

NCJWSM National Council of Jewish Women bulletin

OCTOBER

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2011

NCJW Bergen County Section is looking for your friends, neighbors, relatives, co-workers who **are not members of NCJW**. Please send names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses to:

Marilyn Sirulnick	Ann Levenstein
837-3321	836-4971
sirulnickm@aol.com	the2levs@aol.com

AND WATCH US GROW!

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Phyllis Betancourt	Suzanne Markman
Wendy Dessanti	Mindy Odenheimer
Linda Kessler	Ellen Schulman
Carlyn Kingston	Patti Schwartz
Joyce Kirschner	Gail Sugarman
Robbie Levine	Iris Weinstein
Sandy Loft	

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 8 Yom Kippur
- 11 Board Meeting
- 13-14 Sukkot
- 18 General Meeting
- 20 Shemini Atzeret
- 21 Simchat Torah
- 25 Study Group

NOVEMBER

- 8 Board Meeting
Election Day
- 15 General Meeting
- 17 Trip to Lincoln Center
- 18 Council Sabbath



A Festive Sukkot

Annual Membership Luncheon

Tuesday • October 18

11:30 AM

Temple Emeth • Teaneck

*Back By Popular Demand
A Fashion Show
from
Our Own Thrift Shop
featuring
BCS Glamorous Models*

Admission is your paid-up dues plus \$15.

NO RESERVATIONS will be accepted at the door.

Please make your check payable to NCJW BCS and mail it by October 10 to:

Ruth Dinkes,
2000 Linwood Avenue, Apt. 4-T
Fort Lee, NJ 07024

For additional information:

Grace Fuld 944-6652

COMING EVENTS

Cruise to nowhere with NCJW



Jump on board the Norwegian Star for a weekend extravaganza

April 27-29, 2012 (Friday-Sunday)

Set sail from the Manhattan Pier @55th Street and West Side Highway
for a fun filled voyage of great food and entertainment.

Cabin Choices: Includes lodging, food, entertainment, all activities

Inside Cabin - \$375.00 p.p.

Obstructed Ocean View - \$400.00 p.p.

Ocean View - \$425.00 p.p.

Balcony - \$450.00 p.p.

DEPOSIT: \$100.00, made out to NCJW BCS and mail to: Ellen Miller. Final Payment due 2/5/12.

Send deposit or for more information contact:

Ellen Miller • 1 Sandburg Court • Teaneck, N.J. 07666 • els1296@optonline.net, 357-8430

Karen Kurland, Vice-President Philanthropy • karenkurl@verizon.net • 797-1745

STUDY GROUP

Tuesday • October 25 • 1:00 PM

Ethical Culture Society • 687 Larch Avenue • Teaneck

WHAT WOMEN WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THEIR FINANCES

How can I ensure I won't run out of money in my lifetime?

How can I get a higher return on my money?

Which investments are most appropriate for me?

Esther Fishman teaches classes specifically for women on finances and investing at Westchester Community College Division of Continuing Education, The Adult School of Montclair and Nassau Community College Division of Lifelong Learning. She will answer YOUR questions as well as the questions most often asked by women in her classes.

Send your reservation and \$5.00 check

(non members/guests \$15.00) to

Tara Goldman, 8218 Warrens Way, Wanaque NJ 07465

973-907-2021 or

Alice Kanrich, 1530 Palisade Avenue, Apt. 3B

Fort Lee, NJ 07024 242-1216

A TRIP TO LINCOLN CENTER AND THE MUSEUM OF BIBLICAL ART

Thursday November 17

Bus leaves Temple Emeth, Teaneck at 9:00 AM

\$45.00 (\$55.00 for non-members) includes bus and guided tours (lunch on your own at "cafe at 65" in Alice Tully Hall lobby).

