

THE NEWSLETTER

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NCJW Bergen
County
Section
National Council of Jewish Women

Plans outlined in this newsletter may change.

While Social Distancing is in place, NCJW BCS meetings and events will be presented on [Zoom](#). We will not hold in-person events until CDC guidelines permit.

SAVE THE DATE - Virtual Installation Celebration

Even with the strange existence we are living through, your NCJW BCS board is still hard at work. Therefore, due to the cancellation of the June 3rd luncheon, we are going to [Zoom](#) in our new officers and celebrate our Woman of the Section honoree, Henrietta Wolfeiler.

The virtual installation event will be held on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 11:30 am**. We will install our new officers, honor Henrietta and then virtually lunch together. A newly-revised Virtual Journal Ad Form will be emailed or is enclosed with your print newsletter and your invitation will follow.

Looking forward to [Zooming](#) together!

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS



The world is upside down right now, and no matter your situation, COVID-19 has likely impacted you in some way. Our hearts go out to all of you, especially to those with a strong connection to Teaneck, which has been a

major epicenter of the pandemic.

Yet NCJW BCS is still buzzing with activity. Within our "new normal", we're moving forward with online meetings and events and, if circumstances permit, we hope to resume in-person events in late fall. We will be holding a festive [Zoom](#) Installation of Officers on June 23, while honoring our Woman of the Section, Henrietta Wolfeiler. We are launching a Journal to support this event, and we hope you'll all participate. We hope you will [Zoom](#) into summer with us. We are planning a season of stimulating programs for you to enjoy from the comfort of your home. Stay tuned for eblasts announcing our plans. Watch for news of our Advocacy Forum, "Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Power", on September 15.

Although we cannot volunteer in person, members have been using their skills and creativity to respond to community needs by organizing face mask-making drives, reading to children online and making phone calls. We continue to work on our Advocacy issues as it's more important than ever as human trafficking, domestic violence and hunger increase.

NCJW BCS has, like those around us, been affected financially by the coronavirus pandemic. Our Thrift Shop is closed, and several events have been cancelled. Although we have received a Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Plan government loan to defray some of our salary and rent costs, we especially need your help this year. If you haven't yet given to Stay-at-Home, please make every effort to give whatever you can to this vital fundraising campaign.

Lastly, a note to those of you who don't use the Internet. In this new reality we are compelled to communicate with our members via email and hold events online – and we miss you! We're sending out this newsletter in print to those of you without email, but we'd like to suggest that now is the time to take the plunge! It's very easy and you'll have fun participating in our online activities. Alternatively, ask a friend with internet to be your 'email buddy' and let you know what's going on!

From community service to advocacy, our collective work makes a vital impact locally, nationally, and globally. Even at this turbulent moment, together we can support one another, our communities, and bring about social change.

Be well and stay safe.

With deep appreciation for all that you do,
Bari-Lynne, Elizabeth and Ruth

STAY-AT-HOME

Who would have thought, when we planned our Stay-at-Home fundraiser this year, our Annual Personal Giving Campaign, that we'd find ourselves literally staying at home? Our theme this year, *Together We Make A Difference*, is not lost on NCJW BCS at this time.

We are still hard at work continuing our advocacy, education and support of our community service agencies. However, NCJW BCS, like so many other organizations, is feeling the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. We have had to cancel many activities including our major spring fundraiser.

We are most grateful to those of you who have already contributed to our Stay-at-Home campaign. If you haven't yet made a contribution – or even if you have - we urge you to please help us stay strong in the coming months so we can continue to support our community services, our advocacy issues and the community-at-large. For more information log on to www.ncjwbc.org

MAY 19 GENERAL MEETING 12:30 pm Virtual Meeting via **Zoom***

Take a cinematic *Journey Down Memory Lane* with Dan Lane, a multi-talented supporter of the arts and humanities as well as a former professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University, a public school administrator and a community leader. Mr. Lane advocates for humor and understanding as the essence of a "joyous" life. Explore with us some of the films that

warmed your heart, put smiles on your face and remain significant today.

*Watch for eblasts with **Zoom** sign-in information. If you do not have Internet and would like to listen on your phone, please call the office at 201-385-4847 for the call-in phone number on or after May 15.

September General Meeting

In Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment Guaranteeing a Woman's Right to Vote 1920 to 2020

YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:30 pm Via **Zoom***

This advocacy forum will give us insights into the issues, paradoxes and conflicts that inform our voting and our democracy today.



