

National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Philadelphia Section

# Bulletin

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September, 2020

## 127 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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## THE MOST CONSEQUENTIAL VOTES OF OUR LIFETIME

On Tuesday, November 3 we will be casting votes on the local, state, and federal levels. The survival of our democracy is at stake. The outcome can impact the physical, economic, and social well-being of our children, families, and communities, concerns that have always been at the heart of our National Council of Jewish Women. This election has the potential to redress or maintain the discriminatory practices of racial, religious, gender, and LGBTQ bigotry.

### THE MUST DO'S OF VOTING!

If you choose to vote by mail-in ballot

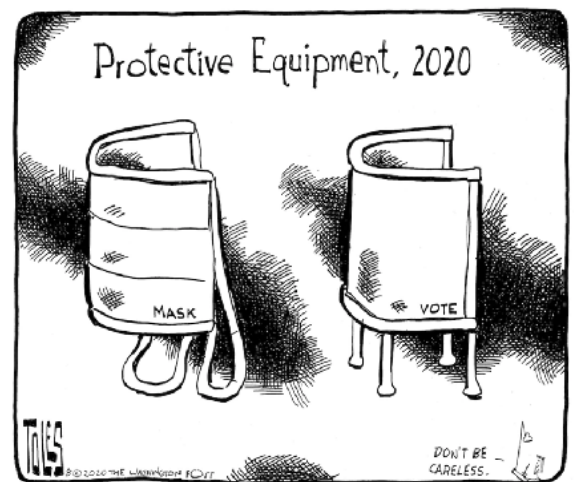
#### APPLY FOR ONE NOW

In mid-September when you should be in receipt of your ballot, fill it in and send it back ASAP.

— MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE IN PERSON OR VOTE BY MAIL

The following pages can answer your frequently asked questions.

**What's even  
more important  
than a mask?**



## **When Will Mail-in Ballots Be Sent? How Do I Apply? Answers for Pa. Voters**

Most of the following information is from an article online by Brian X. McCrone and available at: <https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/politics/decision-2020/when-will-mail-in-ballots-be-sent-how-do-i-apply-answers-for-pa-voters/2506507/>

### **How can I apply for a mail-in ballot if I have not yet?**

Three ways: **online, by mail or by phone**. Applying for a mail-in ballot online is the quickest way, but requires a driver's license or state-issued form of identification. Online applications can be found at county board of election websites like [Philadelphia's \(found HERE\)](#) or at the [Pennsylvania Department of State's PA Votes website \(found HERE\)](#) Applications by mail or by phone are done through your county board of elections office.

### **When will I receive my mail-in ballot if I've already applied for one?**

If you've already submitted your application for a mail-in ballot, you will receive a confirmation email (if you provided an email with the application) that your application was received. Officials recommend providing an email because you will receive notifications from the county election board along the way, including when they receive your submitted ballot and when your ballot is officially counted. **The actual ballot will not be sent out for at least a few more weeks in Pennsylvania.** The state Legislature is expected to weigh changes to the current deadlines, including when ballots can be postmarked returned and how long counties have to tally votes. Other deadlines, including the last day to register to vote (Oct. 19), are still pending as well.

### **What is the deadline for applying for a mail-in ballot?**

The current deadline is **seven days before the Nov. 3 election. But election officials say that date is unrealistic**, in part because of the unpredictability of the U.S. Postal Service's mail service. Many counties are advocating state lawmakers to move up that deadline to at least 15 days before the election.

### **Should I be concerned that my mail-in ballot won't be counted?**

Gov. Tom Wolf issued an executive order just before the primary election in June that allowed counties to continue counting the overwhelming surge of mail-in ballots for seven days after the election. State lawmakers are expected to consider adopting that into law when they return to Harrisburg this month, or Wolf could issue another order ahead of the election. In any case, **county officials are preparing for a massive influx of mail-in ballots and are working on a workflow that allows for a quicker process** of counting the millions of those ballots cast in November. What election officials want most voters to know: **Once you get your ballot, fill it out and put it in the mail as soon as possible to avoid any deadlines.**

### **What if I already signed up for a mail-in ballot, but want to vote in-person?**

**You can still vote in-person at your assigned polling place. You must bring your mail-in ballot with you** and a poll worker will destroy it. Once it is destroyed, you can then sign in and vote at a ballot box. **If you do not have your mail-in ballot when you arrive at the polling place, you can still vote.** However, the poll worker will have you fill out a provisional ballot.

