

# NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015



- Tues. January 20** **General Meeting, Temple Emeth, 12:30PM. *Snack Packs for Center for Food Action.*** We are going to make the weekends happier for some kids! Join us at our general meeting when we will prepare 400 child-friendly healthy goody bags to be distributed by the Center for Food Action. Many children who receive free or reduced price school meals are hungry on weekends. The Snack Packs are distributed by the Center to kids in 4 local elementary schools. The teachers discreetly place the packs into the students' backpacks when they are out of the classrooms. The Weekend Snack Packs are part of an effort to reduce childhood hunger in our neighborhoods. The meeting is free and open to all.
- Tues. January 27** **Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Study Group, The Shops at Riverside Conference Center (on lower level, next to The Fountain Spa), 1:00PM.** The tactics used by human trafficking recruiters are often the same ones used by domestic violence batterers. The results in both cases are severe mental health issues, grave physical safety concerns, shelter and food needs and immigration legal problems. Lil Corcoran, Associate Executive Director, and Patrice Lenowitz, Community Educator Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking at The Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters), will speak to us about these important issues. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Contact Ruth Seitelman at [ruthseitelman@gmail.com](mailto:ruthseitelman@gmail.com) or (h) 201-836-2916 for more information.
- Thurs. February 12** **Florida Luncheon.** If you're going to be in Florida this winter, save the date and join the fun! Hosted by Grace Fuld in her beautiful home, Glen Eagles Country Club, 15330 Strathearn Dr., Unit 12003, Delray Beach. RSVP by February 3 to Grace at [Lgf201@aol.com](mailto:Lgf201@aol.com) or (h) 561-499-2514 or (c) 201-615-3562, or Roxanne Reff at [rkreff@yahoo.com](mailto:rkreff@yahoo.com) or (c) 201-913-7602.
- Fri. March 20** **Council Sabbath.** Come enjoy the beauty of Shabbat! Join us as we share a traditional Friday night dinner, a beautiful service and a festive Oneg Shabbat. See website for further information.
- Sun. April 19** **An Afternoon with Audra McDonald, NJPAC, Newark, 3:00PM.** One of today's most highly regarded performers and winner of six Tony Awards and two Grammys returns to NJPAC in Newark for an afternoon of songs. We have a limited supply of tickets reserved and are accepting orders now with a 50% deposit check. The balance will be due by January 23, 2015. Orchestra tickets are \$99 each and include transportation from Temple Emeth in Teaneck. Second tier tickets are \$79 each and include transportation. Non-members are welcome (add \$10 per ticket). 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, contact Peggy at [pfine2@optonline.net](mailto:pfine2@optonline.net) or (c) 201-390-9650 or (h) 201-567-4958. We will accept credit cards (MasterCard and Visa only) for the full payment only. Please give us your credit card number, expiration date (month and year) and name on credit card.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE BEAT GOES ON

January 11 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Some mayors have declared January Human Trafficking Month. While our general meeting in November 2013 educated and informed our section of the scope of this modern-day slavery, we now report that nothing has changed. Some facts:

- One in three human trafficking victims is a child
- Most victims are female
- The average age of a victim is 12 years old
- 100,000 children under the age of 18 are trafficked into the sex trade in the U.S. every year
- From 2005 through 2013, 179 cases were prosecuted in N.J.; there were no convictions
- HT is a \$35 BILLION industry
- HT is the fastest growing crime in the world

Bergen County Section would like every mayor in Bergen County to sign a proclamation acknowledging January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We began this process last year and are now approaching the mayors who have not yet signed. We have been represented at HT meetings in Trenton to learn what schools are doing to provide educational classes on HT for their students. The 2014 Super Bowl has come and gone from N.J., but HT goes on. BCS is continuing its fight to eliminate HT in our communities. If you are interested in participating in this ongoing initiative, please contact Bea Podorefsky at [grambea@aol.com](mailto:grambea@aol.com) or 201-837-3179.

## ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

If you are a member for five years or less and would like to join a new book club with other bright and intelligent women, please call and let us know.

Shelly Winner 201-567-3895; Roz Altman 201-546-7211. Co-Vice Presidents, Advocacy & Education.

