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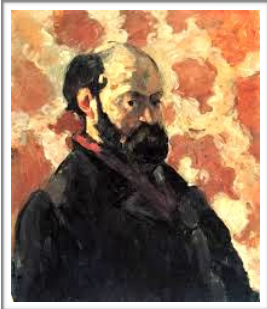
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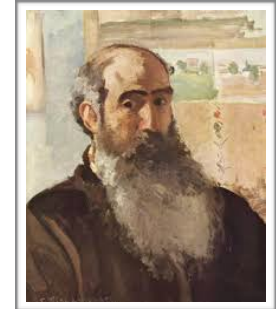
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MEETING AND LUNCHEON Tuesday, May 2



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Tuesday, June 6, 2016 11:00am
BlueStone Country Club (formerly, Meadowlands Country Club)
711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, Pa 19422

Couvert: \$55 Members \$60 Guests

Keynote Speaker: David L. Cohen
"The influence of Social Media Communications in Society"



David Cohen is an NCJW son. His mother, Barbara (of blessed memory), was a President of the Highland Park, NJ Section of NCJW. She went on to become the Mid-Atlantic District President and in that role was a member of the National Board where she served with our Diane Steinbrink.

David has often said that his mother's values, which reflected NCJW's priorities, were things that he grew up with.

David is Senior Executive Vice President of Comcast Corporation and is the Company's Chief Diversity Officer. He is responsible for corporate communications, government and regulatory affairs, public and legal affairs.

David served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, the Mayor of Philadelphia. He serves as Chairman of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its Executive Committee and as a member of the Trustee Board and the Executive

Committee of Penn Medicine. In addition, David serves on both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Chamber's CEO Council for Growth, and serves as honorary chair of Campus Philly's board of directors. David serves as Vice Chair of the national board of City Year and is Chair of its Governance Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. He also serves on the national board of the National Urban League and is Chair of its Audit Committee and is Chair of the Corporate Advisory Board of the National Council of La Raza.

NCJW National Convention Highlights

Lynne Jacobs

The NCJW National Convention, held every three years, is always exciting. Great speakers and in-depth workshops are informative and energizing. This year in particular, according to CEO Nancy Kaufman, the convention “focused on post-election skills-building workshops, arming participants with advocacy and leadership tools as they return to their communities and get involved in local, statewide, and national efforts to enact progressive policies that are good for women, children, and families.” Barbara Nussbaum and I were fortunate to be the representatives of our Section in Atlanta.

During the pre-conference day, I attended a special training for State Policy Advocates from around the country. We spoke about our activities over the past year and then worked on plans to make our lobby days and other work even more effective going forward. We all understand the challenges we face and want to motivate more members in our states to get involved. Meanwhile, Barbara attended sessions for incoming presidents.



Barbara Nussbaum and Lynne Jacobs signaling NCJW's concern with the SCOTUS candidate.

about consumer protection...to add the goal of being protected from bank fraud and other misdeeds by financial companies we should be able to trust. However, our proposal was not accepted by the committee. I decided to present my rationale to the hearing...not really to challenge the committee, but just to get my point across to those in attendance. When I did, I found that others liked the idea and were willing to help craft better language to meet the committee's concerns. With this new wording, the amendment was accepted.

For the first evening, sections presented “best practices” in many realms: fund raising, communication, recruiting members, etc. Of course Barbara and I wished we could clone ourselves to attend every one. I chose to learn about other sections' community service projects that bring publicity and attention to the NCJW “brand.”

Issue-oriented workshops occupied us from then on. Attendees had the chance to learn more about taking action to achieve NCJW's national priorities. At the Women Who Dared luncheon, we presented NCJW's highest award to Hillary Clinton, who gave an inspiring response via video. (You can watch the video at the National website, ncjw.org.) Then on the final night, we attended the Leadership Gala. Of course this was special to me, because I was about to join the National Board. But before the new Board was recognized, we heard from Congressman John Lewis, who represents Atlanta. He received NCJW's Faith and Humanity Award and urged us to remain positive and not despair, not matter how tough the road ahead may seem. When he came down from the stage, the audio tech began to play a song that he had mentioned, and many of the group got up to dance with the Congressman. Such a feel-good moment! It really lifted everyone's spirits.

Needless to say, I am thrilled to be embarking on my new role as National Board Director. I look forward to continuing my contribution to our Section as well as the National organization.



