

# Bulletin

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October, 2025

## 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 at our Annual Membership Luncheon

*Featuring a special presentation by Karen Geld Sanchez Esq.*

*Echoes of Survival - A Granddaughter's Holocaust Story*

**Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 11:30 -2:30**

**Flourtown Country Club  
150 McCloskey Road  
Flourtown, PA 19031**



**Karen is an accomplished attorney with a background in the financial sector. She most recently served as Controller for Montgomery County before accepting her current role as Tax Collector for Abington Township. As the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, she carries forward a remarkable family legacy. Her family's story of survival is both moving and inspiring- a testament to resilience, courage and hope.**

**Luncheon Fee:      Members \$60      Guests \$65**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)**

**Register your lunch choice/seating and pay online by October 10.**

**To Register and pay by mail, complete this form  
and submit by October 10 to:**

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

**Luncheon Fee: Members \$60 Guests \$65**

**Choose your lunch selection and seating choice below.**

**Member Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Butternut squash, Spinach and Ricotta Lasagna Roll**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Achiote Roasted Salmon**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Tuscan Lemon Chicken**

**Please seat me with the following people.** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**There will be donation tables for Dawn's Place, No More Secrets, Benjamin Franklin  
Elementary School and Universal Creighton School.**

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

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

**Wednesday, December 3, 2025 · 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.**



**400 2nd Street Pike "Hampton Square"  
Southampton, PA 18966**



*Canasta, Bridge, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Monopoly, Puzzles, etc....*

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

*Please bring your own game materials.*

*Raffle-Baskets*

***Enjoy a delicious buffet brunch with Smoked Fish Display, Pancakes, French Toast, Blintzes and Sour Cream, Sweet Kugel, Omelet Station and Yummy Desserts. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions.***

**Buffet Brunch:      Members \$55      Guests \$60**

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Questions: Call Robin London 954-608-1523 or Patti First 215-470-1560

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

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**5106 Meridian Blvd. Warrington, PA 18976-1102**

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

**I am registering to play:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mahjonn \_\_\_\_\_ 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, and Dawn's Place .***



## **Jews Are Afraid Right Now**

New York Times, June 3, 2025

Guest Essay by Sheila Katz, chief executive of the National Council of Jewish Women.

In one city, two are dead. In another, 12 were wounded. Two horrific attacks against the Jewish community in less than two weeks.

For over 600 days, since the Hamas attacks of Oct. 7, the conditions in the United States for deadly antisemitic acts have grown. At rallies and on campuses, in coalition rooms and online spaces, slogans sometimes directly drawn from Hamas's terrorist manifesto have been chanted and painted on placards, and shouted from stages and in the streets. "Globalize the intifada." "By any means necessary." "From the river to the sea." "Zionists out." These are not simply words; they can be interpreted as calls for violence.

The call was heeded on May 21 by a shooter who took the lives of Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky outside a Jewish event in Washington. The call was heeded on Sunday, on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, by someone firebombing a peaceful Jewish march in Boulder, Colo., calling for the release of hostages held by Hamas. Several older protesters, including at least one Holocaust survivor, were left critically injured. The victims were targeted because they were at Jewish events.

To many Jews, like myself, these attacks are terrifying, but not shocking. Antisemitism is surging. When antisemitic rhetoric is left unchecked, it costs lives and leaves others fighting for theirs.

As a country, we Americans are practiced in calling out antisemitism when it appears in the form of bullets aimed at synagogues or neo-Nazis chanting "Jews will not replace us." But fighting hate means calling out antisemitism every time — long before speech turns violent — even when it comes from activists who otherwise share our values. When antisemitism emerges within progressive spaces, cloaked in the language of justice, too often it is met with silence and discomfort, creating echo chambers where dangerous ideas are amplified rather than confronted.

I have watched progressive silence meet Jewish pain since this war began with Hamas's brutal attack on Israel. When reports emerged that Hamas had used sexual violence as a weapon of war on Oct. 7, 2023, in Israel, feminist groups, globally, largely remained quiet. Movements that champion bodily autonomy — in reproductive justice and L.G.B.T.Q. organizations — refused again and again to acknowledge that both Palestinians and Israelis are entitled to safety, dignity and freedom from violence.

During Pride Month, Jews witnessed blanket [calls to ban](#) Zionists outright from events. I have watched the morphing of the word "Zionist" — the basic belief in Jewish self-determination — into a slur.

Jewish organizations like the one I lead, National Council of Jewish Women, have long sounded the alarm about rising antisemitism. In response, we have been gaslit, ignored and told that our fear is overblown, our outrage unjustified. Among many groups that have fought to secure and reclaim civil rights, voting rights and reproductive rights, we have seen antisemitism dismissed as not bad enough to matter, our grief met with cynicism, our safety treated as optional.

We have been asked, unreasonably, to fully disavow our relationship to Israel, spiritually and emotionally, just to be accepted by supposed allies.

We have been pressured to denounce a foreign government we do not vote for, as if our participation in domestic conversations about justice and equity depends on it. Before the attacks of the past two weeks, when we spoke out, we were told we were overreacting, not focusing on the most vulnerable populations, or even that we deserved condemnation, and vitriol, because we simply supported Israel's right to exist.

Our position on this war, or on Israel, does not affect how extremists perceive us. To them, we are all Jews, and that alone makes us targets for hate and violence.

