

Bulletin

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131 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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ncjwphiladelphia.org

Our Member, Ruth Hartz, the 'Hidden Child' of the Holocaust will be Honored!

I received an email from Ruth Hartz to share with our membership.

Ruth let me know that she has *"... been invited to a Gala in New York on October 13 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Shoah Foundation founded by Steven Spielberg after he made the film, Schindler's List. 40 Holocaust Survivors who have given their testimony have been invited as Honorees and I am one of them.*

I believe that I am the only one from the Philadelphia area."

As reported by WHYY, nearly 70 years after the end of WWII, Ruth is part of a network of living Holocaust survivors who speak throughout the country about their years during the war. As she said in an interview with NewsWorks, "I'm part of those who are the last witnesses of that period".

Ruth Kapp Hartz was four years old when she and her Jewish family went into hiding in a French village during World War II. After it became too risky to hide a child in a small space, Ruth was sent to a Catholic convent under the pseudonym Renée Caper. Her childhood memoir, "Your Name is Renee" was published in 1999. Ruth's story is also the subject of the musical "Hidden", written by Jenny and David Heitler-Klevans. The role of Ruth is played by Linda Roeder, an NCJW member. "Hidden" was seen by many of our Section members at Gratz College this September. (The Flyer for "Hidden" was included in our NCJW Bulletin sent out in August).



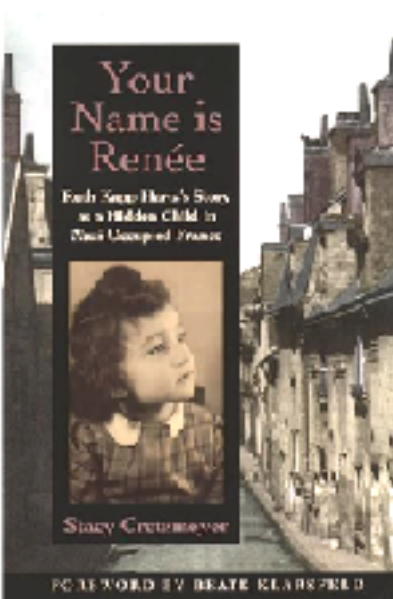
As a child of the Holocaust, Ruth endured displacement, separation from her parents, and the loss of extended family members. Her experience underscores her reference to "racism and intolerance and persecution" as holding dire consequences because "hate never solved anything".

Hartz moved to Philadelphia as an adult to marry an American man she met in France. She spent over 30 years teaching French at Bryn Mawr College, Arcadia University and Springside Chestnut Hill Academy.

Our warmest wishes to Ruth on this momentous occasion.

For more details, here's a [link](#) to Ruth's story from our June, 2014 Bulletin.

Harriet Gran



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

SPRING MILL COUNTRY CLUB

80 Jacksonville Road

Ivyland, PA 18974

Tuesday, October 22

11:00 a.m.

**Our Keynote Speaker will be
Pennsylvania's First Lady,
Lori Shapiro**

**“Women's Issues Today:
Innovative Solutions for a Brighter Future”**



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Please mail your check payable to NCJW by October 15 to

Margie Zukerman

5106 Meridian Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976

[Click Here to Register for the Annual Membership Luncheon.](#)

If you wish to register with a check using USPS mail, please mail your check payable to NCJW by October 15 to:

Margie Zukerman, 5106 Meridian Blvd., Warrington, PA 18976

Members \$65

Guests \$75

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING ENTREES:

- A) CHICKEN MARSALA
- B) SALMON with Champagne Sauce
- C) Pasta Primavera

Supplies needed for Dawn's Place, No More Secrets and the Ben Franklin School.

For Dawn's Place, home for survivors of trafficking, paper products: paper napkins, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper (single-ply only! especially Scott), full size household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, personal grooming products.... also non-perishable food.

For No More Secrets, period supplies and hotel-size toiletries.

For the Ben Franklin School, donations for supplies of paper.

Donation tables will be at the Luncheon. Please bring contributions with you to the meeting on October 22.

Thanks!



