

National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Philadelphia Section

# Bulletin

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April, 2020

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**To all of our NCJW Greater Section members:**

**With the questions surrounding the CO-VID 19 Corona Virus and Election Day,  
we are recommending that you sign up for Mail In Voting.**

Pennsylvania has passed a law stating that anyone who chooses to vote by mail may do so **for any reason**. This will assure that you will have an opportunity to make certain your vote will count in the upcoming Primary Election.

To do this you **DO NOT** need to state a reason.

It is BEST and most efficient to apply for your ballot **ONLINE**

You also have the option of printing an application and mailing it, but applying ONLINE is better. When applying for the application, please be sure to answer **NO** to the question asking if you would like to receive a mail in ballot for the next election. However, this is your choice. If you choose to apply for the mail in ballot for the general elections in November, you will be obligated to vote by mail for the general election in November.

**We do not know what the ABSOLUTE DEADLINE for the Application is since the Primary has been moved to June 2nd, but you can SIGN UP NOW.**

The best way to do this is to apply online.

Copy and paste this link into your browser.

<https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin>

1. click on "I'm not a Robot"
2. click "Begin your Application"
3. answer 3 questions ( SUCH AS "Will you be away?" are you disabled?" in the negative. - you DO NOT need a reason to get a Mail in Ballot!
4. fill in the Online Application
5. We advise you NOT to click on "Annual Mail In Request" so you will be able to vote at the polls if you wish in November.

You will receive a ballot that you will fill in just as if you were at the polls, then mail it back so it is **received by the County by 8pm on election day** in order for it to be counted.

Needless to say, **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SEND THE FILLED IN APPLICATION OR BALLOT!**

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PLEASE NOTE, MY ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

## Co-President's Message

It has been a couple of months since I have written to all of you in a President's message. I know we have sent out E BLASTS to let you know that our monthly programs, community service and advocacy activities have been postponed due to the Corona Virus situation. We wanted you to all know that our concern is the health and safety of our members and that we do not want your health to be comprised in any way. This decision was not taken lightly and NCJW sections around the country have been doing the same.

Our National office in Washington DC has been posting messages on their website and like, us in the Greater Philadelphia area, send messages of hope, concern and optimism.

Speaking of optimism, I want to tell you that while we are all doing what we can to stay safe, and to remain inside our homes practicing social distancing, we do NOT need to distance ourselves from loved ones and friends. I try each day to look outside and see the flowers blooming on the trees, and watch the daffodils popping up, I look at the beauty that is in nature. This makes me smile. This helps me think about the future and the well being of all.

I have been spending time, speaking to my friends and family in Canada, Israel, Scotland and around the USA. These skype, facetime and zoom calls, lighten my days and bring smiles to my face.

For those of you who know me, know that I am a very social person. I love people and love being around people. I miss my NCJW activities and seeing all of you. So, I am trying to find comfort also doing other things such as read, and purge things I do not need. I realize we can continue to be aware of what is going on around us in our nation. We can continue to advocate in writing to our congressional representatives, encourage all young people to vote when the time comes, try and bring comfort to those who are home-bound who would love to receive phone calls from us.

Looking inward can be a good thing. We can reassess our lives and who we want to be and how we want to live our lives. Let us not despair but stay positive. I believe that positive energy is contagious and let's try to spread it around.

Passover this year will be different. We might not be able to be with our families and friends as in the past. My family has made a decision to have our Seder via ZOOM. While it will not be a traditional Seder, we will see each other and try to read the Hagaddah together. My children and grandchildren in Seattle and Phoenix will join us as will my sister in Canada. This, I am looking forward to.

Please know, that we will stay in touch with you via our Eblasts and look to our NCJW website for updated information since we will not be mailing out hard copies of our NCJW Section Bulletin for the next month.

I wish all of you a sweet Pesach in whichever way you celebrate it.

I will leave you below a prayer that was sent to me that I want to share with you. I thought it was lovely.



### PRAYER OF HOPE DURING THIS PANDEMIC

By Rabbi Naomi Levy

We Are Frightened, God, Worried For Our Loved Ones, Worried For Our World.

Helpless And Confused, We Turn To You Seeking Comfort, Faith And Hope.

Teach Us To Turn Our Panic Into Patience, And Our Fear Into Act Of Kindness And Support. Our Strong Must Watch Out For Our Weak, Our Young Must Take Care Of Our Old.

Help Each One Of Us To Do Our Part To Halt The Spread Of This Virus.

Send Strength And Courage To The Doctors And Nurses In The Front-Lines Of This Battle, Fortify Them With The Full Force Of Their Healing Powers.

