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March, 2023

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TWO
LUNCHEON FLYERS INSIDE



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11:30 – 2:30

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Stories that will elicit a laugh but which will also possess a difficult truth about the Jewish world.

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Lynette Medley, M.Ed

The founder of No More Secrets

No More Secrets serves women and girls who have no access to menstrual products because of poverty.

Learn more about the worthy causes we support while enjoying lunch with your friends and NCJW members!

**no more
secrets**
Mind Body Spirit Inc.

This weekend is Repro Shabbat!

Reproductive freedom is a Jewish value, and we're not going to back down.

Keep the momentum going with us, and bring Repro Shabbat to your community this February 17-18, 2023.

SEE THE DETAILS INSIDE

Each year, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section leadership is charged with appointing a nominating committee to recommend a slate of officers for our next fiscal year's Board. I have been selected to chair our nominating committee for this year. Therefore, I am asking members to let me know if any of you are specifically interested in being considered for our next Board or if you would like to recommend that another member be considered.

IF SO, PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN March 5th.

Email to Chaky@aol.com.

Char Kurland
215-805-3006

SAVE THE DATE IN MARCH

March 21, 2023
Keneseth Israel Synagogue
8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027
11:30 - 2:30

Rabbi Richard Steinbrink will present a program entitled

"I Take Jewish Humor Seriously"
Stories that will elicit a laugh but which will also possess a difficult truth
about the Jewish world.

Introductory presentation on HAMEC by Katie Lowe, Director of Programming and Collections at the museum.

Rabbi Richard Steinbrink is a native of Brooklyn, NY. He was ordained a Rabbi at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in NYC in 1961. He has served congregations in Red Bank, NJ; St. Louis, MO; Newburgh, NY; and Philadelphia. He has been President of the Delaware Valley Association of Reform Rabbis and the National Association of Retired Reform Rabbis. He served for over twenty years as the part-time Jewish Chaplain at Jefferson Hospital. He was also a member of the Youth Aid Panel of the office of the Philadelphia District Attorney for several years. He has been married to Diane for over 65 years and is the father of three children and the grandfather of five.

BOXED LUNCHEON FEE: \$25.00 for MEMBERS \$30.00 for GUESTS

REGISTER, SELECT YOUR LUNCH CHOICE AND PAY ONLINE

BEFORE MARCH 15, 2023

[BY CLICKING HERE](#)

**Questions -- Call Program-Education VPs -- Anita Shomer (215) 880-9992
or Rosalie Marcus (215) 512-5110**



**TO SIGN UP FOR THE MARCH 21 LUNCHEON
AND PAY BY MAIL**

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL WITH A CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION:

Mail to: **Margie Zukerman
5106 Meridian Blvd
Warrington, PA 18976**

THIS FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 15, 2023

NO WALK -INS

NCJW MEMBER NAME _____

Phone Number _____

Lunch Selection: **Choice of sandwich or salad with fruit salad and a cookie.**

_____ **Turkey with roasted peppers** _____ **Tuna with lettuce and tomato** _____ **Grilled Veggie**

_____ **Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad** _____ **Greek Salad with grilled chicken**

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Elkins Park, PA

APRIL 18, 2023

11:30 – 2:30

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Lynette Medley, M.Ed.

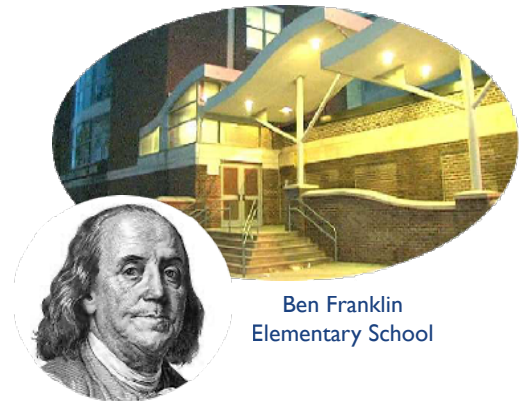
presenting

NO MORE SECRETS!



Lynette is a trailblazer in the fight against period poverty. Lynette is an expert in the area of gender justice, racial justice, reproductive justice, and menstrual justice. Lynette is the founder of No More Secrets, which serves women and girls who have no access to menstrual products because of poverty. She has also been fundamental in creating Menstrual Banks on HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) campuses and opened the nation's first Menstrual Hub in the PA area. Lynette created the only door-to-door feminine hygiene delivery service for persons living in poverty in the nation. The mission of No More Secrets is to decrease stigmas, silence, and secrecy around period poverty by increasing self-esteem, socialization, and self-love.

