

National Council of Jewish Women



bulletin

MAY/JUNE

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2016

93rd INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

June 7, 2016, 11:00 am
The Estate at Florentine Gardens
River Vale, New Jersey

Couvert: \$70

(Watch for your invitation in the mail)

SAVE THESE DATES!

Summer Fun: Tuesday, July 19 Fall Opening General Meeting: Tuesday, September 20

May General Meeting David Rothenberg

*Fortune in My Eyes:
A Life in Show Business
Followed by a Life Helping Others*



Founder of the Fortune Society,
Advocate for the Incarcerated

Tuesday, May 17, 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.



January 14th of Each Year Designated

“Hannah G. Solomon Day” in New Jersey

To commemorate the anniversary of the birth of Hannah G. Solomon, founder and inaugural president of the National Council of Jewish Women since 1893, a joint resolution, sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg and Assembly Deputy Speaker Gordon M. Johnson, was approved by the New Jersey State Senate and the General Assembly.

“Hannah Solomon played a leading role for women’s rights, strengthened her community and dedicated her life to faith and the service of others,” said Mr. Johnson. “Her legacy of philanthropy and stewardship of the NCJW makes it appropriate that the New Jersey Legislature commemorate and honor the anniversary of her birth.”

According to Bea Podorefsky, our Presidium Member, “This is a wonderful opportunity to get the NCJW name out there. Each year on January 14, we will celebrate with volunteer opportunities, programs and events to support women, children and families in our community and beyond, as inspired by the legacy of Hannah G. Solomon, our esteemed founder.”



HAPPY SHAVUOT TO ALL!

COMING EVENTS

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Fortune in My Eyes: A Life in Show Business Followed by a Life Helping Others

At the May 17 general meeting, Teaneck native David Rothenberg will discuss his book, *Fortune in My Eyes: A Memoir of Broadway Glamour, Social Justice, and Political Passion*, as well as the criminal justice system, human rights, and show business. Rothenberg's memoir documents a fascinating life. Rothenberg dated Elizabeth Taylor, produced a controversial play about the experiences of prison inmates, "Fortune and Men's Eyes," then launched a foundation in 1967, the Fortune Society, to help ex-prisoners reenter society and put their past behind them. He was at Attica as an outside observer during the

infamous and deadly uprising at the prison in 1971. In 1985, he ran for the New York City Council as an openly gay candidate. Rothenberg will talk about why he traded in a thriving career in theater, working with Bette Davis, Elizabeth Taylor, Richard Burton, and Lauren Bacall, to help the formerly incarcerated and to reform the prison system.

Rothenberg, hailed as one of the "best speakers on the circuit," will wow you with everything you wanted to know, but were afraid to ask.

TUESDAY, MAY 24: LOWER MANHATTAN ARCHITECTURE YACHT TOUR

SOLD OUT!

TUESDAY, MAY 31 STUDY GROUP: GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM

Joshua Cohen, Director of Anti-Defamation League's NJ regional office, will speak on global anti-Semitism, leading a timely discussion with an interactive audiovisual presentation.

Cohen joined ADL in 2009 and was named Director of ADL's NJ Regional Office in January 2015. Prior to joining ADL, he was a government relations executive at UJA-Federation of New York, where he managed a multi-issue health and human service lobbying portfolio.

Cohen is pleased to be "advancing ADL's mission in the state of New Jersey." He feels strongly that many New Jersey communities place a high value "on the pillars that are near and dear to ADL – whether it means fighting anti-Semitism, bigotry and hate, collaborating with coalition partners, furthering our civil rights agenda or enhancing our educational initiatives." The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 and is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism through programs and services that counteract hatred, prejudice, and bigotry.

Riverside Mall Conference Center, 1 pm. Members \$5, nonmembers \$10. For information, contact *Marilynn Friedman* at 201-568-0145 or marisfried@aol.com.

