

NCJWSM
National Council of Jewish Women

bulletin

SEPTEMBER

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2011

For the September General Meeting, a charge for members will be \$10.00 and \$15.00 for guests (applicable toward membership).

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:

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AND WATCH US GROW!

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Lynne Bergman Janet Grossbard
Sharon Bornstein Linda Kostrinsky
Joan David Lenore Kringsman
Ellen Dounn Mascel Rudin
Myrna Gitter Barbara Roth
Hana Goldberg Lisa Sternbach

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS:
Janet Pollner Sara Zuckerbraun

September General Meeting

Judith Viorst
Author Poet Lecturer



Tuesday • September 20
12:30 PM
Temple Emeth • Teaneck

לשנה טובה תכתבו

*Wishing you a year of peace,
health and happiness*



SEPTEMBER BERGEN COUNTY SECTION CALENDAR OCTOBER

13 Board Meeting	8 Yom Kippur
14 Clothesline Project	11 Board Meeting
22 Trip to Jewish Harlem	13-14 Sukkot
29-30 Rosh Hashanah	18 Membership Luncheon
	25 Study Group

COMING EVENTS

18th ANNUAL BERGEN COUNTY CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

Sept 14 • Raindate Sept 15 • 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Parking: Pep Boys at River St. and Court St.

Volunteer sign up. Set up on The Green (in front of the Bergen County Courthouse in Hackensack) from 8 to 10 A.M.

Table staffing 11 to 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 5
Breakdown at the Green 5 to 7 P.M.

To sign up or ask questions call Henrietta 996-0932 or Sandy 489-7286

The Clothesline Project is a tribute to the courage and strength of survivors of violence. This powerful display features hundreds of shirts created by or on behalf of survivors, with illustrations and graphic messages that bear witness to sexual assault, rape, sexual abuse, incest, child abuse, domestic violence and death.

A TOUR OF JEWISH HARLEM

Thursday • September, 22 • 9:00 A.M.

Bus leaves from Temple Emeth, Teaneck.

\$60 includes tour and lunch (sorry no refunds)

\$70 non-members

Send check to Hennie Ostrower
280 Prospect Ave, 11N • Hackensack, N.J. 07601
(Please include your phone number)

Information: Ginny Wasserman 242 5585

Hennie Ostrower 342-2996

NOTE: THIS IS PRIMARILY A WALKING TOUR.

In 1895, the first Jews began migrating to Harlem from the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Within 15 years Harlem became the third largest Jewish community in the world. In the ensuing decades the Jews moved out and were replaced by other ethnic groups. Nevertheless, sites attesting to that Jewish presence still endure and we will tour them. Marty Shore, who previously led our excellent tour of Grand Central Station, will again be our guide. The program is sponsored by the Municipal Arts Society of New York. Following the tour we will journey to Miss Maude's Spoonbread Too restaurant, on Lenox Avenue, for a Southern-style luncheon.

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 who 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 will answer YOUR questions as well as the questions most often asked by women in her classes.

Send your reservation and \$5.00 check (members)-\$15.00 check (non members/guests) to

Tara Goldman, 8218 Warrens Way, Wanaque NJ 07465
973-907-2021 or

Alice Kanrich, 1530 Palisade Avenue, Apt.3B, Fort Lee NJ
07024 201-242-1216

JUDITH VIORST to speak at September General Meeting

Judith Viorst was born and raised in New Jersey. She received a B.A. in history from Rutgers University, and in 1981, after six years of study, she graduated from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute.

Ms. Viorst is the author of nine collections of poems for adults, nineteen books for children, a novel, *Murdering Mr. Monte*, and five non-fiction books as well. *Necessary Losses* was on the New York Times bestseller list for more than two years. She has also written *Alexander and the Wonderful*, *Marvelous*, *Excellent*, *Terrific Ninety Days: An Almost Completely Honest Account of What Happened to Our Family When Our Youngest Son, His Wife, Their Baby, Their Toddler, and Their Five-Year-Old Came to Live with Us for Three Months*. In addition she wrote a column in Redbook for over twenty-five years.

Many of her books for adults as well as for children have been published abroad. Several of her children's books have been made into short films.