## SOLOS

Have you been missing out on the fun filled events that Solos have had this season? Don't despair! There are more events to come! You can be a part of this social group if you are a Section member and currently unattached. Just contact the office with your information – no charge, no fee. One of our upcoming events is a May trip to the Finger Lakes. It promises to be a wonderful 3-day, 2-night getaway. We hope you decide to join us. Just contact the office, 201-385-4847. More info to follow.

Co-Chairs: Fran Einiger, Marlene Furer, Barbara Tilliss

## ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

In October, Bergen County Section was very pleased to send \$2,500 to NCJW, Inc. to help fund Council's Israel Granting Program. Donating to this program helps to support worthwhile organizations in Israel, as well as the women, girls and communities they serve. It also gives us an opportunity to speak on issues such as gender segregation in the public sphere, agunot rights, and other personal status issues that specifically affect women in Israel. It is your donations that enabled us to participate in this meaningful program, along with many other NCJW sections. Thank you, BCS members, for your generosity.

Gladys and Ann

## THRIFT SHOP

**We still need A Few Good Men!** Perhaps you have one sitting around the house? Why not put him to work—for a good cause. We need men to volunteer to serve at the Thrift Shop. We currently have three men who are volunteering and enjoying the shop. But more are needed.

**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 that we sell. But older used clothing and miscellaneous cloth items also generate funds. So don't discard old clothing, curtains, sheets, towels, etc. Donations produce much-needed income to help fund our programs. And 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 notepaper, 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.

**Finally, We Still Need Your Help!** If you can 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.

## MILLION MOM MARCH FOUNDER COMES TO ENGLEWOOD

At a meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, hosted by Carole Benson, Donna Dees-Thomases, founder of the grassroots movement known as the Million Mom March, came to inspire and galvanize thirty concerned people from NCJW BCS and members of the Bergen County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

Donna opened her talk by telling us how she became involved. After she was devastated by broadcast coverage of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Center shooting in Granada Hills, California in October 1999, she and several other activists held a news conference in Manhattan, where they announced their intent to march on Washington, DC. The March, held on May 14, 2000 to coincide with Mother's Day, was a tremendous success, with a turnout of approximately 750,000 supporters, "one million" being a metaphor, she confessed. Under Donna's leadership, the organization became chapter-based and merged with the victim-led anti-gun violence group *Bell Campaign*. In 2002 the *Million Mom March* organization merged with the Brady Campaign, now numbering 68 chapters.

She has recently received a grant which enables her to visit, advise and assist grassroots movements like NCJW BCS and the Bergen County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. Her main message was to concentrate on turning our elected officials who are gun-friendly into gun violence prevention supporters. Even if they never change, we'll raise awareness and improve the chance of defeating them in 2016. She told of a success in Louisiana where two women from the United Way got a domestic violence law passed, by turning around a pro-gun legislator. Nationally, she expects background checks and use of guns in domestic violence cases to be the next efforts.

Carole Benson, Gun Violence Prevention Committee



\*\*\*Deadline for March-April Newsletter: February 1\*\*\*

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2014, GRACE FULD

My friend Nan Matlick called and invited me to a NCJW general meeting about 8 years ago. I was so inspired by the work she and her colleagues were doing for the section, I immediately joined and signed up to volunteer for community services. Over the years I have helped children at HIPPY and Holley Center and seniors at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, as well as working in their gift shop. I have been on many committees, including organizing Solos events for two years and co-chairing the Membership Luncheon with Ruth Dinkes for several years.

I am currently co-chairing the Scholarship Committee. A few years ago, we had six girls who qualified but only enough to budget for five students. I donated \$1000 for the sixth girl to also receive our scholarship. I have continued to donate \$1000 every year to supplement the Section's budget for female Jewish public high school graduates. Not only is it a worthy cause but I get an amazing feeling of satisfaction helping to further the education of a deserving student.

Every year I spend my winters in Florida. This upcoming February I will host a luncheon for our NCJW BCS members in my home. Hope to see as many of you as possible!



## NEW MEMBER NEWS

We welcome new Life Members Diana Yacobi, Doris Belenson, Joan David and Anita Young.

We welcome new dues members Bonita Benowitz, Lyn Birenbaum, Audrey Feingold, Sheila Fischer, Marilyn Friedman, Susan Hagoel, Phyllis Grossman Kaplan, Herb Laden, Marcia Pollack and Morton Zimmerman.

