

NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION NEWSLETTER

MARCH-APRIL 2015



Tuesday, March 17

Blow Away the Winter Blues With Austin Tichenor. 12:30PM at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck. We are looking forward to blowing away the winter blues with an entertaining presentation by Austin Tichenor, playwright, actor, director, and co-Managing Partner of the *Reduced Shakespeare Company*. There is no charge and light refreshments will be served. Members, family, friends and general public are all welcome.

Austin Tichenor has performed with *Reduced Shakespeare Company* around the world: Off-Broadway, in London's West End, in the PBS version of *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)*, and at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, American Repertory Theatre, Pittsburgh Public Theatre, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, and Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. Mr. Tichenor wrote the stage adaptations *Dancing on the Ceiling* (from Kafka's "The Metamorphosis") and *Frankenstein*, and co-wrote *The Complete History of America (abridged)*, *The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)* (Helen Hayes Award nomination, Best New Play), *All The Great Books (abridged)*, *Completely Hollywood (abridged)*, *The Complete World of Sports (abridged)*, *The Ultimate Christmas Show (abridged)*, and *The Complete History of Comedy (abridged)*, all of which have been published and translated into over a dozen languages. Television credits include recurring roles on *Alias*, *24*, *The Practice*, *Ally McBeal*, and *Felicity*; and various guys in ties on *ER*, *The X-Files*, *The West Wing*, *Gilmore Girls*, *Nip/Tuck*.



Friday, March 20

Council Shabbat. Everyone is invited to come to our annual Council Shabbat at Temple Emeth. We will start the evening at 6:00PM with a delicious, kosher Shabbat dinner. This will be followed at 8:00PM by Temple Emeth's unique musical Shabbat service. The service will be conducted by Rabbi Steven Sirbu, Cantor Ellen Tilem, and the Temple band. If you are unable to come to dinner, please join us for the service at 8:00PM. To reserve your spot at the dinner, please mail your check for \$25 per person, payable to NCJW BCS, to the NCJW BCS office, 75 S. Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621. All dinner reservations must be received by March 15. For more information, please contact Elaine Pollack at elaine335@verizon.net, or call 201-385-2085.

Tuesday, March 24

Rescheduled Study Group—See NEWS FLASH on Page 2.

Sunday, April 19

An Afternoon with Audra McDonald. NJPAC, Newark, NJ, 3:00PM. Kick off the spring with the sweet sounds of one of today's most highly regarded performers. A few tickets remain. Orchestra seats are \$99 each, 2nd tier tickets are \$79 each. Price includes round trip transportation from Temple Emeth in Teaneck. Nonmembers are welcome (add \$10 per ticket). Send your check made out to NCJW BCS to Peggy Fine, 22 Wight Pl., Tenafly, NJ 07670. For further information call Peggy at 201-567-4958.

Tuesday, April 21

Meet One of Surviving 'Monuments Men.' 12:30PM at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Rd., Teaneck. One of the few surviving 'Monuments Men,' Harry Ettlinger was among the 350 members of a team that saved hundreds of thousands of cultural treasures that the Nazis systematically stole from private and public collections across Europe. This incredible World War II story was the inspiration for George Clooney's recent movie, *The Monuments Men*.

Ettlinger, a Jewish soldier in the United States Army, was selected for the program in January 1945 because of his ability to read and speak German. At the age of 19, he went down into European salt mines to discover and restitute many of the artworks, including the stained glass windows of the Strasbourg Cathedral and a Rembrandt self-portrait.

Originally from Germany, he "was the last Bar Mitzvah boy in Karlsruhe, before the synagogue was burned down." He and his family escaped from Germany in September 1938 and settled in Newark, NJ. Ettlinger, now 89, still lives in New Jersey.

Join us for refreshments prior to the meeting. There is no charge. Members, family, friends, and the general public are all welcome. In addition to our program, NCJW BCS will be commemorating Holocaust Remembrance Day at this time. Felice Z. Stokes, NCJW BCS member, a Holocaust survivor and a hidden child, will read a short selection and speak about her experiences as a hidden child.



Thursday, April 23 **Fabulous trip to see exhibit “Sculpture in the Age of Donatello” at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York City.** Lunch follows at Justin’s Ristorante in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. Bus leaves 9:15AM from Temple Emeth in Teaneck. Registration: Send check for \$60 payable to NCJW BCS with your home and cell phone numbers to Hennie Ostrower, 280 Prospect Ave. – 11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Nonmembers will only be accommodated at \$70 if trip is not filled. For more information call Hennie at 201-342-2996.

