent! Time to bring out your inner artist!!

Party Time: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Happy Half Hour 1:00pm - 1:30pm

Painting Starts 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Wine Down 3:30pm - 4:00pm

Bring your favorite drinks and food to enjoy (NO Hard Liquor)! Cups, plates, napkins, wine openers and ice buckets are provided. (Utensils and serving pieces are not).

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Everyone is invited to share the fun, bring your friends...and NCJW receives 50% of all admissions.

Bring a snack to share!! (BYOB)

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(Donna will register you)

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