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## NCJW STUDY GROUP TO GAIN INSIGHT INTO THE GLOBAL REFUGEE CRISIS: WHY PEOPLE LEAVE

HACKENSACK, NJ – What is happening in today's world that causes so many people to flee their homelands for better conditions in strange new lands? They are going to countries that are so different in environmental conditions, culture, and work opportunities from their own. They are risking everything. Why are they doing this?

The National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section is pleased to welcome Dr. Joseph Chuman, leader of Ethical Culture of Bergen County, part-time leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture and Professor of Human Rights at Columbia University, who will share his perceptions about this growing and frightening situation. He will also speak about his involvement with the Northern New Jersey Sanctuary for Political Asylum. The study group will take place on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 pm, at Riverside Mall Conference Center.\*\* Light refreshments will be served.

"Dr. Chuman will offer us new insight into the difficulties experienced by refugees fleeing from their homes to start new lives in new places," said Marilynn Friedman, NCJW Co-Vice President of Advocacy and Education.

Members will be charged \$5, non-members \$10. NCJW BCS, which celebrates its 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, provides educational and stimulating programs and speakers throughout the year, including six general meetings and a myriad of study groups, book groups and trips. For more information on this meeting, or NCJW BCS and its upcoming programs, please contact <a href="mailto:office@ncjwbcs.org">office@ncjwbcs.org</a>, call 201-385-4847 or visit <a href="http://www.ncjwbcs.org">http://www.ncjwbcs.org</a>.

\*\* Please include the information that this workshop is being held at **the Conference Center, Lower Level**, so that attendees can find the location in the mall.

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.

## **Photo caption:**

Dr. Joseph Chuman, leader of Ethical Culture of Bergen County and Professor of Human Rights at Columbia University, will address an NCJW study group on January 30 at 1 pm.