Thursday, May 7 **Study Group. Shari Eshet on Turning the Tables!** Shari Eshet knows what it is like to rush to a bomb shelter. As the director of NCJW’s Israel office, she also knows first-hand the problems of at-risk women and children of Israel, from human trafficking to gender segregation to the need for civil marriages. During her quick visit to us from Israel, she will share how NCJW’s programs are “turning the tables” toward a better life for women, children and families. **Please note: This will be an evening meeting starting at 7:00PM. Due to anticipated attendance we will be at a different location at the mall: Riverside Square Mall Senior Source, upper level.** Please park in the parking garage over P.F. Chang’s at the mall. Members \$5, nonmembers \$10. For more information call Ruth Seitelman at 201-836-2916 or Joyce Kalman at 201-567-4766.

STAY-AT-HOME CAMPAIGN

We thank the generous members who have contributed to our Stay-at-Home Campaign—but, for those of you who still have our suitcase sitting on your desk—take this as a gentle reminder that it’s never too late. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that you will help to fill our suitcase with your donations.

Please send your checks to Tobey Weiss, 595 Albin Street, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

THRIFT SHOP

The keys to the continuing growth and success of our Thrift Shop are volunteers and gently-used clothing, jewelry and bric-a-brac.

Volunteers desperately needed! To help address this ongoing issue, we’re introducing super-flexible, super-friendly schedules for volunteers. Select the day and time that works for you, once a week or once a month, whatever fits your schedule! Call Estelle Greene, 201-944-4788.

Winter time, winter needs! Recent winter storms may have encouraged you to check out your winter wear. If you’ve discovered items that don’t fit or you no longer want, think of us. It’s not too late to donate men’s, women’s and children’s winter clothing. Quilts, women’s nightgowns, men’s and children’s pajamas are in high demand and will continue to be during March. Spring and summer clothes will be accepted as of March 16. Used sheets and towels are always welcome but must be bagged separately and marked “Transamerica.”

Pick up service is still available! For pick-up service, simply contact Ilene Wechter at 201-704-4362 or Fran Migdal at 201-362-9131.

NEWS FLASH! STUDY GROUP ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESCHEDULED!

Third Time’s the Charm! The Study Group **It’s Complicated: Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking** has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, March 24 at 1:00PM** at the Shops at Riverside Conference Center on the Lower Level.

It’s complicated. Power and control are the underlying dynamics for both human trafficking and domestic violence. The tactics used by the recruiters are often the same ones used by batterers. The results in both cases are severe mental health issues, grave physical safety concerns, shelter and food needs and immigration legal problems. Yes, it’s complicated! For more information, contact Ruth Seitelman at 201-836-2916.

COMMUNITY SERVICES WISH LIST

The holidays are over, but our community services still need our help:

Adler Aphasia Center aids their clients in communication skills. The Center is in need of “Fine Sharpies”—blue or black ink. These items can be brought to any of our meetings.

Holley Center Birthday Cakes—Let us put smiles on the faces of children who may never have had a birthday cake. Contact Addie Rudin at addie.rudin@gmail.com or 201-585-1928 if you can provide a birthday cake for one of the Holley kids. All the local markets have wonderful cakes in their bakeries.

Center for Food Action—Many people in Bergen County continue to face hunger. Please bring nonperishable food items to any NCJW meeting. We will make the delivery on behalf of NCJW BCS.

**NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION
SLATE OF OFFICERS
2015 - 2016**

The 2015-2016 slate will be presented at the April General Meeting and voted on at the May General Meeting, according to Section Bylaws.

Honorary President*	Ellie Lubin
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(replacing trustees unable to complete term)
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(completing second year of term)

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*No vote required

**Chair of Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee 2014 - 2015

Fran Butensky, Chair; Mary Sue Ehrenberg, Immediate Past Chair; Edie Kaplan, Ina Miller Silverstein, Barbara Tilliss
Alternates: Irma Ball, Joyce Kalman

GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

Lucy Doree, Bea Podorefsky, Gladys Laden, Doris & Bob Sarokin, Pearl & Harvey Sorkow, Adele & Murray Golbey, Ina & Michael Silverstein

To Natalie Landau & Family
In memory of husband Major Landau

Bea Podorefsky

To Aviva Feldman & Family
In memory of husband Rabbi David Feldman

Ann & Bob Levenstein

To Connie Tell & Family
In memory of mother Jeanne Tell

Arlene Friedman

To Tobi Kahn & Family
In memory of father Herbert

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

Roxanne & Abby Reff, Inez Swartz, Linda & Joe Horowitz, Ann & Bob Levenstein, Gloria & Jay Ansh, Fran Einiger

To Natalie Landau & Family
In memory of husband Major Landau

Fran Einiger

To Aviva Feldman & Family
In memory of husband Rabbi David Feldman

Honor and congratulate friends and family and send condolences to your nearest and dearest— with an NCJW Bergen County Section Tribute Card.

We'll mail it for you. Just call one of the chairs:

Celia Argintar Bea Tendler Norma Moglen
201-836-2563 201-461-0284 973-403-0875

We welcome new members Joan Levy and Elana Sarraf.

