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May, 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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Closing Luncheon
Fashion Show
and
Installation of New Officers

Tuesday, June 6
Spring Mill Country Club

Join us. See the flyer inside

**YOU CAN'T VOTE
FOR A JUDGE ON THE SUPREME COURT!**

**YOU CAN VOTE
FOR JUDGES ON PENNSYLVANIA'S COURTS!**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

VOTE ON MAY 16th

Details inside.

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National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

**Closing Luncheon and Installation of Officers
Featuring- Looking Fabulous Fashion Show!**

Join your NCJW friends for a delicious lunch and fabulous fashion show. Clothing modeled by our NCJW Members! You'll come away with ideas for always looking fabulous!

**Spring Mill County Club,
80 Jacksonville Road, Ivyland, PA 18974
June 6, 2023 -11:00 -3:00**

Fashions by Scarlet Begonias, Flourtown,
a boutique with emphasis on American Made and Canadian Clothing



**A mini boutique will be set up at the event,
15% of sales made that day will be donated to NCJW.
Luncheon Fee: \$60 for Members \$65.00 For Guests**

Your 2022-23 Membership Dues must be paid to attend this event.

You can register online or by mail. Your event registration and payment must be received by May 26th

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

Choose your lunch and indicate your seating preferences

**If registering by mail, please send this form and payment to:
Margie Zukerman, 5106 Meridian Blvd, Warrington, PA 18976
by May 26th.**

Member Name _____

Lunch Choice: Chicken Marsala Penne Pasta Primavera Salmon with Lemon Dill

If possible, I would like to be seated with:

Guest Name _____

Lunch Choice: Chicken Marsala Penne Pasta Primavera Salmon with Lemon Dill

If possible, I would like to be seated with -

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

Donation Tables will be available for donations to Mitzvah Circle, Dawns Place, Ben Franklin School and No More Secrets

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 by 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



**PLEASE BRING SUPPLY DONATIONS
TO THE CLOSING LUNCHEON**

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

Thanks so much for supporting this effort!



Pennsylvania's 2023 Primary Election on May 16th

Choosing Judges for State and Local Courts and Local Officials Who Will Govern Your Communities

Important Deadlines:

- PA deadline to register to vote: May 1, 2023
- PA deadline to request a mail-in ballot: May 9, 2023
- PA Primary Election Day: May 16, 2023

In the primary election on May 16th, 2023, Pennsylvanians will be asked to choose their party's nominees for judges to serve on the state Supreme Court, Superior Court, and Commonwealth Court. The judges and justices who serve on these courts make extremely important decisions regarding voting rules, redistricting, the criminal justice system, and more. Many policy disputes between the governor and legislature end up being litigated by this part of the judicial branch.

Since the death of Chief Justice Max Baer, the state Supreme Court is made up of four Democrat and two Republican justices. The seventh Justice, who will be elected in November, can play a role in the composition of the court over the next several years, since these are ten-year appointments, unlike the lifetime appointments in the federal Supreme Court.

On a more local level Common Pleas Court and magisterial district judge candidates will be chosen, as well as local officials involved in governance of municipalities, including mayors, county commissions, city council members, and school boards. These elected officials can have a major impact on the quality of life of the community. In the last few years school board decisions have garnered local and national attention, playing a major role in banning books in classrooms and school libraries, and tweaking the school curriculum, often ignoring the desires of other parents and students. So local elections are important!

The state's primaries are closed, meaning only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote for candidates during these spring contests. However, unaffiliated and third-party voters can vote on ballot questions, other referendums, and special elections during a primary.

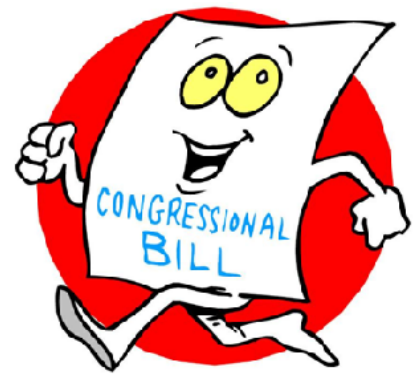
You can read about the state Supreme Court, and information about the candidates running at:
<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2023/03/pa-election-primary-2023-supreme-court-candidates/>

You can read about the candidates for the Commonwealth and Superior Courts at:
<https://www.spotlightpa.org/news/2023/03/pa-election-primary-2023-commonwealth-superior-court-candidates/>

For updated information about the election in general [Spotlightpa.org](https://www.spotlightpa.org) is an excellent resource.

