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# bulletin

MARCH/APRIL

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2016

## March General Meeting **Eric A. Goldman**

*The American Jewish  
Experience through Cinema*



Scholar of Israeli, Jewish and  
Yiddish Film; writer, film critic

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 12:30 pm  
Temple Emeth, Teaneck

The meeting is free for members.  
There will be a \$10 charge for nonmembers,  
applicable toward new membership if paid that day.

## April General Meeting **Ariel Sabar**

*The Jews  
of Kurdish Iraq*



Award-winning journalist and writer;  
winner of the National Book Critics  
Circle Award for Autobiography

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 12:30 pm  
Temple Emeth, Teaneck

The meeting is free for members.  
There will be a \$10 charge for nonmembers,  
applicable toward new membership if paid that day.

## NCJW REUNION 2016

We are planning to have a Reunion on Tuesday, April 19, to acknowledge the women of NCJW who have been active members for 25 years or more.

This is the 93rd year for the Bergen County Section, formerly the Teaneck and Greater Teaneck Section. Some women have been involved for more than 50 years. We will be reminiscing about the past and remembering the many activities of the Section and Evening Branch.

We will meet at Temple Emeth at 10 am prior to our April General Meeting and have light refreshments. If you are a long-time member, share this information with friends who were members and plan to attend.

PLEASE CALL US, so that we can reserve a place for you. We look forward to greeting everyone. *Pearl Sorkow* (201) 461-3707, or *Marilyn Sirulnick* (201) 343-3321 (sirulnickm@aol.com).



**A HAPPY PURIM AND PASSOVER TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!**

## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH GENERAL MEETING

#### THE AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE THROUGH CINEMA

At our general meeting on March 15, Eric A. Goldman will present a program titled *The American Jewish Experience Through Cinema*. Dr. Goldman, a scholar of Israeli, Jewish, and Yiddish film, is an exciting, engaging, and informative lecturer who holds a Ph.D in Cinema Studies from New York University and graduate degrees in Contemporary Jewish Studies and Theater Arts from Brandeis University. He is presently adjunct professor of Cinema at Yeshiva University and film critic for *The Jewish Standard*. He was curator of film for the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research and was also a member of the Educational Advisory Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC.

Dr. Goldman planned and moderated the Israeli film series "Lens on Israel" at New York's 92nd Street Y. He has also produced and directed for radio, television, film and video. His most recent book, *The American Jewish Story Through Cinema*, was published in 2013. He is founder and president of Ergo Media, a New Jersey-based video publishing company.

### APRIL GENERAL MEETING

#### THE JEWS OF KURDISH IRAQ

We are fortunate to have Ariel Sabar as our speaker at our April 19 general meeting. In his talk Mr. Sabar will weave the remarkable story of the Kurdish Jews and their Aramaic tongue with the moving tale of how a consummate California kid came to write a book about his family's Kurdish roots. This debut book, *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Autobiography, one of the highest honors in American letters.

Ariel Sabar is also an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *Harper's*, *Washington Post*, *Mother Jones*, and *This American Life*, among many other places. He is a *Smithsonian Magazine* correspondent, a *Washington Magazine* contributing editor, and former staff writer for many publications. A graduate of Brown University, he has lectured there as well as at the University of Maryland-College Park, Johns Hopkins, George Washington University, and Georgetown.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 22: STUDY GROUP "YOU BE THE JUDGE!"

Lindsay Morris, manager of grassroots advocacy at the NCJW Washington office, will be our speaker. Lindsay's NCJW responsibilities include overseeing advocacy initiatives and outreach efforts, including BenchMark, NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign, and NCJW engagement at the local, state, and national level on issues that affect women, children, and families.

The program will begin with an overview of the three levels of the federal courts. She will then involve the group in an interactive activity, "You Be the Judge." Participants will be divided into smaller groups and presented with a "real" case. After reaching a decision, each group will present its conclusions, and Lindsay will give actual case decisions.

Riverside Mall Conference Center, 1 pm. Members will be charged \$5, nonmembers \$10. For information, contact *Marilynn Friedman* at (201) 568-0145 or [marisfried@aol.com](mailto:marisfried@aol.com).

### TUESDAY, MARCH 29: FRICK MUSEUM EXHIBIT: "VAN DYCK: THE ANATOMY OF PORTRAITURE"

The Frick Collection is housed in the beautiful mansion built in 1913-14 for his family by Henry Clay Frick, a prominent industrialist (and one of the Robber Barons).

