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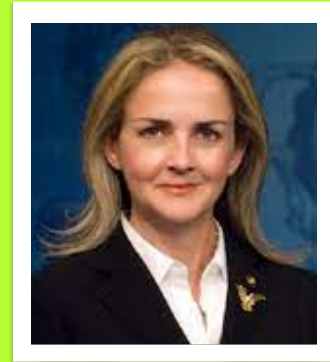
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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

AND NOT TO BE MISSED  
VENDOR BOUTIQUE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022 - 11 a.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
MADELEINE DEAN



**Benjamin Franklin  
Elementary School**

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our updated website  
calendar

 *Getting To Know More About You*

Our NCJW Section member's work defines  
knitting as a textile art serving function and design.





National Council of Jewish Women  
Greater Philadelphia Section

# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AND NOT TO BE MISSED VENDOR BOUTIQUE

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 11:00 AM

Philmont Country Club  
301 Tomlinson Road  
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006



KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**MADELEINE DEAN**  
US REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
PENNSYLVANIA'S 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Sharing her thoughts on  
**"Women's Rights"**

MEMBER \$55

GUESTS \$65

Please mail your check made out to NCJW by October 14  
In order to guarantee your seating request to:  
Margie Zukerman, 5106 Meridian Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976

Questions: Call Membership Vice Presidents:  
Linda Abrams - 215-266-2566 or Patti First - 215-470-1560

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTREES FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GUESTS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicken Cacciatore

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Salmon Almondine

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Eggplant Parmigiana

PLEASE SEAT ME WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

Look for the moving golf cart in the parking lot for a ride to the entrance!!!

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## Preparing for the Election on November 8th

Elections matter both locally and on the national stage. Our elected officials can affect our lives in many ways, influencing our access to healthcare, determining how our children and grandchildren are educated, impacting our environment and even our right to vote. On November 8th, we will be choosing a new Governor, U.S. Senator, and Representatives to the U.S. Congress and both chambers in Harrisburg.

To check your registration status, to register to vote or to update your registration, and to apply for mail-in ballots go to:

[www.vote.pa.gov](http://www.vote.pa.gov)

When you check your registration status, you will see if you are registered to receive a mail-in ballot. Closer to election day you will be able to find out where you can drop off your mail-in ballot.

<http://vote411.org/> is another resource. This site will inform you about what is on YOUR ballot, and let you know where each candidate running for office stands on the issues.

### Important dates:

Oct 24, 2022: last day to register to vote

Nov 1, 2022: Applications for main-in ballot must be received by your county election board

Nov. 8, 2022: Completed ballots must be RECEIVED by your county election office

## Vote Forward

Our section is collaborating with our PA sister section in Pittsburgh, as part of the NCJW partnership with the Vote Forward campaign, to encourage our fellow citizens in underrepresented communities to vote by writing and sending them letters.

### How Does Vote Forward Work?

#### A step by step protocol:

- Create a Vote Forward account using our NCJW Pennsylvania Vote Forward portal at <https://votefwd.org/ncjwpg>
- When you log in, you have the choice of writing to voters in several states; personally, I opt for Pennsylvania
- You can adopt voters in batches of 5 or 20. I choose 5 voters at a time, to ensure that I can complete the task. Download and print the letter templates
- Each letter has the voter's name and address at the bottom. Write the voter's first name after "Dear".
- Print and write legibly. Add personal messages, using NONPARTISAN language to encourage voting
- Use your first name at the end of the letter.
- Address envelopes using information from the bottom of each letter.
- For the return address write your first name + your last initial, and Vote Forward
- Set the completed letters aside until THE BIG SEND on October 29th.
- Update your progress every step of the way on your Vote Forward dashboard
- You will be reminded when to send the letters.

## Personal Messages

Personalize your Vote Forward letters to inspire their recipients to vote! Be creative and enthusiastic.

*-I vote for leaders who represent my interests –such as having access to affordable health care.*

*-I believe my vote is a way to have my voice heard about what is important for our country. I want leaders who represent my concerns. Don't you?*

## Group Events for Letter Writing

We will try to plan for group writing events, both virtual and in person.

## Fix Harrisburg: The Urgency of Rules Reform in Harrisburg

Fair Districts PA and the League of Women Voters PA have partnered to try to change how Harrisburg operates. Why is that important and what is meant by Fix Harrisburg? The following paragraph was sent to me by Fair Districts volunteer, Tony Crocamo.

*PA's legislature is the largest full-time, third most expensive, and one of the least productive legislatures in the country. Bipartisan bills popular with a large majority of Pennsylvanians—property tax reform, environmental stewardship, equitable school funding, gun safety, redistricting reform—are introduced in every session and go nowhere. This waste and inefficiency is not due to governmental ineptitude—it is, in fact, dysfunction by design. Harrisburg is broken.*

*PA's legislative rules, written by the majority party leaders, give complete control of the legislative agenda to those hyper-partisan party leaders who prevent bipartisan solutions from getting votes in the House or Senate. Harrisburg is broken.*

On November 14th at 2PM, we will be hosting a speaker from Fair Districts PA who will be giving us a presentation defining the problem, and explaining what we, as citizens of Pennsylvania, can do to fix it. Be sure to attend, and then take action! This will be on Zoom.

