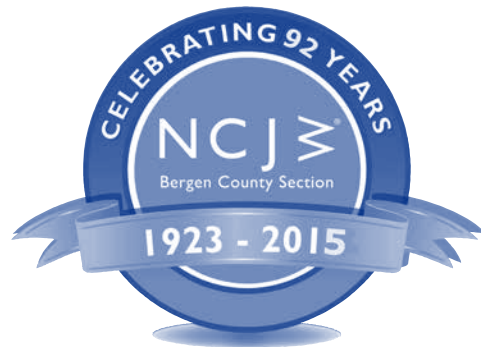


**National Council of Jewish Women
Bergen County Section**

NCJWSM



**92nd Annual
Installation of Officers**

**92nd Annual Celebration
Installation of Officers and Trustees
2015 ~ 2016**

Program

<i>Welcome</i>	Fran Einiger
<i>Invocation</i>	Robert Podorefsky
<i>Ha Motzi</i>	Joseph Pollack
<i>State Resolution & Proclamation</i>	Honorable Loretta Weinberg
<i>Presidents' Report</i>	Gladys Laden and Ann Levenstein
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Luncheon

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<i>Door Prizes Drawing</i>	Sandy Feinberg
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<i>Acceptance</i>	Elaine Meyerson
<i>Raffle Drawing</i>	Karen Kurland
<i>Closing</i>	Dottie Glantz

Installation Committees

Vice President Philanthropy

Peggy Fine

Installation Co-Chairs

Fran Einiger, Dorothy Glantz
Pearl Sorkow, Creative Design

Journal

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Dee Josephson – *Layout Coordinator*
Carol Marcus – *Layout Coordinator*
Carla Silver – *Ad Coordinator*
Joan Snider – *Ad Treasurer*
Carole Benson – *Photo Editor*
Ann Levenstein – *Proofreader*

Raffles

Karen Kurland – *Chair*
Ruth Dinkes – *Treasurer*

Section Awards

Karen Kurland – *Chair*
Marcia Levy – *Past Chair*

Committee: Carole Benson, Lucy Dorée,
Norma Goldsmith, Nan Matlick, Elaine Pollack,
Marilyn Sirulnick, Shelly Winner

Officers 2015 ~ 2016

Honorary President
Honorary Vice Presidents
Presidium

Ellie Lubin
Gladys Laden & Ann Levenstein
Fran Einiger, Marcia Levy,
Bea Podorefsky, Elaine Pollack

Vice Presidents

Administration
Advocacy & Education
Community Services
Membership
Philanthropy
Thrift Shop

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Barbara Berger Brill & Shelly Winner
Roxanne Reff & Ruth Seitelman
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Peggy Fine
Karen Kurland & Ilene Wechter
Doris Sarokin
Zita Foster
Norma Goldsmith

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Trustees

2015 ~ 2017

(2-year term)

Phyllis Becker
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Peggy Kabakow
Alice Kanrich
Edie Kaplan
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Edna Lewitz
Aida Melamed
Doris Pape
Ina Miller-Silverstein*
Barbara Simon
Pearl Sorkow
Henrietta Wolfeiler

**Chair of Nominating Committee*

2014 ~ 2015

(completing 2nd year)

Celia Argintar
Roz Bloom
Fran Butensky
Lucy Dorée
Grace Fuld
Marlene Furer
Estelle Greene
Joyce Kalman
Elaine Manberg
Ellen Ptalis
Ginny Wasserman
Emily Wilkins

2014 ~ 2015

(one year term)

Ruth Dinkes
Roberta Lew
Phyllis Schriger

2014-2015 Nominating Committee

Chair: Fran Butensky Immediate Past Chair: Mary Sue Ehrenberg
Advisors: Elaine Pollack, Edie Kaplan, Ina Miller-Silverstein, Barbara Tilliss
Alternates: Irma Ball, Joyce Kalman

State of the Section 2014-2015



This had been a banner year for Bergen County Section for which we applaud the Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, and the entire membership. It's no secret that we are an aging section: many of us first joined NCJW as young wives and mothers, looking for like-minded women who wanted to give back. Today, many of our new members, instead of just beginning their families, are newly-retired, seeking women with similar interests. That is how we've remained an active section. In fact, NCW, Inc. (our national organization) has recognized Bergen County Section as one of ten "healthy sections" to be



part of a pilot program which will highlight areas of success and identify those where National needs to provide enhanced resources.

Our accomplishments this year have been many. We reached out to local newspapers and television stations in order to increase our visibility, and ran an ad campaign in the Jewish Standard and the Suburbanites, highlighting several of our advocacy issues. Its aim was to inform the public of who we are and what we do and to reach younger women in the community. Our June 2014 installation was publicized in (201) Magazine. And we were thrilled to receive NCJW, Inc.'s prestigious Community Impact Award for the establishment of the Domestic Violence Waiting Room at the Bergen County Courthouse.

Once again, winter played havoc with our scheduling. We were relieved when the January 27th study group finally took place – on March 24th. Our General Meetings were quite varied. From Rikki Klieman to Austin Tichenor to the "Monument Man" and Eugenie Zukerman – we were informed, enlightened and entertained. Our panel on Immigration Reform showed what a political football this subject is. And we felt so good packing the weekend Snack Packs for Center for Food Action children. Our study groups concluded the year with Shari Eshet, NCJW's Israeli representative, speaking at a wonderful evening event at Riverside Square.

While our website continues to receive kudos from near and far, we finally got our Facebook page up and running. Although we wish more people would "like" us on Facebook, we'll continue to post events and photos of our many wonderful activities. Is "tweeting" next? We are delighted to tell you that our "Donate" page has just been added to our website. You can now donate to Bergen county Section online. Check it out!

Philanthropy continues to be a critical part of our section. Our Stay-at-Home personal giving campaign exceeded its goal. With four symphonies and Audra McDonald at NJPAC, we happily and musically supported the section. Game Day, Installation Journal, raffles and tribute cards all brought in funds so that we could

generously help our 16 community services. We proudly support these services with funds and volunteers, working to improve the lives of women, children and families. Please find the pages in this Journal which describe these activities.

Thrift Shop exceeded its budget line, thanks to you, our supporters who bring us clean, gently-used apparel, jewelry and bric-a-brac. We now have a pick-up service, so call the Thrift Shop if you can't bring in the merchandise yourself.

Our "Gifted Member" program was in effect again this year, with the section welcoming 63 new members. If you gifted a friend, please ask her (or him) to rejoin when the dues bills go out in July. We try to connect with each and every new member but if we've missed you, please get in touch with anyone on the Board of Trustees. A member will definitely contact you. If you're a Solo, you may have attended one of their lunches for Sunday afternoon fun with NCJW colleagues. We urge all Solos to participate next year when events are announced.