The exhibit is the first show in the United States in 25 years of the 17th century painter Anthony Van Dyck, considered one of the most celebrated and influential portraitists of all time. A star of this exhibit is the Portrait of Cardinal Guido Bentivoglio, borrowed from the Palazzo Pitti in Florence.

Following the museum visit, we will return to Bergen County for a full-course luncheon in an authentic Turkish Restaurant, *Beyoglu Mediterranean Grill* in Cliffside Park.

Registration: Send check for \$75 payable to NCJW BCS to *Hennie Ostrower*, 280 Prospect Ave. 11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601. Nonmembers: \$85 if there is room. Include cell and home phone numbers with your reservation. Questions, call Hennie at (201) 342-2996. The bus leaves at 9:30 am from Temple Emeth in Teaneck.

### TUESDAY, MAY 24: LOWER MANHATTAN ARCHITECTURE YACHT TOUR

As we will sail around lower Manhattan on a luxurious yacht, a member of the American Institute of Architects will discuss distinctive features of the buildings and spaces along the waterfront. During the 90-minute tour we will sail under all three of the iconic bridges linking Brooklyn and Manhattan. Our bus will pick us up at the Chelsea Pier and leave us near an elevator entrance to the High Line.

For the next few hours, you will be on your own: Have lunch at a restaurant in the transformed meat packing district, bring a lunch to eat sitting on the High Line, or buy one there. You can explore the fabulous Chelsea Market and visit neighborhood art galleries.

Registration: Send check for \$80 payable to NCJW BCS to *Hennie Ostrower*, 280 Prospect Ave. 11N, Hackensack NJ 07601. Nonmembers: \$90 if there is room. Please include cell and home phone numbers with your check. Questions: call Hennie at (201) 342-2996. Bus leaves from Temple Emeth at 9 am.

A FAITH IN THE FUTURE

A BELIEF IN ACTION

If you plan on going on both the March 29 and May 24 trips, you must send TWO separate checks, one for each trip. They may go in the same envelope.

## AWARDS

### RICHARD MINGOIA TO RECEIVE NCJW'S PRESTIGIOUS HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

Richard Mingoia began his career at YCS as a psychiatric social worker at the YCS Children's Mental Health Center at Christ Hospital in Jersey City and was quickly promoted to Assistant Director of Children's Services. He continued to increase his responsibilities, becoming the Site Administrator of the YCS Holley Center and Associate Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. In 1996, Richard became YCS President/CEO.

Under Richard's guidance, YCS has become the undisputed leader in caring for children in need throughout New Jersey. It is now a \$90 million agency with over 1,600 employees serving 7,175 children in the past year. YCS offers over 90 programs and provides more residential beds for children than any other agency in the country.

Richard had the courage to assess the child behavioral health environment in our state honestly and charted a bold and new direction for his organization. This vision revolves around the idea that children and families deserve to have their needs and preferences met when, where, and how they need help. His powerful combination of passion and vision has led not only to a significant



expansion of programs and services to children and families, but also to a sweeping change in the YCS mission. It embraces the whole child, its family and community, and is a hallmark of his personal belief system.

Richard Mingoia has demonstrated through his leadership of YCS, as well as his leadership at the state level, that he has a unique understanding of the relationships among behavioral health policy, financial reimbursement methodologies, sound clinical practice, and measurable outcomes. His background as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with advanced training in Supervision of the Therapeutic Process in individuals and groups, plus a Masters in Business

Administration in Finance, added to his management skills, combine to produce expertise that has proved invaluable to the success of YCS.

YCS is extremely fortunate to have this man of vision and compassion at the helm. He will be presented with the award at Bergen County Section's annual installation luncheon on June 7.



### WOMAN OF THE SECTION EVALYN BROWNSTEIN

Prior to joining National Council of Jewish Women almost twenty years ago, Evalyn Brownstein had many volunteer and professional experiences, the majority of which involved children and their well-being. She has served as a YMHA group worker, a Girl Scout leader, a camp counselor, a board member of the League of Women Voters, a PTA president, head of PTA Council, a primary school teacher, and a Teaneck reading specialist. In addition, she was appointed to the Teaneck Library Board and is currently its president.

While working with NCJW, Evalyn has been co-chair of HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) and the Scholarship Committee, which honors deserving Jewish women who are graduating from a Bergen County high school. In past years she has chaired both the Nominating and the Awards Committees.

