

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

April - June, 2021

Watch your inbox for event details and zoom meeting information

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Tuesday, April 20, 12:30 PM

General Meeting on ZOOM

Jewish Son of a Nazi Officer

Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, noted author and speaker, will discuss his book ***A German Life: Against All Odds, Change Is Possible***. You will be mesmerized by Dr. Wollschlaeger's retelling of his childhood against the backdrop of the Holocaust and a father-son relationship like no other. FREE EVENT.

Non-NCJW BCS Members, Register [here](#). Contact Karen Kurland at karenkurl@verizon.net.

Thursday, May 6, 1:00 PM

Timely Topics on ZOOM

"Not Our Kind" - Two Women in 1947 NYC

Kitty Zeldis will discuss her book "Not Our Kind," a gripping and entertaining story of two women dealing with privilege, sexism and anti-Semitism in post-war NYC. The book, a page turner, is available in print, Kindle and audio versions at Amazon and at Bergen County libraries. Reading the book in advance will enhance your experience. As a nice touch, those who purchase the book will receive a personalized inscribed bookplate.

FREE EVENT. Non-NCJW BCS members register [here](#).

Contact Paula Schwartz at pschwartz39@gmail.com.



Thursday, May 13, 11:00 AM

Virtual Trip

Russia in New York and Coney Island

We will tour Brighton Beach, New York's "Little Odessa," and then on to Coney Island, the Disney World of its day! See the sights and the food and learn the history. Led by professional tour guides, this promises to be a virtual delight.

Cost is \$18.00. Register and pay online [here](#).

Contact Paula Star at pstar66444@gmail.com.



Tuesday, May 25, at 12:30 pm

General Meeting on ZOOM

NCJW, Inc.: A Seat at the Table Brings Positive Results

Beginning with the Biden-Harris Transition team, NCJW has had a seat at the table advocating for its agenda to safeguard human rights. **Dana Gershon**, President of NCJW, Inc. and **Jody Rabhan**, NCJW's Chief Policy Officer, will report the actions the Biden-Harris Administration and the 117 Congress have taken to further NCJW's mission to improve the lives of women, children and families.

Learn about the role of the Second Gentleman! Contact Bari-Lynne Schwartz at baryllynnes@verizon.net.

Thursday, June 24

Virtual Trip!

Make sure your passport is current, cross the ocean without a plane, and get ready to explore amazing sites of Jewish history. Walk down ancient streets and see heritage locations, not often seen by the average tourist.

Where will we go? Follow Council Connections for news and be ready to put on your virtual walking shoes!

Contact Paula Star at pstar66444@gmail.com.



Community Services & Partner Events

April 7 - May 26, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. With the support of other agencies including our partners, Family Promise of Bergen County and the Women's Rights Information Center, **Bergen Family Center** sponsors **a Hot Meal Distribution at SESCIL**, 228 Grand Ave, Englewood N.J. Drive-through and walk ups.
Questions and more information: contact 201-568-0817

May 26, 2021, Wednesday, 6:30—9:30 pm, Women's Rights Information Center, Annual Spring Dinner Gala, Celebrating Community Change Makers.
Venue located at Locale Ristorante, 208 Piermont Road, Closter, NJ. For ticket information contact Sue Kanrich at sakanrich@yahoo.com or go to <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehkr695nf1df7583&llr=urv8ugeab>.

Section Events

April 19, Monday, 7 PM via Zoom, Climate Chutzpah: The Jewish Response to Climate Change sponsored by NCJW West Morris Section

Betsy Rosenberg, an award-winning national broadcast journalist and green media trailblazer, will discuss her work and the role of Jewish environmental activists and organizations in breaking the green ceiling. Learn how you can get involved in *tikkun olam* for the planet. FREE EVENT. To register, email debra910@aol.com.

Join us for our Annual Spring Installation and Awards Event On Zoom

Tuesday, June 15 @ 12 noon

We will be installing our Co-Presidents and Executive Officers
and celebrating our honorees

Charlotte Bennett Schoen, *Hannah G. Solomon honoree*
Nan Matlick, *Woman of the Section*

Invocation will be conducted by **Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg**, Scholar in Residence at
National Council of Jewish Women, Inc.