This is how antisemitism works. Antisemitism scapegoats Jews, depicting us as both invisible and omnipresent, casting us as powerless when convenient, and all-powerful and controlling at other times. Antisemitism isolates, allowing hatred against Jews to grow and fester. The person charged with Colorado's attack, according to an F.B.I. affidavit, told the police that he wanted to "kill all Zionist people and wished they were all dead."

In both recent attacks, the suspects allegedly announced their actions were taken to "free Palestine." Antisemitic violence does not make Palestinians, or anyone else, safe or free. We must continue to call for nonviolence, both here and abroad.

Ask any Jew in America. We know where the exits are when we walk into Jewish spaces. We are familiar with bag checks as part of Jewish life, the way others know airport security. And we know that at any moment, regardless of whether we have been among those working for peace, our identity as Jews makes us targets for exclusion and violence.

We need allies who show up not only when Jews are murdered or attacked, but also when Jews are vilified. We need coalitions that make space for the complexity of Jewish identity. We need people who understand that standing against hate means standing with Jews — not only some of us, not only when it is easy, not only when we are grieving.

If you only show up for Jews in the wake of violence and not in every instance of antisemitism, you are not standing against hate. You are standing by.

### SUBURBAN BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 9, 1:00 p.m.

*Trust* by Hernan Diaz

RSVP to Nancy at 215-805-6349

Thank you to Harriet Gran for hosting and to Barb Auerbach for leading a great book discussion.

Suburban Book Club members  
enjoying a weather-perfect afternoon.



### SAVE THE DATES:

**Oct 21**, Membership Luncheon, Speaker Karen Geld Sanchez, Esq., Flourtown Country Club

**Dec. 3**, Game Day, Maggio's, Southampton, PA

**January 20**, Zoom Book Review, *The Next Ship Home* by Heather Webb

**March 17**, Addressing Gun Violence in Pennsylvania. Temple Beth Shalom.

**April 21**, Visit to Weitzman Museum and Lunch

**June 2**, Closing Luncheon, Flourtown Country Club

## A Very Big Turnout!!!

Advocacy Committee members Lynne Jacobs, Barbara Hoffman, Rhonda Mandel and Judy Heath, and Program/ Education Co- Chairs, Anita Shomer and Rosalie Marcus saw a huge turnout on Wednesday, September 17, for their much-anticipated event featuring Will Bunch, national opinion columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. A Pulitzer Prize Winning reporter, he has written several books on politics.

In his keynote address entitled "How to Save Democracy," Will Bunch put forth an answer to his topic. He implored us to have courage and stand up to truth, advocate for our values and work with and support groups that are working in defense of democracy. The attendance and enthusiasm of so many Section members and guests was heartening and seemed to affirm the urgency of our stake in the outcome of these perilous times.

Will Bunch is national opinion columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and author of several books, including *Tear Down This Myth: The Right-Wing Distortion of the Reagan Legacy*, *The Backlash: Right-Wing Radicals, Paranoia Politics and High-Def Hucksters in the Age of Obama*, and the e-book, *The Bern Identity: A Search for Bernie Sanders and the New American Dream*. He has won numerous journalism awards and shared the 1992 Pulitzer Prize for spot news reporting with the New York Newsday staff.



Advocacy Co-Chair, Lynne Jacobs with Will Bunch.



NCJW Section members and guests show up for an issue that has direct impact on the mission and values of NCJW.

## 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.

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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](#)**

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Sally Steele

As Membership Vice-Presidents, we welcome all to call with any questions. Please contact Cindi Pasceri, [vpasce@gmail.com](mailto:vpasce@gmail.com) or Joyce Gometz, [Bubbe1942@verizon.net](mailto:Bubbe1942@verizon.net). We are 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 😇)\*

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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.

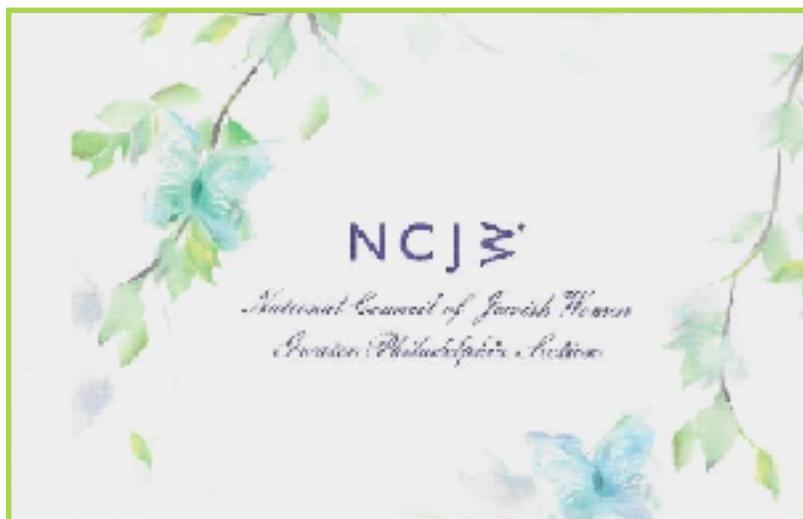
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We are a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization. Our National web site is [www.NCJW.org](http://www.NCJW.org)

## 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 information and an application](#)



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