Victoria Bassetti, our distinguished speaker, is a fellow of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and the author of *Electoral Dysfunction: A Survival Manual for American Voters*. She was chief counsel and staff director of a subcommittee for the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Ms. Bassetti also served on the teams that drafted the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund, the PATRIOT Act, the Economic Espionage Act and the Homeland Security Act.

In addition, she was part of the legal working group assigned to oversee the Senate impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton in 2000.

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FOR THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE EMAIL ...

We invite you to join us on a **Conference Call** just for you! Schmooze with your NCJW sisters and catch up with what's going on. Callers may be limited.

Koffee Klatch: Wednesday, May 13 at 11:00 am • **Happy Hour:** Wednesday, June 17 at 5:00 pm

Bring your own drink and call (712) 451-0011. When prompted, add Passcode 993617#.

THRIFT SHOP NEWS

With the health and safety of our members, volunteers and staff our primary concern, Council Thrift Shop was closed by NCJW BCS on March 16, 2020. The store cannot reopen until governmental guidelines permit us to do so. Regretfully, as long as the COVID-19 pandemic lasts, we will not be taking donations or making pickups.

As soon as non-essential businesses get the green light, we will be welcoming all of you back with open arms!

2020 – 2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The election for the following officers will be held at our Virtual General Meeting on May 19, 2020 at 12:30 pm. According to our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee Chair shall be notified of nominations to be submitted from the floor, one week before the election meeting. Any nomination made from the floor must have the written consent of the nominee. The Nominating Committee chair is Gladys Laden, who can be reached at 201-836-3846 or gladys.laden@gmail.com

CO-PRESIDENTS

Elizabeth Halverstam • Elaine Meyerson, • Bari-Lynne Schwartz

VICE PRESIDENTS

Administration: Carole Benson • **Advocacy/Education:** Joan Cooper, Ginny Wasserman
Community Services: Lois Katz Brown, Linda Walden • **Fundraising:** Joan Ornstein
Membership: Marilynn Friedman, Joan Schnuer • **Thrift Shop:** Fran Einiger, Doris Sarokin
Treasurer: Liz Roditi • **Recording Secretary:** Norma Goldsmith



STEPPING UP TO HELP FRONT-LINE WORKERS

Most everyone is familiar with the phrase "It takes a village" to protect our children. But now in these very difficult times, we can also say it takes a high-rise. In this case, the Parker Imperial apartment complex in North Bergen.

When Linda Walden, NCJW BCS board member and a resident at the complex, heard that YCS (Youth Consultation Service) needed masks for hundreds of front-line workers caring around the clock for children and young adults with special needs at their 36 group homes throughout New Jersey, she enlisted the help of her neighbors.

"I knew one of my neighbors was making masks in her apartment for others who needed them. So I asked her if she would be willing to make some masks for YCS," said Linda.

From there, the word started to spread. Another resident who was cleaning out her closets offered to donate table cloths and napkins; a man, who was an engineer, volunteered to cut out all the fabric and his wife washed all the material. With the help of another sewer who came on board, the group was able to present YCS with 400 masks.

It is so heartwarming for us to see how so many people can pull together to help others that they do not even know. Our staff is very grateful for these masks that are protecting them and the children they are caring for," said Ruthie Harper, YCS Chief Development Officer.

The group is not done yet! They are now responding to a call for masks from a toddler group in Hoboken.

Empty Seats, Stay-in-Place, and Social Distancing

While we wait patiently for the relaxing of restrictions, some of our agencies still need our assistance. Below are some of the things you can personally do from home to help them.

Bergen Family Center: Needs people to help make "comfort" calls – Contact Ina Miller-Silverstein at INAMS98@yahoo.com or 201-836-6562.

Center for Hope & Safety: For clients and staff: need 70 adult fabric masks; for children ages 3 - 6: need 10 masks; for children ages 6 - 12 need 10 masks. In addition, you can purchase meals from local restaurants to be delivered to their safe house. Contact at Ellen@centerforhopeandsafetynj.org.

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) which trains parents to be their children's first teacher): volunteers are needed to video themselves either reading a children's story or doing a simple art project. The ages of the children range from 4 to 5 years old. Please send your video to Rachele Albanese, one of the directors of Bergen Family Center. Her email is ralbanese@bergenfamilycenter.org.

YCS: Needs new board games, coloring books, or easy jigsaw puzzles. Contact Ruthie Harper at rharp@ygs.org or 201-914-0634.

