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Bulletin

National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section

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MEETING AND LUNCHEON

Keneseth Israel Tuesday, December 15, 11;30 a.m.

PROGRAM

ENDING SEX TRAFFICKING-A National NCJW Priority

Learn about efforts to combat human trafficking with our speakers' panel featuring: Sister Terry Shields, President and one of the Founders of Dawn's Place Liz Robbins: Reporter for the Metropolitan section of the NY Times Lori Cohen: Attorney, NCJW National Board member

Lives that Actively Respect the Lives of Others

On Tuesday, December 15, we have the distinct honor to have on our panel, a woman who has dedicated her life to social justice. Sister Terry Shields, a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary has served some of the most neglected people in some of the world's most desperate regions. She spent several years in Rwanda and the Sudan providing maternal and child health care and supporting feeding programs. Her considerable resume shows that she is energized by challenges that offer direct impact on the lives of people in need. Sister Terry has embraced many and diverse mission assignments including school nursing, nursing home supervision, Emergency Medical Relief Team work, nurse midwife, refugee services, and more. Sister Shield's present ministry is President and co-founder of Dawn's Place, the only shelter in eastern Pennsylvania for women trafficked for commercial sex. The shelter offers its clients a sense of community, essential services and the opportunity to make changes in their lives.

Liz Robbins has been a reporter at the New York Times for 15 years, the last five in the Metro section. Currently, she covers immigration, chronicling legal, social and cultural issues concerning immigrants across the city. Last December, she published a story about the human trafficking court in Queens, a unique program that treats women arrested for prostitution as victims, not criminals. Liz is a former sportswriter who covered tennis, the Olympics and the NBA. She is also the author of the 2008 critically acclaimed book about the New York City Marathon, A Race Like No Other: 26 miles Through the Streets of New York. She grew up in Philadelphia, graduating from Friends' Central School. She now calls the Upper West Side home, where she lives with her journalist husband, Ricardo Reif.

Lori Cohen is Director of the Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Sanctuary for Families, Center for Battered Women's Legal Services in New York, where she represents immigrant and domestic victims of human trafficking and conducts training sessions for law enforcement, legal and health care professionals, social service providers and faith and community based organizations. She has lectured on trafficking matters across the US, Mexico and Russia. In 2013, Ms. Cohen chaired: "We Were Slaves: The Jewish Community Unites Against Sex Trafficking," co-sponsored by NCJW NY Section and a coalition of New York-based Jewish and anti-domestic violence organizations. Cohen's work on behalf of trafficking victims has been reported widely in the media, including the NY Times, the BBC and Telemundo, and was most recently featured in Newsweek magazine's cover story, "Sex Slaves in America" published in February 2015. Ms. Cohen is a national board member of the National Council of Jewish Women, where she chairs NCJW's Trafficking Advisory Board; and AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps. Ms. Cohen is a lifetime member of NCJW New York section, and a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School.

SAVE THE DATES

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 Lori Cohen: Attorney, NCJW National Board mem anti-trafficking initiative for "Sanctuary for F Sister Terry Shields, President of Dawn's Place and c	ber, manages an families"
Tuesday, January 19	Speaker, Roslyn Weiss, President of RUBYE'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	ТВА	
Tuesday, May 3	Interfaith Center of Philadelphia Topic: "Interfaith Cooperation"	Keneseth Israel
Tuesday, June 7	Closing Luncheon, Shmooze with The Word Mavens!! A Hilarious program! Featuring Ellen Scolnic and Joyce Eisenberg, authors the DICTIONARY OF JEWISH WORDS	Meadowlands CC. of
	Board Meetings	
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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.

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PLUS: VENDORS FOR YOUR SHOPPING ENJOYMENT

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

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Goodies For Good Guys

Please help us continue this wonderful NCJW tradition as we assemble trays of delectable homemade, and store bought treats to be delivered to police, firefighters, hospital, and nursing home employees who must work on Christmas Eve.

