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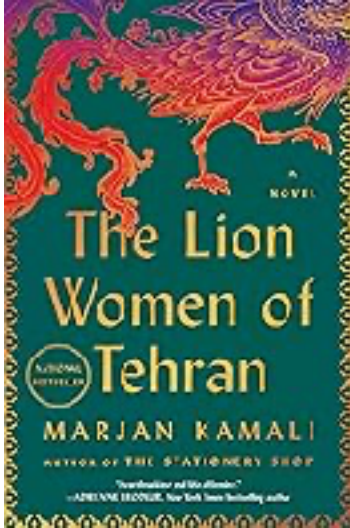
131 YEARS OF POWERFUL JEWISH WOMEN

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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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

Join us for a fun and delicious event...
Jewish Food: Where every bite tells a story
(and sometimes a joke)

Noshing with the Word Mavens*



A delicious lunch with tasty Jewish food included!
(Bagels, Nova Lox, Spreads, Kugel, Salad, Schnecken)

March 18, 2025
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Beth Shalom
8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA



Cartoon by Terry LaBan

*Joyce Eisenberg and Ellen Scolnic, *The Word Mavens*, explore your favorite Jewish foods from yummy to yucky. Joyce and Ellen are the award-winning authors of the, *The Whole Spiel: Funny Essays About Digital Nudniks, Seder Selfies and Chicken Soup Memories* and *Stuff Every Grandmother Should Know*.

**REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT FOR THE WORD MAVENS LUNCHEON
REQUIRED BY March 12.**

Luncheon Cost:

Members: \$30.00 Non-Members: \$35.00

Registration Online will be available in January.

**TO REGISTER BY MAIL - COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FORM BELOW. MAIL WITH
CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO NCJW GREATER PHILADELPHIA SECTION TO:**

Margie Zukerman

5106 Meridian Blvd. Warrington, PA 18976-1102

Your Name:

Your Phone Number:

Your Email Address:

**Donation tables for No More Secrets, Dawn's Place, and Benjamin Franklin
Elementary School will be set up at the event!**

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

Our Fun-filled Game Day Fundraiser

Thank you to Rosalie Marcus and Anita Shomer for arranging our play dates as well as a delicious brunch buffet!

OUR GAME PLAYERS



"Ah, yes, because nothing says 'winning strategy' like using a word that requires a PhD to pronounce!"



"Deciding which tile to discard is like choosing a favorite child—impossible and guaranteed to cause drama!"



"My luck in Canasta is so bad, I might as well be playing with a deck of Uno!"



Anita Shomer



Rosalie Marcus



"I like to think of myself as a puzzle whisperer. I whisper sweet nothings to the pieces, but they still refuse to cooperate!"



"I guess my Mahjong skills are like my cooking—sometimes they surprise even me!"



Repro Shabbat is coming! Sign up now!

We are looking ahead to Repro Shabbat coming up **February 21-22!** Repro Shabbat is an annual celebration honoring the Jewish value of reproductive freedom. Repro Shabbat offers us a chance to collectively pause and firmly root ourselves in Jewish values, so we may strengthen our resolve to build a better world.

Each year on Repro Shabbat we read *Parshat Mishpatim*, the portion of the Torah containing verses commonly used as the foundation of Judaism's approach to reproductive health, rights, and justice.

JOIN US! Explore ways to participate by visiting the **2025 Repro Shabbat web page**. However you choose to celebrate, we want to support you. By signing up, you'll gain access to everything you need to host a meaningful Repro Shabbat — with friends, family, or at a community event!

Join us for the largest Jewish community event dedicated to reproductive freedom and our collective values. We look forward to joining together with you in February!

The Repro Shabbat Team
National Council of Jewish Women

Join the Movement

*P.S. Those who sign up will receive a discount code to the **Jews for Abortion Access online store**. Don't miss out!*

BOOK CLUBS

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



Suburban Book Club

Tuesday January 21 at 2:00 on Zoom.
The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

There will be a virtual review by acclaimed book reviewer, Bev Rosen.

Thank you to Rosalie Marcus for hosting our December 12 bookclub and to Charlotte Schwartz for leading a great discussion on Doris Kearns Goodwin's "An Unfinished Love Story."

Center City Book Group

January 8 at 4 p.m.

Go As A River by Shelley Reid
Explores the themes of love, loss, and resilience in the 1940's and 1950's

Center City residents interested in a Book Group: Call Audrey Block 215-688-0094
ablock1919@comcast.net

Afternoon Book Group

Tuesday January 21 at 2:00 on Zoom.
The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

There will be a virtual review by acclaimed book reviewer, Bev Rosen.

The Afternoon Book Club is transitioning back to an in-person book club. New members are welcome. For more information contact Anita Shomer at 215-880-9992 or anitabeckershomer@gmail.com

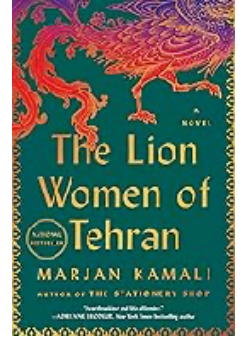
Condolences to Diane Plotnick on the loss of her husband, Charles.

SAVE THE DATES

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

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

Beth Shalom

8231 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA

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.



Hello NCJW Members,

After a long break, It is time to restart our volunteer program at **NGA (National Giving Alliance) located at 822 Veterans Way, Warminster, PA.**

I have reserved Thursdays for NCJW starting the second Thursday in January.

I am trying to increase our hours there from once a month to four times a month but I need to know if there is any interest in becoming a volunteer.

It is a lovely place to volunteer. We deal with only new clothing, sorting, and packing boxes to be sent to various clients. There is no heavy lifting.

I am open to suggestions. I plan on volunteering there Thursdays and would love to share this with my wonderful NCJW members

If you are interested, please contact Sherry Kohn 215-208-0550.

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

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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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.

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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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