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MEETING AND LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015 11:30 A.M.

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LUNCHEON - MEMBERS \$20.00 GUESTS - \$25.00
(Want to skip lunch? Join us at 1:00 p.m. for the meeting and program.)

PROGRAM

RABBI STACY ESKOVITZ RIGLER

Director of Religious Education, Congregation Keneseth Israel

FEMALE PROPHETS AND PROPHETIC WOMEN

Rabbi Rigler was appointed KI's Director of Religious Education in July 2003. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Emory University, Rabbi Eskovitz Rigler earned her Master of Arts degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Los Angeles in May 2001 and was ordained as a rabbi in New York in May 2003.

Rabbi Stacy Rigler brings a love of kids and Judaism and a firm belief that Jewish education can be engaging and inspiring to her role as Director. Rabbi Rigler greets each student by telling them she is in charge of "smiles". It is her goal that students first learn to love Judaism, then they can learn about Judaism.

During her tenure at KI she has overseen the accreditation of both the Library and the Religious School programs. She has worked at Camp Harlam, the URJ Department of Jewish Education and the Religious Action Center in Washington, D.C. and participated in the HUC-JIR/JTS Leadership Institute for Congregational School Principals. Rabbi Eskovitz Rigler has developed a well-rounded program that focuses on students' social and educational goals in order to create meaningful and memorable synagogue experiences. She engages the children in an exceptional curriculum while involving the families with creative programming and enrichment opportunities.

Rabbi Stacy Eskovitz Rigler is married to Rabbi Peter Rigler and they have three children.

President's Message

We sometimes get frustrated when the results of our advocacy efforts do not bring about quick positive success but rest assured that it is never worth giving up. Positive change takes time and we never know from where it will come. Our advocacy is never in vain.

We can all take heart from a recent success that has finally come to fruition. After many years of diligent and persistent advocacy and hours of hard work on the part of Eleanor Levie and Elaine Kline, who never gave up hope, the HIPPY Program (Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters), will begin in Philadelphia. (See HIPPY article in bulletin). A special thanks and kudos to Eleanor and Elaine who left no stone unturned in making this happen.

I wish all of you and your families, a healthy and good new year. May you go from strength to strength in your personal lives and may all of us working together, result in the same for the Greater Philadelphia Section of NCJW.

As always thank you for your efforts and your support. It's because of all of you that we are able to make a positive difference in the lives of so many women, children and families.

Sandy Fryer

Save The Dates

January		NO MEETING
Tuesday, February 10	11:30 a.m.	Keneseth Israel Rabbi Stacy Eskovitz Rigler Director of Religious Education, KI
Tuesday, March 17	11:30 a.m.	Keneseth Israel Sherry L. Blumenthal, MD
Thursday, April 23	7:30 p.m.	Keneseth Israel Philadelphia Sinfonia Concert
Tuesday, May 19	11:30 a.m.	Keneseth Israel David Warren
Tuesday, June 9	11:30 a.m.	Meadowlands CC CLOSING LUNCHEON

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Hippy, Hippy Hooray!!!

Good news from Eleanor Levie and Elaine Kline, our NCJW Section members, who, through their determined and persistent efforts are facilitating the arrival of HIPPY, the Home Instruction Program for Parents of PreSchool Youngsters. Key to bringing HIPPY here, was securing a sponsor. That sponsor is Diversified Community Services Organization located in Philadelphia's Point Breeze neighborhood. The need to provide a standing committee for Hippy was happily addressed in collaboration with Joyce Krasnoff which led to the entire Center City NCJW Book Group's recruitment as committee members. To the benefit of HIPPY, our standing committee will include former or current teachers, guidance counselors, librarians and consultants, many of whom are grandmothers, who will receive updates on HIPPY and be able to offer specific input as needed. Judith Ginsberg's speedy endorsement and Judy Podwil's offer of her graphic skills for promotional materials are examples of our committee embracing this worthy program. Other interested NCJW members are welcome aboard.

Cheers to Eleanor and Elaine for honoring the mission of NCJW with their endeavors with HIPPY.

Our Martin Luther King Project

This year the NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section will do its MLK project at the Mitzvah Circle Foundation, on Monday, January 19 from 10a.m. to 12p.m. To all of you mothers, grandmothers and aunts, children ages 5 and above are welcome, although, as you know, those 8 and older are likely to be able to do more.

