National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

A BELIEF IN ACTION<sup>®</sup> June, 2019

#### **125 YEARS OF POWERFUL JEWISH WOMEN**

NCJW confronts today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families. Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. Your voice has never been more essential and our voices together make a meaningful difference in the world.

#### Become A Member

Call us at 215-302-3586

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#### NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION 2018 -2019 A YEAR IN PICTURES



Our Advocacy Committee focusing on the pressing needs of voter registration, the nomination of fair and independent judges, education, and anti-sex trafficking.





Rallying for health care for all.





Our NCJW Section members with Senator Toomey's staff registering their concerns with Justice Kavanaugh's judicial record, and the rapidity and lack of transparency and of access to relevant materials with the nominee's congressional review.

Speaking out at the Unite for Justice Rally to oppose judicial nominees who present risks to women's reproductive rights, environmental and worker protections, LGBTQ rights, health care, affirmative action, public education, and background checks for semi-automatic weapons,

### President's Message

As I reflect on this past year, I continue to be amazed at the devotion, hard work, and deeds of Loving Kindness that our NCJW women have performed. This dedication and commitment to the Jewish values of Tikkun Olam prevail in everything we do and have done. NCJW is not merely a local organization, but one that is nationwide, in Israel and as far as Australia! Our work of ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE have continued for 125 years with a mission that is the same as it was, when NCJW was created by our founder, Hannah G. Solomon.

Our volunteers have spent hours volunteering to help children in schools as tutors, providing clothing and gathering school supplies for them, making breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House, supplying toiletries for women who are victims of sex trafficking and providing grant monies to agencies that will enable them to help their clients. In

addition, we now, after having received a grant from the Kedson family, are providing cultural experiences to children who have never been exposed to the cultural arts. With our other granting funds, we are able to help some children attend summer camp, who otherwise would never be able to have that experience.

Recently, our section received an honor that we can be so incredibly proud of.... the EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD that was given to us by HAMEC...the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center. This award was in recognition of our section's exceptional leadership, dedication and outstanding contributions to advocating for and promoting the fields of Holocaust studies and education. How humbled I was to be the guest speaker on behalf of our section. How proud I was as I looked around the room and saw so many NCJW members and advocates. We will continue our work in the coming year in promoting Holocaust education and in combatting anti-Semitism, genocide and racism.

Our work in advocacy and social justice has expanded and will continue to do so. As a result of the Advocacy Committee's hard work, more and more members have participated in legislative action, and lobbying work at both the state and national level. The ten local women who attended the NCJW National Washington Institute back in April, have all agreed to assume leadership roles on our Board of Directors and on committees. Our Fund Raising and Education/Programming activities reached so many of you this past year with more and more participants and as a result we have obtained more members.

Speaking of Membership... our section's membership has gained almost 50 new members so far, this fiscal year. New member orientations and social activities have all helped to make our members feel involved and welcomed into our NCJW family. I salute our two outgoing Membership Vice Presidents; Judy Fried and Wendy Rader, who have served in this capacity for several years. Judy and Wendy will assume new responsibilities on our Board of Directors.

In addition, I want to thank Diane Plotnick, our outgoing Grants Committee Chair, Gladys Greenfield, outgoing Tribute cards chair, and Margie Zukerman one of our Program VP's, for their leadership roles. These women will be assuming other key positions within our section.

There are so many other people who have chaired activities and volunteered to make our year a success. It is difficult to thank them all in this message but I hope to recognize them at our Annual luncheon and Installation of Officers on June 4.

PLEASE feel free to call me (215-280-0046) at any time to share ideas and suggestions. Without you, our members, we would not be able to continue our work on behalf of the inspiring national and local agenda promoting social justice and human rights.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. B'Shalom.  $\bigwedge$ 

Sarbara

### SAVE THE DATES

June 4. Annual Luncheon/ Installation of Officiers Talamore Country Club

**September 11**- Taste of Culture outing to <u>Chanticleer Gardens</u> - docent led tour of grounds and gardens

June 11 Board of Directors meeting Home of Joan Sax **November 19** -Taste of Culture outing to National Museum of American Jewish History for docent led tour of RGB exhibit.



