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### PHIL DONAHUE WILL SPEAK AT NCJW MEETING

National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section is excited to welcome Phil Donahue, TV icon and host of the longest-running TV show of its kind in US history, as the speaker at its first General Meeting of the year. The presentation will take place on September 17 at 12:30 pm at Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck.

Mr. Donahue began his career in 1957 on a local radio station in Cleveland. From there he moved to television. His credentials also include being an author and a director.

*The Phil Donahue Show* began as the typical television show of its time, featuring celebrities and musical acts. The show morphed into what became his “brand” of a daytime talk show format with a focus on audience participation on hot button social issues. His shows often included topics that divide liberals and conservatives in the United States, such as abortion, consumer protection and civil rights. The show had a 29-year run.

His journalism earned him 20 Emmy Awards as well as a George Peabody Award. Mr. Donahue was the first western journalist to visit Chernobyl after the nuclear accident. During the 29 years of his show, he interviewed many luminaries including Malcolm X, Muhammed Ali, Johnny Carson, Oprah Winfrey and John F. Kennedy. A poignant quote from Oprah Winfrey says it all about Mr. Donahue: “If there hadn’t been a Phil, there wouldn’t have been me.”

Mr. Donahue and his wife, actress and author Marlo Thomas, are outspoken liberals. They speak up to defend and protect first amendment rights for all. “Our members and guests are enormously looking forward to hearing Mr. Donahue tell his personal story and address some of our hot button social issues of today,” said Fran Einiger, NCJW Program Chair. 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 and speakers throughout the year, including six general meetings and a myriad of study groups, book groups, trips and advocacy opportunities. For more information on this meeting, or NCJW BCS and its upcoming programs, please visit [www.ncjwbcs.org](http://www.ncjwbcs.org) or call 201-385-4847.

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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.

**Photo caption:** Phil Donahue will be the speaker at NCJW’s General Meeting on September 17.  
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