Save the Date for One Year Later: Commemorate the Oct. 7 Massacre

Join us to honor the victims, share messages of hope and resilience and unite as a community. Your presence and participation will make a meaningful difference.

There will also be a special memorial for the victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting. More details about the event and partnership opportunities will be shared soon.

Sunday, October 27
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Har Zion Temple
1500 Hagys Ford Rd
Penn Valley, PA 19072

WHY OCT. 27?

Israel has declared that the Hamas attack and massacre will be remembered annually on the 24th day of the Hebrew month, Tishrei. While this will also be our community's annual remembrance date, in observance of Shabbat, we will commemorate this year on Oct. 27.

THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE

In this environment of dire social and economic challenges, NCJW membership has responded to threats to the well-being of women, children and families with protests, advocacy, and participation with partnerships and coalitions. In our individual capacities, our vote is how we counter the threats we face to:

Voting Rights

Abortion Access

Childcare Access

Civil Rights

Gun reform

VOTE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

In a consequential election, turn your anxiety into action.

Here's How:

- Phone Banks
- Letter Writing
- (**Vote Forward** offers a template for volunteers to write to unregistered and low propensity voters). You can learn more at votefwd.org.
- Host letter writing and phone bank parties
- Knock on doors
- Volunteer with voter registration
- Donate funds



VOTE

Everyone is encouraged to apply for mail-in ballots NOW!!!

DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE.

To request a ballot, you must be registered to vote.

You can use the Check Your Registration Status tool to review your registration.

- You can request a mail-in ballot online at votespa.com/applymailballot
- You can check the status of your application or ballot at <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/pages/ballotracking.aspx>
- You may also download a [paper application](#) and send it to your [county election office](#) [if you do not have a driver's license or another official state ID].

If you do not have access to a computer and the internet, then call your county board of elections to request an application for a ballot.

Bucks County: (215) 348-6154

Montgomery County: (610) 278-3280

Philadelphia County: (215) 686-3469

Delaware County: (610) 891-4673

DON'T DELAY. DO NOT WAIT FOR THE DEADLINE. APPLY TODAY!

Pennsylvania Voter Information - Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day

October 21, 2024 - Last day to register to vote

October 29, 5 p.m. - Mail-in or Absentee ballot application due in local county election office.

November 5, 8 p.m. - Completed ballot must be received by county election office.

Secure Ballot Drop Box Locations*

Montgomery County

Cheltenham-Township Tax Office, 8230 Old York Road

Upper Dublin-Upper Dublin Library, 520 Virginia Dr., Ft. Washington

Upper Moreland-Willow Grove Annex, 102 N. York Rd.

Bucks County

Northampton Township - Free Library, 25 Upper Holland Rd, Richboro

Warminster Library - 1076 Emma Lane

Central Bucks - County Admin. Bldg, 55 E. Court St, Doylestown

Bensalem Library - 3700 Hulmesville Rd.

Philadelphia City

Philadelphia City Hall, 1400 John F. Kennedy Blvd.

Dorothy Emanuel Rec Center-8500 Pickering St.

*Check days and times of drop box locations



SAVE THE DATES

Program/Meeting Dates 2024-25
Save the Dates/More Information to Follow

October 22 - NCJW Membership Luncheon at Spring Mill Country Club- **Lori Shapiro** - **“Women’s Issues Today: Innovative Solutions for a Brighter Future”**

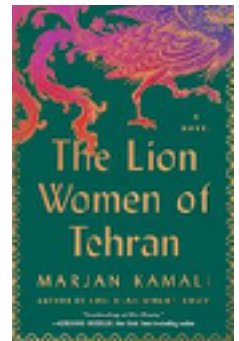


December 3 - Game Day Fundraiser

Maggio’s Restaurant
Canasta, Mahjong, Bridge, Puzzles and any other games of interest.