PASSAGES

Condolences to Natalie Landau on the death of her husband Major, to Ava Silverstein on the death of her mother Hazel Tobias.

We mourn the loss of Life Members Emily Geltman, Jeanne Tell and Major Landau.

Congratulations to Nan Matlick on the birth of her first great grandchild (a boy), to Roberta Lew on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson.

HELP WANTED! We need gift certificates from local restaurants for our Installation raffle. Ask your favorite dining spot for \$50 or \$100 gift certificates. Help make our raffle prizes the best ever! Bring certificates to Peggy Fine at any board or general meeting. For more information, call Peggy at 201-567-4958.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH, JANUARY 2015, JUDY MYERS

I have been a member of NCJW BCS for more than 25 years. It seems like yesterday that I moved into Horizon House and was introduced to Roz Suchow. She spoke so highly of NCJW and convinced me to join. Soon afterwards she invited me to go with her to Council Thrift Shop and we spent many wonderful days in Teaneck. It was always fun and rewarding working with customers and helping them when needed.

Since I spent many years working in a boutique in Fort Lee, the Shop was a "perfect fit" for me. Now in Bergenfield, it's also been a great experience and I enjoy my Monday routine. Working with different people is certainly rewarding but just knowing Estelle (Greene) is around is a pleasure for me.



ELAINE MEYERSON AND MARIAN KUGELMASS TO BE HONORED

At our Annual Installation Luncheon on June 9, 2015, the Bergen County Section will proudly present the Hannah G. Solomon Award, its most prestigious honor, to Elaine Meyerson, Executive Director of the Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters), for the past 28 years. Elaine has worked tirelessly to promote programs and community outreach for the victims of domestic violence in Bergen County. Meeting unmet needs at the grass roots level defines not only the award recipient, but Elaine's accomplishments at this private, non-profit agency.

The Woman of the Section Award shall be presented to life member Marian Kugelmass who has shown her love of Bergen County Section as our Parliamentarian and by chairing Study Groups, Summer Campership, Council Sabbath and Blanket Parties, to name just a few of her passions over the past fifteen years. Our Journal will highlight both women and their well-deserved recognition.

KEEPING COMMUNITIES SAFER

We read every day in the newspapers of accidental gun shootings in the home, children killed by stray bullets, teenagers or adults with mental health issues using guns violently against members in their community. Rather than write an article focusing on laws to prevent gun violence, I want to focus on the alarming statistics from an article in Parents.com concerning the number of guns owned in the United States. **It has become a public health issue!** "There are an estimated 270 million civilian-owned firearms in the U.S., nearly one for every man, woman and child." These are the guns that we know about. It's quite plausible that there's a gun (if not several) located someplace where your child or grandchild spends time. Do parents raise the issue of firearms before letting their child play at someone else's home? "Most parents who own guns are responsible about keeping them locked, unloaded, and stowed away safely," says Beth Ebel, MD, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Council on Injury, Violence, and Poison Prevention. "Yet nearly 40 percent of gun-owning households with children have an unlocked gun to which a child might gain access."

Here are the statistics (according to the article in Parents.com):

- A study published in *Pediatrics* found that nearly 1.7 million children under the age of 18 live with a loaded and unsecured gun in the house.
- Each year, nearly 140 minors are accidentally killed and more than 3,000 are injured by firearms, most often at home or while visiting a friend, relative, or caregiver.
- About a quarter of victims under age 14 unintentionally shoot themselves. And, according to data from the Harvard School of Public Health, these estimates are certainly low, because many unintended shootings are incorrectly labeled as homicides.
- Studies show that kids as old as 12 have a hard time distinguishing real guns from play ones. That's why it's never too early to talk to your child about what to do if he sees a firearm, even if he thinks it's only a toy.

We should not stop advocating for stricter legislation regarding guns, but we also need to educate parents and communities on how to talk with our children about the dangers of real guns. Family members also need to be aware of properly storing and keeping guns in their homes. It is their responsibility as a good neighbor!

Roselyn Altman

ADLER APHASIA CENTER IN MAYWOOD, NJ

This facility was started by the Adler family after Mike Adler lost his speech due to a stroke. I have volunteered there for several years and have seen them expand the list of activities each year.

At the Adler Center the members are always engaged in some learning activity while they are having fun and meeting their friends. Activities include musical plays, computers, i-Pads, art, travel, discussions about current topics and cooking. Some members make the most beautiful jewelry and gift items. Each item comes with a bio about the person who made the piece. Having given many of these as gifts, I can tell you they are always unique and beautiful.

For information about volunteer opportunities, e-mail me at awburris@gmail.com.

Ann Burris

*****Deadline for May-June Bulletin: March 15*****