Introductory Presentations about Dawn's Place, Mitzvah Circle & Ben Franklin Elementary School.



Ben Franklin
Elementary School

We will be collecting menstrual hygiene supplies for No More Secrets. Please bring items such as pads; tampons; liners; menstrual cups; feminine wash and wipes.

Questions — Call Program-Education VPs — Anita Shomer (215) 880-9992 or Rosalie Marcus (215) 512-5110

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Feb 17, 2023

Repro Shabbat 2023/5783

Learn more and RSVP



This weekend is Repro Shabbat!

The following synagogues and organizations in our area have signed up to participate. Please find one near you and attend!

Beth David Reform Congregation - Gladwyne
Congregation Adath Jeshurun - Elkins Park
Congregation Kol Ami - Elkins Park
Congregation Rudolph Shalom - Philadelphia

Germantown Jewish Center- Philadelphia
Habonim Dror North America
Hillel at Drexel University - Philadelphia
Main Line Reform Temple - Wynnewood
Mishkan Shalom - Philadelphia
Tribe 12 - Philadelphia

If you are in Florida at present synagogues in the following areas have signed up: Boca Raton, Gainesville, Tampa, Jacksonville, Naples, Bradenton, Fort Lauderdale, Miami and St. Petersburg.

Contact Rhonda Mandel at Rhonda.mandel@gmail.com for more information.



National Council of Jewish Women

Abortion Access is A Matter of Economic Justice

For years, we have talked about abortion access as it relates to bodily autonomy and individual agency. We have talked about choice and about control over our reproductive health as an individual right. And it most certainly is that. But apart from an issue of human rights, access to abortion is an issue of *economic justice*. Women's participation and advancement in the workforce is key to creating a positive business environment and spurring economic growth. One critical factor in achieving workplace equality for women is to ensure access to the full range of reproductive health care, including contraception and abortion.

At NCJW, we have a three-pronged agenda this year that is consistent with our position in supporting the health and happiness of all people. Our three priorities are abortion access, voting rights, and economic justice. It is clear that all three are intrinsically connected.

Without the ability to elect officials who support our positions it will be much more difficult to move forward. And economic research indicates that abortion access profoundly affects women's lives by determining whether, when, and under what circumstances they become mothers. The resulting outcomes reverberate through their lives, affecting marriage patterns, educational achievement, labor force participation, and earnings.

For example,

Educational attainment. Access to abortion increases women's probability of graduating college by 72%. This effect is even larger for women of color whose chances of completing college increase 2 to 3-fold.

Earnings. Being able to delay motherhood by one year, with access to legal abortion, increased women's wages by 11% on average.

Labor force participation. Access to abortion improves a woman's availability for work, increasing the probability that she will work 40 or more weeks per year.

Professional occupational attainment. Access to abortion expands career opportunities, including the higher likelihood of attaining a professional role by almost 40%.

Financial security. In studies that compared women who wanted an abortion but who were unable to get one because they were just past the cut-off date with women who had an abortion in time, women who did not have an abortion subsequently were more likely to have financial problems. Being denied an abortion increased the amount of debt 30 days or more past due and increased negative outcomes such as bankruptcy and eviction by 81%.

Access to abortion not only shapes the economic future of pregnant women but also the economic circumstances that children grow up in. Abortion access reduced the number of children who were unwanted, reduced cases of child abuse and neglect, reduced the number of children who live in poverty, and improved long-run outcomes of an entire generation of children by increasing their likelihood of attending college and reducing their likelihood of living in poverty and receiving public assistance.

And what economic support do we provide for mothers who may have these unplanned pregnancies? Working mothers face a "motherhood wage penalty," earning lower wages than women who did not have a child.

Maternity leave may combat this penalty, as it allows women to return to their jobs following the birth of a child, thus encouraging them to remain attached to the labor force. However, the US only offers up to 12 weeks of UNPAID leave through the FMLA, which extends coverage to less than 60% of mothers. And even if a mother can return to work, childcare in the US is costly and often inaccessible.

Families with infants can expect to pay about \$11,000 a year for childcare, and subsidies are available to only 1 in 6 children that are eligible. Without a federal paid leave policy and access to affordable childcare, the US lacks the infrastructure to adequately support mothers, making the prospect of motherhood financially unworkable.

It's important to keep in mind that women who seek abortions tend to be low-income mothers experiencing disruptive life events:

- 49% are living below the poverty line
- 59% already have children
- 55% are experiencing a disruptive life event such as losing a job, breaking up with a partner or falling behind on rent.