At Lincoln Center our guide will lead us on an Art and Architecture Tour. It is interesting that one of New York's great collections of modern art and architecture isn't in a museum but at Lincoln Center, e.g. Jasper Johns, Louise Nevelson. These works were conceived in tandem with the original architecture and with the newly redeveloped compound, all of which will be highlighted. Visits to three different theaters are included with a possible "sneak peek" of a rehearsal if one is in progress. Following the tour, we will adjourn for lunch on your own. After lunch we will walk three short blocks to the Museum of Biblical Art. A guide will lead us through an exhibition of the works of Israeli painter, Ludwig Blum (1891-1974). Blum is renowned for his 20th Century portraits of Jerusalem, Jewish, Christian and Muslim sites alike but largely devoid of religious overtones.

Information and checks: Hennie Ostrower • 280 Prospect Ave. • 11N • Hackensack, NJ 07601 • 342-2996. Please include your telephone number and email address with your check.

GINNY WASSERMAN

Shabbat
Shalom.



Bergen County Section of
National Council of Jewish Women
and
Temple Emeth's Rosh Chodesh Group
present a special evening celebrating women.

We will welcome Shabbat with a festive kosher Shabbat
dinner at 6:30 PM, followed by a music service
at 8 PM in the sanctuary.

*Join us for this special
Musical Shabbat Evening
on Friday, November 18*

The music service will be led by Rabbi Sirbu, Cantor Tilem, members of Temple Emeth's Rosh Chodesh group and members of the National Council of Jewish Women, as well as the Temple's band.

For additional information please contact Mary Sue Ehrenberg at 385-2593 or esusz1@verizon.net, 426 Baldwin Ave., Haworth, NJ 07641 or Linda Horowitz, 567-9134 lindaborowitz@optonline.net, 15 Lambs Lane, Cresskill, NJ 07626.

To reserve your place at dinner please complete the form below and return with your check made out to NCJW by November 10 to Mary Sue or Linda.

Yes, I/we would like to attend the Shabbat Dinner on November 18.
I have enclosed my check for \$25 per person.

Name/s _____

Phone # _____

email _____

Please reserve _____ place(s) at \$25 each

Total enclosed \$ _____

_____ I will be glad to help set up on Friday morning.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/ADVOCACY/COMMUNITY SERVICES

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

SEARCHING FOR HIGHER GROUND

A new NCJW BCS joint Community Service/Advocacy Initiative

Higher Ground is the NCJW national campaign to end domestic violence by improving the economic status of women. The goal of this initiative is to improve the economic security critical to women's safety. Millions of women across the country face significant challenges maintaining a safe and secure environment for themselves and their families. A woman's ability to leave or avoid domestic violence is often directly related to her degree of economic security. NCJW's ongoing advocacy efforts include promoting policies that would reduce poverty and provide access to necessary services for individuals and families at all levels of need. Further, NCJW works toward the elimination of and protection from all forms of harassment, violence, and abuse.

Bergen County Section has been involved in developing several exciting new domestic violence prevention programs that address the goals of Higher Ground. The programs address personal safety and economic security for those who have experienced intimate partner violence. Plans are moving full speed ahead for one program, the creation of a separate waiting room, a safe haven, at the Bergen County Courthouse, for domestic violence victims awaiting court appearances. Presently, plaintiffs and defendants are crowded into one small space providing no sense of privacy. Victims and abusers may

have to sit right next to each other. The Higher Ground committee is hoping to develop a community service / volunteer component for the waiting room to assist professional staff and provide advocacy information for victims as they wait. Why not join us in planning this new venture?

Domestic violence is not diminishing in our neighborhoods. Check out these statistics from Alternatives to Domestic Violence, one of NCJW BCS's community services under the StoP committee. New Jersey has seen a 4% increase in the last two years in offenses and arrests re: restraining orders. In the last two years, 9 out of 13 Bergen County towns showed an increase in domestic violence offenses as recorded by law enforcement agencies.

WHAT CAN YOU DO RIGHT NOW?

- Educate yourself by clicking www.ncjw.org/higherground on your computer
- Sign up to receive Higher Ground alerts
- Encourage your legislator to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (S3772/S 182). Connecticut is the first state to pass this act.
- Celebrate the first year anniversary of Higher Ground by volunteering to join the NCJW BCS Higher Ground committee. Call Joan Snider 973-337-1024 or Ina Miller-Silverstein 836-6562.

