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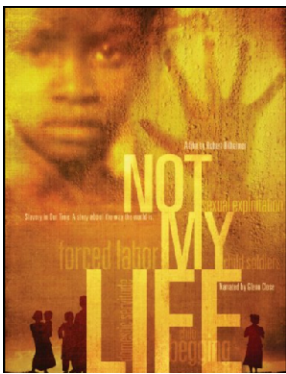
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TWO NOT TO MISS FILMS



JANUARY-HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH



Millions of children are exploited through an array of practices including forced labor and sexual enslavement. In observance of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section is presenting a film, **NOT MY LIFE**, which documents human trafficking on a global scale, narrated by Glenn Close. Our speaker, Alexis Krieger, a Victim Specialist with the FBI and an expert in combatting human trafficking will discuss the issues raised in the movie.

Save the date: Tuesday, January 14 at 12:45 PM

WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE INTRUSION OF GOVERNMENT AND RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE INTO WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE?

NCJW ADVOCACY
invites you to **FEBRUARY FILM NIGHT'S** Screening
of
BIRTHRIGHT: A WAR STORY.

Every day, many Americans are surprised to learn that the ability to make decisions about our bodies, health, reproduction, sexuality and childbirth is under attack. It's not just about abortion. Join our Greater Philadelphia section to watch this documentary designed to inform, inspire, and motivate us to take action.

The film was directed by Civia Tamarkin, President of NCJW-Arizona Section. She will be available (remotely) to answer questions after the screening.

Lynne Jacobs
Pennsylvania Policy Advocate Chair, NCJW

Wednesday February 5, 2020 7:00 PM
Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

8339 Old York Rd, Elkins Park, PA 19027
Light refreshments
No charge. Contributions welcome.



Co-President's Message

Happy secular New Year! Hopefully 2020 will bring us peace and good health. Hard to believe we are ending the second decade of the 21st century. Time flies. January is 31 COLD days long! Those who do not head to warmer places may wonder at the concurrence of events occurring in January. The many special days/events include: blood donor month, baking month, soup month, MLK Day of Service and last but not least slavery and human trafficking prevention month which, you know, has been a main concern of NCJW. Our thanks go to our advocacy committee who keep us informed and act on behalf of those vulnerable to exploitation. January is also thank you month so I say a tremendous thank you to all of our section members for their generosity of spirit and deed. I appreciate everything that you do for all the women and children we help.



** Please join us on January 14 at 1PM to see the Documentary "Not My Life". This free event planned by our Program Committee features Alexis Kreiger, a member of the FBI's National Victim Services Response Team.

This year I will try to be the best version of me I can be: to remember to take the time to say thank you and to be grateful every day for family and friends.

B'Shalom,
Cindi Pasceri

Congratulations to:

Our member, Ellen Mirbach, for being selected Woman of the Year by Beth Or sisterhood.

Our member, Rabbi Richard Steinbrink (Diane's husband) who is celebrating a Special Birthday.

SAVE THE DATES

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Matinee Movie

Not My Life

Narrated By Glenn Close

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:00 pm

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February Film Night's Screening

Birthright: A War Story

Thursday, April 23, 2020 (Evening meeting) A CHAT WITH SARAH HURWITZ

Sarah Hurwitz is the author of *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality, and a Deeper Connection to Life—in Judaism (After Finally Choosing to Look There)*. She will introduce her new book and chat with our members. Sarah was senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama in 2009 and 2010 and head speechwriter for First Lady Michelle Obama from 2010 to 2017.

Sarah was appointed to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council by President Obama.

NCJW Section Board Meetings for 2019

January 7 9:30-12 noon

No meeting in February

March 10 12:30-3 pm

April 14 9:30-12 noon

May 5 9:30-3 pm Planning meeting

June - to be decided

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

😊 Denise Kahn

😊 Jacqueline Dubin

Sue Ellen Lakin

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 or Donna Spector queenaheartds@hotmail.com
215-771-5311 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.

