

THE NEWSLETTER

January-February 2020

GENERAL MEETING: SNACK PACKS FOR CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 TEMPLE EMETH 12:30 PM

This year NCJW BCS is partnering with Center for Food Action and is one of the "I have a dream" sponsors in support of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service. Join us at our January 21, 2020 general meeting when we will prepare 1,500 child-friendly healthy snack bags to be distributed by the Center for Food Action to kids in 8 local elementary schools. The contents of the packs are shown here. Many children who receive free or reduced-price school meals are hungry on weekends. Teachers discreetly place

the packs into the students' backpacks when they are out of the classrooms.

Snack Packs help bridge the weekend gap and are part of an effort to reduce childhood hunger in our neighborhoods. NCJW BCS makes weekends happier for these kids! There is no charge for the meeting, and guests are welcome.



PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Is it January already? Where has the time gone? We took a step back and were amazed and proud of what we have accomplished. Here are just a few:

Launched an Anti-Human

Trafficking Campaign: According to statistics, there are 20.9 million victims of human trafficking worldwide – 5.5 million of whom are children. Some of these children come from homes in our neighborhoods. Twenty NCJW BCS volunteers fanned out into Bergen County communities, left Red Flag Cards and placed posters explaining the signs of trafficking in strategic locations or at local businesses.

Working with Our Communities: Our volunteers donate their time at Bergen Family Center, Youth Consultation Center, Center for Hope and Safety, the Jewish Home at Rockleigh, Children's Court Care, the Court Waiting Room, and the Adler Aphasia Center. You can find them feeding the homeless at the Family Promise Walk-In Center, knitting caps for babies and giving blankets to children who have left their homes in order to be safe from their abuser. Our volunteers assist with Swim-In activities with MS patients, do data entry for Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, and work with women at the Women's Rights Information Center. We raise funds to send children to camp and give scholarships to graduating high

school seniors. At holiday time we give gifts to the children served by the programs we support. This year we awarded one-time grants to three of the agencies with which we work. This was a rewarding project that we hope to replicate over time.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." – Garrison Keillor: Kenny Sarfin, owner of Books and Greetings in Northvale and son of our devoted late member, Florence Sarfin, has given the Section pre-publication editions of children and adult books for resale and donation. Many who attended the November general meeting bought children's books and promptly donated them to Bergen Family Center. The balance of the books are being donated to the Tenafly Library.

Now More than Ever: All of our programs and activities are funded through our Thrift Shop and Stay-at-Home personal giving initiatives. This year's theme is "Together We Make a Difference." The services we support have experienced a tightening of government and private funding. They need us more than ever. Now is the time to dig a little deeper.

Looking Forward: It's been a big team effort with lots of work from our volunteers and you. Together we've had an awesome six months. Together we make a difference! Be part of the team that enables NCJW BCS to do more for the women, children, and families in Bergen County.

We wish you all a happy and healthy new year.
Bari-Lynne, Elizabeth, and Ruth

NCJW BCS ANNUAL COUNCIL SHABBAT. March 13, 2020.

TEMPLE SINAI OF BERGEN COUNTY, One Engle Street, Tenafly. Dinner at 6:00 pm; Service at 7:30 pm

Please join us for our annual Council Sabbath to be held at Temple Sinai in conjunction with Temple Sinai Sisterhood. A kosher dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a traditional Shabbat service at 7:30pm. Rabbi Jordan Millstein and Cantor Nitza Shamah will lead the service along with members of NCJW BCS and Temple Sinai Sisterhood. Cost for dinner is \$30 per person. Registration deadline is Friday, March 6. To register, complete the enclosed registration form inserted in this newsletter. If you would like to take part in the service or have other questions, contact Peggy Kabakow peggyk1@optonline.net or office@ncjwbcs.org, 201-385-4847.



IF YOU HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING . . .

If you hear news about one of our members, please email office@ncjwbcs.org so we can notify Section members and include the information in our next bulletin. With almost 1,000 members, we might not hear of the passing of one of our members, or a close relative, or about happy events such as bar/bat mitzvahs, engagements, weddings and births.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Turn your passion into a volunteer opportunity. Here are some of the ways:

- ♦ *For those who love children:* **Bergen Family Center (BFC)** needs volunteers with early childhood experience; volunteers to help teachers with classroom planning and preparation; artists, musicians, and dancers willing to work on movement with preschool and toddlers. If you're more inclined to work with older children, consider helping a student with homework or play a game at the BFC Zone or take part in one of the monthly craft programs at the **Youth Consultation Services Holley Center Club NCJW**.
- ♦ *For swimmers:* The MS **Swim-In** program needs personable volunteers to help in the locker rooms (land-lovers welcome – no bathing suit or swimming required).
- ♦ *For working closely with women who are transitioning to gain career, life and resource building skills to be more independent:* the **Women's Rights Information Center** could use your skills.
- ♦ *For people who like to work behind the scenes:* **Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI)** has a need for clerical assistance, and **Center for Food Action (CFA)** can always use more help with client intake or food packing.
- ♦ *For short-order to master chefs:* We have opportunities at the **Family Promise Walk-In Center**, the **Center for Hope and Safety Making Meals Together Program** or providing birthday cakes (homemade is great, but most are store bought and personalized) for children at the **Holley Center**. For many of the Holley Center children, this is their first birthday cake.
- ♦ *For those who want to give support:* A domestic violence survivor should not have to wait in the courthouse alone. If you feel strongly about supporting domestic violence victims who used to face their abuser outside the courtroom, you can donate your time to the **Waiting Room** or to the **Children's Court Care Center** at the Hackensack Courthouse.
- ♦ *For those who want to provide companionship:* Your sympathetic ear along with timely conversation would help the residents at **The Jewish Home at Rockleigh**.

