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MARCH-APRIL

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION

2019

MARCH GENERAL MEETING

From Torah to Terrorist Cop



Mordecai Dzikansky

NYPD Detective, Torah Task Force
and Liaison, Israel National Police

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

Reproductive Freedom at Risk



Rachel Wainer-Apter

Director, New Jersey
Division on
Civil Rights



Phoebe Pollinger

NCJW Essex
County Section
Co-Chair
Reproductive Rights

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 12:30 pm
Temple Emeth, Teaneck

The meeting is free and open to the public.

ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON

Our Annual Spring Luncheon (formerly 'Installation') will take place at the Estate at Florentine Gardens in River Vale, NJ on **Tuesday, June 4, 2019**. There will be cocktails on the terrace and a sumptuous lunch in the ballroom. The day will include a presentation of awards to our Hannah G. Solomon winner, Gurbir Gewal, and Woman of the Section recipient, Gladys Laden. We will be announcing our raffle winners and guests will have additional opportunities to win prizes from our silent auction. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

BERGEN COUNTY SECTION CALENDAR

MARCH

- 5 Lunch & Learn
- 7 Symphony
- 12 Board Meeting
- 19 General Meeting
- 21 Purim
- 22 Council Shabbat

APRIL

- 2 Board Meeting
- 7-9 Washington Institute
- 16 Advocacy General Meeting
- 19 First Seder
- 20-21 Passover
- 25 Symphony
- 26-27 End of Passover

**A HAPPY PURIM AND PASSOVER
TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!**

COMING EVENTS

MARCH GENERAL MEETING FROM TORAH TO TERRORIST COP

Mordecai Dzikansky, a Brooklyn born and bred yeshiva boy who went on to become a NYPD detective assigned as the lead investigator on the Torah Task Force, will be the featured speaker at the **NCJW BCS General Meeting on March 19 at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth in Teaneck**. Ultimately, he was posted as the NYPD liaison to the Israel National Police. Detective Dzikansky is an expert on global security and is called upon by community organizations to provide first-hand analysis on preventing and responding to terrorism.

His main focus was intelligence-gathering and the immediate relay of key information back to NYC to enhance the Department's ability to recognize, react to and prevent or recover from terrorist acts. He was also involved in providing information gathered in the Middle East concerning terrorism financing to his NYPD counterparts. He responded in person to and analyzed 30 bombing scenes in Israel and several attacks globally, including events in Turkey, Russia, Spain and Egypt. Detective Dzikansky worked with senior members of the Israeli intelligence community on investigations which connect NYC and the State of Israel.

He currently lectures and consults on global security and policing topics and is called upon by various law enforcement agencies, academic think tanks and community organizations to provide first-hand analysis of the current terror trends, lessons learned and world-wide applications in preventing and responding to terrorism.

For more information, contact Fran Einiger at 201-678-1809 or franeiniger@yahoo.com.

LUNCH AND LEARN

"Being Muslim in America"

Sabeeha Rehman

Tuesday, March 5, 12:30 pm

Temple Emeth, Teaneck

Please join us for this special Timely Topics Lunch and Learn. Send your check for lunch to: NCJW BCS, 75 South Washington Ave., Bergenfield, NJ 07621. Members \$18 – Nonmembers \$20. Contact Ginny Wasserman at rubigin@aol.com or call the NCJW BCS office at (201) 385-4847.

A screening of the film "Beauty, Strength, and Courage," the story of an Israeli Beauty Queen who is a sex crime victim, will be held **Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2:30 pm at the Ridgewood Pubic Library**, 125 S. Maple St., Ridgewood. NCJW BCS is a co-sponsor of this event.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AT RISK

All people regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability or immigration status deserve the freedom and power to make their own informed faith-based decisions on when, how and with whom to start or grow a family. Their freedom is in jeopardy, like never before.