Go to <https://www.vote411.org> to find out what will be on your ballot, determined by your address, in addition to the candidates for statewide judicial elections. Important information about each candidate is also provided. As of April 10th, this site did not have all the offices for my location. As the local voting office makes the ballots available, the information becomes accessible on the vote411 site.

Contributed by Barbara Hoffman, co-Pennsylvania Policy Advocate



Legislators in PA are taking action to strengthen laws intended to minimize gun violence.

We can help get this done.

1. A bill to establish the use of *Extreme Risk Protection Orders* (ERPOs) in PA has been introduced in the PA state legislature. This would prevent anyone who is a danger to themselves or others from possessing a gun.
2. 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 to activate the links in orange. You'll be able to identify your state rep and compose your email.



Rhonda Mandel and Lynne Jacobs recently met with their new State Representative, Tarik Khan, to let him know about the issues NCJW is following in PA.

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:
Pearl Tragash, Treasurer
4331 Meridian Blvd
Warrington, PA 18976

**You must let Lynne Jacobs know by April 30 if you plan to attend.
ljacobs816@gmail.com**

A BIT OF NCJW HISTORY

Early Years

The National Council of Jewish Women was founded at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Under the auspices of the World Parliament of Religion, Hannah Solomon, a prominent Jewish Chicago clubwoman, organized the Jewish Woman's Congress. Circular letters were sent to large cities, asking Jewish women to hold local mass meetings electing delegates to meetings in Chicago convening on September 4, 1893. At these larger meetings, upon hearing papers and speeches by Jewish women, attendees formed the National Council of Jewish Women with the intent to promote religion, philanthropy, and education.

Delegates did not delay in translating the energy from the Jewish Women's Congress into the formation of local Council Sections. Synagogue sisterhoods had not yet emerged as regular features of American synagogues. An attempt in May of 1894, led by Minnie D. Louis, produced dissension between Orthodox and Reform women and prevented the successful organization of the New York Section. It wasn't until November 1894 that a group of 120 Jewish women formed the New York Section, and Rebekah Kohut, widow of Rabbi Alexander Kohut, with both Conservative and progressive ties, became its first president. Other leading women included Julia Richman, Esther S. Ruskay, Mrs. Frederick Nathan, Sarah Lyons, Minnie Isaacs, Dinah Gitterman, and Mrs. David L. Leventritt. Kohut noted, "The Council brought every sort of personality into its fold, people of the aggressive organizing type, of the modest retiring sort, women who were lukewarm about their religion, women who were intensely religious, members of the old families, and some of the latest comers to America." Kohut worked especially to develop collaboration among the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform women who agreed to meet on the common ground of social service. New York Section hosted the National Council's first convention, November 15-19, 1896, attended by 250 members. Having been recently absent from Section affairs due to family needs, Kohut welcomed National Council but then resigned as New York Section president, believing in the rotation of office and wanting to devote more time to study.

AND A BIT OF HUMOR

Two patients limp into two different medical clinics with the same complaint. Both have trouble walking and appear to require a hip replacement.

The **FIRST** patient is examined within the hour, is x-rayed the same day and has a time booked for surgery the following week.

The **SECOND** sees his family doctor after waiting 3 weeks for an appointment, then waits 8 weeks to see a specialist, then gets an x-ray, which isn't reviewed for another week and finally has his surgery scheduled for 6 months from then.

Why the different treatment for the two patients?

The **FIRST** is a Golden Retriever.
The **SECOND** is a Senior Citizen.
Next time, go see a vet.



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, 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, May 10, 7 p.m.

Sam by Allegra Goodman

Leader: Audrey Block

Thank you to Phyllis Barsky for an interesting and provocative discussion of *This is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel at our April meeting

Interested in joining - call Audrey Block. 215-688-0094
ablock1919@comcast.net

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, May 17 at 1:00 p.m.

Horse by Geraldine Brooks.

Wednesday, June 14 at 1:00 p.m.

The Personal Librarian

by Marie Benedict

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

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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21	22	23	24	25 AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB 1:30 p.m.	26	27
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