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NCJW'S 97TH INSTALLATION CELEBRATION GOES VIRTUAL

Members and friends are invited to Zoom into National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section's Virtual Installation of their 2020-2021 Officers on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020 at 11:30 am. In addition to the Installation, Life Member Henrietta Wolfeiler will receive the organization's Woman of the Section award.

Opening remarks will be made by Valerie Vainieri Huttle, NCJW Life Member and New Jersey Assemblywoman, District 37, and the festivities will be introduced by outgoing Co-President Ruth Seitelman. The Installation of Officers will be conducted by outgoing Honorary Vice-President Marcia Levy.

Henrietta Wolfeiler joined NCJW sixty years ago, moving from Los Angeles to Teaneck as a young bride. NCJW has always been an important part of her life. She has chaired many committees and her most recent and favorite position is as the Domestic Violence Waiting Room Volunteer Coordinator. This NCJW BCS signature program opened in 2012 and is a supervised room in the courthouse that provides a safe place for plaintiffs in domestic violence cases. Ms. Wolfeiler and husband Bernie have generously supported NCJW BCS commitment to high school scholarships, domestic violence issues and hunger programs by establishing the Wolfeiler-Simon Fund. They have three children, Karen, Jay and Eric, and seven grandchildren.

NCJW Bergen County Section will be installing 17 officers this year. Bea Podorefsky is continuing as Honorary President, and outgoing Co-President Ruth Seitelman will become Honorary Vice-President. New Co-President Elaine K. Meyerson will join ongoing Co-Presidents Elizabeth Halverstam, who is starting her fourth year of service, and Bari-Lynne Schwartz, who will be commencing her second year. New Vice-Presidents this year are Carole Benson, Fran Einiger, Lois Katz Brown, Doris Sarokin and Linda Walden. Joan Cooper, Marilyn Friedman, Joan Ornstein, Joan Schnuer and Virginia Wasserman will continue to serve as Vice Presidents, Norma Goldsmith will remain in her role as Recording Secretary, and Elizabeth Roditi will continue as Treasurer.

The new Officers bring a wealth of varied experience to NCJW. Ruth Seitelman, Honorary Vice President, is an Immediate past Co-President. She has been engaged in community service around women's issues for the past twenty years. She has served on the Board and as Board President of The Center for Hope and Safety, an agency assisting victims of domestic violence. Ms. Seitelman worked for 25 years with a major international bank as a vice president with responsibilities for marketing and product manager. She now devotes her time to NCJW BCS, Temple Sinai of Tenafly Sisterhood and writing as Ruth A. Casie. Casie is a *USA Today* bestselling author of romantic fiction.

Elaine K. Meyerson, Co-President, comes to NCJW as an experienced non-profit leader and administrator who worked in the domestic violence field for 30 years. Ms. Meyerson is the consummate volunteer, as in addition to her work with NCJW, she is the President of the Hillsdale Board of Health and a board member of the Bergen County Board of Social Services. In the 80's Elaine recalls being impressed when meeting NCJW members volunteering on county-wide committees to offer a voice for women amongst the professionals. Today Elaine is a Life Member of NCJW who also volunteers at the Courthouse in the Domestic Violence Waiting Room. She served for three years as Co-Vice President of Administration and Fundraising.

Carole Benson, Vice President of Administration, previously served as Co-President and Vice President of Community Service and has chaired various committees, notably Communications, Israel Affairs, Study Groups and Programming. Ms. Benson, an NCJW Life Member, launched and maintains Bergen County Section's website. Brought up in London, Ms. Benson's life-work experience encompassed advertising, owning a Manhattan furniture business, and high tech sales and marketing in the "dot.com" era. Awards she received from NCJW BCS are Emerging Leader and Woman of the Section.

Lois Katz Brown, Vice President of Community Service, is a 36-year Bergen County resident and a former history teacher, realtor, and textbook editor. She retired in 2010 and joined NCJW in 2012, impressed with its non-partisan, secular, progressive approach to helping women, families and children. She has been an active volunteer in several of Council's community service projects, as well as program planning and the 95th Anniversary Scholarship Committee. Lois is the proud mother of two daughters and grandmother of two grandsons.

Linda Walden, Vice President of Community Service, is a native New Yorker, and currently resides in North Bergen with her husband Bob. Their two children, Jesse and wife Eva, and Rachel live in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Professionally, her work as an early childhood teacher and then as a Trust and Estates Attorney, has always been focused on serving and helping others. Volunteering at The Women's Rights Information Center led her to NCJW where for several years she has coordinated members' contributions of birthday cakes to children at the YCS Holley Child Care Center.

Fran Einiger, Vice President of Council Thrift Shop, is a "Jersey girl" through and through and a proud product of the Teaneck schools, as are her two children. After a long and varied career in business and non-profits she felt a void in her life and joined NCJW. As she assumed various roles in the Section – President, Presidium member, Vice President, Fundraising Coordinator and Chairperson, she has experienced fulfillment, friendships and gained a great deal of knowledge

Doris Sarokin, Vice President of Council Thrift Shop, came to NCJW in 1990 after a long career working for various companies ranging from the Garment Center to Wall Street. She has served the Section as Financial & Recording Secretaries as well as Corresponding Secretary, Vice President of Administration and Vice President of The Thrift Shop. She was also the Section Treasurer for many years and has served

on more committees than she can name. She spends her free time flying around the US and to England to see her three children and six grandchildren.

To register for the Virtual Installation and Celebration, please visit www.ncjwbc.org, email office@ncjwbc.org or call 201-385-4847. A voluntary donation of \$18 is requested.

Photo Caption

Henrietta Wolfeiler will receive the National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section ***Woman of the Section*** award at a Virtual Celebration on June 23rd.

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.
