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National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Philadelphia Section

# Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE  
A BELIEF IN ACTION

June 2017

Closing Luncheon Flyer Enclosed



WE MARCHED



MLK DAY volunteers at the Mitzvah Circle



Our Members Tutor  
1st Graders



Donations to Franklin  
Elementary School



Hosting Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House



Disseminating Anti-trafficking  
Information for the  
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Holocaust Essay Contest Deliberations

**IN ACTION**  
NCJW  
Greater Philadelphia Section  
2016 - 2017



Preparing Goodies for the Good Guys



NCJW Leader speaks out for  
LGBTQ Equality



Anti-sex Trafficking Coalition at Work

## President's Message

When I retired from JFCS 5 years ago, there were two important things I wanted to do – take the Melton Institute of Jewish Learning Program classes and get involved in a meaningful organization. It was probably b'shert that several of my Melton classmates including Sherry Kohn, Evelyn Goldhammer and Gladys Greenfield were members of NCJW. Sherry convinced me to join. I knew from my contacts with Pearl Tragash, Judith Ginsberg and Diane Plotnick that NCJW helped JFCS clients at Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Passover and we honored the NCJW every 5 years for their contributions. Having always been interested in social and political action, the work of NCJW spoke to my heart. When I began attending meetings and learned more about the organization, I knew I had discovered the right place for me. When I heard that help was needed to set up the refreshments for programs, I volunteered .

After my first year, Diane Steinbrink approached me to be Program Chair. Little did I realize that this was a Vice Presidency. After two years, I became Executive Vice President. It was with sadness that I had to assume the presidency, when our dear friend of blessed memory, Marcie Sussman was unable to continue due to her illness. And it was with much humility that I assumed the challenge to follow in the footsteps of the many dynamic women who had led our organization over many years. Though challenged, I felt more comfortable knowing that I was backed up by a very capable and hardworking board. Over the past four years, I have continued to feel humbled and honored to be at the helm, cheering on a group of amazing women who have challenged me to learn and to grow.

By the time this bulletin is sent out to our members, we will have just celebrated Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah atop Mt. Sinai, signifying the sacred covenant between God and the Jewish people. The period of the Omer (the 49 days between Passover and Shavuot) and the evening of Shavuot itself 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, Shavuot offers us an opportunity and challenge to re-covenant, to protect the covenant, to keep the torch of the Brit burning, to recommit to becoming a light to the nations. During these troubling times, our work is more important than ever. Although it is not easy, it is all the more vital that we stand up and speak out for social justice.

I can think of no better person to assume the presidency than Barbara Nussbaum and am excited to pass on the mantle of leadership to Barbara and the other very capable and dedicated new officers. I know they will bring even more new energy to NCJW of Greater Philadelphia, and continue to invigorate our crucial mission.

It has been my pleasure and honor to serve you for the past four years. I thank you for the opportunity. Your support and the wise counsel and guidance I have received from so many of you have been invaluable.

My best to all of you,  
Sandy Fryer

## Welcome to New Members

Lynn C Margolis      Toby Grubman

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

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

Do You Know a Prospective Member? We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page.

Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section"

## Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)



Section members who traveled to Harrisburg on Advocacy Day-May 9 for meetings with legislators.

L to R, Carol Aronoff, Sherry Kohn, Lynne Jacobs, Linda Lempert, Janet Ecksel.

Past Greater Philadelphia Section, President, Tammy Hertzbach, will be honored with a Humanitarian award by the American Jewish Committee in June. Mazel tov, Tammy. We are proud of you for your wonderful service to the community, especially in the area of honoring survivors of the Shoah and making sure they are not forgotten.

Sandra Fryer

### SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, June 6** Closing Luncheon  
BlueStone Country Club  
(formerly, Meadowlands Country Club)  
**Speaker: David L. Cohen**  
"The influence of Social Media Communications in Society"

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

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### Raffles Drawing at June 6 Closing Luncheon

Our NCJW 2017 raffle drawing will take place at our closing luncheon on June 6. Don't miss this opportunity to support the good works of our section, where we help women, children and families improve their lives, here and in Israel. This year, in addition to our cash prizes, we will have two extra drawings for gift certificates to local restaurants.

Please mail your stubs and checks to Lois Blum, 1218 Dillon Rd. Ft. Washington PA 19034. You need not be present to win.

Thank you for your support.

Rhena Kelsen



### WE ARE ONLINE

Our new NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section website is live!

