



National Council of Jewish Women Celebrates Experience and Diversity in Biden-Harris Nominees



General Lloyd Austin
Secretary of Defense



Antony Blinken
Secretary of State



Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury



Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation



Dr. Vivek Murthy
Surgeon General



Xavier Becerra
Secretary of Health
and Human Services



Brenda Mallory
Chair of the
Council on Environmental Quality



Dr. Anthony Fauci
Chief Medical Adviser
on COVID-19
to the President



Dr. Rochelle Walensky
Director of the Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention



Deb Haaland
Department of Interior



Jennifer Granholm
Secretary of Energy



Michael Regan
Environmental Protection Agency



Congresswoman Marcia Fudge
Secretary of Housing
and Urban Development



Secretary Tom Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture



Gina McCarthy
National Climate Advisor



Cecilia Rouse
Chair of the
Council of Economic Advisers



Denis McDonough
Secretary of Veterans Affairs



Dr. Marcella Nunez-Smith
COVID-19
Equity Task Force Chair



Neera Tanden
Director of the Office of
Management and Budget



Fmr. Secretary John Kerry
Special Presidential
Envoy for Climate



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U.S. Ambassador
to the United Nations



Ambassador Susan Rice
Director of the
Domestic Policy Council



Katherine Tai
United States Trade Representative



Avril Haines
Director of National
Intelligence



Dr. Miguel Cardona
Secretary of Education

A Biden Appointee Who Carries the Jewish Story Itself



Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary of Homeland Security

Alejandro Mayorkas, nominated to lead the Department of Homeland Security, is the child of Jewish refugees.

By MARK HETFIELD
December 9, 2020

President-elect Joe Biden announced Alejandro Mayorkas as his nominee for secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). If confirmed, Mayorkas will be the first Latino to head the department responsible for implementing U.S. immigration policy. Meaningful to myself as the leader of HIAS — the American Jewish community's global refugee agency — he will also be the first DHS secretary to have been a refugee and child of a refugees.

Better known as Ali, Mayorkas is my long-time friend and colleague, who served this year on the HIAS board of directors. Ali's family fled Cuba for the United States when he was not yet a year old, his mother arrived in Cuba years earlier as a child fleeing the Holocaust.

As America works to recover and rebuild from four years of vicious, xenophobic anti-immigrant policies, it's hard to overstate the importance of having an empathetic person with Ali's skills and background taking the reins at DHS. His years as a U.S. Attorney in California, his time as director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (ISCIS) and DHS Deputy Secretary under President Obama, and his work as a primary architect of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA) all make him exceptionally well-suited to meet the enormity of the task before him, but more than that, he carries within him the story that so many immigrants and refugees carry — and beyond even that, he carries the Jewish story itself.

Mark Hetfield

One hundred and forty years ago when HIAS was founded, our original mission was to help rescue and meet the needs of Jewish refugees arriving in New York. At the time, wave after wave of Jews were fleeing the pogroms of the Russian Empire. We have since helped to evacuate and resettle Jews escaping the Third Reich, the Soviet Union, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Cuba. In the 1970s, in response to the Indochina refugee crisis, our mission expanded to include the resettlement of non-Jews as well. We began by helping refugees because they were Jewish, now we help because we are Jewish.

Ali and his family represent so much of the Jewish narrative in that arc. His mother's Romanian family was caught up in the Nazi onslaught and fled their home for parts entirely unknown. Ali's father, a Cuban Jew of Sephardic origin, met and married the European refugee. The two of them starting a family, melding different worlds of Jewish culture. Then that young family was forced to flee yet again and Ali left Cuba and grew up in Los Angeles, eventually working as a leader in the Obama Administration and, most recently, with us to rescue, resettle and welcome other refugees.

There are few communities that have survived the kind of upheaval that has met the Jewish people at every stage of our history, generations upon generations, centuries upon centuries. We carry within us unfathomable loss and terrible scars — but we also carry fortitude, resilience, and the lessons that such a painful history teaches.

We know that 'never again' must evolve from being an aspiration to being a reality, not just for the Jewish people, but for all persecuted people.