To purchase your Journal Ad [click here](#) and send it in by June 4. If you're a Life Member, list your name on the Life Member greeting page. Are you a Grandma? List the little darlings (or grown-up grandchildren) on the Grandma's page. And remember your family members and friends who are no longer with us on the In Memoriam page. [Click Here](#) to print the form.

For questions on the Journal,
contact Gladys Laden at 201-836-3846 or gladys.laden@gmail.com.



Please join us on Social Media and check out our website at www.ncjwbcs.org to find out the latest NCJW news and activities. Like us on FaceBook and follow us on Instagram.

NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION ISRAEL AFFAIRS PROGRAM PROCLAIMED "INSPIRATIONAL AND ENLIGHTENING"

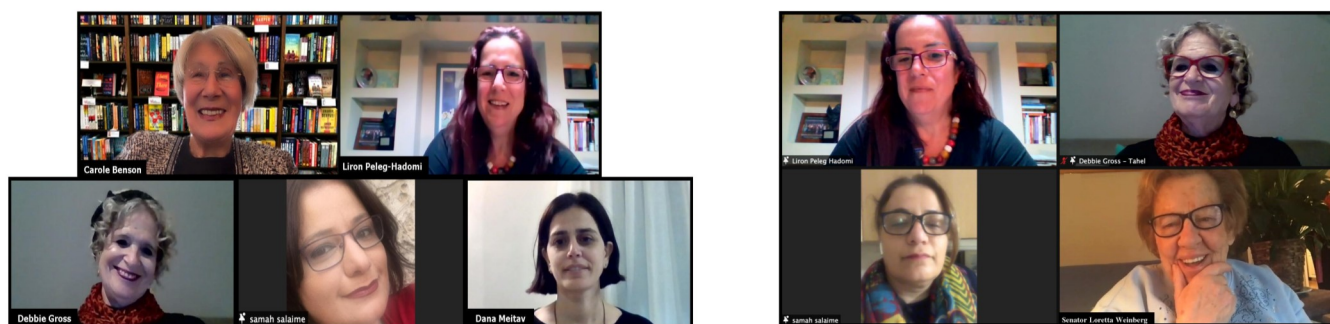
On March 16 2021, NCJW BCS proudly presented a webinar panel program on Zoom entitled "**ISRAELI WOMEN MAKING CHANGES**." Our members were joined by a large audience from across the USA, Israel and the UK on Zoom.

In the words of NJ State Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg, a life member of NCJW and recipient of the prestigious Hannah G. Solomon award:

"National Council of Jewish Women brought to us via Zoom Israeli feminists working on behalf of both Jewish and Arab women. They are fighting for aid to domestic violence victims, appropriate family leave and equal justice before the law just to name a few of the issues. It was such an extraordinarily impressive program.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the constant battle you do every day. If I could wave a magic wand that I am sometimes called upon to do, I would put this group of women in charge of Israel starting tomorrow morning and all our problems would be solved."

Enjoy a recording of the program [here](#).

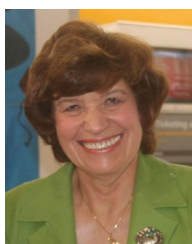


OUR MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Ruth Seitelman**, who has been appointed to the National (NCJW, Inc.) Bylaws Committee and to **Elizabeth Halverstam**, who was asked to join the National Section Advisory Committee. And, congratulations to **Carole Benson**, who has been appointed to the Status of Women Committee of ICJW. The International Council of Jewish Women represents Jewish women from all walks of life in many important international forums and is strategically positioned to confront and respond to the concerns of the Jewish community and women in general. There are 36 affiliate organizations that are a part of ICJW, including NCJW, Inc. of the U.S.



Ruth Seitelman



Elizabeth Halverstam



Carole Benson



Our **Stay-At-Home annual fundraiser** continues to touch our members' souls and our pocket books.. As of now we have raised \$82,842. We are still trying to reach our goal of \$100,000 by the end of our fiscal year on June 30.

For those of you who have already contributed, we send you a heartfelt thanks. For those who have not, remember that the money goes to support NCJW BCS activities and our community service agencies.

Celebrating Our Community Services Virtual HIPPY - A Success!