### **What if I don't get my mail-in ballot?**

Breathe easy: **You can go to your assigned polling place and vote in-person by filling out a provisional ballot** if you have not received your mail-in ballot. There is also the possibility that your name will be on the voter rolls at the polling place. (As noted by our NCJW Section member, Ellen Toplin, if your mail-in ballot has not been logged in on the ballot tracking site by election day, go to vote at your polling place, where you will be able to vote a provisional ballot.)

### **Will drop-off boxes be available for ballots?**

The Trump re-election campaign has filed a lawsuit against every Pennsylvania county as well as the Wolf administration seeking to bar the use of drop-off boxes in the Nov. 3 election. **Their use is up in the air pending the outcome of that lawsuit.** If they are allowed, it will likely be up to the individual counties to determine if drop-off boxes will be used and how many. **Counties may sidestep the lawsuit by setting up temporary board of election offices in order to receive mail-in ballots directly from voters, one election official said.** The Trump campaign's lawyers contend that drop-off boxes circumvent Pennsylvania election law requiring certain "chain of custody."

**POLL WORKERS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY**-- to work on election day to handle check-ins and lines. Older workers are less available now due to COVID

If you know a child or grandchild (over 17) who can be a poll worker, especially those young and healthy, please ask them to sign up. They need to bring a face mask but face shields, sanitizer, etc... will be available.

Montgomery County residents, if interested, email [voters@montcopa.org](mailto:voters@montcopa.org) and put POLL WORKER INTEREST in subject line. Include your name, address, phone, email and whether you are registered as a D, R or I.

**Everyone is encouraged to apply for mail-in ballots NOW!!!**  
DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE.

To request a ballot, you must be registered to vote.

You can use the Check Your Registration Status tool to review your registration.

- You can request a mail-in ballot online at [votespa.com/applymailballot](https://votespa.com/applymailballot)
- You can check the status of your application or ballot at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/ballotracking.aspx>
- You may also download a [paper application](#) and send it to your [county election office](#) [if you do not have a driver's license or another official state ID]

If you do not have access to a computer and the internet, then call your county board of elections to request an application for a ballot.

Bucks County: (215) 348-6154

Montgomery County: (610) 278-3280

Philadelphia County: (215) 686-3469

Delaware County: (610) 891-4673



**DON'T DELAY. DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE. APPLY TODAY!**

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section *Promote the Vote* committee has been working to register and educate voters for the past few months.

Now we have a fun idea to encourage Section members to mark their mail-in ballots and get them out in time:

We'll be hosting **Mark Your Ballot** "parties" via Zoom for section members (and housemates) starting Wednesday, September 23 at 2 p.m. We'll all take out our mail-in ballots and enjoy watching each other vote. (No politicking of course!)

These Zoom gatherings will continue on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. each week until October 14.

All Section members will receive a weekly e-blast (from NCJWPhila) with the Zoom information.

Please join us and your NCJW sisters for a fun way to vote early together!

Lynne Jacobs

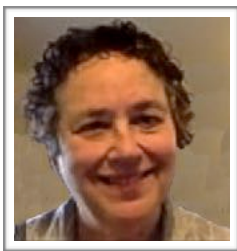
NCJW is committed to creating a world where all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, or immigration status, have the right to build their families and live their lives with dignity. Our Jewish values teach us that our reproductive freedoms are integrally bound to our religious liberty; we are committed to advancing the goals of reproductive justice so that every person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and family.

