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ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN TO SPEAK AT NCJW MEETING

TEANECK – National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section is delighted to announce that Elizabeth Holtzman, former Congresswoman and groundbreaking advocate, will be the speaker at its General Meeting on Tuesday, May 21 at 12:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck.

Elizabeth Holtzman has had an outstanding career serving the citizens of the United States while being a role model for all women. Her keen sense of duty along with her brilliant mind led her to places women had not gone before. A graduate of Radcliffe College and Harvard Law School, Ms. Holtzman was elected to Congress in 1973 to represent the 16th Congressional District of New York where she served for four terms. At the time she was the youngest woman ever elected to Congress.

Ms. Holtzman served on the House Judiciary Committee during the Nixon impeachment proceedings, chaired the Refugee subcommittee and spearheaded efforts to bring Nazi war criminals to justice in the United States. After her stint in Congress, Ms. Holtzman was elected District Attorney in Brooklyn in 1985 and in 1989 was the first woman elected to be Comptroller of New York City. In 1999 President Clinton appointed her to the agency overseeing the declassification of 8 million pages of secret Nazi war crimes. In 2013 U.S. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel appointed her to a panel that examined handling of sexual assaults in the military. Ms. Holtzman is currently a practicing attorney and author, writing about politics in this age of political turmoil.

"As an organization that strives to improve the quality of life for women, children and families, we are thrilled to have as our speaker a woman who epitomizes some of the most important issues of our time," said Bari-Lynne Schwartz, Co-President Elect of NCJW Bergen County Section. The program is free for members and \$10 for non-members, applicable toward membership if you join that day. Refreshments will be served.

NCJW BCS provides educational and stimulating programs throughout the year, including six general meetings and a myriad of speakers, book groups and trips. For more information on this meeting or NCJW BCS and its upcoming programs, please contact office@ncjwbcs.org, call 201-385-4847 or visit www.ncjwbcs.org.

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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Former Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman will be the speaker at NCJW's May 21st General Meeting.