Advocacy continues to play an important role in BCS. At the beginning of the NCJW year, the committee chose five issues on which to focus: gun violence prevention, human trafficking, immigration reform, voting rights and women's health/reproductive justice. Committee members and other interested NCJW women attended meetings, rallies and vigils, speaking out, writing letters and making phone calls. The Record and Jewish Standard published letters to the editors, two on reproductive justice, one on Jewish participation at the Center for Food Action and one chastising Congressman Scott Garrett for not appearing at voter forums.

More highlights included great day trips, a wonderful Council Sabbath that included a klezmer band, three outstanding bulletins and two jam-packed newsletters. Our scholarship committee will be awarding college scholarships to several top Jewish women from Bergen County public high schools who will be attending college in the fall.

It has been our greatest pleasure serving as your co-presidents. Our thanks to the Executive Committee, to the Board of Trustees, and to all the volunteers and donors who keep our wheels spinning. Special thanks to Phyllis Hiza, our amazing office manager. Without her skills, her calm demeanor and her expertise, we couldn't be the section we are today,

As we begin our 93rd year, we wish the new Presidium and its team every success.

Gladys Laden and Ann Levenstein
Outgoing Co-Presidents

Section Presidents

BERGEN COUNTY

1923-26 Bertha Lowitz
1926-29 Pauline Rappaport
1929-30 Dorothy Lebson
1930-32 Kathryn Kohlman
1932-34 Bertha Corn
1934-36 Alice Gordon
1936-38 Pearl Siegel
1938-40 Sadie Leight
1940-42 Beatrice Treinis
1942-43 Lillian Sosnow
1943-45 Julia Goodman
1945-47 Marion Benjamin
1947-49 Ruth Sandler
1949-51 Ruth Shub
1951-53 Lillian Smith
1953-55 Rose Zimmerman
1955-57 Marian Cerf
1957-58 Judy Kosloff

TEANECK

1958-60 Rita Gottlieb
1960-62 Gloria Jerome
1962-64 Paula Rosenblum
1964-66 Ada Mae Stein
1966-68 Evelyn Sosower
1968-70 Helen Linsey
1970-71 Ruth Cowan
1971-73 Ruth Zalaznick
1973-75 Rosetta Standig
1975-77 Margie Smith
1977-79 Susan Katz
1979-80 Beverly Gelber
1980-81 Mary Sue Ehrenberg

GREATER TEANECK

1981-82 Mary Sue Ehrenberg
1982-84 Joan Snider
1984-86 Rochelle Luks
1986-88 Naomi Singer
Judy Weinstein
Tobey Weiss
1988-89 Presidium
Ronnie Ettinger
Pearl Graime
Gladys Kaplan
Suzanne Keusch
Muriel Lesser
Naomi Singer
Rosalyn Suchow
1989-91 Suzanne Keusch
1991-93 Madeleine Brecher
1993-95 Fran Butensky
1995-97 Nita Gottesman
1997-99 Lee Laddy
1999-01 Lucy Dorée
2001-03 Leah Fetner

BERGEN COUNTY

2003-05 Ellen Jacobs
2005-07 Fran Einiger
2007-09 Nancy Landis
2009-10 Barbara Kaufman
2010-11 Presidium
Lucy Dorée, Marilyn Sirulnick
Ann Levenstein, Fran Einiger
Ina Miller-Silverstein
2011-13 Carole Benson, Elaine Pollack
2013-15 Gladys Laden, Ann Levenstein

Section Presidents

NORTHERN VALLEY

1948-92 Judith Abrams
Irene Schreiber
Ruthe Goldberg
Leonore Harris
Mildred Lubetkin
Rita Hillman
Esther Etish
Alice Levithan
Judith Fichtenholtz
Shirley Fein
Harriet Ozer
Zita Danoff
Esther Strauss
Rose David
Phyllis Schriger
Sonia Weiss
Ellie Lubin &
Eleanor Katz
Barbara Wohl

MID-BERGEN

1964-65 Lenore Silberman
1965-66 Naomi Antonoff
1966-68 Roslyn Herman
1968-70 Sondra Boas
1970-72 Anita Fabricant
1972-74 Paula Cantor
1974-76 Edie Kronenberg
1976-78 Laney Morpurgo
1978-80 Elaine Abrams
1980-81 Judy Zasloff
1981-82 Robyn Ebner
Laura Weissberg
1982-84 Lynn Kolodny
1984-85 Louisa Hellegers
1985-87 Nancy Landis
Susan Schulman
1987-88 Helen Astmann
1988-89 Helen Astmann
Joan Herman
1989-90 Joan Herman
1990-92 Dana Egert
1992-94 Janet Garfinkel
1994-96 Nancy Weiss
1996-98 Ava Silverstein
1998-99 Ava Silverstein
Roberta Abrams Paer
1999-01 Roberta Abrams Paer

Hannah G. Solomon Award

This award is named after NCJW's founder who, in 1893, brought together ninety Jewish women from all over the United States to the Parliament of Religions at the Chicago World's Fair. In that year, the first major Jewish women's organization was born. National Council of Jewish Women remains faithful to its founding principals – dedication to faith and humanity and serving unmet human needs.

This prestigious award is based on the following criteria:

- An individual who is known for her/his interest, activity and stand on vital issues important to NCJW and has helped translate them into community programs.
- An individual who has made known and stimulated interaction in unmet needs at the grass roots level and brought about important community services.
- Someone who is a catalyst for social change.

Past Recipients

1966	Pauline Rappaport	1997	Sister Patricia Lynch
1970	Police Chief Robert Fitzpatrick	1999	Jacqueline Kates
1971	Paula Rosenblum	2001	Madeleine Brecher
1974	Ann Robison	2003	Ruth Zalaznick
1976	Doris Quarles	2005	Barbara and Alfie Liebmann
1977	Joan Liseman	2006	State Senator Richard J. Codey Mary Jo Codey
1980	Ruth Cowan Shirley Hart	2007	Ellen Jacobs
1982	Rabbi Judah Washer	2009	Harry Belafonte
1984	Hilde Goldberg	2010	Marcia Levy
1986	Florence Nass	2011	Bea Podorefsky and Connie Hochberg
1988	Norman Tell	2012	Ina Miller-Silverstein
1990	Marilyn Taffet	2013	Valerie Vainieri Huttle
1993	Susan Katz	2014	Elaine Adler
1995	Hon. Loretta Weinberg		

Hannah G. Solomon Award:

Elaine K. Meyerson



Elaine K. Meyerson, LSW, ACSW, DVS
Executive Director, Center for Hope and Safety

Elaine K. Meyerson currently serves as the Executive Director of Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters), a leading Bergen County, New Jersey nonprofit agency providing confidential emergency shelter and support services for victims of domestic violence. A licensed Social Worker, Meyerson has been at the Center for almost 29 years, since 1986.

