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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2018

TIMELY TOPICS & TASTY TREATS

(formerly Study Group)

Treasure or Trash: The Big Reveal



Jon Felz, RZM Fine Arts and Antiques
Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 2:30 pm
Riverside Square Mall
Hackensack, NJ

Mark your calendar!

JOIN OUR BCS OPEN BOARD
MEETING

and Hanukkah celebration!

Tuesday, December 11 at 9:15 am
Youth Lounge at Temple Emeth

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THE SNEAKERS

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

NORA GUTHRIE



Holy Ground

Nora Guthrie brings to life the personal creative relationship between her father, Woody Guthrie, and his mother-in-law, the famous Yiddish poet, Aliza Greenblatt.

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 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.

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1 Symphony
- 1-4 Teaneck Film Festival
- 6 Game Day
- 6 Election Day
- 13 Board Meeting
- 13 General Meeting
- 22 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

- 3-10 Hanukkah
- 4 Timely Topics (Study Group)
- 11 Open Board Meeting

Happy Thanksgiving  Happy Hanukkah

COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING NORA GUTHRIE: *HOLY GROUND*

Did you know that Woody Guthrie had a Jewish mother-in-law, the Yiddish poet Aliza Greenblatt? Do you know the influence Aliza and Jewish music had on Guthrie's music?

Join us at our General Meeting, **Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 12:30 at Temple Emeth** to hear and see a presentation by Nora Guthrie, Woody's daughter. Her presentation is called ***Holy Ground*** and it includes photographs, music excerpts, writings and artwork that illustrate the personal creative relationship between Woody and Aliza Greenblatt.

Woody lived in Coney Island, across the street from his mother-in-law, and they shared their dreams and their art, their neighborhood and family. Guthrie, the Oklahoma troubadour, and Greenblatt, the Jewish wordsmith, often discussed their artistic projects and critiqued each other's work, finding common ground — they shared love of culture and social justice, despite their very different backgrounds. Their collaboration flourished in 1940's Brooklyn, where Jewish culture was interwoven with music, modern dance, poetry and anti-fascist, pro-labor activism.

Woody's Jewish lyrics came as a surprise to Nora Guthrie, director of the Woody Guthrie Archives. She became aware of his connection with Judaism in a chance encounter with The Klezmatics and Itzhak Perlman following a concert at Tanglewood. Unbeknownst to Nora, Perlman and the band had performed some of Guthrie's Yiddish songs. Itzhak asked Nora how she enjoyed Woody's version of Aliza's songs; Nora was shocked because she didn't know that her grandmother had written the lyrics. The revelation about her grandmother's history encouraged Nora Guthrie to bring her father's songs to light.

Nora Guthrie graduated from NYU Tisch School of the Arts in 1971. Following a successful career as a modern dancer, Nora began working on her father's music in 1992.

Please join us on Tuesday, November 13 at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck to listen and to see this amazing presentation. Free for members; \$10 for non-members. For more information contact Marilyn Sirulnick at 201-343-3321 or sirulnickm@aol.com.

TREASURE OR TRASH: THE BIG REVEAL

On **Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 2:30 pm** ***TIMELY TOPICS AND TASTY TREATS*** will be held at Senior Source at the Riverside Mall. Plan to attend this educational and entertaining program. *Directions: Go to Maggiano's restaurant and turn right by PF Chang's. Follow signs for Upper Level Parking and drive toward the "Elevator" sign on Level 2. Entrance to the mall is BEHIND the elevator sign. Senior Source is the first store on the right.*

"Treasure or Trash" will be an interesting presentation by antiques appraiser Jon Felz. Mr. Felz is a Senior Vice President of RZM Fine Arts and Antiques. He is a retired NYPD detective who specialized in fine arts

thefts and frauds. He grew up in this environment as his mother was an antiques dealer in Woodcliff Lake. Additionally, Mr. Felz is a certified appraiser with over 35 years' experience.

Mr. Felz will discuss the current antiques market in terms of demographics and "what's in and what's out." So start combing through your "treasures" and bring one or two items for a free appraisal.

There will be a \$5 charge for members and a \$10 charge for nonmembers.

For further information contact Ginny Wasserman at rubigin@aol.com.

SNACK PACK CHALLENGE

We, NCJW BCS, have been given a challenge, and we are taking it on! Put the date on your calendar now: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 12:30 AT TEMPLE EMETH!**

What is the challenge? Last year we packed 1,000 snack

packs at our January Community Service packing meeting. This year we are taking on the goal of packing 1,500 snack packs. Be there. Bring your friends and relatives – to pack weekend snack packs for low-income kids through Center for Food Action. It's fun and it's a mitzvah!