The mission of the Mitzvah Circle Foundation is to meet the needs of people in crisis. Their volunteers help to build capacity to meet the needs of so many of the most vulnerable who are struggling with crises related to illness, poverty, homelessness, etc.... The foundation hosts volunteer groups in their warehouse within a designated service-learning space called Classroom4Good. There, groups of all ages learn how, in their work, Mitzvah Circle incorporates their beliefs that every person matters, the meaning of kindness and compassion and that small things can make big differences in the lives of people.

On MLK Day, our NCJW Section will participate in activities that may include one activity centered around the Food Program, another around the Critical Needs program in which participants will be packing boxes of necessities for families and a third activity might include sorting donations of items that have been donated to Mitzvah Circle.

For those interested, please e-mail me at kohnsherry@gmail.com. I will need to know if you are bringing children, as well as their ages. Mitzvah Circle is located at 707 North Valley Road, Lansdale, in a white office building with a "Moriarity Environmental Solutions" and a "Cherrydale Farms" sign out front. The entrance is on the right side of the building and up steps to the first floor. Attendees are invited to call Rachel Hurley, Director of Community Engagement at Mitzvah Circle Foundation at 610-659-5579 or e-mail rachel@mitzvahcircle.org.

Here's hoping for a wonderful turnout.!

Sherry Kohn

We can have an important voice in promoting social change. Go to www.NCJW.org and click on "Take Action" and follow the directs. By signing up you will receive emails asking for Action from you.

NCJW Advocacy alert:

PA state legislature gives legal standing to the NRA to sue local municipalities over gun safety laws.

On October 24 of this year, the PA General assembly passed HB80 which gives the National Rifle Association the legal standing to sue any municipality or county that passes a law which they deem harms gun rights. Governor Corbett quickly signed it. It was passed as an amendment to the sale of metals act! Several PA municipalities had passed ordinances which mandated gun owners to report their lost or stolen weapons. Not only does this bill allow the NRA to interfere with local laws, it provides that if the NRA should sue and win the case, then the local townships, boroughs , and/or municipalities would be liable to pay the legal expenses of the NRA. Of course, the NRA has deep pockets. This bill will have the effect of discouraging any local legislation intended to lower gun violence, due to the economic consequences for already financially strapped local governments.

Here is a list of how our local legislators voted. Voting against this bill would have been our preferred outcome. I have listed legislators who I believe represent many of our NCJW members. Please call to thank those who voted against this bill and voice your disapproval of those that voted for it

PA STATE SENATE:

VOTED FOR HB80:

McIlhinney
Pileggi
Tomlinson
Pat Vance
Scarnati

VOTED AGAINST HB80:

Hughes	Tiplitz	Fontana
Kitchen	Williams	Williams
Leach	Costa	Greenleaf*
Stack	Dinniman	
Tartaglione	Farnese	

(*according to Shira Goodman, chief executive of CeaseFirePA, GREENLEAF VOTED FOR IT IN COMMITTEE AND THEN AGAINST IT IN THE OPEN FLOOR VOTE)

PA STATE HOUSE;

FOR:

DIGILORAMO
MURT
KATHRYN WATSON

AGAINST:

MCCARTER, MCNEILL, BRENDON BOYLE, KEVIN BOYLE, KATE HARPER*, FRANKEL, GREG VITALI, ROSITA YOUNGBLOOD, SABATINA, CRUZ, MADELEINE DEAN, BROWNLEE, BISHOP, BROWN, DELISSIO, SANTARSIERO
(*A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KATE HARPER WHO WENT AGAINST HER PARTY AFFILIATION)

Linda Lempert

REMINDER: PLEASE BRING SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO BE DONATED TO OUR ADOPTED PHILADELPHIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO ALL MEETINGS.

SUGGESTED DONATED SCHOOL SUPPLIES
Reams of copy paper are a priority! Also, pencils, colored pencils, crayons, mini pencil sharpeners, large erasers, composition books (black marble cover), washable markers, rulers, tissues, hand sanitizers....

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact Diane Morgan via email at dianebmorgan@yahoo.com or by phone, (215) 646-9331



National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section at Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center at the JCC Klein Branch, Philadelphia PA on Thursday, November 20, 2014.

