National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

# Bulletin

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March, 2020

## 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.

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3 Flyers enclosed

## **MEETING & LUNCHEON**

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This will be a free program at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel

## Co-President's Message

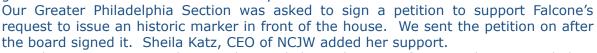


## **Introducing PAULINE HANAUER ROSENBERG**

A few months ago a young man named Matthew Falcone contacted me asking for help in securing a Pennsylvania Historical Marker for the home Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg, one of the founders of NCJW, lived in 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. (These excerpts are from an article in the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle.)



Pauline Rosenberg attended Barnard College. She also took graduate courses at Columbia University.



Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg and an enlightened group of women have provided us with an important legacy to follow. We have important work to do. How lucky we are to know how our group started and how we continue its mission

The state commissioners met in February to determine whether the house will receive an historic marker. STAY TUNED!





Matthew Falcone holds a photo of Pauline Hanauer Rosenberg

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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 2020** 

March 10 12:30-3 p.m. April 14 9:30-12 noon

May 14 9:30-3 p.m. Planning meeting

June - to be decided



Please contact:

## **NCJW HAS GRIT**

In five press releases since the start of this year, NCJW CEO, SHEILA KATZ and NCJW Chief Policy Officer, Jody Rabhan affirm NCJW'S resolve to oppose the Trump Administration's initiatives and actions taken which run counter to Jewish values and our mission to SAFEGUARD INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

#### NCJW IMPERATIVES:

To counter the nomination of jurors such as Andrew Brasher for a lifetime seat on the federal judiciary who has a "record of advocacy for racial gerrymandering and defending laws that disproportionately disenfranchise voters of color". NCJW will continue to build an educated electorate to enable courts which reflect diversity and a commitment to equality for all.

"NCJW demands that Congress immediately pass the NO BAN Act (HR 2214/S 1123) to repeal all versions of the Muslim Band and change immigration law to prohibit discrimination based on religion".

NCJW will sustain its fight for the basic human right to access to health care in the face of the Trump Administration advancement of harmful changes to the Medicaid Program putting 74 million lives at risk. Women comprise 63% of enrollees and covers nearly half of all babies born in this country.

In response to the Administration's continuing cruel attacks on immigrants, NCJW, which has worked on issues of immigration for 125 years, and has submitted hundreds of comments opposing these measures will continue to fight for the rights of all marginalized people, targeted by these attacks.

NCJW, in response to the recent anti-semitic attacks in New York, "calls on state lawmakers to update and expand the New York State Hate Crimes Law to ensure robust protection." NCJW urges commitment to building a culture rooted in respect and empathy across the country.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Eileen Levy 😇



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

or

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215-771-5311

Donna Spector

queenaheartsds@hotmail.com

215-886-0640

We will be delighted to send out membership packets.

Membership Dues: Annual \$45 (Be an Angel \$55 )\*

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

## IF YOU ARE MEDIA-SAVVY, READ THIS!!!

Help Us with Social Media! Volunteers Needed

We're looking for some media-savvy volunteers to help with our website, Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, etc. All ages welcome to help out!

This could be an opportunity for a young person to get some documented experience by providing assistance to our organization...Or a chance for a member to become our communications leader. Please contact Lynne Jacobs (ljacobs816@gmail.com) with your interest. Thanks.

## **Center City Book Group**

Wednesday, March 11
The World As We Knew It by Alice
Hoffman

Thanks to Michele Rose for hosting our Feb. meeting.

For more information:

Contact Audrey Block at ablock1919@comcast.net or 215-688-0094



Thursday, March 26

Daughters of the Samurai

By Janice Nimura

Moderator: Susan Brooks

Hostess: Sandy Fryer

Our thanks for our February gathering go to Betsy Parsiale for moderating Mary's Monster by Lita Judge and to Anita Shomer for hosting. For more information, contact Susan Brooks at 215-542-0712 or seamcrazy@verizon.net

## **Evening Book Club**

Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate

RSVP to Harriet at 215-836-5993 or

hpgran68@gmail.com

Thank you to Faith Edelman for hosting and to Charlotte Schwartz for facilitating the January meeting

## NCJW Greater Philadelphia Board Approves Grant To The Supportive Older Women's Network (SOWN) At Its January 10Th Meeting

The organization receiving funding, the Supportive Older Women's Network (SOWN). for over 30 years has been a pioneer in developing innovative solutions to help older adults and their families, including dependent grandchildren, live healthy lives and age in place in their homes and communities. Today SOWN reaches over 800 older adults and families, including 105 children who are being raised by their grandparents.

## Update From The Grants Committee

Our Section's Grants Committee awards small grants, with the approval of the board, to nonprofit organizations with IRC 501(c)(3) status that assist through their programs and initiatives the needs of women, children and families. Please take a moment and think of organizations that you may support or are familiar with and either contact us directly or ask them to submit a grant request utilizing our section's grant application.

