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October, 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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## **NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION: GET READY TO FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY!!!**

**VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

Polls will be open 7am to 8pm

REGISTRATION DEADLINES by mail or in person: MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021.

**ANY QUALIFIED VOTER CAN REQUEST A MAIL-IN BALLOT WITHOUT A REASON.**

Absentee ballot requests require you to list a reason such as being away from your municipality or having a sickness or disability.

### **NEEDED: HIGH VOTER TURNOUT FOR EVERY ELECTION**

The 2020 election legal disputes should HIGHLIGHT the importance of voting to fill judicial positions as well as the numerous county, local, and municipal offices. Of special note is a vacancy on the Superior Court, where the current seats are occupied by an equal number of justices from each major party. Superior Court judges who serve a term of 10 years play a HUGE part in how justice is carried out across our state.

As well, attention to school board elections is vital. Many of us have viewed the televised verbal and physical confrontations regarding mask and vaccination disputes at school board meetings as well as issues on teaching Critical Race Theory curriculum. The students and school faculties in our communities (many of whom are members of our families), will depend on school board members who can with support navigate contentious challenges to a school.



## NCJW IN ACTION ON REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

### DID YOU KNOW?

The National Council of Jewish Women is the only Jewish organization focused on REPRODUCTIVE health, rights, and justice. In response to the news that Roe v. Wade is no longer the law of the land in that state," NCJW National is writing an amicus brief to the Supreme Court to highlight the threat to our religious freedom if Roe v. Wade is overturned. Additionally, National is "organizing to pass critical legislation that would reverse the law in Texas and "educating and mobilizing our base of over 200,000 advocates to fight back."



NCJW members demonstrate in Texas

### HELP PROTECT OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

When the Supreme Court rejected an emergency request to block Texas's abortion ban, they effectively took the next step towards overturning Roe v. Wade. Simply put: We are witnessing the most dire threat to abortion access in our lifetime.

That's why we're marching in every single state on October 2 before the Supreme Court reconvenes. We need to send an unmistakable message about our fierce opposition to restricting abortion access and overturning Roe v. Wade before it's too late.

### Our NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION is invited to two marches on Saturday, October 2.

Take your pick for location: Philadelphia or Doylestown: same day, different times. The Philadelphia-based march is entitled HELP PROTECT OUR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. The Doylestown march is called BANS ON OUR BODIES. Marches will take place in every state, and the date precedes the reconvening of the Supreme Court. SEE THE FLYERS BELOW FOR DETAILS!



## MARCH AT THE ART MUSEUM

Our NCJW Section will be meeting at 12:00 noon at the Ericsson Fountain in front of the Art Museum to **March Together**. We will march to City Hall. If you prefer to meet us there, we will be in front of the Masonic Temple (Broad and JFK) at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to mask up and show off your NCJW swag at the event.

If you would like to carpool or get more information on the event please contact [Rhonda.Mandel@gmail.com](mailto:Rhonda.Mandel@gmail.com)

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR  
NCJW SWAG!**



## OR JOIN THE RALLY IN DOYLESTOWN

# BANS OFF OUR BODIES

## Rally

**#defendabortion**

**Doylestown • Sat, Oct 2, 2-4pm  
courthouse lawn • mask up**



National Council of Jewish Women

Greater Philadelphia Section

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021 – 2:00 pm – ZOOM EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PROGRAM ENTITLED

“OUT OF THE PANTRY”

FEATURING AUTHOR RONNI ROBINSON

*Ronni Robinson's passion is helping others who are struggling with eating disorders. She also does public speaking about eating disorders and emotionally abusive relationships. “Out of the Pantry” is Ronni's debut memoir, chronicling her 30 years of binge eating and compulsive overeating, and her journey to recovery.*



RSVP REQUIRED BY OCTOBER 18, 2021

TO JOIN US

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

If the above link does not work for you, copy and paste the following into the URL section of your browser:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkRKyBep-BcyL6JQr6v78AxTjTzE3vgPFO-Reho\\_IL\\_cWDWA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfkRKyBep-BcyL6JQr6v78AxTjTzE3vgPFO-Reho_IL_cWDWA/viewform)

AND -- IF YOU WANT TO INVITE A GUEST TO THIS PROGRAM-- YOU CAN SHARE THIS FLYER WITH THEM BY SENDING THEM THIS LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dafiPIDUG6DotoYxDsWBAvPXbSP24Ein/edit?usp=sharing&oid=117143772030201255046&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006 or Patti First (215)-470-1560

SAVE THE DATE

A Zoom Program is being planned for November 16 at 7:30 p.m.  
More information will be available soon.

## IMAGES OF DESPERATION

The images of Afghans suffering while attempting to flee the Taliban were heartbreaking. Those who were not able to be evacuated remain in peril. Our Legislative Chair, Liz Downing, has helped to give our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section a voice in support of those Afghans left behind. Our section has signed on to a letter from HIAS to President Biden with specific requests in the interests of vulnerable Afghani citizens. You can see the letter here.

Hon. Joseph R. Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW Washington, DC 20500



Dear President Biden:

We the following X undersigned American Jewish organizations from communities throughout the United States write with a sense of urgency about the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan. We are horrified by the images of people desperately attempting to flee Afghanistan and are deeply concerned that countless Afghans will lose their lives if they do not have safe access to evacuations.

We first ask that you immediately appoint a special presidential envoy for Afghan humanitarian and refugee issues. Doing so would send a strong signal about your commitment to ensure that the humanitarian and protection needs of Afghans are a top priority for your administration.

