

COMING EVENTS AND MORE

December - February 2021

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Message from the Co-Presidents

We are pleased to send the latest issue of *Coming Events and More* which is packed full of events and information. We are excited to announce that starting in January, our monthly publication will have a new look and a new name. We hope you will enjoy it.

During December nearly every religion includes symbols and traditions that focus on light. For Chanukah, people light a Menorah; for Kwanzaa, people light the Kinara; and for Christmas, people decorate the traditional tree with many colored lights.

We wish everyone a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season. Although your holidays may be different, we wish that they will be bright and that 2021 will be filled with good health and new beginnings.

Warmest regards,
Elizabeth, Elaine and Bari-Lynne

This Week's News



Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
NCJW BCS Open Board Meeting on [ZOOM](#)
SESCIL Singers

Celebrate the holidays with the SESCIL Singers and Bergen County Section Board. Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living is part of Bergen Family Center. See the Board in action and enjoy a diverse repertoire of holiday songs.

Click [here](#) for the [ZOOM](#) link information.

Wednesday, December 9, 8:00 PM
AT HOME SERIES

Make sure you read or watch your favorite version of Daphne du Maurier's **Rebecca** so you are ready for a fun filled discussion with **Damon Suede**. Find out why this underrated classic 20th century Gothic story has commanded over fourteen adaptations on stage, in film and on television.

Registration [here](#). There are only 30 'seats' available.
This event is in place of *Exposing the Forensics of True Crime Headlines* which has been moved to next year.



NCJW BCS Events in 2021



Thursday, January 7, 3:00 PM

AT HOME SERIES

Clear your calendar!

Join Chef Lynne Manheim in an interactive cooking lesson.

More information will be available shortly.

Tuesday, January 19, 12:30 PM

January General Meeting on ZOOM

COMMUNITY SERVICES DURING THE NEW NORMAL

Four of our Community Partners will present the innovative adaptations their agencies have used to serve the community during the coronavirus pandemic. This Community Forum will feature

Liz Corsini, Vice President of Programming at Bergen Family Center;

Amanda Missey, President and CEO of Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative;

Lil Corcoran, Executive Director of the Women's Rights Information Center;

and **Lori Oliff**, Food Outreach Coordinator of the Center For Food Action.

Contact: Lois Brown, brown44@optimum.net or Linda Walden, Lmargotbw@gmail.com.



Thursday, January 28, 1:00 PM

TIMELY TOPICS on ZOOM

A MUSICAL TREAT **KLEZMER MUSIC *****

Benjamin Baron, an acclaimed musician, performer and educator, will present a multifaceted program about Klezmer music, sometimes referred to as Yiddish music. Through lecture and demonstrations and by performing with his clarinets, Ben will entertain and inform us about the history and the unique musical forms of Klezmer. Ben has a doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music and has performed throughout the world as a principle clarinetist. Contact: Ginny Wasserman, rubigin@aol.com

Tuesday, February 9, 1:00 PM

Virtual Trip to the Illinois Holocaust Education Center THE NOTORIOUS RBG

Enjoy a live, interactive tour of "The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg." The exhibit is a vibrant exploration of Justice Ginsburg's life and her numerous, often simultaneous roles as a student, wife, mother, lawyer, judge, women's rights pioneer, and Internet Phenomenon. It has been traveling the country to rave reviews. Cost is \$18.00.

Contact: Paula Star, pstar66444@gmail.com



Thursday, February 18, 1:00 PM and Wednesday, February 24, 3:00 PM

Timely Topics on ZOOM

Entering the Twitter World – A Two-Part Series

Part 1: Creating your Twitter account, navigating basic functions and composing your tweets.

Part 2: Utilizing hashtags, tweets and other strategies to enhance communications and advocacy. **Megan Benay** and **Matt Goodman**, our presenters, are professional educators specializing in communications and social media. Contact: Paula Schwartz, pschwartz39@gmail.com

NCJW NATIONAL AND SECTION EVENTS

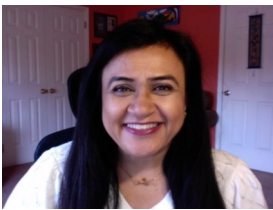
December 15, 8:00 PM: VIRTUAL GALA AND HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Please join NCJW, Inc. (our National organization) at its Virtual Gala and Hanukkah Celebration. They will light the menorah, honor Senator Tammy Duckworth and celebrate their leadership awardees. Tickets \$100.00. To register visit www.ncjw.org.