Since its founding, NCJW has been a leader in the reproductive health and rights movement, and while much advancement has been made in the past 100 years to legally secure a person's right to abortion and contraception, there is so much more that needs to be done to truly ensure reproductive freedom for all.

Reproductive health, rights, and justice goes beyond the basics of reproduction. It requires us to dig deeper, advocate louder, and love harder. It requires us to center the voices of those who have been marginalized at the center to lead the conversation for social change.

Until every person has the power to make their own informed decisions about their body, sexuality, and future, our work is not over.

# ADVOCACY



## Harrisburg Is Failing our College Students in the Time of COVID

By Liz Downing, Advocacy VP

In studying the affordability of post-secondary education in recent years, I have found that staying current with the status of proposed bills on this issue in Harrisburg can be a challenge. However, with the legislature now in summer recess, it seemed like a good time to take stock of the legislation our elected officials have passed so far in 2020. This review showed that while dozens of bills designed to provide aid for our needy and at-risk students have been proposed, no

action has been taken on any of them.

Considering the severe economic impacts of the coronavirus, I had expected the House and Senate Education Committees would focus on addressing student debt or ever-rising tuition costs. They did not. As I carefully noted the number of each bill or resolution and searched the database to read the text, I became frustrated to see that the most pressing issues facing Pennsylvania's college students are not being addressed. With only 13 scheduled session days left on the legislative calendar between now and December 31, our legislators failed to act on bills that would make post-secondary education in Pennsylvania more accessible and affordable.

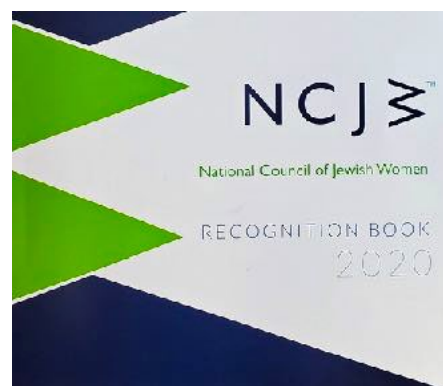
One such bill, the Pennsylvania Promise Act (HB 244, SB 111), would cover tuition to attend a Pennsylvania community college for students whose families earn less than \$110,000 a year. Another vital piece of legislation is the Pennsylvania Student Higher Education Lending Protection (HELP) Act (SB 400), a bill that would assist students trying to navigate the labyrinth of rules associated with student loan refinancing and repayment. It also would establish a state office to direct students to appropriate lenders and organizations that would provide unbiased information.

So why are these bills that aim to address the real deficiencies in our system of higher education not being brought to a vote or even debated? Part of the answer lies in the very rules and procedures that govern bill consideration. The state legislature is structured much like our federal system where a proposed bill is sent to the relevant committee. There it is either tabled or debated among committee members who then vote on whether it should be sent to the floor for consideration. In Harrisburg, identical versions of the bill must pass both houses of the legislature within the terms of that session or be reintroduced again the following session. There are several places where a bill can be held until it simply dies at the end of each two-year legislative cycle, and the majority party leadership controls this process. Many bills have been proposed and sent to the Senate and House Education Committees where they sit without being heard or voted upon.

To motivate our state legislators to act on student debt relief and affordable access to post-secondary education, voters must elect representatives that will make this issue a priority. We need to contact our Harrisburg representative and senator as well as the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committees. Both Rep. Curtis G. Sonney (R-04) and Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr. (R-35) are up for reelection in November. Urge them to prioritize these bills, insist on hearings, and hold a vote.

In this time of uncertainty brought on by multiple crises stemming from the coronavirus pandemic, we must secure a more hopeful future for young Pennsylvanians. By alleviating the student loan debt burden and ensuring affordable and equitable access to post-secondary education, we will provide young adults with opportunities and hope for their future.