TUESDAY JUNE 7: 93RD INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND LUNCHEON

To top off our year of magic, we are headed to the beautiful Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale NJ, where we will install our 2016-17 officers and Board of Trustees, and celebrate our most worthy awardees. Richard Mingoia, CEO of Youth Consultation Services, will receive the prestigious Hannah G. Solomon award, and Evalyn Brownstein will be named Woman of the Section. We know you will want to be on hand to congratulate them in person.

The celebration will include a festive cocktail hour on the scenic outdoor terrace, followed by a three-course lunch. You will want to join your friends and be part of this wonderful afternoon. And what is a party without presents? Raffles will be drawn for the outstanding array of raffle prizes the committee has assembled. You could be one of the lucky winners.

Please plan on attending to help celebrate the magic that all of us created this year. If you have not received your invitation or need another, please contact: *Mary Sue Ehrenberg* 201-385-2593 or *Linda Horowitz* 201-482-0851, event co-chairs. Reservations must be in by May 15 in order to accommodate seating requests.

FRIDAY JUNE 24: A VISIT TO THE YCS SUMMER CAMP

Happiness Is Camping, located in Hardwick, NJ, provides YCS children with an opportunity to get out of the inner city, play, swim, and just have fun! The YCS children who attend summer camp can create new happy memories, and forget their pain and trauma.

Each summer, children up to the age of 12 who live in a Youth Consultation Service residential home attend a 2-week summer camp session. This year, on Friday, June 24, from 1pm-3pm we have a group providing a carnival on visiting day. What an opportunity for NCJW members to volunteer at the carnival and share the children's joy.

YCS will provide transportation for up to 8 people in a van that will pick up at Temple Emeth in Teaneck. For further information and/or to volunteer, contact *Marcia Levy* at mllevey0648@gmail.com or call her at 201-894-8379.

We welcome new members!

**GALE ALHADEFF, RUBY BLACK,
CYNTHIA COHAIN, ANDREA DEVRIES,
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EVELYN LEICHER, CHARLOTTE MAGID,
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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.

AWARDS



**MARCH 2016
VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
SYLVIA SILVER**

For over fifteen years, Sylvia Silver has been a faithful and valued volunteer at the Council Thrift Shop. She came to NCJW after 26 years of teaching art in elementary schools in New York City. Born in the Bronx, Sylvia earned her bachelor's degree at Hunter College and a master's degree at City College and Columbia University. She is widowed, the mother of three children and grandmother to four.

When interviewed, Sylvia noted that she always looks forward to coming to the shop and that in addition to her volunteering, she is "its best customer," since she always finds a treasure or two to take home. The Council Thrift Shop just wouldn't be the same without her.



**APRIL 2016
VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH
RUTH WOLF**

Ruth is being honored for her many years of volunteering at the Council Thrift Shop. She was born in Germany and left in 1933 when her family emigrated to Israel, where she lived for 25 years. While there, she served in the Israeli Army.

After coming to the United States, she married and had three sons, including a pair of twins, and now has three grandchildren. She has lived in Dumont since 1964.

Ruth has had a varied and interesting work experience through the years, including sales at Macy's for five years, twelve years at Scholastic Magazine, where she assisted in choosing books for schools all over the country, and twenty-one years at Cablevision, servicing cable boxes!

She is a valuable Thrift Shop volunteer who brings experience and charm to her job there.

THANKS SO MUCH TO OUR WONDERFUL 2015-2016 VOLUNTEERS

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FROM THE PRESIDIUM

As our year draws to a close, we note with great satisfaction our accomplishments. And for this we offer kudos to our Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and to you, our ever-faithful and generous membership.

Our successes this year have been noteworthy. We took a fresh look at Facebook and other social media, PR, and our website and put them all under a more efficient communications umbrella. A Communications Survey showed us how our members are using the newly organized communications tools. Getting our message out to the community-at-large has been a significant success. Because of individual efforts, the media has seen fit to recognize BCS as a credible and powerful organization of progressive change, and our coverage in the local press has greatly increased. Our website continues to serve as a galvanizing force.