Center City Book Group

Wednesday, January 8th
Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate

Thanks to Audrey for hosting our December meeting and to Helene Sternberg for the leading us in such an interesting discussion of *An American Marriage*.

For more information:
Contact Audrey Block at
ablock1919@comcast.net
or 215-688-0094

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, January 23
Daughters of the Samurai
By Janice Nimura

Moderator: Susan Brooks
Hostess: Wendy Rader

Thanks to Judy Blumberg for hosting and to Sue Leon for moderating our November gathering to discuss *The Only Woman in the Room*.

For more information, contact
Susan Brooks
at 215-542-0712 or
seamcrazy@verizon.net

Evening Book Club

January 14 *The Secret Keeper*
by Kate Morgan

Facilitator: Charlotte Schwartz
Hostess: Faith Edelman

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BUILDING BRIDGES

A focus on *INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNICATION*

WHAT ARE WE MISSING?

(traditionalists, baby boomers, gen-x and millennials)?



JT Kendall, the program manager of Temple University's Intergenerational Center, spoke to a sizable turnout of our Section members. His insightful and informative presentation helped members gain a perspective of the generational gaps, experiences and differences between each of our four active generations which impact our capacity to connect. Attendees had an opportunity to share among themselves their own experiences relevant to this important topic.



Left to right, Sherry Kohn, Anita Shomer, Janet Ecksel, JT Kendall, Char Kurland, Donna Bader, Gerrie Greene, Rosalie Marcus and Joyce Eveloff.

A NOURISHING EVENT

Ben Franklin 2nd graders performed a Thanksgiving play for their family members. Room 112 teacher, Ms. Elisa Brown then introduced our NCJW tutors to the families, expressing her gratitude for our tutoring efforts and donations. We shared warm exchanges with family members as well as their homemade dishes!



NCJW tutor Barbara Auerbach, in far background, checks in with students dining on turkey, sweet potatoes, and of course, Mac n" Cheese.

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.

(New Dates will be scheduled in the Spring.)

Please give 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 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.

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

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.



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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

CHECK OUT OUR NEW NATIONALLY CONNECTED WEBSITE www.ncjwphiladelphia.org

What's new:

NCJW National will be providing our new site with news, nationally and internationally, and opportunities for all members to engage in actions together.

We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

Questions or suggestions:
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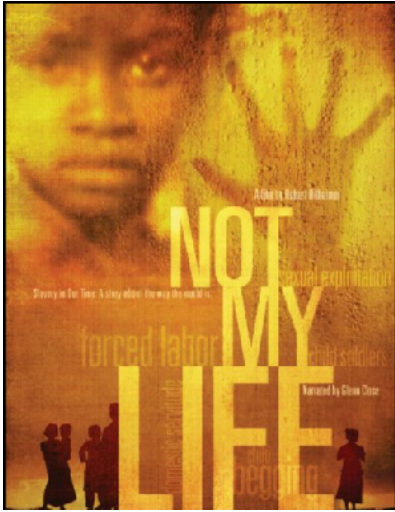
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January

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The National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

Matinee Movie & Speaker

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 12:45 P.M.

Free Event
Snacks Included

Human Trafficking Documentary

Not My Life

Narrated by Glenn Close

Speaker:

Alexis Krieger

Victim Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Member of the FBI's National Victim Services Response Team

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. In observance, we will present **Not My Life**, which documents human trafficking on a global scale. It takes viewers into a world where millions of children are exploited through an array of practices including forced labor and sexual enslavement.

Not My Life also provides a message of hope. We meet survivors who have gone on to lead fulfilling and productive lives, as well as the selfless men and women who fight human trafficking every day.

Alexis Krieger, a Victim Specialist with the FBI, and an expert in combatting human trafficking, will then discuss the issues raised in the movie.

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Guests Invited

Movie will start promptly at 1:00 PM

RSVP by Friday, January 10, 2020 for Seating

Questions: Call Donna Bader (856) 303-9616; Joyce Eveloff (215) 906-4315; Gerrie Greene (215) 402-0887



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