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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:30 A.M.

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Director of Religious Education, Congregation Keneseth Israel

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ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH

President's Message

Excitement is in the air as our section expands current projects and embarks on new ventures.

This year, we had two groups doing "Goodies For the Good Guys" . Our day time group assembled and delivered 16 trays to police and fire stations, ambulance associations and hospital emergency rooms for those "Good Guys" who work on the holidays. A very special thanks to Natalie Price, who has hosted this project in her home and donated the wrapping supplies for so many years including this year.

Our new L'Dor V'Dor evening group assembled and delivered eleven trays to police, fire, ambulance associations and hospitals in areas we have not served in the past, including Lower Gwynedd, Horsham, Wissahickon, Lower Bucks County, Manayunk, Lansdale and even a police station in Newark, Delaware. Many of the places were quite surprised and thrilled to receive the beautifully wrapped home made goodies remarking that it was the first time anyone had ever done something like this for them. A special thanks to Susan Teich for graciously hosting the event and to Lindsay Levin for her organizing efforts.

Under the direction of Evelyn Goldhammer and Liz Hirsch with the assistance of Sherry Kohn, we are trying to expand the schools that participate in our Holocaust Essay Contest to include some of the schools visited through the Holocaust Museum and Education Center with which we have a volunteering connection.

Sherry Kohn has been working with new L'Dor V'Dor member Rachel Hurley, an employee of the Mitzvah Circle Foundation to help them in several ways including volunteering on Martin Luther King Day in their Lansdale warehouse. Eleanor Levie will be among our members at the POWER (Philadelphians Organizing to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild) march on MLK DAY.

Under the auspices of Lynne Jacobs, our Advocacy Chair, and NCJW'S PA State Policy Advocate, and Linda Lempert our Legislative Chair, we are moving forward to spread an awareness and effect positive change in the area of, *sex trafficking of women, children and teens*. I am very pleased to let you know that we are partnering with Greater Philadelphia Federation's, Women of Vision Division in the spring event they are planning which will focus on *the trafficking of children*. In addition, the board has given the go ahead for Lynne and Linda to bring an exciting project developed by NCJW's Palm Beach Section, to the Philadelphia area.

So be prepared to hear more about these very special community service and advocacy initiatives over the coming months. My thanks and appreciation to all of you who are working on these very exciting and important projects.

Sandy Fryer

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Our February NCJW section's program will feature Rabbi Stacy Eskovitz Rigler

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 to her role as Director, a love of kids and Judaism and a firm belief that Jewish education can be engaging and inspiring. 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 and 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.



Our March NCJW section's program will feature Dr. Sherry Blumenthal, MD

Dr. Blumenthal will be speaking on the issue of women's health care rights. Although recently retired from her OB/GYN practice she is continuing her active advocacy on behalf of women and in turn, their families. Dr. Blumenthal's practice was associated with Abington Hospital and, not surprisingly, she provided an effective voice regarding the controversial proposed merger of Abington Hospital with Holy Redeemer.

Dr. Blumenthal's dedication to women's health care rights is strategic in the best sense of the word. She has served as Chair of the Pennsylvania section of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG), an organization committed to, in her words, "fighting for women's health rights, educating OB/GYN physicians, and member advocacy". As Chair, Dr. Blumenthal worked to strengthen their Legislative Program with their section's expansion of their relationship with the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED) to prevent bills restricting women's reproductive rights. She has been a member of the PAMED House of Delegates and served on the Specialty Leadership Cabinet. Dr. Blumenthal with her ACOG section networks with other health care groups to improve women's health care such as the American College of Nurse Midwives, the Women's Law Project and the American College of Emergency Physicians. Through their National ACOG PAC, she and her section contribute to the election of PA congressional candidates supportive of their goals. In 2012 their PA section received The Most Improved Legislative Program Award at the ACOG National Congressional Leadership Conference.

Sherry Blumenthal has been interviewed many times in connection with her advocacy activities. She hopes to use her media ties to "keep the public educated about the truth, the science and the important issues in women's health care."