WRIC: Age-Friendly Englewood needs volunteers to make "comfort calls." Contact Janet Sharma at jspance@womensrights.org.

HOW TO ZOOM

1. To join a Zoom Virtual meeting via the Internet, watch for an email "invitation" with a link to the meeting. Click on this link.
2. If you are new to the Internet, you will be prompted to download Zoom. There is no cost for the download or for the account.
3. You may be prompted to enter the meeting ID# and password.
4. Click on "join the meeting" and "audio via Internet."
5. If you do not have Internet, you can call in by phone. To access the phone number, please call our office at 201-385-4847 for the phone number.

**THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS
NEW STAY-AT-HOME
DONORS 2019-2020
March-May**

\$1,000-\$1,499

Ruth Cowan

\$500-\$749

Gloria Glattstein

\$100-\$249

Phyllis Betancourt

Zelda Fletcher

Joan Herman

Marjorie Hirshberg

Suzanne Keusch

Elizabeth Warms

Up to \$99

Roselyn Altman

Phyllis Besen

Judith Eichinger

Tara Goldman

Arlene Jaroslaw

Cari Hochman

Phyllis Kaplan

Joan Knauer

Irma Landsberger

Nancy Mednick

Florence Remes

Evan Sandrof

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of life members Cynthia Bernstein and Mildred Sackler, and members Phyllis Breit and Ellen Sklar.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Lois Smith

on the passing of her son Jody

Sybil Grace

on the passing of her husband Irwin

Naomi Eichen

on the passing of her husband Albert

Paula Dillon

on the passing of her father Alan Krumholz

Jean Loeb

on the passing of her husband Eric

Judy Distler

on the passing of her husband Walter

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Fran Einiger

on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter Ella

Sue Keusch

on the birth of her granddaughter Violet

Nan Matlick

on the birth of great grandchild #14, Hayes Benjie Schreiber

GOLD TRIBUTE CARDS

Evalyn Brownstein

Carole & Gerry Benson

Celia Argintar

To Estelle Greene. In honor of your Birthday. Good Wishes

Marian & Arthur Kugelmass

To the Dorée Family. In memory of Lucy Dorée

Doris Sarokin

To Fran Einiger. Congratulations on your granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah.

Cookie Goldberg & Family

To the Simon Family. In memory of son, Scott

Ann & Bob Levenstein

To Phyllis Keil & Family. In memory of husband, Gerry

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS

Sue Kanrich

Peggy Kabakow

Marian & Arthur Kugelmass

To Estelle Greene. Good Wishes on your Birthday

Peggy Kabakow

To Elizabeth Dorée. In memory of Lucy Dorée

Selma Schenkman

To Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schaefer. In honor of 68th Anniversary

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS cont.

Ann & Bob Levenstein

To Sue & Phil Keusch.

Congratulations on the birth of granddaughter, Violet

Cookie Goldberg & Family

To Lynn Bronstein & Family. In memory of Father

Fran Einiger

To Lois Smith & Family. In memory of son, Jody

Sue Kanrich

To Bari-Lynne Schwartz. Congrats! On becoming the first recipient of the Jane Abraham Award

To Howard Zweig & Family.

In memory of sister, Ronnie

To Naomi Eichen & Family.

In memory of Albert

To Kevin Lott & Family. In memory of mother, Gloria

To Geri Kaufman & Family.

In memory of Alan

To Nancy Gross & Jim Kotcho. Enjoy your New Home

To Rachel Baratz. Mazel Tov on your Engagement

To Sandi Needle & Family.

In memory of mother, Ida

To Irina Koffler & Family. In memory of father, Ilya

SILVER TRIBUTE CARDS cont.

Harriet Cohen

To Henrietta Wolfeiler. In honor of being named Woman of the Section

To Larry & Dorothy Cohen.

Congratulations on the Engagement of daughter Margot to Gary Noyes

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Adrienne Halpern

To the Dorée Family. In memory of Lucy Dorée

Dori Gerber

To Beth Waldinger. Who has spread such sunshine across the country.

Anne Fleisher

To Charlotte Bennett Schoen. Congratulations for being honored with the NCJW-Hannah G. Solomon Award

Dannie Wall & Wayne Braunstein

Marsha Jackson &

John Dockstader

The Rudin Family

Edith Messer

Bud & John Rusitzky

To Estelle Greene. In honor of your 100th Birthday

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