PHILANTHROPY/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Stay-at-Home AND Run With Us

We Never Stop Running because we take action whenever it's needed: we volunteer hundreds of hours in our communities, advocate on key issues and support programs in Israel. Read carefully our Stay-at-Home invitation and the list of everything we accomplish and do together. It is quite remarkable.

Our community needs NCJW BCS values ... and now we need you. We hope you have received your Stay-at-Home invitation, our most successful fundraising 'non-event' of the year. We ask that you GO THE DISTANCE and stretch your donation to help us fulfill our mission as we make a difference in the lives of so many.

As you *Run With Us*, we want to thank all of our donors. We want to remind you that matching funds are donated by "Angel" donors who support the organization by encouraging members to increase their gifts. Please give what you can. We sincerely thank you for helping NCJW BCS *stay the course* and have a successful year!

For more information about Stay-at-Home and "Angels" contact Elaine Meyerson at 201-906-7096.



**WE NEVER
STOP RUNNING**

NCJW BCS MEMBERS PARTICIPATE AT THE YWCA BERGEN COUNTY healingSPACE CLOTHESLINE PROJECT

On September 20, NCJW BCS members attended the Clothesline Project, a day to raise community awareness of violence against women, men and children and to demonstrate support for survivors.

Members were moved by the messages on the t-shirts designed by survivors of sexual violence, domestic violence, child abuse and personal violence. Creating t-shirts promotes healing by providing an avenue for survivors and their loved ones to break the silence created by the devastating impact of violence on their lives.

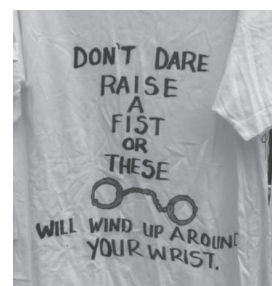
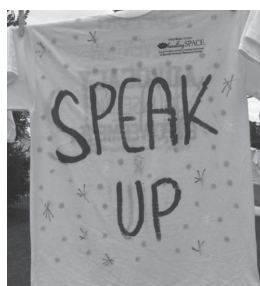
In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Clothesline, the program paid homage to the women who paved the way for the project. Lydia Pizzute, a featured speaker and in 1993 the Director of the Rape Crisis Center of Bergen

County (now the YWCA Bergen County healingSPACE), noted that the first Clothesline Project with 90 t-shirts was displayed on the Green in Hackensack and that "while each shirt tells an individual and deeply personal story, together they speak in a single and undeniable voice against violence."

NCJW Bergen County Section has been a proud community sponsor of the Clothesline Project since the beginning – 25 years ago!



NCJW BCS attendees from L to R: Bari-Lynne Schwartz, Judy Liebman, Carla Silver, Elaine Pollack, Phyllis Betancourt, Elaine Meyers



FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

As autumn gives way to winter, your three Co-Presidents have settled into our second year. We continue to be impressed by the breadth and depth of the Section's accomplishments. Now in our 96th year, NCJW BCS can look back with pride on our achievements. If you haven't yet read "**Our 95th Anniversary: A Celebration Through History**," don't miss it! You can find it by visiting our website www.ncjwbcs.org.

Yet many challenges lie ahead. The most vital challenge we face, like so many other organizations today, is to sustain NCJW BCS for generations to come. We have therefore re-named and re-vamped the Future Planning and Development Committee to discuss the long-range health of the Section and engage in long-term planning. Its goals are to increase membership and member involvement; ensure financial stability and sustainability by fostering the growth of resources; and develop future leaders. The Committee will pass on its recommendations to the Board.

Over the past few years, some members have become less active. The Committee's first task is therefore to work with the Membership Committee to increase membership and member involvement. This is where we need your help. Please consider "gifting" a friend who would like to join NCJW BCS. She'll have the opportunity to participate in our programs, volunteer at our community services and advocate for issues that are especially critical in today's political climate. We're also asking you to make a special effort this year to welcome



Co-Presidents: Jane Abraham,
Elizabeth Halverstam, Ruth Seitelman

our new members into our fold. Please reach out to them, introduce them to your friends and invite them to sit with you at meetings and events.

