

COMING EVENTS AND MORE

October - November 2020

Watch your inbox for event details and **zoom** meeting information
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Wednesday, October 14, 1:00 pm

Timely Topics and Tasty Treats on **zoom**

PROTECTING AND EXPANDING REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM IN NEW JERSEY

Casey Olesko, Communications Director of Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey and advocate extraordinaire, will discuss how New Jersey is stepping up to protect and expand access to birth control and pregnancy-related care including abortion. You will learn strategies and tips for advocating for reproductive freedom in New Jersey.

Contact: office@ncjwbcs.org or 201-385-4847

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 12:00 pm

****zoom** in to our annual Fall Membership Event
HATS OFF TO US!**

This promises to be a fun interactive experience. There will be a hat fashion show and you'll be the designers and the models. **Mel Nusbaum** will entertain us with some great jazz. *Registration is not necessary.*

Please note that this will be a free event, but voluntary donations are gratefully appreciated. Contact the Membership VPs for further information:
Marilynn Friedman: 201-568-0145 or Joan Schnuer: 201-833-1006



Tuesday, November 17, 12:30 PM

November General Meeting on **zoom**

THE INTERSECTION OF RACE AND RELIGION IN THE UNITED STATES

Khyati Y. Joshi, a Professor of Education at Fairleigh Dickinson University, is a public intellectual whose social science research and community connections inform policy-makers, educators, and everyday people about race, religion, and immigration in 21st century America. Her most recent book is *White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America* (NYU Press, 2020).

Contact: Karen Kurland at karenkurl@verizon.net

Wednesday, November 18, TIME TBD

At Home Series

Before the evening event have a glass of wine to get ready for:
GRANDMA STILL HAS SEX
More information to follow.



Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 pm

Virtual Trip to the Famous Tenement Museum

"CHAMBER POTS AND HANDKERCHIEFS"

Travel virtually to New York's lower east side for a live customized tour with museum historians focusing on tenement and immigrant life and responses to public health, and the impact of these in contemporary reactions to Covid-19. Limited to 50 people. Cost \$25 for members; \$35 for non-members.

E-blast coming soon. Contact: Paula Star at pstar66444@gmail.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENTS

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00 - 8:00 PM via [Zoom](#)

Family Promise: *Sofa Soirée*. Take a Seat To Help Homeless Families.

Contact kduggan@bergenfamilypromise.org.

Sunday, October 18, 2020, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Women's Rights Information Center: *Equine & Chocolate*. Outdoors at Bergen Equestrian Center, 40 Fort Lee Road, Leonia. Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Surprise Bags, Photo Ops. To purchase tickets, contact www.womensrights.org

Ongoing: Jewish Home at Rockleigh: *Saluting our Heroes – A Stay at Home Virtual Gala Celebration*. To register, go to www.JewishHomeFamily.org/CelebratingOurHeroes.

Contact news@jewishhomefamily.org

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30 PM NCJW/Essex Anti-Human Trafficking Committee

Protecting Children Online: Gaming, Social Media and the Dark Web by [Zoom](#).

The pandemic has created the perfect storm. Online exploitation in NJ has increased more than 200%. John Pizzuro, Commander of the New Jersey Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, will help you learn the risks and the solutions to protecting our children and grandchildren in this "new normal." [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER

Victoria Bassetti, Brennan Center Fellow and expert on election matters, provides compelling historical background and hopeful perspectives.



On September 15 National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section Zoomed its Annual Advocacy Forum "Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Power." Representatives from over 30 partnering organizations joined NCJW BCS members in the Zoom gallery.

Victoria Bassetti gave a passionate, enlightening presentation that covered three topics: 1) Vote by Mail: the concerns of counting the massive volume this year. 2) The Electoral College: how there is uneven weight given from state to state and the new movement to circumvent the Electoral College by adopting the National Popular Vote Compact. 3) Gerrymandering: states will be redistricting soon

and this will affect the vote for the next ten years. Both parties have been guilty of gerrymandering to help the incumbent. It is crucial that there is non-partisan or independent oversight.

Ms. Bassetti felt that this election will be a cross between the 1876 election and the 1944 election: 1876, in that it will be highly contentious and could be dragged out for some time and 1944, in that there are massive efforts to enfranchise as many Americans as possible with Vote by Mail. She remains forever positive that the system of fair elections will prevail.

