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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN
IS NOT JUST FOR WOMEN!**

National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section named Michael Silverstein as its November Volunteer of the Month. Michael, a Life Member of NCJW BCS, has volunteered for the organization for nearly 17 years.

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 Miller-Silverstein – a Past President of NCJW -- volunteered Michael for NCJW's Swim-In program for people with Multiple Sclerosis, thinking it would be good exercise. He was thoroughly taken with the community of MS clients and volunteers, working as co-chair of the Swim-In board for many years. The program has become a priority in his life.

Michael volunteers at Family Promise of Bergen County Walk-In Center, feeding the homeless with other volunteers from NCJW. In addition, he has picked up bread on Sunday nights at a local bakery, delivering it to Center for Food Action on Monday morning. When NCJW established the Waiting Room (for victims of domestic violence at the Bergen County Courthouse), which not so coincidentally is co-chaired by his wife, Michael made himself useful hanging artwork and installing the donated television set.

Michael's many talents are greatly valued by NCJW. NCJW is happy to welcome men and women into its ranks to volunteer in many worthwhile capacities and to participate in its many stimulating and educational activities. For more information, please visit www.ncjwbcs.org or email office@ncjwbcs.org.

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.



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Michael Silverstein, NCJW November Volunteer of the Month