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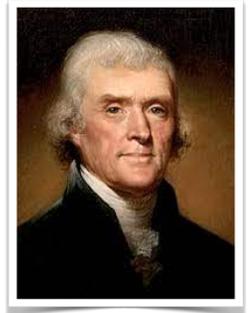
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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER VOTE IN THE MAY 18 PRIMARY ELECTION!!!

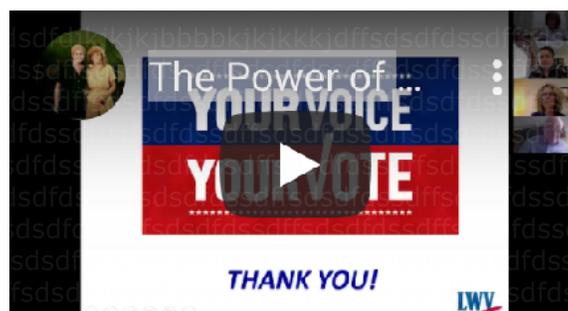


The phrase, "knowledge is power" goes back a long way. It has been attributed to Sir Francis Bacon, the 16th century English Philosopher and Statesman. Thomas Jefferson used the phrase in his correspondence several times. Once, regarding his quest to establish a state university in Virginia, he inferred the need to overcome the ignorance of that state's legislators. His allusion was to their inability to grasp the importance of knowledge which he equated with power, safety and happiness. This concept holds critical meaning in the

context of exercising the right to vote. Our NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section's Program and Advocacy Committees impressively delivered the knowledge to inform our decision-making in their April 15 program, "The Power of the Primaries!" With the leadership of Program Committee Chairs, Char Kurland and Patti First and Advocacy Committee Chair, Liz Downing, an expert panel covered a breadth of relevant topics including questions about the ballot initiatives; the relevance of judges and courts to governance; why and what you may be voting for and understanding the role of county officers. Our panel members included Sandra Kerr, who represented the League of Women Voters, Deborah Gross from Pennsylvania for Modern Courts, Kadida Kenner of We the People Campaign, Jeff Albert, an attorney, who has been involved in a case involving our State Legislature and Diane Morgan, an NCJW life member and former elected controller of Montgomery County.



You can view the April 15 Zoom video recording "The Power of the Primaries" by clicking on the graphic below.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO PREPARE FOR THE MAY 18 PRIMARY

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A MAIL-IN BALLOT IS 5 PM, TUESDAY, MAY 11. Even if you had requested a mail-in ballot on a permanent basis, YOU MUST STILL RE-APPLY FOR ONE FOR EACH ELECTION THIS YEAR!

Those who vote at the polls are asked to wear masks. Voting stations will be cleaned throughout the day and social distancing guidelines will be implemented.

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY VOTERS:

Starting May 1, Ballot drop-off boxes will be at eleven locations 24 hours each day. Voters can choose any of the following locations:

The following drop box locations are accessible 24/7:

Secure drop-off boxes are available 24 hours a day at the following locations.

Cheltenham
Township Tax Office
8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA 19027

Lansdale
District Court 38-1-28
430 Pennbrook Parkway, Lansdale, PA 19446

Lower Merion
Ludington Library
5 South Bryn Mawr Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Norristown
Montgomery County Airy Street Parking Lot
Corner of Airy and DeKalb Streets,
Norristown, PA 19401

Pottstown
Montgomery County Community College -
South Hall
101 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464

Royersford
Victory Park Parking Lot
2nd & Arch Street, Royersford, PA 19468

Skippack
Montgomery County 4H Center
1015 Bridge Road, Collegeville, PA 19474

Upper Dublin
Upper Dublin Library
520 Virginia Drive, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Upper Frederick
Green Lane Park Office
2144 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA 18054

Upper Merion
Upper Merion Township Building
175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Upper Moreland
Willow Grove Annex
102 N York Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090



FOR BUCKS COUNTY VOTERS: Decisions regarding the number and location of ballot drop-off boxes is, as yet, unknown. At the next Board of Elections Meeting, April 26, 1pm. there will be a request for ballot drop-off boxes to be located at every county library. Stay tuned for an update on this by an NCJW email blast!