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<p><b>The NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section salutes Barbara Nussbaum and Cindi Pasceri, Section Co-Presidents, as they retire from their posts this year. Their outstanding leadership has brought significant growth, inspiration and successful advocacy to our organization.</b></p>	



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RECOGNITION BOOK  
2020



Sherry Blumenthal, a member of our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section, is a retired obstetrician/gynecologist. She serves on the Board of the Pennsylvania Medical Society and is active with the Women's Law Project, continuing her efforts to advance the needs and interests of women. Sherry made a well-attended presentation to our enthusiastic and appreciative Section members a few years ago on **ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH**.

Friends:



I have tried to look at all sides of the events occurring in our country. I look at it through the lens of being a physician, reading history, learning the Constitution, respecting religious beliefs and differences, reading and listening to opinions from both sides, acknowledging my inherent bias as much as I consciously try to control it, my background as the child from age 5 of a widowed mother with no higher education; from a lower-middle class urban family to a successful OB/GYN in a private practice/small business in a suburb, as a woman, as a mother, as someone with white skin who is not considered White by white-supremacists, who has seen blatant discrimination against Black Americans as early as high school, who has experienced blatant discrimination because of my gender and religion, who has negotiated rampant sexual harassment and how women are expected to behave, and who is flawed.

I take what I have learned and experienced and try to fight for the things I believe in, not because I am a good person, but because it is moral and right. This is not about me! While I am depressed about the isolation, the inability to see most of my family and friends, and the impact on my financial status, I am one of the fortunate ones. As a patriot though, I cannot stay silent about what is happening in our country, a Democracy with a mixed history but powerful intent and laws to have the best nation we can.

My political beliefs are mixed, and do not consider myself Liberal, Conservative, or Libertarian, although I claim principles from all of them. I have succeeded in spite of and because of the prevailing culture. I am outspoken but have tried to learn to temper my speech to not deliberately offend people, and to accomplish what I felt was needed. I am satisfied. I am despairing.

Being silent now is being complicit.

Our priorities are muddled, and individuals and our government have excelled to a level of self-interest that has dire outcomes. First, COVID19 knows no politics, is a major destabilizing disease that our country has failed to control in spite of the best efforts of the vast majority of medical professionals. It has caused death, physical and mental illness, has stopped us from getting needed medical care of other conditions, affects all ages but disproportionately affects the poor, elderly, and people of color. It has severely damaged the economy at every level. It has persisted as a pandemic and disproportionately killed Americans relative to other populations in the world. This is not a hoax, it is not "fake news", it is the best science and fact we have right now, and it is not about our opinions regarding our own personal freedoms. Those freedoms are most endangered by how we are managing this scourge. They are endangered by if and how we choose to exercise those freedoms.

Every President in our history has been flawed. Every politician learns to say what is necessary to keep their job, even if it means bending the truth and responding to special interests and personal bias. The authors of our Constitution, a brilliant document, were flawed.

In spite of this, we should have a right as Americans to be governed by those who respect our Constitution, respect all Americans, and try to lead with some modicum of integrity, morality, honesty, and coherence. I will not stoop to name-call, insult, to describe someone's appearance, ability to speak well and/or grammatically, their color, class, or their political beliefs, but rather to what we need as a leader. We need truth, representation by someone we can respect both nationally and internationally, and someone who believes public office is not just about them, about serving the entire country, and respects the law.

There could have been many less deaths from COVID19, from mass shootings, from racism and police brutality. There could be less overdoses from opioids and less depression. There could be many less failed businesses and job losses if we had controlled spread of the virus sooner, which required respecting public health advice and officials and just wearing masks in public and maintaining social distancing. Hand-washing is vital, but we are washing our hands of responsibility to control this disease nation-wide. We look at our own communities, whether urban or rural, and think our communities represent all of the U.S. We think our political views are correct regardless of the realities or history. We are exhibiting anger and blame, promoted at the highest levels, to avoid responsibility for doing and speaking out about what is right. If we are silent about the truth, we are complicit. As outspoken as I am, I am complicit. I have been afraid to antagonize some people and have not spoken out as much as I should have.