We know how vital it is to protect the right of persecuted people to seek and enjoy asylum, we know the right to refuge is universal and must be fought for resolutely, and we know that "never again" must evolve from being an aspiration to being a reality, not just for the Jewish people, but for all persecuted people.

To see someone who shares that history and those lessons nominated to lead the implementation of America's immigration policy speaks volumes, not just about the significance of immigration to this nation's character, but about the role of the Jewish community in the American story.

Our community's place in that story began, in the words of poet — and former HIAS caseworker Emma Lazarus — as the tired, the poor, the huddled masses, yearning to breathe free. Like Ali, the American Jewish community owes its very existence to those times when America opened its doors to refugees and immigrants.

Ali is not only a strong and highly respected leader, he also, quite simply, knows the heart of the stranger. As a Latino, the child of a Holocaust survivor, a refugee and immigrant himself, Ali is uniquely suited to restore respect for human rights to the Department of Homeland Security, not least because as he knows, as HIAS does, that America is at its greatest when we build not walls, but bridges.

This op-ed originally appeared in [The New York Jewish Week](#).

Mark Hetfield is the president and CEO of HIAS.



December 17, 2020, Washington, DC

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Chief Executive Officer Sheila Katz released the following statement today in support of Biden-Harris nominees:

"President-elect Biden pledged to ensure his cabinet would look like America — and so far, it does. National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is pleased with the nominees who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience and represent the diversity of this great nation. With his picks, President-elect Biden has chosen the very best candidates for his cabinet, people who will get to work for all Americans. Likewise, he and Vice President-elect Harris have selected highly qualified people for positions within the White House.

"In particular, NCJW looks forward to working with many of the announced Cabinet nominees to date, including:

Xavier Becerra, Health and Human Services Secretary
Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State
Pete Buttigieg, Transportation Secretary
Deb Haaland, Department of Interior
Alejandro Mayorkas, Homeland Security Secretary
Cecilia Rouse, Chair of Council of Economic Advisors
Neera Tanden, Office of Management and Budget Director
Linda Thomas-Greenfield, UN Ambassador
Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary

"From the first Latino head of Health and Human Services to a 35-year veteran of the foreign service who grew up in segregated Louisiana, NCJW has no doubt that the lived experiences of these nominees will inform their policy and rulemaking, ensuring that women, Black, Indigenous, and people of color, LGBTQ individuals, and immigrants are represented in critical executive decision making.

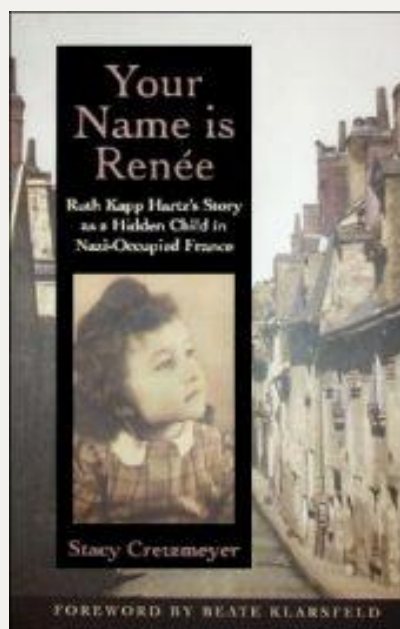
"Further, the percentage of women in senior positions throughout the administration (including an all-female Communications team) is a thrilling development. Together, the cabinet and staff nominees named to date are serious professionals, trusted figures, and essential voices at the table. They have a track record of navigating complex problems enabling them to meet the issues of the country on day one.

"Now it's up to the Senate to put partisan politics aside and swiftly confirm the nominees so the incoming administration can fully focus on addressing the COVID pandemic.

We are grateful the Biden-Harris transition team is moving quickly to fill positions with a skilled and competent team, and look forward to working with them to realize an end to the pandemic, and a more just and equitable world."

