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## NCJW HOSTS FORUM ON REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Teaneck – For more than 50 years, National Council of Jewish Women has advocated for reproductive health and rights. We believe that all people, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, ability or immigration status, deserve the freedom and power to make their personal and faith-informed decisions on when, how and with whom to start or grow a family.

NCJW Bergen County Section will be raising awareness on this issue at a community-wide forum on *Reproductive Freedom at Risk*. This notable event, which is open to the public at no charge, will take place on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck. Light refreshments will be served.

The forum is the latest in an annual series of community-wide advocacy forums. More than 30 social service, advocacy and faith-based organizations have joined as Program Partners. It will feature two distinguished speakers.

Rachel Wainer Apter, Esq., is the Director of the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights. She is a former senior staff attorney at ACLU's National Legal Department and has worked on Supreme Court cases concerning the right to be free from discrimination, reproductive freedom, voting rights, and other constitutional questions. Ms. Apter will present an overview of New Jersey's civil rights and reproductive freedom protections, other states' protections and restrictions, as well as relevant US Supreme Court decisions. Ms. Apter served as a law clerk for Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg on the US Supreme Court. She lives in Englewood with her husband and three children.

Phoebe Pollinger is the Co-Chair of NCJW Essex County Section's Reproductive Rights Committee and is the 2015 recipient of its Hannah G. Solomon Award for Service and Community. In 2016, she received the prestigious NCJW Social Change Tribute Award. Ms. Pollinger has lobbied state and federal legislators, written letters to the editor and marched and picketed on behalf of women's health legislation and women's rights. Ms. Pollinger will describe the work of Crisis Pregnancy Centers that exist in every state and dissuade women from seeking abortions and birth control. She will suggest ways to address their influence in local communities.

NCJW BCS invites people to attend to learn the facts and what is at stake at the national, state and local levels and hopes they will be inspired to take action. As stated by Elaine Bieger and Bari-Lynne Schwartz, NCJW BCS Co-Vice Presidents of Advocacy and Education, "Now more than ever, pro-choice advocates must join together and fight for reproductive freedom for all."

NCJW BCS provides educational and stimulating programs and speakers throughout the year, including six general meetings and a myriad of study groups, book groups and trips. For more information on this meeting, or NCJW BCS and its upcoming programs, please visit <http://www.ncjwbc.org>, or contact 201-385-4847 or [office@ncjwbc.org](mailto:office@ncjwbc.org).

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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.

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**Photo caption:**

Rachel Wainer Apter, Esq., Director of the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights, will speak at National Council of Jewish Women's community-wide forum on *Reproductive Freedom at Risk* on April 16.