Ms. Viorst lectures widely on a variety of topics, ranging from loss and growth to children's literature and the subject of control. Her poetry has been read in performance by Anne Bancroft, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine, Ann Jackson and Eli Wallach. Her musical, *Love & Shrimp*, starring Eileen Barnett, Bonnie Franklin and Mariette Hartley, has been performed in Los Angeles, New York and other cities. A musical version of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, with the play and lyrics written by Mrs. Viorst and music by Shelley Markham, was commissioned by and performed at the Kennedy Center and now appears at theaters all over the country. A second children's musical, *Alexander, Who's Not Not Not Not Not Going to Move*, also with play and lyrics by Ms. Viorst and music by Shelley Markham, was commissioned by and performed at the Kennedy Center and is currently touring the country.

She resides in Washington, DC, with her husband, Milton, who is the author of several critically acclaimed political books. They have three sons, Anthony, Nicholas and Alexander, and seven grandchildren.

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\$10 members • \$15 guests

SAVE THESE DATES

November 17 • TRIP

Tour of recent 1.2 billion dollar redevelopment project of Lincoln Center

GINNY WASSERMAN 242-5585

November 18 • COUNCIL SABBATH

Dinner and Musical Shabbat Service at Temple Emeth

MARY SUE EHRENBERG 385-2593

LINDA HOROWITZ 567-9134

More details next month.

From the Co-Presidents



Carole Benson

Elaine Pollack

LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EXCITING FALL

As we write, it's summer, yet our service to the community and our public policy advocacy remains as constant as ever. In addition, plans are well underway for some exciting new programs, and several interesting trips to New York City have been scheduled for the coming months.

Our guest speaker at September's General Meeting will be award-winning author and *Redbook* columnist, Judith Viorst. Her witty commentaries on the various stages of a woman's life promise to be most entertaining.

Our section is about to launch a new community service program, reflecting Higher Ground, NCJW's National Domestic Violence Campaign. A new waiting room at the Bergen County Courthouse is being specifically designated for victims of domestic violence who are involved in legal action. Once the waiting room is ready, our volunteers will provide supportive services.

Our membership committee, while collecting annual dues, is also welcoming new members to our section. If you have family members, friends or neighbors who might be interested, just give us their names.

To help us achieve social justice, human rights and equal opportunities for all, the participation and commitment of each one of us have never been more needed than now. Collectively, we can turn our grassroots strength into progressive social change to help make our world a better place for all.

We hope you had a good summer, and look forward to seeing you during the coming months.

CAROLE AND ELAINE

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**October Bulletin Deadline:
September 1**

UNDERWRITING SPONSORSHIP MADE EASY HOW WE CAN ALL MAKE THIS HAPPEN

WHO:

Many of our friends, daughters, sons, relatives and business colleagues own, work for or have a relationship with a corporation that might be interested in sponsoring one or more of our section's activities.

WHY:

This would allow us to create more events, programs and fund-raising opportunities, while growing our membership.

WHAT:

Companies allocate resources in their budgets to sponsor and underwrite events, in partnership with non-profit organizations such as ours. They are eager to exploit the commercial and marketing opportunities associated with supporting a good cause and receiving public acknowledgement of their philanthropy.

HOW:

For more information, you or your prospective sponsor may call or email our Vice Presidents of Philanthropy, Karen Kurland, 797-1745, karenkurl@verizon.net or Barbara Tilliss, 944-4968, btilliss@nj.rr.com. They are looking forward to hearing from you and getting started. Thank you.

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 GOES CAMPING



We spent a beautiful, sunny July day with the children at YCS Summer Camp making arts and crafts, blowing bubbles, jumping rope and running from one activity to the next. The children were very excited to see so many people they recognized from Club NCJW and they ran to get hugs and spend time with their special friends.

It was wonderful seeing first hand how our support of this two week sleep away camp makes a difference in the lives of the children from the YCS Holley Center in Hackensack. Most of these children have never been to camp, and it was obvious to everyone how much they were enjoying themselves! This summer escape is so important to the emotional well-being of these children. The YCS

Holley Center provides both medical and clinical care and a safe and loving place to live to 69 children who have suffered at the hands of abuse or neglect, or have other special needs that require the skilled and sensitive care of YCS practitioners. After a lively and delicious lunch, we took a walk with a few children who wanted to show us the lake. For many of these children, swimming and boating along side woods and grassy fields were always a dream. Now, the support of an NCJW BCS mini-grant has helped to make this dream come true.