In recognition of her work on behalf of NCJW, Evalyn has been honored by NCJW as Volunteer of the Month and by Bergen County as a Volunteer of the Year. Evalyn will receive the coveted Woman of the Section award at our installation lunch in June.



### NOVEMBER 2015 VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

Michael's first project was hanging T-shirts for the Clothesline Project for the Rape Crisis Center, part of NCJW StoP (Strategies to Prevent Domestic Violence) program. He was very much in demand because, being a sailor, Michael could tie the ropes so the clothesline didn't sag to the ground.

When he retired almost 17 years ago as a full-time professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology, his wife Ina volunteered Michael for NCJW's Swim-In program. He was thoroughly taken with the community of MS clients and volunteers, working as co-chair of the Swim-In board with Ruth Cowan for many years.

Michael volunteers at Family Promise of Bergen County Walk-In Center, feeding the homeless. When the section established the Waiting Room for victims of domestic violence at the Bergen County Courthouse, Michael hung artwork and installed the donated TV set.

Michael, an NCJW Life Member, is a jack-of-all-trades and a wonderful NCJW BCS volunteer.

### NCJW BCS TO BE HONORED BY PROJECT S.A.R.A.H.

PROJECT S.A.R.A.H., an abbreviation for **Stop Abusive Relationships At Home**, provides services and resources for Jewish victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. The agency serves as a bridge between the orthodox community and the resources available for them. Counselors and groups are available to all victims, but are uniquely qualified to help Jewish families in the traditional community. The Aleinu Safety Kid Program goes into schools to teach children and their parents how to keep safe from potential

sexual predators. Bergen County Section has been affiliated with the project for the last 14 years, providing help to our own Jewish community.

In recognition of this long-time relationship, National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section will be honored by Project S.A.R.A.H. at its annual breakfast on April 3, 2016, in Teaneck. If you would like an invitation to this event, contact *Marcia Levy*, (201) 894-8379, mllevy0648@gmail.com.

# FROM THE PRESIDIUM

It is time to think Spring. Our snowbirds are flying back, and the adventurers are returning from exotic places. The rest of us are thawing out! Bergen County Section has many new plans to entice you. Interesting speakers for our next meetings and more of our wonderful trips are on the agenda. Our annual Council Shabbat is coming up in April. This is always a well-attended and a warm and welcoming evening. We invite you to participate by checking our Coming Events and making plans to attend whatever "turns you on."



L-R: Fran Einiger, Marcia Levy, Bea Podorefsky, Elaine Pollack

Our advocacy programs and community services are very highly regarded in the community; however, they must be funded.

Jewish women's organization in Bergen County.

Please make your Stay-at-Home donation as generous as you can so that we can continue this high standard. The installation journal ads and raffles are a great way to help.

This Bulletin contains the slate of officers for 2016-17. The current presidium will continue, and we are excited to see new names. We look forward to working with the newly nominated slate. Installation will be held this June at the beautiful estate at Florentine Gardens in Rivervale, NJ.

Come!!! Be a part of the most dynamic

**Fran, Marcia, Bea and Elaine**

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome new members  
**Arlene Epstein, Eileen Goff,**  
**Anne Morganstein** and  
**Bari Lynn Schwartz**  
and new life member  
**Bonnie Chalek**

A Special  
**Happy 100th Birthday**  
to our member  
**Ada Becker,**  
mother of past Section President  
**Nita Gottesman.**

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# PHILANTHROPY/COMMUNITY SERVICE

## LIFE MEMBER CAMPAIGN

*A lifetime of thanks to the following Life Members who donated to the Life Member campaign this year.*

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	Elaine Gurland		Flo Sarfin	

### CHRISTMAS AT HOLLEY

Christmas Day at Holley Child Care and Development Center was delightful – for the boys and girls, their aides, and members of NCJW. Pizza, chicken fingers, salad, cake and goodie bags were presented and served by Estelle Greene, Marcia Levy, Phyllis Schriger, Nancy Dweck, Gerry and Carole Benson, and Seelig and Edna Lewitz. The luncheon was generously funded by Inez Swartz – with many thanks.

