

# NCJW<sup>SM</sup> National Council of Jewish Women bulletin

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2014

## OPEN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 9

Temple Emeth, Teaneck 9:15 am

Attend our December Board meeting:

- Learn firsthand how our Board works.
- Get the "inside scoop" on upcoming events.
  - Meet an NCJW Advocacy expert from our Washington D.C. office.

Stay after the meeting for an Advocacy Workshop to learn how to make your voice count. (Bring a bag lunch. We'll provide coffee and cookies.)

## ENERGIZE YOUR LIFE: BRUNCH AND LEARN

Thursday, December 11th, at 11am

After a delicious brunch, we will hear from noted nutrition specialist Dr. Lilli Link, who practices in Manhattan.

A board-certified internist who combines conventional and complementary approaches to a healthy diet and lifestyle, Dr Link has been a guest on radio shows such as Sirius XM's Doctor, discussing issues such as "Anti-inflammatory Diets" and "Diet and Breast Cancer." Since her own diagnosis of cancer over 10 years ago, she has learned firsthand how to use diet and lifestyle to support her own health.

**Place:** Congregation Beth Sholom, 354 Maitland Ave, Teaneck (there is plenty of parking on the street).

**When:** Thursday, December 11th, 2014, 11am.

**Cost:** \$18 for brunch and lecture. Make checks out to NCJW BCS, send to *Karen Kurland*, 37-02 Hillside Terrace, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410. Your check is your reservation. Questions: Call Karen at (201) 797-1745.

## GAME DAY IS COMING SOON!

The Date: Monday, November 10

The Place: River Palm, FAIR LAWN

The Time: 12:00 noon to 3:30 pm

The Price: \$40 per person

A delicious lunch followed by Mah jongg, bridge, canasta, Scrabble, Monopoly (you bring your foursome) or sign up for the schmooze table. For reservations, call *Peggy Fine* at (201) 567-4958 or email her at [pfine2@optonline.net](mailto:pfine2@optonline.net). PLEASE NOTE PLACE CHANGE: TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE, WE NEEDED A BIGGER VENUE!

## November General Meeting Immigration Reform AN AMERICAN DILEMMA



**A Panel Discussion**  
Tuesday, November 18, 12:30 pm  
Temple Emeth, Teaneck

## BERGEN COUNTY SECTION CALENDAR

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- 13 Study Group
- 18 General Meeting
- 20 Metropolitan Opera Trip

### DECEMBER

- 9 Open Board Meeting/Advocacy Workshop
- 11 Brunch & Learn

## COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

### GENERAL MEETING TO FEATURE IMMIGRATION REFORM: AN AMERICAN DILEMMA

Wow. The latest in our never-ending battle to reform our policies on immigration has reached a bottleneck stage, with the administration holding off on any action until after the mid-term elections. This in spite of the fact that, according to Tom Friedman of the *New York Times*, the UN refugee agency says the number of refugees, asylum seekers, and internally displaced people worldwide had, for the first time in the post-World War II era, exceeded 50 million people.

This in spite of the fact that, according to the United Nations children's agency, UNICEF, homicide is especially common in some of the Latin American countries from which children are fleeing by the tens of thousands into the United States. It is the leading killer of adolescent boys ages 19 and under in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Venezuela. There are 11 million undocumented immigrants; 63,000 are unaccompanied minors fleeing gang members, all who will do anything dangerous or illegal to cross our borders and enter our country for a taste of freedom.

The postponement of any action on reform also means that the current wait for permanent-resident green cards will not change. For most immigrants from India, it is at least eleven years. Filipinos wait as long as seven years, and people from China up to six years.

Due process rights, economic migrants, detention, undocumented children, asylum seekers, quotas, resident requirements, deportees... these and many more subjects will be addressed by our panel of experts at the November General Meeting:

- Michael Wildes, immigration attorney, former federal prosecutor and mayor of Englewood from 2004 – 2010
- Rabbi Greg Litcofsky of Temple Emanuel in Livingston, New Jersey
- Vidalia Acevedo, Director of Outreach and Multi-Cultural Services at Shelter our Sisters

As we did with the forum on Human Trafficking last year, we will have over 25 coalition partners joining with us for this hot-button issue.

