

NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION NEWSLETTER MARCH-APRIL 2014

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- Tues. March 18 General Meeting, Temple Emeth, 12:30PM. *A German Life—My Father Was a Nazi.*** With Bernd Wollschlaeger, MD, FAAFP. Born in mid-1950s Germany, Dr. Wollschlaeger was raised and educated in Germany. Growing up, he discovered his father, a tank commander and decorated Nazi war hero, had kept the past hidden from his children. Dismayed by the legacy of the Holocaust, the son questioned his father's past, rebelled, converted to Judaism, and immigrated to Israel. He served in the Israel Defense Forces, married a Jewish woman and is currently living in Miami, Florida, with dual Israeli/American citizenship. He is a board certified practicing family physician and addiction specialist, author, speaker, father of three children and a proud Jew. The rift between family and faith never healed. "Our unresolved conflict and my father's denial motivated me to search for answers, and I found them within me and my acquired faith: Against all odds, change is possible." The program is free to members, \$10 for non-members, applicable toward membership. Come hear his story! It promises to be a thought-provoking and fascinating subject. Personally signed copies of *A German Life* will be on sale for \$15, \$5 of which Dr. Wollschlaeger is generously donating back to our section.
- Tues. March 25 Politics and Pastries.** If you are inspired to make your voice heard on issues and challenges affecting our community and new legislation for better laws, please join our advocacy group at our next meeting at 1:00PM at the home of Shelly Winner in Tenafly. Our topic will be an advocacy agenda for next year. We will have an interesting speaker to help guide us on important community issues. Kindly RSVP by March 16 to Roz Altman, 201-546-7211 or email rozzi0630@aol.com. Further information can be found on our website calendar.
- Fri. April 11 Council Sabbath.** Come enjoy the beauty of Shabbat! Join us as we share a traditional Friday night dinner, a beautiful service led by our members, and a festive Oneg Shabbat. See enclosed flyer for more information.
- Thurs. April 24 Trip to the Hispanic Museum with lunch at Xaviers X20 on the Hudson.** The Hispanic Museum in upper Manhattan is a little known "gem" of New York's cultural treasures. It is housed in a Beaux Arts mansion and contains the largest collection of Iberian art outside of Spain. We will have a docent-led tour of the paintings, ceramics, etc. (including works by El Greco and Goya and the famed murals by Sorolla). Following that visit, we will again have a multi-course lunch at Xaviers X20 on the Hudson, the gorgeous restaurant that was such a big hit with our members on a previous excursion. Registration: Send check for \$70 along with home and cell phone numbers to: Hennie Ostrower, 280 Prospect Ave., 11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Questions: Call Hennie, 201-342-2996. Bus leaves from Temple Emeth in Teaneck at 9:00AM.
- Tues. April 29 General meeting, Temple Emeth, 12:30PM. Meet Sammie Moshenberg, NCJW's director of Washington operations and coordinator all of NCJW's advocacy efforts in Washington DC and nationwide.** She also staffs NCJW's State Public Affairs network of volunteer advocates in more than 20 states. She represents NCJW on national coalitions concerned with judicial nominations, civil rights, reproductive rights, child care, and First Amendment issues, and speaks widely with passion and humor on public policy and legislative issues throughout the country. A feminist activist, Sammie has been at the forefront of advocating for equality, economic and social justice for over 30 years. There will be a special commemoration to the victims of the Holocaust in honor of Yom Hashoah at the meeting.
- Weds. May 7 Community Services Tour.** Join us for an "on-site visit" to two of our community services. We will start the morning at the Center for Food Action where we will see the pantry and learn about how our volunteers provide much needed help. Lunch at the Center and then we move on to the JCC on the Palisades and see Swim-In activities. Observe this very unique program and meet some of the MS clients who benefit from the water exercises. Registration is limited so sign up early with Marcia Levy, 201-894-8379, mlevy0649@gmail.com or Roxanne Reff, 201-944-7581, rkreff@yahoo.com.

RAFFLE: SIX "WOW" PRIZES

By now you've received in the mail all the information about buying this year's exciting raffle tickets. The six prizes: a week at a beautiful condo in Vermont, a weekend stay for four at Woodloch Pines Resort, an overnight all inclusive spa visit for two at the Lodge at Woodloch, a weekend at a lovely B&B in the Berkshires, six elegant dinners and six luscious lunches -- all for the price of \$36 for 7 raffle tickets! The combined value of these donated gifts is \$5,300!!

