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Bulletin

Panel Addresses Sex-trafficking Here in Our Region

On April 22, NCJW joined Jewish Federation's Women of Vision, Women's Philanthropy and Jewish Community Relations Council to present a luncheon program about Sex Trafficking in Pennsylvania, drawing a crowd of 180 people, including about 20 NCJW members and friends. Working against sex trafficking is one of NCJW's National priorities. Lynne Jacobs, our Pennsylvania Policy Advocate, served on the planning committee...

Rabbi Rachel Kobrin of Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park provided the introduction. She emphasized the urgency for Jews to address human sex trafficking--based on our biblical sources that describe the Jewish people's experience with slavery in Egypt.

The panel consisted of Rachel Yudt, chair of the Montgomery County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition, Risa Vetri Ferman, Montgomery County's District Attorney, State Senator Daylin Leach and Jen Spry, a survivor of child sextrafficking, who now works as a nurse and who advocates on this issue. All of the speakers noted that trafficking is a real issue in the United States, even here in Philadelphia, and that awareness is an important step toward prevention.

Senator Leach told us about a "safe harbor" bill he plans to introduce in the state Senate in Harrisburg in June. The bill, among other things, would grant full immunity to anyone 18 and under caught prostituting, refer victims of sex trafficking to relevant social services agencies and increase penalties of sex trafficking offenders.

At the end of the panel discussion, attendees were asked to sign a letter to be sent to Pennsylvania Senators Pat Toomey and Bob Casey, urging them to pass the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act, federal legislation that would protect homeless youth from trafficking and provide them with shelter and services. We later learned that both PA Senators voted in favor of this bill when it was introduced as an amendment to the anti-trafficking bill that was passed in April. Unfortunately, the amendment required 60 votes to pass, which it did not get. It's important that we urge both our Senators to continue to support this measure.

Greater Philadelphia Section will continue to work to end this modern-day slavery, and new initiatives will be launched in the fall.

Dawn's Place

We are again requesting donations of supplies for Dawn's Place Shelter and the New Day Safe-House for Women in Kensington. Please bring hotel-type toiletries, personal grooming items, feminine hygiene products, various wipes, hand soap and sanitizer, cereal bars and other small/portable snack items to the closing luncheon on June 9th.

Toys for Ronald McDonald Campers

You can add to the fun of the Ronald McDonald Oncology Camp for children being treated for cancer with donations of toys that are new and in their wrappings.

Toys should be brought to the closing luncheon on Tuesday, June 9.

We can have an important voice in promoting social change. Go to 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 lewishPhilly.org and http://blog.pjvoice.com/

PRESIDEN'T MESSAGE

The following are some quotes from several annotations in my copy of Pirke Avot (Ethics of the Sages): "A world without justice is a world run by fear. Fear gives rise to anger, anger to violence and violence to even greater fear and injustice....."

"Social justice is essential to human survival......" "...Justice for the poor and powerless determines the quality of a society and is a barometer of it's destiny...."

These quotes are part of the Jewish values I embrace and that are embraced by NCJW, which is why I was drawn to this organization. I love being part of the Greater Philadelphia Section and working with all of you who are committed to "striving for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights."

It is rewarding to work hand in hand with the intelligent and dedicated members of our board. I am especially fortunate to have several of you as mentors, sounding boards and advisers that I can call when I feel the need for sage guidance.

A few of this year's officers will not continue in their current positions next year. I want to thank Sherry Zlotnikoff, our Fund-raising Vice President for the excellent job she has done over the past two years. Sherry, over the past two years, you have planned and expertly brought to fruition a wide variety of trips that have been educational, lots of fun and always topped off with a delicious meal.

Lynne Jacobs has been our Recording Secretary for the past two years. Lynne takes succinct and precise minutes and we will miss her as Recording Secretary. She has to step down since to our good fortune and that of National and NCJW PA, earlier this year, Lynne was appointed as the new NCJW, Pennsylvania SPA (State Policy Advocate). Already she has informed and engaged us in many exciting advocacy initiatives, including a Human Trafficking project to spread awareness of and combat sex trafficking.

Thanks also to Joan Rosenblatt who has handled the sale of Giant Cards over the past five years, working hard to increase our profit every year. Joan will not be able to continue since she will become a permanent resident of Florida, spending her weekends at the shore. We wish her lots of good luck.

Every board member works hard so I hate to single out anyone, but I must extend a special thanks to Harriet and Mal Gran for their over and above dedication to getting out a beautiful bulletin on time every month. As I write this article, Mal and Harriet are working on the bulletin on the plane coming back from China where they were visiting their children.

