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Greater Philadelphia Section

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November, 2015

# Bulletin

Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)

Please respond promptly to 3 tear-outs.  
November 17 - Program and Luncheon  
December 1 - Rosenbach tour  
December 15 - Program and Luncheon

## Legislative/state public advocacy report for October, 2015

### Pennsylvania is again facing a shortage of federal district judges

Lynne Jacobs is presently attending the coalition meeting of Why Courts Matter. After much pressure on Senator Toomey last spring to turn in his “blue slip” so Judge Restrepo could receive a senate committee hearing for his nomination, Judge Restrepo still has not gotten the opportunity for a full vote in the Senate. Stay tuned for further developments. PA is again facing a shortage of federal district judges.

### Status on PA funding of Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood has faced and will continue to face many more attempts to defund their program. Brendan Boyle, the congressman from the PA 13<sup>th</sup> district has staunchly defended Planned Parenthood. I received a lengthy letter from his aide Alana Shaw listing his consistent votes against the House Republicans’ many bills to defund Planned Parenthood. As I pointed out in my blast e-mail of last week, our NCJW members who live in Bucks and upper Montgomery counties need to contact Patrick Meehan and Mike Fitzpatrick.

**National Priority of EXODUS – NCJW’S ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING CAMPAIGN:** In pursuit of this NCJW mission, Lynne Jacobs and I have met and/or contacted people from a wide range of backgrounds including the Philadelphia Anti-Trafficking coalition, the Villanova Law Institute to address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Dawn’s Place (a shelter for recovering trafficked women), and the Montco anti sex trafficking coalition. Members of the Phila. anti-trafficking coalition includes representatives from Immigration, the F.B.I., and Catholic organizations.

On Thursday, October 15, 2015, Lynne and I will (have attended) a forum “Engaging Faith Communities: Ending Human Trafficking”. As requested by the organizers of the forum, we will be bringing the life size cutouts of the trafficked teens. These will be at our own table at registration along with NCJW materials on sex trafficking. We are looking to partner with a project called “the Shoemaker Project” which has a program to educate 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders about the dangers of sex trafficking. We will meet with the Project Director at the October 15 meeting.

Legislatively, the push now is to contact all members of the PA Senate Judiciary committee to encourage passage of SB851, the Safe Harbor Act. This is the bill that state senator Daylin Leach described at the forum on April 23 at the federation building. In our effort to increase the Jewish Community’s awareness of sex trafficking, Lynne and I will be preparing handouts for the member luncheon on Oct.20 and will speak briefly to the most pressing needs.

Respectfully,  
Linda Lempert, Legislative Chair and Lynne Jacobs, SPA

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the High Holidays, most of us and our families sat down to sumptuous meals – this will be true again for Thanksgiving. Yet, according to Mazon (A Jewish Response to Hunger) 49.1 million Americans live in food insecure households – 15% of Americans can't be sure if or when they'll have their next meal.

“Among the myths about hunger in America frequently repeated is the notion that it is better for local charities, not the government to feed people.” Yet, “the charitable response could never be enough to meet the demand. Even the nation's largest anti-hunger organization can't make a dent in ending hunger in America.” “Only the government has the capacity to address an issue of such magnitude and work toward a solution.”

Three Torah laws teach “the right of the poor at harvest time.” As Jews, we are taught that , all human beings in a society “have a “collective responsibility to care for the most vulnerable among us... Ending systemic hunger begins with advocates and ends with the government.”

Therefore, we and organizations such as Mazon advocate for increases in programs that address food insecurity. Unfortunately recent trends include, efforts to cut rather than maintain and increase food assistance and other programs for the impoverished, and our most recent lobbying attempts to stop these cuts.

Given the recent climate, our personal and organizational charitable support to stem the tide of hunger continues to be vital. In addition to collecting food and giving grants to local food pantries, our section gives monthly grants to the JFCS Domestic Violence Project to purchase food gift certificates for women and their children who have fled domestic violence relationships.