The meeting paid homage to the suffragists who came before us. With this being the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, attendees were urged to honor their work by voting in this election and EVERY ELECTION.

And attendees were asked to get ready to vote in the November election by visiting www.vote411.org to see if they are registered to vote and if not, to register. For complete forum coverage, visit www.ncjwbcs.org.

Section Awards To Be Presented At Annual Fall Membership Event

NCJW Bergen County Section is pleased to announce the following awards to be presented on October 20 at the Annual Fall Membership Event:



Colleagues For Life Award

Celia Argintar An honorary position that recognizes past board members who have had at least 18 years of active participation in NCJW BCS but no longer hold positions on the Board.



Emerging Leader Award

Paula Star The recipient of this award shall not be a Section Vice-President but has potential for assuming future Section leadership, supports the NCJW purposes, demonstrates commitment, currently serves on the Section Board and has served less than five years.

Paula was a member of Evening Branch but just recently rejoined and has become an active member of the Board, chairing the Trips committee. She has also volunteered at the Waiting Room and cooked with residents at the Center for Hope and Safety. Paula feels that NCJW BCS is a very committed group of women and supports our programs, especially women's rights, domestic violence and protection of children and minorities, all serious efforts that NCJW supports and are a natural extension of what she believes in.

Pacesetter Awards – Joan Cooper and Joan Schnuer

This relatively new award was created to recognize a newer Board member who has demonstrated potential leadership qualities, been on the Board for five years or less and has accepted a position on the Executive Committee. It should be noted that these members have moved up too rapidly to qualify as emerging leaders.



Joan Cooper jumped right into the role of an active Board member by heading the Summer Campership committee, which oversees granting scholarships to send children of low-income working parents to day camp.

After a short time on the Board, she became a Co-Vice President of Advocacy and Education, heading up a committee to fight human trafficking, organized a team for a Get Out the Vote Campaign to reach out to members without email to keep them current on election news, and worked with her Co-Vice President Ginny Wasserman to schedule some outstanding speakers and events for the Section. She continues to evolve through her many interests and talents.



Joan Schnuer started off as a Co-Chair of our Symphony program to enlist members to sign up. She immediately caught the attention of three of our most outstanding leaders, the late Jane Abraham, Henrietta Wolfeiler and Bea Podorefsky. Each of them recognized her potential and in no time, she became co-chair of HIPPY and went on to become Co-Vice President of Membership. When she comes up for air, there's no doubt we will be hearing a lot more about her.

GOLD RUSH FUNDRAISER

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP

Donate your gold scraps - earring backs, discarded gold links, any pieces of gold you can spare. Our Thrift Shop can turn these tidbits into cash. We have a commitment from a reputable jeweler to buy the scraps. Place them in a baggie, write FRAN on the front and bring them to our store.

Please note silver is also acceptable.

For more information contact:

Council Thrift Shop at 201-385-3702, office@ncjwbcs.org,

Fran at 201-678-1809, franeiniger@yahoo.com

or Doris 201-567-9077, dsarokin@msn.com

Resale and Thrift Shop Vice Presidents

NCJW BCS Members Donate and Distribute School Supplies to HIPPY* Children



A huge donation of supplies was delivered after this post was made on social media.

Remember your first trip to buy school supplies? You were just entering Kindergarten, but everything on the shelves looked so grownup. It was very exciting. The Bergen Family Center and many members of NCJW BCS remembered those feelings on September 14 when they collected and distributed school supplies to HIPPY children.

Four Home Instructors service 75 families with 85 children. They normally meet once a week in the family's home. These instructors now drop off supplies, activity packets, story books, craft supplies and props to complete the activities. Their visits to the families are now virtual. This mammoth undertaking is done like a well-oiled machine.

Thank you to those who were so generous.

It's not too late to donate! Just call Joan Schnuer at 201-833-1006.