Although I could go on and on writing about each officer and board member and had planned to include something about each of our newest officers, this article is getting too long. I sincerely thank all of you for your dedication and ongoing support. You have made our 35th anniversary a banner year.

I look forward to seeing many members at our Closing Luncheon and working with all of you in the coming year as we grow in strength in each of our missions.

Officers for 2015-2016

The following members nominated to hold office beginning in June were confirmed by the Board of NCJW and the section membership.

President Sandy Fryer
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Charlotte Schwartz Pearl Tragash Diane Morgan Celia Rothkopf Bobbie Berman

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, June 9 11:30 a.m. Meadowlands CC Closing Luncheon and Installation of Officers

Program: Rabbi Deborah Zecher

In Concert: Celebrating the Great American Songbook

Thursday, June 11 10:15 a.m. Taste of Culture Framing Fraktur at the Main Philadelphia :Library.

A Salute to our Members

Our section has grown to a grand total of 359 members of which over 123 643-7542are Life Members.

Our L'Dor V'Dor group has brought in many new members. Thanks to all of you for coming to our many events, program meetings, luncheons and for being involved. Your inclusion of your family, friends and neighbors to join us is very welcomed.

Please go to <u>ncjw.org</u> to keep abreast of what is happening nationally and Take Action to improve the lives of women, children and families.

New Life Members: Judi Field, Harold Tragash

New Transfer Members: Alison Ball, Rachel Hurley

A warm welcome to the above and the following additional new members to our section.

Miriam (Mimi) Yona Dansky Marcia Levin Merle Neulight Jackee Swartz Adler Roz Fudell Sandra Lewis Edna Pincus Allyssa Taddei Susan Teich Tobe Amsterdam Audrey Garfield Laura Libove **Iill Pomerantz** Dara Aronow Rose Gold Barbara London Barb Rabson Carol Tinkelman Harriet Gomon Ellen Schlackman Ann Waldman Phyllis Barsky Emily Lowe Ilana Berlin Susan Handis Ellen Matzner Abby Segal Phyllis Warshaw Sandy Berlin Cheryl Herman Lois Michaels Lorraine Singer Jessica Weisbrot Maureen Bierhoff Susan Smolen Lila Windheim Ronda Lang Nan Myers Susan Brooks Martha Lebram Linda Myers Asher Stutman

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Judy Fried and Wendy Rader, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

GIANT CASH CARDS

You can help NCJW every time you do your shopping at Giant supermarkets. We sell Giant gift cards in \$50.00 denominations. Our section receives 5% of the amount sold. These profits are applied to the many projects we carry out all year. Call Rhena Kelsen at 215-576-5237 and she will arrange to get them to you. They will also be available at our program and board meetings.

Thank you, Rhena Kelsen

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 18976

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

BRIGHT IDEAS

Dear Members,

We are forming a fundraising committee to generate new ideas for trips, Taste of Culture, other trips a 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



Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)

This year has been one of expansion for PACS. Our relationship with the Holocaust Awareness Museum is an ever increasing one. We have expanded the number of schools who are involved in the Holocaust essay contest. We are working on getting more involved with Mitzvah Circle and plan to be active with that organization over the summer. Our school supply program is helping so many students and will continue until Philadelphia schools are properly funded. We have become active in the Anti Sex Trafficking movement and collect supplies for a safe house. We are still active with the Ronald McDonald House and involving more members.

We have had requests from some schools to help with literacy programs and will formalize this over the summer Sherry Kohn

Wondering where any profit from our trips, tribute card sales, Giant food cards, raffles and other fund raising efforts go? Below are a few of the worthy projects we helped support this year by giving grants.

We began our fiscal year by giving an emergency grant of \$500 to NCJW during the crisis in Israel to help evacuate and re-house the residents of Eden, an NCJW supported shelter for at-risk teenage girls (situated 1.5 miles from the Gaza strip).

In addition to our monthly stipends to the Sukkat Shalom Program of JFCS to purchase supermarket gift cards for victims of domestic violence we gave grants to the following organizations most of which help women, children and familes in Greater Philadelphia

Women's Center of Montgomery County

Choice Food Program

Mitzvah Food Pantry at Beth Sholom

Rubye's Kids Inc

JCRC Holocaust Program

After School Activity Partnership

Howe School - for playground equipment

Dawn's Place - shelter for escaped female victims of

human trafficking

Mitzvah Circle Foundation

Female Hebrew Benevolent Society's Camp Scholarship

Project

HIAS

Grant to NCJW's Israel program to provide translated materials giving access to information on reproductive

justice to Ethiopian women there.

Thanks all!