HIPPY has gone virtual to connect with our children online. We have been very busy these last three months. In January, we began the new year by having a birthday celebration for everyone. Bonnie Kissel read Dr. Seuss' Birthday Book and Edie Kaplan and Joan Schnuer frosted and decorated large, yummy cookies in crazy colors. In February, we had an afternoon of friendship and love. Judy Mouldovan read "Do You Want to be My Friend?" by Eric Carle, Evalyn Brownstein taught everyone to sing a song about friendship, and Joan Schnuer and Edie Kaplan decorated friendship pockets and filled them with pictures of best friends. In March, we welcomed spring. Elizabeth Halverstam read "When Spring Comes" by Kevin Henkes. Roz Altman taught the children to make paper bag bird puppets and played spring music, and the birds flew and danced. Joan Schnuer and the children colored scenery so that the children could make up birdie plays.



HIPPY, run by Bergen Family Center, stands for Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters. Parents are trained to be their children's first teachers. Director of Parent Engagement Rachele Ventrone hosted the zoom events and welcomed the children. Our Section generously paid for all the supplies that were delivered to each HIPPY family.

Now that the warm sun has come out and many people are getting their vaccinations, HIPPY children are spending more time outside. After careful consideration, we therefore decided to put virtual HIPPY to sleep for a while. We hope we may be able to return in person in September. Thank you to our ten caring and creative volunteers who helped to make our 2020 - 2021 virtual HIPPY family nights so successful. At each monthly HIPPY event, parents and children Zoomed with happy smiles.

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP

Council Thrift Shop is getting ready to take the plunge into online sales, and we need your help.

Our new website is in the works, and we need help taking photos of the items to go on sale on the website and transmitting the photos to our webmaster. We also have a need for volunteers to help us select the items to be featured on the site.

These volunteer positions do not require a lot of time. Please know that you will be helping us to keep our store vital and successful during these difficult times.

To take the plunge please contact
Fran Einiger at 201-678-1809 or Doris Sarokin at 201-567-9077

PASSAGES

Condolences to:

Linda Chalfin on the passing of her husband Bernard.

Marcia Levy on the passing of her grandson Joshua Levy.

Edna Lewitz on the passing of her husband Seelig Lewitz.

Congratulations to:

Tobey Weiss on the bar mitzvah of her grandson Jake Weiss.



Send a Tribute

As of **April 1, 2021** NCJW Bergen County Section has a beautiful *NEW* array of Tribute Cards for members to use and at the same time, the Section raises needed funds.

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

New pictures of cards will be posted in future launching of new website.

Gold — Donation of \$50 or more

Silver — Donation of \$36

Bronze — Donation of \$18

Blue — Donation of \$10

Any Occasion (with flowers) — Donation of \$10

All Purpose contribution cards — Donation of \$5 or five cards for \$25

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

GOLD TRIBUTES



SILVER TRIBUTES

**Ilene Wechter, Bea Poderefsky, Elaine Bieger,
Ina Miller-Silverstein, Geri Kaufman,
Celia Argintar, Henrietta Wolfeiler, Lisabeth Malkin,
Fran Butensky, Doris Sarokin, and Elizabeth
Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson & Bari-Lynne Schwartz**

To Marcia Levy

On the passing of her grandson Joshua Levy

Celia Argintar

To Peggy Fine

On the passing of her partner Gerald Kotch

Phyllis Palley and Roxanne Reff

To Edna Lewitz

On the passing of husband Seelig

Marilynn Friedman

To Ginny Wasserman

On the passing of her husband Rubin

Marilynn Friedman

To Peggy Fine

On the passing of her partner Gerald Kotch

Elaine Meyerson

To Marta and Harold Levy

On the passing of their son Joshua

Ann Levenstein, Sue Kanrich, Aida Melamed,

Leah Fetner, Nan Matlick, Susan Hagoel and Erika Reis

To Marcia Levy

On the passing of her grandson Joshua Levy

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

A GENEROUS DONATION WAS MADE BY

ROXANNE REFF

To Marcia Levy

On the passing of her grandson Joshua

A Special Note:

Thank you to everyone who so thoughtfully sent cards in memory of my grandson. It is comforting to know so many of you as friends. *Marcia Levy*