

# Bulletin

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December 2024

## 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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## THE MOURNING AFTER

After a bruising election campaign filled with hateful, cruel, and divisive rhetoric, our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section membership has a bigger TO-DO LIST.

The headline above has been “recycled” from the December 2016 NCJW Bulletin following the 2016 Presidential Election. In January 2017, millions of women responded to a campaign, infused with the rhetoric of bigotry and misogyny. They marched in defense of rights of women, workers, LGBTQ, people with disabilities as well as women’s reproductive rights and environmental justice. Sadly, budget cuts prevailed for child care assistance, vocational rehab programs, after school programs and restrictions on abortion care coverage, to name a few.

### THE MOURNING AFTER: REDUX

This past November 6, NCJW CEO Sheila Katz pledged efforts to “organize for women, children, and families, to protect the rights of all people who are marginalized and most vulnerable; to advance reproductive freedom; to counter antisemitism and all forms of hate and to heal the wounds of a broken world”.

NCJW, active with the ERA Coalition, is pursuing the publication of the Equal Rights Amendment in order to make the Amendment enforceable before the transfer of power. NCJW and Abortion Access Now participated in a Post-Election Supporter Webinar on November 18 to “outline next steps” in the fight for reproductive justice. We hope to provide a link to the webinar in the next Bulletin for those who would like to hear a recording of it.

Below are post-it notes from the December 2016 Bulletin still relevant for our advocacy efforts.

Donate to causes which further human dignity and justice.

Encourage constructive bipartisan efforts.

Urge family members, neighbors and friends to support members in our communities who feel vulnerable to expressions of hate.

Lend our voices to the large numbers of individuals and groups standing ready to protect and promote human and civil rights.

**Join us for our fun-filled Game Day Fundraiser**

**Play it forward! Help us help those in need.**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:00-3:00 PM**



**400 2nd Street Pike "Hampton Square"**

**Southampton, PA 18966**



**Canasta, Bridge, Mahjonn, Scrabble, Monopoly, Puzzles, Etc.**

**Your Game Choice! Bring your group or we can match you.**

**Please bring your game materials.**

**Win a 50/50 raffle or a prize-packed basket.**

**Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch with an array of bagels and baked goods, several hot breakfast entrees, pasta, Caesar salad, a cascade of fresh fruits and berries, accompanied by coffee and teas.**

**Buffet Brunch: \$55.00 for MEMBERS \$60.00 for GUESTS**

**Click Here to Register Online by November 26**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 26th – NO WALK-INS**

**Questions: Call Program-Ed VPs- Anita Shomer 215-880-9992 or Rosalie Marcus 215-512-5110**

**TO REGISTER BY MAIL - COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM BELOW.**

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MAIL WITH CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION TO:

Margie Zukerman  
5106 Meridian Blvd.  
Warrington, PA 18976-1102

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering to play:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mahjongg
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canasta
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bridge
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scrabble
- \_\_\_\_\_ Puzzles
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am coming alone. Please put me in with an open group.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to play with the following people who are registering separately:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My group is complete. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**This program will have donation tables for No More Secrets, Dawn's Place  
and Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.**



The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a 501(c)(3) organization with a proud legacy spanning over 120 years. Every day, NCJW tackles some of the most pressing social and economic challenges affecting women, children, and families. Guided by our shared Jewish values and a commitment to ensuring dignity for all, we strive to make a real difference—whether by shaping policy, standing up for justice, or supporting the communities that rely on us.

Your generosity truly has the power to change lives. With your support, NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section can continue to provide essential help to:

- **Food banks in Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia counties**
- **Ronald McDonald House**
- **Dawn's Place, a Philadelphia residential recovery home and program for women recovering from trauma of sex trafficking**
- **Advocate for women's reproductive health care**

Your support means that, together, we can reach out to individuals struggling with poverty, offering not just vital resources but also hope and dignity when it's needed most.