Annual Raffle Fundraiser

Raffles were mailed and should have arrived. The money realized from this yearly project goes back to our local, national and international communities. Some support goes in the form of one-time grants and some as monthly donations such as funds sent to families who have been affected by domestic violence. Some of our other projects include providing school supplies to Philadelphia public schools, sponsoring our annual Holocaust Essay Contest, participating in the memorial for the six million Jewish martyrs held on the Parkway, providing breakfast for the guests at Ronald McDonald House, lobbying our legislators, starting a Hippy program in Philadelphia and many more.

Please send in your stubs and return them with a check made out to "NCJW" at your earliest convenience so that we will be able to continue our valuable work.

I want to thank the following who have helped me with this endeavor--Lois Blum, Zelda Stern, Susan Horwitz, and Adrienne Feuer.

All of us who participate in this fundraiser are winners! Thanks for your support!

Rhena Kelsen, Raffle Chair

Holocaust Memorial on the Parkway

The theme for this year's holocaust memorial observance held on April 19 was "70 Years After Liberation: Legacy and Remembrance". Representing our section, Zelda Stern, a life member and board member of our Greater Philadelphia Section, laid a wreath at the base of the holocaust memorial sculpture, designed by world renowned sculptor, Nathan Rapport.

Engraved on the granite base of the sculpture is the following:

The Holocaust 1933-1945

Now and forever enshrined in memory are the Six Million Jewish Martyrs who perished in concentration camps, ghettos and gas chambers. In their deepest agony they clung to the image of humanity, and their acts of resistance in the forests and ghettos redeemed the honor of man. Their suffering and heroism are forever branded upon our conscience and shall be remembered from generation to generation.

Rhena Kelsen

NCJW National Leadership Conference: Fantastic!

On the first weekend in May, 150 NCJW leaders from around the country gathered near Washington, D.C. for Leaders' Retreat 2015, and we covered a lot of ground! From advocacy trainings to section leadership workshops, participants had the opportunity to gain new skills and deepen their knowledge.

Highlights included:

- Workshops on NCJW's "Core Four" initiatives Reproductive Justice, EXODUS (anti-sex-trafficking), BenchMark (judicial nominations), and Gender Equality in Israel;
- > A presentation on the Jewish Values that Inform Our Work, by Board Director, Rabbi Lori Koffman;
- > Several sessions for State Policy Advocates (like me) to prepare us for lobbying our Senators on Tuesday, May 5;
- > A film, Tricked, that details the horrific reality of sex trafficking.

When I led our PA delegation to the Hill, I was joined by five members of the Pittsburgh Section. We met with an aide to Senator Casey and spoke in favor of I) passing a current bill that will bring services to runaway and homeless youth; 2) ending bans on insurance coverage for abortion; and 3) filling federal judicial vacancies. We were unable to meet with anyone at Senator Toomey's office, so we left information about our issues and priorities.

Overall, it was a great opportunity to spend time with other NCJW leaders and get to know them. As you can see from the photo, I bonded with two other delegates named Lynne.

Lynne Jacobs



Lynne Jacobs (center), joined by Lynne Hvidsten of MN and Lynne Oberman of IL



On Capitol Hill to lobby Pennsylvania Senators: Lynne Jacobs (center) and four members of Pittsburgh Section, I to r: Bear Brandegee, Laurie Gottlieb, Samantha Dye, and Andrea Glickman.



Linda Butler and her husband Howard drove Rita Ross to Ursinus college to speak and were the facilitators introducing her to the students.

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center(HAMEC) and our NCJW section members Sherry Kohn and Linda Lempert are requesting more of our membership to act as facilitators.

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

Holocaust Essay Contest

We have met and decided winners for the Springfield Middle School. We have also decided the winners of the Quaker School. Three more schools will be evaluated in the next few weeks and awards will be given at the schools' closing ceremonies. Thank you to those who have participated so far: Susan Brooks, Susan Horwitz, Carole Cei, Julie Goldman, Aviva Shignon, Eileen Molish, Rhena Kelson, Marilyn Koff, Liz Hirsh, Joann Simon, Judy Fried and Joan Sax. I will be calling for additional readers as soon as the other schools come in.

Evelyn Goldhammer Egoldhammer@comcast.net

Send information, articles or photos that you would like printed in the Bulletin to the editor:

Harriet Gran hgranncjw@gmail.com
215-836-5993

Daytime Book Group

June 25 The PerfumeCollector by Kathleen Tessaro Sue Leon, Facilitator

July 23 The Boys in The Boat by Daniel James Brown Sandy Fryer, Facilitator All meetings will be held at Ip.m. in the Dublin Terrace clubhouse.