We welcome new gifted members Eva Baer, Linda Col, Bonita Gordon, Debby Kless, Debbie Kosches, Arlyne Lesser, Betty Reisman, Barbara Savetsky, Miriam Schulman, Laurie Singer, Joan Sinowitz, Rona Topiel, Rhoda Warch, Mary Webster-Metallios and Gloria Wolko.

## PASSAGES

Condolences to Thelma Borodkin on the death of her husband Solomon, Marcia Katz on the death of her mother Dorothy Merchasin, Edythe Katz on the death of her husband Seymour, and to Hon Hantgan on the death of her husband George.

We mourn the loss of Life Member and Past Section President Ada Mae Stein, who passed away at age 100 in Salt Lake City.

Congratulations to Nancy Landis on her Bat Mitzvah, Dina Weiner on the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter, Linda Horowitz on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Ruth Cowan on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National MS Society, Carole Benson on her appointment as a National Field Action Network Advisor, and Nita Gottesman and Geri Kaufman on being honored by Bergen Family Center along with NCJW Bergen County Section.

### GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

#### Barbara & Alfie Liebmann

To Nita Gottesman  
Congratulations on a job well done

#### Tuesday Book Group

To Edythe Katz  
In memory of her husband Seymour

#### Geri Kaufman

To Bea Podorefsky  
Congratulations on the timely and successful immigration program

### SILVER TRIBUTE CARD

#### Pearl and Harvey Sorkow

Inez Swartz  
To Linda & Joe Horowitz  
Congratulations on grandson's Bar Mitzvah

### DON'T MISS THE BOAT !



Stay on board with activities on  
NCJW BCS's ship.

Stay anchored by sending your email address to  
office@ncjwbcs.org



YOU'LL NEVER BE LEFT HIGH AND DRY AGAIN.

A generous donation has  
been given by  
**Donna Podorefsky** in  
memory of her father  
Arthur Podorefsky.

A generous donation has  
been given by **Lisa  
Oshman** in honor of  
Carole and Gerry Benson.

## NCJW TRIBUTE CARDS

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, 201-836-2563

Bea Tendler, 201-461-0284

Norma Moglen, 973-403-0875

Roz Bloom, 201-836-5190

## LAST CHANCE!

If you don't have email and wish to receive a phone call when new trips are published on our website and/or sent by eblasts to our members, send your name and phone number to Hennie Ostrower, 280 Prospect Ave. #11N, Hackensack, NJ 07601, or call Hennie at 201-342-2996. Someone will call you with the trip information. NOTE: This is only for members without email.

Make our NCJW Website ([www.ncjwbc.org](http://www.ncjwbc.org)) and our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/NCJWBCS](http://www.facebook.com/NCJWBCS)) your destinations of choice.

Keep in touch with our daily calendar updates, section news, information, photos, and much more.

### NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED OUR STAY-AT-HOME JOURNEY (AS OF DECEMBER 7, 2014)

#### \$2000 or more

Fran Butensky  
Peggy Kabakow  
Ann Levenstein  
Estelle Padawer  
Joan Robins  
Henrietta & Bernie  
Wolfeiler

Fran Althuler  
Phillip Ball  
Sheila Barkow  
Roslyn Berlin  
Deanne Bernstein  
Betty Bornstein  
Barbara Berger-Brill  
Alma Brotman  
Ruth Burstein  
Geri Cantor  
Harriet Cohen  
Ruth Dinkes  
Ellen Dounn  
Sandra Feinberg  
Phyllis Finkelstein  
Zita Foster  
Arlene Friedman  
Grace Fuld  
Marlene Furer  
Arlene Gartenberg  
Edith Goldman  
Sylvia Greenstein  
Sophie Heymann  
Eva Holzer  
Esther Honis  
Joan Herman  
Jeanne Howard  
Joyce Ann Jacobs  
Tobey Karp  
Jacqueline Kates  
Marcia Katz  
Geri Kaufman  
Ruth Korn  
Barbara Kosoff  
Sharon Kozinn  
Marian Kugelmass  
Marianne Lawton  
Felicia Leibman  
Fran Levine  
Robertta Lew  
Edna Lewitz  
Susan Liebeskind  
Marilyn Linder  
Rina Littwin  
Joan Losen  
Carol Marcus  
Nan Matlick  
Brenda Mester  
Geri Mickenberg  
Gladys Mittleman  
Kate Mowlem  
Joan Nobler  
Sylvia Pollack  
Susan Rabkin