Send Wisdom And Insight To The Scientists Working Day And Night Across The World To Discover Healing Treatments.

Fill Our Leaders With The Wisdom And Courage To Choose Wisely And Act Quickly.

Help Us See That We Are One World, One People Who Will Rise Above This Pandemic Together.

Send Us Health, And Watch Over Us.

Bless Us With Your Healing Light.

Amen





**BREAKFAST IS STILL BEING SERVED AT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!!!**



The Corona virus has not halted our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's support of the Guest Chef Program at the Ronald McDonald House. Although our members' physical presence and cooking talents are on hold for the time being, Zelda Stern, who leads the program reports that funds provided by our Section will continue to help to provide breakfast. Breakfast is provided to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House while their critically ill children receive treatment at St. Christopher's Hospital.

Under Zelda's leadership, our relationship with the Ronald McDonald House has grown. Our Section has been able to donate toys and games for their summer camp as well as warm clothing for family members coming from warm climates. Zelda is sent monthly updates on news and needs of the children and families served by the Ronald McDonald House.

## Advocacy Updates

**Advocacy is an important part of what we do as members of NCJW.** Despite the terrible circumstances in our country these days, we can still take a moment to call or email our elected representatives about issues of importance.

Our PA state legislature is now able to meet remotely, so they are working on the budget and considering various bills. I will send specific alerts when there is something we need to push for or against. Meanwhile,

1. We are working with the PA Health Access Network to lower prescription drug prices and end surprise medical bills. If you would like to share how these problems have affected you, please let me know at [ljacobs816@gmail.com](mailto:ljacobs816@gmail.com)
2. We have joined NCJW National's *Promote the Vote* effort for 2020. We are partnering with Fair Districts PA to keep up the momentum to make sure redistricting is fair after the census results come in.

So, while you're spending time at home, **FILL OUT YOUR CENSUS FORM AND BE SURE TO ASK FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.** (See note from Linda Lempert.)

We will let you know about more about ways to get involved.

Thanks for your help.

Lynne Jacobs, PA Policy Advocacy Chair



## NCJWebinars

Grab your beverage or snack of choice and join National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) advocates and allies from around the country for NCJWebinar, a new weekly online series to educate, inspire, and build a virtual sisterhood. All are welcome.



Join us every Tuesday at 4:30 pm ET.

**\*Please note: more speakers will be added shortly!**

### **March 31: Protecting and Promoting the Vote During a Pandemic**

**Featured speakers:** Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), Ashley Allison, Leadership Conference & Raul Macias, Brennan Center for Justice, Lesley Frost, NCJW Maryland Action Team, and Laura Monn Ginsburg, NCJW Minnesota, Dr. Leigh Wallace Tabak, NCJW Milwaukee

Voter mobilization often involves knocking on doors, engaging people face-to-face, driving those who need to the polls, and standing on crowded lines together to vote. The current pandemic we are in changes how we engage others in voting and perhaps, the very way we will vote. Join Senator Ron Wyden of Oregon, Ashley Allison, Executive Vice President of Campaigns and Programs at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Raúl Macías, Counsel in the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center, and NCJW field leaders to learn how you can continue to Get Out the Vote and protect our elections during a pandemic.

### **April 7: Resistance Lessons From the Heroines of the Passover Story**

**Featured Speakers:** *Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, Robin Roger, NCJW Board Member, and Sherry Frank, NCJW Atlanta*

Despite the fact that not a single woman is mentioned in the Haggadah, no less than five brave women open the Exodus story in the Torah. Each of them, in fact, takes great risks to resist tyranny, and their stories show us a number of ways that we, too, can work for a more just world. Join us for a lively, interactive Zoom session on the lessons we can learn from the midwives Shifra and Puah, from Miriam and Yoheved, and from Pharaoh's daughter—and how they can shape our understanding of freedom during this year's difficult time.

### **April 14: When the coronavirus becomes an excuse to restrict abortions**

**Featured Speakers:** *Lauren Garfunkel, NCJW Board Member and Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg*

Judaism not only permits abortion but sometimes requires it in cases where it would save the life of the pregnant person, and our understanding of when life begins is entirely different from some other faiths. These differences matter more than ever as abortion rights and access are under attack both in the Supreme Court and in the government's response to the coronavirus crisis. Join us to understand the critical issues around abortion access in this moment.

