

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

## BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

# NEWSLETTER

**JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2011**

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDUM

Participate, volunteer, donate (to STAY-AT-HOME), and donate (your gently-used clothes, jewelry and bric-a-brac) to the Thrift Shop. It may be winter, but Bergen County Section never stops going – advocating and serving women, children and families in need.

Ann, Fran, Ina, Lucy and Marilyn

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011 at 12:30 p.m.  
**BEN NELSON** to speak at General Meeting  
Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck, NJ



If you've been puzzled or disturbed by all the violence and sex in the movies, you'll want to hear Professor Benjamin Nelson's take on the subject. Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dr. Nelson's topic is "The Violent Screen: Have increasing permissiveness and technological advances created a culture of graphic violence and sexuality in contemporary cinema?"

Dr. Nelson is the author of two books; "Tennessee Williams: The Man and His Work" and "Arthur Miller: Portrait of a Playwright." He has also written many essays on modern literature, theatre and film and has lectured extensively on these subjects throughout the tri-state area.

**All members are invited at no charge; guests pay a \$10 donation which can be applied towards membership dues.**

### STUDY GROUP

Topic: Consumer Safety

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.  
Guest Speaker: Don Mays, Consumer Union Senior Director, Technical Policy and Safety at Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County, 687 Larch Avenue, Teaneck, NJ.

**What you don't know CAN hurt you!**

Don Mays will enlighten us about the perils lurking in every-day products in today's marketplace. Mr. Mays will provide insight into choking hazards; Chinese and other foreign imports; recalls; lead; federal safety standards and more.

*Consumers Union (CU) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just, and safe marketplace for all consumers.*

**Your pre-payment is your reservation.  
Members \$5; non-members \$15. Send your check to Carole Benson, 11 Oak Trail Road, Englewood NJ 07631. Telephone: 201-227-8893**

### ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

NCJW Bergen County Section is happy to announce that it is providing a grant of \$3,500 to the Haifa Women's Crisis Shelter for the year 2010-2011. This donation for women victims of domestic violence and their children will help fund empowerment and support group therapy, focusing on personal development. The project directly reflects the goals of Higher Ground, NCJW's national domestic violence campaign.

*For further information on our work in Israel, go to <http://www.ncjw.org/> and click on "Our Work."*

Carole Benson, Chair  
Israel Granting Program

### **SNOW BIRD ALERT**

#### **Membership Luncheon in Florida**

On Tuesday, February 8, Judy Chesler will be hosting a luncheon for all members of Bergen County Section living or vacationing in or near Palm Beach, Florida. Come to catch up on all the news from the frigid north, enjoy a delicious lunch, and meet new and "seasoned" NCJW friends.

Frenchman's Creek 13324 Verdun Drive  
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

RSVP to Judy at [edjude1@yahoo.com](mailto:edjude1@yahoo.com) or

Call her at 561-624-7784 (H) or 551-486-5823 (C)

### **WALK-IN-CENTER**

Help is needed to prepare and serve dinner on Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you can help, call Arlene Friedman at 201-567-3817. It's a most rewarding experience.

### **STAY-AT-HOME**

Our annual personal Stay-at-Home campaign is soaring. We have received donations from 150 caring members to date. Send your check or pledge NOW to Tobey Weiss, 595 Albin Street, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

### **WISH LIST**

**What's a Wish List?** A list of items requested by our Community Services. **Examples:** new sheets, blankets, books, **Who:** Our members. **Why:** Our budget doesn't include these extras. **When:** The list will be available at every meeting with a contact person and phone number.

#### **We welcome new members to our section:**

Susan Aster, Rhoda Belveduto, Nancy Ferer, Anne Fleisher, Debra Spaner-Seco, Diana Bloom Vorschirm,

#### **NCJW'S 45<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**On March 3-5, 2011, we will gather to celebrate our impact, renew our strength and plan our future in Dallas Texas..**

### **WOMEN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER**

At the January 18, 2011 General Meeting of NCJW BCS, Joan E. Grezenda, Executive Director of the Women's Rights Information Center will accept a donation for the Shared Housing Program. The check will be presented by Ellie Lubin, WRIC Chairperson.

### **SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT YCS KILBARCHAN IN PATERSON**

It will be a clash of epic proportions when the top two NFL teams square off for a shot at Super Bowl XLV glory on Sunday, February 6, 2011. Help get the party started with a dinner served before the 6:30 Kickoff. You are welcome to stay and watch the game with the teens. Volunteers needed to help serve. **Contact Leslie at 201-214-3630 with questions or to sign up.**

### **PASSAGES**

#### **We mourn the loss of Life Members:**

Grace Saferstein

Morty Levine

#### **We mourn the loss of Member: Beatrice Fond**

##### **Condolences To:**

Naomi Blumenfeld on the passing of her husband

Marilyn Sirulnick on the passing of her sister

Corinne Weiner on the passing of her brother

##### **Congratulations To:**

Elaine and Joe Pollack on the birth of their granddaughter, Lilly Dara

Ann and Bob Levenstein on their 50th wedding anniversary

Zita and Jack Foster on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Ruth and Al Burstein on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Patti and Don Trichon on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Avery

Carol Silverman Kurtz on the Bar Mitzvah of her son, Alexander

Peggy and Ed Kabakow on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Mitchell