We need homemade and store bought cakes, cookies and candy and most importantly volunteers to assembly the trays. Goodies can be dropped off any time (just leave them at the door) and I'll be glad to store them in my freezer.

Join us to assemble the goodies trays on December 23 starting at 10 a.m. at my home at 1228 Imperial Road, Rydal.

Thanks for your help.

Please contact Patti First: 215~887~1888

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Volunteer dates Sundays at 9a.m.: December 6 March 6 April 3 Please call Zelda Stern at 215-947-2348 to help continue this vital program.

Mollie and Seymour Tinkelman sponsored the Ronald McDonald breakfast on November I in honor of their son Jay and daughter-inlaw Carol on their wedding anniversary. The family celebrated by cooking, cleaning and serving at our breakfast We thank the Tinkelman family for their generosity and kindness. A special family finding a special way to share their happy occasion.

Zelda Stern



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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.

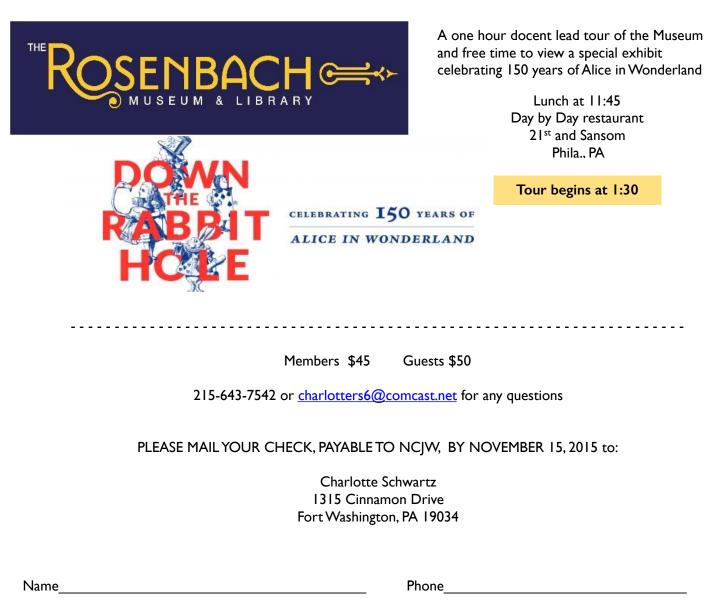
Bobbi Berman <u>handbberman@aol.com</u> Sandy Fryer <u>sahofr1@verizon.net</u> Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like the NCJW to recognize? Think of us. What a great way to share by making a donation to our Section Send your donation to our Treasurer,

Pearl Tragash 4331 Meridian Blvd. Warrington, PA

We will make a note of it. Sending an acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure.

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TASTE OF CULTURE ROSENBACH MUSEUM AND LIBRARY Tuesday, December 1, 2015 2008-2010 Delancey Place



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Guests:

I cannot attend. Please accept my donation

SAVE THE DATE NCJW Washington Institute Elections 2016: What's At Stake for Women? Educate! Mobilize! Vote! March 13-15, 2016

Join us for Washington Institute 2016 (#WI2016), NCJW's triennial public policy and advocacy conference.

Great reasons to attend the NCJW Washington Institute:

Gain insights on how the 2016 elections will impact women, our families and the issues we care about.

Meet with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to advocate on key NCJW issue areas.

New: Roberta Kaplan and Edith Windsor to receive NCJW's Social Action Award on Monday evening, March 14th. Don't miss this incredible event! Invite your daughters, sisters and friends.

*WI2016 registration opens in November.

Note: New schedule this year! We will start after lunch on Sunday, March 13 and will end after our day on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, March 15. Make your travel plans today!

Learn more: Washington Institute 2016 FAQs <u>action.ncjw.org/site/R?i=sbTMPt4aBPVcgA5E5bXL9Q</u>

The Rubye's Kids Story

In 1994, Roz Weiss and her chiropractor husband, Dr. Don Weiss, had the idea of providing a special day of joy at holiday time for underprivileged children. After being turned down by many organizations, Roz contacted Rubye Caesar,



a woman who was dedicated to supporting less fortunate children in North Philadelphia. Together they hosted the first holiday party. Seventy-five children from a local elementary school received a hot meal, a gift, lots of attention and plenty of love!