December 16, 4:00 PM EST: AN EXPLORATION OF GENDER EQUITY IN ISRAEL

NCJW Sacramento has generously invited Bergen County Section and all NCJW Sections to join them for an exciting Zoom presentation, **An Exploration of Gender Equity in Israel**, to be presented by Liron Peleg Hadomi, NCJW Israel Representative. For details and to sign up, click <https://bit.ly/3mhM9E5>. Or go to NEWS column on www.ncjwbcs.org.

Discussion on Intersection of Race and Religion Captivates Attendees at November General Meeting

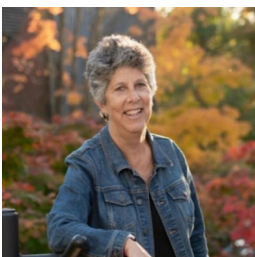


On Tuesday, Nov 17, NCJW BCS members and friends were treated to a stimulating and thought-provoking presentation by Dr. Khyati Joshi, Professor of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University. True to her word, she challenged our critical thinking on racial justice, cultural and religious pluralism and the white Christian norm.

Dr. Joshi shared that you can draw a "straight line from the harassment and bullying she faced growing up" as a little brown Hindu girl in Atlanta in the 1970s to her work on diversity. To learn more about Dr. Joshi, her interest in the Holocaust, white Christian privilege and more, read Larry Yudelson's article "Uncovering White Christian Privilege" in the Jewish Standard [HERE](#).

Judging by the number of Zoom attendees, the inquisitive and extra-long Q and A, and the positive feedback we received, we can categorically state that our General Meeting was a resounding success.

Yes, Grandma Does Still Have Sex



It was a full house of "excited" women on our Zoom AT HOME program on November 18. Dr. Jane Fleishman, a certified sexuality educator on a mission to promote sexual well-being in older adults living on their own or in senior communities. There was an active discussion to break down barriers for some and give a voice to others as she discussed sexuality in the second half of life. The participants appreciated Dr. Fleishman sharing her positive attitude and candor.

Angel Challenge: *Thank You* Stay-at-Home Angels

Many of our members have stepped up to be Angels for our **Stay-at-Home (SAH)** Personal Giving Campaign this year. Their donations match new contributors' gifts and those whose donations exceed \$25 over their last year's contribution.



Thank you to our ANGELS:

Fran Butensky, Elizabeth Halverstam, Linda Horowitz,
Peggy Kabakow, Gladys Laden, Susan Laskin, Ann Levenstein,
Ina Miller Silverstein and Henrietta Wolfeiler

Your Angel donations help to further the work of NCJW BCS.

We are asking our members and community supporters to be generous with your personal contributions this year. We want to meet our "Angel Challenge."

This year more than ever people in our community are in need.

Please watch every month as NCJW BCS' SAH thermometer rises.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS STAY-AT-HOME DONORS (as of 12.4.20)

\$2,500 +

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Ann Levenstein

\$2,000 - \$2,499

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Before you get busy with the holidays....

Please don't forget to pay your dues.
We look forward to having you join us as a member
this year and we welcome your participation.
We have planned many exciting programs and advocacy efforts.

Join us!

For more information please contact
Marilynn Friedman (201) 568-0145; Joan Schnuer (201) 833-1006
or the NCJW BCS Office at 201-385-4847; www.ncjwbcs.org



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Just send your email address
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Sunday Closed

Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.
11:00AM-5:30PM

Saturday
10:00AM-5:00PM

Donor Hours

Sunday Closed

Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.
11:00AM-4:00PM

Thursday
11:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday No Donations

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Celebrating Our Community Services

Since March 2020 our Community Service organizations have continued important services for the most vulnerable people in our community in the New Normal. None has “closed” its doors; rather they have met the challenge, adapted their service systems and provided safe and secure services consistent with CDC guidelines.

Over the next several months we will showcase their work. Below we celebrate the work of two organizations.

Center for Hope and Safety provides shelter to women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Before the pandemic our volunteers participated in **Making Meals Together**, planning and preparing dinner with shelter residents for a fun mother-child cooking activity.