This year's Advocacy program dedicated to examining poverty amid Bergen County's affluence was met with plaudits from community leaders, clergy, state and county officials, and an ever-growing list of coalition partners representing human services as well as affordable housing providers. Well-organized Study Groups and our General Meetings attracted large numbers of participants eager to be entertained, provoked, and educated. Through Action Alerts, we made our voices heard to legislators on five key advocacy issues. We kept you informed of progress on these issues through the Newsletter, the Bulletin, and committee reports at our meetings.

The tangible and praiseworthy results of our community service programs are in evidence throughout Bergen County. The weekend snack pack program continues to serve the Center for Food Action children. Our volunteers devoted uncounted hours at the Bergen Family Center, the Youth Consultation Services facilities, and the Children's Court Care Center. They maintained and staffed the domestic violence waiting room at the Hackensack Court House. They provided meals to the homeless, birthday cakes for the kids at YCS Holley Center, monthly birthday parties for seniors at Bergen Family Center/Shining Lights, and collected and distributed school supplies and holiday gifts to Bergen Family Center HIPPIY kids,



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

Women's Rights Information Center, and the Center for Hope and Safety. At Rockleigh they provided companionship and parties for seniors. By any measure, our Community Services have been a success.

Philanthropy and marketing are essential elements for a non-profit so heavily invested in its community services. To achieve our financial goals, we sponsored a fun-filled Game Day luncheon at Villa Amalfi that attracted a good number of new donors. The New Jersey Symphony series continued to be a crowd pleaser and a very successful part of our fundraising efforts. Stay-At-Home remained "the Jewel in our Crown" and the most important fundraiser for the year. The

theme this year was "Do You Believe in Magic?" – the magic of supporting women, children, and families in need. A reminder: we are still accepting donations.

Once again Thrift Shop surpassed its budget line. We could not have done it without your generous donations of jewelry, gently-used clothing, and interesting bric-a-brac. We applaud the volunteers who served our clients. Remember, our pick-up service is always at the ready to serve you.

Other memorable highlights include our unique day trips and our Solo luncheons, both of which are always over-subscribed. We are excited by a healthy increase in new members this year who bring to our table innovation, energy, and leadership skills.

At this writing and yet to come is our grand finale: Installation at the beautiful Florentine Gardens in Rivervale. We promise an outstanding luncheon and an opportunity to fete our Woman of the Section, Evalyn Brownstein, and the Hannah G. Solomon recipient, Richard Mingoia, CEO of YCS.

This Presidium wishes to express its gratitude to all who contributed to the successes of this past year: Thank you Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, and the multitude of volunteers and donors.

THE PRESIDIUM

Fran, Marcia, Bea and Elaine

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**Next Newsletter Deadline:
July 15, 2016**

JOURNAL ADS AND RAFFLES

There is still time to congratulate our Woman of the Section, Evalyn Brownstein; Hannah G. Solomon award winner, Richard Mingoia; Elizabeth Halverstam, Emerging Leader: the ongoing Presidium members, Fran Einiger, Marcia Levy, Bea Podorefsky, and Elaine Pollack. If you do not have the ad blank for the Installation Journal that was sent to you in the mail, please call the office at 201-385-4847.

By now you should have received your Raffle books in the mail. You don't want to miss out on the chance to win one of the outstanding gift packages – restaurants, special getaways, jewelry, and other goodies. Make sure you follow the simple directions and remember, you have to be in it to win it. GOOD LUCK!

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

NCJW, Inc., will give grants to six Israeli organizations whose work is focused on women's empowerment, gender equality, and religious pluralism. We have been partnering with projects in Israel since 1947 on a national basis. Bergen County Section supports this endeavor annually.

This year's Israeli grantees are:

- **Ishal'Isha Haifa Feminist Center:** Fighting against trafficking in women and prostitution project
- **RIFIE** (NCJW Research Institute for Innovation in Education at Hebrew University): Training Bedouin women for the workforce as educators in the pre-school sector
- **Israel Hofshit:** The Center for Training and Initiatives
- **Jerusalem Open House for Pride and Tolerance**
- **Yerusalmit Movement**
- **Hillel:** The Right to Choose

These are all grassroots projects that work to improve the lives of women, children, and families through women's empowerment and progressive social change. For more information, go to www.ncjw.org or NCJW's Facebook page.