### HOLIDAY GIFTS

Whether you follow the Elf on the Shelf or the Mensch on a Bench, the women of NCJW BCS opened their hearts and their pocket-books and made it a fantastic holiday for the clients in our StoP agencies (Project Sarah, Alternatives to Domestic Violence, and Center for Hope and Safety), HIPPY, and YCS, as well as Jewish Family Services.

As in the past, gifts were given to children from preschoolers to teenagers. This year NCJW BCS' StoP program had sixteen member teams. Chanukah gifts went to two families identified by the Jewish Family Services, as well as gifts of toys, clothing, and gift cards for the older children of Alternatives to Domestic Violence and the Center for Hope and Safety clients.

Edna Lewitz collected Target gift cards for the kids at YCS (Youth Consultation Services) and arranged the Christmas Day pizza party lunch for the Holley kids. Bravo to Henrietta Wolfeiler, Edie Kaplan, Evalyn Brownstein and Edna Lewitz who were once again NCJW BCS merrymakers, helping to make a happy holiday for so many.

The New Jersey Legislature has designated January 14 as

### Hannah G. Solomon Day

In 1893 Ms. Solomon founded National Council of Jewish Women, and now all of New Jersey can celebrate NCJW and the anniversary of her birth.

A full article will appear in the May-June Bulletin.

### THRIFT SHOP GUIDE TO GIVING

- Did you know that experts suggest if you haven't worn something in the last two years, it is unlikely you will ever wear it again?
- Did you know that the Thrift Shop now takes off-season merchandise?
- Did you know that the Store now makes money by selling your used, stained or torn bed linens, towels, or clothing by the pound? Just be sure to mark it accordingly and keep it separate from new or gently-worn items.
- Did you know that keeping your closets neat, organized, and clutter-free helps keep you less stressed and more energized?
- Did you know that our community services can outfit their clients for proms, job interviews, and other special occasions at our Thrift Shop?
- Did you also know that our store profits help support all of our community services as well as benefit the residents of Bergenfield and surrounding communities?

So you can feel proud to donate to Council Thrift Shop and receive tax benefits at the same time!!

Karen Kurland, Co-Vice President, Thrift Shop.

### WOMEN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER

This center has been one of our community services for many years. The Shared Housing program was originated by the Northern Valley section of NCJW (which merged with Teaneck in 1992). Later, in the interests of efficiency, the program was taken over by Women's Rights Information Center.

The shared housing program recently received a \$7,000 grant from the Eastern Bergen County REALTORS Care Foundation, their first ever Care Foundation Grant. Based on the scope and excellence of the program, the Women's Rights Information Center was among the seven agencies who fight homelessness to receive this award. NCJW was very pleased to learn of this grant to the program.

The Shared Housing program is a personalized service that assists women, single parents and others in finding compatible house-mates by either matching those who are looking for housing with those who either have a facility to share or matching people who find a rental property. Pooling personal and financial resources substantially reduces housing costs and eliminates an economic barrier to affordable housing. This promotes neighborhood preservation, prevents homelessness, stabilizes the family and provides solutions for an aging population, veterans and single parents.

Congratulations to WRIC for a job well done.

## OUR STAY-AT-HOME MAGICAL DONORS

*as of January 15, 2016*

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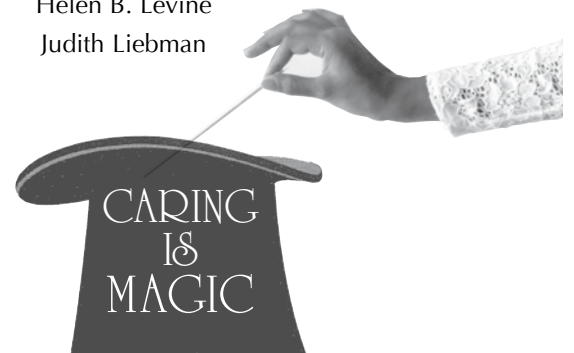
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## GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

**Roxanne & Abby Reff,  
Marietta Kalin,  
Terry Linefsky,  
Gladys Laden,  
Tuesday Book Club**  
To Phyllis Becker  
In memory of husband Martin

