National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

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A FAITH IN THE FUTURE A BELIEF IN ACTION® **October**, 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

Two Flyers enclosed

OPENING LUNCHEON

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 11:30 a.m. **REFORM CONGREGATION** KENESETH ISRAEL

Our Elections ... Our Democracy Engaging Voters ... Making Every Vote Count ! A panel discussion along with a robust question and answer session

IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID FOR LUNCH, MEMBERS ARE STILL WELCOME TO ATTEND FOR FREE.



MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON & VENDOR BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 10:00 a.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: BEATRICE KAHN National President of NCJW

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



is your

PLEASE JOIN US AT THIS MAJOR EVENT FOR OUR SECTION

Important Dates and Times:

Monday, October 7 Last day to register for the first time or make changes to your voter registration. Tuesday, October 29 Absentee Ballot requests must be received by your County Board of Elections **Friday, November 1** — absentee ballots due back to your County Board of Elections **Tuesday, November 5** – ELECTION DAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO: votesPA.com



VOTING IS THE KEY TO PROTECTING ALL OF OUR RIGHTS !!! VOTING IS ACTIVISM !!!

PROTECT from gun violence PROTECT equal and fair pay

PROTECT family leave for pregnancy **PROTECT** against discrimination The right to vote is essential to success with all of the goals of activism!



The Jewish High Holidays are upon us now. By the time you will receive this Bulletin, Rosh Hashanah will be over and we will end with the Holiest of holy days, Yom Kippur. According to our tradition, Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world, the anniversary of G-d's creation of the world. On Yom Kippur we ask G-d and each other to forgive us for any sins we might have made during the past year. How intertwined these days of repentance are. We can begin anew to celebrate the world, improve ourselves and the wonderful world we have been given in the year ahead.



As we look around we see climate change affecting everyone. We have seen people who have lost their homes from hurricanes, earthquakes, fire and other natural disasters. During Sukkot, we are reminded of the covered huts our ancestors found shelter in as they traveled from Egypt

to the Promised land. They weathered storms, found shelter and joined together to help each other. This holiday, while we celebrate it as a joyous one, does remind me of the anguish so many are suffering today. So how can we help during these times of turmoil, disasters, and in the face of human rights abuses which need to be met with social justice?

Our NCJW family is always there to help out when needed; to respond to those in need and to help those who cannot help themselves whether it be by providing support on the local, state, national or international level. Greater Philadelphia NCJW will be providing some financial support to those in the Bahamas to help them regain their lives. Locally, you will learn how we are creating new community service projects to help young women in need of feminine hygiene products as we work with one of our State Senators to provide this assistance. We will continue to bring to the attention of our legislators that we want to safeguard the lives of others through more gun safety laws and to never forget the stranger, the refugees and immigrants who deserve humane treatment as we remind ourselves that we, too, were in need of refuge and safety.

On October 29, we will hold our Annual Membership event to honor our members and to welcome those of you who have joined us recently. We will be fortunate to have with us, as our guest speaker, our National NCJW President, Beatrice Kahn, who I know will inspire us to continue our wonderful work on behalf of all women, children and families. I look forward to being with you on October 29th and throughout the coming year.

B'Shalom, Barbara Nussbaum

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

www.ncjwphiladelphia.org

On Tuesday, September 24, we expect to be closing our present website and joining other NCJW sections across the country as we combine our local section website with the National NCJW website.

We will continue to feature:

- ~Photographs of member events supporting our goals ~Legislative and Advocacy updates
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- ~An archive of NCJW Bulletins
- $\sim\!\!\text{Notices}$ and flyers for our fund-raising events
- ~Book Club links
- \sim Volunteer Opportunities

~Options for Donations

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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Good feelings emanate from the faces of our NCJW women new to our Board of Directors, who attended a Board orientation, conducted by Co-Presidents Barbara Nussbaum and Cindi Pasceri. Participants included new Officers and others who will be assuming key leadership roles.

Pictured left to right standing Cindi Pasceri, Co-President,Susan Chase,Recording Secretary, Seated left to right:Barb Nussbaum, Co-President, Donna Bader, Program VP, Liz Downing, Aileen Salus, Linda Abrams, Fund Raising VP, and Linda Brosgol.

Speedy Recovery to: Edye Mazer Sherry Kohn Eisman Tammy Hertzbach

Condolences to the families of members that have passed: Sheilah Katz, Corinne Stone and Judy Miller.

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

SAVE THE DATES

October 29 Membership Luncheon

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

NCJW Section Board Meetings for 2019.

October 10, 2019 November 6, 2019 December 10, 2019 12:30 chat, 1:00 meeting

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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.

BREAKING NEWS:

HIPPY-

DCS is adding a Two Year Old Toddler Family Component to its

Preschool Family Units!! Mrs. Vyneda Dunston, HIPPY Coordinator reports that four Toddler Families and 38 Preschool Families are already confirmed. HIPPY-DCS expects to again service and enrich a total of 75 Families in the coming fiscal year.