Only about 1/3 of workers in the bottom decile of the wage distribution have access to paid sick leave (compared to 95% in the top decile).

People of color are particularly affected because of systemic inequalities in the American economy and in the health care system. Abortion access improves economic outcomes for women of color, particularly Black women, at a higher magnitude than for white women.

The need for accessible and affordable options for women, whether they choose to have a child or have an abortion could not be more critical. I strongly urge you to support legislation that increases a woman's right not only to *choice*, but to afford and access that choice.

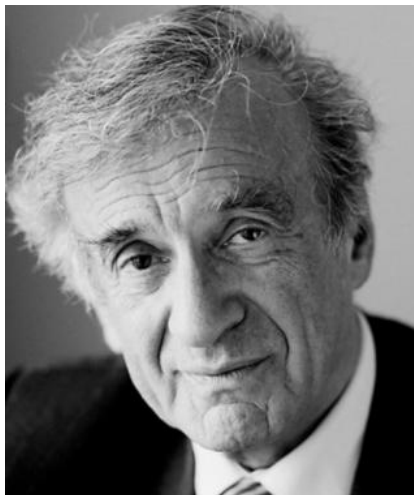
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Advocacy Alert!!

THREATS IN OUR OWN BACK YARD

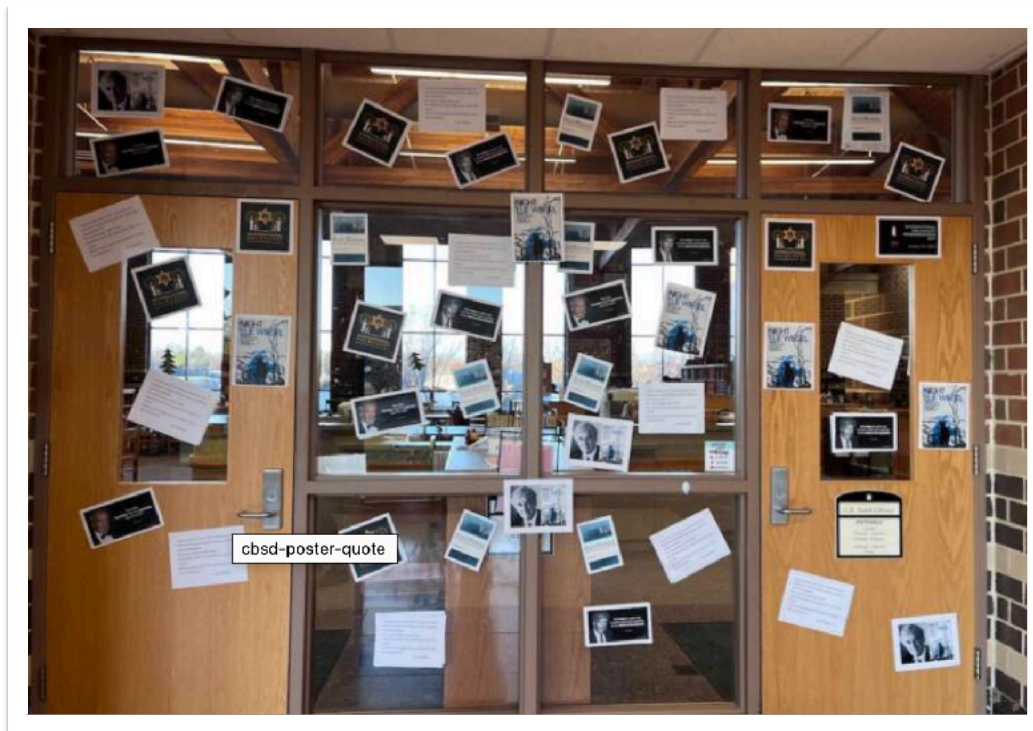
Central Bucks High School South Librarian, Matt Pecic, was ordered by the school's Principal to remove four posters with a quote from Elie Wiesel, Holocaust Survivor, peace activist and author. His daughter, a ninth grader in the school district had emailed the quote to her father saying "this quote reminds me of you". The order was made on the premise that the posters were in violation of Policy 321, a policy newly passed by the School Board which bans educators from advocacy activities. Members of the wider school community expressed their outrage on social media leading to the rescinding of the order. Below is a picture of the posters Mr. Pecic restored to the library in addition to adding many more.



"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

– Elie Wiesel

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HistoryByZim.com



Despite a federal investigation into Central Bucks' censoring classroom decor and discussions, Policy 321 remains intact. In our own communities, we must be prepared to speak out against injustices such as those occurring in Bucks County.