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section
TUESDAY, January 19, 2021– 2:00 PM –ZOOM EVENT**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
a discussion with Ruth Hartz, her story, shared in the book
**Your Name Is Renée: Ruth Kapp Hartz's Story
as a Hidden Child in Nazi-Occupied France****



Ruth Kapp Hartz will share stories of her life during and after World War II. Her exceptional life started as a young child growing up under constant threat of arrest in Nazi-occupied France. But through the good graces and protection of exceptional people she and her parents survived. Ruth eventually found her way to freedom after the Allied invasion and now commits her life to bear witness and speak out against persecution, antisemitism, and injustices of all kinds.

[RSPV REQUIRED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021](#)

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Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006, Patti First (215)-470-1560, Donna Bader (856) 303-9616

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021 at 2:00PM

**ZOOM SPECIAL MOVIE EVENT
PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MOVIE MATINEE COMEDY**

CALENDAR GIRLS

Featuring Helen Mirren

As a non-profit, NCJW is always looking for creative ways to help us fund our projects....

NOT SAYING WE WOULD EVER DO THIS ONE, BUT... this comedy is based on a true story in Ireland, in which 55+ year old members of a Women's Institute chapter chose to do an unusual and risqué fundraising effort for a local hospital by posing nude for a calendar – which then becomes a media sensation.



CLICK HERE TO SEE THE TRAILER

**RSVP REQUIRED BY FEBRUARY 15, 2021
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**If the above button does not work for you,
copy and paste the following into the URL section of your
browser:**

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Questions?

**Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006,
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Collections for Dawn's Place

The residents and staff of Dawn's Place continue to be very grateful for the supplies we have delivered. And I really appreciate that so many members have continued their generous participation after all this time. It's been 6 years!

As we move into winter, the prospect of outdoor collections becomes more daunting. So far, alternating months between Warrington and Elkins Park has worked well, but lately fewer people have been coming to drop things off.

We will have our next outdoor collection on Monday, January 11 from noon to 1pm at Wegman's in Warrington. If you do not spot our drop-off point, you can reach me on my cellphone: 215-868-7742. Going forward we could consider an option to have someone's house or porch as a drop-off point that people can use at their convenience on certain days. I'm open to other suggestions. (I'm happy for folks to drop things off on my porch, but I know Chestnut Hill is not convenient for most of you.) Please email me if your home could be a convenient drop-off point or if you have any other thoughts.

We will be sending an e-blast with plans for January's drop-off so please continue to gather the supplies.

Thanks!!! Lynne Jacobs
ljacobs816@gmail.com

Advocacy Update/ SPA Transition

Within the next few months, I will be stepping down from the SPA post which I have held for 6 ½ years. The new person (or team) will be announced soon.

I have really enjoyed this role, and I think our section has made an impact with our advocacy on trafficking, reproductive rights, voting/redistricting and others. As the new legislature convenes in Harrisburg, our voices will be needed more than ever. I'm sure we will be heading there as soon as it is safe to do so.

Lynne Jacobs

NCJW PA Policy Advocate

🍪 GOODIES FOR THE GOOD GUYS



Kudos to all of our members who donated packaged snacks to fill numerous baskets and gift bags. And thank you to everyone who delivered these packages to local police and firemen, post offices, and hospital workers. This year in particular these gifts were received with great appreciation.

Despite the restrictions presented by the covid virus, members of the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section worked together to provide holiday treats to local police and firemen, postal workers, and hospital workers.



Amy Beitman spearheaded the project for the Warrington, Warminster, Southampton areas. Amy prepared the packages with help from her neighbor Essie Cutler (and assistance from Amy's husband). Faye Benschetler (assisted by her husband Eric) headed the project for Montgomery County. Once again, our members turned out to deliver gift packages in Ambler, Abington, Willow Grove and Gwynedd. Michele Utain coordinated the project in the Newtown/Langhorne area.