NCJW WASHINGTON INSTITUTE 2016

From March 12 to 15, five members of Bergen County Section, **Jane Abraham, Carole Benson, Elizabeth Halverstam, Karen Kurland, and Ruth Seitelman** were among the 400 attendees and supporters, representing 24 states and DC, gathered together to collectively advocate to our lawmakers on issues from voting rights to judicial nominations to reproductive justice – issues that are at stake in the 2016 elections! Our numbers included a record 100 first-time attendees and an unprecedented 50 women under 45. We divided and conquered the agenda to be educated and inspired at the many workshops on the issues at stake and to hear a sensational line-up of speakers.

Together with our Essex Section colleagues we caucused for NJ to be fully prepared for the climax of the two-and-a-half-day event – our much-anticipated scheduled meetings on Capitol Hill with Senators Cory Booker and Robert Menendez and Congressmen Scott Garrett and Bill Pascrell. We sought their support on critical issues: the Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act, and the Equal Access to Abortion Coverage in Health Insurance (EACH Woman) Act. Our Senators were also asked to act to fill U.S. Supreme Court and lower Federal Court vacancies. That day, 170 congressional offices were visited by WI2016 delegates. The visits were preceded by an early morning solemn, silent procession to the Federal Courthouse, where we each carried our signatures on a petition

together with a copy of the U.S. Constitution, which were delivered to Senator Chuck Grassley, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, by NCJW President Debbie Hoffmann and NCJW CEO Nancy Kaufman. We called on him to do his job and hold a hearing for a nominee to fill the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy in a fair and expeditious manner!

The message we heard loud and clear at WI2016 was that in all its 125 years, never has NCJW been a more powerful voice for social change than in this election year, when women have more at stake than ever before. Always in the forefront of social change, we have more influence than at any other time. **WHEN WOMEN VOTE, WOMEN WIN!**

The Institute ended on a high with a debriefing and Congressional Awards Program and the room rocked when visiting speakers Senator Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz gave us the benefit of their wisdom and commitment to do everything in their power to effect the changes we need. It was two and a half days of learning, planning and advocating, and we came away committed and empowered to continue the fight for social change.

To learn more about our time at Washington Institute, visit www.ncjwbcs.org.

Jane, Carole, Elizabeth, Karen, and Ruth

CHILDREN ARE IMPORTANT!!!

Are you aware that the Supreme Court faces a stark choice on redistricting?

The Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in a case that seeks to radically change the way states equalize the population in drawing up state legislative voting districts. Currently, states draw up voting districts based on total population and try to make each district equal in population. However, a group in Texas is challenging this method and argues that the current system, which counts all people (including children and non-eligible voters) living in a district, results in districts varying widely in the number of eligible voters. The plaintiffs say that districts should be created based on the number of eligible voters, not the number of people living in the district.

Cities with large numbers of children and non-voting residents would be particularly vulnerable. For example, 9% of Manhattan's population is made up of children; 30% of Brooklyn's population are children. Not counting children in the Brooklyn voting district would reduce Brooklyn's representation much more than it would reduce Manhattan's. This could have a severe impact on apportioning political power and risks skewing important priorities that could affect children and families.

UPDATE! On Monday, April 5, in an 8-0 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the "one person, one vote" ruling that state legislative districts should continue to be drawn by total population, not total number of eligible voters. This ruling "affirms the principle that the government represents all the people, and helps ensure that efforts to manipulate voting rules won't impact representation."

Gladys Laden, Chair, Voting Rights

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking continues to be of concern to both the Jewish and broader communities. Young people, particularly runaways, gays and lesbians, and the disenfranchised, are a constant target, and the trafficking industry is a huge money maker.

