

June, 2016

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2015 - 2016  
A YEAR TO KVELL ABOUT



Rev. Judy Sullivan and Rabbi David Strauss speak on INTERFAITH



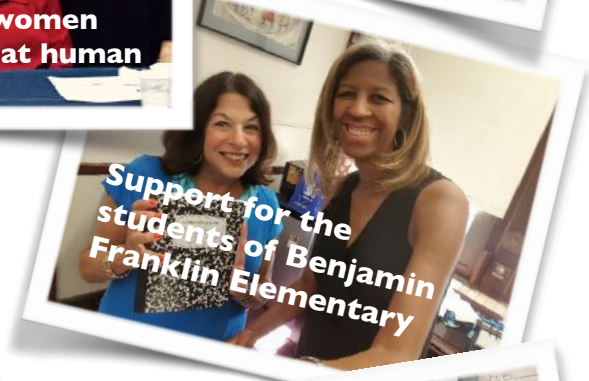
Extraordinary panel of women engaged in efforts to combat human trafficking



Judith Bernstein Baker, Executive Director of HIAS about the Syrian Refugee Crisis.



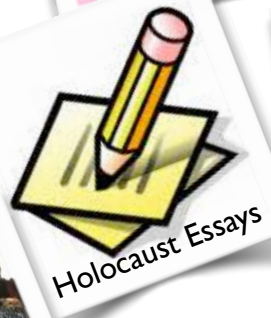
Lynne Jacobs, NCJW Policy Advocate, and Rabbi Rachel Kobrin of Adath Jeshurun spoke at a forum: Engaging Faith Communities/Ending Human Trafficking.



Support for the students of Benjamin Franklin Elementary



HIPPY



Holocaust Essays



Support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout



Goodies for the Good Guys



PHILADELPHIA RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Naomi Adler, CEO of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, on

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai, signifying the sacred covenant between God and the Jewish people. The period of the Omer and Shavuot eve are times of preparation for re-living the moment of revelation, and the entire Shavuot season is a time to reengage with Torah. **It has been said that the entire Torah exists to establish justice. Thus, through the study of Torah and other Jewish texts, Shavuot offers us an opportunity to recommit ourselves to *tikkun olam*, the repair of the world.** In line with this, let us not forget, that at the moment where the Israelites were gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai, "all the people" were there — of all genders, gender identities, and sexual orientation.

We can commemorate the covenant between God and the Jewish people by continuing our commitment to social justice. This is exactly what NCJW is all about. Our members give generously, both financially and of their time to support many social justice projects over the course of the year such as:

**ADVOCACY on behalf of sex trafficking victims, reproductive justice, voting rights, gender equality and the timely appointment of judges.**

- **PROMOTING EDUCATION** by providing assistance to an agency supported Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters known as HIPPY; tutoring children in our adopted Philadelphia school; participating in Holocaust Education by facilitating at the Youth Symposium On The Holocaust: and volunteering at the JCC Holocaust Museum, driving and introducing survivors who speak at schools.
- **GEMILUT HASSADIM** (hands on acts of loving kindness): including Goodies For the Good Guys baked, wrapped and delivered to hospitals, police and fire stations, etc... for those working Christmas and New Year's Day; Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Project serving breakfasts to families of critically ill children; and our yearly Martin Luther King Day Volunteer Project.
- **TZEDAKAH GRANTS** and collection of items to help; female victims of domestic violence, families in need of food and other basic needs; children who would benefit from camp; disaster victims; victims of sex trafficking; our under-resourced city schools

I thank each of you for the part you play in making all of this happen. Have a healthy, relaxing summer.

Sandy Fryer

## LEARNING A GREAT DEAL

This past year we have been fortunate to have some very exciting and interesting monthly programs. So many of our programs have been aligned with NCJW's mission and national priorities. What a great way to help educate our members to our wonderful organization! Programs such as: Anti-sex trafficking, refugees, children in need, and interfaith cooperation have been a few. In addition, we have enjoyed programs on Jewish Grand-parenting, Jewish pirates of the Caribbean, and our very own Diane Steinbrink's terrific dramatic interpretation, plus other fun and worthy topics. Our programs have also brought in new members as well as visitors. We have received great press in the Jewish Exponent, thanks to Kay Skloff our Publicity Chair, which has helped to let the community know about the work of NCJW. We want to say a special thank you to Linda Dzuba, Hospitality Chair, for all of her hard work at the Program luncheons. We hope to continue having exciting programs and look forward to seeing all of you at our June 7 luncheon and in the fall!