Here is National Council of Jewish Women's statement on the subject:

*"Since its founding in 1893, NCJW has been involved in service and advocacy on behalf of new immigrants. Today NCJW works for comprehensive, humane and equitable immigration and naturalization laws that facilitate and expedite legal status for more individuals. As such, we support comprehensive immigration reform that provides opportunities for hard-working undocumented immigrants to earn legal status and citizenship, expedited family reunification by reducing the waiting periods that keep immigrant families apart, establishment of humane border security policies and policies that ensure immigrant women and families have access to basic human services during the legislative process."*

Please join us on November 18 for this timely and important program. It is open to the general public at no charge.

### BRAIN FITNESS STUDY GROUP THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1PM RIVERSIDE SQUARE MALL, LOWER LEVEL

Have you seen my glasses? Where are my keys? Linda Lohsen, Life Coach and RN at Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, will show us ways to engage all of our senses daily and have some fun with brain teasers. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Contact *Ruth Seitelman*, ruthseitelman@gmail.com or (201) 836-2916 for more information.

PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION: Riverside Square Mall Conference Center on the lower level next to the entrance to the Fountain Spa, Hackensack.

### METROPOLITAN OPERA BACKSTAGE TOUR NOVEMBER 20, 2014

We will be divided into small groups led by docents on a 75-90 minute tour for an exclusive look at what it takes to stage a production at the Metropolitan Opera. This includes visits to the scenery and carpentry workshops, rehearsal rooms, and stage areas. Note that the tour involves standing, walking, and navigating staircases as well as taking elevators. Preceding the Opera tour, we will have "brunch/lunch" at Son Cubano in West New York, New Jersey, a beautiful restaurant on the Hudson with New York vistas and an extensive menu.

Bus Pickup: Temple Emeth, Teaneck at 10:45 AM.

Registration: Transportation, lunch and tour fees inclusive \$80; nonmembers, \$90.

Send check payable to NCJW BCS to *Hennie Ostrower*, 280 Prospect Ave., 11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

Questions: Call Hennie at (201) 342-2996.

### ADVOCACY IN BERGEN COUNTY **Become Empowered! Become Educated! Become Engaged! Become Energized!**

Grassroots advocacy is the term used to describe individuals who step forward to speak out on issues they feel strongly about. It is every individual's chance to stand up and to make a difference.

Since its founding in 1893, NCJW has been actively advocating for improving the lives of women, children, and families. To achieve this, we have created our own Bergen County Section Advocacy Group to speak out and address the issues in our community.

Members of our Section are starting to advocate on the important issues of reproductive justice, voting rights, immigration reform, gun violence prevention, and human trafficking. **But we need your involvement and help to be successful.** Grassroots advocacy depends on many individuals working together to achieve results.

Bergen County Section has invited **Lindsay Morris, NCJW's Manager of Grassroots Advocacy** to give us a **special workshop on Tuesday, December 9th** at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth. We will learn how to develop an action plan to make our voices heard in our community and to influence our decision makers.

At our Open Board meeting, which precedes the workshop at 9:15 am, Lindsay will tell us how NCJW is creating changes in anti-trafficking initiatives, voting rights, and reproductive rights throughout the country. All our members are invited to attend both the Open Board meeting and the following workshop.

**Come to our Open Board Meeting to learn about NCJW's efforts to bring about change. Come to this unique workshop to GET INSPIRED!**

If you plan to attend both events, please brown bag your lunch. Light refreshments will be served at both the Open Board meeting and the workshop. RSVP for the workshop to *Elaine Pollack* at elaine335@verizon.net or call her at (201) 385-2085.

## PHILANTHROPY/MEMBERSHIP

### JOIN THE JOURNEY AND STAY AT HOME

By now you have received your invitation to our Stay-At-Home personal giving campaign and have discovered WHAT'S IN OUR SUITCASE!!

