

# Bulletin

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SEPTEMBER, 2021

## 127 YEARS OF POWERFUL JEWISH WOMEN

NCJW confronts today's most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children and families. Powered by the Jewish imperative to ensure dignity for all, we impact policy, advocate for justice, and support the community. Your voice has never been more essential and our voices together make a meaningful difference in the world.

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## ADVOCACY

### What's in Your Toolbox?



It's what NCJW has been doing for 125 years. The need has been ever present. The breadth and consequential, potentially life-altering challenges now facing all of us, compel us to consider how "to grow" our advocacy skills. At stake are the survival of our democracy, the impact of climate change, the advancement of civil rights, strategies which can help to combat the ravages of a pandemic, and so much more. In her press release of July 1, 2021, NCJW CEO Sheila Katz gives clarity to the advocacy needed to promote the mission of NCJW to support these needs of women, children and families. She vowed to "Fight to Ensure Equitable Access to the Ballot box", in response to the Supreme Court's upholding of Arizona's restrictive voting laws and the fact that " 48 states have introduced nearly 400 bills to restrict access to voting for millions of citizens."

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section and our coalition partners have been invited to join a presentation on Zoom\* to learn about POWER MAPPING, an important component of an advocacy toolbox. We will have the opportunity to learn how to identify and connect with others (human resources), increase our membership (our infrastructure), and learn elements of design and assessment in planning programs and projects to accomplish our mission.

\*see next page

Thursday Sept 9 @ 2:00PM

SAVE THE DATE TO JOIN



JODY RABHAN  
Chief Policy Officer of NCJW

An Introduction to POWER MAPPING, a framework for addressing issues and problem solving through leveraging relationships and networks. This valuable tool is relevant for those involved in advocacy, development and membership

Are you interested in

- Making your advocacy efforts more effective
- Increasing your membership
- Having a successful development campaign

Power mapping can be an important tool to help you meet your goals. It is a strategy of determining whom you need to influence, and whom you can actually influence to start the dominos in motion. We learn where we have power and influence and where we need to build it.

Our presenter is Jody Rabhan, Chief Policy Officer for NCJW. Ms. Rabhan works with the CEO and the board of directors of NCJW to create policy and advocacy strategy for the organization. She is an expert on power mapping and has presented numerous workshops on the topic.

[Click Here To Register](#)

## IT'S TIME TO RENEW

We are continuing our commitment to our membership even though we are still unable to have face to face events 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](http://ncjwphiladelphia.org) for our bulletins, past and present, for program information and registration.

Renewal letters were sent out the first week of August. Please consider paying your annual dues, \$45 or Angel \$55, enabling us to continue our important work. You can either go online to our website [ncjwphiladelphia.org](http://ncjwphiladelphia.org) and click on JOIN to pay with credit card or remit your check made out to NCJW Greater Phila. Section in the envelope provided to:

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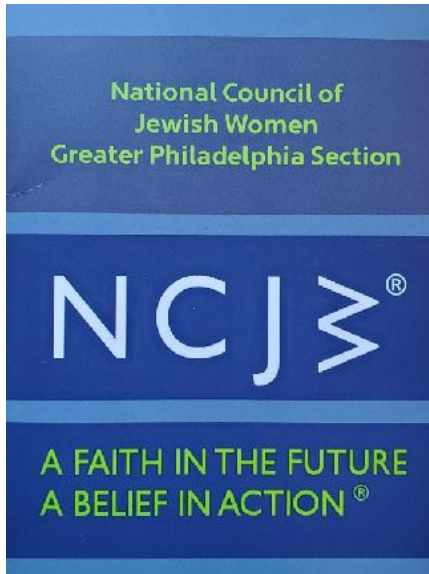
Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or if you have the name of a perspective member.

Ellen Mirbach, VP Membership, 215-771-5311

[semirbach@gmail.com](mailto:semirbach@gmail.com)

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**Tell our Senators to Pass:  
For the People Act [SB1]**

**and**

**the John Lewis Voting Rights Act [SB4]**

**States all over the country are passing laws making it difficult to vote and are giving the state government the right to override the votes of the people.**

**Call your senators and tell them to support American Democracy!**

Call:

Senator Patrick Toomey: (202) 224-4254

Senator Robert Casey: (202) 224-6324

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**FIND YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS' INFO:**

- FIND MY PA LEGISLATOR <https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>
- FIND MY POLLING PLACE IN PA <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/pollingplaceinfo.aspx>
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## From Our Members

We will resume our collections for Dawn's Place, starting in September. They are in great need of household supplies, so it's time to get back into this wonderful community service activity. Join us on:

Friday September 10, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Giant market  
315 York Road, Willow Grove.

Look for Lynne Jacobs' bright blue KIA Soul toward the back of the parking lot.

At this time, they need toilet paper (single ply only, especially Scott), paper towels, napkins, sanitary pads, Lysol/disinfectant wipes, regular-size cleaning products, dish soap, laundry detergent (especially pods), dishwasher detergent, cans of ground coffee, and coffee filters (10-12 cup size).

If you have any questions please contact Lynne at 215-248-3333  
or [ljacobs816@gmail.com](mailto:ljacobs816@gmail.com)

Lynne will deliver the supplies that afternoon.

Note: As we did before, we will alternate the monthly collections between the Willow Grove Giant and the Wegman's in Warrington. October collection will be Wednesday 10/20.

Thank you for your continued support in these very difficult times.

### **Congratulations:**

To Jemmi Seeherman, granddaughter of Char Kurland and Ellen Toplin. For her Bat Mitzvah project, Jemmi collected care packages for women facing breast cancer across the state and was selected as the 2021 Shining Light Awardee by the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition.

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy 5782! Hoping that this year brings us more opportunities to be together to continue our mission to serve our community.

Cindi Pasceri

### **Condolences:**

To the family of our longtime member, Ethel Rabinowitz.

## Center City Book Club

Meeting on Zoom  
Wednesday, September 22 at 7 p.m.  
*The Glass Hotel*  
by Emily St. John Mandel  
Leader: Etta Nissman

Thank you to Eleanor Levie for leading such a stimulating discussion of *Everybody's Son* by Thrity Umrigar

## Evening Book Club

Tuesday, September 21  
*The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson  
Facilitator will be Charlotte Schwartz

Location is not yet determined because of safety concerns about the Delta variant. We may resume Zoom.

Members will be notified by Joan Sax. Please call Joan with any concerns.

For more information contact Joan Sax at [joansax@comcast.net](mailto:joansax@comcast.net) or 215-740-7263

## Afternoon Book Club

September 23      *Dear Mrs Bird*    By: A J Pearce      Moderator: Maria Rosen

Thank you to Eileen Davis for moderating our July book discussion of *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts and to Wendy Rader for moderating our August discussion of *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

Our up coming books for the balance of 2021 are:

Oct 28      *Seen Have You Luis Valdez*  
By: Catherine Ryan Hyde  
Moderator: Sue Leon

Nov 18      *The Beekeeper of Aleppo*  
By: Christy Lefteri  
Moderator: Susan Brooks

Dec 23      *Flight Behavior*  
By: Barbara Kingsolver  
Moderator: Anita Shomer



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### **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](mailto: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 Pollock 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](mailto: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.



Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Sex Trafficking  
Household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper (single-ply only!), personal grooming products... also NEW single bed sheets and non-perishable food.

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

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](mailto:harrietwinokur@gmail.com)



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We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

Questions or suggestions:  
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