### **April 21: Direct Service in the Age of Coronavirus**

**Featured Speakers:** *Cindy Greenberg, Repair the World CEO and Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO, Ruth Messinger, and Paula Garret, NCJW Board Member*

The need for social distancing has pushed direct service providers into uncharted territory. On the one hand, it is imperative that we remain home. But on the other, there are still needs to be met, and people who will suffer if on-the-ground volunteers don't show up. Particularly on Yom HaShoah—Holocaust Remembrance Day—, it is vital to consider how we can live out our obligations to one another, even at this time. Join Sheila Katz, National Council of Jewish Women CEO, Cindy Greenberg, Repair the World CEO and Ruth Messinger, former CEO of AJWS for a conversation about their work to provide direct service both in-person and at-home during this difficult time and lessons you can apply in your communities.

### **April 28: Advocating for At-Risk Populations**

**Featured Speakers:** *Darcy Hirsh, JFNA and Sharon Lipton, NCJW Board Member*

As lawmakers continue to debate the extent of resources allocated to those over 65 and those with disabilities and underlying health issues in the COVID-19 epidemic, advocacy for these at-risk populations is more important than ever. Learn from experts about what's at stake in this critical moment and what you can do to impact this vitally important conversation and push for a just and inclusive coronavirus response.

### **May 5: Weaponizing White Supremacy during COVID-19**

**Featured Speakers:** *Amy Spitalnick, First for America Executive Director, litigators Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn*

White supremacists and far-right extremists are taking advantage of the coronavirus pandemic to peddle disinformation and hate online – and plan real-world terror. Join Integrity First for America Executive Director Amy Spitalnick and leading litigators Roberta Kaplan and Karen Dunn – the team prosecuting the neo-Nazis and white supremacists responsible for the Charlottesville violence – on this webinar to understand the current landscape of hate and learn how to identify disinformation and push back against bigotry.

[Register Here](#)

**LOVE RECIPROCATED**

When co-President of our NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION, Barbara Nussbaum reached out to our Board Members in the letter below, with expressions of concern for their well-being and gratitude for their unfailing and exceptional dedication to our Section, she received a wave of messages worth sharing. In the messages below, you will find words reflecting hope, resilience, creativity, community, empathy, and humor. Moreover they convey the energy, enthusiasm, and determination which our board members bring to our NCJW mission to serve others and embrace the community of our members.

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DEAR ONES:

During this difficult time, I want all of you to know how much i am thinking of you. It is times like this that we must rally around each other and let each other know we care.

These past three years for me , as your President, have been very special. While I might not have told you enough how much I have appreciated everything you have done for NCJW and the support you have given me, I do not know when I will see all of you , so I am telling you this now.

We must all stay positive and careful in everything we do now. I try to do a little yoga each day, listen to music I love and try not to drive my husband crazy! You know me... I am social and love people , so this is especially hard to be isolated....even in my condo, I stay in and only take a short walk and go out on my balcony. I hope you are doing the same.

I might see if I can set up a zoom call somehow. ( a techie, I am not!)

So..... drink plenty of water and keep your minds busy. Wash all food you bring in. Do like they do in Asia, wear masks and gloves if you do have to go out. ( you probably know this but I am stressing it.)

Love you all.  
Barb



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Hi Barbara,

What a beautiful note from you at this difficult time. With love to all and wishes for everyone to stay safe.  
Pearl (Tragash)

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Thank you Barb for your kind and caring words.

I am grateful for FaceTime so I can still see my family, especially my great grandchildren, so I don't feel so isolated.

I hope everyone stays safe and healthy so when this does pass (& I hope it does quickly) we can gather together again.

I just learned about Zoom. I downloaded the app but I have no idea what to do with it. We should try it. Again, stay safe and healthy.

Janet Ecksel

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You are beautiful. Stay well and in good spirits. And? Social distance from your husband?? J. (Joke)  
Judith Ginsberg

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May we all keep safe! Shelter in place and be safe! Stay well all!  
Patti (First)

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May you and your families all be well. When we get through this can celebrate - hopefully at a closing event and continue with our good work.

I am sure many of us are doing what we can from home (advocay wise ) - besides looking at our gray hair, grown out nail polish, and bushy eyebrows and trying to find Purell, Lysol Spray, Hand sanitizing wipes, paper towel and toilet paper on line.

I am sure many of you can relate to the following. Today after I tried to get on Pea Pod to order at Giant, which resulted on a computer virus shutting down my computer, worked an hour with the Verizon tech with an echo in the background and getting cut off, I was able to order almost \$200 worth of food at Giant - only to find out there were no delivery or pick up times for a month. So with a trip to George's Market when it was not crowded at 6 p.m we were able to get meat,, fruit, vegetable, eggs, cheese, cottage cheese etc.

I haven't done this much laundry and used my dishwasher and cleaned my house so much since I had a houseful of kids. I am sure many of you are having the same experience.