NCJW is proud to support the HIPPY Parent Partners who enhance in great measure the parental ability of their families to improve and expand the environmental awareness, speech, language, and pre-reading skills of their children. HIPPY-DCS parents whose children have already experienced the program have reported their success.

> Elaine H. Kline Co-Chairperson Advisory Committee

For over 30 years, Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) USA has equipped parents with skills, tools, and confidence to prepare their children for success in school in their most important role as their child's first teacher. HIPPY serves families with children ages 2 to 5 and helps them overcome barriers and build a foundation for school success. We do this by ensuring that every *Hippy kid* is confident and ready for school.



safe support. new beginnings.

A Warm and Earnest Expression of Gratitude

How inspiring, how satisfying it is to hear from an organization, Dawn's Place, that our NCJW Section has aided their efforts to help heal women who have been traumatized by sexual exploitation or human trafficking. Our contributions of household items continue to make a difference to this residential program which is funded entirely by donations and grants. Among the services provided to women are

housing, trauma recovery services and vocational training. A letter from Sister Kathleen Coll, Executive Director of Dawn's Place, shared by our Section's Pennsylvania Policy Advocacy Chair, Lynne Jacobs, reflects the connection we have built in our 5 years of providing support. You will be able to see that letter on our new website on September 24.

We congratulate Dawn's place on their 10th Anniversary. Our NCJW Section will have a table at the October 5 celebration of this milestone, which will be held at a venue in Center City. If you are interested in attending, please email Lynne Jacobs at ljacobs816@gmail.com.

We look forward to our continuing support of this extremely worthy program!

\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS

GIANT cards are available for purchase. Please contact Roz Fudell, 267-939-4424

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



As membership vice-presidents, we welcome our new members to call us regarding any questions you may have.									
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 😇)* Please LIKE us on our Facebook page									
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Center City Book Group

Oct. 16 at 7 P.M. Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton

Thank you to Gwen Freedman for hosting our Sept. meeting and to Eleanor Levie for leading a great discussion of *Where the Crawdads Sing*

For more information about the Center City Book Club contact Audrey Block at ablock1919@comcast.net or phone 215-688-0094

Afternoon Book Club

October 24 *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict.

Please call for location: Joyce, 215-402-0287 or <u>MsJoyce1716@gmail.com</u>.

Thanks to Jackee Swartz for hosting our Sept. meeting and Eileen Davis for leading us in an interesting discussion.



Evening Book Club

Tuesday, October 15 An American Marriage by Tayari Jones RSVP to Nancy at 215-643-3215 or <u>nfaganmsw@gmail.com</u>

Thank you to Charlotte Schwartz for hosting and to Harriet Gran for facilitating the September meeting.

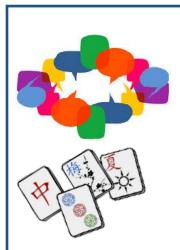
For more information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-947-9166 or joansax@comcast.net.

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



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

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section Goes Back to School!

Preparing for our 5th school opening of our adopted school, Benjamin Franklin Elementary, are our NCJW volunteers shown in their "stages of production" to provide for students in need of school supplies and clothing for the coming cold weather.



Thank you to our "production" volunteers: Charlotte Schwartz, Community Service, V.P., Susan Horwitz, Lee Tonik, Linda Brosgol, Ellen Mirbach and Harriet Gran, and...thank you to all who have contributed to the needs of so many of the thousand students K-8 at Ben Franklin.

A FIRST!!!!

Benjamin Franklin School, built in 1915, got its first playground. Our NCJW Section school volunteers were delighted to be invited, as part of the school community, to the Grand Opening on September 10 featuring the official ribbon cutting by Franklin students and speeches by Philadelphia Mayor, James Kenney, Philadelphia School District Superintendent, William Hite, Franklin Principal, Roslyn Sample-Green, and one of the fifth graders involved with the design of the playground.

The playground was made possible through the Trust for Public Land, a national non-profit that has developed several Philadelphia School playgrounds. Playground designs by the Trust seek to facilitate opportunities to develop physical, academic, and team-building skills and promote community.



Superintendent Hite watches ribbon cutting ceremony.



Mayor Kenney welcoming children to their new playground.



Ben Franklin students, making history, enjoying the first ride on their new playground equipment.

'Shepping Naches' from NCJW's Work in Israel from Paula Burstyn Goldberg

While in Israel this past May and June, I visited, and was hosted by two organizations with ties to NCJW and supported by grants from NCJW National, to which our Greater Philadelphia Section contributes handsomely. Ruach Nashit (Women's Spirit), is a non-government non-profit organization. Its mission is helping women survivors of violence to rebuild their lives. It does so through counseling, and teaching work and life skills that will set them on a path of personal growth and financial independence. One of its major fundraising activities is running a boutique that holds an annual auction of dresses donated by major Israeli shops and designers. A product of one of its most creative rehab activities, a sewing workshop, is a bride's tote bag, an item accompanying the auctioned off dress. WOW!