We hope you will be generous and fill the suitcase with your dollars to help women, children and families – here and in Israel.

#### Who will benefit from your help:

- Hungry people in Bergen County
- Men and women with Multiple Sclerosis
- Parents of pre-school children
- Victims of domestic violence
- Women in Israel
- Children in a residential treatment center
- Visually-challenged senior citizens and many more (check our invitation)!

#### You can help us continue to advocate for:

- Immigration reform
- Voting rights
- Women's health and reproductive justice
- Gun violence prevention
- Human trafficking

So please join us on our journey – we can't travel without you. Our destination is \$75,000.

#### Who are Angels?

To help achieve it we already have some first class travelers -- they're called "angels" and they will match your donation of \$100 over last year's gift and any new donation of over \$25. We have 8 Angels, and they would love to have more company. Would you like to join



Linda Horowitz, Ellen Jacobs, Peggy Kabakow, Karen Kurland, Susan Laskin, Ina Miller Silverstein, Bea Podorefsky, and Henrietta Wolfeiler on this great trip. Call us!

**PLEASE HELP TO FILL OUR SUITCASE BY RESPONDING TO OUR INVITATION. IT WILL BE THE BEST TRIP YOU'VE EVER TAKEN!!**

*Peggy Kabakow (201) 767-3364  
Ina Miller Silverstein (201) 836-6562,  
Co-Chairs*



### ATTENTION: NCJW BCS 2014-2015 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

#### Wanted: Names of Prospective Members

**Help** Spread the word about NCJW BCS.

**Help** NCJW BCS get the additional support needed to continue on successfully, with advocacy, community service, education, and philanthropy.

**Help** NCJW BCS by submitting names of prospective members.

#### Not for Women Only!

Volunteer opportunities for: Musicians, Drivers, Salespeople, Counselors, Educators, Fundraisers and more

Gift your "Guy" with an NCJW BCS Membership!

Send names and contact info (including email addresses) to:  
*Elaine Manberg* – rimesrus@optimum.net or call (201) 883-0245  
*Doris Pape* – dorisspape@gmail.com or call (201) 489-4012  
*Corinne Weiner* – Corinnedani@aol.com or call (201) 343-8265  
Recruitment Coordinators

### NCJW BCS Website: [www.ncjwbcs.org](http://www.ncjwbcs.org) ONE-ON-ONE WEBSITE NAVIGATION PHONE TUTORIAL

In recent years, our website has grown exponentially and continues to be a trusted resource for our members and for visitors from the world-wide web. If you want to get the most out of the 50+ pages and hundreds of links and myriad features of our website, I will be happy to spend half an hour on the phone with you to show you how to navigate and get the most from our site. No need to take notes – I will email you a "cheat sheet."

Contact me, *Carole Benson*, (201) 227-8893, [cbenson@ncjwbcs.org](mailto:cbenson@ncjwbcs.org), to set up a mutually convenient time. Please have your calendar available.  
Carole Benson, Website Editor

### REMEMBERING NCJW BCS

LOVE NCJW? I do. In fact, I have spent my entire adult life as an active, committed member of this organization. My mother was a member (Los Angeles Section); my husband is a member, my daughter and her daughter are members. So you can see – I put my money where my mouth is (and my energy and my time).

To that end, I have remembered NCJW Bergen County Section in my will. I am investing in our future by creating a legacy for those who follow. There are a myriad of ways to do this, such as: an outright bequest in your will or trust, as an IRA, as a life insurance policy, or in cash.

I urge you to discuss this with your estate planner and/or your attorney. If you wish to remember our section specifically, you must designate NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION in your instructions.

When I think of the work that Bergen County Section does locally and its support of programs in Israel, I'm delighted that I can plan now to support our work in the future.