NCJW BCS, as a member of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking, encouraged mayors to support a state-wide resolution to make anti-trafficking

a local issue. We reached out to local rabbis, asking them to speak about the perils of human trafficking in sermons and in bulletins, providing them with links to resources to help their congregants find needed information about trafficking.

We currently serve as members of the newly-formed Coalition's Education Committee, which is developing curriculum for high school teachers.

Jane Abraham, Human Trafficking Chair

NEWS FROM THE THRIFT SHOP

Spring sprung early this year and the Thrift Shop is in immediate need of an infusion of lightweight and summer clothing. So think donation when you assess your wardrobe for gently-used clothing. We continue to need men's, women's, and children's clothing. We can also use store traffic-builders like handbags, shoes, jewelry, bric-a-brac, and linens.

We Turn Stuff into Money

Go into your closet, not your pocket. Your donation converts into badly-needed cash to support the important work of NCJW, especially on the local community level, where we touch and improve the lives of our less fortunate neighbors every day. Thrift Shop is the second largest fundraiser we have, so your donation is extremely important.

A Genuine Tax Deduction

Just like cash contributions, your donation of clothing and household items are fully tax-deductible. (Thrift Shop provides an appropriate tax form with every donation.)

A Convenient Pick-Up Service

We make it easy for you – and your friends and family – to donate. If needed, Thrift Shop has a group of volunteers who will pick up your donation. Simply contact *Ilene Wechter* at 201-704-4362 for an appointment.

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as of March 15, 2016

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Peggy Kabakow's
sister Susan

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To Doris Pape in memory
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In memory of sister Susan

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In memory of husband Stewart

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To Mark Einiger & Family
In memory of mother
Barbara Einiger

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In honor of special birthday

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In memory of husband

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...to my dear friends at NCJW BCS: My sincere
thank-you for your messages of condolence
and good wishes during the loss of my
beloved son, Howard Pape. Your tributes
were greatly appreciated. **Doris Pape**

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of

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Condolences to

Carole Rothstein
on the death of her
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Adele Holman
on the death of her
husband

Mort Zimmerman
on the death of his
wife Gloria

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on the death of her
son Jeffrey

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on the death of her
sister Susan Daniel

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on the death of her
son Kenneth

Dottie Glantz
on the death of her
sister

Doris Pape
on the death of her
son Howard

Shari Eshet
on the death of her
mother

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on the death of
her mother
Elizabeth Riewerts

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on the death of her
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on the bat mitzvah
of her granddaughter
Julia

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HOMELESSNESS: A RISING EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

In 2012 the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Affairs found that an estimated 1.6 million people across America were homeless and used emergency shelters. Of these one-third were members of households with children, a 9% increase since 2007. In 2015 homelessness was considered an epidemic in several American cities. Current reasons cited for this epic increase are economic policies supported by conservatives. During the last decade a transfer of wealth from the poorer to the wealthier classes has affected widespread homelessness across the country. The most common causes of homelessness are lack of affordable housing, poverty, and unemployment.

- 78% of sheltered homeless are adults
- 61% are male

- 62% are members of a minority
- 64% are one-person households
- 38% have a disability

There are several federal programs to try to alleviate the housing crisis: The National Alliance to End Homelessness, Section 8 Housing, and Housing First, to name a few. These programs operate to help people obtain permanent housing as quickly as possible. In 2009 President Obama signed the Homeless Emergency Assistance & Rapid Transition to Housing Act in an effort to address the crisis.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of homelessness is the effect it has on children and their education. Many students fall behind their peers due to lack of attendance. This will be felt into their adult years, affecting their

ability to earn a living and lead fruitful lives.

In Bergen County, which ranks among the top 5% in terms of wealth, the poverty rate swelled to one of the largest increases in the state. The reasons for this were job loss, high rents, and lack of affordable housing. Families earning minimum wage would have to work four full-time jobs in order to afford an apartment. Many non-profit groups that run programs for the homeless have difficulty raising funds because donors do not think of Bergen County as a place where poverty is an issue. The biggest challenge facing the county is the growth in homelessness among families. We need to raise public awareness to try to bring about change.

Barbara Tilliss

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