

Bulletin

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

A BELIEF IN ACTION

December, 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.

Become A Member

Call us at
215-936-4836

Visit us at
ncjwphiladelphia.org



See Your Impact: Donations we made in September and are repeating this month.

Thought this would be eye opening for our members especially at this time of so many abandoning the needy. Each organization received \$350. In addition we sent \$500 to The Mitzvah Circle, \$1000 to Dawn's Place, \$2400 to Jewish Family and Children's Services for scrip for abused women, and \$3000 to the Female Hebrew Benevolent Society.

Aileen Salus



Female Hebrew Benevolent Society envisions a world where Jewish women are free from financial struggles and can move toward self-sufficiency and economic security.



Jewish Family and Children's Service of Greater Philadelphia has a unique and vital mission: to strengthen families and individuals across generations and cultures to achieve stability, independence, and community.



Dawn's Place works to improve the lives of women who have been trafficked, prostituted or pimped.



When a crisis hits, Mitzvah Circle **delivers diapers, clothing, period supplies, and more**—ensuring that parents can work, children can go to school, and no one has to choose between food and hygiene.



Bucks County Housing Group's mission is to end food and housing insecurity in our communities.



Emergency Relief Association provides nutrition to all in need throughout Lower Bucks County.



MANNA uses nutrition to improve health for people with serious illnesses who need nourishment to heal. By providing medically tailored meals and nutrition education, we empower people to improve their health and quality of life.



Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard, Inc. has been meeting the needs of local individuals and families whose incomes fall within 150% of Federal poverty guidelines since 1973.



FISH has been providing food, clothing and emergency financial assistance for necessary utility bills and security deposits to economically challenged households within the Pennridge School District since 1972.



Quakertown Food Pantry provides emergency food assistance for neighbors in need.



Warminster Food Bank is dedicated to alleviating hunger in our community.

*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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE BY NOVEMBER 24](#)

**To Register and pay by mail, complete the form below
and submit by November 24.**

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

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

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

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: _____

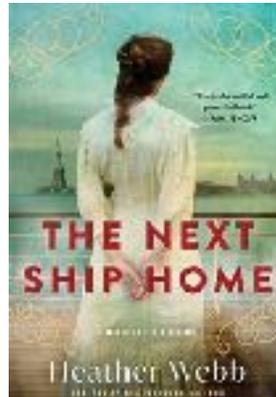
This program will have donation tables for No More Secrets, and Dawn's Place .

Join us for a Virtual Book Review

Meet us online for a lively book review and discussion!

The Next Ship Home by Heather Webb. Enjoy an engaging and interactive review by acclaimed book reviewer, Bev Rosen.

Tuesday, January 20th at 2:00 on Zoom



“**The Next Ship Home**” is a poignant historical novel set in 1902 that explores the immigrant experience through the intertwined lives of two women at Ellis Island.

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 16th. The Zoom link will be sent on Monday, January 19th

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

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

Good afternoon Greater Philadelphia Advocates,

Our NCJW section is co-sponsoring an interfaith vigil to take place on **December 10, 2025, from 6:30pm- 7:30pm at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jenkintown (444 York Road, Jenkintown PA 19046)**. This service is a collaborative effort with CeaseFirePA, Congregation Knesset Israel, NCJW and Grace Presbyterian Church. It coincides with a national event (to be held on the same date in D.C.) sponsored by Newtown Action Alliance Foundation in commemoration of the students and staff murdered in the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy and the 1.3 million Americans killed or injured by guns since then.

This vigil will include music, prayer, some words from local politicians and a moment of silence. Please consider joining us for this special event. You can sign up using the link below.

I am also asking that you forward this message to family, friends, and members of your congregation.

Sincerely,
Judy Heath
NCJW Greater Philadelphia
Advocacy Co-Chair



Dear Judy,

Gun violence takes the lives of too many Pennsylvanians each year. As we approach the end of 2025, it is time to gather to honor those that were taken and affected by gun violence in our community this year.

[That's why I am inviting you to join us for a community vigil on December 10th at 6:30 pm. We'll be gathering at Grace Presbyterian Church—444 York Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046](#)

Our team is working hard to put together an engaging and beautiful program featuring:

- Performances from community members
- Speakers such as CeaseFirePA staff, local violence prevention partners, faith leaders, and elected officials
- Reading aloud the names of those lost this year and honoring their memory with a moment of silence

[Judy, can you join me in honoring those taken by gun violence by attending our vigil? Click here to RSVP.](#)

Stay after the vigil for an upbeat reception with food and drinks celebrating the hard work of CeaseFirePA volunteers, community advocates and partners, and, of course, take action to help continue this movement of ending gun violence.

Together, we can help our community heal from gun violence.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Best,
Kate Lyden
Southeast PA Organizer
CeaseFirePA

[**RSVP here**](#)



National Council of Jewish Women

The Greater Philadelphia
Section of
National Council
of Jewish Women
is proud to support HAMEC
and honor our longtime
member Abby Gilbert whose
contributions to the Jewish
community inspires us.
We are grateful to have Abby
as a member and as a
reminder of what we work
for- a better life for
Jewish women and children.



SUBURBAN BOOK CLUB

My Name is Emilia del Valle by Isabel Allende
Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Host: Rosalie Marcus, 1039 Wellington Road, Jenkintown, PA

The facilitator is Nancy Fagan.

Please RSVP to Rosalie at 215-512-5110 or
rosemarcus26@gmail.com

Thank you to Barb Auerbach for hosting and to Joan Sax for
facilitating a great discussion at our November meeting.

SAVE THE DATES:

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 Sholom.

April 21, Visit to Weitzman Museum and Lunch

June 2, Closing Luncheon, Flourtown Country Club

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.



Cindi and Vincent Pasceri are thrilled to share the news that in May, 2026 they will be promoted to GREAT-Grandparents 🙌👍

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](#)

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Susanne S. Stamps Vera Falus

As Membership Vice-Presidents, we welcome all to call with any questions. Please contact Cindi Pasceri, vpasce@gmail.com or Joyce Gometz, 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 😇)*

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.

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN
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
215-806-4068

Linda Mosko
215-233-0184



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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

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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