National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

# Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION<sup>®</sup> September, 2019

## **OPENING LUNCHEON** Tuesday, September 24, 2019

#### **126 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

Visit us at ncjwphiladelphia.org

# **Our Elections ... Our Democracy**

# Engaging Voters ... Making Every Vote Count

REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH ISRAEL

11:30 a.m.



A panel discussion along with a robust question and answer session



On Friday July 12th, 2019, Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps, brought thousands of Americans into the streets, into their own front yards, and to detention camps across the country to protest the inhumane conditions faced by refugees. The message: Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Immigrants should be treated decently. No one should be put in detention centers. Especially not children.

#### Co-President's Message

Summer is almost over and I hope you all were able to enjoy special times with family and friends. I was fortunate to be able to spend time with my children and grandchildren who all live out west. I am delighted to have as my co-president this year, Cindi Pasceri. Cindi and I have been working this past summer to address section plans and establish our NCJW priorities.

While we all are looking forward to the High Holidays, we must remember to continue to reflect on and assess this past year in our personal, professional and volunteer lives. So much has been happening in our country and, thank goodness, NCJW takes stands to try and change and advocate to improve lives impacted by what is going on. We have a lot of



work to do... whether it is to prevent gun violence, protect the lives of refugees and immigrants at the borders, secure voting rights and protect our courts, and help our local community via our grants and community service.

Two years ago, when I became president, I had specific goals for our NCJW section. I am happy to say, that with the help of our wonderful Board of Directors, members and volunteers, we have been able to move our section forward in reaching these goals. No one person achieves goals and success on her own. It takes a motivated team working together to achieve what we have done. Let's look at our section's accomplishments below. I am only listing 10 but there are many more!

- 1. Increased our membership in all the surrounding counties to an all-time high....our publicity and public relations have been wonderful
- 2. Raised more money in Annual /Personal giving than ever before
- 3. Received a grant from the Kedson family foundation to provide cultural experiences to children who have never been exposed to the cultural arts
- 4. Sent 10 local members to the National NCJW Washington Institute, more women than ever before, resulting in new leaders as Board Directors and chairing and serving on Board committees
- 5. Our section was honored by HAMEC (Holocaust Awareness Museum Education Center) by receiving their Excellence in Education Award for supporting Holocaust education and volunteer service. I was honored to be their keynote speaker on behalf of our section.
- 6. Received a grant to create a new community service project as THE KIDS CLOSET, providing warm winter clothing for children
- 7. Created a Fund-Raising program to offer members the opportunity to sponsor our monthly and our twice-yearly programs and events
- 8. Our monthly Education/Program activities reached more participants than in previous years, resulting in an increase in membership.
- 9. An active Advocacy committee that expanded our Advocacy activities throughout the Greater Philadelphia Community
- 10. By raising more money for our section, we were able to increase our financial support for the Israel Granting Projects which will help all women, children and families in Israel.

Please help us continue our work together. Remember... "We are the National Council of Jewish Women, but we are for all people, regardless of religion, race, gender or sexual orientation". May you and NCJW go from Strength to Strength!

L'Shana Tovah, Barbara arbard

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

## **Co-President's Message**

Once upon a time there was a group of women who decided to honor the memory of a friend who had passed away. They pooled their money and bought a home on City Line Ave. They equipped the home for use as a school for children with Cerebral Palsy to help them achieve the skills that would enable them to attend Widener Memorial School. They raised money for staff by having a gala dinner dance each year. In the end this school succeeded in training the children for their next step. Eventually, Easter Seals took over.

Why is this important to me? Simply because my mother was part of this group. She was not a big donor because we didn't have that kind of money. But she was a big donor of her time. She gave of her time freely. I learned from her what was important and that is to give what you can whether it be money or time and support a cause you believe in.

I come to the position as your co-president with this memory in mind. I am honored and humbled to serve in a group such as NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section. The women in our section remind me that everyone can do something to help others. We are such a diverse group and yet, when we are asked for our help – in any waywe always say yes.

Thank you for this honor. I appreciate your faith in me and your support and most especially, your friendship.

B'Shalom, Cindi Pasceri

## SAVE THE DATES

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

September 24 Opening Luncheon Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

October 29 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND NOT TO BE MISSED VENDOR BOUTIQUE KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BEATRICE KAHN National President of NCJW

Where we have been, Where we are, Where we are going Past, Present, and Future

**November 19** -Taste of Culture outing to National Museum of American Jewish a for docent led tour of RGB exhibit.

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!