My friends are sending me very funny texts and some of us are trying to learn to use Zoom and play bridge together on Trixster. Of course when I try to download an app on my I-Phone, it won't take my thumb print - (I told that woman at the apple store I have old fingers with faded, fingerprints) and now they are probably gone from the Clorox with bleach.

My funny friends told me what the supermarket employee told a woman when she asked where the nuts were and he replied , "They are all in the Toilet Paper aisle."

Just going to have dinner now - sleep well and be well dear NCJW friends,

Love,  
Sandy Fryer

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Thanks for the comedy. 😊  
Donna Bader

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Thank you Barb,  
As always, your beautiful words are comforting and show such caring at this trying time in our lives. Ellen and I will not be returning from Fla On April 20 as originally scheduled. We are hunkering down in our little bubble and trying to stay safe here in Fla. Riding our "trikes" and taking walks. Last week we sent out an eblast to the residents in our community, suggesting we all come out on our own driveways at 8 pm and have a sing-along to the Carpenters song.."sing." Voices could be heard all over the community! It gave everyone some moments of joy and a chance to wave at neighbors with their flashlights. People are being creative and connecting and that is good. Missing everyone and hoping all of my sweet sisters (and brothers) stay well. Look forward to seeing you all again..  
Sooner than later.

Char (Kurland)

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Hi everyone,  
Just got off the computer conversation with my brothers whole family at the same time. All on the screen at the same time. It was a zoom app. Get one of your families computer genius to set it up and you'll have great pleasure.  
Thinking of a Seder this way.  
What a world.

Pearl (Tragash)

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Your loving, caring thoughts give me hope that we will all be looking back on this crisis and able to hug each other again.

I've been away from my ncjw family for 4 months and was hoping to see everyone in April. Oh I did attend a NCJW Se Florida game day and luncheon and one other event.

I do miss you all!!!

My husband and I are self isolating except for food and walks.

I haven't been with anyone since last Sunday since I got off the Frontier flight in Trenton. It was 90% full and everyone had wipes. I was masked and wore gloves.

6 other young family members, who had spring break, were on the flight with me. All are self isolating too

I'm sure all of us are being very careful and thinking of our families and their safety.

Sending huge, warm hugs and positive thoughts.

Take care, stay well and stay positive.

Keep wiping!!

Fondly and as ever,  
Judy (Fried)

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Barb:

Thank you for being so supportive to all of us during these most trying times. Your words of encouragement are very loving and thoughtful.

I think of you always and wish you and your family all good things and most important is to be safe and well and do all the things that you have written in this loving message.

Love,  
Bobbie (Berman) 

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Dear Barb:

Just a thought: With Passover coming to our Jewish community in two and a half weeks and the real possibility that families and friends may not be able to hold their usual seders together, let us now try the power of communal prayer to defeat this "11th" plague that has befallen our country and that it should "pass over" us.

Here's wishing that all of our NCJW members and their families stay well!

Thanks for your caring message during these difficult times and your inspiring leadership during your tenure as Greater Philadelphia Section President and as Co-President with Cindy Pasceri this past year.

Fondly,  
Kay Skloff

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You are a warm and caring woman. Take care for yourself, by not going too crazy about social distancing. This past Friday we joined our Breyer Woods friends for Friday night cocktails on a parking lot in the community. It was wonderful to be with 20 or so friends.....still not getting too close to each other!

Rumor has it that on Monday governor Wolf will declare a total lock down.....

Take care and get out in the air for some long walks.....good for your body and it helps keep spouses from driving each other crazy!

Linda Lempert

To be rescheduled:

**An armchair conversation with Sarah Hurwitz**, head speechwriter for Michelle Obama and senior speech writer for President Barack Obama. Hurwitz, having rediscovered her Judaism, on leaving the White House, wrote her book, *Here All Along: A Reintroduction to Judaism, Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life — In Judaism*. Her book, published in September of 2019, debuted as the number 1 new release overall in the Jewish Life category on Amazon and was second highest new Kindle seller in the Amazon Jewish Life category.



**This will be a free program at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel**



Where and when possible, our Program Committee is rescheduling events postponed due to the Corona Virus. Char Kurland, Co-Vice President of our Program Committee and Sarah Hurwitz are pursuing an early November date for the free evening program, *AN ARMCHAIR CONVERSATION with SARAH HURWITZ*.

In the meantime, Sarah's book *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism* can be ordered on our website through Amazon. If you order the book, remember to bring it for a signing by the author.

### **Regarding the March 17 meeting Managing Change the Resilient Way**

Members whose checks were cashed for the March 17 meeting will receive their refunds in the mail. This constitutes about 8 people.

The remainder of the checks were not cashed. I will void and destroy them unless I hear from the member who wants their original returned.