It's great if you can give time each week, but keep in mind that some of these activities take place only two to four times a year. So what's your passion? For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Walden (201) 472-8642 or Lmargotbw@gmail.com

DO YOU KNOW . . . January 14 is Hannah G. Solomon Day in New Jersey?

In January 2016, to commemorate the birthdate of Hannah G. Solomon, the founder of National Council of Jewish Women, State Majority Leader and NCJW BCS life member Loretta Weinberg and Deputy Speaker Assemblyman Gordon Johnson sponsored a joint resolution. The resolution was approved by the NJ Senate and General Assembly and authorizes the Governor each year to issue a proclamation calling upon the citizens of New Jersey to observe January 14 as Hannah G. Solomon Day with appropriate programs and activities.

In 1893 Hannah G. Solomon brought ninety Jewish women from all over the United States to the Parliament of Religions at the Chicago World Fair and founded the National Council of Jewish Women. Unanimously elected as its inaugural president, Ms. Solomon led the organization in its landmark battles for laws restricting child labor, for child welfare programs and for improved housing, education and healthcare for the poor.

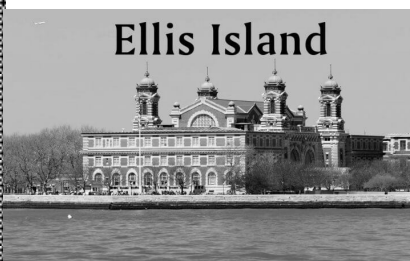


Celebrate Hannah G. Solomon Day on January 14, 2020!

Look for celebration updates on our website, in your email inbox and on social media.

LUNCH AND LEARN. ELLIS ISLAND: PASSAGE TO ALL THINGS POSSIBLE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 12:00 pm. Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck



Ellis Island

Delicious Lunch, One-Man Presentation, Stimulating Conversation!

Be prepared to be entertained at National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section's annual Lunch & Learn event on March 3, 2020 at 12 pm at Temple

Emeth. Veteran stage actor Mark Simons will give the moving one-man presentation of 3 immigrants and their journey to America.

They must pass through the all-important, frustrating and sometimes frightening portal known as Ellis Island.

Told in the words of the immigrants, PASSAGE is harrowing, humorous and heart-warming! Cost for members is \$20; for non-members cost is \$25.

The registration deadline is Friday, February 21.

To register, please complete the enclosed registration form inserted in the newsletter.

For information, contact Barbara Tilliss at barbaralovestoread11@gmail.com or call the office at 201-385-4847.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS Deborah Gilbert, Ruth Gulian, Lisa Levien and Susan Terman.

DOING THE DEAN STREET STROLL On Thursday, November 14, the first 'Dean Street Stroll' took place with more than a dozen shops on Dean Street in Englewood donating ten percent of all sales on that day to the National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section and to the Sisterhood of Temple Sinai of Tenafly. Proceeds will support, among other things, local programs addressing hunger, children, women, seniors and families. All the shoppers agreed it was a great day to enjoy shopping for themselves and for holiday gifts for friends and family, while supporting local businesses and giving back to the community at the same time. A special Thank You to Joan Ornstein, Co-VP Fundraising, for her creativity and passion to see this event through. We also want to thank Franci Steinberg, Sisterhood President, Temple Sinai, for her efforts and collaboration. For more information about the 'Stroll' and the participating stores, read November 27, 2019 article by Hillary Vidars of Northern Valley Press:

<https://thepressgroup.net/dean-street-stroll-raises-funds-for-advocate-groups>

GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

Roxanne Reff

To Ann Schaer, In memory of husband, Norman

Roxanne Reff

To Ellen Jacobs. Wish you a speedy recovery

Carole, Gerry, Lori & Neil Benson

To Martin Anopolsky & Family. In memory of Linda Anopolsky

Gladys & Herb Laden

Sue Kanrich

To Amanda Missey. Congratulations on the marriage of daughter, Emma, to Tim

Carole & Gerry Benson

To Lisa Oshman & Family. In memory of mother, Frances Pearl Diller

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

Nanette Matlick

To Dr. & Mrs. David Berk. Congratulations of the Bar Mitzvahs of grandsons, Tyler & Jake

Cookie Goldberg

To Ann Schaer. In memory of husband, Norman

Lucy Dorée

To Ellen Jacobs. Wish you a speedy recovery

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Roxanne Reff

To Dr. & Mrs. David Berk on the Bar Mitzvah of grandsons, Tyler & Jake

Ann & Robert Levenstein

Gladys & Herbert Laden

Marilyn & Sidney Sirulnick

To Henrietta Wolfeiler for Sharing Dinner Prize - Thank you!