Equally important to our Section's health are the funds we need to sustain our work. We've never thought of our Section as a fundraising organization, but in today's world it is vitally important to raise the funds we need to improve the lives of the clients in our 19 community services, to advocate for the issues we care so much about, and to offer the many speakers,

trips, concerts, book groups and more that you enjoy. Think of the services to women, children and families when you decide to participate in one of our "fun" activities or when you sit down to write your personal giving check to Stay-at-Home. If you have not given to Stay-at-Home in the past, please think about doing so this year. If you have been a donor, we thank you and welcome your donation this year. Perhaps you can increase your last year's gift by 10%. Imagine the faces of the children, the elderly, the hungry whom we serve and how much more we can help with your added dollars.

As we move forward toward our 100th Anniversary, we hope that you will help us sustain our organization so that we may continue **L'Dor V'dor** – *from generation to generation* – to advocate for, support and educate the women, children and families in Bergen County.

With warm wishes,
Jane, Elizabeth and Ruth

NEW PACESETTER AWARD



Bari-Lynne Schwartz

A newly-created **Pacesetter Award** was approved by the Board of Directors. It will recognize a newer board member who has demonstrated potential leadership qualities, been on the board for five years or less and has accepted a position on the Executive Committee. This award is very similar to the Emerging Leader Award with the difference being that a Pacesetter has moved up too rapidly to qualify as "emerging." Our first recipient is Bari-Lynne Schwartz, who received this award at the Membership Luncheon on October 16.

Bari-Lynne has been a member of the Board for three years. She immediately stepped into leadership roles, primarily in advocacy and education. Among the many activities in which she has participated was the difficult task of co-chairing the highly successful LGBTQ Forum sponsored by NCJW BCS. The next year she went on to become the Vice President of Advocacy and Education and is currently serving her second year in that position. Congratulations, Bari-Lynne!

COLLEAGUES FOR LIFE HONOREES

The NCJW BCS Board of Directors has created a new honorary position: **NCJW Bergen County Section's Colleagues for Life**. This honor is being given in appreciation and recognition of past board members who have had at least 18 years of active board participation but no longer hold a position on the board. Colleagues for Life are welcome to attend board meetings but will not have a vote.

The following members will be officially recognized and thanked at the Paid-Up Membership Luncheon on October 16:

GLORIA ANSH NATALIE LANDAU PEARL SORKOW

We apologize if we inadvertently omitted anyone who fulfills the requirements for this award and ask that you please contact the office to let us know.

CITIZENSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

UPDATE ON THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

A total of 470 seats (35 Senate seats and 435 House of Representatives seats) are up for election on November 6. **THESE MIDTERMS MATTER!** The consequences of these midterm elections will no doubt shape the political landscape of our nation for years to come.

With this idea careening in mind, the Bergen County Section advocacy team decided that we needed to concentrate on registering new voters as well as voters who had changed their address in Bergen County. We organized a "Let's Vote 2018" committee, partnering with the League of Women Voters, Northern Valley Chapter, to do a voter registration and "getting out the vote" training for 19 BCS volunteers.

We learned that the last day to APPLY FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT is October 30. It is important to understand that when you submit the "Vote by Mail" application, you may NOT vote in person at the polls on Election Day. After submitting your application you will receive a paper ballot in the mail. Once you receive it, you will vote and mail the form to the County Clerk's office. Postage is required for this ballot.

After a lengthy and informative Q-and-A period, members agreed to canvas apartments in Fort Lee and Hackensack, as well as high schools, nursing homes and senior residences. Our first registration day organized by Ann Levenstein at Mediterranean Towers (North, South and West) took place September 20. Marilyn Sirulnick, Lois Katz Brown and Fran Butensky also participated in the voter registration process in other buildings in Ft. Lee and Hackensack, while Sandy Loft, Elaine Pollack, Hilary Eth and Elaine Bieger registered voters in Teaneck, Bogota, Ridgefield Park and Tenafly respectively. In addition, we partnered with the Social Action Committee at Temple Emeth, chaired by Lynn Chaiken (also an NCJW member), who organized four registration sessions at the temple.

If you or anyone you know will need a ride to the polls in Bergen County on Election Day, contact Bea Podorefsky one week before the election at 201-837-3179. She will arrange a ride. Remember to vote on November 6, and be sure your eligible children and grandchildren vote as well. **MIDTERMS MATTER!**

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**Deadline for January-February
newsletter: November 30.**