We want to send a big "Thank You" to the group of strong, powerful women who, despite numerous limitations, delivered holiday gift packages for our annual Goodies for the Good Guys program. The following members participated:

Adrienne Feuer, Aileen Salus, Anita Shomer, Ann Pollock, Arlene Diane Spector, Bobbi Berman, Bobbie Kroungold, Charlotte Schwartz, Denise Kahn, Diane Morgan, Donna Spector, Evelyn Goldhammer, Gladys Greenfield, Harriet Gomon, Jackee Swartz, Joan Kober, Linda Lempert, Linda Mosko, Linda Popinsky, Lynda Myers, Lynn Margolis, Marcy Berlin-Burton, Nancy Cox, Noga Gold, Nora Boardman, Patti First, Rebecca Landau, Rhena Kelson, Sandy Fryer, Susan Chase, Susan Horwitz, Essie Cutler, Linda Brosgol, Janet Ecksel, Marsha Finkelstein, Vicki Horowitz, Sherry Kohn, Ronda Lang, Linda Mosko, Pearl Tragash, Barbara Nussbaum, Ellen Slepion, Denise Schwartz, Marsha Prosini, Nora Boardman, Joyce Eveloff, Freddi Sperling, Judy Fried and Michele Utain (apologies if we missed anyone).

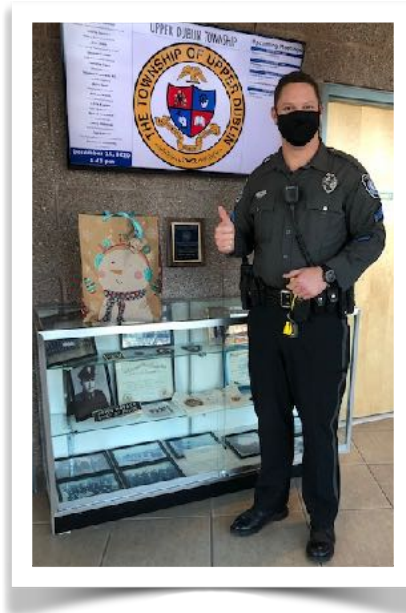
It was so evident that this year these packages were especially appreciated. Wishing everyone a new year of good health and happiness.

Aileen Salus and Linda Brosgol
 Co-Vice Presidents, Community Services



Both the Upper Moreland and Upper Dublin Police were very appreciative. I was able to get a photo of an Upper Dublin Police officer with our package on the table under a sign that indicates Upper Dublin. Great job Faye - wonderful packages. Happy Chanukah and be well all.

Love,
Sandy



Judy Fried delivering Goodies for the Good Guys



Diane Morgan delivered Goodies for the Good Guys wrapped package to the first responders - Lower Gwynedd Police

More deliveries for Goodies for Doylestown Hospital and Bucks County Good Guys Thanks to Pearl Tragash, Amy Beitman, Aileen Salus and other members



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UPDATE FROM THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

Dear Members, our Section's Grants Committee awards small grants, not to exceed \$500, to organizations that assist through their programs and initiatives the needs of women, children and families. We are pleased to announce that during this fiscal year we have provided grants to the Mitzvah Circle Foundation and the Pegasus Therapeutic Riding Academy. Please take a moment and think of organizations that you support or are familiar with and ask them to submit a grant request. They must qualify as a IRC 501(c) (3) organization. A link to a copy of our Grants Application can be found on our NCJW webpage. Feel free to contact Wendy Rader, Grants Committee Chairperson, at wrbarbiegirl50@gmail.com or 215 657-9347 with any questions.

IN SUPPORT OF STUDENTS



While our school volunteers wait out the pandemic, our Section has maintained our concern and support for students in our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. Because of the efforts of our NCJW Section's community service members, we are able to fund much needed winter coats, hats, and scarves to a growing number of children in the Franklin School Community. A special thanks to Aileen Salus who has involved herself with steps needed to purchase and insure a speedy delivery of the much needed items. Our contact teacher, Elisa Brown, expressed joy upon receipt of the packages, which she will deliver to the school where families will come for them. The children who will benefit range in age from toddler to teenage.



