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April, 2023

129 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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PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON

April 18, 2023

Keneseth Israel Synagogue

11:30 – 2:30

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!

SUPPORT LEGISLATORS EFFORTS IN PA TO STRENGTHEN LAWS INTENDED TO MINIMIZE GUN VIOLENCE.

While mass shootings terrify and traumatize us, vastly more Pennsylvanians die each month by firearm suicide. Suicide by firearm is responsible for most gun deaths, and more than 900 Pennsylvanians die each year by firearm suicide.

That's why State Rep. Jennifer O'Mara was inspired to introduce a bill to establish the use of Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs) in PA: she lost her own father to firearm suicide. An order like this would prevent anyone who is a danger to themselves or others from possessing a gun.

Pennsylvania remains one of the states that does not require the reporting of missing weapons. Legislation that would require reporting of lost and/or stolen guns could stop this deadly trajectory and save lives. We need this in PA, where on average, 21 guns go missing every single day.

Help us save lives: Take action to send an [email to your legislators asking them to co-sponsor both the ERPO bill and the bill to require reporting of lost or stolen guns](#). Even better: follow-up with a [phone call to your state legislators](#).

Click the links in orange. You'll be able to identify your state rep and compose your email.

Register for Lunch and our April Program

Join us to learn more about the worthy causes we support while enjoying lunch with your friends and NCJW members!



Keneseth Israel Synagogue
8339 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA
APRIL 18, 2023
11:30 – 2:30

**Keynote speaker will be
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.

BOXED LUNCHEON FEE: \$25.00 for MEMBERS \$30.00 for GUESTS
REGISTER, SELECT YOU LUNCH CHOICE AND PAY ONLINE
BEFORE APRIL 11, 2023
[BY CLICKING HERE](#)

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

PLEASE BRING SUPPLY DONATIONS TO THE LUNCHEON ON TUESDAY

Requested items:

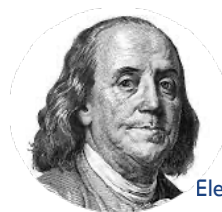
No More Secrets -- period supplies and hotel-size toiletries

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!



Ben Franklin
Elementary School



**TO SIGN UP FOR THE APRIL 18 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 APRIL 11, 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

_____ I prefer to register without lunch. I am making a contribution in appreciation of the program.

GUEST NAME _____

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

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SAVE THE DATE
NCJW CLOSING LUNCHEON
JUNE 6, 2023
Spring Mill Country Club
Delicious Lunch &
Looking Fabulous Fashion Show



MODELS NEEDED FOR OUR CLOSING LUNCHEON
LOOKING FABULOUS FASHION SHOW!

We need 10-12 volunteers to model fashions at the
Closing Luncheon

June 6, 2023 at Spring Mill Country Club.

All sizes and ages welcome to participate.

Fashions provided Scarlet Begonias.

You will need to get fitted 7-10 days before the event.

Models will get a small discount on the clothing they wear.

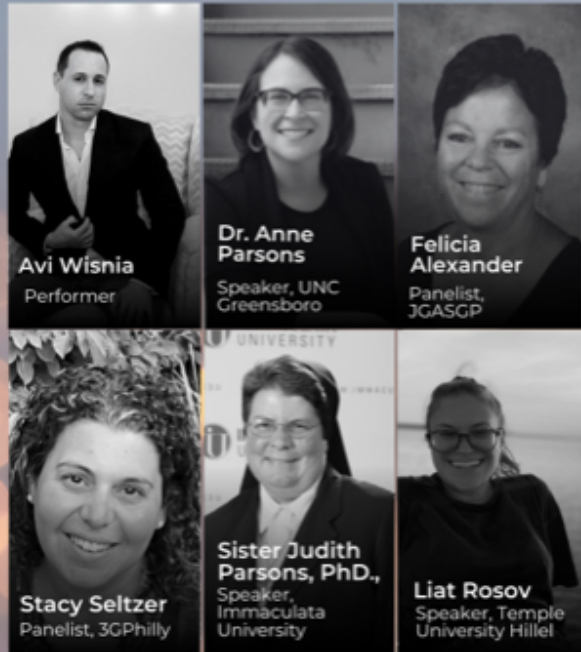
Interested? Send an email to Rosalie Marcus at rosemarcus26@gmail.com or
215-512-5110

REMEMBRANCE IS RESISTANCE

April 18th, 2023, 6:00PM

Rodeph Shalom

615 N Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123



Avi Wisnia
Performer

Dr. Anne Parsons
Speaker, UNC Greensboro

Felicia Alexander
Panelist, JGASGP

Stacy Seltzer
Panelist, 3GPhilly

Sister Judith Parsons, PhD,
Speaker, Immaculata University

Liat Rosov
Speaker, Temple University Hillel

Tickets available on a sliding scale of
\$1 - \$20



PHILADELPHIA HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE FOUNDATION



EVENT:

Title: Remembrance is Resistance

Where: Rodeph Shalom, 615 N Broad Street, Philadelphia PA 19123

When: Tuesday, April 18th, 6PM - 7:30PM

Tickets: Sliding scale of \$1 - \$20

Ticket Purchase Link: <https://hamec.org/event/remembrance-is-resistance/>

Event Description:

This Yom HaShoah, HAMEC presents Remembrance is Resistance, an open discussion about Holocaust resistance and how modern remembrance is a form of resistance against antisemitism. The evening will include brief talks by Dr. Anne Parsons (UNC Greensboro) and Sister Judith Kathryn Parsons, PhD (Immaculata University) and a panel featuring Stacy Seltzer (3GPhilly), Felicia Alexander (Jewish Genealogical and Archival Society of Greater Philadelphia), and Liat Rosov (Temple University Hillel). Stick around after the panel for audience Q&A and a performance by Avi Wisnia. Light refreshments will be provided. Tickets are limited and on sale until 4/10/2023 at 11:59PM.



