

Bulletin

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October, 2026

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
215-936-4836

Visit us at
ncjwphiladelphia.org

Empowering Our Communities: Why Your Vote Matters and How to Make It Count

As we approach the upcoming election, there is no tool more powerful for shaping the future of our communities than your vote. Elections at every level—from school boards and county commissioners to state and federal offices—directly impact our daily lives, our schools, our healthcare, and our neighborhoods. For women, making our voices heard is essential to ensuring that our priorities and perspectives are represented.

Local Voting Information & Resources

- **voter411.org**: Created by the League of Women Voters, this is an invaluable tool for previewing your exact ballot, comparing candidate positions on key issues, and reading direct responses from candidates running in your local area.
- **Official State Resources**: Visit the official Pennsylvania Department of State portal at **vote.pa.gov** to verify your voter registration status, locate your polling place, check the status of a mail-in ballot, or find contact information for your local county election office.

Deadlines for the Nov. 3, 2026, General Election

- 8 p.m. Nov. 3: Your [county election office](#) must RECEIVE your completed mail ballot by this time. A postmark by 8 p.m. Nov. 3 is not sufficient.

Contact your county board of elections for ballot information: **vote.pa.gov/County**. If you are unsure about your voter registration status, go to vote.pa.gov/Status

Missed the deadline to apply for your mail ballot? If you have an emergency--such as an unexpected illness or disability or last-minute absence from your municipality--you may still be able to obtain a mail ballot after the Oct. 27 deadline. Find information here about how to get an **[emergency absentee ballot](#)**.

Make Your Voice Heard

Democracy thrives when every eligible citizen participates. Whether you prefer the convenience of voting by mail or the traditional experience of casting your ballot in person on Election Day, make a plan today. Talk to your friends, family, and neighbors, check your registration, and let's ensure our communities are represented from the ballot box up!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PENNSYLVANIA AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Join NCJW for an informative and engaging conversation about issues affecting women, children and families across Pennsylvania while enjoying coffee, tea and delicious desserts.

October 27 at 1:30 - \$18 per person

Congregation Beth Or
239 E Welsh Road, Maple Glen 19002

Come Meet Representative Mary Jo Daley

**Mary Jo Daley represents the 148th Legislative District
in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.**



First elected in 2012, she has served in the house for more than a decade and has worked on issues including women's health, family and workplace policies as well as community concerns. She will discuss paid family leave and sick leave as well as other issues affecting women, children and families.

[Click Here to Register for
this Event](#)

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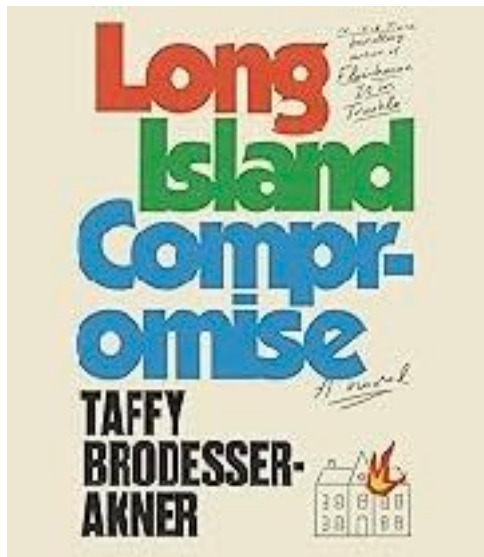
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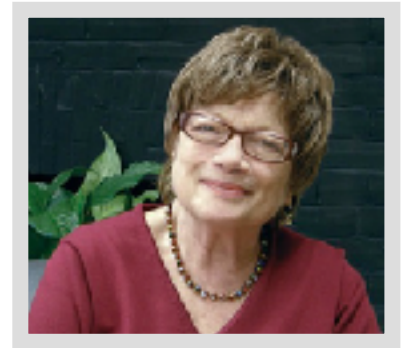
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Questions?

Call Rosalie Marcus 215-512-5110 or Anita Shomer-215-880-9992



SAVE THE DATE, READ THE BOOK!
 NCJW Book Club Discussion & Review
 Tuesday, January 19, 2027 at 1:30 p.m.
 Location: Live on Zoom



Get a head start on your winter reading! Join us for a stimulating, lively, and enlightening discussion led by **Bev Rosen**, popular book group facilitator and reviewer.

[Click Here to Learn More and Register](#)

Many of you have heard about the restructuring plans of NCJW relative to the place of local sections in the new organization. Please be assured that we are actively looking into this as it relates to our section and will provide more information in the future as we consider our options. Thank you for your patience.

Aileen Salus, President

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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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Aileen Salus

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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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