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Fresh Start is a project of StoP (Strategies to prevent Domestic Violence). This applies to the clients from Shelter Our Sisters who are ready to move into their own apartments and have a fresh start.

The program began by purchasing ironing boards, kitchen equipment and

other household necessities for clients starting out on their own. Now we give the clients gift certificates so they may buy what they need. The gift certificates are for Target where they can choose among a wide variety of moderate priced merchandise.

In September we volunteered at the

Bergen County Clothesline Project. This was located at "The Green" across from the Bergen County Court House. Our members showed NCJW BCS support by joining others to honor those affected by domestic violence. Thank you to all those who participated.

HENRIETTA WOLFEILER

THE ECO CORNER

As you know, we are in the process of organizing a team of advocates committed to social justice who will oversee specific areas of advocacy. Paul Kaufman, director of advocacy for GreenFaith and a member of NCJW BCS, has graciously agreed to oversee Environmental Issues and to write an article each month for our eco corner. His first article deals with "fracking," a much debated practice. Welcome aboard Paul!

BEA PODOREFSKY

CONNIE HOCHBERG

HYDROFRACKING -

DOES IT DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD?

The process of extracting natural gas from reserves beneath shale rock is known as "hydrofracturing ('fracking' for short)." It involves directing high-pressure streams of water, mixed with a variety of chemicals, at the shale rock, thereby fracturing ("fracking") the rock and releasing the gas which is brought to the surface through pipelines which have been inserted into the ground.

The environmental community is uncertain whether to support, tolerate, or oppose the practice. Supporters point out that natural gas is domestically plentiful, cleaner burning than oil or coal, and relatively inexpensive to consumers. Opponents note that drilling companies generally withhold the names of the toxic chemicals which they use; that there is a real danger of polluting underground water reserves; that methods of treatment and disposal of the waste water resulting from the process are not adequately developed; and that noise, air pollution and general decline in the quality of life have happened in the communities where hydrofracking is permitted. A final environmentalist objection is that this retains reliance on a fossil fuel and diverts resources from sustainable sources, including solar, wind, and water energy.

The debate will continue to pit industry's backers against environmentalists and will probably not end until science demonstrates the short- and long-term effects of fracking on the environment and the community.

PAUL KAUFMAN

From the Co-Presidents



Carole Benson



Elaine Pollack

At the start of the Jewish New Year 5772, we hope that every one is enjoying the holidays with family and friends. We're excited about the line up of new happenings for all of us in the coming months. There will be something for everyone. Our plans include study groups with speakers to inform and inspire, trips to fascinating places, outstanding General Meeting programs, events to meet, greet, socialize and enjoy and much more.

We need help to plan events, raise funds to improve the lives of the disadvantaged, and to participate in the never-ending opportunities to volunteer and meet new people. They're all waiting for you. So come get involved. Our Volunteer Liaisons, Barbara Kaufman and Zita Foster, look forward to your calls and your emails so they

can connect you with an activity, service or program that matches your interests.

October is the month that we honor YOU, our members. We look forward to greeting you at our festive, delicious luncheon on Tuesday, October 18. Our membership recruiters have been very busy over the summer and we would like you to join us in officially welcoming, meeting and greeting our newest members.

We value all of our members, new and old, for your enthusiasm and care for others, and for volunteering to do the vital work needed to assist our community service partners to help those in need, particularly in this unprecedented economic climate. Throughout the years, you have advocated successfully on vital issues, you have educated one another and our community and we are all proud to be a part of it. You have made us the strong, dynamic section we are today.

The Bergen County Section stands in the forefront of women's grass roots organizations in the USA. Our individual actions combine to be a force for progress in the pursuit of social justice.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!

By the way, we are proud of our updated attractive and user-friendly website. www.ncjwbc.org

Browse though the pages, click on the tabs. There's more than meets the eye. Enjoy!