From Left to right:

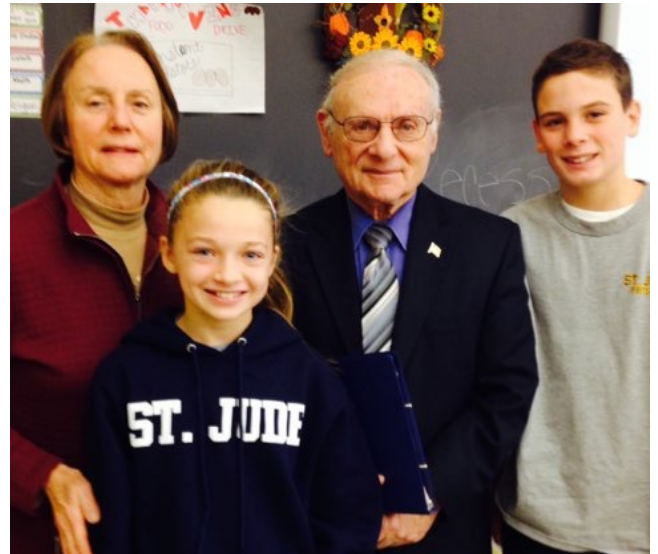
Asher Stutman, Linda Butler, Manya Perel, Maxine Stutman, Mimi Adler, Tania Fink, Judy Fried and not pictured, Roz Fudell.

Manya and Tania are Holocaust Survivors who told about their lives to the students of La Brum Middle School and Commonwealth Connections Academy of Pennsylvania. The students, parents and teachers saw a play called Lida Stein and The Righteous Gentile. Lunch was then served with a holocaust survivor at each table for the 160 students.

Judy Fried



General Philip Kearny School with Judy Fried, Søren S. Kent (Judy's Grandson), Daniel Kurtz, Principal and Linda Butler.



Linda Butler took this photo of Dan Goldsmith, Holocaust survivor and Sister Elizabeth, Principal of St Jude Catholic School in Chalfont. With two 6th grade students. Linda said it was a great day with excellent questions asked by the students



Pictured at our NCJW's Annual Membership Luncheon and Fashion Show on November 11th are our stunning members/models for the event: from left: Charlotte Schwartz, Barbara Nussbaum, Judith Ginsburg, Sherry Kohn, Linda Butler, Donna Harris and Joan Sax.

Condolences:

to Eileen Davis on the loss of her mother.

Book Clubs

Daytime Book Group

Jan. 22 *Garden of Stones* by Sophie Littlefield

Feb. 26 *The Dinner* by Herman Koch

All meetings will be held at 1p.m. in the Dublin Terrace clubhouse.

Any questions, contact Joyce Avrach, 215-402-0287 or Barryjoy@aol.com

You do not have to attend every meeting to be on our list.



Center City Book Club

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7 p.m.:

Snowflower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See

Hosted by Audrey Block

1919 Chestnut Street - # 2314

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Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 13 at 7:30 PM.

The Perfume Collector by Kathleen Tessaro.

Please RSVP to Judy Miller, 267-460-8660

or j_fmiller18@comcast.net.

Lots of "Thank You"s

Sherry Kohn for graciously hosting the December Board Meeting

Natalie Surkin, Judy Miller, Hedda Chairnoff, Barbara Leiland and Sheila Katz for helping with the mailing of the December Bulletin

Joan Sax for hosting the November meeting of the Evening Book Club

Charlotte Schwartz for hosting the December meeting of the Evening Book Club

Mollie Tinkelman for sponsoring the breakfast at Ronald McDonald House on Dec 7 in honor of her husband Seymour's birthday, and to Seymour who is a great help in the RMH kitchen, cooking and cleaning.

And to all those who donated food for the Mitzvah Food Pantry. It was delivered to Beth Sholom in Elkins Park and was very much needed and appreciated.



Tuesday Evening Book Club Members with satisfied smiles after a great discussion of our book selection, *The Invention of Wings*.

Back Row: Maxine Dalsimer, Zelda Stern, Etta Nissman and Eileen Davis.

Front : Evelyn Goldhammer, Faith Edelman, Barbara Auerbach, Lee Tonik and Joan Sax.

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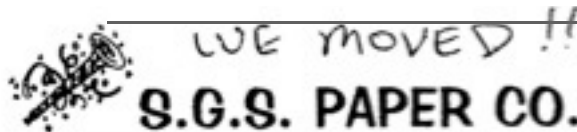
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Please mail your check made out to NCJW by **February 3:**

Susan Horwitz
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NCJW is concerned about hunger in the Jewish and general communities. We are collecting nutritious, non-perishable food such as peanut butter, canned tuna, high protein cereal, pasta, canned vegetables, canned fruit in natural juice (nothing in glass jars). Other useful items: toilet tissue, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent, hand soap. We will donate these items to food pantries frequented by impoverished Jewish individuals and families.

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