#### THANK YOU.

I'd like to thank all those who participated in our Personal Giving campaign this year. Your generous support exceeded our goal so all our worthy endeavors will benefit greatly!! Judy Wenzel



#### **Attention! Attention!**

A fun and easy way to get involved in our social action activities.

As you know our section supports the Benjamin Franklin Elementary School by providing back packs and school supplies.

Please join us on August 21st as we fill the back packs with pencils, pens, erasers, copy books, lots of other goodies and LOVE.

RSVP: Charlotte Schwartz charlotters6@comcast.net or 215-817-1774

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.

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



# 700 VIGILS on 5 CONTINENTS 3 in the Greater Philadelphia Region

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members join protest sponsored by Lights for Liberty expressing opposition to the separation and other mistreatment of families at the Southern border. Local rallies were held in three sites in the Greater Philadelphia Region: Doylestown, West Mt. Airy and Center City.





In Doylestown, are left to right:Hal and Pearl Tragash and Barbara and Bruce Nussbaum



In West Mt. Airy, left to right, Betsy Parziale, Lynne Jacobs, Maria Contrabone-Rosen, Harriet Gran and Susan Horwitz

In Center City, a message captured in a photo taken by Linda Lempert





Phyllis Barsky, Marilyn Lieberman, Ruth Damsker, Diane Morgan, advocating for continuance of the General Assistance program, Sensible gun safety regulations, LGBTQ civil rights protections, and religious garb freedom.

Charlotte Schwartz, Linda Lempert and Pearl Tragash at the Bucks County Jewish-Israel Festival on June 2 representing NCJW, which showcased Philadelphia area Jewish agencies and organizations. Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section had a table to promote our programs and services to the community. The festival included interactive educational booths about Israel, food, a vendor area, and fun activities for families.

Phyllis Barsky represented NCJW speaking at a Tuesdays with(out) Toomey rally, which takes place every week outside Senator Toomey's Philadelphia offices. She shared a concise yet



comprehensive overview of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, which NCJW is urging congress to pass. This bill would restore some of the original Voting Rights Act provisions that were struck down by the Supreme Court.



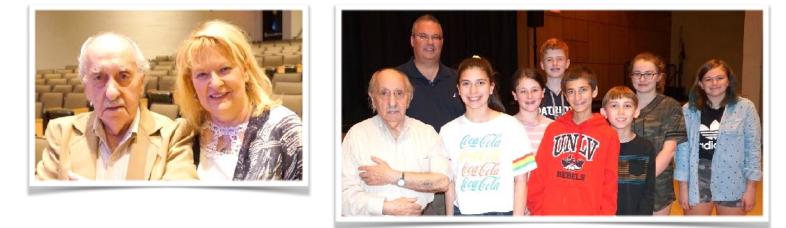
# **NEVER FORGET - STUDENTS LEARN LESSONS OF THE HOLOCAUST**

#### Holocaust Essay Contest...2019

Our Holocaust Essay contest went very well this year. We read essays from thirteen 6th grade classrooms at Upper Dublin, the 7th and 8th grade classrooms at Community Academy of Philadelphia and several classes at Springfield Township Middle School. Some of our readers read the essays on paper and the others read them on line. At Upper Dublin we awarded an essay prize and a poetry prize to every classroom. To learn about the Holocaust some of the students read books, saw movies, visited a museum or heard a survivor speak to them. Thank you to our readers: Sandra Lewis, Lee Tonik, Harriet Gran, Abby Gilbert, Celia Rothkopf (co-chair), Anita Shomer, Essie Cutler, Julie Goldman, Barbara Auerbach, Rebecca Gelman, Elizabeth Parziale, Susan Horowitz, Joan Sax, Susan Handis, Liz Hirsch, Grace Flisser, Rhena Kelsen, Barbara Rosenthal, Carole Aronoff, Jane Slater. A very special Thank You goes to Dene Bloom who took charge of creating the certificates of participation... which were given to every student who wrote an essay or poem....as well as the winning certificates. She did a beautiful job and saved us about 24 hours of labor. Pictured below are the winning students from Springfield Township middle school.