- Over forty states restrict access to abortion and regulate the procedure.
- In every state Crisis Pregnancy Centers, "fake clinics," dissuade women from seeking abortions and birth control.
- Since 2016, an unprecedented number of anti-choice judges have been appointed to the federal courts threatening to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Join us on **Tuesday, April 16 at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth in Teaneck** and listen to our distinguished speakers as they share the facts and the actions we can take to push the pendulum toward reproductive freedom.

Rachel Wainer Apter is the Director of the New Jersey Division on Civil Rights. She previously served as Counsel to the Attorney General, advising on civil rights and immigration matters and leading the New Jersey team that defeated a preliminary injunction motion by Texas and seven other states to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Previously, Rachel worked at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on Supreme Court cases concerning the right to be free from discrimination, reproductive freedom, voting rights, and other federal constitutional questions.

Rachel graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received her law degree from Harvard Law School. After law school, Rachel served as a law clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the United States Supreme Court, Judge Robert Katzmann on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and Judge Jed Rakoff on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Rachel lives in Englewood with her husband and three children.

Phoebe Pollinger serves on the Board of the NCJW Essex County Section and is a Co-Chair of its Reproductive Rights Committee. As the Chair for its first four annual Roe v. Wade celebratory events, Phoebe lobbied our state and federal legislators, wrote letters to the editor, marched and picketed on behalf of women's health legislation and reproductive rights and was invited to join as a signatory to the Business Leader Amicus Brief in support of the Whole Women's Health Supreme Court Case. Phoebe is the recipient of NCJW Essex County 2015 Hannah G. Solomon Award for Service to the Community and the NCJW Social Change Tribute Award at the 2016 NCJW Washington Institute. She has served as the Chair of the Essex County Child Placement Review Board and as a Board member of Planned Parenthood Action Fund of NJ.

For over 50 years NCJW BCS members have fought for reproductive freedom. Join us on April 16. There is much more that needs to be done to ensure reproductive freedom for all. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Note: Please visit www.NCJWBCS.org for complete bios of the speakers. For more information, contact: Bari-Lynne Schwartz at barilynnes@verizon.net or 973-641-2981.

AWARDS

GURBIR S. GREWAL TO RECEIVE NCJW'S PRESTIGIOUS HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD



NCJW BCS is proud to name Gurbir S. Grewal as our 2019 Hannah G. Solomon awardee. Gurbir S. Grewal was appointed by Governor Philip D. Murphy to serve as New Jersey's 61st Attorney General on December 12, 2017. He was confirmed by the New Jersey Senate and assumed the office on January 16, 2018.

Since assuming office, Attorney General Grewal has focused his attention on protecting the interests of New Jersey residents by expanding affirmative litigation, strengthening police-community relations, reducing violent crime and fighting the opioid epidemic. Before becoming New Jersey Attorney General, Grewal served as Bergen County Prosecutor, where he supervised a staff of 265 and had supervisory authority over approximately 2,700 sworn law enforcement officers across 74 law enforcement agencies. Among other accomplishments during his tenure, he developed and implemented several creative approaches designed to tackle the heroin and opioid crisis, including "Operation Helping Hand," a program that offers low-level drug offenders treatment options upon arrest. He also established a Community Affairs Unit, which is dedicated to assisting local departments improve police/community relations.

From 2010 to 2016, Grewal worked as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, where he served as Chief of the Economic Crimes Unit from 2014 to 2016 and oversaw the investigation and prosecution of all major white collar and cybercrimes in the District of New Jersey.

Before becoming a federal prosecutor in New Jersey, Grewal also served as an AUSA in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York from 2004 to 2007, where he was ultimately assigned to the Business and Securities Fraud Unit. As an AUSA in the Eastern District of New York, he investigated and prosecuted a wide range of narcotics offenses, white collar crimes, and terrorism cases. His significant cases included the successful prosecution of 12 men charged with providing material support to the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization.

In addition to his work as a federal prosecutor, Grewal has also worked in private practice from 1999 to 2004 in Washington, D.C., and from 2008 to 2010 in New York, NY. Attorney General Grewal graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1995. He obtained his law degree from the College of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law in 1999.