A Spotlight On Our NCJW Section

Membership

While the pandemic does not allow us to have face to face events, we are still continuing our commitment to our membership by:

- Zoom programs for entire membership
- Ongoing Advocacy
- Board Meetings
- Book club discussions by Zoom
- Monthly Bulletins to keep everyone informed
- Grants to organizations which help those suffering financial insecurity and lack of other basic needs
- Donations to Dawn's Place helping sex trafficked survivors and abused women
- Donations of warm winter clothing to our adopted Ben Franklin Elementary School
- Donations to help the Ronald McDonald House
- Goodies for the Good Guys delivered to front line workers

Please check out our website ncjwphiladelphia.org for our bulletins, past and present, for program information and registration.

If you haven't done so, please consider paying your annual dues, \$45 or Angel 🙏 \$55, enabling us to continue our important work. If you need a dues envelope email Ellen Mirbach at semirbach@gmail.com or remit your check to Harriet Winokur, 732 Johns Lane Ambler, PA 19002

Ellen Mirbach, VP Membership, 215-771-5311

Donna Spector, VP Membership, 215-886-0640

HI, NEIGHBOR!

Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section is a participant in the Hi, Neighbor project, an initiative of the National Council of Jewish Women. This project offers opportunities for advocates to reach out to their Section community members who are in vulnerable situations.

In this past election season, advocates' outreach had been expanded to ensure that voters knew their options for safely casting their ballots. Safety concerns, regarding the pandemic, dictated that advocates did their outreach from their homes.

If you have questions about this project, are in need of such assistance or would like to provide assistance with this effort, you may contact Liz Downing at 215-534-3829.

From Harriet and Mal Gran:

Our daughter, Jackie (a member of our Section), our son-in-law, Aaron and our two wonderful granddaughters, Isabel (3 ½ yrs.) and Oriana (20 mos.) have been with us in these trying times. Jackie and Aaron, working from home, are among the legions of young people working to effect positive change in America. At the end of every year, Aaron reflects on the past year by doing a riff on *The Night Before Christmas*. (There are links to some of the references.)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the zoom
Our whole family bonded, though not in the same room.
Reflections and mirth, chatting with uncles and aunts,
We placed bets whether cousin [Will had on pants](#).

Though we wore our brave faces, we knew 2020 was tough
If only, like Passover, we could all yell "[Enough!](#)"
To those who knew loss, we send our love and some hope
Mourning remotely must be a tough way to cope.

The world lost so many, it feels an incalculable cost.
With legends passed on, this year of [Paradise Lost](#).
Trebek, RBG, Boseman's charming Black Panther
Who all worked their butts off while battling cancer.

And through all of that, racism held its tight grip,
Police violence continued, some ERs a [dangerous trip](#),
Our youth organized protests, and [records they shattered](#),
With a simple, strong message that Black Lives, they mattered.

With a moment of silence we paid our respect
And hoped that next year would bring time to connect.
Though isolating life wasn't all on the skids
There was less sleep for sure, but more time with the kids!

With days to ourselves, we learned some new skills
We all play better [chess](#), and our [sourdough](#) kills.
Plus streaming devices took us out of the blues.
With Tiger King, baby yoda, you can find [Some Good News](#).

When out on the lawn there arose a loud clatter,
I typed "[AFK](#)" -- went to look into the matter.
At this time of night, what would cause such a fuss?
Plus in lockdown, an [IRL](#) visit was totally [sus](#).

"Don't come in!" I shouted, now getting quite grouchy.
Though relieved when I saw him--Doctor Anthony Fauci!
Approaching the window, he stepped right to the frame,
And with him, some doctors--he called them by name.

"Now Pfizer! Now Oxford! Now GlaxoSmithKline!
On Moderna and Merck, there are lives on the line!"
For the first time in an age, I saw him break a wide smile
As he reached in his pocket, and pulled out a vial.

"For us!!?" I exclaimed, and danced a jig on the rug
With thoughts of friends and relations I'd hug.
"Hell no. If this season brings one lesson to learn.
We must all be patient, and [wait out our turn](#)."

"First in line: those who risked their *own* lives for ours.
Then onto the elderly. No special treatment for stars."
His words brought us hope that our nation would heal.
Plus Biden and Harris would soon take the wheel.