Also, go on the Fix Harrisburg website, [fixharrisburg.com](http://fixharrisburg.com), and sign the petition to change the rules of governance in Harrisburg.

Barbara Hoffman  
Member of Greater Philadelphia Section  
co-State Policy Advocate for Pennsylvania



### 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 a grant to The National Giving Alliance.

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 website. Feel free to contact Lynne Jacobs, Grants Committee Chairperson, at [ljacobs816@gmail.com](mailto:ljacobs816@gmail.com) or 215-248-3333 with any questions.



## NCJW Philadelphia Working with No More Secrets, Fighting Period Poverty



We will be collecting menstrual hygiene supplies for No More Secrets at the October 25th Membership Luncheon. Please bring items such as: pads; tampons; liners; menstrual cups; feminine wash; and wipes.

Period poverty is when women and girls can't afford menstrual hygiene products. Period poverty is exacerbated by the lack of access to toilets, running water, and adequate sewage. We think of this as being

a third world problem, but it's happening all over the U.S., and is a harsh reality right here in Philadelphia. Those who live in period poverty have to miss school and work. They use unhealthy substitutes such as rags, gloves, construction paper, stuffed animal stuffing, newspapers, and socks, leading to serious health problems. They often have to make the choice between buying food, paying for utilities, and buying menstrual hygiene products. Because of the societal taboos surrounding menstruation, this problem doesn't get the public attention it deserves.

There is a wonderful organization in Philadelphia called No More Secrets, created to fight period poverty. The director and founder, Lynette Medley, runs the organization with her daughter Nya McGlone. It is the only organization in the nation to provide door-to-door delivery of menstrual hygiene products to women and girls in need. They deliver a three-month supply of feminine hygiene products to the doorsteps of women suffering from economic hardships. In 2020 No More Secrets hand delivered over 1.8 million menstrual hygiene products. Further, Lynette and Nya opened the nation's first menstrual hub, The SPOT Period, located in Germantown. Menstrual hygiene products, as well as access to clean water and operating toilets, are available to any woman in need. Lynette and Nya strive to make the hub as warm and welcoming as possible, as you can see by their delightful attire. And, they recently launched "The SPOT on the GO!", the first mobile menstrual health clinic of its kind. The NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section is proud to work with No More Secrets by donating supplies to help further their critically important mission. Volunteers who also want to donate their time are very welcome as well.

Gerrie Greene

If you have any questions, please call me at 215-402-0887



Lynette Medley, Founder/CEO, No More Secrets;  
Nya McGlone, Chief Operating Officer, No More  
Secrets; Gerrie Greene



Lynne Jacobs; Lynette Medley, Founder/CEO, No  
More Secrets... a visit last winter

## **Playing It Forward! Community Service Initiative**

The Friends of the Upper Dublin Public Library have entered into a continuing project with our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section. Every month they donate all of the children's books that have not sold in their gift shop to NCJW. We then screen them and donate them to Franklin Elementary School. So far we have delivered 150 books. They will be used in their library, in the classrooms and given to the students to take home and read with their families. This is definitely a win-win initiative.

Many thanks to Jeff Rader for picking up the books and to Eric Benshetler for delivering books!

Wendy Rader and Faye Benshetler  
Co-VPs Community Service



### **THE IMPACT OF OUR DONATIONS**

Our NCJW Section's School supplies, gathered and delivered for the opening term of our adopted school have, to say the least, come in handy. Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Principal, Roslyn Sample-Green shared the following story of a newly immigrant family's arrival at school. In their first moments, the Afghan family seemed anxious and overwhelmed. Their English fluency was limited. While staff made efforts to make them feel welcome, their most visible expression of solace is when they were presented with school supplies. Thank you to Faye Benshetler for delivering the pens, pencils, erasers, paper, notebooks, crayons and markers to the students of our adopted school, and thanks to all of our members who continue to nourish our students with donated supplies.

.....and a volunteer update: Principal Roslyn Sample-Green has designated the two school counselors who will help with setting up our online volunteer tutoring program.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact me for more information.

Harriet Gran  
215-206-1026  
hgranncjw@gmail.com





It was my good fortune to be able to show up at the Capitol in DC on September 14 for a Sho-test (Shofar Protest) led by NCJW and emceed by Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Speakers included Sheila Katz, NCJW CEO, and Rabbi Annie Lewis, formerly of Philadelphia and now leading a DC congregation.

Eleanor Levie



[Click to hear to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz. at the NCJW Shofar Protest in Washington.](#)



Eleanor Levie with Sheila Katz, CEO of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW),



Rabbis for Repro joined in blowing their shofars as a wake-up call to #ActForAbortionAccess.