Book Clubs

Evening Book Club...
Tuesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m.
Americanah by Ngozi Adichie.
RSVP to Faith Edelman at
215-947-0164 or
harvey.edelman@verizon.net.

Thank you to Tammy Hertzbach for hosting the April Evening Book Club

Center City Book Club
June 10 The Interestings by Meg
Wolitzer
Host: Sandy Finkle

Host: Sandy Finkle Susan Levin, Facilitator



Congratulations to:

Ellen Slepion and Mildred Stein on the Bar Mitzvah of grandson and great-grandson, Colby Diane Morgan on being selected to be the Citizen of the Week by the Ambler Gazette http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2015/05/04/ambler_gazette/news/doc55439f2766574684997317.txt

Linda Butler on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Speedy recovery to Sue Tarshis and Isabel Kanefield.

Condolences: to

Rabbi Richard Steinbrink and his family on the loss of his sister, Barbara S. Levine.

A special thanks to Charlotte Schwartz for graciously hosting the May board meeting in her lovely home. Charlotte welcomed us warmly and provided a delicious breakfast complete with homemade goodies. Yum, yum.

BRAVO! BRAVO! On April 21st, at Temple Kenneth Israel, the Sinfonia, the finest youth and young adult chamber orchestra in the Philadelphia region wowed their audience of NCJW members, their families and friends with an outstanding performance of the works of classical composers. Attendees were further treated to a duet played by two harpists aptly noted for their advanced skills. This free concert is a remarkable opportunity to hear young, gifted musicians under the talented and dedicated mentorship and direction of Maestro Gary White. A reception following the concert provided an opportunity to meet the musicians while enjoying tables of desserts.



Pictured with Maestro Gary White are, left to right, Kay Skloff, Susan Horwitz, and Linda Dzuba



Sinfonia members "getting their just desserts".

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

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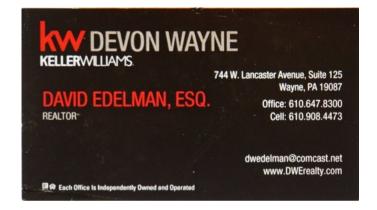
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ANNUAL CLOSING LUNCHEON AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, June 9, 2015 11:00 a.m.



Meadowlands Country Club 711 Boehms Church Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422

PROGRAM

RABBI DEBORAH ZECHER

Rabbi Deborah Zecher, of the Northshore Jewish Congregation, Mandeville, LA, is nationally known for her musical programs about Jewish composers from the Golden Age of the Great American Song Book. Rabbi Zecher will present the lives and music of American Jewish women composers and lyricists whose body of work has added substance and beauty to America's musical theater as well as its recording and film industries. Rabbi Zecher, along with her accompanist, will entertain us with their background stories and their songs that became the soundtrack of our lives for decades.

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Please remember Toys for McDonald Camp and items for Dawn's Place.

PERSONAL GIVING

Just a reminder that I will be asking for your generous personal giving donations at our closing meeting in June. Remember that your contribution allows us to pay our commitment to National without having to use the money raised by our Section, so we can help more people in need in our area. If you are planning to attend the closing meeting, please bring your checkbook with you. Many thanks.

Judy Wenzel Personal Giving Chair

NCJW Taste of Culture



Framing Fraktur



Thursday, June 11 10:15am

Free Library of Philadelphia, 1901 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

\$35 members \$40 Guests

Fraktur is the colorful manuscript art embellished by hearts, flowers, birds and imaginative designs made by early Pennsylvania German immigrants. This art form was used mainly on many types of certificates and has evolved into an American folk art. We will have a guided tour of the special exhibit of original fraktur works held by the Library's Rare Book Department . A contemporary art collection relating to these works is also on exhibit.

Please send your check made out to NCJW and luncheon choice by June 2 to:
Joan Sax
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Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Questions? 215-947-9166 or joansax@comcast.net		
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Box Lunch Menu Please circle choice(s):		
A) Grilled Lemon Chicken Sandwich Arugula, Roasted Red Peppers with Pesto Mayonn	aise on an Italian Roll	

B) Veggie Club Sandwich

Zucchini, Portabella Mushrooms, Red Onions, Marinated peppers and Fresh Mozzarella Cheese with Boursin and Artichoke Spread on Focaccia

C) Spinach Salad

Citrus Glazed Salmon, Blue Cheese , Hard Boiled Eggs, Cucumbers, Red Onions, Garlic Croutons, Shaved Parmesan and Caesar Dressing

D) Asian Lo Mein Salad

Seared Ahi Tuna, Bell Peppers, Scallions, Soy Ginger Vinaigrette