MITZVAH DAY



NCJW BCS – in cooperation with Jewish Federation of Northern New Jersey – will be part of the 21st annual Mitzvah Day which will

be held on **Sunday, November 18**. Please bring toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss to our **Timely Topics** meeting on October 30, to **Game Day** on **November 6**, or drop your donation off at the NCJW BCS office at 75 S. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield. Call Geri Kaufman at 201-592-9698 or Joan Levy at 201-242-1792 for more information.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bobbi Bookstaver, Susanne Brunell, Arlene Burnon, Nancy Davidoff, Florence Dubro, Betty D'ver, Jane Erwin, Wendy Filowitz, Marilyn Friedman, Eileen Goldblatt, Leslie Greenberg, Cari Hochman, Elaine Inglis, Beatrice Jacob, Sandra Jonas, Joyce Katz, Dee Kind, Marilyn King, Pearl Leichman, Stephanie Lench, Vivienne Levenson, Amy Liebowitz, Francie Abraham Lubin, Sylvia Ness, Gina Plotino, Iris Rosendahl, Joyce Rothschild, Marcia Schiffman, Marcia Shapiro, Michele Silver, Mary Ann Tarantula, Maria Valencia, Naomi Weber and Marjorie Zak.

TRIP SURVEY



Would you like to receive a \$25 credit toward your next BCS trip? Help us design trips to meet your needs and tastes.

Complete the survey and be entered into a drawing to receive a \$25 credit towards your next trip. Three \$25 credits will be awarded. Bring your completed survey to **Timely Topics and Tasty Treats** on October 30, to the **General Meeting** on November 13, or mail it to **NCJW BCS**, 75 S. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 by Friday, November 16.

Your input is important!

1. What influences your decision to take a trip? Please check all that apply.

- ☐ Destination ☐ Activity Level ☐ Lunch
☐ Cost Distance from Teaneck: ☐ one hour or less
☐ two hours or less

2. Which activity level is right for you?

- ☐ Very active walking tours
☐ Medium activity level, some walking, steps
☐ Inactive, very little walking, some steps

3. Would you enjoy a trip with:

- a casual lunch between 2 activities/venues? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 an elegant, more leisurely lunch with one additional activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 a box lunch on the bus? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 lunch on your own with a suggested list of restaurants? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Which of the following would interest you? Please check all that are of interest.

- ☐ Boscobel and Storm King
☐ Eleanor Roosevelt House and the Culinary Institute

- ☐ Grounds for Sculpture with Lunch at Rat's Restaurant
☐ New York Aquarium in Brooklyn
☐ Princeton Art Museum and Princeton University
☐ Food Tour with Art Zuckerman
☐ Morristown: The Seeing Eye Program and the Morris Museum
☐ Pearl S. Buck House in Bucks County, Pennsylvania

5. Other Destinations/Comments _____

6. Would you like to plan a future trip or serve on a Trip Committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name (Required for Drawing): _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

NCJW Bergen County Section Co-Sponsor of *101 Seconds* at Teaneck International Film Festival Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 11:30 am Benjamin Franklin Middle School, 1315 Taft Road, Teaneck

101 Seconds intimately documents the journeys of two families from grieving survivors of gun violence to hopeful gun safety advocates confronted by the reality of gun politics in modern America. The Bergen County Brady Chapter and the Teaneck Board of Education are co-sponsors of this film. Guest speakers will participate in a talk-back on gun reform. For ticket information, visit www.teaneckfilmfestival.org. For further information, contact Roselyn Altman, 201-546-7211, rozzi0630@aol.com.

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION – ACTION BEYOND THE BAG

The Center for Food Action (CFA) continues to provide much-needed rental and utility assistance to its clients. This summer, in addition to the monthly food provisions, CFA introduced **Dinners4Seniors**.

This is a new supplemental food package for seniors 60+ years of age. Qualifying seniors receive four additional meals. The package includes individual servings of salmon, cod, chicken breasts, ground turkey, vegetables, seasonings and more. CFA has received rave reviews from **Dinners4Seniors** recipients!

TRIBUTES

GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

Helen Rod

To the Halverstam Family
In memory of Dr. John Halverstam

Richard & Sharon Aarons

To Kenny & Michele Sarfin
In memory of mother, Florence Sarfin

Geri Kaufman

To Toby Brooks
In memory of brother, Alan Englart

Ann & Bob Levenstein, Roxanne Reff, Helene Rabin, Ina & Michael Silverstein, Henrietta & Bernie Wolfeiler

To Debi & Paul Taffet
In memory of mother, Marilyn Taffet

Judy & Marty Warshofsky

To Arline Weinberg & Family
In memory of husband, Charles

Elizabeth Halverstam

To Addie Rudin
In memory of husband, Marcel

To Carole Benson

In memory of brother, Harold Rabbie

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

Fran Einiger, Doris Sarokin, Sandy & Sid Friedman, Henrietta & Bernie Wolfeiler, Mimi Bookstaver, Rochelle Luks