*Ann Levenstein*, Co-President

### MEMBER NEWS!

#### *We welcome new members:*

Judy Fox, Jean Goldman, Sue Harris,  
Harriet Hirschamtang, Marcia Hurst, Arlene Karp,  
Carol Kaufman, Susan Leaf, Donna Potharas,  
Sylvia Sommers, Lorraine Spivak,  
Rhoda Warch, Teddy Weinman,  
Diane Zilz, Sara Zurndorfer.

# FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



## **Where does all the money go? or, why should we donate to NCJW?**

It used to be said that NCJW was not a fundraising organization. We helped local community services and contributed to NCJW causes in Israel, had exciting general meetings and study groups and so much more. Fundraising was sort of a "dirty" word. So we quietly raised money, barely asking our members and friends to come to social events that always cost so much to run.

Little by little it became apparent that we were indeed a fundraising organization – how on earth could we help our community service clients, the needs of our programs in Israel, our new focus on advocacy issues, our programs which bring name speakers to our midst. We began our "Stay-at-Home" fundraiser over 20 years ago – no more paying for a venue, food, music, flowers. It was just too expensive. Not only was it was time to admit we ARE a fundraising organization; it was more important than ever to maximize each and every fundraiser. That's why we have a variety of events, with the hope that one or more will appeal to all our members.

Mah jongg or Bridge your game? Come to Game Day. How about beautiful music? Did you sign up for the four symphonies? Love Audra McDonald? Now is your chance to hear her at NJ/Pac. How about our wonderful bus trips in the metropolitan area! The raffle and our installation journal come in the spring. And of course you've gotten our Stay-at-Home invitation (which you

received recently) which asks all of us to give, with its only reward being the knowledge that we've helped a great many people through our wonderful organization.

Where does the money go? It goes to helping to improve the lives of the clients in our sixteen community services, to promoting the five advocacy issues we have chosen for this year (gun violence prevention, human trafficking, immigration reform, voting rights and women's health/reproductive justice), to presenting fabulous general meetings and study groups, to producing three bulletins and 2 newsletters during the year, and so much more. Think of the services to women, children and families when you decide to participate in one of our "fun" activities or when you sit down to write your personal giving check to Stay-at-Home. If you have not given to Stay-at-Home in the past, please think about doing so this year. If you have been a donor, we thank you and welcome your donation this year. Perhaps you can increase your last year's gift by 10%. Imagine the faces of the children, the elderly, the hungry whom we serve and how much more we can help with your added dollars.

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## **OOPS -- WE GOOFED!**

Our office address is 75 South Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NOT 57!

Please make that correction on the 4-page "orange" pullout included in the first bulletin. You'll find it below the calendar and Thrift Shop information – under NCJW BCS OFFICE.

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN bulletin

## **National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section**

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**January/February Newsletter Deadline:  
December 1, 2014**



## **SEPTEMBER 2014 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH FLORENCE SARFIN**

I have been a member of NCJW for more than 50 years. My first involvement was in the Northern Valley Section. My dear friend, Harriet Ozer, was President at that time and asked me to join. Within one year I became Vice President of Administration, handling all correspondence and running the Board meetings, which were held at the homes of various members. There were about 25 members on the Board at that time. I served with many wonderful and dedicated women.

I became Chair of the Book and Author event, which grew out of my love for reading and from the business I ran with my husband Mannie in Manhattan, "Cards, Books and Cameras." For more than 25 years this event has been a successful fundraiser for Council. My son Ken, who also runs a bookshop, "Books and Greetings," has donated many gifts and prizes for the seniors at Rockleigh and other events whenever asked. My family and friends know how dedicated I am to NCJW BCS. I hope I can continue to be active for many years in the future.