Diane, Lew, Lillian & Elinor Zilz

To the Kirshner Family in memory of Barry Kirshner

Mimi Bookstaver

To Diane Krakower in honor of the 69th celebration of her 21st Birthday

PASSAGES

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF Life Member **Bernice Levetown**, Members **Linda Anopolsky** and **Frances Diller**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Elizabeth Halverstam on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Oliver Graham

Linda Klempner on the birth of her grandsons Samuel Leon and Yakow Yisroel

Sandy Loft on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter Lili Sophia

Judy Yablonka on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter Ayla Mae

Joan Ornstein on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter Maya

SAVE THE DATE. GENERAL MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020 12:30 PM Temple Emeth

Fred Guttenberg has been an activist against gun violence since his 14 year-old daughter Jaimie was killed in the Parkland School shooting on February 14th, 2018. Since this horrific event, Mr. Guttenberg has dedicated his life to fighting for gun safety. He has traveled the country talking about this event and about "perspective, perseverance and resilience." Mr. Guttenberg has appeared on many TV news programs, testified before Congress and has been challenging our elected officials to enact stricter gun control and public safety laws. Please join us at our March 24th meeting to hear his story.

Read our March – April bulletin and visit our website for more information!

SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 (Note date change) MONTAMMY GOLF CLUB, ALPINE, NJ

LET'S VOTE 2020

"Voting is a precious gift...It's your government. Make it so." Jeannette Rankin. First Woman Elected to Congress -- in 1916



STAY-AT-HOME PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our theme of **'Together We Make a Difference'** speaks to the success we have had and will continue to have as we work together to strengthen our community and the global world we live in.

We are so grateful to have "Angels" this year who are joining together to offer a matching gift opportunity for NCJW BCS. A sincere *thank you* to our standout "Angels": Fran Butensky, Elizabeth Halverstam, Ellen Jacobs, Peggy Kabakow, Gladys Laden, Susan Laskin, Ann Levenstein, Ina Miller-Silverstein and Henrietta Wolfeiler.

Please support the efforts of the "Angels" by donating as generously as you can this year. Thanks to the kindness of the "Angels" and *your* commitment, NCJW BCS can continue to provide its full breadth of community service, advocacy and education to our members and the community-at-large.

Working together we can make a *greater* difference.

TIMELY TOPICS AND TASTY TREATS (TTTT) Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 1:30 pm Senior Source at Riverside Square Mall, Hackensack Screening of "Dancing In Jaffa" with Talk-Back

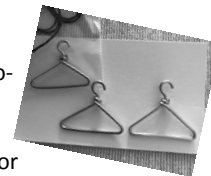
After decades of bloodshed, it's hard to imagine what can bridge the divide between Israeli Jews and Palestinians. Pierre Dulaine, the renowned ballroom dancer, had an idea. He took his program, "*Dancing Classrooms*," back to Jaffa, the city of his birth, to teach Jewish and Palestinian Israelis to dance and compete.

Join us in viewing this poignant and thought-provoking film, "**Dancing in Jaffa**" followed by a lively discussion. Admission is \$5 for members; \$10 for non-members. For more information, email Barbara Tilliss, barbaralovestoread11@gmail.com or contact the office 201-385-4847; office@ncjwbcs.org.

(Directions for Senior Source: From Magianno's, turn right past PF Chang's. Follow signs for Upper Level Parking and drive toward Elevator sign on Level 2. Park in this area. Entrance to the mall is **BEHIND** the Elevator sign. Senior Source is the first store on the right.)

STAND UP FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

The fight is upon us. Nationwide access to abortion is more vulnerable than it's been for decades. Show your support for reproductive justice by wearing a hanger pendant, the iconic symbol of the reproductive choice movement. Hanger pendants will be for sale at all Bergen County Section meetings and events. \$10 for the small one. \$15 for the larger one. \$20 for any two.



COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP. SHOP – DONATE -- VOLUNTEER. 75 S. Washington Avenue Bergenfield NJ 07621 201-385-3702 (Parking in rear, enter from Bergen Street). For a Thrift Shop merchandise pick-up, please contact **Marcia Kopeloff** at 201-265-2506. To find out about Volunteer opportunities, contact **Estelle Greene** at 201-944-4788.

For more information and donor and selling hours, visit <http://www.ncjwbcs.org/thrift-shop/>

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS STAY-AT-HOME DONORS 2019 – 2020

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In memory of Joan Robins
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Miriam and Albert Horowitz
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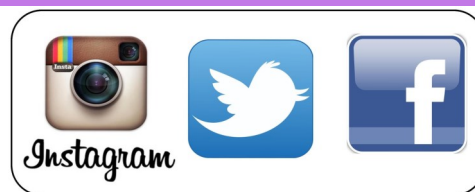
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