The Weisses and Rubye planned to have another party the following year. However, in February of 1995, Rubye passed away suddenly. In Rubye's memory, Roz named the event Rubye's Kids Holiday Party. The holiday party has grown to include 500 children from 12 schools and 4 homeless shelters in Philadelphia. The children still receive a hot lunch and a gift and, in addition, a book of their choice, school supplies, t-shirts and numerous other givea-ways. They have a day of fun and entertainment--activities, a carnival, music, face-painting, clowns and more--and they are surrounded by volunteers offering them unconditional love. The smiles on the children's faces are a gift to all who participate. The need proved great, so the Weisses expanded their horizons and are now helping children all year long. Rubye's Kids, Inc. hosts birthday parties for children living in homeless shelters and creates Rubye's Kids Learning Centers with computers, books and brightly-colored furniture there.

Backpack Project, sturdy backpacks filled with school supplies have been given to more than 2,000 children in shelters, and their most recent pilot project, Parting Gifts, offers children who are finally transitioning out of the shelter system items they can use in their new homes. In addition, Rubye's Kids Closets provide essential school supplies for needy children on an ongoing basis in inner-city schools.

Rubye Caesar's spirit lives on and continues to inspire , but help is needed to perpetuate their programs. Funding as well as volunteers are needed.

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Join us as Roz Weiss tells us the story of Rubye Caesar, a woman who was dedicated to supporting less fortunate children in North Philadelphia, and how she inspired Roz and her husband to found an all volunteer, non-profit, grassroots organization dedicated to providing enriching experiences and resources for needy children in the Philadelphia area. The program, Rubye's Kids benefits hundreds of children. Rubye's Kids has received numerous honors and recognition for their work to promote strong values, education, respect for self and others and commitment to community.

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At an anniversary fundraiser dinner on Saturday evening, November 14, 2015 at Philmont Country Club, Philadelphia NCJW section members were honored as partners and given certificates acknowledging our support for the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center

Miriam Adler Howard Butler Linda Butler Judy Fried

Sandy Fryer Rosalind Fudell Susan Horwitz Barbara Auerbach-Katz Sherry Kohn Linda Lempert Spencer Lempert Rita Pruzan Wendy Rader Asher Stutman Maxine Stutman Allen Swartz

Our volunteer facilitators, drivers and docents make it possible for us to reach hundreds of schools and thousands of students to fulfill our mission "personalizing the Holocaust so that they learn the consequences of racism, ethnic cleansing and intolerance." They make it possible for our speakers to get to the schools and other locations thus enabling the continued availability of first hand witness testimony. In addition to providing transportation, they carry out arrangements with the host school or location and provide background information about the Holocaust beyond what the testimony includes. Through their facilitation and additional presentation of Holocaust history, the students (and adults) better understand the context of the testimony by our speakers who share their individual and very personal experiences and sacrifices.

Welcome to New Member

Diane Cutler

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 Wendy Rader 215-657-9347 wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com

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



Legislative/state public advocacy report for November 2015

Lynne Jacobs. our state public advocate and I attended the "Engaging Faith Communities: Ending Human Trafficking" Event on Thursday Oct.15 when NCJW was featured as the representative of the Jewish community.

- 1. Senate Bill 851, the anti-sex trafficking "Safe Harbor" Bill, which Lyyne and I spoke at length about at our October membership meeting, was passed unanimously by the PA State Senate Judiciary Committee.
- Efforts now are needed to assure that SB 851 passes the entire floor vote of the PA State Senate. To this end, we urge you to phone and sign postcards that will be available to our members to send to their State senator at both the November and December meetings.
- 3. We are very pleased with the judicial election results. All three of our preferred candidates for the PA State Supreme Court have won. Despite the typically low turnout at an off-year election, our efforts with our coalition partners of Planned Parenthood to impart to others the importance of the courts and judicial nominees helped the prochoice candidates prevail.
- 4. A new tactic for the pro-choice movement is to be pro-active instead of re-active. To that end a new bill, H.R. 2967 "Each Woman Act" has been introduced by U. S representative Jan Schakowsky of Illinois. This bill guarantees equal access to abortion coverage in health care insurance. Please go to the NCJW website <u>www.ncjw.org</u> for more details.



