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## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PRESENTS "TAKE A WALK IN MY BOOTS: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF WOMEN IN THE MILITARY"

**TEANECK** – At the National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section's March General Meeting, the audience will have an opportunity to "go behind the lines" and learn about the role of women in today's military. Jordanna Mallach, Special Programs Coordinator with the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, will share not only her personal experiences as a Jewish woman in the military, but also the unique issues that women face. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck.

Ms. Mallach is currently responsible for overseeing the interests of women veterans. Her military history is extensive; she was deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 as a brigade supply and service officer and as the Jewish lay leader at Bagram Air Field, home to 30,000 civilian and military personnel. Ms. Mallach has received numerous medals, including the Bronze Star, in recognition of her excellent service.

She is a graduate of Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey, and Union College in New York. Currently living in Saranac Lake with her 10- year-old daughter, Cayla, Ms. Mallach's presentation will include her experiences being a mother while doing military service.

"Most of us have little knowledge of life in the military," said Ruth Seitelman, Co-President of NCJW. "To learn about the experiences of a Jewish woman and how she balances her life as a mother will be fascinating."

The meeting is free for members. There will be a \$10 charge for non-members applicable toward new membership if paid that day. Refreshments will be served.

NCJW BCS 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 visit <a href="http://www.ncjwbcs.org">http://www.ncjwbcs.org</a> or contact <a href="http://www.ncjwbcs.org">office@ncjwbcs.org</a> or 201-385-4847.

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:**

Jordanna Mallach, Special Programs Coordinator with the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs, will share her personal experiences as a Jewish woman and mother in the military, at the General Meeting of the National Council of Jewish Women on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at Temple Emeth in Teaneck.

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- 2. In para 1, "unique issues that she (rather than they) faced" -- relating back to Jewish woman which is singular. Another way around this is what the bulletin says: "..., but also the unique issues that women face