CAROLE AND ELAINE

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November/December Bulletin
Deadline: October 1

"MATCHMAKER, MATCHMAKER, FIND ME A MATCH!"

A new kind of matchmaker is hard at work here in Bergen County Section. But instead of finding spouses, these matchmakers (there are two) will find you a volunteer for your committee or project. And the matchmakers work both ways. If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, the matchmakers can find you the right match for your interests.

These Volunteer Liaisons will keep up to date on who needs whom for what. If a committee needs help with an ongoing project, a short term activity or a one-shot deal, the Volunteer Liaisons can help. All members are encouraged to volunteer, even if only for one hour. It's a great way to meet other members and help the Bergen County Section. If you have some time and would like to volunteer, the Volunteer Liaisons can definitely help you.

To contact them, call
Barbara Kaufman, 385-8433, BKaufmanNJ@aol.com or
Zita Foster, 592-9148, zita_foster@yahoo.com

That's why it's important for you to fill out a profile sheet. You can get one at all general meetings. Please include your interests and skills so the Volunteer Liaisons can contact you when there is a match.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) 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 and freedoms.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

BCS MINI GRANTS



NCJW BCS will be presenting mini grants to several of our community services at our upcoming meetings this fall. These grants are being used for special projects which these organizations are sponsoring.

At our August board meeting Judy Obolsky, Co-Vice President for Community Services, presented a check for \$2,000 to Center for Food Action for their Emergency Services Program. In addition, she presented a check to Holley Center and Kilbarchan, both programs under the umbrella of Youth Consultation Service, for athletic uniforms for the "H" Olympics (a week long athletic competition for children who reside in group homes) and to send additional children to their summer camp.

Accepting the grant for CFA was Patricia Espy, Director, while Richard Mingoia, YCS President, and Ruthie Harper, YCS Co-Executive Director, accepted the Holley and Kilbarchan grant. Other community services recipients are: Women's Rights Information Center, the Campership Fund, HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) and Project S.A.R.A.H. (StoP Abusive Relationships at Home).

HIPPY UPDATES

HIPPY (Home-Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is getting ready for another banner year.

HIPPY parents are helped to be their children's first teachers and attend monthly early evening workshops while NCJW volunteers work with their children. We read stories, play games and work on craft projects. Our annual holiday party, the international dinner and graduation are highlights of our year.

Our members have found the youngsters to be eager and delightful and parents have been most appreciative of our efforts.

Please consider joining our HIPPY family. You will surely leave with a smile on your face and a real feeling of satisfaction.

Our planned sessions are as follows:

Monday, October 17 (New Parent Orientation)

Thursdays: November 17, December 15, January 19, February 9, March 15, April 19, May 24, and June 14.

For further details, please contact us:

Evalyn Brownstein 836-9444 Betty Feuer 794-1540

BCS AT ROCKLEIGH



Gift shop volunteers lunch at Jewish Home at Rockleigh
Tara Goldman, Tobey Karp, Roberta Lew, Judy Obolsky, Peggy Kabakow, Ruth Dinkes, Nan Matlick, Grace Fuld, Charlene Vannucci, Volunteer Coordinator

KILBARCHAN TEENS ATTEND CAREER CAMP

NCJW traditionally gives financial support to the YCS Kilbarchan Group Home. By doing so we help to meet the needs of the teens who are residents at the home. In addition we provide birthday cakes on their special day and plan and contribute to parties for them throughout the year.

Every summer Old Navy stores invite teens from the local community to share a behind-the-scenes look at what it's like to work in a retail store.

LESLIE SCHLESINGER, co-chair of the longstanding NCJW BCS community service YCS Kilbarchan located in Paterson is a program manager for the United Way. She knew the teens from Kilbarchan would be a perfect fit for the camp program because

not only would these kids have fun while learning job readiness skills, but they have been actively involved in job training and mentorship programs throughout the summer. Youth Consultation Services has instituted the Career Pathway program where many of these students get the hands-on experience needed to find the jobs that are right for them when they graduate from school. The goal of Camp Old Navy is to keep the campers engaged in their education and help them better prepare for adulthood through lessons learned from working in stores.