FOR PHILADELPHIA VOTERS:

—Ballot drop-off boxes will be at fourteen locations 24 hours each day. Voters can choose any of the following locations:

The following drop box locations are accessible 24/7:

City Hall (South Broad Apron)
1400 John F Kennedy Blvd, 19107

Vogt Rec. Center
4131 Unruh Ave, 19135

Riverview Place
(Columbus Boulevard side of the building)
520 N Columbus Blvd, 19123

Independence Branch Library
18 S 7th St, 19106

The Eastern State Penitentiary
2027 Fairmount
Ave, 19130

Dorothy Emanuel Rec. Center
8500 Pickering Street, 19150

Markward Playground
400 S Taney St, 19146



Pleasant Playground
305 Slocum Street, 19119

Pelbano Rec. Center
8101 Bustleton Ave, 19152

Shissler Rec. Center
1800 Blair Street, 19125

Ford PAL Rec. Center
609 Snyder Ave, 19148

Chalfont Playground
4382 Deerpath Lane, 19154

Smith Playground
2100 S 24th St, 19145

Stenton Playground
4600 N 16th, 19140

You can bring your own ballot to any of these locations — you don't have to find the one in your voting division. But you cannot drop off someone else's ballot for them without filling out some paperwork first.

ALERT!

Remember that all voted ballots may only be returned by the individual voter. All drop-box locations are monitored using CCTV video surveillance. Anyone not in compliance will be referred to the District Attorney's office. If illness or disability precludes your dropping off your ballot, you may designate an agent to pick up or drop off your ballot at your voter services office. If the agent is not a member of your household, the agent can only provide the assistance to one voter. You and your agent must obtain a Certification of Designated Agent, which must be signed on the first page by the agent and signed on the second page by the voter. For more information, go to votespa.com or call 1-877-868-3772.

A Message From Sheila Katz, CEO of The National Council of Jewish Women

"George Floyd should be alive. We mourn as his family mourns, and support their efforts to find solace and accountability with this historic verdict.

"Jewish values have demanded, and continue to demand, that we fight for a world that honors the irrefutable preciousness of every human being, with just systems and structures to support that.

"NCJW has long been committed to the work of antiracism and, as ever, our work continues. The work of dismantling white supremacy is work that must happen every day. It must inform our priorities and coalitions, our relationships, and our personal choices.

"It is on each of us to do the work from our positions, roles, and perspectives, and for those of us with privilege in this conversation, to do so from a place of humility and solidarity."



Save the Date June 15 Closing Program
Installation of Officers
Speaker. Cantor David F. Tilman
A return to Anatevka: A Look Back at 50 Years of Fiddler on the Roof.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021– 2:00 PM –ZOOM EVENT

The Untold Story of How The Stories Were Told

with Louis Schmidt



Louis Schmidt interviewed Holocaust survivors for the USC Shoah Foundation which was created after Steven Spielberg's Oscar win for *Schindler's List*. More than 55,000 testimonies bring the lessons of the Holocaust and a message of tolerance for future generations. Mr. Schmidt will discuss his intensive training and his profoundly meaningful personal experience as an interviewer for the project. Mr. Schmidt is a winner of three Emmy and four ACE awards as well as the Silver Metal from the International and Television Festival of New York. He was formerly a reporter for LOOK Magazine and a Senior Producer for NFL Films.

RSVP REQUIRED BY [WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021.](#)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

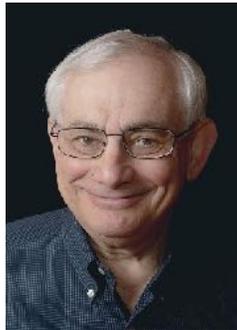
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Questions? Call Char Kurland (215) 805-3006, Patti First (215)-470-1560, Donna Bader (856) 303-9616

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Philadelphia Section
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021– 2:00 PM –ZOOM EVENT**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
NCJW'S ANNUAL CLOSING EVENT**

***A RETURN TO ANATEVKA --
A LOOK BACK AT 50 YEARS OF FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
FEATURING CANTOR DAVID F. TILMAN***



AND THE INSTALLATION OF OUR NCJW 2021-22 OFFICERS

It has been more than 50 years since Fiddler on the Roof (based on the short stories of Sholom Aleichem) opened on Broadway. Cantor Tilman will share the history of the show and lots of information about the composer, lyricist, director, and several of the stars. His program also includes many audio and video recordings.

**THANK YOU TO *ANN POLLOCK & PATTI FIRST*
FOR SPONSORING THIS PROGRAM**

[RSVP REQUIRED BY MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021](#)

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A Spotlight On Our NCJW Section FUNDRAISING



Despite the difficult year we all experienced, we were fortunate to have many of our members generously support the free zoom programs we were able to offer. We look forward to next year when we can hopefully meet in person and resume some of our enjoyable Fundraising activities. In the interim we appreciate your continuing to support our section through program sponsorship in honor or memory of a person or event (\$100.00-consider partnering with a friend), tribute cards(6 for \$25.00), Giant cards (\$50.00 denominations) and direct donations to our section for any amount. Thank you to all for your support. Looking forward to a new normal, when we can all be together again.