January 21 - Zoom Program - Book Review by Bev Rosen

The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali



March 18 - Presentation from the Word Mavens

Noshing Program at KI - Luncheon

April 22 - View the film *The 6 Million Paper Clip Project*

Movie, snacks and discussion at KI



June 3 - Installation and Fashion Show

Featuring Scarlet Begonias at Spring Mill Country Club

Look for details in our NCJW monthly Bulletins.



On the third Monday of the month we volunteer at NGA 822 Veterans Way Warminster. National Giving Association collects only new clothing and donates the clothing after getting a request from a social worker. It is a small building and quite nice to work in. We remove tickets from the clothing and place an NGA sticker on each item. We also take lists from social workers and pack boxes to be sent out.

Since the Pandemic, we have been trying to find organizations where we can physically volunteer. Our monetary donations are always welcome but having members volunteer helps both the organizations and NCJW. We make our presence known in the community and we have a bonding experience that has been missing since the Pandemic.

I am always looking for other places to volunteer and would appreciate any suggestions. An e-mail blast will be sent out the week before the event.

Please call Sherry Kohn Eisman at 215-208-0550 if you have any questions.

NCJW is committed to creating a world where all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability, or immigration status, have the right to build their families and live their lives with dignity. Our Jewish values teach us that our reproductive freedoms are integrally bound to our religious liberty; we are committed to advancing the goals of reproductive justice so that every person can make their own moral and faith-informed decisions about their body, health, and family.

Since its founding, NCJW has been a leader in the reproductive health and rights movement, and while much advancement has been made in the past 100 years to legally secure a person's right to abortion and contraception, there is so much more that needs to be done to truly ensure reproductive freedom for all.

Reproductive health, rights, and justice goes beyond the basics of reproduction. It requires us to dig deeper, advocate louder, and love harder. It requires us to center the voices of those who have been marginalized at the center to lead the conversation for social change.

Until every person has the power to make their own informed decisions about their body, sexuality, and future, our work is not over.

BOOK CLUBS

Afternoon Book Club

- Sept. 26 *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
Leader: Patti First
- Nov. 21 *The Boy with the Star Tattoo*
by Talia Carner
Leader: Betsy Parziale

The Afternoon Book Club is now meeting every other month at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. For more information call Anita Shomer at 215-880-9992 or email at anitabeckershomer@gmail.com

"Book clubs: where women come for the literature, stay for the desserts, and linger for the company of good friends."



Suburban Book Club

Thursday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m.
The Women
by Kristin Hannah.

RSVP to Nancy at 215-805-6349 or nfaganmsw@gmail.com.
For more information about the Suburban Book Club contact Joan Sax at 215-740-7263 or joansax@comcast.net.

Center City Book Group

Wednesday, October 9th, 4 p.m.
(Note time change)
Fresh Water From Flowers by Valerie Perrin

Home of Audrey Block, William Penn House, Apt. 2314
Leader - Faith Edelman

Interested in Center City Book Group
Contact Audrey Block 215-688-0094 - ablock1919@comcast.net

It's puzzling. Can you find what's wrong in this AI generated picture of readers?

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.



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

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 Anita Shomer, 215-880-9992 or Rosalie Marcus, 215-512-5110 and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

[CLICK THIS LINK TO SPONSOR AN EVENT](#)

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As Membership Vice-President, I welcome all to call with any questions.

Please contact Patti First at patal16@verizon.net.

I am 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 \$55 (Be an Angel \$65 🙇)*

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.

Please check out our website ncjwphiladelphia.org for our Bulletins, past and present, for program information and registration.

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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. We would be happy to meet you and deliver your cards. You can also call us to send a card for you at a cost of \$5.00.

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

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



Dear Members,

I am proud to be taking on the role of Grants Committee Chair.

Our Section awards small grants, not to exceed \$500, to local organizations whose programs serve the needs of women, children and families.

If you know of a worthy organization in our area, you can suggest that they fill out a grant request.

Click the link below to get the application.

To be eligible, a group must qualify as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization.

Feel free to contact me at gervert@verizon.net or (215) 402-0887 with any questions.
Gerrie Greene

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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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13	14	15	16	17 Suburban Book Club 1:00 p.m. <i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hanna	18	19
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