In this capacity, she has grown the agency from a small grassroots organization to an integral and well-respected county-wide program benefiting Bergen County residents. Elaine is responsible for both the fiscal and administrative management of the organization, which today has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3 million, with a staff of 50 employees and over 100 volunteers. Her key duties include the oversight of a 24-hour hotline; emergency shelter; five transitional housing units (two owned by the agency); and the new 10,000 sq. foot Community Service Center. Overall services include case management, job readiness training, bilingual support counseling and residential children's services. Community service programs include a community-based creative arts therapy program for children; follow-up services; community education training and consulting; and the agency's newest program, Outreach and Multicultural Services.

Key to the agency's success is its quality programs, the longevity of the committed staff and trustees and the relationship with community partners and agency donors. The agency's growth includes its ownership of four facilities, including the newly-renovated Community Services Center, for which a successful \$2 million capital campaign was completed at the close of 2014.

Elaine is active on many state and local human services committees. She is presently on Bergen County's Continuum of Care (housing) Committee and an appointed member of the Hillsdale Board of Health. She most recently served on the Human Services

Transition Team for the newly-elected Bergen County Executive, Jim Tedesco.

Elaine has served as President of the NJ State Coalition of Battered Women (2006-2008) and remains an active Board member, always chairing one committee or another. She was a former Chairperson and member of Bergen County's Human Services Advisory Committee, chair of the county's homeless committee (CEAS), and has served on boards of Project SARAH, Bergen Community College, Hackensack University Medical Center's Loving Arms and Ramapo College's Social Work Program. A Hillsdale Democratic Committee member, Elaine was also former chair of the Sisterhood and chair of the Rabbi search committee of Temple Beth Sholom in Park Ridge. She has been a member of NCJW BCS for over 20 years and is currently a Life Member.

A noted speaker, former adjunct professor and multi-award recipient, Elaine Meyerson is a graduate of SUNY Buffalo where she received both a Masters of Social Work (MSW) and a Bachelors in Psychology and Sociology.

She also holds certifications from the Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW) and Domestic Violence Specialist (DVS).

She is married for 39 years to Lawrence N. Meyerson, a Hillsdale Councilman and noted attorney who practices in Montvale. They have two adult children, Rachel and David and a daughter-in-law, Elizabeth. They have all pursued fulfilling professional careers.

Woman of the Section Award

This award was established in 1983 by the Board of Trustees of the then Greater Teaneck Section in honor of its 60th anniversary. The recipient of the award exemplifies the spirit of NCJW – a woman who by deed and action has indicated her commitment to and support and love for this organization, and who has performed outstanding service in one or more of the many facets of the Section.

Woman of the Section

Past Recipients

1983	Rita Gottlieb	2002	Fran Butensky
1985	Rose Zimmerman	2004	Nita Gottesman
1987	Ada Mae Stein	2006	Mary Sue Ehrenberg Linda Horowitz Joyce Kalman Karen Kurland Ina Miller-Silverstein Pearl Sorkow Inez Swartz Judy Weinstein
1989	Naomi Singer	2008	Leah Fetner Marilyn Sirulnick
1991	Ruth Zalaznick	2010	Lucy Dorée
1992	Pearl Graime	2011	Peggy Kabakow Doris Sarokin
1994	Ann Levenstein	2012	Fran Einiger
1996	Clare Mowitz	2013	Roz Bloom Natalie Landau
1998	Marjorie Aerenson Karen Farber Louise Gampert Beverly Gelber Rita Gruber Helen Linsey Ellie Lubin Elayne Rosen	2014	Roxanne Reff
2000	Joan Snider		

Woman of the Section Award:

Marian Kugelmass



I was born and raised in Bronx, New York, where I attended Bronx High School of Science and Hunter College (Bronx campus). I started teaching science and math in junior high school, met my husband, Arthur, a fellow Bronxite and teacher, and married in 1959. We have two sons and a daughter. We moved to New Jersey in February 1968 and I was invited to attend a NCJW meeting two weeks later. We joined Congregation Beth Sholom, Teaneck shortly thereafter. That was the beginning our family's long association with both Beth Sholom and NCJW. I became an NCJW life member in the early 70's.

I remained a stay-at-home mom during my children's elementary grades while teaching adult education classes in dressmaking in the Teaneck Adult Education program and volunteering in the Whittier School middle grades, teaching science. In 1974, I returned to teaching full time, with gifted and talented programs and special needs children.

In 1982, I became a student once again, earning my Master's in Education in Supervision and Administration, with additional credits in School Business Administration, at William Paterson College. I became an assistant principal, then principal in small out-of-district special education schools for several emotionally disturbed students. In 1987, I was hired by the Archdiocese of Newark as principal of a special needs school, and became superintendent of all these schools in 1992. During my tenure as superintendent, I opened a preschool program for handicapped three-to-five year olds and a high school with vocational training for these students as they moved through the program. After thirteen years as Director of Special Education with the Archdiocese, I retired in 2000.

I finally had time to pursue my interests that were on the back burner for many years. A group of friends and I founded the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, North Jersey Chapter of the International Guild. I am a member of the International Guild's Executive Committee and I also continue to be active as past president of my synagogue.

I returned to NCJW, co-chairing study groups and joining the Summer Campership Committee. My professional life had provided me with experience in finance, education, evaluation and program development so I became a member of the Finance, Evaluation and Bylaws Committees. In addition, I chaired Council Sabbath and ran successful fleece blankets programs. Several years ago, I became section Parliamentarian. (This was a flashback to college days when I held that job at Hunter College Student Council.)

I find it hard to do all the things I want to do. My family: Arty, our three adult children, their spouses, six grandchildren and extended family are my first priority. The three other areas are NCJW, Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework and Congregation Beth Sholom. May I be granted the strength to continue to be involved in all my passions.

Gutenberg Award for Excellence in Printing: *Eric Zymet*



Eric Zymet, who grew up in Teaneck, earned a B.A. in Business Management at Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1982. While in college, he worked part time for a large printing company where he ran the presses, worked in the bindery department and the pre-press department. While working there, Eric printed a job for Roy D. Smith – and the rest is history. After graduation, Eric started his printing career with Roy Smith, learning the other side of the business from Roy.

He has worked there for the last 33 years!