The more raffle tickets you buy, the greater chance that you'll win. Drawing will be at NCJW's Installation luncheon at Seasons Restaurant on June 10. You do not need to attend to win, but we do hope you'll join us at this gala occasion. Be sure to send in your check and address labels so that we can mail you your ticket stubs as soon as possible. If you have any questions, contact Karen Kurland at 201-797-1745.

NCJW RAISES AWARENESS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is a \$35 billion industry and the fastest growing crime in the world. To help raise awareness, the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttel organized a special program at Bergen PAC on January 15. BCS is continuing these efforts by asking Bergen County mayors to sign Awareness Proclamations and by reaching out to schools. Contact Roz Altman, 201-546-7211, or Elaine Pollack, 201-385-2085 if you would like to help combat this modern day form of slavery. You can also help by writing to your legislators to ask them to strengthen the laws against Human Trafficking.

PASSAGES

Condolences to Ina Fine on the death of her husband Gilbert, to Edna Lewitz on the death of her sister Bernice, and to Irene Massarsky on the death of her brother Abraham Morris.

We mourn the loss of Life Members Myrna Sherman and Lenore Krigsman.

Congratulations to Bea Podorefsky on the birth of a great granddaughter, to Evelyn Masheb on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter, to Leah Fetner on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, to Judy Weinstein on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, and to Phyllis Becker on the marriage of her son.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH, MARCH 2014, ERIKA REIS

Some 13 years ago I was smart enough to join NCJW BCS! I become acquainted with a group of highly motivated and dedicated women doing important community-based work. After retirement I was anxious to fill my time with volunteering and found the Center for Food Action (a major NCJW project). Every Tuesday morning I answer dozens of calls from clients in need of food. I set up appointments, do intake and where applicable, refer clients to other social service agencies. It is very gratifying to meet clients when they come to pick up their packages and see how it eases their burdens in these difficult times.



When Marcia Levy, VP of Community Services, found out my background in Bergen County Division of Aging, she steered me to a project that Council was just starting at the Bergen Family Center. Every month a group of us help celebrate the birthdays of the frail elderly, blind and disabled who come to the Center. We provide all kinds of goodies, play games, give out prizes and have musicians and dancers entertain. We know how welcome we are just by the grins and greetings we get when we come in. Volunteering has been a real high for me and the friends I have made are a big bonus.

ELAINE ADLER TO BE HONORED

At its Annual Installation Luncheon on June 10, 2014, the Bergen County Section will proudly present the Hannah G. Solomon Award, its most prestigious honor, to community leader and philanthropist Elaine Adler, co-founder of the Adler Aphasia Center. A journal will highlight Mrs. Adler, as well as Roxanne Reff, Woman of the Section. You will all be receiving information about how you and the businesses you frequent can make this year's Journal the very biggest and best yet! Watch your mailbox for information.

Slate of Officers, 2014-2015

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**STAY-AT-HOME!
DONATE NOW!**

We hope you've sent in your contribution to this year's Stay-At-Home personal giving campaign but if you haven't, it's still not too late. This is your opportunity to financially support all the community services and advocacy efforts of Bergen County Section. Please send your check to Tobey Weiss, 595 Albin Street, Teaneck, NJ 07666. Your generosity will mean so much to the women, children and families we serve.

The complete list of donors for 2013-2014 will appear in the May-June bulletin.

If you are interested in receiving news about Carole Benson's upcoming website workshops, email her at cbenson@nj.rr.com. Everyone who has attended says they are a "must do."

The boys and girls of YCS Holley and Kilbarchan send their love and a great big *Thank You* for the gift cards from Target. They enjoyed their shopping trip.

We welcome new members Diane Dobrow and Geraldine Lurie.

GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

Inez Swartz
To Barbara Kass
In memory of husband
Herbert

Inez Swartz
Carole and Herb Greenberg
Pearl and Harvey Sorkow
To Arthur Rose
In memory of wife Joan

Linda and Joe Horowitz

Inez Swartz
To Leah Fetner
Congratulations on bar
mitzvah of grandson Justin
Alfierii

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

Monday Bridge Group
To Ed Kabakow
Hoping you feel well

Joan and Allan Snider

To Shirley Feldman
Congratulations on a special
birthday

Pearl and Harvey Sorkow

To Gena and Jay Rubenstein
In memory of Sylvia
Rubenstein

Fran Altchuler

To Martin Diamond
In memory of his mother

Roxanne and Abby Reff

To Clare Udis
In memory of her brother

The Officers and Board of Directors of NCJW BCS wish all of our members and their families a Happy Purim and a Happy Passover!