No longer can I be complicit. My intent is not to offend, but to speak out. Read the Constitution! Don't profess to support it and be patriotic if you do not know everything that is in it and understand what it mandates for our country and our citizens. Take responsibility for learning the truth the best you can. If you only listen to MSNBC or Fox News, to use examples, it will reinforce your bias, although freedom of the press is important and neither network should be silenced. It is extremely difficult to get unbiased news or facts. If you do not believe the vast agreement of medical professionals at this time, then what you believe is untrue, dangerous, and paranoid. Ignorance really is no excuse.

It is frightening to cede or share exclusive power in order to be inclusive. I get that. To be a White, Christian male of European descent is to have the power and the privilege in this nation. While White men of European descent wrote our constitution, they did the best they could at the time to compromise to get it done, with many admirable parts and some not so admirable. This is fact, not my personal prejudice against any of the mentioned groups. It is human to want to maintain dominance. It is un-American to exercise it.

Unfortunately, I am a cynic who very much wants to be an optimist that, through our superior intellect as humans, we can overcome some of our instinctive and basic human behavior. So I need a little help.

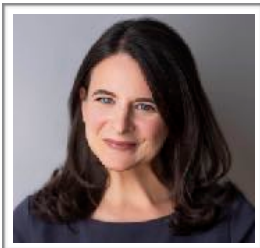
First, follow the recommendations of medicine to get the pandemic under control. The other issues can then be dealt with properly.

Second, do what all religions preach: tolerance, compassion, charity, kindness, and following the "law".

Thank you for reading this.  
Sherry

## SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, November 12, 2020 2 p.m. An Armchair Conversation With Sarah Hurwitz**

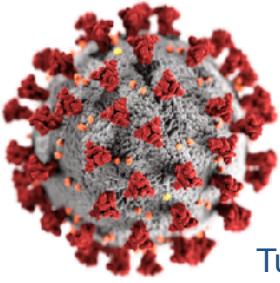


Sarah Hurwitz, author of *Here All Along: Finding meaning, Spirituality and a Deeper Connection to Life-in Judaism* was senior speechwriter for President Barack Obama and head speechwriter for Michelle Obama. After leaving the White House, she was appointed to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council by Barack Obama. Hurwitz will share how she reconnected with her Judaism after leaving the White House.

*"Sarah Hurwitz was Michelle Obama's head speechwriter, and with this book she becomes Judaism's speechwriter. In a time when many people have lost faith, her timeless wisdom and graceful writing will delight even the most steadfast skeptics of organized religion."*

—Adam Grant





National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Philadelphia Section

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 – 2:00 p.m. –ZOOM EVENT  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR OPENING PROGRAM

FEATURING KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
DR. IRA SPECTOR

In these trying times, when many pharmaceutical companies are desperately working to develop a Corona virus vaccine, we welcome Dr. Ira Spector, CEO of SPA Therapeutics Inc., a development-stage bio-pharmaceutical startup company focused on a new advancement in the treatment of chronic inflammatory disease. Dr. Spector has over 25 years of experience in drug and medical device development. He managed one of the world's largest adult vaccine trials and helped develop over 34 approved drugs.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM, WE WILL BE HONORING OUR BOARD'S  
OUTGOING CO-PRESIDENTS — BARBARA NUSSBAUM AND CINDI PASCERI, THANKING OUR  
OUTGOING OFFICERS and HAVING INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

THANK YOU TO CAROL ARONOFF FOR SPONSORING THIS PROGRAM  
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and

CELIA ROTHKOPF IN HONOR OF HER GRANDCHILDREN

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Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006, Patti First (215)-470-1560,  
or Donna Bader (856) 303-9616

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020– 2:00 p.m. –ZOOM EVENT**



**Please Join Us For Our Program**

**Jewish Women and Suffrage**

Featuring

**Dr. Melissa R. Klapper**

Dr. Melissa R. Klapper is Professor of History and Director of Women's and Gender Studies at Rowan University. She is the author of *Jewish Girls Coming of Age in America, 1860-1920* (NYU Press, 2005); *Small Strangers: The Experiences of Immigrant Children in the United States, 1880-1925* (Ivan R. Dee, 2007); and *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace: American Jewish Women's Activism, 1890-1940*, which won the National Jewish Book Award in Women's Studies. Her most recent book is *Ballet Class: An American History* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

THANK YOU TO CINDI PASCERI FOR SPONSORING THIS PROGRAM  
IN HONOR OF SEVERAL FAMILY BIRTHDAYS

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## Helping Hands for Helping Hands!