GLADYS LADEN WOMAN OF THE SECTION



A New Jersey girl through and through, Gladys grew up in Freehold, graduated from Douglass College and started her teaching career in Old Bridge. Two years later, she moved north, met and married Herb, and moved to Linwood Park in Fort Lee. After three more years of teaching, her family increased with the birth of Sandy, followed two years later by Carol. In 1964, Gladys and Herb bought a home in Teaneck. That's when she found National Council of Jewish Women, Teaneck Section Evening Branch.

Evening Branch was filled with vibrant young women who were eager to make new friends and serve the community. After serving on many committees, Gladys became an Evening Branch VP and followed that with three years as Evening Branch Chairman. Her third child Andrew was born the night of chairing her first board meeting. It was Leah Fetner who drove her frantically to the hospital – just in time. Over the years the Laden family size increased with the addition of three spouses and seven grandchildren.

In the mid-70's Gladys was offered the opportunity to return to work as Director of the Teaneck Group Care Home which was a major Council project at the time. She remained in that position for four years, while also earning her MA degree at William Paterson College, and in 1981 became the Financial Aid Administrator at Cornell University Medical College in NYC. Several years later she became Director and remained in that position until she retired in 2010.

Following her retirement, Gladys returned to her NCJW "roots" and served as vice president of Community Services for two years. This was followed by two years as co-president with Ann Levenstein. Currently, Gladys represents NCJW BCS on the BVMI Advisory Board, volunteers at the homeless shelter, the Center for Food Action and chairs the Journal committee. She is also chair of the Finance Standing Committee and previously chaired the Evaluation Standing Committee.

Gladys says, "NCJW has allowed me to learn and grow in many aspects of my life. I am so grateful that Bergen County Section was available and thank everyone for this wonderful honor."

BEA PODOREFSKY CHOSEN BCS HONORARY PRESIDENT



According to our bylaws, a past president of Bergen County Section is nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Board of Directors to be the Section's Honorary President. The term of this honorary position is five years.

We salute Ellie Lubin, who will complete her term as Honorary President in June, and congratulate Bea Podorefsky, who will be installed at our Annual Spring Luncheon.

A NEW BOOK GROUP IS WAITING FOR YOU!

By popular demand, a new NCJW book group is being formed. The day, time and location will be decided by the group. Book groups are a great way to make friends, read some great books, stimulate your brain and just enjoy yourself. Do consider joining.

Call Lucy Dorée at 201-585-1244 for information.

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

The age-old expression "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb" hardly holds true for NCJW BCS. After a February hiatus, our March calendar is filled with many programs to enlighten and stimulate. Start the month with a delicious Timely Topics Lunch and Learn. If you have ever thought about how a Muslim woman copes with life in America, join your friends on March 5 to hear Sabeeha Rehman discuss her prizewinning memoir, "Threading My Prayer Rug: One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim."



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

On Sunday, March 10, NCJW BCS will partner with the JCC of Northern NJ, Jewish Family and Children's Services and four synagogues to view the movie, "Beauty, Strength and Courage," the story of an Israeli beauty queen who is a sex crime victim and becomes an advocate against sexual harassment. Join us at the Ridgewood Library for this event.

And these events will be followed by our Council Shabbat at Temple Emeth on March 22, and by Mordecai Dzikansky, the terrorist cop, speaking at our March 19 General Meeting. Details on all these events plus our April General Meeting on Reproductive Justice can be found in this bulletin and on the "Coming Events" sheet.

As we begin to emerge from our winter cocoons or return from points south, NCJW BCS continues to offer the best in exciting programs. Not only do we provide these excellent

speakers to our members, we put ourselves forward in advocacy and community service. Holley Center needs volunteers to provide birthday cakes, and Swim-In always needs extra hands, to mention just two. We were present at Roe v. Wade events, and actively participated in "Get Out the Vote" campaigns. We are planning a day of Legislative visits and several of us are looking forward to extensive advocacy training at Washington Institute in early April. We are beginning a strategic planning process to make certain that our

Section remains relevant, healthy and fiscally sound in the coming years.