In 2003 Bergen County Section turned to Roy and Eric for its 80th Birthday Installation Journal, and R. D. Smith Inc. has been printing all of the Section's journals, bulletins, newsletters, invitations, stationery and raffle books ever since. There is no job too big or too small for Eric to handle. He never refuses a printing request even when time is of the essence. The Section's favorite phrase is Eric's motto: "No problem!" And that's why Eric is receiving Bergen County Section's Gutenberg Award for Excellence in Printing, with Outstanding Dedication and Service to the Section.

Eric, a professional numismatist, lives in Paramus with his wife Marge. Together they have three children: Scott, Merissa and Jenni.

Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer of the Month recognition is given to a volunteer who is a paid-up member in good standing who has demonstrated passion, long-standing service and commitment to our Section's goals and values.



Florence Sayfin
SEPTEMBER 2014



Susan Leskin
OCTOBER 2014



Grace Fuld
NOVEMBER 2014



Judy Myers
JANUARY 2015



Alice Kaurich
MARCH 2015



Jane Moser
APRIL 2015



Abbot Reff
MAY 2015

In Memoriam

Carol Lucy Aerenson remembers
Marjorie Aerenson, Life Member
Robert A. Aerenson, Life Member

Celia Argintar remembers
Herbert Argintar
Norma Dodes
Roz Suchow

Phyllis Becker remembers
June Marks

Phyllis Betancourt remembers
Pearl Black
Betty Schuchman
Sam Schuchman
Jean Paulvin

Fran Butensky remembers
Irwin Butensky

Ruth Dinkes remembers
Mildred Alaynes
Henry Dinkes
Helen Katz
Lester Schwartz

Lucy Dorée remembers
Lila Applebaum
Edwin Lee Dorée

Gwen Dubno remembers
George Aaron
Rose Aaron
Edith Dubno
Elliott Dubno
Elyce Beth Dubno

Zita Foster remembers
Anita Foster
Jack Foster

Marlene Furer remembers
Howard Furer
June Marks
David Richter
Lowell Zimmer

Nita Gottesman remembers
Lee Laddy

Micki Grunstein remembers
Jeanette Grunstein
Rita Wolfberg

Peggy Kabakow remembers
Ed Kabakow

Susan Azaria Kanrich remembers
Estelle Johnson Silverman

Jackie Kates remembers
Helen Harrison
Daisy Kates

Beverly Lazar remembers
Paul Lazar

Gloria Lieberstein remembers
Mel Lieberstein

Elaine Manberg remembers
June Marks
Sybil Sanas

Bea Podorefsky remembers
Arthur Podorefsky
Pearl Danzig
Frank I. Gross
Jerry Gross
Sarah Vera Gross
Connie Hochberg
Ben Podorefsky
Clara Podorefsky

Elaine Pollack remembers
Neil David Pollack

Roxanne Reff remembers
Max Kroog
Millie Kroog
Ida Reff
William Reff

Florence Sarfin remembers
Herman Cohen
Pauline Cohen
Mannie Sarfin
Philip Sarfin
Sophie Sarfin

Maybelle Schneider remembers
Jacob Schneider

Ruth Seitelman remembers
Judith Breus

Ina Miller-Silverstein remembers
Daniel James Silverstein

Life Member Tributes

Ruth M. Adelman
Celia Argintar
Helen Astmann
Irma Ball
Phyllis Becker
Susan Benkel
Roslyn Bloom
Fran Butensky
Ruth Cowan
Lucy Dorée
Mary Sue Ehrenberg
Fran Einiger
Charlotte Eth
Hilary Eth
Kate Faxon
Susan Faxon
Barbara Fishman
Arlene Friedman
Tara Goldman
Norma Goldsmith
Nita Gottesman
Estelle Greene
Sophie Heymann

Linda Horowitz
Ellen Jacobs
Peggy Kabakow
Alice Kanrich
Susan Azaria Kanrich
Jacqueline Kates
Geri Kaufman
Suzanne Keusch
Marian Kugelmass
Karen Kurland
Gladys Laden
Beverly Lazar
Felicia Leibman
Ann Levenstein
Robert Levenstein
Marcia Levy
Gloria Lieberstein
Elaine Manberg
Carol Laden Marcus
Evelyn Masheb
Nanette Matlick
Aida Melamed
Joan Paul

Bea Podorefsky
Elaine Pollack
Roxanne Reff
Elayne Rosen
Carole Rothstein
Jessica Rothstein
Addie Rudin
Florence Sarfin
Maybelle Schneider
Sandra Schomer
Ruth Seitelman
Carla Silver
Ina Miller Silverstein
Michael Silverstein
Marilyn Sirulnick
Joan Snider
Cynthia Sod
Pearl Sorkow
Jean Strauss
Inez Swartz
Bernard Wolfeiler
Henrietta Wolfeiler

2015~2016 Presidium



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

We four women who comprise our Presidium are women of action.

We are appalled when the Center for Food Action describes the rising numbers of hungry and homeless in Bergen County. *So, we take action.*

We are distressed that domestic violence remains for so many a hidden secret. *So, we take action.*

We are horrified when gun violence prevention is out of control. *So, we take action.*

We tremble for the most vulnerable when Congress threatens to dismantle The Affordable Care Act and destroy women's rights to reproductive health. *So, we take action.*

We are repelled when we learn that women, children and men are used for trafficking in sex, labor and organ parts. *So, we take action.*

We are discouraged when we read that immigration reform is still an American dilemma. *So, we take action.*

We are disturbed that the world we inhabit is in economic, political and social turmoil. *So, we take action.*

We have a broad agenda for the following year that also includes educating our membership by providing stimulating programs and study groups; insuring that our community services receive much-needed financial assistance; and expanding and energizing our membership.

Our personal histories indicate our dedication to the guiding principles of the NCJW mission and vision. We ask all of you to join us as we move forward
...And TAKE ACTION!

FRAN EINIGER

Bergen County has been my home for most of my life. I feel privileged to have graduated from Teaneck High School and then have my children graduate from that same school so many years later. I married Richard, a Brooklyn man, whose support and enthusiasm for the work of NCJW allowed me to dedicate a great deal of time and effort to the section. He died in 2007.

When I was fifteen years old, I had a summer job working for Fabian theaters in New York. This job was the beginning of my love affair with the business world. My father, however, insisted that teaching was the way to go. I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a degree in education. After a couple of years of teaching, however, I went back to the business world. My jobs were varied and interesting. I worked for a company that specialized in stamp auctions, then for a record company and a stint at CBS News, as well. My last paying job was at a local synagogue.