Back on Santa's sleigh, time for Fauci to roll.
Of course! The vaccines were [stored](#) at the North Pole!
As he shot round the tree, we all heard his one ask:
"Merry Christmas to all, and please all **wear a mask!**"





All the retired teachers in our section will get a good laugh!
Stay well!
Happy Chanukah,
Patti First

November 23, 2020

Manna on Main Street
606 East Main Street
Lansdale, PA 19446

In response to the current needs caused by the pandemic and related food shortages, the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section is pleased to send you \$200 to be used for food insecurity.

For 127 years NCJW has been a leading voice for justice in the United States. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for women, children and families and to safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

We hope the enclosed check will help ease your needs.

Sincerely,
Aileen Salus
Co-Vice President, Community Services

Enclosure
Cc: Linda Brosgol, Co-Vice President Community Services
Pearl Tragash, Treasurer



Order Your NCJW Facemask Now

Face masks are available now.
The mask is double layers, and is washable.
The cost is only \$11.
Support NCJW
We can either meet or I can mail them to you plus postage.

We have a limited supply.

Ann Pollock 215-806-4068 or
apollock1229@yahoo.com

Our Greater Philadelphia Section Website is updated quickly with with information and pictures from our Section members and a news feed from our National Office.



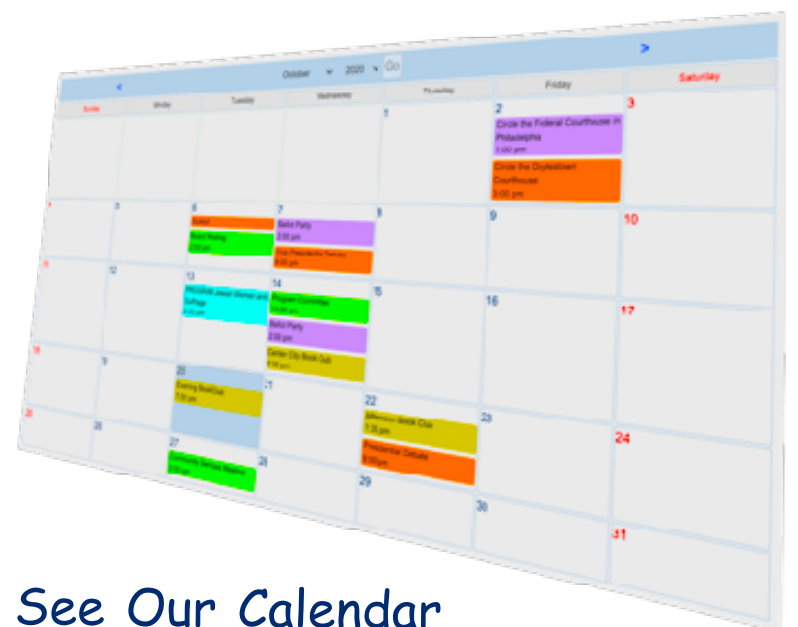
**Zoom Recordings
of Past Programs**

Watch it again or see it for the first time.

- Development of Drugs and Vaccines with Dr. Ira Spector.
- Jewish Women and Suffrage with Dr. Melissa Klapper.
- An Armchair Conversation with Sarah Hurwitz.
- Rabbi and Comedian, Bob Alper



See photos of the latest activities.



**See Our Calendar
of Section Events**

All This and More at

<https://ncjwphiladelphia.org/>

Book Clubs

Afternoon Book Club

During the pandemic, our group has continued to meet via Zoom. Thank you to Anita Shomer for moderating our book discussion of *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton.

Below is the information for our next Zoom meeting:

Date: Thursday, January 28 at 1:30pm.
Book: *Three Floors Up*
Author: Eshkol Nevo
Moderator: Wendy Rader



For more information, contact Susan Brooks at 215-542-0712 or seamcrazy@verizon.net

Center City Book Club

January 13 *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid (Leader Audrey Block)
February 10 *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyew (Leader Eleanor Levie)

Center City residents interested in joining our Book Group, contact Audrey Block – ablock1919@comcast.net or 215-688-0094

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 PM
Nora Webster by Colm Toibin
Thank you to Lee Tonik for leading December discussion.

