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# Bulletin

### A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION<sup>®</sup> June 2018

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NCJW of Greater Philadelphia Annual Closing Luncheon & Installation of 2018-2019 Officers Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM

GUEST SPEAKER : Alisa Dupuy

introduces us to Queen Victoria



### 2017 - 2018 A YEAR IN PICTURES

ACTIVISM and ADVOCACY



Our members rallied for gun safety...



anti-sex trafficking...



health care.....



and equal rights for women!

# SERVICE



Our members at the Holocaust Remembrance Center with survivor David Tuck. We support Holocaust survivors and rescuers as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.





A very full cart of our donations of school supplies that will be of great use to Franklin students.

Our volunteer tutors with school staff at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School savoring the impact of our NCJW Section's financial donation on our adopted school's Positive Behavior Incentive System





Our members prepared breakfast for patients and their families as part of our NCJW Guest Chef Program at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House



Members assembled and delivered trays of treats to the Good Guys: the police, firefighters and hospital and nursing home employees who work on Christmas Eve.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE NCJW volunteers and their grandchildren designed, sorted, and packed treat bags for homeless and needy school children at the Mitzvah Circle Foundation in Harleysville.

Our NCJW section sponsors a Holocaust Essay Contest.

This is a creative process where students can write poetry, create screen plays, write essays and in general, expand upon their studies about the horrors of the Holocaust.

FUNd RAISING





Anyone can be a winner at Trivia Night



Having fun while bringing out our inner artist at "Painting With a Twist"

# LEARNING



Members of NCJW and of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom after an informative program about Jewish and Muslim women joining together to fight hate, negative stereotyping and prejudice.

The Honorable Marjorie O. Rendell led members and guests as they examined a federal case and handed down a verdict. This was a great learning experience to deepen one's understanding of the need for a fair and independent judiciary.







Teresa Maebori, a Japanese-American woman, shared her compelling story of the U.S. government internment of Japanese U.S. citizens during World War II Her account of this tragic event has relevance for us as we confront and reflect on our core values as a country.

Kay Fair spoke to our members about the groundbreaking exhibitions, enriching and entertaining programs, and incredible array of art classes at the James A Michener Art Museum





ITS TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. Call us at 215-302-3586.

#### President's Message

There is the quote from our tradition that our world stands on three Pillars: **Torah, Service** and **Acts** of **Human Kindness**. These basic Jewish values are ones that have drawn me to NCJW and I know are the reasons why YOU, our members, also find meaning with NCJW.

As I reflect on this past year, as my first year as President of our Greater Philadelphia section, I marvel at the dedication and commitment I have seen by so many of you. NCJW women are a special group. Dedicated to the values mentioned above, we have accomplished so much in serving our community by our volunteer work and our advocacy work. As with **Torah**, study and education have been at the forefront of our programs, cultural events, book groups and meetings. We have had so many outstanding programs this past year, that have aligned themselves with the Mission of

NCJW. More and more new faces have joined us and became members at these lunch and evening programs. As soon as new women appear, our Membership team moves quickly to welcome and draw them in – how wonderful! Our New Members Appreciation event made everyone feel so welcomed that most have decided to commit themselves to our work.

Community Service, the **Acts of Human Kindness**, is who we are. Our volunteers have devoted themselves to children, women and families in so many capacities - volunteering to help children in schools by tutoring and gathering school supplies, making breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House, driving Holocaust survivors to speak, providing toiletries for women who are victims of sex trafficking, or providing grants to agencies to help their clients. These are just a few of our community service activities. There are so many more.

The core of our work is what we do as advocates. Given these difficult times, NCJW leads the way Nationally and locally to advocate for Social Justice and to safeguard individual rights. This is where **Service** plays a pivotal role. Action is what we strive for and what we have done this year with our legislative activities as we speak to our Congressional leaders to affect change. One of the changes we have made is to separate PACS into two separate areas: Community Service and Advocacy. We have created a new Advocacy committee which already is in action. You will hear more about this committee's work in the future.

Fortunately, our Fund-Raising activities have enabled us to offer you, our members, enjoyable activities where you can mingle with NCJW sisters, have fun and at the same time, help our section financially.

You probably have noticed this past year our section has been in the media quite often! That is because we are doing such wonderful work, and the community recognizes it. As a result, we have expanded our membership into new geographic areas . Stay tuned and watch for more press coverage thanks to Kay Skloff!