As a Presidium member, I will be focusing on fundraising and the Council Thrift Shop. Fund-raising has been a preference of mine since I was drafted into that area in my PTA days. I served NCJW BCS as a Fundraising Vice President, Community Services Co-Vice President, Program Chair (for many years) and a member of the Finance Committee, in addition to others. Some of my most enjoyable NCJW volunteer memories go back to our Thrift Shop in Teaneck. Each Monday morning, I looked forward to my time helping the familiar customers, finding my own bargains and working with other volunteers.

I am proud to have served as Section President from 2005-2007 and on the Presidium in 2010. The Woman of the Section Award was presented to me in 2012. Being part of this amazing organization has helped me realize my responsibility as a Jewish American woman living in a less than perfect world. NCJW continues to keep me grateful that perhaps I can be a small part of our potential to help repair that world.

MARCIA LEVY

Baltimore, Maryland was home and with my husband, David, we started a traditional Jewish southern family life. But, we were young and the lure of the Big Apple was strong, so we moved to a foreign land, Teaneck, NJ. Our family grew and I was busy with PTA, Scouts, travel and the pleasures of New York City. After the children left for college, I decided to complete my nursing studies at Bergen Community College. I really enjoyed my years working at Hackensack Hospital with young women who thought celebrating a thirty-five year marriage was a lifetime.

After my husband died, I joined NCJW BCS at the urging of Jeanne Tell. Working on the Scholarship, Membership and Stay-at-Home Committees was interesting and I made many new friends. Then I found my niche in community services. I volunteered at many, including Strategies to Prevent Domestic Violence (StoP), the Clothesline Project and the Center for Food Action. I enjoyed making videos for Swim-In and worked for Shelter Our Sisters and the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative. These activities gave me opportunities to get to know first hand the needs of our community and the difficulties so many of my neighbors live with.

Serving as Vice President of the section for two years, I was able to bring some of these issues to our organization and facilitate our services to the helping agencies. Recently, my work with the Future Financial Planning and Evaluation Committees, which I chaired, and the Strategic Planning Committee, brought me even greater knowledge of the working of our organization. I currently sit on the boards of Bergen Family Center, Project SARAH and the Center for Food Action.

In June 2010, I was the proud recipient of the prestigious Hannah G. Solomon Award. NCJW has been a vital part of my "retirement" life and I truly receive more than I give. It will be a challenge and an honor to serve as a member of the new Presidium.

I am the proud matriarch of a clan of twenty-six Levys.

BEA PODOREFSKY

Born and bred in Newark, then a hotbed of liberalism and free thinkers, I learned early on that political issues needed to be addressed at the dinner table. When I married my husband Arthur, we continued the tradition with our three children. In 1953, we moved to Teaneck and I became an active participant in community work and social reform: I was involved with League of Women Voters, and served on both the Teaneck Human Relations and Environmental Councils. When I retired in 1991, after teaching at Northern Valley Regional High School for 29 years, I joined NCJW. I discovered a community with a strong commitment to Jewish affairs and public service, eager to explore substantive issues and ardent in its fight for social justice.

I was hooked! I taught English to newly-arrived Russians and became a member of the State Public Affairs Committee. Working in coalition with other organizations, I was able to bring programs that focused on the environment, human trafficking and immigration reform to the larger community. I served on the Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committees as well.

For 22 years, I worked the “advocacy beat” with my dear friend, Connie Hochberg, as Co-Chair of SPA and then as Co-Vice President of Advocacy and Education. We became co-recipients of the Emerging Leader Award in 1996 and then in 2011, the Hannah G. Solomon Award. For the past thirteen years, I have served as a consumer advocate for the Bergen County Human Services Advisory Council as Chair of its Children and Families Committee and subsequently Chair of the BCHSAC.

I have been blessed with a loving brood of twenty-two: Jan, Fred, Donna, Rich, Robert, Terri, Sarah, Matt, Ben, Marjy, Jon, Orissa, Becca, AJ, Jesse, Karen, David, Gila, Isaac, Ruth, ZZ and Ophira.

Working on behalf of the disenfranchised has always provided me with a sense of fulfillment. And I consider it a privilege, an honor and an enormous challenge to be named a part of this Presidium, again working the “advocacy/education beat.”

ELAINE POLLACK

Tikun Olam, making the world a better place by getting involved and taking action, has been a driving force in my life. I grew up in Manhattan and raised my family in Bergenfield. For twenty years, I worked to provide safe, affordable and attractive apartments for senior citizens in my job as Property Manager for the Housing Authority of Bergen County

I have served on the Board of Trustees at Temple Emeth for many years where I chaired innumerable committees including the Religious School, Membership and a variety of special events committee. For the past few years, I co-chaired the Temple Emeth Renaissance Group for congregants fifty-five and older.

When I retired in 2005, I quickly became involved in NCJW BCS, because I knew this was an organization that would give me an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the most needy. I chaired the Membership Luncheon and worked at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh. I enjoyed playing with the children in the Children's Court Care Center while their parents dealt with legal matters. And as I coordinated our advocacy committees, gun prevention became my special interest.

Leadership conferences showed me the value of developing strong coalitions with other organizations who shared our concerns. In 2009, I was honored with the Emerging Leader Award. I served as Vice President of Membership and of Administration, and in 2011-2013 I was Section Co-President. This year, I will be part of the Presidium and use my past experience to help lead our current officers.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, husband Joe, daughter Laura, son-in-law David, and my three wonderful grandchildren, Noah, Jacob and Lilly.

NINE DECADES REVISITED

Nine decades is a very long life that few of us are able to claim as our own. So it's a mitzvah that we're able to celebrate the 91 years since the birth of the Bergen County Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

On March 20, 1923 a group of 14 local Jewish women met at the Hebrew Institute in Hackensack and were awarded a charter as the Bergen County Section of National Council of Jewish Women, which had been founded 30 years earlier by Hannah G. Solomon. As a part of this national organization, these local women became a force for service, education and action in the Jewish and general communities. Membership grew rapidly. Our current membership stands at more than 1,000.

In the early years, the section helped found the first Hebrew School in the county and supported the start of the Bergen County YM-YWHA. Members endowed a room at the new Hackensack Hospital and began an annual Thanksgiving food donation to local non-sectarian institutions. Most of the section's community service efforts during that time were devoted to helping needy individuals and families.

During the 1930s, we established a scholarship fund for area Jewish children. Funds were collected to assist a Children's Aid Committee to help Jewish children in pre-war Germany and formal classes were organized for naturalization and citizenship

to help newly arriving foreigners. NCJW volunteers met immigrants at the docks, arranged housing, provided clothing, jobs and more. A Fresh Air Fund was created to send needy children to summer camp.

In the early 1940s, the section turned its efforts to raising funds for the war effort, selling war stamps at supermarkets and donating a library for soldiers. They also volunteered as nurses at Bergen Pines Hospital and participated in NCJW's Ship-a-Box program for children in Jewish communities around the world.