To Kenny Sarfin & Family
In memory of mother, Florence Sarfin

Judith & Martin Lebson, Ruth Korn

To Elizabeth Halverstam
In memory of husband, Dr. John Halverstam

Bari-Lynne Schwartz

To Elaine & Larry Meyerson
On the birth of their first grandchild, Bennett Clark

Alice Kanrich, Henrietta & Bernie Wolfeiler

To Ruth & Wally Cowan
In memory of their daughter, Laurie Lewittes

Edith Messer

To Pam Tropper & Family
In memory of mother, Elsie Tropper

Fran Altchuler, Joan Person

To Arline Weinberg & Family
In memory of husband, Charles

Fran Butensky, Marietta Kalin, Evalyn Brownstein, Alice Kanrich, Beverly Miller, Eleanor Kohn, Ellen Portnoy, Micki & Mike Grunstein

To Debi & Paul Taffet
In memory of mother, Marilyn Taffet

Evalyn Brownstein, Peggy Fine, Carole & Gerry Benson, Henrietta & Bernie Wolfeiler, Fran Butensky

To Addie Rudin
In memory of husband, Marcel Rudin

Phyllis Schriger

To Sandra Greenberg
On a Very Special Birthday

Doris Sarokin

To Lucy Dorée
Congratulations on the Engagement of grandson, Zachary

Sheila Sasson

To Bea Tendler
In memory of son, Donald

Ann & Bob Levenstein

To Carole Benson
In memory of brother, Harold Rabbie

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Frances Resheske, Virginia Clark, Lois Liberman, Annette & Dan Shapiro made generous donations in memory of Florence Sarfin.

A donation was made by Karen & Peter Levenson in honor of Joan Robins' birthday.

Felicia Leibman made a generous donation in memory of Dr. John Halverstam.

A donation was made by Lisa Gorman in memory of Marilyn Taffet.

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of Life Members Maybelle Schneider and Member Marcel Rudin..

Condolences to:**Roz Altman**

on the passing of her husband, Norman Brodbar

Joan Losen

on the passing of her husband, Charles

Carole Benson

on the passing of her brother, Harold Rabbie

Congratulations to:**Carla Silver**

on the marriage of her daughter, Deborah

Nan Matlick

on the birth of great grandchild #12, Gigi Ella

Henrietta & Bernie Wolfeiler

on the engagement of their granddaughter, Becca

Marian Kugelmass

on the bar mitzvah of her grandson, Jacob

A SAD LOSS

NCJW BCS sadly announces the passing of Past President Carole Benson's brother **Harold Rabbie**. Although he lived in California, Harold was instrumental in advising our Section on the creation and maintenance of the BCS website. His technology expertise was exceptional. He will be missed. Our deepest condolences to Carole and her family.

HOW TO SEND TRIBUTE CARDS

Honor and congratulate your friends and family and send condolences to your nearest and dearest – with an NCJW BCS tribute card. We'll mail it for you. Just call: Celia Argintar 201-836-2563 / Bea Tendler 201-461-0284.

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NCJW WASHINGTON INSTITUTE : MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Join NCJW Sections from across the country on April 7–9, 2019 in Washington, DC for Washington Institute (WI 2019). Raise your voice in our nation's capital as we learn from experts, strengthen our advocacy skills, connect with like-minded activists, and storm Capitol Hill to meet with our lawmakers and their staff on critical issues! This triennial institute is always exciting with fabulous speakers, dynamite training sessions and a chance to meet face-to-face with our senators and representatives. For more information, call the NCJW BCS office at 201-385-4847.

NCJW INC. HQ MOVES TO DC

Today (August 28) NCJW begins a new chapter as we move our headquarters to Washington, DC — the epicenter of national policy and where we belong. Our new address: 2055 L St, NW, Suite 650, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: 202-296-2588. Combining our whole staff in DC will enhance our power to make change happen on the most urgent social and economic challenges facing women, children, and families. From our new home, NCJW's winning team of advocates, working together with our sections and thousands of NCJW members across the country, will be uniquely positioned to advance progressive social change. We can't wait for all we will accomplish together in our nation's capital.

Warmly,
Beatrice Kahn, National President

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP

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For a Thrift Shop merchandise pick-up, please contact
Marcia Kopeloff at 201-265-2506.
(Parking in rear, enter from Bergen Street)

Selling Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:
9:30 am ~ 5:30 pm
Thurs 10 am ~ 8 pm
Sat 10 AM ~ 5 pm*

Donor Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:
11 am ~ 4 pm
Thurs 11 am ~ 7 pm
*No Donations Saturday

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.ncjwbcs.org