Yes there are poor Jews who go hungry. These impoverished Jewish people have enough problems paying their rent, utility and medical bills - let alone worry about buying food for Thanksgiving. At the membership luncheon you responded generously donating \$1245 to help struggling victims of domestic violence bring the warmth of Thanksgiving and the light of Chanukah into their homes. Your ongoing generosity is greatly appreciated.

May you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sandy Fryer

### And...

A special thanks to Susan Horwitz for graciously hosting the October Board Meeting in her lovely home and providing us with delicious snacks. It was a very fruitful meeting.

Our October 20 Membership Luncheon was wonderful: great vendors, yummy food, beautiful decorations, excellent speaker, pleasant background music as an added treat, a chance to socialize and reconnect with old friends and meet new friends. It could not have been nicer. Hats off to Judy Fried, Wendy Rader, Rita Pruzan and all those on their committee.

Sandy Fryer

*We can have an important voice in promoting social change. Go to [www.NCJW.org](http://www.NCJW.org) and click on “Take Action” and follow the directions. By signing up you will receive emails asking for Action from you. Also, to find out what is happening in our fair city, go to [JewishPhilly.org](http://JewishPhilly.org) and <http://blog.pjvoice.com/>*



Pictured below with our speaker, Naomi Adler are from left, Judy Fried, Naomi Adler, Rita Pruzan, Wendy Rader and Sandy Fryer.



Naomi Adler, CEO of Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, speaks to our membership at our October 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon about the nature and virtues of volunteer work.

**Welcome New Members**

Carol Lebowitz	Lorraine C. Incollingo	Randy Rosen	Eileen M. Sterling	Carol Kaplan
Valerie Franklin	Ruth Katz	Dene Bloom		

**New Life Members this year**

Diane Morgan	Ellen Toplin	Hal Tragash	Barbara Nussbaum	Judi Field
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As your membership vice-presidents we welcome our new members to call us regarding any questions you may have.

Judy Fried	215-245-1309	judyfried38@gmail.com
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**BRIGHT IDEAS**



Dear Members,  
 We have formed a fundraising committee to generate new ideas for trips, Taste of Culture, other trips and other traditional fundraising initiatives  
 Charlotte Schwartz our new Fund Raising VP Chairwoman can be contacted at 215-643-7542 or by e-mail at charlotters6@comcast.net

**SAVE THE DATES**

*Taste of Culture Mural Arts Bus Tour is to be rescheduled. Checks will be returned.*

Sunday, November 1,	9a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program	
Tuesday, November 17		Rela Mintz Geffen, Ph.D Evolving Roles of Contemporary Jewish American Grandparents”	Keneseth Israel
Sunday, December 6,	9a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program	
Tuesday, December 15		Anti-Human Sex Trafficking, A speakers panel featuring: Liz Robbins: Reporter for the Metropolitan section of the NY Times Lori Cohen: Attorney, NCJW National Board member, manages an anti-trafficking initiative for “Sanctuary for Families” Sister Terry Shields, President of Dawn’s Place and one of its Founders	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, January 19		Speaker, Roslyn Weiss, President of RUBY’S KIDS	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, February 16		Rabbi Lance Sussman "Jewish Pirates of the Caribbean!"	Keneseth Israel
’ Sunday, March 8,	9 a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef Breakfast Program	
Tuesday, March 15		Diane Steinbrink, a dramatic interpretation, TBA	Keneseth Israel
Sunday, April 3	9 a.m.	Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef breakfast Program	
Thursday, April 14		TBA	
Tuesday, May 3		Interfaith Center of Philadelphia Topic:" Interfaith Cooperation"	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, June 7		Closing Luncheon	

**Board Meetings**

November 10    December 1    January 5    February 2    April 5    May 10    June 14

**Officers for 2015-2016**

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## HIPPY NEWS NOVEMBER 2015

**HIPPY Philadelphia is alive and well in the City of Brotherly Love!** October marked this wonderful new beginning at Diversified Community Services. Parent Partners are making Home Visits and connecting with the families of the first group of three year olds. Congratulations are in order to Siria Rivera and her Team!