**Marcia Levy & Fran Einiger**  
To Doris & Bob Sarokin  
For all their wonderful  
December events

**Roxanne & Abby Reff**  
To Mr. & Mrs. Martin Frimet  
and family in memory of  
mother Esther

**Micki & Mike Grunstein**  
To the family of  
Hilde Goldberg  
In her memory

**Ann & Bob Levenstein**  
To Shelly Winner & family  
In memory of husband Stewart

## SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

**Celia Argintar, Elaine Bieger,  
Fran Einiger, Bea Podorefsky,  
Doris Sarokin, Marcia Levy,  
Carole & Gerry Benson,  
Elaine Bieger, Fran Einiger,  
Addie Rudin, Marcia Levy,  
Anna Burris, Celia Argintar,  
Fran Butensky,  
Doris & Bob Sarokin**  
To Phyllis Becker  
In memory of husband Martin

**Roxanne & Abby Reff,  
Elaine & Joe Pollack,  
Carole & Gerry Benson,  
Elaine Bieger, Fran Einiger,  
Addie Rudin, Marcia Levy,  
Anna Burris, Celia Argintar,  
Fran Butensky,  
Doris & Bob Sarokin**  
To Shelly Winner & family  
In memory of husband Stewart

**Marcia Levy**  
To Sylvia & Jack Goldstein  
Special Birthdays

**Fran Einiger**  
To Sharen Levine  
In memory of husband Jeff

**Nan Matlick**  
To Roxanne & Abby Reff  
In honor of 50th anniversary

**Joan & Allan Snider**  
To Anne Bressman  
Special birthday

**Dr. & Mrs. Murray Golbey**  
To the Goldberg Family  
In memory of Hilde Goldberg

## PASSAGES

### We mourn the loss...

of Life Members Beverly Gelber (past section president); Hilde Goldberg; Anne Greenblatt; Elaine Wolf; and member Marilyn Brummel

### Condolences to:

**Eleanor Epstein**  
on the death of her  
husband Edward

**Sharen Levine**  
on the death of her  
husband Jeff

**Shelly Winner**  
on the death of her  
husband Stewart

### Congratulations to:

**Judy Weinstein**  
on the b'nai mitzvah  
of her grandchildren  
Lily and Eli

**Linda Chalfin**  
on the bat mitzvah  
of her granddaughter  
Alene

**Bari Lynn Schwartz**  
on the bar mitzvah  
of her grandson  
Spencer

**Harriet Cohen**  
on the bat mitzvah  
of her granddaughter  
Lucy

**Emily Wilkins**  
on the bat mitzvah  
of her granddaughter  
Sydney

**Roxanne & Abby Reff**  
on their 50th  
anniversary

## JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL COUNCIL SHABBAT

Friday, April 15, 2016 at Temple Sinai, 1 Engle Street, Tenafly, NJ

Enjoy a Kosher Shabbat Dinner at 6 pm,  
followed by Shabbat services in  
the sanctuary at 7:30 pm.  
Then on to a festive Oneg.

To reserve your place at dinner,  
complete the form and return it  
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NCJW BCS by April 6, and mail to:

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75 South Washington Avenue  
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For additional information,  
please contact Peggy Kabakow  
at peggyk1@optonline.net or (201) 767-3364

Yes, I would like to attend  
the Council Shabbat Dinner on April 15!

Name

SM

Address

City

State

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces at \$30 each.

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I will help set up on Friday morning.

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## REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

The fight for reproductive rights remains one of the most contentious, passionate, and controversial issues of our time.

The following excerpt from the NY Times lead article on December 29, 2015, indicates that we seem to be moving back to the 1960s, when many states prohibited sales of contraceptives – even to married couples. It wasn't until 1965 in *Griswold v. Conn.* that the Supreme Court ruled that such laws were unconstitutional. And not until 1973 in *Roe v. Wade* did the Supreme Court finally establish a woman's constitutional right to

abortion, citing the 14th amendment and the right to privacy.

*How many laws making it harder to get an abortion will pass before the Supreme Court sees them for what they are – part of a tireless, coordinated nationwide assault on the right of women to control what happens with their own bodies without the interference of politicians.*

*One answer is no fewer than 288. That's how many abortion restrictions states have enacted since the beginning of 2011 when aggressively anti-choice lawmakers swept into statehouses around the country. The trend accelerated in 2015 as state*

*legislators passed 57 new constraints on a woman's right to choose.*

States have found a multitude of ways to limit access to the procedure: longer waiting periods, mandated ultrasounds, the closing of abortion clinics, threats of violence to and harassment of reproductive choice providers.

We, who believe fervently in a woman's right to choose, must be ever mindful of our duty to send the message to our legislators and those in other states that we refuse to go back to the sixties, when we had no access to reproductive health services.

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