To support our vital community services, we need your support. Membership dues cover a fraction of our needs, but please remember to *Run With Us* and contribute to our Stay-At-Home Personal Giving Campaign.

If you love being part of NCJW BCS, why not bring a friend to a Timely Topics study group, a general meeting or your volunteer job. Let them experience what you enjoy and see how they can become part of our Section. Remember, Membership is YOU!

We look forward to seeing you, without winter coats, at many of our spring events.

Happy Purim and (in April) Passover!

With warm wishes,
Jane, Elizabeth and Ruth

NCJW BCS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS: Bette Kasanof, Phylis Burman, Gila Cohen Davidovsky

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**In memory of Carole
Benson's brother, Harold
Rabbie*

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If you wish to donate stock as your contribution to our Stay-At-Home personal giving campaign, here is the procedure:

Donors notify their stock broker that they wish to transfer a designated stock to NCJW BCS. Your stock broker sends the designated stock to the NCJW stock broker at: Stephen M. Gross, 725 River Road, Suite 56, Edgewater, NJ 07020 or email steve@stevegrossinc.com

At the same time, the donor should notify the Section chair of the Investment Committee (currently Fran Butensky at 201-944-0904 or franbuten@aol.com) who will notify our broker that it is coming. He will sell the stock upon its arrival and you will be credited with the amount of the sell price.

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To Ginny Wasserman
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To Ginny Wasserman
In memory of daughter, Felicia

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To Herb & Margot Stern
In honor of their
65th Wedding Anniversary

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very generous gift has been made in memory of his uncle Harold Rabbie by Neil Benson (son of Carole and Gerry Benson) and family.

A generous donation was made by Donna Podorefsky in honor of her mother Bea's birthday. The Argintar family made a charitable donation in memory of Louise Wexler.

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of Life Member Dr. Anna Burton.

Condolences to:

Marcia Pollack
on the passing of her husband

Ruth Burstein
on the passing of her husband Al

Congratulations to:

Muriel Bretkopf
on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Jack

Norma Goldsmith
on the birth of her grandson Maddox Cole

Ellen Ptalis
on the birth of her grandson Leo Dylan

OUR CONDOLENCES

We are sad to report that **Dr. Samuel A. Cassell**, founder of Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI), passed away in January. Upon making the announcement, Amanda Missey, the organization's President/CEO, stated that, "Without his vision and passion to provide medical care for the underserved, we would not be here today. We will miss him more than I can put into words." NCJW BCS is a proud supporter of BVMI and recently awarded it one of our special community service grants in honor of our 95th anniversary.

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.

WRIC RECEIVES LEE REID AWARD

Women's Rights Information Center (WRIC) was the recipient of the Lee Reid Award in honor of Martin Luther King's 90th birthday. The award was presented at the MLK 90th Birthday Celebration on January 21 by the MLK Birthday Committee of Bergen County (sponsored by local religious, fraternal and civic organizations). WRIC, one of NCJW Bergen County Section's community services, helps women learn and develop the skills they need to move toward economic self-sufficiency. Our congratulations to WRIC for this wonderful honor.

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 at 201-836-2563 or Bea Tendler at 201- 461-0284.

COMING EVENTS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

WE'RE GOING TO THE DOGS (AND THE MORRIS COUNTY MUSEUM)



Please join us on Thursday, May 2nd for a trip to Morristown, NJ. In the morning we will visit The Seeing Eye Guide Dog School. The program will include a presentation by an instructor with a Seeing Eye dog and a question and answer session with a Seeing Eye graduate. We will then

proceed to the Morris County Museum where we will enjoy a catered lunch which will include an assortment of sandwiches, salads, gourmet cookies and soft drinks.