Ann Pollock, VP Fundraising
Apollock1229@yahoo.com

From Our Members

HOLOCAUST ESSAY CONTEST

Our three schools are looking forward to participating in the Holocaust Essay Contest...Upper Dublin, Springfield Township, and a charter school in Phila. If you would like to be a reader of the essays and have not signed up as yet, please let me know. I will be sending the essays on line. You can read them in the privacy of your home, grade them, and pick your favorite. ergoldhammer@gmail.com



What could be better than a Pre-surgery birthday celebration in Arizona with my girls!

Barb Nussbaum

Dear Board Members, Thank you all for this beautiful gift. My year as your co-president was memorable and rewarding to say the least! I can't wait until we are able to be together in person. Until then, stay safe.

B'Shalom, Cindi



Wishing speedy recoveries to
Barb Nussbaum and Judy Fried

Center City Book Club

Wednesday, May 12th, 7 p.m. on Zoom
The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi
Moderator: Audrey Block

Thank you to Phyllis Barsky for leading our April book discussion of *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett and to Joanne Stoloff for leading our March discussion of *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen.

For more information, contact Audrey Block at
ablock1919@comcast.net



Evening Book Club

Tuesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts
Facilitator: Rebecca Landau.

Thank you to Faith Edelman for leading our discussion at last month's meeting.

For more information contact Joan Sax at
joansax@ comcast.net or 215-740-7263

Afternoon Book Club

Thursday, May 27, at 1:30 p.m.
The Third Daughter by Talia Carner
Moderator: Sandy Fryer

Thank you to Susan Brooks for moderating our April book discussion of *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St John Mandel.

For more information, contact Susan Brooks at 215-542-0712 or seamcrazy@verizon.net

MEMBERSHIP

As membership vice-presidents, we welcome our new members to call us regarding any questions you may have.

Please contact: Ellen Mirbach semirbach@gmail.com 215-771-5311 or Donna Spector queenaheartds@hotmail.com 215-886-0640

We will be delighted to send out membership packets.
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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.

Nomination of Slate of Officers and Directors NCJW Greater Philadelphia Section 2021-2022

Presidium :

Liz Downing, Charlene Kurland, Ellen Mirbach

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Lynne Jacobs, Rosalie Marcus,
Barbara Nussbaum, Cindi Pasceri, Diane Steinbrink

Our website is the place to read the monthly Bulletin, check what's coming up on the calendar, pay Section dues, see what actions you can take locally, read important breaking news from the National website and so much more.

We welcome your ideas to broaden our content!

Questions or suggestions:
contact Mal Gran at hgranncjw@gmail.com

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 National web site is www.NCJW.org

REMEMBER.... THERE WILL BE MANY WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Join our wonderful NCJW group of volunteer tutors at our adopted Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, now in our sixth year. Until safety issues relevant to the pandemic are resolved we will pursue other means to support students as we await a safe return to school. Please call Harriet Gran at 215-206-1026 or email hgranncjw@gmail.com.

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.
Just call Ann Pollock 215-806-4068
and tell us what event you'd like to sponsor.

Tribute cards for special occasions and memorials

Our new section card is selling 6 for \$25 or \$5 each. Purchase the cards at a meeting or contact Fran Radel and she will send a card for you. Contact Fran at 610-584-9234 (home) 610-304-3908 (cell) or Email: fran@markradel.com

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.



Supplies needed for Dawn's Place - Shelter for Survivors of Sex Trafficking
Household cleaners, laundry soap, dish liquid, paper napkins, paper towels, toilet paper (single-ply only!), personal grooming products.... also NEW single bed sheets and non-perishable food.

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

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- Vice President of Advocacy, Liz Downing
- Co-Vice President of Membership, Ellen Mirbach
- Co-Vice President of Program/Education, Char Kurland
- Co-Vice President of Community Services, Linda Brosgol
- Vice President of Fund Raising, Ann Pollock

It has been collectively decided that each of the Presidium members will be taking on, in addition to the responsibilities in their own portfolio, the following:

- Executing one of the duties of a single president
- Presiding over an executive and full board meeting
- Writing a Presidium post for the Bulletin

We hope that you will not hesitate to contact any of the Presidium members* with your questions.

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