With the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, BCS was one of the first to contribute to the national organization's program supporting the Hebrew University High School of Education in Jerusalem. That same year also saw the creation of the section's Evening Branch so that younger women who weren't able to attend afternoon meetings could be part of the then Teaneck Section. Many former Evening Branch members are still very active in our section. In fact, two of them are our Co-Presidents.

In 1950 we opened the Resale Shop, later renamed the Council Thrift Shop. The store moved from Hackensack to Teaneck and now is located in Bergenfield. NCJW organized the first club for senior citizens in Bergen County in 1950. This Golden Age Club provided social and service activities for older members and continued for

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many years under the auspices of the YMHA.

During the 1950's, volunteers assisted in the Recording for the Blind project while others delivered books for the Teaneck Library to the homebound and the elderly. They also worked with the Bergen County Volunteer Bureau to assist at local hospitals and various health organizations.

In the 1960's, volunteers brought birthday cakes to the children's center at the Edna B. Conklin Home. We also created Friendship House, a psychiatric rehabilitation center dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness. "Art 67" began a trend of annual art shows as a fundraising and social event for members and guests.

In the 1970's, BCS began its collaboration with the statewide Youth Consultation Services at the Holley Day Care Center. Holley has grown and has become a live-in facility for children at risk. We started "Swim-In" in conjunction with the Multiple Sclerosis Society, offering professional therapy and BCS volunteers to assist clients with water therapy programs. We also began ABCs (After Breast Cancer Surgery), a swim therapy program for post-mastectomy surgery patients. In addition, we became actively involved in the Alternatives to Domestic Violence program.

During the 1980's, NCJW supported Spectrum for Living, an assisted living facility for the handicapped and developmentally impaired, and we worked with Holy Name Hospital to create

the first adult medical day care center in Bergen County. We also spoke out in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment and Medicaid funding for abortions.

The 1990's saw an increase in our advocacy efforts as we expressed our support for the Freedom of Choice Act, Title X, Megan's Law, Women Against Violence Act, and against bills that would restrict abortion and family planning. We joined the Clothesline Project, and in 1999 we opened the Children's Court Care Center at the Bergen County Courthouse.

In 2000, we supported the Promote the Vote campaign to encourage people to vote and legislation to support reproductive choice and gun control. NCJW, Inc. introduced Benchmark, a judicial nomination campaign to educate and mobilize members and the community at large to promote a federal bench with judges who support fundamental constitutional freedoms, including a woman's right to reproductive choice. We received a grant to continue the HIPPY program to assure learning opportunities for our community's most vulnerable children and parents.

In 2003, we changed our name back to the Bergen County Section, when the Mid-Bergen section merged with the Teaneck section. In 2004, we joined the March for Reproductive Choice in Washington DC, participated in the NJ Governor's Conference on Women and started our website. We were so proud when YCS honored us with

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their Outstanding Community Service Organization Award.

In 2014-15, NCJW BCS joined the 21st century by creating its own Facebook page to reach out to a wider audience. Advocacy efforts intensified with the addition of Immigration Reform as a fifth initiative, and fundraising efforts included a special Audra McDonald benefit concert. Community services participated in an innovative Snack Pack program with the Center for Food Action, and the scholarship program attracted a record number of applicants. Membership increased, the Council

Thrift Shop instituted a pick-up service, and NCJW, Inc. awarded BCS its prestigious Community Impact Award for the establishment of the Domestic Violence Waiting Room at the Bergen County Courthouse.

We take pride in our history. For the past ninety-one years, the NCJW, a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates, has turned progressive ideals into action. Inspired by our Jewish values, NCJW Bergen County Section continues to strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

Looking back at NCJW Bergen County Section



ADMINISTRATION

Phyllis Betancourt, Vice President

Administration is the foundation of our section – the machinery that keeps the Bergen County Section running smoothly. The department oversees everything from hospitality to publicity, and on a more fundamental level, bylaws, policies and procedures, budget and finance, nominations, and evaluation. Section awards, personnel practices, insurance and our parliamentarian and historian round out this busy department. Kudos to all chairs and committee members who helped make this a most successful year.

MEMBERSHIP

Tama Cuperman and Norma Goldsmith, Co-Vice Presidents

As part of our goal to increase awareness, visibility and membership, the committee continued the very successful “gifted” membership campaign. Sixty-three new members joined this year.

Our annual Membership Luncheon and fashion show kicked off the year successfully. We held a number of “coffees” to welcome new members and inform them about our programs. Our Membership Ambassadors welcomed all to the General Meetings. The Solos wined and dined while our snowbirds had a get-together in Florida. We capped off the year with a luncheon in May for all new members. Thanks to all of our Membership Team for a fabulous year.

PHILANTHROPY

Peggy Fine, Vice President

This year has been an exciting and rewarding one for philanthropy in the Bergen County Section. In order to provide adequate funding for the wide variety of services and activities supported by the section, a series of events was held.

It began with this year’s “Stay-at-Home” travel-theme invitation which enticed members to be generous and they were: we exceeded our goal. Special thanks for our “angels” who matched all gifts that exceeded last year’s.

Our second season with the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra concerts began in

October. Many members boarded the bus at Temple Emeth to enjoy delightful afternoon concerts in NJPAC in Newark. This fall will be our third season and we hope you will join us.

November brought us Game Day at the River Palm Restaurant in Fair Lawn. More than 95 guests enjoyed good food and camaraderie.

Raffle books offering prizes – luxurious vacations and fine dining around Bergen County - were sent out in March. In the spring, donors and local businesses were contacted to support the Annual Installation and Awards Luncheon and Journal. And who could forget the wonderful Audra McDonald concert (and the bus that never showed up!).

Most grateful thanks to the Stay-at-Home committee and the chairs of Game Day, the Symphony, the raffle, and the Installation Luncheon and Journal for their commitment to NCJW and for the hard work that accompanied it. Thank you to all who worked on the mailings. Your help was crucial to making our section so successful.

The thoughtful generosity of our dedicated members illustrates their devotion to the concept of philanthropy and what it means to women, children and families in Bergen County.

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP

Fran Migdal and Ilene Wechter, Vice Presidents

The Council Thrift Shop was delighted to provide the section with over \$50,000 this year. None of our efforts would be possible without the direct participation of our members – as donors of merchandise and as volunteers. In order to attract customers, we need saleable merchandise. And the response this year has been outstanding.

Our needs remain the same: seasonal clothing for men, women and children; attractive household items in good condition; sheets, towels and comforters, which also generate income. And jewelry is always in demand.

