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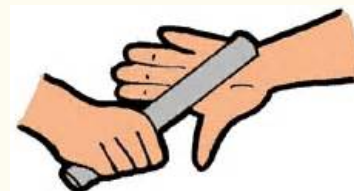
May, 2016

# Bulletin

Two flyers enclosed !!!

## PASSING THE BATON

Inside this month's bulletin two programs our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section are engaged with, namely the YOUTH SYMPOSIUM and the HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST merit heightened attention. As noted by NCJW member, Cindi Pasceri, in her account of her volunteer experience as a facilitator and driver for the YOUTH SYMPOSIUM, "students were very mindful of the fact that they will probably be the last generation to hear what really happened so long ago."



Yearly, participation in our NCJW HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST, now led by Evelyn Goldhammer, provides students the opportunity to reflect and give expression to their personal ideas and experiences of intolerance. Year after year, students have given voice to their response to lessons of the Holocaust through their writings in the form of essays, poems and play scripts. Their thoughts are compelling, expressing their understanding of the forces of intolerance as an aspect of human nature, accessible for exploitation with devastating human consequences.

An article in this May issue of our NCJW Bulletin by member, Bobbi Berman reminds us that, in 1998, students and staff of a middle school in Whitehall, Tennessee, overwhelmed by their learning of the scale of the Holocaust, committed themselves to memorializing the loss with a Children's Holocaust monument. (See the story inside.)

Kudos to all who are "passing the baton" to our future generations!

Harriet Gran

Reminder

MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Tuesday, May 3, 11:30 a.m.

**INTERFAITH COOPERATION: an important issue for our current times.**

David Straus is Senior Rabbi  
at Main Line Reform Temple.



Reverend Judy Sullivan is the Chair of the  
Board of Directors for 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.)

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ADOPTED PHILADELPHIA SCHOOLS.**

## Six Million Paper Clips - The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial

In 1998, an 8th grade project in Whitehall, Tennessee to teach children lessons of tolerance, evolved into an educational program on the Holocaust, one gaining world wide attention. An award-winning documentary film, PAPER CLIPS, about the project, was released in 2004. A book, SIX MILLION PAPER CLIPS chronicling the project, was written by Peter and Dagmar Schroeder. Subsequently, through the efforts of one of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members, Phyllis Kedson, the Paper Clips project became a focus of our interest for our NCJW section. Phyllis became the chairperson of this endeavor as well as past president and Marcie Sussman the program vice-president. At the invitation of Phyllis and Marcie, the authors of the book, SIX MILLION PAPER CLIPS, made a presentation of their Paper Clip Program at an NCJW meeting.

Now many years later, a DVD copy of the documentary film and a copy of the Schroeders' book will be presented to the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center at Klein Life in memory of Marcie Sussman by NCJW member and sister of Marcie Sussman, Bobbie Berman.



Those who view the documentary and/or read the book on the Paper Clips Project will learn among other things how a school principal, assistant principal and teacher acted on their commitment to start a Holocaust education program. Overwhelmed by the scale of the Holocaust, the children wanted to collect something that would commemorate the lives that were lost. The Tennessee students discovered that Johan Vaaler, a Norwegian, designed a loop of metal, the paperclip, which Norwegians wore on their lapels during World War II as a silent protest against Nazi occupation. The students created a website to collect 11 million paper clips (6 million for murdered Jews and 5 million for Roma, Catholics and other groups). Their project snowballed after receiving the attention of Peter and Dagmar Schroeder, reporters for German newspapers covering the White House and who were born in Germany during the second World War.

The Schroeders published articles and a book on the project, promoting the project in Germany. Intent on finding a way to house the paperclips sent to them, the Schroeders went to Whitehall to meet with the originators of the project. Sandra Roberts, the 8th grade teacher, provided the solution when she recalled her class walking through a railcar used to transport Nazi prisoners, when visiting the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC Thus began the Schroeders' search for a railcar.

The Schroeders' letters to the head of the German government, Gerhard Schroder, to railroad museums, private rail companies, and rail experts bore no fruit. Determined, the Schroeders left for Germany. There, many cities later they learned of a railcar at a museum in Gansing, Germany and convinced the museum's director to sell the railcar.

With financial help from the Schroders' friends and family, the railcar began its journey to Tennessee. On August 23, 2001 the railcar was transported by train to a Norwegian ship for its 4,000 mile trip to Baltimore Harbor, arriving on September 9, 2001 and then placed on a flatbed truck to its new home in Whitehall, Tennessee arriving on the fateful day of 9/11.

This monument, the Children's Holocaust Memorial, consists of the authentic transport railcar which holds the 11 million paper clips representing lives lost. The monument was uncovered on the anniversary of Kristalnacht, November 9, 2001.