## EDUCATION



Advocacy Committee members at a HIAS region-wide training on using advocacy to benefit immigrants and refugees.



REMEMBERING ANNE FRANK NINETY YEARS LATER A masterful presentation by our member, Diane Steinbrink.



A visit to the Pearl S. Buck House where we learned how Pearl Buck became a prominent advocate of the rights of women and minority groups, and wrote widely on Chinese and Asian cultures, becoming particularly well known for her efforts on behalf of Asian and mixed-race adoption.



## EDUCATION



We visited the Rube Goldberg Exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Rueben Goldberg was born on July 4th 1883 in San Francisco . He was known as an inventor, sculptor, author, engineer and cartoonist and would make a mark in history for his extraordinary achievements.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, Nancy K. Baron-Baer, spoke to our section on the issue of "Anti-Semitism Around the World and in Our Own Backyard."





Three female Rabbis discuss how women are advancing Jewish thought, prayer, education, and practice. Pictured left to right are: Barbara Nussbaum, Section President, Diane Steinbrink, Moderator, Rabbi Lynnda Targan, Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, and Rabbi Andrea Merow.

## **EDUCATION**

Our Greater Philadelphia Section delegates attended workshops and discussion groups when more than 500 Jewish activists from across the country convened in Washington at the National Council of Jewish Women's (NCJW) Washington Institute for three days of back-to-back trainings, panel discussions and meetings with members of Congress. Together, they advocated for access to reproductive health care by way of the EACH WOMAN ACT, gun violence prevention, and a fair and independent judiciary.





ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF 2019-2020 OFFICERS Tuesday, June 4, 2019 -- 11:00 a.m. Talamore Country Club 723 Talamore Drive Ambler, PA



#### WOMEN SOLDIERS AND SPIES OF THE CIVIL WAR

This presentation addresses those women who chose to become soldiers and spies during the Civil War. See how their ingenuity and society's perception of them allowed them to perform successfully in both these endeavors. Learn why they selected the path they did and how they were able to function effectively as soldiers and influence history as spies. Discover how their will to survive the war and to create a future for themselves and their families drove them from their traditional roles and into a new world for women. Performed in period costume.

Barbara Nussbaum will be sponsoring the Annual Luncheon in honor of the NCJW Board of Directors and Harriet Gran our Bulletin Editor and Mal Gran our Website Manager.

"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."

REMINDER: Also bring toys to the Ronald McDonald Oncology Camp. And the 2019 NCJW Annual Raffle drawing will be held at the luncheon, so don't forget to buy your raffle tickets in advance.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**







Our volunteers support the mission of the Holocaust Museum and Education Center by providing transportation for Holocaust Survivors and facilitating the sharing of their experiences with students in various schools.





Beaming with pride, attendees delight in the occasion of the presentation of the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center's award for Excellence in Education to our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section President, Barbara Nussbaum by HAMEC Director, David Feldman. The award was given in recognition of the exceptional advocacy, leadership and dedication of NCJW members to promoting the field of Holocaust studies and education, which advance the values and mission of the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center.



# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**





Providing breakfasts to nourish families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their critically ill children receive treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital.



Some of our school volunteers looking forward to our 4th year of tutoring students in our adopted K-8 Philadelphia School, Benjamin Franklin Elementary.



Our section's Community Services program provided warm hats, gloves, and jackets for our students. Here, one of our tutors admires the choice in outerwear of one of her students.



Offering help with academic skills and encouragement.





Student winners of our Holocaust Essay Contest sponsored by our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**



A wreath commemorating the victims of the Shoah was presented by our NCJW section officier, Cindi Pasceri at Rodeph Shalom on April 28.



Delivering toiletries and other supplies to victims of sex-trafficking sheltered at Dawn's Place.



GOODIES FOR THE GOOD GUYS - baked, donated, and assembled by our own NCJW "good guy" volunteers, recognizing first responders and health care providers who work on Christmas.



## **FUND RAISING**





TRIVIA NIGHT

Teams compete and everyone is a winner. Prizes for the winning teams and funds raised for our NCJW Section!

### Find your inner artist at PAINT WITH A TWIST!





If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Harriet Winokur harrietwinokur@gmail.com

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. 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 broaden our content!



#### HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL!

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members and guests gathered to honor 70 years of Israel's statehood. The program included Israel's history, proclamation of Independence, and Israel's achievements over the last 70 years. NCJW's work in Israel on behalf of women, children and Families was featured as well.



Left to right, top row. Margie Zukerman, Char Kurland, Margaret deRouleaux, Paula Burstyn Goldberg, Barb Nussbaum, Sherri Minkoff, Janet Ecksel, Lynda Myers Bottom Row ...Diane Steinbrink, Diane Plotnick, Lynne Jacobs

OUR CELEBRANTS!!!











"Portraits" of three of our speakers, left to right: Diane Steinbrink, Diane Plotnik, and Paula Burstyn Goldberg.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS: Cindi Pasceri, Diane Plotnik, and Diane Steinbrink.



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National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights. We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our National web site is www.NCJW.org

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS					
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As membership vice-preside have.	ents, we welcome our	new members to c	call us regarding any questions you n	nay	
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We will be delighted to send out membership packets. Membership Dues: Annual \$45 (Be an Angel \$55 😇)* Please LIKE us on our Facebook page Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section"					
For an additional \$10, you c	can achieve "angel" 😇	status which incr	reases the number of people we can	assist.	
ANOTHER SPECTACULAR YEAR!!! The Membership Team wants to welcome all our new members to NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section. Thank you to our members who invited these new members to join our section. For membership information, call Ellen Mirbach, 215-771-5311 or Donna Specter, 215-886-0640, our new Membership Vice President's.					
Our new members this past Rose Vosbikan Vicki Vosbikan Barbara (Bobbie) Kroungol Marcy Berlin-Burton Anita Shomer Maria C. Rosen Marcia Hyman Joan Beste Brenda Goodis Anne Markowitz Bonnie Rothstein Denise Schwartz Nancy D. Ginter Linda Brosgol Sandra Rosner Shelley Rappaport	Aileen Salu Linda Abra d Grace Fliss Barbara L Linda Sega Gayle Voge Carole Lan Rachel Lev Michele Ro Barbara Lis	ms ser Rosenthal al dis ine se ssy don Rosenstein ice unick z) Weiss offman	Lorrie Lichtenfeld Lynn Album Donna Reisman Janet Sachs Rebecca M. Landes Sharon (Sherry)Norton Diane (Dolly) Love Donna Tartasky Hannah Rowley Hannah Stern, Faye Benshetler Carly Bruski Rabbi Annie Lewis Susan Reiter Sue Rosenthal Noga Gold		
<b>Congratulations to:</b> Etta & Chuck Nissman on Th grandchildren Jeff and Avery Robinson's Arch in Jerusaler Harriet and Mal Gran on the granddaughter, Oriana Dar S	y Nissman at the n birth of their		ecovery to: Myers Ellen Toplin Monna Schwa	rtz	
Charlotte and Joel Schwartz on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Jonah Fisher.			<b>\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS</b> GIANT cards are available for purchase. Please contact Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424 (Note: this is a new number)		

#### Afternoon Book Club

May 23: *Educated* by Tara Westover

June 27: *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

July 25 - *Beneath the Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

Thanks to Sandy Fryer for facilitating our May discussion and Anita Shomer for hosting.

For more information about the afternoon book club please email Joyce Avrach at MsJoyce1716@gmail.com or phone 215-402-0287



#### **Center City Book Group**

Wed., June 12, 7 P.M. The One Man by Andrew Gross

Host and Leader: Eleanor Levie

Thank you, Joanne, for hosting our wonderful potluck dinner and Judy for leading the discussion of *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* For information contact: Audrey Jaffe Block ablock1919@comcast.net

#### **Evening Book Club**

June 12at 7:30 pm. Almost Sisters by Joshilyn Jackson RSVP to Barb at 215-663-1855 or halkatz@comcast.net.

Thank you to Charlotte Schwartz for facilitating and to Joan Sax for hosting the May meeting. For more information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-947-9166 or joansax@comcast.net.

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With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon to your Kindle.

Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our Greater Philadelphia NCJW Section

#### **News about our Membership Social Committee!**

We are looking for members who would like to plan and participate in activities such as lunches, movies followed by discussions, cards, bridge, Mahjong or whatever might interest you.