How successful we are next year depends totally on membership help and support. The Thrift Shop would not exist without our dedicated donors and volunteers. We thank you for your enthusiastic support and look forward to our continuing relationship. Additions to the Volunteer Team are always welcome and schedules are flexible.

ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION

Roz Altman and Shelly Winner, Co-Vice Presidents

Advocacy and Education had a very productive and rewarding year. We provided our members with a broad range of educational activities and kept them informed about significant and relevant issues. Through action alerts, calls and emails to legislators, we advocated on an almost daily basis.

EDUCATION

PROGRAMMING

We began our season of programs with an exciting presentation by Rikki Klieman, celebrated tv anchor, legal analyst, trial attorney, actor and best-selling author. Her topic was “Law, Politics and the Media.”

To blow away the winter blues, Austin Tichenor, playwright, actor, director and Co-Managing Partner of the Reduced Shakespeare Company, entertained us with “The Power of Comedy and Other Life-Affirming Matters.”

Harry Ettlinger, one of the few surviving “Monument Men” who saved hundreds of thousands of cultural treasures stolen by the Nazis, was our speaker in April. His incredible World War II story was the inspiration for George Clooney’s recent movie, “The Monument Men.” Holocaust Remembrance was commemorated at this program as well. A member read a touching poem about the Holocaust and then related her experiences during that time.

“A Patchwork Life” was the theme of Renaissance woman Eugenia Zukerman’s presentation at the May meeting. The internationally renowned flutist, arts administrator, author, educator, internet entrepreneur and journalist shared her experiences and entertained us beautifully on the flute.

STUDY GROUPS

Four informative and well-attended study groups included Arnie Wechter on “Hiding in Plain Sight,” a surprising look at Jewish actors in film; Linda Loshen, Director of the Center for Healthy Living at Holy Name Hospital who presented an interactive presentation on brain fitness; Elaine Meyerson, Executive Director of the Center for Hope and Safety (formerly SOS) and Patrice Lenowitz, the Center’s Community Educator, gave a riveting presentation, “It’s Complicated,” about the close ties between domestic

violence and human trafficking; and “Gender Equality Issues in Israel” was presented by Shari Eshet, Director of NCJW’s Israel office.

TRIPS

It was a very successful year for our trips programs, all of which were sold out. We visited The Gomez Mill House, West Point Military Academy (including the synagogue), back stage at the Metropolitan Opera, and Florentine sculptures at MOBIA. We enjoyed camaraderie and great food at The Thayer Hotel, Son Cubano and Justin’s Restaurants. We look forward to more great excursions next year.

PUBLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

In the fall, we contacted the guidance departments at all public high schools in Bergen County to update our mailing list. Letters and applications were subsequently sent to all. We received a record number of 19 applications. After screening and interviews, six scholarships will be awarded at the June Board meeting,

COUNCIL SABBATH

More than 100 people attended the Council Sabbath at Temple Emeth this spring. After a delightful dinner, we were entertained by a lively klezmer music service.

SECTION COMMUNICATIONS

The NCJW BC Website, Bulletins, Facebook and Newsletters continue to keep us informed and vigilant about all section activities.

ADVOCACY

Advocacy continues to play a large role in our programming. In October, Lindsay Morris, NCJW Inc.’s Grassroots Advocacy Manager, spent a day describing how the actions we take locally can have a national impact. The importance of maintaining relationships with coalition partners was stressed. Educating our members and reaching out to those in power were presented as requirements for successfully creating social change.

The five issues chosen for this year were Gun Violence Prevention, Women’s Health and Reproductive Justice, Immigration Reform, Voting Rights and Human Trafficking.

Gun Violence Prevention: Reports and updates on the progress of gun legislation were presented at meetings throughout the year. All the tools of advocacy, including articles, action alerts and emails were used to indicate our displeasure with gun violence prevention in New Jersey and the entire country.

Members sent action alerts and a letter to the editor of the Record expressing dismay at Governor Christie's veto of legislation limiting the capacity of gun magazines. Published articles included "Keeping Communities Safer" and "Gun Violence As A Public Health Issue."

Members joined with "Moms Demand Action to Prevent Gun Violence" to deliver "Not One More" postcards to Congressman Scott Garrett and attended a moving candlelight vigil in Teaneck to honor the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre. Donna Dees-Thomases, founder of "Million Moms March," spoke to thirty concerned section members and coalition partners, the Bergen County Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. A postcard campaign, "Safer NJ," took place at our May general meeting with "Moms" and BCCPGV. Our coalition partners continue to be helpful resources for us, for which we are most grateful.

Women's Health and Reproductive Justice: This year's activity focused on monitoring federal and state legislation as it pertained to women's health and reproductive justice, educating our membership about prevalent issues and responding to action alerts. The following issues were investigated:

- The Hobby Lobby ruling and its impact on women's health and reproductive justice.
- The definition of reproductive justice: We investigated and explained to our members the change of paradigm from "Pro-Choice" to "Women's Health and Reproductive Justice."
- Circuit Court rulings: Closing of abortion clinics in Texas and other states.
- Young vs. UPS: Discussion of discrimination of pregnant women in the workplace.
- The Hyde Amendment: A legislative provision barring the use of certain federal funds to pay for abortion, except if pregnancy arises from incest or rape, that is currently being used by conservative legislators to restrict abortions.

Immigration Reform: Since its founding in 1893, NCJW has been involved in advocacy on behalf of immigration reform. This year, however, Bergen County Section recognized the enormity of the issue as an American dilemma when thousands of children began to pour over our borders and were detained under conditions that defied description. When the issue began to heat up in Congress, raising awareness through action alerts became our primary activity. After careful study of the multiple problems surrounding immigration reform, we committed to bringing these issues to a town-wide general meeting in

November. The panel was comprised of experts in the field who covered a range of “hot button” topics including Humane Border Security Policies, Asylum Seekers, Expedited Family Reunification, Fair and Workable Paths to Citizenship, Quotas, Immigrants and Human Trafficking and, of course, Undocumented Children At Our Borders.

The program, which expanded our advocacy work, was attended by over 300 members of the Section and the community, including thirty organizations whose leaders joined us as coalition partners.

Human Trafficking: We continued to work in partnership with the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking to keep our membership informed and aware of the constant global threat of trafficking in sex, labor and human body parts. NCJW Inc. provided us with action alerts on a regular basis, hoping that the federal government would finally pass a Human Anti-Trafficking Bill that would address all the issues. At this writing, we still have no such bill.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nan Matlick and Roxanne Reff, Co-Vice Presidents

ADLER APHASIA CENTER

Adler Aphasia Center is a facility that helps people who are touched by aphasia, the loss of power to use words. The volunteers from NCJW BCS come to the center weekly to play computer and word games, assist in jewelry-making and cooking, and participate in informal conversations with the clients.

