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National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section

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Bulletin



NCJW Closing Luncheon
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
11:00 a.m.

Philmont Country Club.

Our Guest Speaker is well-known columnist Sally Friedman

Please respond promptly
to the flyer inside

“TURNING THE TABLES”

It has been a while since our section has given a grant for one of our NCJW Israel Programs and this year we decided to do so. National has informed us that what we have given will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous donor.

“NCJW grants are aimed to directly impact the grantees’ efforts to improve Israeli society – namely through women’s empowerment.” We have asked that our contribution be designated for a project called *Turning The Tables*, a program which provides economic and professional empowerment to women who exit the destructive cycle of sex traffic and prostitution. The mission of *Turning the Tables* is to provide vocational training, to develop self-worth, and promote alternative livelihood opportunities.”

Women who are trying to exit this destructive cycle are often seen as criminals but they are really victims of the crime of sex trafficking who have been entrapped into a vicious form of modern day slavery.

Remember we were slaves in Egypt are the words we all recite during the Passover Seder. Unfortunately, human trafficking throughout the world – a \$32 billion dollar industry is a modern day form of slavery. In the United States, sex trafficking of women and children is growing at an alarming rate. NCJW has been trying to raise awareness of this terrible situation and is working to facilitate change by speaking out. I urge you to call your representatives and senators and tell them to pass the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, that will provide block grants to help states and local governments implement programs to train law enforcement to (1) rescue the victims (2) prosecute sex traffickers and (3) restore the lives of the victims.

Sandy Fryer

President's Message

Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972) once said, "When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people."

As NCJW members we are committed to performing gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness in our community). Our board is also committed to extending kindness to every member of our section but with over 350 members, it's difficult to keep up with everyone. If you hear of someone who has suffered a loss, is ill or is celebrating a simcha we would like to know in order to reach out and acknowledge her in some way as long as this is within her comfort level. So please let us know as long as you have asked the person if she is comfortable with your doing so.

In addition, if you see someone at a meeting who seems to be alone, please go over and speak with that person. We all need to be personal emissaries to help everyone feel welcome. Also, let me and next year's membership Vice Presidents (Judy Fried, Wendy Rader, and Rita Pruzan) know if we need to reach out to someone who does not know many other members.

We want the spirit of Gemilut Hasadim to permeate every level of who we are and what we do.

Sandy Fryer

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015

President	Sandy Fryer	Fund raising VP	Sherry Zlotnikoff
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	Rita Pruzan	Recording Secretary	Lynne Jacobs
PACS VP	Sherry Kohn, Maxine Stutman	Corresponding Secretary	Bobbie Berman
(Public Affairs Community Service)			

NCJW is continuing to fund grants to deserving people and organizations. If you have a proposal or wish details about this project, e-mail lady-diane@comcast.net

Diane Plotnick, Grant Chairperson

National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and by safeguarding individual rights.

We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our web site is www.NCJW.org

We can have an important voice in promoting social change. Go to www.NCJW.org and click on "Take Action" and follow the directs. By signing up you will receive emails asking for Action from you. Also, to find out what is happening in our fair city, go to JewishPhilly.org and <http://blog.pjvoice.com/> Become a friend on Facebook by going to National Council of Jewish Women Greater Philadelphia Section...for updates and photos of what's happening. Any questions or additions, please contact Judy Fried.

Public Affairs Community Service (PACS)

NCJW Facilitators

Several members of NCJW are currently volunteering with the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center (HAMEC), located at the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Center in Northeast Philadelphia. Several of our members serve as facilitators for a most important living history project. This project gives students the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust through direct testimony of both survivors and liberators who were eyewitness to one of the world's most horrific periods in history.

Our NCW facilitators drive survivors and liberators to schools, introduce them and promote thoughtful dialogue between the audience and the survivors and liberators. The audience can listen to the personal stories of this human tragedy first hand, and take responsibility for promoting tolerance in their own lives. This program ensures that the Holocaust is not forgotten, and that hopefully the students will become the storytellers for future generations.