- ~Photographs of member events supporting our goals
- ~An archive of NCJW Bulletins
- ~Legislative and Advocacy updates and opportunities
- ~Notices and fliers for our fund-raising events
- ~Book Club links

We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

Check out the NCJW Action Center at

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Learn more. Speak out. And make your mark on history.

**Bucks County Jewish-Israel Festival**  
**Sunday June 4, 2017 from 10:00-2:00**  
**Bucks County Community College**  
**257 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA**

Check out interactive educational booths about Israel, food, a vendor area, fun activities for both adults and children!

Plus, a showcase for Philadelphia area Jewish agencies and organizations.

**NCJW-Greater Philadelphia will have a table to promote our programs and services to the community.**

**We welcome volunteers to staff the NCJW table for 1-hour shifts.**

**Contact Margie Zukerman if you'd like to help.**  
**[mzukerman@verizon.net](mailto:mzukerman@verizon.net)**

Come out to enjoy this event with friends and family!

*Save the Date*  
 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, a residence for women survivors of trafficking. Contact Lynne Jacobs with any questions.  
[ljacobs816@gmail.com](mailto:ljacobs816@gmail.com)



**Our Tour of the home of Alice Paul, a major mover in the Suffragette Movement**



**Dick Polan, Journalist, spoke to us about the most important election of our lifetimes.**



**Our tour of the National Museum of American Jewish History**

**Trips and Programs made for an exciting year.**



**A one woman show. "Julia Says, Bon Appetit!"**



**Preserving Jewish history in Philadelphia**



**How Jewish traditions guide home life and domestic violence in our Jewish community.**

## VOLUNTEER and/or CONTRIBUTE

Watch for our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's 2017-2018 schedule to host breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House.

Zelda Stern always looks forward to sharing this worthwhile project with everyone.



**Support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.**



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](mailto:horwitzsusan@yahoo.com)

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### Afternoon Book Club

May 25 *The Gilded Years* by Karin Tanabe, home of Roz Fudel

June 22 *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue home of Joyce Avrach

July 27 *The Rainbow Comes and Goes* by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt, home of Elaine Coren

Aug. 24 *The Japanese Lover* by Isabel Allende

All meetings are at 1 o'clock to gather and start the discussion at 1:30.

Any questions? E mail Joyce at Barryjoy@aol.com.

Our Book Club page is online. Put your cursor over the "About Us" menu. Click on Book Clubs. With a couple of clicks, you can have your books delivered from Amazon Please use Amazon Smile to support our Section [ncjwphiladelphia.org](http://ncjwphiladelphia.org)

### Center City Book Club

June 14 at 7 p.m. *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman

Host and Leader: Phyllis Barsky

Thanks to Eleanor Levie for hosting and leading discussion of the challenging *Fates and Furies* by Lauren Groff. Job well done!

### Evening Book Club

June 20 at 7:30 pm. *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.

RSVP to Joan Sax at 215-947-9166 or [joansax@comcast.net](mailto:joansax@comcast.net).

Thank you to Evelyn Goldhammer for hosting our May meeting.



### Congratulations to:

Judy Podwil on the graduation of her granddaughter, Ingrid Chaya Podwil from SUNY Purchase College, with honors.

Charlotte and Joel Schwartz on the graduation of their grandson, Daniel Schwartz, from James Madison University.

### Condolences to:

Gladys Greenfield on the loss of her granddaughter, Miriam Chamach

Susan and Lance Horwitz on the loss of Lance's aunt and our member, Lilian Seldin

Harriet and Mal Gran on the loss of Mal's mother, Sally Gran

Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like the NCJW to recognize?

What a great way to share by making a donation to our Section.

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We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure.

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**ANNUAL CLOSING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**



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 L. Cohen 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 a number of other Boards of organizations promoting community welfare and social action.

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:  
Margie Zukerman 5106 Meridian Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976

Any questions call Margie Zukerman- 267-261-7728 or Barbara Nussbaum- 215-280-0046

Just a reminder that I will ask for your generous giving donations at our luncheon. Remember that your contribution allows us to pay our commitment to National without having to use the money raised by our Section enabling us to help more people in need in our area. If you are planning to attend, please bring your checkbook with you. Many thanks.

Judy Wenzel, Personal Giving Chair

**PLEASE! Remember to bring toys for the Ronald MacDonald Oncology Camp**

The drawing for the 2017 NCJW raffle will be held at the luncheon so don't forget to buy your Raffle Tickets.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_ Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE choose one of the following for yourself and each of your guests

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