## **TRIP NOTIFICATIONS**

The Trip Committee and the Board are concerned that the announcements of upcoming trips have not been in sync with the publication dates of the Bulletin. Therefore, announcements of trips have been placed on the website or sent out in e-mail blasts. Mindful that some of our members do not have e-mail and are at a disadvantage in registering for a trip before it fills up, the Trip Committee will notify them by telephone simultaneously with any e-mail announcement. If you are in this group and do not have other means of receiving early notification, e.g. a NCJW friend who will keep you informed, and need a telephone notification, send your name and phone number, with a request to be placed on the trip phone notification list, to *Hennie Ostrower*, 280 Prospect Ave. 11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

# ADVOCACY/EDUCATION

## GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION STATE OF THE NATION, SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

In the wake of the Sandy Hook, Newtown Elementary School tragedy on December 14, 2012, where a gunman fatally shot 20 children and 6 adults, there is no doubt that public support for sensible gun laws has soared. Many legislators are following the lead of the people and fighting for strong new policies to fill the gaps in gun regulation left by Congress.

This year, the policies designed to strengthen state gun laws that are making progress in the state legislatures revolve mostly around domestic violence and mental health prohibitions. Indiana, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have already enacted new laws to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers. Twelve additional states are currently considering bills on this crucial topic. Sadly, in our New Jersey legislature, the silence is deafening.

More important than the numbers, or even the context surrounding the numbers, are the real people who have dedicated their lives to changing our nation's gun laws since Newtown. New organizations such as Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Americans for Responsible Solutions, Sandy Hook Promise, Texas Gun Sense, The Brady Campaign, Every Town for Gun Safety, Asking Saves Kids, and many, many more have formed in just the last sixteen months.

The story after Newtown is that in every state people are making their voices heard, fighting to strengthen firearms laws, and opposing the gun lobby's profit-driven efforts. This part of the story is only just beginning: real change will be measured in the lives that are saved. The data show us that the public's mobilization after Newtown resulted in real and sustained change in legislative outcomes.

Nearer to home, at the insistence of the community, New York, Connecticut, and Maryland state lawmakers finally said **"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"** and took action and made it more difficult to buy military-style assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, so these weapons of war would never again threaten lives in homes, schools, and communities.

The data show us that the public's mobilization after Newtown resulted in real and sustained change in legislative outcomes, as new laws are being enacted to strengthen gun policy in unexpected states like South Carolina and Florida while an enormous number of bills to weaken state gun laws get watered down and end without progress.

One analysis, comparing the population of states where gun laws were strengthened to states where they were weakened, concluded that more than half of the country lives in states with stronger gun laws since Newtown.

But as the work continues, the gun lobby is appealing the rulings. Fortunately, The Brady Center's Legal Action Project didn't let these attacks on our public safety go unchallenged and its members are working hard with states and filing amicus briefs to meet the challenge. In August, they filed briefs in New York and Connecticut cases. Law firms joined a national pro bono alliance, Lawyers for a Safer America, and continue to be crucial to these efforts.

Real change happens when real people take action.

People like the members of NCJW Bergen County Section.

*Carole Benson, Gun Violence Prevention Committee*



### HUMAN TRAFFICKING UPDATE

I want to bring you up to date on Human Trafficking. In Congress, H.R. 3344 (entitled Fraudulent Overseas Recruitment and Trafficking Elimination Act of 2013) was referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security in January 2014. It is now in the House Education, Workforce, Foreign Affairs and Judiciary committees.

This potential bill will eliminate fraudulent overseas recruitment and trafficking. It requires a foreign labor contractor to disclose in English and in the primary language of the worker being recruited specific information, including the identity of the employer and recruiter, worker protections, and a signed copy of the contract. It protects a foreigner from misleading information from his contractor.

Call your Congressman to Pass H.R. 3344 and prevent illegal Labor Trafficking. This law ensures: no more lying on contracts, no more fees, and more oversight of recruiters. Let's keep up the momentum to broaden our impact on elimination of Human Trafficking. It is a small step in the right direction to protect foreigners when they enter our country under false pretenses.

Thank you for all your efforts.

*Roz Altman, Co-Vice President, Advocacy and Education*

### HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE THE WEEKEND OFF!

Many children who receive free or reduced-priced school meals are left without adequate nutrition on the weekends and during holiday breaks.