Our demonstration/browse tour of the exhibit, "Musical Machines and Living Dolls: Mechanical Musical Instruments and Automata from the Murtoth D. Guinness Collection," will follow lunch. This interactive exhibit which features more than 150 pieces, one of the largest collections in the world, takes visitors on a journey through the history of on-demand musical entertainment. For further information about this fascinating

exhibit, google, "Before There Were Robots, There Were Automata," an article by Jim Beckerman that appeared in *The Record* on November 20, 2018. There will be time to explore other exhibits on your own. **Please note the activity level for this trip is moderate.**



Registration and payment must be received by Friday, April 5. Registration will be acknowledged by email only. Refunds will be honored if there is a waiting list. The bus will depart Temple Emeth at 8:30 am sharp. Please arrive by 8:15 am. The bus will return by 5 pm. Snacks on the bus will be provided, but not water. Cost will be \$67.00 for members and \$77.00 for non-members (if space permits). For further information, please contact the NCJW BCS office at 201-385-4847 or email office@ncjwbcs.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

We're Going to the Dogs (and the Morris County Museum)

Please complete in full and mail with check payable to NCJW BCS to
NCJW Bergen County Section, 75 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621

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PROJECT S.A.R.A.H. AND CAMP SAFETY

Project S.A.R.A.H. is ahead of the curve in keeping our community's children safe and educated on how to maintain personal safety at camp, school and in synagogue. For each of the past seven years, Project S.A.R.A.H. has provided child sexual abuse prevention programming to over 600 Jewish day camp counselors throughout the State of New Jersey. Project S.A.R.A.H. stands for STOP ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME.

In addition to day camp counselor safety trainings, an important part of pre-camp orientation provided by Project S.A.R.A.H. is "fireside chats," hosted in community members' homes. During these small group discussions, Project S.A.R.A.H.'s clinical staff offer educational guidelines and information to help parents gain awareness about the issue of child safety. Parents learn in an

intimate setting how to comfortably talk to their children about personal safety.

At this time of year, when parents are researching camps to find the best fit for their children, Project S.A.R.A.H. encourages parents to choose a camp that has a child sexual abuse prevention policy and program in place. Before children leave for camp, parents are urged to have the discussion about privacy, boundaries and having someone to tell if they feel uncomfortable.

Project S.A.R.A.H., one of Bergen County Section's community services, is the statewide resource for domestic violence and sexual abuse within the Orthodox Jewish community. For more information please contact Marcia Levy at mlevy0648@gmail.com or (201)894-8379.

COMING EVENTS/PHILANTHROPY

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP & YOU: PERFECT TOGETHER!

Did you know that our Thrift Shop has such loyal, devoted customers that some return on a weekly, or even daily, basis? The thrill of finding a treasure, a designer fashion or simply a bargain item makes thrift-shopping addictive. Since fresh merchandise is put out daily, the lure of an exciting find brings customers back over and over.

Just ask Beth Chananie, the NJ/Rockland Jewish Media Group Editor, who posts NCJW BCS news and photos in the *Jewish Standard*. Beth began searching for unusual teapots and 3-tier cake plates for her daughter-in-law's bridal shower several years ago. Our volunteers kept an eye out for months until Beth wound up with six teapots and three cake plates which were a big hit.

After she brings in her donations, Beth browses and shops, once finding an amazing black leather Marc Jacobs jacket, size XXL, for her husband. Her personal favorite is the pair of Michal Negrin Israeli earrings on which she still receives compliments galore!

Beth says it is her pleasure to not only donate and shop but to encourage friends and family to do the same. She also picks up donations from friends who are unable to make the trip to Bergenfield.



To quote Beth, "So here I am the other day. . . after my drop off . . . with Estelle's (volunteer extraordinaire at the shop) blessing . . . how could I resist this Melissa & Doug zebra? Isn't it adorable? . . . Like brand new . . . We are having our granddaughter #4 . . . I think all four girls will love this at our home . . . I wouldn't know which other home to send it to without a fight. . . LOL!