This past week, our dedicated Board of Directors met to evaluate our activities and to plan for the coming 2018-19 calendar year. We spent an entire day, discussing how to improve what we are doing for our section and how to create new and exciting projects. Over the summer, the Vice Presidents will meet with their committees to plan. I hope many of you will step up to join one or more of these committees because your input is so important and valued. Please contact me or any of our Vice Presidents if you are interested in joining a committee. We want to hear from you and we need you! You can call our NCJW phone number (215-302-3586), leave a message and one of us will get back to you.

One of our officers will not continue in her position this coming year. I want to thank Susan Horwitz, Former PACS Vice President for the excellent job she has done. As a past section president, Susan will be one of our Advisors. I welcome our two new VP's of Advocacy: Linda Lempert and Betsy Parziele who I know will do a great job. Ellen Mirbach will join Patty First as Fund Raising VP and we are very lucky to have her. I also want to thank everyone of our dedicated Board Directors for their constant devotion and support this past year. I thank all of you, our members, for your role in helping to make this world a better place for so many.

I would be remiss if I did not thank two very special people: Harriet Gran, our Bulletin Editor and Mal Gran, our website manager. Both work diligently on behalf of NCJW (even when they are traveling around the world to see their children and grandchildren) in order to keep you up to date on our NCJW activities.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Annual luncheon and Installation of Officers on June 5 at Talamore Country Club. PLEASE come up to me and introduce yourself if I do not know you.

Have a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer.

Barbara Nussbaum

Barbara



#### WHAT A SPECTACULAR YEAR!!!

The Membership Team wants to welcome all our new members to NCJW.

\*We "need"your help to be involved in our membership committee making phone calls, reaching out to perspective members and our Annual Membership Luncheon in October.

\*\*Thank you to our members who invited these new members to join our section.

Please contact..

Wendy Rader WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com 215 657-9347 or Judy Fried judyfried38@gmail.com 215 245-1309

Our new members this past year:

Rebecca Zaslow
Sondra Tucker
Rebecca Gellman
Susan Markowitz
Renee Schokowitz
Lea Wecht
Susan L. Chace
Beletta Grohsman
JoAnn Caplan
Rhonda Mandel
Laura Bontcue
Sally Krohn
Joan Polsky

#### **Current Members who became Life Members**

Lynn Gold-Benjamin Beverly Cohen

Patti First

Martha Millison Ann M. Pollack Rebecca Landau Maxine Marlowe Sandra Spitzer McKelvey Sylvia Band Roselyn J. Blumberg Helene Dichter Sternberg Donna Spector Arlene Bell Meredith Barber Nina Cohen Io Ann Simon Julia Brody Donna Young Marion Pauson Diane Blum Sharan Rodgers Fran Radel Suzy Taplar Margaret deRouleaux Annette Golosman Judy Abelow

**New Life Members** Gwen Freedman Elizabeth Asch Downing

#### **Afternoon Book Club**

May 24 at 1:00 - 1:30 Waking Lions by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen At the home of Betsy Parziale.

June 21 at 1:00 - 1:30 Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. At the home of Sue Leon For more information: Contact Joyce at barryjoy@aol.com or 215-402-0287

#### **Center City Book Club**

Wednesday, June 13 at 7 P.M. The Round House by Louis Erdich At the home of Melba Axelrod Discussion Leader, Judy Podwil

Many thanks to Joanne Stoloff for hosting our potluck supper and to Phyllis Barsky for leading us in a challenging discussion. For information contact: Audrey Block 215-688-0094 or ablock1919@comcast.net

#### **Evening Book Club**

Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 pm. Bear Town by Fredrik Backman RSVP to Faith at 215-947-0164 or harvey.edelman@verizon.com

Thank you to Joan Sax for hosting and to Evy Goldhammer for facilitating The May meeting.



#### **ORDER YOUR BOOKS THROUGH OUR WEBSITE**

ncjwphiladelphia.org With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section

#### 2018 Raffle Tickets are here

Raffle booklets were mailed out 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--improving their lives here and in Israel.

Please join us in making our biggest fundraising effort of the year a success. The drawing will take place at our closing luncheon on June 5, 2018. You need not be present to win.