The **Gender Studies Program, Tel Aviv University**, a first of its kind in Israel, was endowed by NCJW in 2001. Supporting BA and MA gender study candidates, the program helped to found the very first Alumni Association. The Association encourages Alums to translate their academic learning into projects serving communities, e.g., working with young women at risk, introducing them to concepts of feminism, women's empowerment, and gender equality, and engaging them in activities to expand their horizons.



Modeling a gown and bride's tote bag



Left, scholarship awardee; center, Liron Peleg, NCJW Israel Representative.



Right to left, Paula Goldberg, Greater Philadelphia Section's Israel Liaison; Amy Slater-Ovadia, Director of Development; Tamar Schwartz, CEO, Ruach Nashit.

It was a beautiful day as our members enjoyed our Taste of Culture visit to Chanticleer Garden. Thanks to Arlene Slobodzian and Ellen

Mirbach for arranging this terrific tour.





Gloria Salmonson and Diane Steinbrink, (NCJW Members) starred in a dramatization by Deane Scherlis Comer on the life experience of Ruth Kapp Hartz (also an NCJW member) who was a hidden Child Survivor of Nazi-Occupied France during World War II. The event, which featured Ruth Hartz as a speaker, was held in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the book, *Your name is Renee* by Stacy Cretzmeyer. The dramatization was based on that book. Also starring in the dramatization were Dave Perelman and students from Rooted Tree Productions.

The National Council of Jewish Women **Greater Philadelphia Section** 40th 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:

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.

Sept 22 Nov10 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 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 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.**



Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

NMAJH will be the first east coast stop for a new exhibition about Justice Ginsburg. Tracing a career that traveled from trailblazer to pop-culture icon (RBG bobble head, anyone?), the upcoming special exhibition Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg is the first museum retrospective about the extraordinary life of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ginsburg. Originated by the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles, and based on the New York Times best-selling book of the same name, the visually rich and entertaining exhibition explores RBG's legacy-including her days as a student, her pioneering work as a lawyer and advocate for women's rights, and her precedent-setting role on our nation's highest court.

Petite Breakfast at Beth Sholom 9:00 AM Carpool from Beth Sholom to the Museum 9:45 AM 101 South Independence Mall East (5th & Market Streets) Docent led Museum Tour 11:00 AM Lunch on your own at the Bourse or Reading Terminal Market or anyplace of your choice You can re-enter the Museum after lunch RSVP by October 15, 2019

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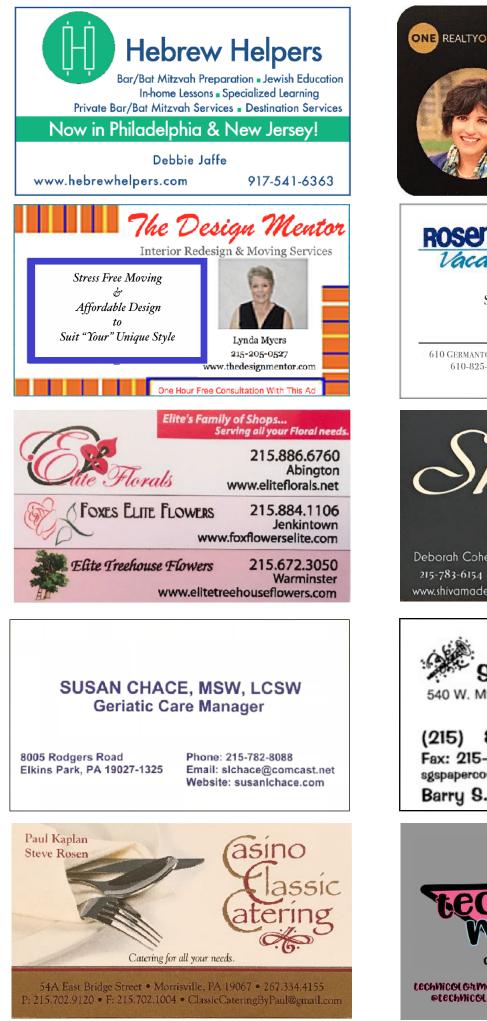
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Members.... \$25.00

Guests....\$30.00

Make checks payable to: NCJW and mail to: Linda Abrams 411 Lodges Lane Elkins Park, PA 19027 For more information call Linda Abrams @ 215-266-2566 or email lr.abrams@gmail.com

NCJW **VISITS THE** NATIONAL MUSEUM OF **AMERICAN** JEWISH HISTORY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019





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