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's July 15 collection of personal care and household items for the residents of Dawns Place prompted an expression of gratitude from Sister Kathleen Coll, Director of Dawn's Place. Sister Kathleen Coll hailed our Section's attentiveness and generosity to the residents of Dawn's Place, who are victims of sex-trafficking.

Another collection to benefit Dawns Place will be held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 11:00AM – 12:00PM at Beth Sholom Congregation, 8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA. Look for Lynne Jacobs' royal blue Kia Soul on the parking lot.

Needed items include: Toilet paper (single-ply only, especially Scott, because of the old plumbing), rolls of paper towels (using a lot these days), household cleaning supplies other than Windex, Swiffer cloths both dry and wet, liquid hand soap, Clorox wipes or similar wipes and hand sanitizer.

If you have any questions, please contact Aileen Salus at [asalus1945@gmail.com](mailto:asalus1945@gmail.com) or 215-441-9339.



NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section, in response to the needs of the children, has provided \$250 towards the purchase of school supplies at the McDonald Elementary School, Warminster, PA. For 127 years NCJW has been a leading voice for justice in the United States. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for women, children and families, and to safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

We hope this donation will help in the back to school supply drive.

Aileen Salus / Linda Brosgol  
Co-Vice Presidents  
Community Service

### HI, NEIGHBOR!

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section is a participant in the Hi, Neighbor project, an initiative of the National Council of Jewish Women. This project offers opportunities for advocates to reach out to their Section community members who are in vulnerable situations. In this election season, advocates' outreach has been expanded to ensure that voters know their options for safely casting their ballots. Safety concerns, regarding the pandemic, dictates that advocates do their outreach from their homes.

If you have questions about this project, are in need of such assistance or would like to provide assistance with this effort, you may contact Liz Downing at 215-534-3829.



The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society has been providing immediate financial assistance to local Jewish women in financial crisis since 1819. NCJW has been honored to contribute to the FHBS as part of our mission.

Cindi Pasceri

**Support Holocaust survivors and liberators as they continue to educate school children throughout the Delaware Valley.**



Due to the pandemic, HAMEC will not be going into the Philadelphia and Delaware Valley area schools until they reopen to allow students to reenter the classrooms. The good news is that HAMEC has moved into a larger space at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park.

I will keep you posted when trainings begin and volunteers are needed.

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

Manya Perel was a Holocaust Survivor of 8 concentration camps and has been sharing her life story with thousands of children and adults for over 50 years. She passed away July 29. Contributions can be made to HAMEC. <http://hamec.org/>

Dear Manya,

I'm writing this to thank you for being in my life these past few years. I was honored every time you called to request me as your facilitator. You were always waiting for me at the door looking so beautiful in your fashionable attire. Light blue, lavender or other spring shade outfit that represented your attitude about life. Strange how I saw it that way...but Manya you were light...a light for so many. You stood in front of the students who sat in silence to hear every word you echoed. There you were a strong, independent woman who survived 8 concentration camps during the Holocaust. Always giving of yourself and sharing your story so others would benefit from your experiences. Never forget, be kind to others, be an upstander not a bystander, share my legacy with your families.

Manya...you enriched my life with your love, warmth, your sweet self. Our private time together, whether lunch at the deli or Perkins Pancakes, we always had great talks. Many a nosh in your kitchen that led to more heartwarming conversations.

You always asked how Richard and my family were doing...always wishing us good health.

I loved your stories about Florida and your family. You were so appreciative, caring, loving, giving, open, energetic, motivated, beautiful.... I loved you Manya.