Thanks for joining us.

Barbara Nussbaum & Susan Horwitz. Program Vice Presidents

## 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)



## Public Affairs Community Service

PACS has been very busy this month. Our volunteer program at Ben Franklin Elementary School is a great success. Susan Horwitz, Harriet Gran and Lee Tonik are our Wednesday tutors and have had quite an impact on the students. Cindy Pascari and myself had been doing the Monday tutoring and we need more volunteers. We begin at 9 and are out before lunch. It is a wonderful way to have an impact on these wonderful children.

Our second chaperoning adventure was another great success. Etta Nissman, Joan Sax and I accompanied 20 5th graders to a "Lunch and Learn" at the Navy Depot. The students have been involved with Depot volunteers in a reading enrichment program and the folks at the Depot provided lunch and a tour for the kids.

More chaperoning opportunities are coming up this spring. I know that a trip to the Phillies is in the planning and I have encouraged the principal to give me more notice for the next trip.

If you are interested in working with these children as a tutor, chaperone or even in the office, please contact me .

As usual, our Ronald McDonald breakfasts have been a great success. Next year we will be back there and it is a wonderful place to provide nourishment to the families of critically ill children.

Our Holocaust Essay contest is in full swing. We have more schools participating than ever and NEED READERS. Please contact Evelyn Goldhammer at [egoldhammer@comcast.net](mailto:egoldhammer@comcast.net).

We continue to be active at The Holocaust Awareness Museum and are always in need of volunteers to take survivors to speak at different events.

Our donations to Mitzvah Circle are always welcome and they are always in need of volunteers to help sort donations. If you have not been there, it is a wonderful way to spend a morning.

Next year, Susan Horwitz will join me as Co-chair of Pacs as we look for new opportunities for our members to do hands on volunteering.

Sherry Kohn, PACS VP

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### Holding Our Legislators Accountable

**The following letter was published in the Philadelphia Inquirer on April 28, 2016.**

ISSUE: SUPREME COURT...FILL THE VACANCY

The failure of Sen. Pat Toomey (R., Pa.) to perform his duty is an insult to Pennsylvania voters ("Toomey still opposed after Garland visit," April 13). American families expect to see their elected officials do their jobs.

Instead, many US senators are choosing to obstruct the democratic process by refusing to conduct a hearing and vote on Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland.

It's time for Toomey and his fellow senators to make good on the oath they took to "uphold and defend" the Constitution and get to work filling the Supreme Court vacancy.

Lynne Jacobs, Pennsylvania state policy advocate, National Council of Jewish Women, Philadelphia



Our NCJW section Philadelphia Members can lend their advocacy in support of early childhood programs: quality childcare, pre-K, libraries, recreation centers, and parks. Call/contact City Council to urge them to support such programs. When they vote which will probably be in a late May session. This is but one way for ALL our members to support universal pre-K in PA.—Eleanor Levie

Pictured here are members of our Southeast PA Early Childhood Coalition, who are working on City Council to enact a tax in Phila. on sugary drinks, which would go a long way to funding pre-K, libraries, parks and recreation centers.

Right to left: Arlene Saunders, Precious Angels (a childcare center), Roxanne Horrell (Jannie Blackwell's aide), Shawn Towey, Public Citizens for Children and Youth, Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Khadijah Sabir (Delaware Valley Association for the Education of Young Children) and Eleanor Levie (NCJW)

## Holocaust Essay Contest

We are in the process of evaluating and choosing winners of the Holocaust essay contest.