With that in mind, our January 20 general meeting will be a hands-on **PACK THE PACK** meeting. We will be dedicating the money raised when we "pass the basket" at general meetings to the purchase of food items for Center for Food Action Snack Packs. We'll provide the food items, you supply the hands to package the snack packs! Watch for more information in the January-February newsletter.



### REMINDER: AN AFTERNOON WITH AUDRA MCDONALD SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 AT 3:00 PM

ORCHESTRA TICKETS ARE \$99 EACH; 2ND TIER TICKETS ARE \$79 EACH.  
NON-MEMBERS ARE WELCOME (ADD \$10 PER TICKET). Bus included.

Send your check made out to NCJW BCS to PEGGY FINE, 22 WIGHT PLACE, TENAFLY, NJ 07670.  
Be sure to give us your name, number of tickets, and price per ticket. For more information, call Peggy – cell (201) 390-9650 or home (201) 567-4958

## WE'RE BEING HONORED! HIPPY AWARDS DINNER

At their Annual Awards Dinner and Auction on November 11, Bergen Family Center will honor the HIPPY Program as it celebrates its 20th anniversary and will recognize the Founders: **National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section**, Geri Kaufman and Nita Gottesman (both section life members) and soul singer Ben E. King.

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) empowers parents as primary educators of their children and fosters parent involvement in school and community life to maximize the chances of a successful early childhood experience. The program, a collaboration between Bergen Family Center and National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section, offers free in-home instruction and easy to use activity packets, in English and Spanish, for children 3 to 5 years old. Role-playing with a home instructor, a trained peer from the community, parents practice these activities and build skill and confidence. Once a month parents attend a group meeting with other parents and HIPPY staff. At that time, NCJW BCS volunteers provide a separate workshop for the children.

HIPPY, an acclaimed national program, came to the United States from Israel in

1984 and is currently serving 16,000 families across the country. The model was specifically designed to remove barriers to participation caused by poverty, lack of education, or social isolation, but is also adaptable to the specific needs of individual parents and of diverse families and communities. The BFC/NCJW BCS model serves almost 200 families and is the only program of its kind in New Jersey.

A love of learning begins at home. HIPPY is about families, about parents taking an interest in their kids' lives and their futures. It is obvious both from personal testimonies and from studies here and abroad that children who have been in HIPPY are significantly better adapted to the classroom than those who have not participated. For their parents, HIPPY provides an enhanced sense of their own abilities, the satisfaction of teaching their own children, an opportunity for both fun and learning with their children, the support and guidance of trained home visitors, who are peers from the community, and a bridge to the agencies and organizations that may help with other concerns.

The Awards dinner, at Rockleigh Country Club, is on Tuesday, November 11, at 6:00 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$185. Please

join us as Bergen County Section, Nita and Geri are being honored. For ticket information, please call me at 201-836-6562.

*Ina Miller Silverstein*

### NEW HIPPY SEASON BEGINS WITH HALLOWEEN FUN

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) is beginning a new season for old and new families with stories and crafts celebrating Halloween. We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers for our evenings with the children.

Workshop dates are on the following Thursdays at Bergen Family Center, Armory St, Englewood, from 6:00 pm to approximately 8:00 pm: November 11, December 12 (Holiday Party), January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14, and June 11 (Graduation).

It is certainly rewarding to help our boys and girls have fun with our volunteers while their parents have an opportunity to socialize and acquire new parenting skills to prepare their children for their entrance into kindergarten.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact HIPPY Co-Chairs *Edie Kaplan* at (201) 461-2724 or [ediekaplan@gmail.com](mailto:ediekaplan@gmail.com) or *Evalyn Brownstein* at (201) 836-9444 or [teaneckeab@gmail.com](mailto:teaneckeab@gmail.com).

### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Let's make the holiday season memorable for families and children supported by our community services. Think of the warmth and smiles you can put near the Menorah and Christmas tree. We are requesting members to donate whatever they can (in the form of toys for very young children and/or gift cards from Target) and designate the community services that they wish to support.