Sandra Schomer  
Harriet Schor  
Phyllis Schriger  
Sharon Selenfriend  
Selma Sloane  
Elaine Solomon  
Roslyn Swire  
Corinne Weiner  
Geri Weiss  
Elaine Wolf

Babette Mayer  
Judith Mednick  
Florence Meyer  
Fran Migdal  
Ellen Miller  
Sylvia Model  
Norma Moglen  
Hennie Ostrower  
Emily Perlman  
Elsa Polansky  
Selma Polevoy  
Ellen Ptalis  
Evelyn Rader  
Fran Roberts  
Debra Starr Rubenstein  
Frances Schwartz  
Roxanne Sennett  
Carla Silver  
Bernice Slotnick  
Shirley Smith  
Eileen Steinvurzel  
Margot Stern  
Jean Strauss  
Diana Teitel  
Bea Tendler  
Barbara Tilliss  
Carol Vuernick  
Elizabeth Warms  
Ilene Wechter  
Amy Wexler  
Debra Wolf  
Geri Zeller  
Arlene Zweifler  
Barbara Zuck

#### \$1000 - \$1999

Helen Astmann  
Fran Einiger  
Ruth Kornheiser  
Gladys Laden  
Marcia Levy  
Ellie Lubin  
Ina Miller-Silverstein  
Pearl Sorkow  
Inez Swartz

Harriet Cohen  
Ruth Dinkes  
Ellen Dounn  
Sandra Feinberg  
Phyllis Finkelstein  
Zita Foster  
Arlene Friedman  
Grace Fuld  
Marlene Furer  
Arlene Gartenberg  
Edith Goldman  
Sylvia Greenstein  
Sophie Heymann  
Eva Holzer  
Esther Honis  
Joan Herman  
Jeanne Howard  
Joyce Ann Jacobs  
Tobey Karp  
Jacqueline Kates  
Marcia Katz  
Geri Kaufman  
Ruth Korn  
Barbara Kosoff  
Sharon Kozinn  
Marian Kugelmass  
Marianne Lawton  
Felicia Leibman  
Fran Levine  
Robertta Lew  
Edna Lewitz  
Susan Liebeskind  
Marilyn Linder  
Rina Littwin  
Joan Losen  
Carol Marcus  
Nan Matlick  
Brenda Mester  
Geri Mickenberg  
Gladys Mittleman  
Kate Mowlem  
Joan Nobler  
Sylvia Pollack  
Susan Rabkin

#### Up to \$99

Ethel Atlas Abrams  
Glenda Adelman  
Carol Aerenson  
Susan Barnett  
Arlene Beckman  
Susan Benkel  
Marianne Berg  
Phyllis Betancourt  
Naomi Blumenfeld  
Madelon Bornstein  
Jeannine Ciliotta  
Marilyn Cohen  
Tama Cuperman  
Gwen Dubno  
Rita Elias  
Hilary Eth  
Judith Fichtenholtz  
Shirley R. Finkelstein  
Barbara Fishman  
Marilyn Frank  
Rena Frankle  
Arlene Gartenberg  
Hedy Geller  
Wilma Geyer  
Anita Greenberg  
Myra Grosinger  
Debra Gruber  
Reba Herson  
Edie Kaplan  
Paul Kaufman  
Felice Kirsh  
Natalie Landau  
Irma Landsberger  
Judith Liebman  
Eva Liebmann  
Helen B. Levine  
Priscilla Lindenauer  
Janice Lipsitz  
Frances Lipton  
Geraldine Lurie  
Roslyn Lynn  
Harriet Malkin

#### \$750 - \$999

Celia Argintar  
Norma Goldsmith

#### \$500 - \$749

Evalyn Brownstein  
Gloria Glattstein  
Hannah Glicksman  
Micki & Mike Grunstein  
Elizabeth Halverstam  
Susan Leeds  
Florence Sarfin  
Doris Sarokin  
Tobey Weiss  
Emily Wilkins

#### \$250 - \$499

Anna Burris  
Linda Chalfin  
Susan Faxon  
Elaine Gurland  
Maggie Kaplen  
Myrna Levine  
Elaine Manberg  
Joan Miller  
Carol Rothstein  
Addie & Marcel Rudin  
Sabina Sicklick  
Shelly Winner

#### \$100 - \$249

Jane Abraham  
Gloria Aboudi  
Enid Alpern

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