Evelyn Goldhammer, Chairperson





Holocaust survivor, David Tuck with teacher Darren Lewan and students from Timberlane Middle School. The children were very moved by Mr. Tuck's sharing his experience of survival in the concentration camps. Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section members volunteer to drive and facilitate Holocaust survivors' oral presentations to school students through HAMEC (Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center).

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section celebrated the Old and the New at our End of the Year Luncheon

#### THE OLD

Women's role as soldiers and spies during the Civil War was the featured presentation at our well attended luncheon.

> Civil war female spy on the lookout with Confederate soldier portrayed by Bruce Nussbaum





#### THE NEW

Our newly installed NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION OFFICERS for the September 2019-August 2020 term.



Thank you to our program planners I. to r.: Margie Zuckerman, Char Kurland, our spy who will remain unnamed for security concerns, and Joyce Eveloff for a splendid program.

Speedy Recovery to: Edye Mazer

Condolences to: Cindi & Vincent Pasceri on the death of Vincent's sister, Florence. Gladys Greenfield on the passing of her brother, Dr. Stanley Weintraub **\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS** GIANT cards are available for purchase. Please contact Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424



#### An ALERT from our Advocacy Vice-President, Linda Lempert

HIASPA (Hebrew Immigration Aid Society of PA) has issued an alert because the Trump Administration has taken steps toward collapsing the refugee resettlement program, thus breaking our promise to the world. The administration is considering setting the refugee cap at zero this coming fiscal year.



The national movement to Rise Up for Refuge held a rally on Sunday, August 4 to demand that Congress:

- 1. Save the life-saving Refugee Resettlement Program
- 2. Stop the Asylum Band and Protect Asylum Seekers
- 3. Keep Families Together and End Child and Family Detention
- 4. Cut Funding that Fuels Deportation, Detention, Border Militarization
- 5. Protect Refugee and Immigrant Families from Prolonged Separation

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Sign up to host a phone banking day on a weekday in August. Call your PA U.S. House Representatives, U.S. Senators and our Governor. For more information, you can contact our Advocacy Vice-President, Linda Lempert at lindazlempert@gmail.com or call 215-884-5906.



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### THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE



NCJW volunteers at Ronald McDonald House at Front St. & Erie Ave. 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? We arrive at

8:15 so we can set up and have food ready by 9:00.

Nov10 Sept 22 Oct 27 Dec 8

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 215-206-1026 or email harannciw@gmail.com.

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,

(215) 245-1309 Judy Fried 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

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 Fran Radel and she will send a card for you. Contact Fran at 610-584-9234 (home) 610-304-3908 (cell) or Email: fran@markradel.com

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.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS								
Apologies to Grace March Bulletin.	Flisser, Nancy Cox a	and Sharon Millard. The	y should have b	peen listed as new members in the				
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As membership vice have. Please contact:	e-presidents, we we Ellen Mirbach semirbach@gmail. 215-771-5311		our new members to call us regarding any questions Donna Spector or queenaheartsds@hotmail.c 215-886-0640					
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 can achieve "angel" 😇 status which increases the number of people we can assist.								
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afternoon book club please email Joyce Avrach at MsJoyce1716@gmail.com or phone 215-402-0287 Use Our Website Book Club Page to order your books. ncjwphiladelphia.org 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								
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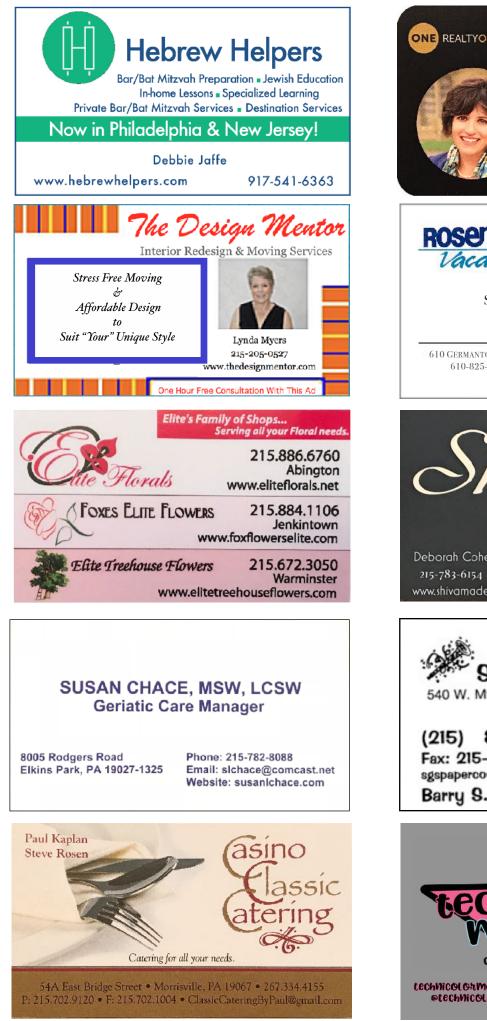
We are hoping to form geographic groups in Center City, Northeast Philadelphia and Bucks and Montgomery Counties.