Please contact me or Margie if that is the case. I held up deposit of most of them because of the consideration of cancelling the meeting at that time.

Thanks in advance,  
Best regards,  
Pearl  
Pearl Tragash @yahoo.com



## **Pennsylvania Historical Marker for the home of an NCJW founder, Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg**

A few months ago a young man named Matthew Falcone contacted our section asking for help in securing a Pennsylvania Historical Marker for his home which was the home of Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg, one of the founders of NCJW, where she lived with her husband Hugo from 1888-1898 in Pittsburgh. Pauline Rosenberg served as NCJW's first vice president and its second president and in 1894, helped found not only the Pittsburgh section but sections in Philadelphia, Youngstown and Washington, D.C.

Our Greater Philadelphia Section was asked to sign a petition to support Falcone's request to issue an historic marker in front of the house. We sent the petition on after the board signed it. Sheila Katz, CEO of NCJW added her support.



### **MISSION ACCOMPLISHED**

**A MARKER WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE HANAUER ROSENBERG HOME**

**THANK YOU, MATTHEW FALCONE, FOR INITIATING THIS PROCESS, CINDI PASCERI, CO-PRESIDENT,  
AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR SECTION FOR THEIR SUPPORT**



**Pennsylvania Pressroom**

**24 New State Historical Markers Approved**

**From:** Matthew Falcone <matthew.wc.falcone@gmail.com>

**Date:** March 10, 2020 at 12:26:06 PM EDT

**To:** v pasceri <vpasce@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Marker

Hiya -

Great news, hot off the wire:

<https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/PHMC-Details.aspx?newsid=367>

Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg (1863-1940), Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

In 1893 Rosenberg was one of the founders of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) during the World's Columbian Exposition. Although based in Pittsburgh, she was responsible for organizing NCJW chapters in several other Pennsylvania cities, including Philadelphia, as well as in Ohio and Washington, DC. She also served as president of the national organization whose work related to immigration assistance, social reform, and prevention of human trafficking was revolutionary.

I can't thank you enough for all of your help (and the help of all of the ladies from the Philadelphia Section) in making this happen. Expect an invitation to the unveiling ceremony once it's set!

With deepest gratitude,

Matthew



## NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section Approves Two Grants



The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society awards camp scholarships to children of low-income Jewish women. They seek out the neediest families in the community, taking referrals from communal professionals who have an ongoing relationship with the client and can show documented financial need. They fund campers attending day and overnight camp programs with a component of Jewish learning. The camp scholarship program is a form of financial assistance that enables mothers to work or provides respite for those who cannot during the months when their children are not in school.



The Montgomery County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition (MCAT) hosts human trafficking educational trainings across Montgomery County to help equip social service agencies, educational institutions, health care systems, law enforcement, and concerned citizens with tools to identify human trafficking and provide knowledge on how to help eradicate it from our community.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We have a new life member, Dale Novick Gaber, who transferred her membership from Bergen County, NJ:

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

Please contact: Ellen Mirbach [semirbach@gmail.com](mailto:semirbach@gmail.com) or Donna Spector [queenahartsds@hotmail.com](mailto:queenahartsds@hotmail.com)  
215-771-5311 215-886-0640

We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

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\*For an additional \$10, you can achieve "angel" 🙇 status which increases the number of people we can assist.

### Center City Book Group

Thanks to Maryellen Blass for hosting our March meeting and to Eleanor Levie for leading the discussion of *The World As We Knew It*.

For more information, contact Audrey Block at [ablock1919@comcast.net](mailto:ablock1919@comcast.net) or 215-688-0094

### Afternoon Book Club

Our thanks for our March gathering go Susan Brooks for moderating *Daughters of the Samurai* by Janice Nimura and to Sandy Fryer for hosting.

For more information, contact Susan Brooks at 215-542-0712 or [seamcrazy@verizon.net](mailto:seamcrazy@verizon.net)

### Evening Book Club

Thank you to Nancy Fagan for leading and enhancing our discussion of *Before We Were Yours* with a historical perspective on the events in the book. Thanks to Harriet Gran for hosting.

For more information, contact Joan Sax at [joansax@comcast.net](mailto:joansax@comcast.net)



## Looking at the map for some weekend travel ideas



Here's hoping that everyone can expand their travel plans very soon.

Thank you, Joan Sax, for this wonderful piece of dark humor.



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](mailto:harrietwinokur@gmail.com)

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**REMEMBER.... THERE WILL BE 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.

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 fifth 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 [hgranncjw@gmail.com](mailto:hgranncjw@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,

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



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Contact Ann Pollock for information.

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### 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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