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**NCJW CELEBRATES 95TH ANNIVERSARY AND
INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**

National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section is excited to celebrate its 95th Anniversary at an elegant party at the Alpine Country Club in Demarest on June 5, 2018 at 11 am. The special celebration will include a cocktail hour on the beautiful outdoor terrace, followed by an outstanding lunch. There will be awards, a raffle and a silent auction packed with beautiful gifts. A special feature of the 95th Anniversary Celebration is the publication of "Our 95th Anniversary: A Celebration Through History," compiled and written by NCJW's historian and past president, Bea Podorefsky.

Bill Ervolino, columnist for northjersey.com and The Record, will be the Guest Host. The Hannah G. Solomon award will be presented to Dr. Shelly Wimpfheimer, Executive Director of The Community Chest, and Carole Benson will be named Woman of the Section.

Mr. Ervolino is the author of *Some Kind of Wise Guy: Stories About Parents, Weddings, Modern Living and Growing Up Italian*. He has received numerous awards from the New Jersey Press Association and the Society of Professional Journalists, and in 2001, 2002, 2008 and 2011 his column was recognized by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists for best humorous writing in the U.S. He has written for the New York Times, Entertainment Weekly, Vogue and the New York Daily News. He has also performed as a comic and was chairman of the annual Laugh-Off events at Gilda's Club, NJ. His onstage interviews include Alan Alda, Olympia Dukakis and Jackie Collins.

Dr. Wimpfheimer joined The Community Chest, a nonprofit organization that has been in existence in Bergen County since 1933, in 2013. Previously Dr. Wimpfheimer was the Executive Director of PASE, the Partnership for After School Education, and served as Vice President of Youth and Family Services of the YMCA of Greater New York. In addition, she has served as an Executive Coach to middle and senior management staff of the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, NJ Department of Children and Families and the NJ Department of Human Services.

Carole Benson was born in London during WWII, growing up in a family environment that advocated for and understood the importance of social justice and community involvement. She rallied with fellow students and activists to "Ban the Bomb" in Trafalgar Square in the 1950s and spoke out for women's equality in the 1960s. After moving to New York Ms. Benson, with husband Gerry, owned and ran a furniture showroom in Manhattan and she worked in the computer industry during the "dot.com" era. She has worked with NCJW, Inc. (the National organization) and is a past president of Bergen County Section, where she has chaired and served on multiple committees. She is currently Chair of Israel Affairs and Chair of Communications, overseeing the Section's print and technology publicity outreach.

The organization will install its 2018-2019 Officers at the event. Ongoing Co-Presidents Jane Abraham, Elizabeth Halverstam and Ruth Seitelman will be installed for another year of service; Marilyn Friedman, Susan Azaria Kanrich, Karen Kurland, Elaine Meyerson, Bari-Lynne Schwartz and Ilene Wechter will continue to serve as Vice Presidents; and Norma Goldsmith will remain in her role as Recording Secretary. New officers this year are Vice Presidents Elaine Bieger, Phyllis Betancourt, Nanette Matlick and Joan Orenstein, and Treasurer Liz Roditi.

Elaine Mindich Bieger, BSEd, MEd, PD, PhD, was the Director of Leadership Training Program at The College of New Rochelle and reading consultant to four publishing companies. She is the author of seven books and six peer reviewed journal articles and The Bieger Test for Visual Discrimination and Bieger Training Program. Dr. Bieger is listed in Who's Who in Women of the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in American Education, and Who's Who in Contemporary Achievement.

Phyllis Betancourt worked for sixteen years in the Human Resources department of the Harsco Corporation and at Bat Torah-The Alisa M. Flatow Yeshiva in Teaneck. A member of NCJW for many years, she has served as Corresponding Secretary and Vice President of Administration. At the Bergen County Courthouse, she volunteers at the Waiting Room and the Children's Court Care Center. For the past 6 years, she has been involved in conducting the Sabbath service at an assisted living facility. Ms. Betancourt attended Hunter College, majoring in Art History.

Nan Matlick was previously an administrative assistant in an electronics company. When she retired she joined NCJW and became a life member. She has been Vice President of Membership and Vice President of Fundraising, ran the Solos group and has volunteered for many community services. She has four daughters, twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Joan Orenstein has been a model and ran two restaurants, Oren and Aresky and Holy Cow, and a nightclub, Tatou, with her late husband Steve. Upon his death she took over Steve's seat on the Alpine Borough Council. Ms. Orenstein joined NCJW in 2015 and has been active in Membership.

Elizabeth Roditi is a Realtor with Keller Williams Town Life Realty in Tenafly, NJ. She is a Lifetime member of NCJW Bergen County Section in which she has held roles in meeting hospitality and the coordination of the Holley Child Care and Development Center Birthday Cake Program. Other volunteering positions include Bulletin Editor for Temple Emanu-El, Closter, and a member of Business and Professional Women's Division of UJA (now the Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey), where she aided in marketing many events.

Tickets to the Anniversary Luncheon are \$70 each and proceeds benefit the work of NCJW Bergen County Section, comprising 1,000 members committed to improving the lives of women, children and families. For more information or an invitation, please visit www.ncjwbcs.org or call 201-385-4847.

Photo Captions

Dr. Shelly Wimpfheimer, Executive Director of the Community Chest, will receive the Hannah G. Solomon award at NCJW's 95th Anniversary Luncheon at the Alpine Country Club on June 5.

Carole Benson, past president and currently Chair of Israel Affairs and Chair of Communications, will receive the Woman of the Section Award at NCJW's 95th Anniversary Luncheon at the Alpine Country Club on June 5.

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.