This year the schools that are participating are: Elkins Park Middle School, Cheltenham Township; Sandy Run Middle School, Upper Dublin Township, Springfield Township Middle School; AMY 6 School and C.W. Henry Schools, both of the Philadelphia School District. Upper Dublin and Philadelphia students are our new additions. Elkins Park students are welcomed back after several years absence. Winners will receive special certificates and a prize (to be determined). Every student who participates will get a certificate of participation.

Thank you to all of our committee members for their thoughtful reading and enthusiasm in selecting our student entries.

Evelyn Goldhammer

Hi Everyone,

By now your raffle tickets should have arrived. As you have read in our NCJW Bulletins or heard at our program events, our Greater Philadelphia Section helps to support several families who, because of job loss, illness or other circumstances, need help to sustain them during these difficult times. We send money through The Jewish Family and Children Services each month, throughout the year. As each family gets on its feet we begin to assist a new one.

Please help us to continue to do these mitzvot and as well as many others by filling out the raffle stubs and sending them along with your check made out to NCJW to:

Adrienne Feuer 1730 Cloverly Lane Rydal PA 19046

Thanks for your support, Rhena Kelsen



Pictured here with our adopted school students are our NCJW section volunteer chaperons for the trip to the Navy Depot from left to right: Joan Sax, Etta Nissman, and Sherry Kohn our PACS chair.

RMC is a place where kids with cancer, and their siblings, can enjoy just being kids. It's a week of fun and friendship, and freedom from being different. It's a chance to experience new activities

and acquire new skills in a supportive, nurturing environment. It's a time when kids can talk openly about cancer and everybody else understands.

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.



## TASTE OF CULTURE

June 16, 2016 10:45-2:00

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Tuesday, June 7

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**Board Meeting**

June 14

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I am a Lifetime NJCW member. I AM NOT AN AGENT!

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 [diane\\_bmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:diane_bmorgan@yahoo.com)

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Next meeting is June 14 at the home of Susan Horwitz to discuss the book SHADOW SONG by Terry Kay. Our facilitator will be Barb Auerbach. Please respond to Susan at 215-938-8569 or horwitzsusan@yahoo.com. Thank you to Charlotte Schwartz for her lovely hospitality and to Eileen Davis for a great discussion at our May meeting

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, July 20 will be our annual Potluck Lunch and Swim Event at the home of Etta Nissman. The book will be the THE RENT COLLECTOR by Cameron Wright Our facilitator will be Faith Edelman.

### Book Clubs



### Center City Book Club

June 8, 7 P.M. Hidden Power

by Kati Marton

Hostess: Rosalie Kurz

Leader: Phyllis Barsky

Thanks to Maryellen Bass for hosting our May meeting and to Eleanor Levie for a wonderful discussion

### Daytime Book Club

June 23

*The Painted Girls* by Cathy Marie Buchanan

July 28

*American Dervish* by Ayad Akhtar

Meetings are held at the Dublin Terrace community center. 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 Kay Skloff on the marriage of her granddaughter.

To Diane Plotnick on her granddaughter, Lisa Brody, receiving her VMD from the U of PA School of Veterinary Medicine.

To Charlotte Schwartz on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Clara, and the high school graduation of her grandchildren, Ashley Kantrowitz and Ethan Schwartz.

To Eleanor Levie on the marriage of her son, Sam Levie Harrington.

**Get well soon:** to Bettyanne Gray

### Special thanks:

To Charlotte Schwartz for hosting our May board meeting at her lovely home and providing a yummy continental breakfast with her usual warmth and graciousness.

### Condolences to:

Lila Windheim on the passing of her sister-in-law,

### Welcome to New Members

Betsy Parziale Nini Kurtzman

New Life Members - Celia Rothkopf and Rhoda Hershman

Rhoda became a life member indicating that she did so to honor Zelda Stern, member, past president and valued friend.

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 at [WRBarbieGirl150@gmail.com](mailto:WRBarbieGirl150@gmail.com) 215 657-9347 or

Judy Fried at [judyfried38@gmail.com](mailto:judyfried38@gmail.com) 215 245-1309

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Any questions, call Susan Horwitz - 215-938-8569 or Barbara Nussbaum - 215-280-0046

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