Greater Philadelphia Section of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), is proud to be part of this effort in Tikun Olam, helping to make our part of the world a better place. Our Section is looking forward to supporting and facilitating the HIPPY Book Shower which will take place in the early spring at Dixon House, one of the DCS Early Learning Centers. If April showers bring May flowers, NCJW plans to bring Showers of Books. Details will follow as they become available from Siria Rivera, the HIPPY Coordinator.

Elaine H. Kline



### L'dor V'dor does it again!

On August 19 the women of L'dor V'dor, along with other members of our section, met at Or Hadash to once again support the children of The Charles W. Henry and Thomas Mifflin schools. A group of nine women packed a couple dozen school bags with everything from pencils to rulers to composition books and much more for students who would otherwise be forced to start the school year with little or no supplies. Also joining the group were Maxine Coker, a certified school counsellor who works at both the Henry and Mifflin schools and Fatima Rogers the principal of the Henry school. We were honored to have both Maxine and Fatima with us as they shared some of the challenges both they and the children face. Both women were grateful for our continued support of their schools.

Charlotte Schwartz

**WANTED:** New winter jackets and new socks for needy elementary aged children, ages 5 thru 10 years attending the Philadelphia School District. Please bring items or a monetary contribution to programs and/or board meetings or send your donation along with someone planning to attend a board meeting or other NCJW event.



PHILADELPHIA RONALD  
MCDONALD HOUSE

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section is on board with dates for our participation with the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Guest Chef Breakfast Program. Our volunteers serve breakfast to families staying at RMH while their critically ill children are treated at St. Christopher's Hospital, many from out-of-state. While the dining area and kitchen are attractive, spacious, and well stocked, the most compelling experience may be the interaction between volunteers and the families there. One parent

expressed it best: when asked by one of our volunteers if she could put some food together for the parent who was in a hurry to return to her child, the parent looked at the volunteer and said, "You remind me of my mother. If she was here she would do that for me".

**Volunteer dates, Sundays at 9a.m. are: November 1 December 6 March 6 April 3**

**Please call Zelda Stern at 215-947-2348 to help continue this vital program.**



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 11:15 a.m.  
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PROGRAM  
DR. RELA MINTZ GEFFEN  
Internationally renowned sociologist on the Jewish family

AT THE CORE OR AT THE PERIPHERY?  
EVOLVING ROLES OF CONTEMPORARY JEWISH AMERICAN GRANDPARENTS

Gratz College identifies Dr. Rela Mintz Geffen as the president of Baltimore Hebrew University (BHU) from 2000-2007. She is currently Professor Emerita of Sociology. Prior to heading up BHU she was professor of sociology and coordinator of the programs in Jewish communal service at Gratz College, where she also served as dean for academic affairs for five years. She is a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary (BRE) and Columbia University (BS & MA), and her PhD in sociology is from the University of Florida. She has published more than 40 articles and book chapters and authored or edited four books including Celebration and Renewal: Rites of Passage in Judaism (JPS) and the Centennial Volume of Gratz College (co-edited with Dr. Marsha Bryan Edelman) entitled Freedom and Responsibility - Exploring the Challenges of Jewish Continuity Her most recent book, Conservative Judaism: Dilemmas and Challenges, was coauthored with the late Daniel Elazar and published by SUNY Press. Professor Geffen's major fields of interest are the sociology of religion, the family and gender roles. She is currently engaged in a qualitative study of American Jewish Grandparenting.

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Please mail your check made out to NCJW by **November 13**.  
**Checks received after this date will be returned and the member will be most welcome at the program and dessert.**

Susan Horwitz  
1324 Robinhood Road  
Jenkintown, PA 19046

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Questions? Call Barbara Nussbaum, 215-280-0046 or Susan Horwitz, 215-938-8569

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**TASTE OF CULTURE**  
ROSENBACH MUSEUM AND LIBRARY  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015  
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A one hour docent lead tour of the Museum and free time to view a special exhibit celebrating 150 years of Alice in Wonderland

Lunch at 11:45  
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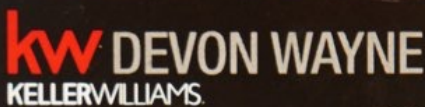


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**PROGRAM**  
**ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING-A National NCJW Priority**

Join us for an engaging discussion of responses to this crisis with our speakers' panel featuring:

Liz Robbins: Reporter for the Metropolitan section of the NY Times

Lori Cohen: Attorney, NCJW National Board member, manages an  
anti-trafficking initiative for "Sanctuary for Families"

Sister Terry Shields, President and one of the Founders of Dawn's Place, the only shelter for  
trafficked women in eastern PA.