Lynne Jacobs (L), NCJW Policy Advocate, and Rabbi Rachel Kobrin of Adath Jeshurun were speakers at an October 15 forum: Engaging Faith Communities/Ending Human Trafficking. They are pictured alongside NCJW's Trafficked Teens silhouettes that help bring public awareness to this issue.

- 5. I participated in the conference call with congressional representative Jan Schakowsky of Illinois last Thursday regarding H.R. Bill 2967. Since 1976 pro-choice women have meekly accepted "no federal monies to pay for abortion". That has changed. Basically, H.R. 2967 seeks to overturn both the Hyde and the Helms Amendments. Pro-choice is now on the offense. When this bill was introduced a short while ago, there was an accompanying rally in the capital. According to Schakowsky it was a very and large diverse group in support of the bill: all colors, races and ages were there. As of now, there are 106 co-sponsors, a large number for this short a period of time. Representative Schakowsky thinks that women's reproductive rights will be a big issue in 2016. This is also a discrimination issue, as only poor and minority women are affected by the Hyde Amendment (also any woman employed by the federal government). In terms of addressing broader issues such as the usage of fetal tissue, which yet another congressional committee proposes to investigate, Schakozwsy 's thinking is that advocates have to "pick off the low hanging fruit". Politicians who have made a political calculation to oppose reproductive rights believing that will keep them in office need to be shown that there are many in their district who think otherwise, and can cost them their re-election. In our area, this translates into Patrick Meehan and possibly Fitzpatrick. We have elected a pro-choice state supreme court in PA. Proof that our votes counted!
- 6. Ongoing issues: gun safety, "Courts Matter" (lack of progress on federal judicial nominees), crisis of the millions of refugees (please contribute to HIAS) hunger in our own country...stay tuned!

Linda Lempert





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Book Clubs

Evening Book Club

December 15, 7:30 p.m. The Boys in the Boat: by Daniel James Brown. Facilitator: Evelyn Goldhammer Hostess: Faith Edelman RSVP to Faith Edelman 215-947-0164 or <u>harvey.edelman@verizon.net</u>. Thank you to Joan Sax for leading a great discussion of A Man Called Ove and to our hostess, Evelyn Goldhammer

Daytime Book Group

Dec. 17 Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah We will meet in the Dublin Terrace community room at 1:00 to socialize and 1:30 for the meeting.

Thanks to Judy Wenzel for facilitating in October and Sandy Fryer for facilitating in November. To RSVP or get directions, please call Joyce Avrach at 215-402-0287 or email <u>Barryjoy@aol.com</u>.

Center City Book Club December 9, 7 p.m. *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel Thomas Brown Host and leader: Joanne Stoloff Thanks to Judy Podwil for leading our November discussion of *Orphan Train* Questions: contact Audrey Jaffe Block 267-519-9255



Congratulations: Nancy Fagan became a grandmother again.

Our best wishes to Monna Schwartz for a speedy recovery.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

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Condolences to:

Carol Kaplan on the loss of her son, Mark.

Bobbie Berman and Cheryl Herman on the loss of their sister and mother, Marcie Sussman, past president of our Philadelphia NCJW section.

The family of member, Judy Schwartz

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

GIANT CASH CARDS

GIANT cards are now available to purchase, in increments of \$20.00. Please contact Joyce Eveloff---215-283-9277 jeveloff369@aol.com Send information, articles or photos that you would like printed in the Bulletin to the editor: Harriet Gran <u>hgranncjw@gmail.com</u> 215-836-5993

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We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our web site is <u>www.NC[W.org</u>