MLK DAY AT NGA

A few years ago, in the Before Times, we volunteered at NGA. It was a wonderful experience and we planned to make NGA part of our Community Service rotation. A few weeks later, the world closed down and the only way we supported NGA was granting them money. This year we were able to volunteer and are making plans to go there once a month to volunteer.

Unlike Mitzvah Circle, NGA only provides new clothing to clients. The belief is that with new clothing, a sense of value and self-esteem is created. Many companies send them their over runs. Bombas donates hundreds of new socks. When we are there, we tag the clothing and sort it by size.

NGA is located in Warminster, very close to Costco. It is a very pleasant environment to work in. If you are interested, we will be volunteering there the third Monday of each month. Please call or text Sherry Kohn-Eisman at 215-208-0550 if you would like to do a great mitzvah once a month. I can also make other days work if necessary.



Back row LtoR, Michael Eisman, Cari Canter, Haviva Canter, Ellen Mirbach, Bob Winthrop, Rosalie Marcus, Jerry Shomer

Front row: Shoshana Canter, Pearl Tragash, Margie Zukerman, Anita Shomer, Sherry Kohn

Photo by Gerri Greene

Condolences to:

Our member, Evelyn Goldhammer, on the loss of her husband, Joel.

Our member, Rhoda Rosenfeld on the loss of her husband, Howard.



Did you miss Esther Amini's conversation with our Section about her book, *Concealed*? Click here to see it on our Zoom videos page.

SUPPLY COLLECTIONS AT OUR MARCH MEETING

We'll be collecting supplies for all of our great causes at our luncheon on Tuesday, March 21. Please contribute!

Requested items:

No More Secrets -- period supplies and hotel-size toiletries

Dawn's Place -- paper goods (especially 1-ply toilet paper), cleaning products

Mitzvah Circle -- clothes, toys, NEW socks/underwear

Franklin Elementary -- copy paper and other school supplies

Thanks so much for supporting this effort!



Pearl Tragash with the February Collection Crew, Lynne Jacobs, collecting for Dawn's Place, Sherry Kohn Eisman collecting for Mitzvah Circle, and Gerrie Greene, collecting for No More Secrets.

UPDATE! Paying 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 over 750 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.

Wendy Rader and Faye Benshetler
Co-VPs Community Service





National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section
(215) 302-3586
ncjwphiladelphia.org

February 6, 2023

World Central Kitchen
Attn: Donor Services Team
200 Massachusetts Ave. NW
7th Floor
Washington, DC 20001

In response to the current needs of the Ukrainian refugees, and in support of feeding the needy throughout the world, the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section is pleased to send you \$500 to be used to support your programs.

For 129 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,

Faye Benshetler and Wendy Rader
Co-Vice Presidents, Community Services

Enclosure

Cc: Pearl Tragash, Treasurer

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February 6, 2023

Friends of JCC Krakow
74 Lafayette Ave., Suite 101
Suffern, NY 10901

In response to the current needs of the Ukrainian refugees, and in support of the Jewish community of Krakow, the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section is pleased to send you \$500 to be used to support your programs.

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WE'RE GETTING OUT TO THEATER



Hidden

The Musical



Sunday, March 12th at 2PM

Presented by HAMEC, Women of KI, Adult Education, Meyers Library, & the Temple Judea Museum

Tickets: \$20 (in advance) or \$25 (at the door). [RSVP HERE!](#)

Checks payable to HAMEC ~ mailed to KI, 8339 Old York Rd. Elkins Park, PA 19027.

Hidden is a musical written by David & Jenny Heitler-Klevans based on the true story of Ruth Kapp Hartz, who as a young Jewish girl was hidden in Southern France during World War II. Ruth will talk about her experiences and introduce the program. David & Jenny will perform songs from the musical, joined by Hope Wesley Harrison and Justin Solonyka of Acoustic Blender.



CLICK ME FOR
MORE INFO

Summer Theater Trip to People's Light in Malvern

LETTIE

by Boo Killebrew

Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 2 p.m.

In this "airtight masterpiece," (*Chicago Reader*) Lettie is newly released from prison and eager to regain custody of her teenage children. Hailed by *Variety* as "over-the-top superb," Boo Killebrew's powerful, moving, and surprisingly funny play follows the heartbreak and hope of a family trying to mend amid harsh realities.

Tickets: \$39.

We will arrange carpools to get there and plan to have lunch first at a nearby restaurant. Friends are welcome!