Sherry Kohn Eisman and Carol Stein volunteering at NGA (National Giving Alliance). We would love to see more of our women. We go in the third Monday of the month. Please contact Sherry at 215-208-0550



The look of delight on the faces of Richard and Diane Steinbrink was clearly a reflection of the enjoyment of our members with the program on Jewish Humor by Rabbi Steinbrink.

HOLOCAUST STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST SPRINGS INTO ACTION

This year's Holocaust Essay Contest, led by member Rabbi Fredi Cooper, has been set into motion. Participating schools include Upper Dublin School District, Philadelphia Charter Community School, and Germantown Friends School. Middle school students' essays are due the first week of May and winning essays will be reviewed and judged by May 18. Winning essays will be published in our June NCJW Bulletin.

Holocaust remembrance has always been important and even more so with the increase of anti-semitic actions and with book bans. You can make a difference by supporting our NCJW Section's Holocaust Essay Program as a volunteer reader. You can join our current volunteer group by contacting me at 215-206-1026 or at hpgran68@gmail.com.
Harriet Gran

An interesting note: One of our volunteer readers, Paula Burstyn Goldberg, became an NCJW member after learning about NCJW when, six years ago, her grandchild, now in college, was a top Holocaust Essay Winner.

Sign up for Summer Theater Trip to People's Light in Malvern to see

LETTIE
by Boo Killebrew

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 2 PM

Tickets: \$39.

"An extraordinary
portrait of second
chances"

—Chicago Sun-Times



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.

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

Friends are welcome!

Please mail your check to arrive by April 5 to:

Pearl Tragash, Treasurer
4331 Meridian Blvd
Warrington, PA 18976

A BIT OF NCJW HISTORY

National Council of Jewish Women

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) pioneered the establishment of birth control clinics, usually referred to as Mother's Health Bureaus, during the 1920s and 1930s. NCJW's activities had always centered family-based care, and by emphasizing the woman's role in her home and with her family, the Council contributed its values and influence to the birth control movement.

In 1932 NCJW's Brooklyn section opened a new Maternal Health Center. Throughout the 1930s the Brooklyn chapter of NCJW supplied funds and volunteers for the Center, which expanded to include three clinics. By the fall of 1946, the Brooklyn Mothers' Health Clinic combined its services with Brooklyn's Planned Parenthood chapter, and in 1947 the clinic handled 3,500 cases. In 1955 the Brooklyn section of NCJW gave full responsibility for the clinic to the newly formed Planned Parenthood Committee of Brooklyn.

NCJW's New York section opened a Mother's Health Bureau at its Council House in the Bronx in 1930 or 1931. Early on, the NCJW struggled to keep the busy clinic staffed and stocked, as doctors, nurses, and volunteers handled a deluge of clients. Affiliated with Sanger's American Birth Control League, the Bronx clinic assisted approximately 500 patients in 1935.

See Also:

Encyclopedia: Birth Control Movement in the United States: 1912-1960

Jewish women's organizations also established clinics in the Midwest. NCJW's Detroit section opened a Mother's Health Clinic in the late 1920s, the first birth control clinic outside of New York and Chicago. Chicago Women's Aid (CWA) began in 1882 as the Young Ladies Aid Society to assist Russian immigrants and had a mainly Jewish membership throughout its existence. CWA opened a birth control clinic in 1923 and collaborated with Planned Parenthood from 1928 to 1947.

Ultimately, Jewish women served unusually frequently as the public face of birth control clinics across the country, alongside their coreligionists working as activists, professionals, and researchers. As Melissa Klapper* explains in *Ballots, Babies, and Banners of Peace*, "These Jewish women directed clinics, promoted sex hygiene and often marriage counseling in their communities, advocated for relaxation of anti-birth control statutes in their states, wrote books about contraception, worked to overturn restrictive legislation, advised policy makers, and, most importantly, served as the human face of the movement for many thousands of women."

[*Click here to watch Melissa Klapper's Zoom Presentation on Jewish Women and Suffrage.](#)

National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section
October 13, 2020
Jewish Women & Suffrage Zoom
Program



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

March 21, 2023

Doctors Without Borders, USA
PO Box 5030
Hagerstown, Md 21741

In response to the current needs of Turkish and Syrian communities that were devastated by the recent earthquake, 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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March 21, 2023

Entertainment Industry Foundation
PO Box 845346
Los Angeles, CA 90084-5346

In response to the current needs of the Ukrainian refugees, the National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section is pleased to send you \$500 to be used to support the Ukraine Children's Action Project.

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BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club 1:30 p.m.

Thank you to Anita Shomer for moderating our February discussion of *Dear Edward* by Ann Napolitano.

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

Wednesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Horse by Geraldine Brooks.

Thank you to Etta Nissman for leading a compelling discussion of "The Nature of Fragile Things" at our March meeting and to Susan Horwitz for her gracious hosting.

RSVP to Joan Sax at 215-740-7263 or joansax@comcast.net. For more information about the Suburban Book Club, contact Joan Sax

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sharon Kestenbaum Vivian Goldenberg
Sandy Goldberg Harriet Levine Roberta Brenner

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.

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

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