Center for Hope and Safety: Impact of COVID-19 on Domestic Violence

As the COVID-19 health crisis evolves, and victims and their children are isolated at home with their abusers, the need for Center for Hope and Safety’s services is more critical than ever. When the pandemic began, the staff at CHS quickly developed a comprehensive and flexible plan to protect their clients and employees, while also allowing their important work to continue seamlessly. CHS is seeing an increased need as people are asked to continue to stay home, but with creative planning and technology they have been able to continue all their services.

The Safe House is open, and with precautionary COVID-19 safety protocols above and beyond CDC recommendations, CHS continues to accept new residents safely. The case workers see clients regularly by video or phone, giving support and providing resources to families, many of whom are in dire need of the most basic supplies. The attorneys in their Legal Services Program are navigating unprecedented changes to the court system, filing restraining orders, and appearing in court online while working tirelessly to make sure their clients are protected. The children of their clients are given the technology and educational support they need to succeed during virtual learning. The art therapy programs are conducted virtually, with art supplies delivered to the participants’ homes. And as always, the confidential hotline (201-944-9600) is staffed around the clock.

In these, and in countless other ways, the dedicated staff on the front lines at their Safe House and Transitional Houses throughout Bergen County, as well as their Community Center in Rochelle Park, is ensuring that safety and healing are only a phone call away, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for anyone in Bergen County who is experiencing domestic violence.

For more information about the Center for Hope and Safety, contact Flora Perskie at fwperskie@gmail.com.



The Jewish Home at Rockleigh is a skilled nursing and geriatric facility offering an array of amenities. Before the pandemic our volunteers planned and hosted three events each year for the residents of the home: **Sweethearts’ Day** in February, **Coney Island Day** in June and **Chanukah** in December.

The Jewish Home Family/Jewish Home at Rockleigh #SmilingUnderOurMasks – A Short Film About Survival and COVID-19. Step into the shoes of the staff for a few moments and get a glimpse of the dark days of the pandemic and the bright spots that kept them “smiling under our masks.” This film was produced by award-winning filmmaker Jenny Schweitzer Bell in gratitude for the dedication of the Jewish Home team, the support of family members and community, and the courage of its elders.

To view, go to <https://www.facebook.com/jewishhomefamily/videos> or <https://www.youtube.com/jewishhomefamily/videos>

NCJW BCS welcomes our new members:

Gertrude Bennett
Jessica Berman
Cammy Bourcier
Holly Clark
Sandra Ebinger
Chris Finley
Carolyn Gardner
Janice Heller
Rae Horowytz
Mary Hubert

Linda Kates
Evelyn Katz
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Laurie Sherman

Robin Shugg
Elona Sofer
Judy Solomon
Emily Steinberg
Eva Tobias
Judy Turkell
Mirell Walden
Monica Weiss
Ruth Wolfe
Barbara Yellowitz

We are glad that many of you joined us on December 2 at our New Member "English Tea" Zoom party. As you all can see, there are many available programs that may interest you and other ways to get involved.

Please feel free to call us:

Marilynn Friedman at 201-568-0145 or Joan Schnuer at 201-833-1006.

P.S. Do you know anyone who might be interested in joining NCJW?
Just give us a call with her name and contact information. We'll do the rest.

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of members Geraldine Lurie and Helene Farber.

Congratulations to:

Nan Matlick
on the birth of her 16th great grandchild
Maxwell Holden Bursk

Condolences to:

Carol Marcus
On the passing of
Mother-in-law Roberta Marcus



GOLD TRIBUTES

Elizabeth Halverstam
To Liz Roditi
Congratulations and every good wish
to Michelle and Joe on their recent
marriage.

SILVER TRIBUTES

Evalyn Brownstein
To the Farber Family
Condolences on the passing of
Helene Farber.

Send a Holiday Tribute

NCJW Bergen County Section has a beautiful array of Tribute Cards for members to use
and at the same time, we can raise needed funds.

Cards are for happy occasions, sending good wishes or to express condolences.

Gold Double Chai — Donation of \$36 or more

Silver Chai — Donation of \$18

Any Occasion — Donation of \$10

"Just for you" note cards — Donation of \$25 for five cards

All Purpose contribution cards — Donation of \$25 for five cards

To send or purchase cards you can contact: Roberta Lew: RMLew@aol.com or (201) 836-4695