The application is available by contacting Wendy Rader, Grants Committee Chair, at <a href="wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com">wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com</a> or 215 657-9347.

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

Get well wishes to:

Denise Kahn, Linda Richter and Sherry Kohn Eisman

## **\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS**

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Congratulations to:

Audrey Block on the birth of her grandson, Rami Jaffe

Condolences to:

Marcy Berlin-Burton on the recent loss of her husband.



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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.

May 24, 2020

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 haranneiw@amail.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.



## 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.**

## 2-4-6-8! Who do we appreciate? THE GOOD GUYS!

Our Greater Philadelphia Section made and delivered beautiful trays of sweets to thank those who work Christmas shifts to serve our communities.







Goodies to Abington Hospital ER delivered by Patti First & Donna Spector

Jeanes Library. Everyone was so appreciative and my granddaughter got a real thrill out of seeing everyone's reaction to our goodies (some of which she helped bake with me). It is very fulfilling for me to see the impact this activity has not only on the recipients, but also on a young person who can clearly see the importance of giving back to others.

Joan Kober

My granddaughter and I delivered our beautiful trays to Barren Hill Fire Company, Whitemarsh Township offices, Whitemarsh Police and

Thanks to Amy Beitman, shown with the Warrington police and in the group picture at her home for chairing GOODIES for the GOOD GUYS in the Bucks County area.





#### "MAGIC IN OUR LIVES"

These words were expressed by one of four families who were gifted tickets to see THE SNOW QUEEN at the Arden Theater this past December. Their memorable experience was made possible through a fund established by our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section made possible by a generous contribution from Leonard Kedson and his sons, David and Ira in memory of their mother, Phyliss. Phyliss Kedson served as our Section's President from June, 1982 to June, 1984. She remained an active and involved member until her death last year.

In keeping with Phyliss's priorities: children and their well-being, the Phyliss Kedson Memorial Children's Fund will allow our Section to provide tickets primarily for Jewish children to attend Philadelphia children's cultural events that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Thank you, Diane Steinbrink for facilitating and keeping us posted on what is achieved by the fund for children.





A great turnout of our Greater Philadelphia Section members in commemorating the MLK Day of Service at the National Giving Alliance. Thanks to Sherri Kohn Eisman for chairing this event.

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8339 OLD YORK ROAD ELKINS PARK, PA 19027 -- MAIN AUDITORIUM

## RSVP By Friday, March 13, 2020

Please Mail Checks Made Payable to NCJW to: Margie Zukerman

5106 Meridian Blvd, Warrington, PA 18976

Questions ? Call Donna Bader

856 303 9616

Char Kurland or 215-805-3006

r Joyce Eveloff

215-800-1234

NO CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR (Members arriving without paying in advance can attend the program only but will be seated at the Reserved Table for Program Only attendees)

REMINDER: BRING HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES FOR DAWNS PLACE

I am joining you for lunch. My check includes \$20.00 for me. (DUE BY March 13)

I am attending the program but do not want to eat any lunch. (FREE FOR MEMBERS) (Program will begin close to 1pm. Please arrive before 1pm. Also, please know that you will be seated at a special reserved table for non-lunch attendees)

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 March 13)

I have guests attending for the program only (without lunch) and \$5.00 for each is included with my check.(DUE BY March 13) (Program will begin close to 1pm. Please arrive before 1pm. Also, please know that your guests will be seated at a special reserved table for non-lunch attendees)

Guests' Names Attending Program Only:

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## Why an Accomplished White House Speech Writer



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Join us for an armchair conversation with Sarah Hurwitz who served as the head speechwriter for Michelle Obama and a senior speech writer for President Barack Obama as well as presidential candidates including General Wesley Clark, Senator John Kerry and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. After leaving the White House, Hurwitz, having rediscovered her Judaism, wrote her book *Here All Along: A Reintroduction to Judaism*, which was published in September of 2019. Her book 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.

Book purchase/signing available after armchair conversation.

## **RSVP REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006, Joyce Eveloff (215) 906-4315 or Donna Bader (856) 303-9616

Please Mail the reservation form below to:

Margie Zukerman -- 5106 Meridian Blvd -- Warrington, PA 18976



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○ I am attending the April 23 program.		
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○ I have the following guests attending the program Guests' Names:		





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## **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

## 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: contact Mal Gran at hgranncjw@gmail.com

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#### March **Sunday Monday** Wednesday **Tuesday Thursday Friday** Saturday 5 2 3 4 6 9 8 10 11 12 13 14 Board Meeting **17** Meeting 15 16 18 19 20 21 and Luncheon 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 Taste of Culture Create Me Pottery 29 30 31