I LOVE my new ZEBRA!!!"

Thank you, Beth!!! Just one of our happy and satisfied customers....

NCJW BCS FLORIDA LUNCHEON BUFFET

Join the fun!

Tuesday, March 19 at noon
The Glen Eagles Country Club
7667 Victory Lane
Delray Beach

Cost is \$15 per person. Send your check made out to NCJW BCS to Grace Fuld, Glen Eagles, 5330 Strathearn Drive, Unit 12003, Delray, Florida 33446. Valet parking is available. For more information call Grace at 561-499-2514.

Lens on Israel: A Society Through Its Cinema



We are delighted to welcome back Dr. Eric A. Goldman, Adjunct Professor of Cinema at Yeshiva University, for **TIMELY TOPICS & TASTY TREATS** to be held **Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 1:30 pm** at the Senior Source (second floor), Riverside Square Mall in Hackensack. **Please note the start time of 1:30 pm for this event only.**

Dr. Goldman will illustrate how Israeli movies provide an intimate insight into Israel's birth, growth and development as a country. In Dr. Goldman's words: "The cinema provides an ideal 'lens' by which we gain a greater understanding of Israel's history, culture and the challenges to its existence. We will examine the changing nature of Israeli society as reflected through its cinema."

Eric Goldman is a founder of Ergo Media, a distributor of Jewish, Yiddish and Israeli cinema. He holds a Ph.D. in cinema studies from New York University, graduate degrees in Theater Arts and Contemporary Jewish Studies from Brandeis and was a fellow at the Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the Penn and Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies at Brandeis. Dr. Goldman curated and co-hosted a twenty-film series, "The Jewish Experience on Film" on the Turner Classic Movies television network and contributed introductions to over fifteen Jewish-oriented and Israeli movies for the FilmStruck streaming service. In addition to his teaching, he currently hosts "Jewish Cinematheque" on the Jewish Broadcasting Service. His most recent book is *The American Jewish Story through Cinema*, and he is currently writing a book on Israeli society through the lens of film.

There will be a \$5.00 charge for members and a \$10.00 charge for nonmembers. For further information contact Carole Benson, cbenson@ncjwbcs.org.

Driving directions to parking for Senior Source: From Maggiano's, turn right by PF Chang's. Follow signs for Upper Level Parking and drive towards 'Elevator' sign on 2nd level. Entrance to the mall is BEHIND the "Elevator" sign. Senior Source is 1st store on right.

SPECIAL COUNCIL SHABBAT

Everyone is invited to join a special **Shabbat evening on March 22** at Temple Emeth. We will enjoy a festive kosher Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be served to each table family style. This will be followed at 8:00 pm by Temple Emeth's unique Shabbat musical service led by Rabbi Steven Sirbu and Cantor Ellen Tilem in the sanctuary. To reserve dinner, please send a check for \$30 per person, made payable to NCJW BCS, with your full name and contact information, to: NCJW BCS, 75 S. Washington Avenue., Bergenfield, NJ 07621.

COMMUNITY SERVICE /PHILANTHROPY/AWARDS

MAJOR GRANT RECIPIENTS EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO NCJW BCS

At the December Board Meeting, our major grant recipients, **Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)**, **Center for Hope and Safety (CHS)** and **Youth Consultation Service (YCS)**, provided an overview of their programs and thanked BCS for the funding and for the important work NCJW BCS does in the community. Here's what they said.

Amanda Missey, CEO, said "BVMI is honored to receive the award" to hire a Women's Nurse Practitioner. The award "will be put to good use. BVMI provides more than medicine to its patients. It provides healthcare literacy and compassionate care."

Julye Myner, Executive Director, CHS, is "impressed with Bergen County Section's commitment to serve the community." CHS will hire a career counselor and "is happy to be part of the process to rebuild the lives of survivors of domestic violence."