A special thanks to all those who have volunteered this year:

Linda Lempert and her husband, Spence, and Linda Butler and her husband, Howard, have acted as facilitators driving Holocaust survivors to and from the schools where they speak to the students.

Barbara Katz Auerbach, Sherry Zlotnikoff, Sherry Kohn, Rita Pruzan and Judy Fried volunteered at programs given by the Holocaust Awareness Museum at the JCC.

HAMEC is on Facebook, Twitter and has a webpage at www.holocaustawarenessmuseum.org.

Linda Butler with Holocaust survivor and school students.

139 students from 5 local schools along with 20 survivors attended this special Program luncheon at the Klein Branch of the Jewish Community Center.



Chuck Feldman, President Of Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center with Sherry Zlotnikoff, Sherry Kohn and Linda Lempert.

Linda Butler, Howard Butler and Spencer Lempert attended but are not pictured here.

Ruth Hartz..our NCJW member, tells her story to students and adults around the country. She is a board member of the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center in Philadelphia at the JCC Klein Branch



Ruth Kapp Hartz was a four year old, hidden during the Holocaust in southern France. During that time she had to change her name to Renee to hide her Jewish identity.

In addition to being sheltered by an ordinary French farm family, she spent six months in a small Catholic convent to avoid capture by both the Vichy French Police and the Gestapo. When informants told the authorities that the nuns were hiding Jewish children, the Mother Superior was forced to lie to keep Ruth and the other children safe. Only the Mother Superior knew that the children were Jewish. The other nuns thought they were just orphans. Ruth remembers that the convent had blue windows so authorities could not see inside, and the chapel had a trap door where the children would hide when hunted.

Through unusual good fortune, Ruth and her parents survived the war and returned to Paris shortly thereafter. Ruth eventually graduated from the Sorbonne University with a degree in Biochemistry. In 1958, she came to the United States where she married and raised a family. She became a teacher of French language, literature and culture at the Springside School in Philadelphia where she worked for 22 years.

In 1999 she published her childhood memoir, *Your Name is Renée*, and in 2005, a French translation, *Tu t'appelles Renée*. She is also the director and producer of "A Legacy of Goodness," a DVD about her rescuers.

Holocaust Essays

We have received over 150 essays from the Springfield Township Middle School which our committee is currently reading and evaluating. The students read the books or saw the following movies: *Cage*, *Boys Who Fought the Nazis*, *Teenager's Experience*, *The Heart of Irena Sendler*, *Miracle at Midnight*, *Paperclips* and *Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust*. It is so important that these children understand what happened and that hatred and prejudice can destroy millions of lives.

Evelyn Goldhammer



Pictured here at the Holocaust Memorial on April 27, 2014 are Helene Daniel, Rhena Kelsen, Zelda Stern, and Evelyn Goldhammer. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the monument to the six million Jewish Martyrs of the Holocaust which stands at 16th and the Parkway. Our NCJW section participated by laying a wreath at the foot of the monument along with many other Jewish organizations in the city.

Our Raffle Fundraiser

By now you should have received your raffle booklets. If you have not already done so, please send in your stubs and your checks made out to NCJW to Adrienne Feuer, 1730 Cloverly Lane Rydal PA 19046-1408.

The money realized from this effort allows us to provide scholarships for children to attend summer camp; funds for victims of domestic violence and their families; and school supplies for several Philadelphia public schools. These are but a few of our projects.

For additional raffle books, please contact me at 215-576-5237 or rkelsen@comcast.net.

Thank you for your support.
Rhena Kelsen

Book Clubs

Center City Book Club

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7 p.m.
The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce
Hosted by Joyce Krasnoff
The Wellington-#911
135 S 19th St.
215-640-0280
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To be led by Susan Levin

Regrets only to the hostess.
We are collecting suggestions for next year's reading. Please send recommendations to Susan Levin with the title, author and a brief synopsis of the book by Sunday, June 8.