Bobbie Berman

## Raffles Will Soon Be on Their Way



Raffle booklets will be coming in early May. The sale of these tickets will enable our NCJW section to continue and expand the support we give to women, children and families in our effort to improve their lives here and in Israel. Please join us in this, our biggest fundraising effort of the year.

I thank you in advance for your participation,

Rhena Kelsen

## Public Affairs Community Service

It was my honor again this year to act as a facilitator bringing together high school students and Holocaust Survivors for a day of learning and reflection.

I was lucky enough to drive two survivors to Gratz and facilitate for another.

I found my group of students to be interested and respectful. They asked very insightful questions and continued the dialogue during our lunch together. These students were very mindful of the fact that they will probably be the last generation to hear directly from the survivors of what happened so long ago. I left the symposium feeling hopeful that these young adults understood the necessity of being up-standers rather than bystanders.

Thank you to Diane Steinbrink, Jackee Swartz, Diane Morgan and Carly Levin and Susan Horwitz from the Greater Philadelphia Section of the NCJW who gladly gave of their time to make this symposium such a success.

Cindi Pasceri



Survivor, Ernie Gross with students.

### Holocaust Essay Contest

We will start receiving 6th through 8th grade essays from 6 different schools at the end of April into May. These children have read books, seen movies, or have met survivors and they are asked to write a two page paper to express their understanding.

As a member of our committee, you will receive essays to read at your leisure along with instructions on how to grade them. We will then come together as a group and discuss the best ones. I then make up award certificates and present them at the closing assemblies. If you have not yet signed up and wish to participate, please email me at [egoldhammer@comcast.net](mailto:egoldhammer@comcast.net). This is a fun, intellectual experience.

Evelyn Goldhammer

Help Wanted

### 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](mailto:s.fudell@comcast.net) and Cindi Pasceri [vpasce@gmail.com](mailto:vpasce@gmail.com)



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Please add to their summer fun by bringing donations of new toys, for children of all ages, to our annual end of the year luncheon.



### Welcome to New Members

Cheryl Roth-Frank      Marla Sturm Gould      Kami Knapp      Majorie Zuckerman

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

Wendy Rader	215-657-9347	<a href="mailto:wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com">wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com</a>
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Do You Know a Prospective Member?

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

### SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, May 3

Interfaith Center of Philadelphia

Keneseth Israel

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

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## Board Meetings

May 10    June 14

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<b>(Public Affairs Community Service)</b>			

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Diane Morgan via email at [dianebmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:dianebmorgan@yahoo.com)

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## Book Clubs

### Evening Book Club

Tuesday, May 10 7:30 p.m. *A Backpack, a Bear and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Golinkin.

RSVP to Charlotte Schwartz at 21-643-7542 or [charlotters6@comcast.net](mailto:charlotters6@comcast.net).

Thank you to Joan Sax for hosting the April Evening Book Club Meeting and to Lois Michaels for an engaging discussion.

### Center City Book Club

May 11, 7 p.m. *My Father's Paradise* by Ariel Sabar

Hostess: Sandy Finkle

Leader: Sheila Chacker

Selection of books for 2016-17

Thanks to Laurie Lisa for hosting our April meeting and to Judith Ginsberg for leading our discussion of *Everything I Never Told You*

### Daytime Book Club

April 28 *The Other Typist* by Suzanne Rindell  
May 26 *Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng

June 23 *The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan

July 28 *American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar

All meetings are held at the Dublin Terrace community room at 1:00 to socialize and 1:30 for discussion.

Contact Joyce Avrach at 215-402-0287 or [barryjoy@aol.com](mailto:barryjoy@aol.com) for more info.



### Mazel Tov to:

Pearl and Hal Tragash on the B'nai Mitzvah of their grandchildren Rebecca and Michael.

Judy Caplan on the B'nai Mitzvah of her grandchildren, Daniel Caplan and Emma Dall.

Gladys Greenfield on the marriage of her grandson

Elaine Kline on the birth of a grandson.

Rita Metzendorf on the marriage of her granddaughter, Nikki Herlich to Dean Drizinl

Michele Utain whose sister was just married in India.

Mimi Adler on her move to Rydal East

Susan Schiff on her recent move to Jenkintown

### Condolences to:

Maxine Stutman on the death of her sister

### BRIGHT IDEAS

Dear Members,  
We have formed a fundraising committee to generate new ideas for Taste of Culture trips, other trips and other traditional fundraising initiatives.

Charlotte Schwartz our Fund Raising VP Chairwoman can be contacted at 215-643-7542 or by e-mail at [charlotters6@comcast.net](mailto:charlotters6@comcast.net)





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**TASTE OF CULTURE**  
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