Many thanks to all who were able to join us and to everyone whose contributions made this possible!

EDNA LEWITZ

YCS SHOWS APPRECIATION

The participants of the H-Olympics were honored at a banquet in East Orange in July. NCJW was acknowledged for its support. Slides were shown of the games. One young man proudly wore his gold medal. We made a difference!

EDNA LEWITZ

From the YCS in-house publication...

How can we count all the ways that the NCJW - Bergen County Section had impacted the lives of the children at YCS? Some of the women recently volunteered to make ice cream sundaes for the children at a residence. They have individually supported our 2011 camp campaign, donated linens whenever we put out a call, and provided our students gift cards to the NCJW Thrift Shop so they could look their best at the prom. Soon some volunteers will visit our children at Camp Linwood McDonald.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICES TOUR

Recently, a group of Bergen County Section members set out on the annual Community Services Tour. Our first stop was The Adler Aphasias Center. The Center, a former empty warehouse now services individuals from all over New Jersey who suffer from aphasia. This former warehouse has been converted into a warm and inviting facility which offers a variety of activities to meet the needs of its clients. Our



members toured the facilities and observed many of the activities including a mock trial, the computer center and jewelry making. We were able to purchase some of the jewelry. Profits go towards supporting the Center.

After lunch at the Aphasias Center we carpooled to the Center for Food Action in Englewood. Here we were given a tour and learned a great deal about the Center and the people who need their services. Our last stop was our very own revitalized Thrift Shop. Addie Rudin, the Thrift Shop treasurer, showed us around and answered our questions.

BETTY FEUER

LOVE TO SHOP?

How about spending some time in a shop? We need help in the gift shop at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. The shop can only stay open with the help of volunteers. If you can spare a few hours – even one day a month – you will be doing a mitzvah.

PEGGY KABAKOW 767-3364
peggyk1@optonline.net

Apology to Arlene Jaroslaw, volunteer at Rockleigh. Her name was omitted from the roster.

HIPPY GRADUATES TWENTY-FIVE

Our NCJW volunteers enjoyed a special evening recently. We were guests at the graduation ceremony honoring twenty-five pre-schoolers who had participated for the past three years in the HIPPY program. HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) helps parents learn how to be their child's first teacher. It was exciting to see parents and children celebrating their achievements. Dressed in caps and gowns and marching to "Pomp and Circumstance" each child came to the front of the room to receive a "diploma." As a special sur-

prise, each volunteer received a certificate of appreciation from the HIPPY coordinator. Our NCJW team has worked with these children at our monthly workshops from the time they first entered the program and was thrilled to wish them well as they move on to the challenging educational tasks of the public schools. If you are interested in working with HIPPY, please contact us.

EVALYN BROWNSTEIN 836-9444
BETTY FEUER 794-1540

ADVOCACY/PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There's a place for you in our  Advocacy/Public Affairs needs you

The Strategic Plan, a living document, will provide for BCS a focus and direction for the next five years. The document is completed and the implementation is about to begin. And, we in Advocacy/Public Affairs need your help to align the goals, strategies and actions into day to day realities.

Being part of the strategic planning process caused us to recognize the need for greater collaboration within the section in order to promote sustainability. We thought long and hard about how to achieve this. We came up with our own vision of how to make each one of you a real stakeholder in Advocacy/Public Affairs on

a daily basis instead of once a month at a Board Meeting or at a General Meeting. In brief, we can no longer do this alone. We need any and all of you who have a passion for a particular issue to step forward to work with a partner to achieve our defined goals. We envision a partnership agreement whereby two or three or more of us can work together to share ideas and resources.

We urge you to join us at this most critical period in history. Please sign up at our next General Meeting to become a real stakeholder or call or e-mail.



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PROJECT HIGHER GROUND IS NCJW'S NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF WOMEN.

EXCITING NEW PROJECT IN THE WORKS!!!

We have met with the presiding judge of the Bergen County Family Court, Judge

Bonnie Mizdol, to discuss options for a new community service which would aid victims of domestic violence in the court system.