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Dawn's Place has just obtained another house, so even more supplies are needed! Thank you

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## Book Clubs

### Evening Book Club

November 10 at 7:30 p.m. *A Man Called Ove*

by Fredrik Backman.

RSVP to Evelyn Goldhammer

215-884-8076 or [egoldhammer@comcast.net](mailto:egoldhammer@comcast.net)

Thank you to Maxine Dalsemer for hosting the October meeting

### Center City Book Group

November 11, 7 p.m. *Orphan Train*  
by Christina Baker Kline

Host- Audrey Block

Leader - Judy Podwil

Questions, contact Audrey Jaffe Block  
267-519-9255

### Daytime Book Group

Nov. 19 *The Story Hour* by Thirty Umrigar

Dec. 17 *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah

The meetings will take place at the Dublin Terrace clubhouse. We socialize at 1:00 and the meeting begins at 1:30. To RSVP or get directions, please call Joyce Avrach at 215-402-0287 or email [Barryjoy@aol.com](mailto:Barryjoy@aol.com).



Thanks to our September and October hostesses, Eleanor Levy and Judy Podwil, and to Joyce Krasnoff for leading an excellent discussion on *All the Light We Cannot See*. Any questions, contact Audrey Jaffe Block. 267-519-9255

### Congratulations to:

**Nancy Fagan on the birth of her first grandchild**

Sherry Kohn on her engagement

Sandee Berlin on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter

### Speedy Recovery to:

Monna Schwartz and Sharrie Bobrow

### Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

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Elaine Miller on the loss of her husband, Ralph.

The family of our member, Marilyn Urken.

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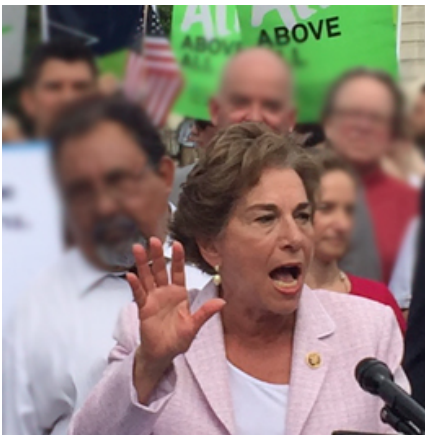
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Don't miss NCJW's premier public policy event with in-depth issue briefings from political leaders and policymakers along with specialized advocacy skills trainings and meetings on Capitol Hill.

From voting rights to judicial nomination to reproductive justice, the issues we care about are at stake in the 2016 election! Don't miss NCJW's premier public policy event with in-depth issue briefings from political leaders and policymakers along with specialized advocacy skills trainings to help you educate yourselves and your communities on the issues that matter. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to speak with members of Congress in face-to-face meetings on



**Support the EACH Woman Act**

Distance Learning Call: Going All In for the EACH Woman Act

Join NCJW on November 5 to learn more about the EACH Woman Act from one of its primary sponsors – US Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). Together with US Representative Barbara Lee (D-CA), Rep. Schakowsky has introduced this bold new bill that would ensure every woman — regardless of her income, insurance, or where she lives — has coverage of abortion.

To join the call, follow the links on the NCJW website <http://www.ncjw.org>

On this call, you will also hear ideas about how to take action through a Jewish lens and mobilize your community!

Please let Bobbi Berman and/or Sandy Fryer know of any simcha, illness, or passing of members. We would like to mention it in the Bulletin and be in touch with the families.

Bobbi Berman [handbberman@aol.com](mailto:handbberman@aol.com)  
Sandy Fryer [sahofr1@verizon.net](mailto:sahofr1@verizon.net)

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