Please let Lynne Jacobs know by March 17 if you want a ticket, so she will know how many to reserve, and feel free to contact her with questions. ljacobs816@gmail.com



Please mail your check to arrive by April 5.

Pearl Tragash, Treasurer
4331 Meridian Blvd
Warrington, PA 18976



People's
Light

BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, February 23

Dear Edward by: Ann Napolitano
Moderator: Anita Shomer

Thursday, March 23

Fresh Water for Flowers
by: Valerie Perrin
Moderator: Maria Rosen

Thursday, April 27

Where the Children Take Us
By: Zain Asher
Moderator: Susan Brooks

Thursday, May 25

Black Cake
by: Charmaine Wilkerson
Moderator: Sandy Fryer

Thursday, June 22

How to Find Your Way in the Dark
By: Derek Miller
Moderator: Patti First

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

Center City Book Group

Wednesday, March 8th, 7 p.m. on Zoom
The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams
Leader: Eleanor Levie

Thank you Faith Edelman for your wonderful presentation of *The Personal Librarian* by Mary Benedict and to Etta Nissman for hosting.

Center City residents interested in a book group contact Audrey Block.
ablock1919@comcast.net or 215-688-0094

With a couple of clicks, you can have books delivered from Amazon to your Kindle.



[CLICK HERE TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE BOOK PAGE](#)

Suburban Book Club

Tuesday, February 21 *How to Find Your Way in the Dark* by: Derek Miller
Facilitator...Rebeca Landau
Zoom Meeting 7:30 PM

Tuesday, March 14 *The Nature of Fragile Things* by: Susan Meissner

For more information about the Evening Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-740-7349 or joansax@comcast.net.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Merle Savedow Sally Alsher Susan Sussman

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 \$55 😇)*

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
- Donations to NO MORE SECRETS to assist young girls and women who suffer from menstrual product insecurity.

Please check out our website 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. Volunteers can now elect to tutor at the school or opt for planned online tutoring depending on their individual concerns with health concerns related to Covid.

Please call Harriet Gran at 215-206-1026 or email hgranncjw@gmail.com.

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

A BIT OF NCJW HISTORY

Founding and Early Years

The NCJW's dominant guiding force was represented by its founder, [Hannah G. Solomon](#). Solomon, who served as the organization's first president, was a quintessential American clubwoman. Married to a businessman, she was financially well off, leaving her with free time to serve in civic organizations. She believed that with status came the responsibility to serve and care for her community, from supporting the arts to serving the needy. Occasionally that meant engaging in activities that seemed to stretch the boundaries of "proper" womanhood such as entering politics. In fact, NCJW would prove to be an important political training ground for dozens of political appointees. The most famous was arguably [Belle Moskowitz](#), who served in the administration of New York governor Alfred Smith.

But such forays into politics were always justified as extensions of motherhood, an ideology now termed by scholars "domestic feminism." Clubwomen believed in a modest form of women's rights, including woman suffrage, but they justified those rights not as the logical outcome of equal citizenry but as necessary to carry out their traditional duties as wives and mothers.

Clubwomen were the greatest influence in the NCJW's early years, with some groups simply transforming themselves from literary or sewing circles into NCJW sections. However, also among the founders was a second group that formed an influential minority. Typified by the woman who made the call to organize at the founding convention, [Sadie American](#), and the woman who reportedly suggested the organization's name, Julia Felsenthal (daughter of renowned Reform rabbi Bernard Felsenthal), these women were somewhat younger than their clubwomen counterparts. They were also single, and many worked as social workers. Where clubwomen raised money for settlement houses and occasionally conducted programs there, these women staffed settlement houses. For the social workers, belonging to a sewing club or literary circle, even one that substituted Jewish topics for secular ones, was not enough. They steered the organization toward a more active role in the immigrant Jewish community, with emphasis on conducting programs for "clients" rather than on implementing programs for members.

Where the two factions came together was in their commitment to social justice, the preservation of Judaism and the Jewish community in the United States, and a vision of religion that combined the two. Together they made a formidable team—one group with the capacity to raise needed funds (including women from such wealthy and influential families as the deBeerses, the Sulzbergers, and the Harts), and the other with the experience and energy to design and implement the programs for immigrants that would come to be the core of NCJW's organizational identity.



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 or (215) 205-0133



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.

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

NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section 2022-2023

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5	6	7	8 Center City Book Club	9	10	11
12	13	14 BOARD MEETING 1 p.m. Suburban Book Club	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 LUNCHEON PROGRAM WITH RABBI STEINBRINK	22	23 Afternoon Book Club	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	