I will miss you and be forever grateful for our friendship.

Thank you dear Manya..always in my heart.

May your memory be for a blessing. Rest In Peace

Love and hugs,  
Judy Fried



I often ask myself how the survivors share their lives when they went through so much. Manya Perel was on a mission to educate children so what she lived through would never happen again. It was an honor to hear her speak as well as other heroes. I am so happy I knew her and that she lived such a rich life. Rest In Peace, Manya.

Cindi Pasceri

**Due to COVID-19 HAMEC will only be presenting virtual programs via Google Meet, Skype and Zoom. All on-site survivor presentations at schools are suspended until further notice.**

## Welcome to our new members

Merle Plotkin

Jackie Gran 😊

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)  
215-771-5311

Donna Spector  
or [queenaheartsds@hotmail.com](mailto: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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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.

## Book Clubs

### Center City Book Group

September 9 7:30 p.m.  
Nickel Boys by Colson  
Whitehead (Leader Gwen  
Freedman)

Center City residents interested  
in a Book Group  
Contact Audrey Block  
[ablock1919@comcast.net](mailto:ablock1919@comcast.net) or  
215-688-0094

### Afternoon Book Club

Thank you to Sandy Fryer for  
moderating our August  
discussion.

September 24  
*The Book Woman of  
Troublesome Creek*  
by Kim Michele Richardson

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

### Evening Book Club

Thanks to Etta Nissman for  
leading our last Tuesday night  
discussion.

September 22  
*The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes  
(Moderator: Faith Edelman)



### Condolences to:

the family of Monna Schwartz. Monna passed away on July 26 after a year-and-a-half battle with the effects of a stroke. She was a long-time Section member, becoming a Life Member in the 1980's. She served as Financial Secretary for a number of years. She approached this job with the same dedication that she did everything in her life. She will be sorely missed by those of us who knew her well. The Section appreciates the support it has received over the years from Barry and Monna Schwartz through SGS Paper.



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- Personalized Printing
- Balloons & Helium

Congratulations to:

Diane Plotnick on the birth of her great grandchild.

### \$50 GIANT CASH CARDS

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

REMEMBER.... THERE WILL BE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE.



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteer tutors at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our sixth year. Until safety issues relevant to the pandemic are resolved we will pursue other means to support students as we await a safe return to school.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-206-1026 or email [hgranncjw@gmail.com](mailto:hgranncjw@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 Ann Pollack 215-806-4068 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.



We look forward to the time when we resume all of our volunteer activities.

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### WE'RE ON FACEBOOK

We will soon begin posting more regularly on the Facebook Section page.

Please click on the section page, like it and ask to follow it!

<https://www.facebook.com/ncjw.philadelphia>

### FENCING The perfect Covid-19 Sport



Masks  
Gloves

If anyone gets closer than 6 feet,  
you stab them.

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)



## OFFICERS 2020-2021

This year, NCJW of Greater Philadelphia is being led by a Presidium. A Presidium is a council of executive officers that collectively administer the organization's business in place of one individual President.

Our presidium will be comprised of Vice Presidents, with the only or most senior member of their portfolio. Members of this year's Presidium are :

- Vice President of Advocacy, Liz Downing
- Co-Vice President of Membership, Ellen Mirbach
- Co-Vice President of Programming, Char Kurland
- Co-Vice President of Community Services, Linda Brosgol
- Vice President of Fund Raising, Ann Pollack

It has been collectively decided that each of the presidium members will be taking on, in addition to the responsibilities in their own portfolio, the following:

- Executing one of the duties of a single president
- presiding over an executive and full board meeting
- writing a presidium post for the bulletin

We hope that you will not hesitate to contact any of the presidium members with your questions.

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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](http://www.NCJW.org)

## September 2020

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

		<b>1</b> Dawn's Place Collection & Presidium	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Board Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Rosh Hashanah
<b>20</b> Rosh Hashanah	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Program Drugs/ Vaccines	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Kol Nidre	<b>28</b> Yom Kippur	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		