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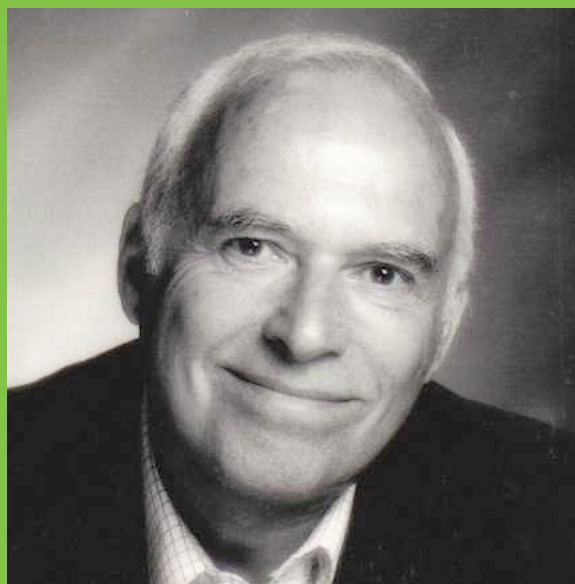


Happy Thanksgiving



A Joyous Chanukah

November General Meeting Professor Benjamin Nelson Educator • Lecturer • Author



Tuesday • November 15

12:30 PM

Temple Emeth • Teaneck

**"FOLLOW THE YELLOW
BRICK ROAD"**

COMING EVENTS

STUDY GROUPS

November 22 • 1:00 PM

Ethical Culture Society • 687 Larch Avenue • Teaneck, NJ

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR STUFF AND YOUR TIME

Sharon Danzger, Life Member of BCS, will discuss why we acquire and need things and how we can let go of the things that cause clutter in our homes. She will provide practical and useful ideas that will help you think differently about your "stuff" and how you spend your time. After her presentation, Ms. Danzger will be happy to answer any organizing questions.

Ms. Danzger is a professional organizer and time management coach. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the Institute for Challenging Disorganization where she has earned a Certificate of Study in Chronic Disorganization.

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



Thursday December 15 • 1:00 PM

Ethical Culture Society • 687 Larch Avenue • Teaneck, NJ

GLOBAL JUSTICE AND HOW IT CAN BE ACHIEVED

Our guest speaker, Charlotte Bennett Schoen, is a former Englewood City Councilwoman, long standing member of NCJW BCS and strong advocate for women's rights and social justice. As co-owner of a property management company, former teacher, medical manager and advocate for victims of domestic violence, her experience is extensive and varied.

Charlotte will make a presentation with a power point slide show about the rewarding global justice assignment that she accepted early this year. It took her to Lucknow, India where she worked with a vibrant NGO. The assignment came through American Jewish World Service which has been sending working volunteers to Africa and Asia for 25 years with a minimum stay of three months and a maximum stay of one year. Charlotte was part of a team that worked with village women who lived near historic Varanasi and were selected for training as community change agents. The women are on a path to become community leaders for advocacy for young women's education, for accessing government services, for promoting better services for their villages and empowering entrepreneurial opportunities for families. We look forward to sharing her stories.

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TARA GOLDMAN

**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.**

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

BEN NELSON TO SPEAK AT NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The Violent Screen

Has increasing technological advances, coupled with extraordinary technological advances, created a culture of graphic violence and sexual exploitation in contemporary films?

Our guest speaker will be BENJAMIN NELSON, Professor Emeritus of English and Comparative Literature at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is the author of books on Tennessee Williams and Arthur Miller and essays on modern literature, theater and film. He has received the Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching at FDU and the Educators Award from the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Professor Nelson will discuss the evolution of the depiction of sex and violence in Hollywood from the silent movies to the present day. He will focus on film genres like the early westerns, romances, war movies, gangster sagas, and horror movies of the 1920s, 30s, and 40s, and their modern counterparts from the post WWII era into the 21st Century.

Don't miss this informative, lively and timely look at a phenomenon in which all of us, to at least some degree, have participated.

Listen, think and enjoy.

Tuesday • November 15 • 12:30 PM • Temple Emeth



Join us for a special Musical Shabbat Evening on Friday, November 18 at Temple Emeth.

Kosher Shabbat dinner at 6:30 PM, \$25.00/per person; Music service in the sanctuary at 8:00 PM.

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.

Send checks to Mary Sue or Linda. NO CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

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).

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. Please call before sending your check as space on this trip is limited.