This is how it works:

- **StoP** A sign up sheet will be available at our November Board and General Meeting as well as our December Open Board Meeting. We look for groups of 4 or more NCJW members that will purchase gift cards and age-appropriate toys to be given to the families of domestic violence. The coordinator for StoP sign-up sheets is *Henrietta Wolfeiler*. She will suggest what would be appropriate.
- **YCS Kilbarchan** Gift cards in the amount of \$10 are given to the boys and girls residing at this facility. *Edna Lewitz* coordinates the Kilbarchan gift cards.
- **HIPPY** Unwrapped gifts for boys or girls ages 3-5. *Evalyn Brownstein* coordinates getting the gifts to Bergen Family Center where HIPPY is located.

At our Board Meeting on November 11, General Meeting on November 18, and at our Open Board Meeting on December 9, our coordinators will collect the gift cards and the unwrapped toys. These items will then be delivered to the appropriate Community Service in time to bring holiday joy.

Let us thank you in advance for participating in this worthy endeavor!

*Roxanne Reff, Nan Matlick, Co-Vice Presidents*  
Community Services

### THRIFT SHOP

#### **We Want Men.**

We need men to volunteer to serve at the Thrift Shop. We already have Bob Sarokin, and he's a great addition. But more are needed. So if you have a man around the house who needs more to do, encourage him to volunteer. He can even bring a friend. The process is simple: He joins NCJW and then calls Estelle Greene at the number listed below.

#### **New Pick Up Service Is Successful.**

Donations are now coming from all corners of Bergen County. Our needs remain the same: gently-used clothing and household items. Donations produce much needed income to help fund our programs. Donations are tax deductible. For pick up service, simply contact Ilene or Fran at the numbers listed below.

#### **Communicate with a Personal Flair**

Thrift Shop is proud to announce the availability of beautiful personal notepaper, each handcrafted by our member, Geri Weiss. Each distinctive design becomes your personal communication brand. They're great fun and lovely, and each is an original.

#### **We're on a Treasure Hunt!**

Bring your unwanted jewelry – real or costume – to the November 18 General Meeting. Tax deduction forms will be provided on the spot.

#### **Finally, We Still Need Your Help!**

We continue to need a constant and predictable stream of volunteers at the Thrift Shop. We'll accept your participation in any convenient way. Give us a few hours weekly or even twice a month. It will really make a difference. Please call *Estelle Greene* to volunteer.

Ilene Wechter: (201) 704-4362, Fran Migdal: (201) 362-9131  
Estelle Greene: (201) 944-4788

# TRIBUTES

## GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

**Elaine and Gerald Sacks**

To Bernice Gola in honor of her very special birthday

**Paul and Geraldine Lurie**

To Doris Pape in memory of her brother Alvin

**Muriel Kosen**

To Seymour Zuckerman and Family in memory of his wife Eris

**Fran Einiger**

To Priscilla Lindenauer in memory of her husband Charles

**Carole and Gerry Benson**

To Jerry Kretchmer in honor of his 80th birthday

## SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

**Evalyn and Irwin Brownstein**

To Doris Pape in memory of her brother Alvin

**Fran Butensky**

To Marilyn Taffet for a speedy recovery

**Ina and Michael Silverstein, Fran Butensky, Fran Einiger**

To Inez Swartz for a speedy recovery

**Lucy Dorée**

To Carol Robbins in memory of your beautiful mother Lea

**Fran Butensky, Geri Kaufman**

To Adrienne Wasserman  
Deepest sympathy on your loss

**Bea Podorefsky**

To Loretta Weinberg in memory of her brother Carl Isaacs

**Fran Einiger**

To Micki and Mike Grunstein in memory of mother Jeanette Grunstein

## PASSAGES

**We mourn the loss of members**

Lila Applebaum, Ann Garfinkel and Leatrice Robbins.