The Kilbarchan residents were bused to the Willowbrook Mall before the stores opened. The first activity was a Job inter-

view Fashion Show where the boys and girls each picked an outfit that they would wear on a job interview at the store and then modeled for the judges. A Denim Folding Contest followed: how to perfectly fold jeans so that they look great. Each camper was then given instructions on how to work the register and also learned basic customer services skills. They alternated between being the buyer and the cashier while practicing eye contact and engaging the customer. Visual merchandising was the last activity where campers dressed their own mannequin.

The morning ended with a healthy snack and a free pair of flip flops.

LESLIE SCHLESINGER

GOLD DOUBLE CHAI CARDS

Carol and Herb Greenberg
Shirley Smith
Inez Swartz
Gerri Weiss to
Pearl Sorkow on her special birthday

Evalyn and Irwin Brownstein to
Sally Stamper on a special milestone

Inez Swartz to
Judy and Herb Weinstein on the birth of
grandson Daniel Aaron

SILVER CHAI CARDS

Fran Einiger to
Ann Burris and Marv Schneider
in memory of their niece

Marcia Levy to
The Branoff Family
in memory of cousin Lil

PASSAGES . . .

Congratulations to:

Judy Weinstein on the birth of her grandson Daniel Aaron

Condolences to:

Paula Dillon on the death of her mother-in-law
Ruth Eigenfeld on the death of her brother Alvin Zwicker
Sandy Fleisig on the death of her brother Sam Roller
Joan Paul on the death of her husband David
Fran Schwartz on the death of her husband Alan

We mourn the deaths of
Life Members
SANDRA LEEDS, CLARE MOWITZ
and **LEE LADDY**
Lee was a past-president (1997-99)
of the Greater Teaneck Section
We extend our condolences and deepest sympathy
to their families.

TRIBUTE CARDS

GOLD DOUBLE CHAI \$36 each • SILVER CHAI \$18 each
Happy Tribute: \$10 each or \$20 for 3 Cards
\$10 Tribute: green/blue printing
\$5 Tribute: white/blue and green

Packaged cards: \$15 for 5, off white with green printing
CELIA ARGINTAR 836-2563
ROZ BLOOM 836-5190
BEA TENDLER 461-0284

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN!!

The awards committee is asking the membership to give us the names of women you think should be honored by our section. We will be considering candidates for the Hannah G. Solomon award and the Woman of the Section award as well as an Emerging Leader award.

The Hannah G. Solomon is a national NCJW award that is presented to a woman or man in our community who has shown a commitment to the values of the National Council of Jewish

Women. The person does not need to be a member of our organization but should be "an individual who has made known and stimulated interest and action in unmet needs at the grass roots level and brought about important community services. Someone who is a catalyst for social change."

The Woman of the Section award is given to a member "who by deed and action has indicated commitment to our organization and performed outstanding service in one or more facets of the Section."

The Emerging Leader award recipient serves on the Section Board and has served less than five years. She has demonstrated a commitment and understanding of our goals and programs.

The committee would very much like to have your input. Please submit names and a brief resume to Marcia Levy, Chairperson, Awards Committee. Email, mllevy0648@gmail.com or phone, 894-8379.

MARCIA LEVY

"Follow the Road" to your next Stay-at-Home invitation.
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Co-Vice Presidents

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Winter Season is upon us. Start cleaning out your closets and drawers for those items you have second thoughts about and those that you have not used or worn in the last year or two.

We always need CLEAN, SALEABLE:

Sweaters, outer jackets, coats, 'knick knacks', glasses and jewelry.

Volunteers are always needed.

Call Gloria Ansh at the Thrift Shop and make a date to be a Thrift Shop Volunteer.

Donor Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed.-11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Thurs.-11:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.
Friday and Saturday - No Donations

Selling Hours

Thurs.-10:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M. Saturday-10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.-10:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.