GINNY WASSERMAN

From the Co-Presidents



Carole Benson



Elaine Pollack

MAKE GREAT AUNT SARAH AND HANNAH G. PROUD

As Great Aunt Sarah used to say: *"If you don't ask, you don't get!"* Does that sound familiar? 91 years ago, she and the founder of NCJW, Hannah G. Solomon, were just two among our courageous foremothers who fought long and hard to surmount unprecedented opposition to women's suffrage (the right to vote and run for public office).

From Town Halls to Halls of Congress, there are many ways we can follow in their footsteps to make our voices heard. When we use the authority and strength of our numbers, we're empowered to influence our leaders to protect the hard won programs that have enabled so many to achieve health and self-sufficiency. Let's all speak out, write letters, make telephone calls, use the power of the internet, blog, send emails, and sign up at the NCJW Action Center: http://action.ncjw.org/site/PageServer?pagename=NCJW_homepage

Many crucial and historic laws are now in danger of being

weakened, cut or eliminated by extremist policies at the federal, state and local levels. Each of these acts impacts women's health and economic security.

The list includes: The Social Security Act, Medicare, Medicaid, Title X (National Family Planning Program), Equal Pay Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act and the Affordable Care Act. The proposed changes would perilously undermine the well-being of women, children and their families.

The full list of endangered laws can be found on the HERvotes website: <http://msmagazine.com/HERvotes/>

Our country needs leaders who understand that healthy, economically secure women are essential components in the restoration of a healthy economy, and in rebuilding the foundation of a stronger nation. Be assured that all our communications, whether digital or non-digital, are read and taken into account by every one of our legislators.

As women of NCJW BCS, one woman at a time, we use our voices, our tenacity and our commitment to work toward protecting the vulnerable. It's our right and our responsibility to continue to advocate and VOTE for what is best for women, children and families and our community at large.

Over the years, NCJW's collective voice has changed the world for the better. Ordinary people can do extraordinary things and NCJW BCS women working together have shown this to be true.

The next Presidential Election will be held on November 6, 2012.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

EVERY VOICE COUNTS

Carole Benson and Elaine Pollack



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January/February Bulletin
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JOIN US ON THE "YELLOW BRICK ROAD" ANNUAL STAY-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

Most of us don't know hunger, yet there are people right here in Bergen County who face hunger everyday--some are even homeless and jobless.

As a member of NCJW Bergen County Section, we can do something about this dire situation. We can give generously to our Stay-at-Home Personal Giving Campaign which helps to support our section's 21 community services projects both here and in Israel. Use the response card and envelope that came with your terrific invitation--give as much as you can.

If you are a new donor or if you increase your pledge from last year by \$100 your gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to a total of \$4,000 by our seven angels:

Bob Levenstein

Andrew Swartz

Fran Einiger

Henrietta Wolfeiler

Linda Horowitz

Barbara (Swartz) and

Ina Miller-Silverstein

David Zurndorfer

Thank You, Angels

INEZ SWARTZ

COMMUNITY SERVICES

YCS (YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE) ANNUAL MEETING



Several members of NCJW BCS attended the Youth Consultation Service Annual Meeting where two of our members, Ellen Jacobs and Leslie Schlesinger, were elected to their Board of Trustees. YCS Holley and YCS Kilbarchan were two of the community agencies that were awarded a grant this year by NCJW

BCS to be used to send needy children to the YCS summer camp and for special uniforms so that the children could participate in the H' Olympics (for hundreds of YCS youth who don't live in their own homes but instead live in group homes or foster care).

SHELLY WINNER

KNIT WITS

Cold weather will be here soon and the children at Holley Center and Kilbarchan can use hats, scarves, mittens. So, please get those knitting needles going. Toiletries are always needed at the Drop In Shelter in Hackensack. Thanks to Shirley Finkelstein and Bernice Pollack for the scarves and to Ann Levenstein, Estelle Greene, Evelyn Masheb, Roz Lynn for the toiletries. For any more information, contact Sabina Sicklick at 342-3671 or look for me at board or regular meetings.

SABINA SICKCLICK

MAKE HOLIDAYS A HAPPIER TIME FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES. You can help:

- Bring an unwrapped new toy for a HIPPY pre-school child.
- Purchase a \$10 gift card from Target or Walmart for the YCS Holley and Kilbarchan children.
- Contribute toward gifts for Alternatives to Domestic Violence families.
- Please bring your contributions to the November General Meeting. Questions?

Contact Judy Obolsky • 262-6032 or Shelly Winner • 567-3895.