We also urge you to commit that evacuation efforts will continue until all U.S. allies and their families and other endangered Afghans can safely access the airport in Kabul and are evacuated. This of course includes SIV applicants and their families, as well as other Afghans who in a myriad of ways supported the US and international missions over the last 20 years. However, we are also urging you to evacuate other Afghans whose lives are at imminent risk, including human rights activists, particularly women and girls, journalists, and LGBTQI+ Afghans who are at risk.

In addition, as a community that is all too familiar with what it means to have to flee because of our faith, we are also concerned about the fate of religious minorities in Afghanistan, including Sikhs, Hindus, Christians, Uyghers, and Shia Muslims, especially Hazaras. We therefore support the U. S. Commission on International Religious Freedom's recent call for the State Department to expand its Priority 2 (P2) designation to include religious minorities so that they too can have access to a pathway to peace and safety.

Our concerns also extend to our Afghan neighbors who are already in the United States. We ask that your administration stop all deportations of Afghan nationals and also designate Afghanistan for Temporary Protected Status so that nobody is now forcibly returned to danger in Afghanistan. As Jews, our faith commands that we must assist the most vulnerable and that every human being is entitled to dignity. We stand at the ready to welcome Afghan refugees and help them start their lives anew in the United States.

[hias.org](https://hias.org) | [info@hias.org](mailto:info@hias.org)



## 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 Philadelphia Section in the envelope provided to:

Harriet Winokur

732 Johns Lane

Ambler, PA 19002

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

Ellen Mirbach, VP Membership, 215-771-5311

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

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN OR  
RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP](#)



## From Our Members



We have resumed our collections for Dawn's Place. They are in great need of household supplies so it's time to get back into this wonderful community service activity. Join us on Wednesday, October 20, 12 noon to 1 p.m., at the Wegmans in Warrington.

**Note:** As we did before, we will alternate the monthly collections between the Willow Grove Giant and the Wegman's in Warrington.

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.

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

**Get Well Wishes** to Marion Gittis.

**Condolences:** to the family of member,  
Shirley Kessler

### **IMPORTANT**

ZOOM IS REQUIRING PEOPLE TO UPDATE THEIR ZOOM PROGRAMS.

PLEASE UPDATE YOURS!

HERE IS A LINK TO HELP YOU DO THAT:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version>



HAMEC afforded me the opportunity to meet several heroic survivors and rescuers and facilitate for them. Never miss an opportunity to volunteer somewhere. Time is fleeting. I am grateful that I will be a docent this year. I miss Mike every day.

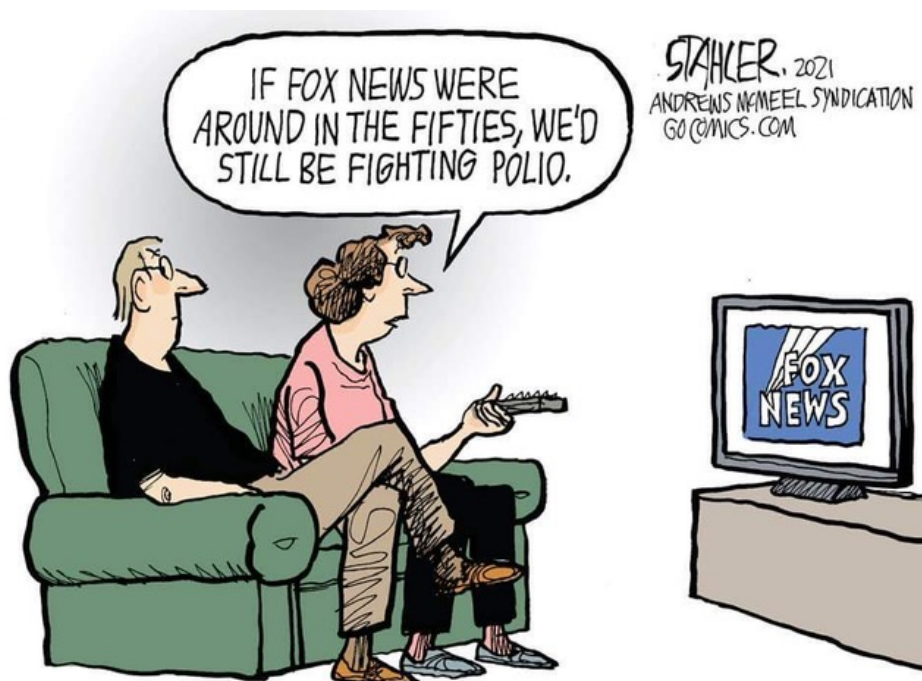
Cindi Pasceri

From the HAMEC website:

We mourn the passing of our Holocaust survivor speaker, HAMEC Board member, and dear friend Michael Herskovitz on May 30th 2021.

### **HOLOCAUST AWARENESS MUSEUM AND EDUCATION CENTER (HAMEC)**

HAMEC will train volunteers to become docents at the museum located at Keneseth Israel. Many volunteers are needed to facilitate in schools and by Zoom. If you can help, call Ruth at 215-464-4701.



From Patti First





This beautiful Tribute card is available in packages of 6 cards for \$25. Use for many occasions such as graduation, Get Well, In Memory, Bar or Bat Mitzvah, or Just Thinking of you. Your donation will help support NCJW in many ways. I would be happy to meet you and deliver your cards. You can also call me to send a card for you at a cost of \$5.00.

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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.

### **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.

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

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We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

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