

Bulletin

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132 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
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ncjwphiladelphia.org

"If not us, who? If not now, when?"

A quote that resounds in us as Jews, from its Talmudic origins to its place in the memorable speech of John F. Kennedy. Right now, as we face crisis after crisis, we look to find a way to act meaningfully, to support the lives of women, children and families and to fight the anti-semitism around us.

You are welcomed to join with other members of NCJW-Greater Philadelphia as they plan advocacy priorities and activities. The group will meet on Tuesday, April 7 from 1-3 p.m. at the Free Library of Springfield Township, 8900 Hawthorne Lane, Wyndmoor to discuss how our section can make a difference here in Pennsylvania and nationally. Current issues include reproductive rights, free and fair elections, gun-violence prevention, and paid family leave but we are open to all interests and concerns. We'd love to hear your ideas and learn about your passions!!

This is your chance to answer the questions of who and when. It is us and it is now. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Reply to Judy at hjudy5479@gmail.com to RSVP. Bring your friends.

Your Advocacy Team,
Lynne Jacobs, Judy Heath, Rhonda Mandel, Barbara Hoffman



**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRIVATE TOUR
WEITZMAN NATIONAL MUSEUM of AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**

101 South Independence Mall East
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tuesday, April 21
Promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Following our tour, we will enjoy a delicious lunch provided by Famous 4th Street Deli at the museum. (Consisting of an assorted sandwich tray and dessert.)

Lunch is included in the fee.

Cost:

\$20 Members using their own transportation.

\$25.00 Guests using their own transportation.

\$41 for members traveling with TransNet*

RSVP by April 10 – Due to the nature of this program we must adhere to the RSVP date.

No last-minute additions can be accepted.

No Refunds.

*If you choose to travel by TransNet, you must sign up on the TransNet site in advance and notify us ASAP. Please note the bus holds only 14 people. First come- first served. Pick up will be in the upper parking lot of KI Synagogue. Please be at the synagogue by 9:30. We will contact you before the trip to confirm.

Click here for Transnet- Senior Shared Ride Program application-

www.suburbantransit.org/senior-shared-ride

Click here to register online.

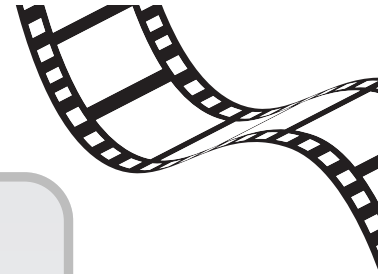
Click here to print out a mail-in registration form.

Any questions, please call Anita Shomer at 215-880-9992 or Rosalie Marcus at 215-512-5110





**League of Women Voters
Bucks County chapter has
invited our section to attend
this free event!**



Civic Life is Essential:

Community is Power

“Join or Die” Film Screening

Discussion moderated by Samantha Gross, Ed.D.
Bucks County Community College

**WED,
APR 15, 2026**

**Zlock Performing Arts Center
Bucks County Community College**

- 5 – 6pm : Joining Fair Tabling Event
- 6pm : View “Join or Die” film
- 7:45pm : Discussion
- 8:15 – 8:45pm : Joining Fair Tabling Event

Register for this
free event:



bit.ly/4cH1XgC

Light Refreshments Provided

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Hello NCJW Greater Philadelphia Members,

Below is a fun volunteer opportunity. I have done this several times and will be going back this year. On April 9th, students from all over Bucks County come to Doylestown to practice their job interviewing skills. Most of the students have learning disabilities and some have intellectual challenges; and all need kind, gentle feedback as you lead them through a mock job interview. You can come for the entire morning (8 interviews) or just part of the morning. Each interview is about 15 minutes.

It is truly a rewarding experience. If you want to volunteer, there is a link below to fill out the form. Consider volunteering!!

Thanks,
Judy Heath
Advocacy Vice President

Dear Potential Volunteer Interviewer,

Please consider serving as an interviewer at our annual Bucks IU Employability Expo, being held the morning of **Thursday, April 9, 2026**. The Employability Expo provides secondary students with disabilities from Bucks County opportunities to practice job interview skills and gain valuable information related to life after graduation. We honor the diversity of our students and their interests by inviting business representatives from various career fields to serve as interviewers for this event. We hope you will consider participating in this year's Expo.

Past participants have shared that the event was a positive and rewarding experience, and they were pleased to help students grow professionally.

This year, each student will participate in three twenty-minute mock interviews. At the end of each interview, the interviewer will provide immediate feedback to the student, including positive remarks and suggestions for improvement. Students will also attend two breakout sessions on topics related to success after graduation.

We are seeking volunteer interviewers willing to participate in up to eight twenty-minute practice interviews with students. Please note that this is not a job fair; our intent is solely to provide students with opportunities to practice interviewing skills. Hiring commitments are not expected.

This year's Expo is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Bucks County Intermediate Unit, 705 North Shady Retreat Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901.

There will be a brief orientation for interviewers on the morning of the Expo at **8:45 AM** to provide information about the event. Light refreshments will be available.

We will do our best to accommodate participants who wish to serve as interviewers but are only able to attend part of the event.

Additional resources will be emailed to those who volunteer prior to the event.

Lunch is not provided.

To register, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/6Ur7Xg3uTCy5Lzej8>

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Jamie Lill, EA Expo Co-Chair

Jlill@bucksiu.org

Suburban Book Club

Thank you to Nancy Fagan for leading our discussion and to Rosalie Marcus for hosting our December meeting.

All future Meetings are on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

April 15

Red Clay by Charles B. Fancher

Facilitator is Eileen Davis

Hostess is Rebecca Landau

May 20

The Lotus Shoes by Jane Yang

Hostess is Harriet Gran

Facilitator is Madelyn Greenberg

Center City Book Group

Wednesday, April 8 @ 4 p.m.

Culpability by Bruce Holsinger

Leader and host - Phyllis Barsky

Wednesday, May 13 @ 4 p.m.

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Leader and host - Sharon Kestenbaum

Wednesday, June 10 @ 4 p.m.

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict &

Victoria Christopher Murray

Leader and host - Audrey Block

Interested in Center City Book Group

Contact Audrey Block - ablock1919@comcast.net

Lessons of the Holocaust

Once again, this year, NCJW is asking 6th grade students at Sandy Run Middle School, to react and respond to the Lessons of the Holocaust after finishing studies in their classrooms. We will award prizes for first and second place. The students can write prose, poetry or other forms of creative writing. The entire 6th grade will attend an assembly on Friday, June 5. It is an honor to attend this assembly. The students are very proud of the work they put into their writing and appreciate our recognizing them.

I am so grateful to our NCJW readers. Last year we read over 600 entries!!

Cindi Pasceri

Interested in becoming a volunteer reader? Call Cindi Pasceri at 215-247-4113.



WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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](#)

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](#)

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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.

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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5	6	7	8 CENTER CITY BOOK CLUB	9	10	11
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19	20	21 Weitzman Museum Tour and Lunch	22	23	24	25
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