## Getting To Know More About You

It's Autumn! We are finally cooling down and reaching for sweaters for those lower temps. A perfect time to feast our eyes on the work of our member and expert knitter, Joanne Stoloff. Listening to Joanne, one can hear how knitting goes beyond the personal satisfaction of creating something visually beautiful. Joanne's involvement with knitting has led to her sharing her skills. She developed knitting projects for her grandchildren's elementary school knitting club and she found friendship and community with others who shared her passion for knitting.

Joanne began knitting as a child. She was taught by her mother, who had emigrated from Austria. Her mother was determined to teach Joanne "the American way of knitting." She saw knitting as a lifelong venture. Joanne relates with a hint of amusement how her mother pressed her to learn to knit without looking, since in older age "you could lose your eyesight." 😊



This unique sweater was created with a yarn made of paper.



**Center City Book Group**

Thank you Adrienne for hosting and leading the discussion for our September meeting. We had a beautiful view of the water and a thoughtful, stimulating discussion of Amor Towles' book *The Lincoln Highway*.

Oct 12 *Honor* by Thrity Umrigar  
 Moderator: Etta Nissman  
 Fifth booster required for attendance.

Nov 9 *My Broken Language*  
 by Quiara Alegria Hudes  
 Moderator: Judy Podwil

Dec 14 *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro  
 Moderator: Joanne Stoloff

Jan 11 *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams  
 Moderator: Eleanor Levie

Center City residents interested in a book group contact Audrey Block. [ablock1919@comcast.net](mailto:ablock1919@comcast.net) or 215-688-0094

**Evening Book Club**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.  
*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles  
 Harriet Gran: Facilitator  
 Hostess: Nancy Fagan in her Sukkah.

RSVP to Nancy at 215-643-3215 or [nfaganmsw@gmail.com](mailto:nfaganmsw@gmail.com).

Thank you to Etta Nissman for facilitating the September meeting and thank you to Barb Auerbach for hosting. An added bonus was meeting on the deck of Barbara's lovely new home.

For more information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-740-7349 or [joansax@comcast.net](mailto:joansax@comcast.net)



**Afternoon Book Club**

Thank you to Stephanie Fenlon who was our moderator in September for [The Personal Librarian](#) by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher.

Oct 27 *People Love Dead Jews*  
 by: Dara Horn  
 Moderator: Madelyn Greenberg

Nov 17 *The Plot*  
 by: Jean Kanff Korelitz  
 Moderator: Eileen Davis

Dec 22 *Fresh Water for Flowers*  
 by: Valerie Perrin  
 Moderator: Maria Rosen

Jan 24 *Concealed*  
 by: Esther Amini  
 NCJW general meeting with author

For more information, contact Susan Brooks at 215-542-0712 or [seamcrazy@outlook.com](mailto:seamcrazy@outlook.com)

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CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE BOOK PAGE



The Evening Book Club banked on an outdoor luncheon and book discussion for our August meeting. We were rewarded with great weather, great food and a great discussion of the book *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel, facilitated by Charlotte Schwartz. Many thanks to our hostess, Joan Sax.

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Cindy Loewenstern    Karon Wendkos    Marlene Faye Pressman    Sylvia Mayover

Sandra Robbins    Joy Dubin    Phyllis Allen

As Membership co-Vice-Presidents, we welcome all to call with any questions.

Please contact Patti First (patal16@verizon.net) or Linda Abrams (lr.abrams@gmail.com).

We are delighted to send out membership packets to those wishing to become members or dues envelopes for current members.

Dues envelopes should be returned to Harriet Winokur, 732 Johns Lane, Ambler, PA 19002

Membership Dues: Annual \$45 (Be an Angel 🙇)\*

Please LIKE us on our Facebook page.

Search our full name "National Council Of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section."

\*For an additional \$10, you can achieve "angel" 🙇 status which increases the number of people we can assist.

### **A Spotlight On Our NCJW Section**

While the pandemic has limited our 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 the lack of other basic needs
- Donations to Dawn's Place helping sex trafficked survivors and abused women
- Donations to Mitzvah Circle to help needy families fill the gaps not covered by government assistance
- 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 frontline workers

Please check out our website [ncjwphiladelphia.org](http://ncjwphiladelphia.org) for our Bulletins, past and present, for program information and registration.

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN OR RENEW ONLINE**

## DO YOU WANT TO BE IN PICTURES?

When you are at an event, send a picture to Harriet (harrietandmal@gmail.com), who will publish it in the Bulletin.



REMEMBER.... THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE.

### 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.



**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. Click on the link below or call Aileen Salus 215-441-9339 or Linda Brosgol 215-672-2404 and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

**CLICK THIS LINK TO SPONSOR AN EVENT**

### 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 online tutoring and donation of warm jackets, school uniforms, and school supplies.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-206-1026 or email [hgranncjw@gmail.com](mailto:hgranncjw@gmail.com).

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

## Hello HAMEC Volunteers!

The Holocaust Awareness Museum and Educational Center is looking for volunteers to help in the office and as docents.

Contact Cindi Pasceri

[vpasce@gmail.com](mailto:vpasce@gmail.com) or (215) 205-0133



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Ann Pollock  
215-806-4068



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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