LtoR: Inez Swartz, Fran Einiger, Jennifer Rothman from CFA, Barbara Grohs, Marcia Levy

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

NCJW BCS Women Respond

In response to an appeal from the Center for Food Action, members Inez Swartz and Fran Einiger are making very significant donations to the Center from the Robert Swartz Memorial Fund and the Richard Einiger Fund, respectively. These funds were established in our section in memory of their spouses. Inez is also making an additional personal donation.

CFA is one of our long time major community services which is directly experiencing the immediate needs of our neighbors for food, utility assistance and rent. Our membership has been very supportive by donating generously when we have "passed the CFA basket" at our general membership meetings. At our opening meeting we collected over \$600.

Thank you all. Please remember the needs continue.

MARCIA LEVY

COMMUNITY SERVICES

MINI-GRANTS AWARDED TO PROJECT S.A.R.A.H. • BVMI • WRIC

PROJECT S.A.R.A.H.

A mini grant of \$4,000 was presented to Elke Stein, Director of Project S.A.R.A.H. (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home).

The money from the grant is being used for a program to help prevent child sexual abuse. The program is presented to administration, teachers and parents at Yeshivas in Bergen County. A specially designed presentation called Safety Kid is given to young children. This presentation helps children understand in non-threatening language, how to stay safe and protect themselves from sexual abuse.

The money is also being used toward a program for high school juniors and seniors from Frisch School in Paramus and Ma'ayanot in Teaneck. The students are shown a one woman play, "When Flowers Aren't Enough", about an abusive relationship and how the young woman in the story struggles to help herself. The play is followed by break-out discussion groups of students with therapists from Project S.A.R.A.H.

HENRIETTA WOLFEILER



At the presentation were: L to R Elaine Pollack, Elke Stein, Shelly Winner, Marcia Levy and Henrietta Wolfeiler.



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WRIC/SHARED HOUSING

A mini grant check was presented to Joan Grzenda, Executive Director of the Women's Rights Information Center, for the Center's Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program called The Welcome Home Project. It was designed to impact low-income Bergen County single-parent families and others who have been homeless or at risk, including homeowners facing foreclosure. The project will provide tools, education, and resources to assist families in establishing safe, functional and self-supporting households as they move into new rental leases or home sharing agreements.

This project will be in collaboration with churches, women's groups, scout troops, individuals, retailers and other businesses to collect donations and contributions of new household necessity items.

INA MILLER-SILVERSTEIN

BVMI MINI GRANT

A \$5,000 mini grant was awarded to Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI). Michael Azzara, Chairman of the BVMI Board of trustees, accepted the award.

The mission of BVMI is to provide free primary medical care and, where possible, referrals to specialty care for working, low-income Bergen County residents who have no health insurance. The grant will be used to fund a pilot project named the Patient Navigators Program. The goal of the PNP is to improve female patients' health outcomes by not only providing the services of primary care physicians, but also help patients and their families successfully navigate the often fragmented maze of the components of the healthcare system. It is hoped that this program will eventually provide support for all patients at the healthcare center.

GLADYS LADEN



At the presentation were L to R Elaine Pollack, Shelly Winner, Michael Azzara and Gladys Laden

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

REPORT FROM INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN

The International Council of Jewish Women was established in 1912 and represents 52 women's organizations (NCJW being one of them) in 47 countries working for social justice and welfare for all. ICJW provides a voice for Jewish women around the world and a platform to advocate for the issues that concern us and our families and our societies. ICJW is strategically positioned to confront and respond to the concerns of the Jewish community and women in general.

ICJW has a consultative status with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization (NGO) with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and maintains permanent delegations in New York, Geneva, Paris and Vienna. ICJW representatives regularly attend meetings of ECOSOC, the Commission on the Status of Women, The Human Rights Council, UNICEF and UNESCO, as well as the Council of Europe and participate in consultation with other NGOs.

The global issues that ICJW champions are familiar to all of us:

- **Campaigning for equal rights for all**
- **Promoting feminine leadership**

- **Opposing domestic violence**
- **Halting human trafficking**
- **Raising awareness of health and environmental issues**
- **Fighting anti-Semitism and showing solidarity with the people of Israel**

What is happening at the United Nations:

On September 22, the UN General Assembly held a one day high-level meeting in New York to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration. The document is supposedly the international blueprint for action to fight racism and was adopted at the 2001 UN World Conference against Racism, Durban I. Unfortunately, the meeting turned into an assault against the state of Israel. Israel was singled out and accused of being guilty of racism and Zionist practices while ignoring those countries with egregious human rights records. The American delegation walked out of the meeting.