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





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National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section is planning an outing to Chanticleer Garden 786 Church Road Wayne, PA Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019

Chanticleer Garden is a forty-eight-acre botanical garden built on the grounds of the Rosengarten estate in Wayne. Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage trumps flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural.

Arrive on your own to meet our docent led tour at 10 a.m. You may want to have lunch on your own after our tour.

Some suggestions of restaurants in the area are:

Christopher's, Elegance Café, and White Dog Café.

The cost of the tour is \$25.00 for members and \$30 for guests

Please mail checks by August 29th made payable to NCJW to:

Arlene Slobodzian

117 Jasper Court

Eagleville, PA 19403

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Guest

Questions: Arlene Slobodzian 267-481-3395

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11:30 a.m.



Our Elections ... Our Democracy

# Engaging Voters ... Making Every Vote Count

A panel discussion along with a robust question and answer session with:

- Peggy Dator, President, League of Women Voters-Bucks County
- Mimi McKenzie, Legal Director, Public Interest Law Center
- Laura Richlin, Philadelphia County Co-coordinator, Fair Districts-PA

The program will be moderated by:

• Barbara Hoffman, Voting Rights Lead, NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section-Advocacy Committee

# REFORM CONGREGATION KENESETH ISRAEL 8339 OLD YORK ROAD ELKINS PARK, PA 19027 MAIN AUDITORIUM

## RSVP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

REMINDER: BRING HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES FOR DAWNS PLACE & SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR OUR ADOPTED SCHOOL

Questions? Call Charlene Kurland (215-850-3771); Donna Bader (856-303-9616); Joyce Eveloff (215-906-4315) Please Mail <u>Checks Made Payable to NCJW</u> to: Margie Zukerman 5106 Meridian Blvd Warrington, PA 18976 <u>NO CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR</u> I am joining you for lunch. My check includes \$20.00 for me. (DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20)

I am attending the program but do not want to eat any lunch. (FREE FOR MEMBERS)

Member Name\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_

EMail

○ I have guests attending for the program and luncheon and \$25.00 for each is included with my check. (DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20) Guests' Names Attending Luncheon and Program:

🔘 I have guests attending for the program only (without lunch) and \$5.00 for each is included with my check (DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20)

Guests' Names Attending Program Only:

The National Council of Jewish Women **Greater Philadelphia Section** 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND NOT TO BE MISSED VENDOR BOUTIQUE Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:00 a.m. **Green Valley Country Club** 201 West Ridge Pike Lafayette Hill, PA



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER BEATRICE KAHN** National President of NCJW

Where we have been, Where we are, Where we are going Past, Present, and Future

MEMBER \$55 GUESTS \$60

Please mail your check made out to NCJW by October 17

in order to guarantee your seating request to:

Harriet Winokur, 732 Johns Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

Questions: Call Membership Vice Presidents Donna Spector at 215-886-0640 or Ellen Mirbach at 215-771-5311

Please bring school supplies and/or children's winter outerwear to be donated to our adopted Ben Franklin Elementary School in Philadelphia and household supplies for Dawn's Place.

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NAME PHONE

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTREES FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GUESTS

NAME

**SALMON** with honey soy lime glaze

NAME\_

CHICKEN with wild mushrooms and marsala wine sauce

NAME\_

Roasted seasonal VEGETABLES and Quinoa

If you have any special food requirements, contact Donna or Ellen

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH:



National Council of Jewish Women

Harriet Winokur 732 Johns Lane Ambler, PA 19002-2616

## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Board Meeting	11 Tour Chanticleer Garden	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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