We will establish, within the court, a WAITING ROOM for domestic violence victims as they go through court proceedings such as restraining orders, custody issues, etc. This waiting room would be outfitted by NCJW volunteers who would be present to offer coffee and solace to

these women.

We are getting much closer to developing our section's advocacy and community service response to this issue in our own Bergen County community and are looking forward to sharing it with you.

Please let me know you will help in this effort by calling or E-mailing me.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Six Bergen County public high school seniors were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by our section. The newly established Marjorie G. Aerenson Memorial Scholarship was presented to Hannah Fingerhut, a graduate of Bergen County Academy, who will attend Tufts University, and Samantha Labombarda, a graduate of Leonia High School, who will be attending Syracuse University. The remaining scholarship recipients are Lara Grabois, a graduate of Leonia High School who will attend Montclair State University; Vardit Cohen and Sarit Cohen, graduates of Fair Lawn High School, who will both attend Rutgers University; and Waldwick High School graduate Alison Moore, who will be attending Towson University. NCJW BCS Scholarship committee members Betty Feuer and Evalyn Brownstein presented awards at Leonia High School and the Bergen County Academy awards assemblies. Anita Greenberg and Betty Feuer are Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs.

GOLD DOUBLE CHAI CARDS

Roz Berlin to
Lucille Shapiro in memory of her husband
Clarence

Bea Aden, Alice Rubin & Ruth Zalaznick to
Pearl Sorkow on her special birthday

SILVER CHAI CARDS

Fran Butensky
Lucy Dorée
Fran Einiger
Geri Kaufman
Roxanne and Abby Reff
Inez Swartz to

Bea Podorefsky in memory of her
brother Gerald

Mimi Bookstaver in memory of her sister
Janice Weissman

Barbara and Donald Ecker to
Jean Fischer in memory of her husband
Murray
Martin Goldberg in memory of his mother
Irma
Fran Einiger to
Norma and Michael Goldsmith on the
forthcoming marriage of their son
Jason
Doris and Bob Sarokin for a wonderful
season

Leah Fetner and the Fetner family to
The Negrin family in memory of hus-
band, father and grandfather

Edith Messer to
Phyllis Delaney in memory of her
mother Alice Silverman

Phyllis and Al Silverstein to
Bea Podorefsky for her wonderful work
on behalf of NCJW

PASSAGES . . .

Congratulations to:

Sharon Danzger on the bar mitzvah of her son Adam
Nancy Willick on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Jacob
Charlotte Bennet Schoen on the birth of her granddaughter

Condolences to:

Joan David on the death of her brother

We mourn the deaths of
Life Members
SHIRLEY FELDMAN AND RHODA TENDLER
and members
FRAN LEIB AND EVELYN HITZIG
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

STAY-AT-HOME PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN More Stay-at-Home donors for 2010-2011

\$2000 and up
Ellen Jacobs
\$1,000 - \$1999
Ruth Cowan
Nita and Joe
Gottesman
Peggy Kabakow

\$750
Celia Argintar
Joan Snider
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Susan Eisen
\$250-\$499
Mary Sue Ehrenberg

Judith Frost
\$100-\$249
Enid Alpern
Marilyn Brummel
Hilde Goldberg
Holly Levy
Joan Paul

Rita Pechman
Susan Schulman
Judy Segal
Myrna Sherman
Elaine Solomon
Nechama Student

Up to \$100
Florence Gelman
Paula Mate
Ruth Seidenberg
Shirley Smith
Barbara Zimmerman

AT INSTALLATION



Connie Hochberg, left, and Bea Podorefsky with Senator Loretta Weinberg, center, receiving the Hannah G. Solomon Award.



Peggy Kabakow, left, and Doris Sarokin were honored as Women of the Section at our Installation Luncheon.

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We've all had a wonderful summer. The fall season is here and we are ready to participate in all that NCJW BCS has to offer. One of those offerings is the Thrift Shop.

We had a wonderful 2010-11 fiscal year with the Thrift Shop and hope to be better this 2011-12 season.

Chris is at the helm of the Thrift Shop ably assisted by Salim and Rafael. Without them we would not have had as successful a season as we did. BUT, we do need you to donate and to work at the Thrift Shop.

We have all sorts of "goodies" for sale. You know what they are because you have donated them. You can be a part of all this if you volunteer your time as well as your clean, gently used clothing and knick knacks.

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.