**Condolences to:****Sheila Ehrlich**

on the death of her husband Robert

**Elaine Gurland**

on the death of her sister Phyllis Chiat

**Susan Katz**

on the death of her mother Esther Goldstein

**Hannah Glicksman**

on the death of her sister Blanche Seinfeld

**Loretta Weinberg**

on the death of her brother Carl Isaacs

**Charlotte Eth**

on the death of her cousin Joan Rivers



## MANY, MANY THANKS!

**To Henrietta and Bernie Wolfeiler**

We're pleased to announce that an extremely generous gift has been donated to NCJW Bergen County Section by Life Members Henrietta and Bernie Wolfeiler in memory of her parents to enhance the lives of women, children and families in our local community. The Officers and Board are very grateful to the Wolfeilers.

**To Priscilla Lindenauer**

A generous donation has been given by Priscilla Lindenauer in memory of her beloved husband Charles, a dedicated volunteer in our Swim-In program.

## SOLOS: CAN IT BE THAT TIME ALREADY?

Yes, Hanukkah Harry will be here for his annual visit before you know it, and the SOLOS are getting ready. Plans for our holiday lunch are underway. You do not want to miss this afternoon with old and new friends – and a delicious lunch. Mark your calendars, Sunday, December 7, 2014, at 1 pm, Momento Italian restaurant, 50 Prospect Terrace, Tenafly. Send check for \$36 payable to NCJW BCS to *Doris Pape*, 280 Prospect Ave., 3E, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

For any and all questions and information about SOLOS, you can contact the co-chairs:

*Fran Einiger* (201) 678-1809

*Marlene Furer* (201) 457-9635

*Barbara Tilliss* (201) 944-4968

## KNIT WITS

Want to “de-stress?” Like to knit or crochet? We have a solution for you. Many of our community services need your expertise. The children at Holley Center and Kilbarchan would love an item that was made especially for them, as would the residents at The Jewish Home at Rockleigh. In addition, the hand-made items go to Shelter-Our-Sisters (home for victims of domestic violence) and the Family Promise Walk-In Center. All items should be made of acrylic yarn, so washing is easy. These small items such as scarves, hats, teddy bears, etc. are greatly appreciated. For more information, call *Sabina Sicklick* at (201) 342-3671 or email her at [sabinasicklick@yahoo.com](mailto:sabinasicklick@yahoo.com).

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## Beyond Choice: The Reproductive Justice Movement Expands the Message

As a result of changing demographics and current generational preferences in the United States, there has been a paradigm shift in the way we think about women's health and reproductive rights. The label "pro-choice" has fallen out of favor, replaced by the more expansive concept, "reproductive justice." Advocates say that the term "pro-choice," which has for so long been identified with abortion, does not reflect the range of women's health and economic issues now being debated.

Reproductive justice is a concept that connects reproductive rights and social justice. In the United States, the term originated in organizations that promote the rights of minority women. The reproductive justice movement began in the late 1980s as an

attempt by these organizations to expand the conversation beyond "choice" within the abortion debate. The feeling was that the "choice" dialogue applied only to "those groups that could afford to make the choice in the first place." In addition to advocating for the right to birth control, reproductive justice offers a framework that includes social, political, and economic inequalities.

The paradigm that combines the empowerment of women with reproduction can be divided into the following categories: reproductive health, reproductive rights, and reproductive justice:

- The reproductive health framework focuses on inequalities in health services to under-served communities.

- The reproductive rights framework focuses on the protection of a woman's legal right to reproductive health services, such as increasing access to contraception and keeping abortion legal.
- The reproductive justice framework focuses on changing the structural inequalities that affect women's reproductive health and their ability to control their reproductive lives.

Originally focused on issues in the United States, the concept of reproductive justice now includes movements that affect women around the world.

*Barbara Berger-Brill, Chair, Women's Health and Reproductive Justice*

### IN CASE IT SLIPPED YOUR MIND . . .

Have you paid your dues? We hope that you have – we don't want you to miss out on any of our exciting programs and projects. If you haven't, please send your check for \$60 made out to NCJW Bergen County Section and mail it to:  
NCJW BCS 75 S. Washington Ave. Bergenfield, NJ 07621. You'll be glad you did!

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