Please mail your stubs and checks to:

Lois Blum, 1218 Dillon Rd. Ft. Washington PA 19034.

Thank you for your support!

Rhena Kelsen

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### Tuesday, June 5 11:00 a.m.

Annual Closing Luncheon

Talamore Country Club

(FLYER ENCLOSED)

Alisa Dupuy will transport you back in time in her portrayal of Queen Victoria in "Victorian Experience".

Pretty Woman tickets are sold out

#### **WE ARE ONLINE**

#### www.ncjwphiladelphia.org

- ~Photographs of member events supporting our goals
- ~Legislative and Advocacy updates
- ~An archive of NCJW Bulletins
- ~Notices and flyers for our fund-raising events
- ~Book Club links
- ~Volunteer Opportunities
- ~Options for Donations
- We welcome your ideas to broader



#### TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE

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



#### DID YOU KNOW ?

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

Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like NCJW to recognize? We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure.

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.



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			Betsy Parziale		

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMUNITY SERVICE - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



## Support Holocaust survivors and liberators 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

#### Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

Household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper (single-ply only!), personal grooming products.... also NEW single bed sheets and non-perishable food.



#### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteers at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our third year. Work with our first graders to help them accomplish pre-reading and higher reading skills with our one to one concentrated time and encouragement. Interested? Please call Harriet Gran at 215-836-5993 or email <u>hgranncjw@gmail.com</u>.

#### **Painting With A Twist**

Thanks to everyone who attended our fun fund raising activity at Painting With a Twist in Jenkintown. We laughed, ate snacks, and painted!! Each of us left with our own painting, representing our own original style. It was an afternoon of camaraderie, and good times

Thanks so much to Donna Harris who coordinated this event, and who has agreed to do it again next May. Join us next time, share the fun, and find your inner Monet!!

Patti First









Congratulations:

Shelley Mattleman Rubin on the birth of a grandson

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 <u>harrietwinokur@gmail.com</u> Membership Dues:

Annual \$40 (Be an Angel \$50) Lifetime \$350 Please LIKE us on our Facebook page Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section"

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#### We need ads for the Bulletin.

If you know of someone who would like to advertise with us...

Contact: Pearl Tragash 215-302-3586. Business size cards are \$50 for 10 issues of our Bulletin.

#### **National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section** ANNUAL CLOSING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF 2018-2019 OFFICERS

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 11:00 a.m. **Talamore Country Club** 723 Talamore Drive Ambler PA 19002

Member: \$60.00 Guest: \$65.00



Enjoy a Victorian Experience with our presenter, Alisa Dupuy. Dressed in authentic attire, Ms. Dupuy will mesmerize us in her persona as Queen Victoria. We will be transported back in time to learn about Victoria's lengthy rule as Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland as well as her role as Empress of India.

(Feel free to join in celebrating Victorian Women by wearing hats and other apparel if you desire.)

Please mail the form below with your check made payable to NCIW to: Margie Zukerman 5106 Meridian Blvd. Warrington, PA 18976

ADVANCE PAYMENT REQUIRED—NO PAYMENTS AT THE DOOR **CHECKS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 25, 2018** 

Questions-Call Margie Zukerman (215-862-5114) Charlene Kurland (215-805-3006) or Joyce Eveloff (215-283-9277

#### LUNCHEON CHOICES: CHICKEN CHAMPIGNON (C);

SESAME SEARED SALMON (S); VEGETARIAN EGGPLANT DISH (V)

Your Name:	Your Luncheon Choice:
Number of Guests	
Guest's Name:	Guest Luncheon Choice:
Guest's Name:	Guest Luncheon Choice:
Guest's Name:	Guest Luncheon Choice:

Please list names of other attendees with whom you might like to be seated:

#### YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS AT THE LUNCHEON WILL BE APPRECIATED!

Consider bringing your cash or NCJW check contributions to our luncheon to help NCJW to provide additional grants and support to even more people across our communities.

Judy Wenzel, Personal Giving Chair (215-591-0851)

Also, please remember to bring toys for the Ronald McDonald Oncology Camp.

The 2018 NCJW Annual Raffle drawing will be held at the luncheon. So, don't forget to buy your Raffle tickets in advance.

Diane Plotnick is a sponsor of this event in honor of her grandson's graduation from medical school.



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