Editor's note: While I was in my art class, I overheard a fellow student bemoaning the retirement of her gynecologist. When asked for a name, the response was " Sherry Blumenthal". I hope she knows that her former physician will still have impact on so many lives.

SAVE THE DATES

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



BRIGHT IDEAS

Dear Members,

We are forming a Taste of Culture Committee to generate new ideas to engage in the planning and execution of our upcoming adventures. We encourage our membership, long-standing and newer members, to participate. We are looking forward to a program that will broaden our scope of places to visit.

We trust our future trips will inspire you to invite spouses, friends and family to join in on the fun.

Please feel free to call Sherry Zlotnikoff at 215-643-7876 to join the committee for the year 2015-2016.

Thanking you in advance for your help.

Best regards,
Sherry Zlotnikoff

Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like the NCJW to recognise? Think of us. What a great way to share by making a donation to our Section.

Send your donation to our Treasurer, Pearl Tragash (After February 4)
4331 Meridian Blvd.
Warrington, PA 18976

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

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.

Also, to find out what is happening in our fair city, go to JewishPhilly.org and <http://blog.pjvoice.com/>

Lots of "Thank You"s to our two section teams working on:

GOODIES FOR THE GOOD GUYS!!!

Charlotte Schwartz, Linda Lempert, Zelda Stern, Gladys Greenfield, Susan Horwitz with grandsons Jonah and Caleb joined Natalie Price at her home to assemble trays of goodies. These were donated by Rhena Kelsen, Lois Blum, Maxine Dalsemer, Patti First, Ellen Slepion, Millie Stein, Joan Sax, Sue Leon, Evelyn Bieber and Shelley Perchick in addition to those who were present.

The packages were delivered to Einstein-Elkins Park, Abington, Fox Chase, and Holy Redeemer Hospitals; fire companies and second alarmers from Abington, Elkins Park, and McKinnley; and police officers from Upper Dublin, Upper Moreland, Lower Moreland, Cheltenham and Abington.

Our L'Dor V'Dor group: Hostess, Susan Teich, Organizer, Linday Levin, and participants Allison Ball, Beth Blumberg, Judy Field, Sandy Fryer, Judy Heath, Rachel Hurley, Kate Neft, and Charlotte Schwartz (the group's adviser) expanded our areas to bring their trays of goodies to police, fire, ambulance associations and hospitals in Lower Gwynedd, Lansdale, Horsham, Wissahickon, Lower Bucks County, Manayunk and even to a police station in Newark, Delaware.

The trays were delivered by our members and gratefully received. It is our small way of saying "Thank you" to some of the people who take good care of us all through the year.

We hope you will take part in this Mitzvah next year.
Susan Horwitz



Lindsay Levin's daughter in front of the police station to which they delivered a "Goodies for the Good Guy" tray..

Susan Horwitz's grandson, Caleb, joining our own NCJW Good Guys.



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....

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 1 p.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, February 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.:

Book: [The World Without You](#) by Joshua Henkin

Hosted by Laurie Lisa

1701 Locust Street #1809

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 PM.

The book is *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. Please RSVP to Eileen Davis at 215-901-2754 or

puppyme2@aol.com.

THANK YOU

To Rita Pruzan for warmly hosting the January board meeting and very graciously going to the extra effort of postponing the meeting from Tuesday.

To Charlotte Schwartz for hosting the December Evening Book Club Meeting.

Holocaust Essay Contest Leaders Reach Out to School Principals.

We received a list of school principals who have welcomed Holocaust survivors as speakers in the past several years. We have sent letters to the principals of these schools inviting them to participate in our Holocaust Essay Contest. Hopefully, we will hear from some of them and increase student participation. If any of our members have connections with middle schools in the general area, please let us know.

Thank you,

Evelyn Goldhammer and Liz Hirsch.

Condolences:

Marilyn and Martin Yarmark on the loss of their son, Mitchell Robert Yarmark



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

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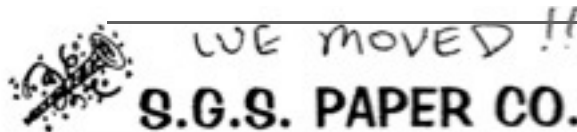
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