BERGEN FAMILY CENTER HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRE-SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY)

Bergen Family Center Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-School Youngsters (HIPPY) trains parents to be their children's first teachers. This was a special year for HIPPY: NCJW BCS was honored at a gala dinner for its twenty-year involvement with the program. In addition, we were able to enroll five additional children through a grant from the Dr. David Goldberg Child Care Center Fund. Our volunteers organize and run monthly early evening workshops for the children while their parents attend workshops as well. A HIPPY board was reestablished as a vehicle for input from parents, staff and volunteers. NCJW BCS coordinates an annual holiday toy drive to which generous members provide a mountain of wonderful gifts for the children.

BERGEN FAMILY CENTER SHINING LIGHTS

Bergen Family Center Shining Lights is a unique social daycare program for visually impaired adults and other seniors. Our volunteers bring smiles, laughter and joy, games and sing-alongs during our monthly visits. During this time, we celebrate everyone's birthday.

BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE (BVMI)

Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) provides free primary medical care for working low-income county residents who have no health insurance. More than 50 physicians, nurse practitioners, registered nurses and others volunteer their services at the Healthcare Center, while more than 200 specialists in private practice see a limited number of patients at no charge. An NCJW BCS volunteer is currently serving on their professional staff and other BCS volunteers provide computer and scanning assistance in the office.

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Center for Food Action has been an important project for NCJW BCS for over fifteen years. The original single pantry in the basement of a local church has now expanded to nine sites in Bergen County. The section provides on-site volunteers as well as financial assistance. At each General Meeting, a basket is passed for donations which enable CFA to purchase food items for Snack Packs which are given to low-income children without enough food over weekends. In January our General Meeting was devoted to packing 400 of these Snack Packs.

CHILDREN'S COURT CARE CENTER

Children's Court Care Center is the most advanced court care facility in New Jersey. It provides a warm, safe environment for children who need care while their parents or caregivers attend to legal matters. It is staffed by two full-time employees who are supported by our section's dedicated volunteers. We provide snacks, drinks, toys, books, clothing, videos and anything else to make the children happy and comfortable.

CLUB NCJW

Club NCJW meetings one afternoon a month at Holley Center to do fun activities with the children. Our volunteers plan craft projects, sing songs and read to the group of 7-12 year olds. Every child looks forward to our visits and a wonderful time is had by all.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WAITING ROOM

Domestic Violence Waiting Room is a community service project, completely furnished and staffed by NCJW BCS volunteers four mornings a week. It is a haven for litigants awaiting court hearings as it allows victims to be isolated from their abusers in a safe environment.

FAMILY PROMISE WALK-IN CENTER

Family Promise Walk-In center serves meals 365 days a year to those in need. Ten to fifteen of our members devote a late afternoon four times each year purchasing and preparing food, setting up the dining room and serving a full dinner to between 100 and 150 people each time. We are also responsible for cleanup.

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

Israel Granting Program helps organizations and programs designed to address Israeli women's rights and well-being in the areas of economics, politics, education, domestic violence and social justice. Components of the program include Women to Women, NCJW's Empowerment Initiative, and Yad B'Yad, NCJW's Initiative to Nurture Knowledge. The Bergen County Section contributes to the program annually.

JEWISH HOME AT ROCKLEIGH

Jewish Home at Rockleigh is a comprehensive skilled rehabilitation, nursing and geriatric facility which offers an array of amenities and services in a caring environment. Our members volunteer in the gift shop, which the section helped established, and support parties for the residents throughout the year. We also help finance a staff specialist who works with residents to improve mobility.

KNIT WITS PLUS

Knits Wits Plus volunteers knit hats, scarves and afghan blankets for seniors, children, hospital patients and people who live in shelters. Toiletries are collected for the clients at Family Promise Walk-In Center, the Center for Hope and Safety, Holley Center and the Jewish Home at Rockleigh.

PROJECT S.A.R.A.H.

Project S.A.R.A.H. (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home) is a statewide domestic violence prevention agency established to meet the unique needs of orthodox Jewish women, i.e. keeping Kosher, observing the Sabbath or relating to their community when there is violence in the home. They have expanded to include child abuse and prevention through awareness and have also established the Aleinu project, which presents safety awareness programs for students attending Jewish day schools. NCJW BCS is proud to be part of this consortium.

STRATEGIES TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Strategies to Prevent Domestic Violence (StoP) is an umbrella program in coalition with county agencies that assist victims of domestic violence through community action, education and advocacy. Our members volunteer and provide holiday gifts for children who are clients of Alternatives to Domestic Violence and the Center for Hope and Safety. NCJW's national program "Higher Ground" is devoted to helping domestic violence victims reach firmer ("higher") ground. The Domestic Violence Waiting Room at the Bergen County Courthouse is part of this initiative.

SUMMER CAMBERSHIP

Summer Campership is a public/private collaboration that grants summer day camp scholarships for children of low income, working parents in Bergen County. These children have fun in a safe environment while school is not in session.

SWIM-IN

Swim-In is a community-based program for people with multiple sclerosis. Since 1976, in coalition with the National MS Society's New Jersey Metro Chapter, we have provided a free, once-a-week, therapeutic swimming program from September through May at the JCC in Tenafly. The 2-hour program is supervised by a licensed physical therapist. Volunteers assist the clients in the locker rooms and with the wheelchairs in the pool area. Each client is fitted with a buoyancy belt and helped into the pool where they swim, walk or exercise with a trained volunteer.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER/ SHARED HOUSING

Women's Rights Information Center/Shared Housing (WRIC) offers job training and placement services as well as housing alternatives for single-parent families. WRIC volunteers also help single mothers, displaced homemakers and low-income women receive an education, find a job and rent or share a home. In addition, consultative services and referrals are made for legal issues, domestic violence prevention, healthcare and basic needs.

YCS – HOLLEY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

YCS – Holley Child Care and Development Center is a residential treatment facility for emotionally and/or physically abused children in crisis. The almost 70 boys and girls who reside there celebrate their birthdays thanks to members of NCJW BCS who provide a birthday cake for each child. During the holidays we host a special Christmas Party for the children who are unable to be with their families.

YCS – KILBARCHAN

YCS – Kilbarchan is a residential care facility for adolescents offering a safe environment to meet each teen's developmental needs. We assist with funding that provides the young men the opportunity to be counselors in training at the YCS summer camp.

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HOLLEY HOLIDAY PARTY VOLUNTEERS



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NCJW BCS GOES TO WASHINGTON



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