Daytime Book Group

Thursday, May 22
Secret Daughter
by Shilipi Somaya Gowda
Please contact Dina Levin at
215 643-0432 to RSVP.

Thursday, June 26
What Alice Forgot
by Liane Moriarty
Please RSVP to Sue Leon at
215 653-0773 or sueleon40@yahoo.com

Evening Book Club

Tuesday, JUNE 24
The Interestings
by Meg Wolitzer
Hostess...Joan Sax
Facilitator: Faith Edelman

Tuesday, July 22
The Woman Upstairs
by Claire Messud
Hostess...Etta Nissman
Facilitator... Evy Goldhammer

Thank you to:

Tammy Hertzbach for hosting the April meeting of the Evening Book Club
Sandy Fryer for hosting the April meeting of the Daytime Book Group
Rosalie Kurz for hosting the April meeting of the Center City Book Club

Condolences:

to Lynne Jacobs on the loss of her mother, Dora Jacobs.

Recent Events

Edward A. Turzanski

The NCJW Program for May took place on Thursday evening May 15 at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel featuring Edward A. Turzanski, the Foreign Policy Research Institute Templeton Fellow and Co-Chair of its Center for the Study of Terrorism. In addition to his being a Scholar in Residence at LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Turzanski is a leading political and national security analyst.

He served on the U.S. Department of Justice's Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee for the Third District. His experiences in his postings in the Middle East, Central Asia and Eastern Europe as an intelligence officer gave his audience an in depth look at the changing threat environment for America. His commentary on national security, intelligence, political and diplomatic affairs is regularly heard over more than four-dozen media outlets across North America and on BBC's World Service, CBC and CTV News in Canada, Fox News Channel and National Public Radio.

Philadelphia Sinfonia Chamber Orchestra Concert

The Chamber Orchestra of the Philadelphia Sinfonia thrilled the audience of NCJW members, their families and friends on April 24 at Reform Congregation Keneseth Israel. The 21 talented young adult musicians exhibited advanced musicianship under the baton of Gary D. White, Conductor and Music Director. The evening's program

included works by Vivaldi, Mozart, Saint-Saens, Dvorak and Mendelssohn. This was the third year that the NCJW presented the Sinfonia to its members and the public. Linda Dzuba, Hospitality Chair, provided the dessert reception following the concert.

Save the Date

TUESDAY, JUNE 10 11:30 a.m. Closing Luncheon Philmont Country Club

Sally Friedman - "Lifesounds: Confessions of a Columnist."

Award winning journalist whose columns have been published in many national magazines and newspapers including the New York Times and the Philadelphia Inquirer to which she is a regular contributor. You will experience a mix of humor and honesty in her presentation and the pleasure of recognizing yourself in her stories.

Susan Horwitz and Kay Skloff,
Program Co-Chairs

Please contact Wendy Rader via email at

WRBarbieGirl50@gmail.com

or by phone, (215) 657-9347

If you have changed your address, phone number and/or email or if you hear of a member's passing.

Welcome New Members

Joan Silver
Roberta Marcus (a transferred life member)
Judy Schwartz
Barbara Nussbaum

Raffles have arrived:

Raffles were mailed in early May. Please support our fundraising effort by responding promptly. The money raised helps to support our many community projects such as participating in the Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef program, providing school supplies to several Philadelphia elementary schools and helping victims of domestic violence provide for their families while they build new lives.

Thank you,
Rhena Kelsen

GIANT CASH CARDS

Please be certain you have Giant Cash Cards for all your summer entertaining. They come in \$50.00 denominations. Our section receives a five per cent bonus for all that you purchase. Please tell your neighbors, friends, and family. Rhena Kelsen (215-576-5237) will be happy to fill your order. After May 9, Joan Rosenblatt (267-263-2126) can also take your order.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Call Gladys Greenfield 215 635 4244 or Sue Leon 215 653 0773.

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each. You may purchase the cards at a meeting or call Gladys or Sue and they will send a card for you.

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