

## COMING EVENTS AND MORE

**September - November 2020**

Watch your inbox for event details and zoom meeting information  
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**Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 12:30 pm**

**September General Meeting-NCJW Annual Advocacy Forum on ZOOM  
YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE, YOUR POWER**

**Victoria Bassetti** is a fellow of the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. She is the author of *Electoral Dysfunction: A Survival Manual for American Voters*, the companion book to a PBS documentary by the same name. Ms. Bassetti will give us insights into the issues, paradoxes and conflicts that inform our democracy and our voting.

Questions? Contact: Bea Podorefsky at [bpodorefsky@gmail.com](mailto:bpodorefsky@gmail.com)

**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.

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**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](mailto:karenkurl@verizon.net)



## **BARI-LYNNE SCHWARTZ NAMED FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE JANE ABRAHAM ADVOCACY AWARD**



This new award was established to honor the memory of Jane Abraham, our inspirational Co-President who passed away in 2019. Jane made advocacy come alive in our Section through her passion and commitment to social justice. This award honors an NCJW BCS member who has been a leader and instrumental in advancing social change in the community. To receive the award, the recipient must fulfill the following criteria: further the mission of NCJW; exemplify innovation, creativity and courage; serve as a role model in our Section and our community; and raise awareness of NCJW through pioneering efforts, mentoring and motivation of others. We are pleased to present this award to Bari-Lynne Schwartz at our Zoom Advocacy Forum on September 15, at 12:30 pm.

Bari-Lynne holds a Master of Social Work degree and served for 20 years as the Planning Officer at the Bergen County Department of Human Services, where she oversaw the grants/contract office and administered the Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) and the Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women. She became a champion for social justice. She advocated and testified for policy and legislative reforms, coordinated successful legislative breakfasts and programs celebrating women's rights and much more.

While there, Bari-Lynne met two articulate, powerful activists, Connie Hochberg and Bea Podorefsky, who were on the HSAC representing NCJW BCS. She joined NCJW in 2015 and is now entering her second year as a Co-President. She has spearheaded five of the organization's impressive Advocacy Forums, including those on LGBTQ Equality in 2016 and Reproductive Freedom at Risk in 2019. As Co-President in charge of Advocacy and Education, she is overseeing NCJW's Human Traffic initiative and its General Meeting educational programs, and she also oversees all the organization's 18 Community Service programs. In 2018 she co-chaired the NCJW Grants Oversight Committee, which gave three major grants to local non-profit organizations. She served for two years as Co-Vice President of Advocacy and Education before becoming Co-President.

As summer draws to a close, your **Stay-at-Home Personal Giving** committee has been "virtually" hard at work on this year's invitation. Look for it coming to your mailbox in October.

These are trying times. We hope that you will be generous. Our community services and advocacy efforts need your support more than ever.

Co-Chairs,  
Mary Sue Ehrenberg and Tobey Weiss

## NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION'S ZOOM INTO SUMMER PRESENTATION FOCUSED ON EDUCATION OF PALESTINIAN CHILDREN – "STOP TEACHING HATE"



On Thursday, August 13, 2020, a large audience from across the USA and around the globe, including UK, South Africa, Israel, and Australia, ZOOMED in to experience Dr. Joan Lurie's powerful and disturbing presentation "Stop Teaching Hate." In Dr. Lurie's words **"The path to peace in the Middle East begins in the classroom – but not in these classrooms.** Unless today's children are taught not to hate Israel, there will be no chance for peace in the Middle East for another 25 years." Dr. Lurie is the co-founder and current co-chair of UNRWA: Stop Teaching Hate. [www.reformUNRWA.com](http://www.reformUNRWA.com)

[Click here for more and to watch Dr. Lurie's powerful one hour presentation>>](#)

[Click here for a short, forceful video](#) obtained from David Bedein of the Center for Near East Policy Research. Prepare to be shocked, saddened and horrified as you look at just a small idea of what the training of child soldiers is like in UNRWA refugee camps. If nothing else, it will convince you that these children are suffering irreparable harm and will never grow up capable of negotiating reconciliation.

Note: Funding Update - The USA is no longer funding UNRWA. Sadly most of \$400 million once contributed by the US has been made up by other donor nations with Germany contributing the most.

NCJW Bergen County Past President, Fran Butensky, offered an evocative introduction to her colleague and long-time friend, Joan Lurie, painting a striking picture of their career together on the International Council of Jewish Women at the U.N. and Dr. Lurie's distinguished career as a scientist. [Read Fran's Introduction here >>>](#)

[Read the August 6, 2020, featured editorial by Joanne Palmer, Editor of the Jewish Standard here>>>](#)

[Read Dr. Lurie's resume here>>>](#)

We wish to thank Dr. Lurie and The International Council of Jewish Women for generously allowing us to broadcast the one hour presentation she gave to the members of ICJW on July 28, 2020, which was virtually the same presentation that she gave for us "live" at NCJW BCS on August 13.

## THRIFT SHOP NEWS

The Thrift Shop is now accepting fall clothing.  
Coats are NOT being accepted at this time.

## COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP



### GOLD RUSH

Participate in our  
first store fundraiser.



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.

### Help be a part of our success story.

For Donation and Store Hours please visit our website at  
[NCJWBCS.org/thrift-shop/](http://NCJWBCS.org/thrift-shop/)

For more information contact:  
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Resale and Thrift Shop Vice Presidents

# Join us!

We hope you received your Annual Dues letter.  
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.

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](http://www.ncjwbcs.org)





**Seeking NCJW BCS volunteers.** Would you like to help NCJW out by doing a really worthwhile job that you can do at home a few hours a month? We need at least two volunteers to send out Tribute Cards on behalf of donors.

Please call Joan Ornstein for more information - 201-750-7901



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 email:  
Angelique at [office@ncjwbcs.org](mailto:office@ncjwbcs.org) or call 201-385-4847  
(temporarily until volunteers takes on this project).