Ruthie Harper, Vice President of Development at YCS,



Left to right: *Julye Myner, Executive Director, CHS; Ruth Seitelman, Co-President NCJW BCS; Amanda Missey, CEO, BVMI; Dr. Mary Askew, Medical Director, YCS; and Bari-Lynne Schwartz, NCJW BCS Vice President and Grants Co-Chair.*

thanked BCS "for being an advocate for New Jersey's most vulnerable children (at YCS) for over 45 years," and said that YCS is excited to hire an Art Therapist. Dr. Mary Askew, Medical Director, remarked passionately that "art therapy is fun and non-threatening and helps children find their truth."

Indeed, BCS members' generous personal giving contributions throughout the years are making the lives of the children, women and families we help better.

CHANI B. GETTER RECIPIENT OF NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION'S 95TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP



The goal of the 95th anniversary scholarship was to help a woman who shared our NCJW values and is working to promote those ideals. We wanted her to have a global approach to reaching out to the community. Chani Getter is that woman. As a family justice counselor, she has a well-earned reputation as an activist/mentor in the

Jewish LGBTQ community. She is currently Director of Special Initiatives of "Footsteps," an organization that helps individuals explore the secular world and

leave the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community. As one of her assignments, Chani works on the Family Justice Program to promote awareness of the problems arising when those who leave the Orthodox community try to maintain contact with their children.

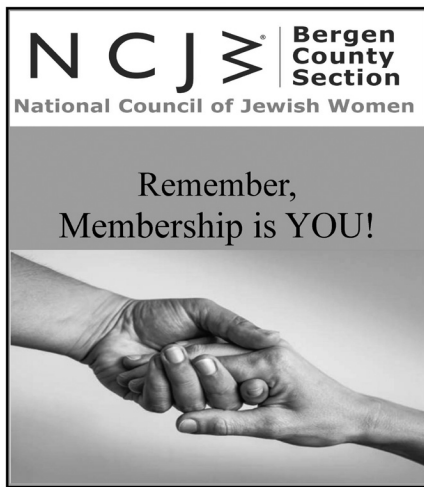
When the BCS Scholarship Committee met with Chani, she explained that achieving her master's degree in social work will give professional validity to her highly-respected position and enhance her ability to assist her clients in court. Her office is in Hackensack, and she also works in Manhattan and Rockland County.

Congratulations to Chani Getter and Bergen County Section!

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HELP NEEDED FOR RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

On June 4 we will be holding our Annual Spring Luncheon (formerly Installation). Once again, we'll be having a raffle and, for the second year, we are also holding a silent auction.

We need help getting items for both the raffle and the auction: theater tickets, weekend getaways, hair salons, beauty ideas, restaurants – in fact, anything you can think of, and the more unusual and exciting, the better! We also need people to help collect the items and put the raffle and auction together.

It's a "One and Done" commitment for a single annual event and it would be a great opportunity for new members to get involved on a short-term basis. The raffle and auction will help us raise money to support our many community services that benefit the women, children and families we serve.

If this appeals to you, which we hope it will, please contact Joan Ornstein, Vice-President, Fundraising, at 201-750-7901 or joanornstein@gmail.com

WHAT IS WASHINGTON INSTITUTE?

Washington Institute is NCJW Inc.'s (our national organization) premier gathering of leaders from around the country who want to strengthen their advocacy and leadership skills through interactive training and who also want to deepen their knowledge of the most pressing issues of the day. Expert briefings and programs along with outstanding speakers inspire the participants.

On the third day of the conference, April 9, attendees will take their skills and messages to Congress. What a thrill to walk the halls and speak with our Congressional leaders. This year NCJW BCS will be sending six delegates to Washington, DC. They are Jane Abraham, Joan Cooper, Joan Ornstein, Ruth Seitelman, Joan Schnuer and Bari-Lynne Schwartz. Each delegate expects to return home invigorated and inspired to continue our social justice work with new skills, ideas and knowledge. Watch for their report in a future bulletin.

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*No Donations Saturday

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