For more information about Evening Book Club... contact Joan Sax at 215-947-9166 or joansax@comcast.net

Condolences:
to our member, Arlene Slobodzian, on the passing of her father.

\$50 GIANT CASH CARDS

GIANT cards are available for purchase.
Please contact Roz Fudell. 267-939-4424

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing, please contact:
Harriet Winokur harrietwinokur@gmail.com

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This provided by our Advocacy Committee under the leadership of VP & Presidium member Liz Downing. Please call Liz (215-534-3829) with any questions.

Check



out our NCJW Greater Philadelphia

Facebook Section Page

<https://www.facebook.com/ncjw.philadelphia>

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REMEMBER.... THERE WILL BE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteer tutors at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School now in our sixth year. Until safety issues relevant to the pandemic are resolved we will pursue other means to support students as we await a safe return to school. Please call Harriet Gran at 215-206-1026 or email

hgranncjw@gmail.com.

Sponsoring an event for a minimum of \$100.00 in honor of a special event or person in your life, or in memory of an important person is a great way to do a double mitzvah! You are honoring the person or event and helping NCJW. You can share this sponsorship between friends. Your name (or names) will be on the invitation flyer. This is a lovely and meaningful way to support our NCJW section!
Please consider sponsoring an upcoming event.
Just call Ann Pollack 215-806-4068
and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each. Purchase the cards at a meeting or contact Fran Radel and she will send a card for you.
Contact Fran at 610-584-9234 (home) 610-304-3908 (cell) or Email: fran@markradel.com

INCLUDE NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section in your estate planning,
You can help its important work continue for years to come.

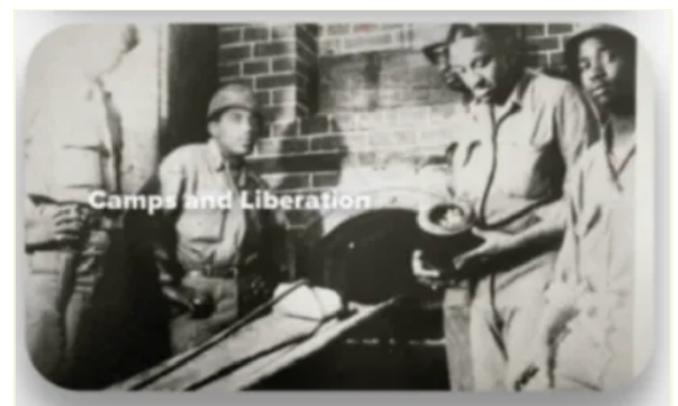
Celebrating a simcha or have one you would like NCJW to recognize?
We will make a note of it. An acknowledgement to you and the recipient is our pleasure.

What a great way to share by making a donation to our Greater Philadelphia Section.

For information, call 215-302-3586 and leave a message for Pearl Tragash, Treasurer.



We look forward to the time when we resume all of our volunteer activities.



HAMEC needs volunteers to help with survivors and liberators who are making their presentations to students on Zoom. Click here to go to the HAMEC website. You can schedule a student group virtual tour of artifacts narrated by survivor testimony.

The good news is that HAMEC has moved into a larger space at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park.

if you have any interest in participating in this important project, please contact me.

Judy Fried
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OFFICERS 2020-2021

This year, NCJW of Greater Philadelphia is being led by a Presidium. A Presidium is a council of executive officers that collectively administer the organization's business in place of one individual President.

Our presidium will be comprised of Vice Presidents, with the only or most senior member of their portfolio. Members of this year's Presidium are:

- Vice President of Advocacy, Liz Downing
- Co-Vice President of Membership, Ellen Mirbach
- Co-Vice President of Program/Education, Char Kurland
- Co-Vice President of Community Services, Linda Brosgol
- Vice President of Fund Raising, Ann Pollock

It has been collectively decided that each of the presidium members will be taking on, in addition to the responsibilities in their own portfolio, the following:

- Executing one of the duties of a single president
- presiding over an executive and full board meeting
- writing a presidium post for the Bulletin

We hope that you will not hesitate to contact any of the presidium members with your questions.

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