We are hoping to form geographic groups in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

Contact Ann Pollock for information. 215-773-0594

apollock1229@yahoo.com



#### MahJong Thursdays

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members are playing MahJong on Thursday afternoons. We meet at Panera on The Fairway at 12:30. If you are interested in playing, please call or text Sherry Kohn Eisman. 215-208-0550



### **Raffles Drawing at June 4 Closing Luncheon**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year has been launched. By now you should have received your 2019 raffle tickets and flyers.

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section has had a very active and productive year. Don't miss this opportunity to help us to continue our good works, helping women, children and families improve their lives, here and in Israel.

Join us in making our biggest fundraising effort of the year a success. The drawing will take place at our closing luncheon on June 4, 2019. You need not be present to win. For additional raffle books, please call Rhena Kelsen at 215-576-5237.

Raffle stubs and checks can be mailed to: Lois Blum 1218 Dillon Rd. Ft. Washington PA 19034 Thank you for your support! Rhena Kelsen, Raffle Chair

### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House provide breakfast and more to families staying there from out-of-town while their critically ill children receive treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital. To all participants in this "nourishing" program, know that you make a meaningful difference. Unforgettable are the words of one parent who looked at our volunteer group and said, wistfully, "this is what my mother would do for me if she could be here." Interested in becoming a volunteer? Prepare breakfast for

patients and their families as part of our NCJW Guest Chef Program at the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

Our new schedule will be published in September.

Please give me at least 2 weeks notice on date(s) you can participate. Call Zelda Stern at 215-394-8335



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

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteers at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our fourth year. Work with our first and second graders to help them accomplish pre-reading and higher reading skills with our one to one concentrated time and encouragement.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-836-5993 or email <u>hgranncjw@gmail.com</u>.

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 for 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,

Judy Fried (215) 245-1309 judyfried38@gmail.com

**Sponsoring an event** for a minimum of \$100.00 in honor of a special event or person in your life, or in memory of an important person is a great way to do a double mitzvah! You are honoring the person or event and helping NCJW. You can share this sponsorship between friends. Your name ( or names) will be on the invitation flyer. This is a lovely and meaningful way to support our NCJW section!

Please consider sponsoring an upcoming event.

Just call Patti First at 215 887-1888 or Ellen Mirbach at 215-771-5311 and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each.Purchase the cards at a meeting or contact Ellen or Patti and they will send a card for you. Contact Ellen Mirbach,215-771-5311, semirbach@gmail.com or Patti First, 215-470-1560, patal16@verizon.net.

INCLUDE 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.

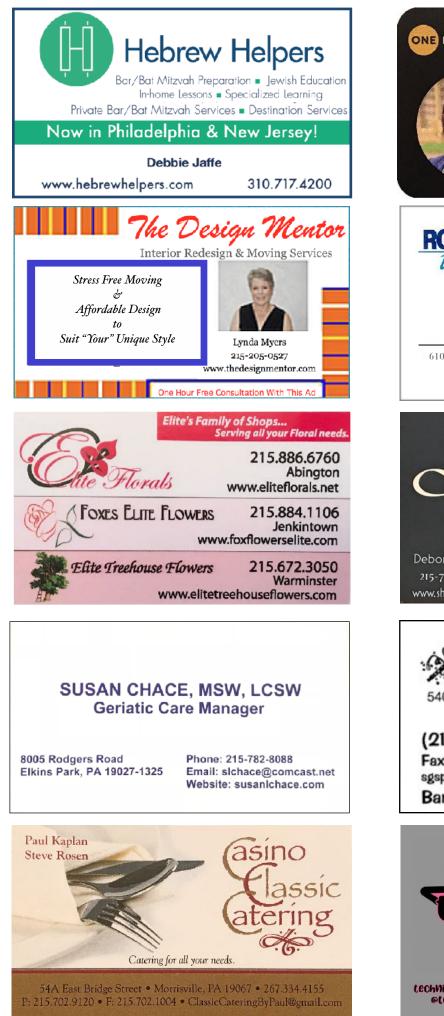


#### Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Sex Trafficking

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.



### ITS TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION'S VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.





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### June

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