* *Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters*

NCJW BCS HONORS RBG



In honor and memory of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, NCJW Bergen County Section celebrated her life at the Bergen County Courthouse on October 2 by circling the courthouse and then taking a ritual lap around the building. Members read a yiskor prayer and Maya Angelou's *Phenomenal Woman* poem. NCJW BCS members also memorialized Justice Ginsburg by circling Constitution Park in Fort Lee, NJ and the Eldredge Library in Chatham, Massachusetts.

Justice Ginsburg spent her life fighting for reproductive justice, LGBTQ protections and voting rights to improve the lives of women, children and families, and now we take the torch she passed on to us as we fight for justice. Take action with our National organization [NCJW.org](https://www.ncjw.org) and [CourtsMatter.org](https://www.courtsmatter.org).

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video Circling the Courthouse in Hackensack

**May her memory
be a revolution**

National Council of Jewish Women



ADVOCACY MATTERS:

Funding For School-Based Youth Services Programs Restored!

NCJW BCS and our members signed a petition and wrote letters urging Governor Murphy and the NJ State Legislature to restore funding for the critical School-Based Youth Services Programs. Our voices were heard!

Governor Murphy signed a budget that includes \$15 Million, full funding, for 100 programs statewide for the academic year. Over 2,000 Bergen County adolescents will receive services at three programs in our County: the Zone at Dwight Morrow High School in Englewood, The Drop-in Center at Hackensack High School and The Forum at Teaneck High School.

NCJW BCS thanks Governor Murphy and our District 37 Legislators, Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttie, and Assemblyman Gordon Johnson for their support.



Englewood STRONG and COMMITTED

Bergen Family Center extends our deepest appreciation to all of the legislators, community leaders, students, parents, advocates, and other stakeholders who advocated on our behalf to keep the doors of the ZONE open for DMHS & DMAE students and their families.

Our lawmakers in the 37th District, Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assemblyman Gordon M. Johnson, and Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri Huttie have always shown great compassion and support for the Zone.

Voices across the State were raised in support of school-based youth service programs. Governor Murphy heard us and recently announced that all funding for school-based youth service programs will be restored to the state budget for this academic year.

The ZONE remains OPEN.

The COVID-19 public health crisis has unmasked stark racial disparities, injustice, and inequities.

This pandemic has disproportionately impacted Black and Brown communities and demands that we take decisive action. Addressing trauma will be critical as we face the collective grief brought on by COVID-19 and systemic racism.

We are committed to local families and will continue to provide the highest quality, most accessible services to teens and their families.

We Thank You!



Bergen Family Center

PASSAGES

Condolences to:

Lynne Klatskin

On the passing of her husband Charles

Beth Newman

on the passing of her husband Randy

Hilary Eth

on the passing of her mother Charlotte Eth

Eley Kohn

on the passing of her mother Ilse Kohn

Selma Polevoy

on the passing of her son Marc

Congratulations to:

Stephanie Kwait

on the bar mitzvah of her
grandson Calvin Taubin

Paula Dillon and Geri Kaufman

on the birth of their grandson
and great grandson Harrison Chen

Bea Podorefsky

on the birth of her great
granddaughter Charlotte Leia

Nan Matlick

on the birth of her 15th great grandchild
Jerry Harris Gurland

Sue Keusch

on the marriage of her daughter
Abbey to Stephen Dedola

Libby Klein

on the birth of her grandson
Elijah Herbert Cahn

Liz Corsini

on being honored by the
Rotary Club of Englewood

Hillary Viders

on being honored by the
Rotary Club of Englewood

Marilyn Sirulnick

on the marriage of her granddaughter
Casey Olesko to Rob Watts



GOLD Tributes

Elaine Meyerson and Elizabeth Halverstam

To Bari-Lynne Schwartz
Congratulations on being honored with the
Jane Abraham Advocacy Award

Roxanne Reff

To Seligman Rosenberg MD
Condolences on the passing of your father

Roxanne Reff

To Ira Spiegelglass
In memory of wife, Fran

Carole Benson

To Ellie Lubin
In celebration of your "BIG O" Birthday.
Wishing you many more joyous birthdays in
health, love and peace.

**Elizabeth Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson and
Bari-Lynne Schwartz**

To Angelique Pinedo
Congratulations on the birth of nephew,
Jace Marcelo Solis

SILVER Tributes

Carla Silver

To Elaine Pollack
In celebration of your special birthday