

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

### VOLUNTEER

It all starts by getting involved. Consider the possibilities. Be a part of the solution. Whatever your interests – from a one-time commitment to ongoing leadership roles – we have a place for you.

### SUPPORT

Show the world where you stand and champion the needs of women, children and families by supporting what matters.

### JOIN

Add a new dimension to your life by meeting a group of dynamic, compassionate, like-minded women.

- Hear compelling speakers
- Enjoy interesting trips
- Make new friends

### AND

- Give back to your community

**For more information, visit:  
[www.ncjwbc.org/join](http://www.ncjwbc.org/join).**

### Social Action In Israel Israel Granting Program

In Israel, NCJW does its work through a gender lens, empowering Israeli and American women to advocate for a robust civil society. Through the Israel Granting Program, to which Bergen County Section contributes annually, NCJW is a leader of women's and gender rights in Israel by bringing our unique Jewish women's progressive approach to advancing social justice and gender equality.

## HISTORY

### About NCJW

In 1893, Hannah G. Solomon of Chicago was asked to organize the participation of Jewish women at the Chicago World's Fair. When she discovered that participation only consisted of pouring coffee, she walked out and, by the end of the World's Fair, had founded the National Council of Jewish Women, changing forever the role of Jewish women and the nature of volunteerism. **For over 125 years, NCJW remains distinct among organizations – courageous, compassionate, powerful, and above all pioneering.**

### About Bergen County Section

In 1923, fourteen women formed the Bergen County Section of NCJW to make a difference in their community. Today, with more than 1,000 members, NCJW BCS remains an active part of the Bergen County community, committed to providing non-sectarian community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy.

### Mission Statement

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.

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**Advocacy | Community Service  
Education | Philanthropy**

**A FAITH IN THE FUTURE  
A BELIEF IN ACTION®**

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy is about action. As part of the democratic process, NCJW BCS speaks out on important issues to federal, state, and local officials. Some recent NCJW public policy campaigns include:

- Domestic Violence
- Human Trafficking
- Reproductive Justice
- Gun Violence
- Diversity
- Voting Rights

## EDUCATION

Throughout the year NCJW BCS provides its members with educational and stimulating events, programs, panel discussions and speakers (many in the news today), including six general meetings and a myriad of study groups, book groups and cultural trips.

## PHILANTHROPY

NCJW BCS raises funds from a variety of sources: individual contributions, special events, a thrift shop, local businesses, membership dues and bequests. We receive no government funding.

## THRIFT SHOP

NCJW Council Thrift Shop is located at 75 South Washington Avenue, in Bergenfield. Proceeds from the sale of donated new or gently-used clothing, accessories and household items go directly to support those in need in our community and advance our advocacy issues.



## HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

**We enrich the lives of women, children and families in Bergen County by providing volunteers and support to nineteen non-sectarian Community Services.**

**ADLER APHASIA CENTER** enables people who have lost the power to use words to comfortably communicate.

**BERGEN FAMILY CENTER (BFC) SENIORS** offers unique social daycare to visually-impaired seniors.

**BFC HIPPIY** (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) trains parents to be their children's first teachers.



**BFC NCJW BCS/RENEE GULLER INFANT AND TODDLER CENTER** offers caring day care in a new dynamic environment.

**BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE (BVMI)** provides free primary medical care to low-income working families with no means to pay.

**CENTER FOR HOPE AND SAFETY (CHS)** provides shelter to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

**CHS MAKING MEALS TOGETHER** plans and prepares dinner with CHS shelter residents for a fun mother/child cooking activity.

**CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION (CFA)** provides emergency food, rent, and utility assistance to those in need.

**CHILDREN'S COURT CARE CENTER (CCCC)** is a supervised play area within the County Courthouse for children of litigants.

**FAMILY PROMISE WALK-IN DINNER PROGRAM** prepares and serves meals for people in need.

**JEWISH HOME AT ROCKLEIGH** is a skilled nursing and geriatric facility offering an array of amenities.

**KNIT WITS** knit hats, scarves and Afghans for seniors, children, the homeless and disaster victims.

**PROJECT S.A.R.A.H.** (Stop Abusive Relationships at Home) provides domestic violence and sexual abuse counseling and treatment, community education and prevention in the Orthodox community.

**SUMMER CAMPSHIP** is a unique, public-private fund that gives children the opportunity to attend summer camp.



**SWIM-IN**, co-sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is a therapeutic water exercise program for people with MS.

**WAITING ROOM** offers a safe, welcoming haven at the

County Courthouse for domestic violence litigants awaiting court appearances.

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER (WRIC)** helps women learn and develop the skills they need to move toward economic self-sufficiency.

**YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE (YCS) HOLLEY CHILD CARE CENTER** is a residential treatment facility for emotionally and/or physically abused children.

**YCS KILBARCHAN** is a residential treatment home for adolescents.