Congressman and civil rights leader, John Lewis, received the Faith and Humanitarian award at NCJW's National Convention

At each National convention, members get to review the organization's Bylaws and Resolutions, to map out our agenda for the coming triennium. Sections are invited to submit proposed changes in the year leading up to convention. The review committee's report is then discussed at a hearing before the convention begins.

Last summer, at my suggestion, our Board agreed to propose an amendment to a resolution



Here I am at the close of the National Board Installation Ceremony with L to R Dana Gershon (DC), Nina Goldman (NJ), and Cheryl Berenson (WA)

NCJW members

Save these dates and join us.

Sunday, April 23, 2017 1:00 p.m.

NCJW members, please join the Greater Philadelphia community in remembering the men, women and children who perished in the Holocaust and honoring the strength of Holocaust Survivors.

Philadelphia's Annual Memorial Ceremony for the Six Million Jewish Martyrs

Guest Speaker: Kenneth Jacobson
Deputy National Director of the Anti-Defamation League

Location
Monument to the Six Million Jewish Martyrs
16th Street & Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103
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Advocacy Day in Harrisburg - Tuesday May 9, 2017

Join our Greater Philadelphia Section, along with members of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition, in Harrisburg. Speak to our legislators about issues of importance to us.

If you have never spent a day in Harrisburg advocating for women's issues and are curious and a little shy about what to say, we have you covered. A number of "seasoned" advocates (including Lynne Jacobs and Linda Lempert) are ready to include newbies on visits to our state Senators and Representatives. We will have all the materials, talking points, and support needed to make an impression. The experience is fun and worth it. If you'd like to join us, let Linda Lempert know. lindalempert@verizon.net

Wednesday July 5, 2017 at 2 p.m. for a summer theater trip to see

PROJECT DAWN at People's Light in Malvern

A fundraiser on behalf of Dawn's Place.



This new play is based on the experiences of trafficked women in Philadelphia. Tickets are \$38, which includes a contribution of \$10 to Dawn's Place, residence for women survivors of trafficking. We will arrange car pools and plan to have lunch first at a nearby restaurant. Friends are welcome! Please let Lynne Jacobs know by April 30 if you want a ticket, so she will know how many to reserve.

Feel free to contact her with questions. ljacobs816@gmail.com

PROJECT DAWN by Karen Hartman

Project Dawn is inspired by the work of Dawn's Court in Philadelphia, PA, an innovative court program designed to transform the lives of trafficked women repeatedly convicted and caught up in the criminal justice system. Based on extensive observation and research, the play follows the high-stakes lives of these victims/participants as well as the Court staff in and around the Court's proceedings over several months. Each of the 7 female actresses double as victims/participants and Court staff (judge, lawyers, parole officers, and support staff), making it clear that either character subset could have landed on the other side of our justice system. *Project Dawn* is in no way a political treatise. It is bursting with urgency, but is also full of deep empathy and humor. The play bridges the gap between what audiences might currently know about sexual exploitation and what they could know--what is actually happening in their own backyard. It doesn't matter if your politics are to the left or to the right. The material will gnaw at your heart and inspire you to action. This play is the first world premiere from our nationally renowned New Play Frontiers Residency & Commission program at People's Light.

I had the joy of facilitating at the Holocaust Symposium

representing the NCJW. Ernie Gross, a survivor, not only recounted his life in the concentration camps but also taught these teenagers about being a giving and loving human being. We gave the students time for a think, pair and share to reflect on what they learned. Their feedback was extremely gratifying. We gave them the task of sharing the information Ernie and I shared to five human beings that were not at the symposium. These five people will be asked to share with five more people. We can make a difference in our world, one day at a time.

Jackee Swartz



Our Taste of Culture trip to Chestnut Hill for a tour of the Woodmere Art Museum followed by lunch at Cin-Cin turned out to be the best antidote for a drizzly day. Thank you Lee Tonik!



The four of us represented our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section at the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition. Our section is a partnership organization.

Left to right, Barbara Nussbaum, Pearl Tragash, Margie Zukerman and Joan Non.



Raffle Tickets Will Soon Be on Their Way

Raffle booklets will be mailed 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. The drawing will take place at our closing luncheon on June 6, at the BlueStone Country Club (formerly Meadowbrook). You need not be present to win. I thank you in advance for your participation.