Durban II held in 2009 was a repeat performance. At the Durban III Review Conference on September 22, Israel was again attacked by Iran, Cuba and Lebanon. Most of the other representatives used the forum to express their countries progress in

the fight against racism. This year, 14 countries including the U.S. refused to attend. Those opposing Durban III held two counter-conferences, dialogues and rallies near the UN Headquarters.

Several of the counter-conferences were attended by ICJW representatives:

One was organized by a global coalition of civil society activists who brought in human rights dissidents, anti-racism activists and well-respected statesmen. Another, "The Perils of Global Intolerance", was jointly sponsored by the Hudson Institute and Touro College. Twenty-one speakers gave their opinions on the Durban World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. There seemed to be a consensus that Durban III is part of a concerted effort to delegitimize Israel instead of focusing on human rights. The conference was a vehicle encouraging more hatred and intolerance. It was also noted that the UN has become an agent of aggression in the ongoing war against Israel. The panelists urged the audience to speak out to take a stand and spread the word.

FRAN BUTENSKY.
NCJW non-governmental observer
at the United Nations

NCJW  **SM** A FAITH IN THE FUTURE
A BELIEF IN ACTION

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.

GOLD DOUBLE CHAI CARDS

Carole and Gerry Benson to

Arlene and Norman Basner for their golden wedding anniversary

Nancy and Ken Kahn to

Joe and Linda Horowitz for their anniversary

SILVER CHAI CARDS

Harriet Serchuk to

Peggy Kabakow for a well-deserved honor

Fran Einiger to

Ann Burris and Marvin Schneider in memory of their niece

PASSAGES . . .

Congratulations to:

Helen Astmann on the engagement of her daughter
Joan Paul on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter

Condolences to:

Linda Gabriel on the death of her husband Arthur
Suzanne Markman on the death of her father
William Friedman
Corinne Weiner on the death of her sister-in-law
Carole Benson on the death of her brother-in-law
Raymond Benson

We mourn the death of
Member
SYLVIA BAKER
We extend our condolences and deepest sympathy
to her family.

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 Welcome new Life Members Eva Jacobs, Judy Liebman and Barbara Simon (transfer from Jersey Hills)

We Welcome New Members:

Barbara Bias	Susan Eisin	Rita Halpern
Myrna Block	Peggy Fine	Maggie Kaplen
Betty Cohen	Myra Genn	Martha Schapiro
Ruth Collier	Lorraine Gillman	Nancy Stern
Naomi Cramer		Barbara Vogel

NCJW BCS IN FLORIDA

Anyone interested in getting together in February please call Grace Fuld at 944-6652.

LAPTOP NEEDED

The Thrift Shop needs a used lap top in good condition. If you have one please let us know.

Estelle Greene 944-4788 or Addie Rudin addie@nj.rr.com

LASTING LINKS

How can my commitment to NCJW continue?

All of us who join NCJW do so because we strongly believe in its goal of improving the lives of women, children and families here and in Israel.

But what about when we are no longer here to help alleviate the enormous needs of those we serve?

Easy answer: **Include NCJW Bergen County Section in your will.** Any amount will help guarantee our future commitment to those who need us. Our voice will continue to be heard throughout the state and even throughout the country!

It's so easy – just list National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section, in your will, your codicil or simply in a Letter of Intent for your heirs to follow.

(Be sure to include the words **Bergen County Section.**)

You will be part of Lasting Links – a program for all of us who want to keep our connection with the future. What a fantastic legacy! Call Lucy Doree at 585-1244 if you have any questions or email doreelu@gmail.com. You will be glad you did. And thank you.

LUCY DORÉE

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THRIFT SHOP

DID YOU KNOW?

In addition to selling gently used clothing we also give additional support to some of our Community Services. YCS Kilbarchan has received \$25 and \$50 gift cards that they redeem for clothing and other merchandise. Last month they redeemed about \$300. We have seen some young adults come into the shop in June looking for suits to wear at their proms, or clothing to wear for a job interview. They leave the Shop looking like they are ready to take on the world.

The Thrift Shop is a great community asset and one that needs all the support you can give.

- Volunteer.
- Bring in gently used clothing.
- Help!!!

Estelle Greene, VP

Addie Rudin, VP

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BERGENFIELD • 201-385-3702

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.