Now, more than ever, we are grateful for compassionate individuals like you who make our work possible and allow us to expand our reach. Your contribution doesn't just address today's needs; it strengthens our long-term vision of a fairer society. Together, we can create an even greater impact—empowering communities, improving lives, and building a brighter future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

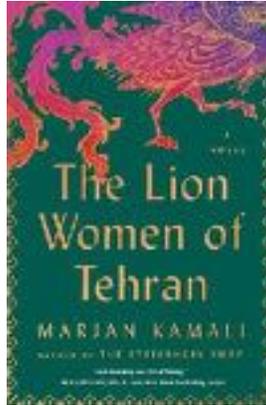
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## Join us for a Virtual Book Review

Let's read and gather to share our thoughts, insights, and questions about **The Lion Women of Tehran** by Marjan Kamali. Enjoy an engaging and interactive review by acclaimed book reviewer, Bev Rosen.

**Tuesday, January 21 at 2:00 on Zoom**



**The Lion Women of Tehran** spotlights many of NCJW's themes bringing to life the heroism of women who fight for justice and human dignity, as well as celebrating women's friendships, determination and resilience.

**Beverly C Rosen** is a noted leader in the cultural community. Bev shares book, film, and theater reviews with diverse audiences throughout the Delaware Valley. Bev was an adjunct lecturer in area colleges and universities including Drexel and University of the Arts. She also taught literature courses at Cheltenham Adult School. Today Bev facilitates book groups and shares cultural programs that provide opportunities for adults who are passionate about books, film, and theater to come together to discuss ideas and share insights.

**This is a FREE program for our members and their guests.**

**RSVP by January 17.**

**The Zoom link will be sent on Monday, January 20**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER WITH YOUR NAME & EMAIL](#)**

**Questions: Anita Shomer 215-880-9992 or Rosalie Marcus 215-512-5110**

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



**Suburban Book Club**

Thursday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.  
*An Unfinished Love Story*  
by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Please RSVP to Rosalie at 215-512-5110  
or [rosemarcus26@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarcus26@gmail.com).

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I'm not shrinking, am I?



Cindi Pasceri shares thoughts  
that many will  
understand.



SAVE THE DATES

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

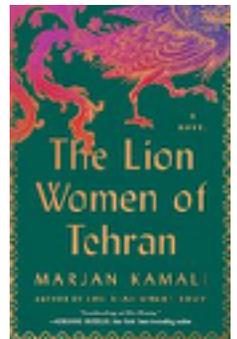
**December 3 - Game Day Fundraiser at Maggio's Restaurant**

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 - Luncheon  
Location to be determined.

**April 22 - View the film *The 6 Million PaperClip Project***

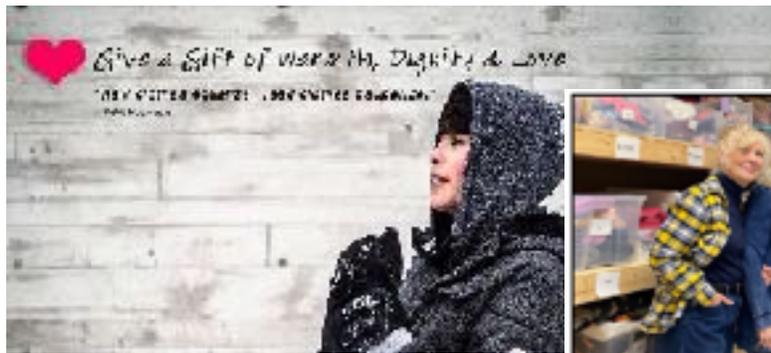
**Movie**, snacks and discussion  
Location to be determined.



**June 4 - 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.

Condolences to Rebecca Landau on the death of her husband, Robert Greenfield.

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 place 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.

## 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: harrietandmalgran@gmail.com

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

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stephanie Welsher      Denise Kolber      Evelyn Krain  
Susan Utain              Holly Lankin

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

Please contact Patti First at [patal16@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://ncjwphiladelphia.org) for our Bulletins, past and present, for program information and registration.

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OR RENEW ONLINE**

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.

Ann Pollock  
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We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our National web site is [www.NCJW.org](http://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

**Click here for grant  
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application**



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**DECEMBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	<b>3 Game Day Fundraiser at Maggio's Restaurant Canasta, Mahjong, Bridge...</b>	4	5	6	7
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15	16 VOLUNTEER TODAY 	17	18	19	20	21
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