Rhena Kelsen

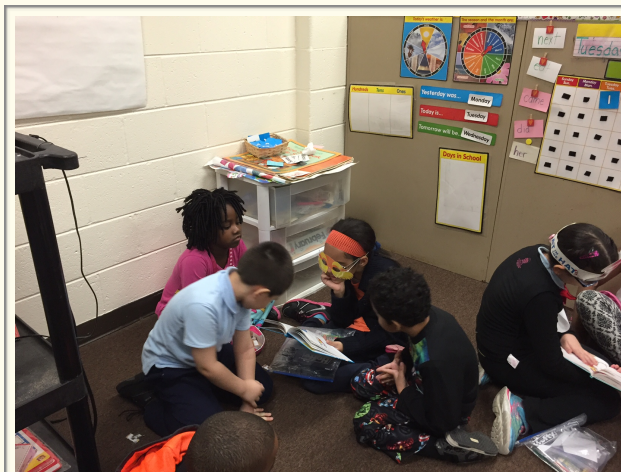
NO REASON TO WAIT!

Summer is approaching but Benjamin Franklin Elementary School staff, students, and our NCJW volunteers have no intention of winding down just yet. Reading to children and helping them practice skills helps them build confidence and imagination, and widens their world. To reach more children, they need more of YOU.

Come and "get your feet wet" and be ready to resume in September.

Volunteer days and hours are flexible. Our member volunteers: Sherry Kohn, Susan Horwitz, Harriet Gran, Lee Tonik, and Barbara Auerbach are glad to "show you the ropes."

For more information, call Sherry Kohn at 215-208-0550.



Afternoon Book Club

April 27 *Gray Mountain* by John Grisham

May 25 *The Gilded Years* by Karin Tanabe
Roz Fudel will host.

Meeting at the Dublin Terrace community room.

All meetings are in the Dublin Terrace community room at 1:00 p.m. to socialize, 1:30 p.m. for discussion.

Please contact Joyce for further info. 215-402-0287 or Barryjoy@aol.com.

Thanks to Betsy Parziale who facilitated in January, Sue Leon who hosted and Joyce Avrach who facilitated in February and Betsy Parziale who hosted and facilitated in March.

Center City Book Club

Wednesday, May 10, 7 P.M.

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff

Host and leader: Eleanor Levie

Thanks to Gwen Freedman for hosting our Passover meeting and to Maryellen Blass for a thoughtful discussion of *My Name is Lucy Barton*

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The Woman Who Heard Color by Kelly Jones
RSVP to Charlotte Schwartz...215-643-7542
or charlotters6@comcast.net.

Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The End of the Affair by Graham Green

RSVP to Evelyn Goldhammer

at 215-884-8076 or egoldhammer@comcast.net

Thank You to Faith Edelman for hosting the March meeting and to Lee Tonik for facilitating the discussion.

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Holocaust essay contest.....

We have the potential for eight schools to participate this year... so we need many readers. If you haven't already responded, please let me know if you are available to read essays. I usually give each member about 20 essays to read at your leisure at home. You are asked to rate each essay. If possible you can exchange essays with another member. We then have a meeting where we read aloud the better rated essays and choose winners. It is an enjoyable and easy activity. The essays should be coming in by the end of April and the beginning of May. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Evelyn Goldhammer

egoldhammer@gmail.com

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Welcome to the world, little ones:

Bence Thomas Winokur, grandson of Harriet Winokur

Clio Edith Fisher, granddaughter of Linda and Spencer Lempert

Welcome to New Members

Patricia Tagliolini Susan Snellenburg

Condolences:

to the Krasnoff family on the loss of our long time NCJW member and board member, Joyce Krasnoff.

to Adrienne Feuer and the Feuer family on the loss of her husband, Peter Feuer.

to Judy Blumberg on the loss of her partner, Alan Bernstein

to Jeannie Kelly on the loss of her husband Thomas Kelly



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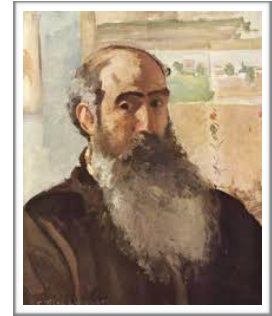
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Paulette Rackow has completed over 15 years of study at the Barnes Foundation. She has been a docent at the Barnes for 8 years and has studied at the Clark Institute in Williamstown, Mass.

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David has received numerous awards for his civic and charitable activities.

To guarantee seating requests, please mail check, made out to NCJW by May 30 to:
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