

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

February - April, 2021

Watch your inbox for event details and zoom meeting information
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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. [Click here](#) for registration information. Contact: Paula Schwartz, pschwartz39@gmail.com.

Wednesday, March 2, 2:00 - 3:30 PM
AT HOME Series presents

Shady Ladies of the Metropolitan Museum of Art

Stuck indoors and missing art and culture?

Come on the **Shady Ladies Zoom Tour**! Learn about the fascinating women of the past—shady ladies, nasty women, fashion icons—on our fun and revealing tour! Cost \$20. Watch for our e-blast with registration.



Tuesday, March 16, 12:30 PM
March General Meeting on ZOOM

Strengthening The Feminist Ecosystem in Israel

NCJW BCS Israel Affairs Committee is proud to announce that, together with Liron Peleg-Hadomi, NCJW's Representative in Israel, we will be presenting an exciting program. A panel of powerful, diverse Israeli feminist leaders, moderated by Liron, will address the challenges of women's empowerment in Israeli society. Save the date!

Contact: Carole Benson, cbenson@ncjwbcs.org.

Thursday, April 8, 12:30 PM

Holocaust Memorial Day

Lunch and Learn on **ZOOM**

Observe Yom HaShoah to remember the six million Jews who were killed during the Holocaust. Our member, Sandy Rubenstein, daughter of Holocaust survivors and a Holocaust educator, will share her family story as told by her father, Joseph Horn, in video clips from his Shoah testimony and through excerpts from his memoir

Mark It With a Stone. Lunch will be an interesting surprise! Cost \$18.

Registration information to follow.



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. Save the date!

Community Services & Partner Events

Thursday, February 11, 1 PM – NCJW Essex – Fulfilling Roe’s Promise on ZOOM
NCJW BCS is proud to again co-sponsor this Roe v Wade Annual Commemorative event. Roe v Wade is under constant threat. The reality is that we need so much more than its protections provide. Join the discussion to learn how the Reproductive Freedom Act, proactive legislation introduced in the NJ Legislature in October, protects and expands reproductive healthcare for all. For event details and to register for this free event, [click here](#).

WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED...

**Bravo, Community Services!
An Incredible Response In An Unprecedented Time**



Our January 19, 2021 general meeting, “Community Service — Pivoting During the New Normal,” was a big success. Approximately 75 people joined the Zoom meeting to hear **Liz Corsini** (*Bergen Family Center*), **Amanda Missey** (*Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative*), **Lori Oliff** (*Center for Food Action*), and **Lil Corcoran** (*Women’s Rights Information Center*) speak about their individual agency’s dedicated hard work in providing for the community’s unprecedented needs for food, housing, medical care, counseling, and self-improvement during the pandemic. We were pleased to learn that they coordinate and cooperate with each other to ensure that as many people as possible receive their help, and that they truly appreciate all the support given to them by NCJW BCS.



We Clapped to the Beat! Some Danced the Hora!



On Thursday, January 28, nearly 150 members and guests from as far away as Northridge, California and Sioux City, Iowa enjoyed an informative and entertaining multi-faceted program, “**Music from Our Roots: Klezmer.**” **Benjamin Baron**, a world-acclaimed clarinetist, who has a Doctorate from the Manhattan School of Music, explained the roots and different types of Klezmer music and treated us to a delightful performance with his clarinet. You can listen to more music

at www.benjaminbaron.com. *We had a wonderful afternoon!*

If you wish to receive a recording of this event please email office@ncjwbcs.org.

Celebrating Our Community Services

During the New Normal our Community Services programs have continued important services for the women, children and families in our communities. None "closed" their doors; rather they met the challenge, adapted their services and provided safe, secure and vital services during this unprecedented time.



ADLER APHASIA CENTER: For 18 years, the Adler Aphasia Center, which began in Maywood, NJ, has been helping members of the community. Aphasia is a communication disorder which is often the result of a stroke or a brain injury. People know what they want to say or communicate, but they have difficulty finding the words. Many people also have physical weakness. The Center has been providing service, education, hope and an enriching experience to people with aphasia and their families throughout New Jersey and the metropolitan area. The members learn new communication skills and develop a strong sense of community and acceptance by participating at the Center. Volunteers are a vital part of the Center, working one-on-one with members during a morning of varying activities. The volunteer often gets as much back from volunteering as do the members! This past June, the Adler Aphasia Center's gala presented a heartwarming video, "No Place Like Home."

To view this upbeat musical tribute to the members of the Center, please go to <https://vimeo.com/483093448>. When social distancing rules are lifted, please consider finding out more about this wonderful community service and volunteering some of your time. NCJW BCS members who have volunteered at the Center will be glad to tell you more. For more information contact Hilary Eth, 201-807-9249, or hilaryeth@hotmail.com or visit www.adleraphasiacenter.org.



KNIT WITS: Created about 17 years ago by our member Sabina Sicklick, Knit Wits continues to provide warm and beautiful hand-made items to some of our Community Service programs. Since last Fall, Shirley Finkelstein, Marilyn Friedman, Pearl Leichman, and Sabina Sicklick have knitted countless hats, scarves, shawls, and lap robes which were donated to the seniors served by the Bergen Family Center and to the children at the Holley Center cared for by Youth Consultation Service (YCS).

For more information about Knit Wits, please contact Sabina Sicklick at 201-342-3671 or at sabinasicklick@yahoo.com.

Be on the Lookout for Exciting Thrift Shop News!

75 South Washington Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Selling Hours		Donor Hours	
Sunday	Closed	Sunday	Closed
Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs./Fri.	11:00AM-5:30PM	Mon./Tues./Wed./Fri.	11:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday	10:00AM-5:00PM	Thursday	11:00AM-5:00PM
		Saturday	No Donations



Advocacy: Impacting Public Policy

Are you passionate about impacting public policy? Then join the **A Team**, our new **Advocacy Team**, and receive our Action Alerts and periodically meet with other members of the **A Team**.

Calling, emailing and tweeting elected officials are effective in changing public policy. Here's a recent success story. During the past year NCJW BCS members joined with the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking and called their representatives in the NJ Legislature, asking them to vote "yes" on Human Trafficking Awareness Legislation. The legislation passed the Assembly and Senate unanimously and on January 29 the Governor signed it! Now hotels, bars, airports, bus stations and other businesses will be required to display posters with the National Human Trafficking Hotline number and victims will be able to find help!

Your voice combined with hundreds of other voices is vital to make a better and kinder world.

For more information and to sign up for the **A Team**, contact Joan Cooper at grammyjoan18@gmail.com.

NCJW BCS Congratulates NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking (NJCAHT) On Its New Brand, Safernj.org



In January NJCAHT revealed and celebrated its new brand. **Safernj.org** fine tunes NJCAHT's focus on countering the spread of misinformation and raising awareness of children's increased risk of grooming by traffickers, due to their increased time online during the pandemic. The Coalition choose a design that would appeal to younger people and that would help them recognize the signs of human trafficking. Educating young people is prevention and the key to making New Jersey Safer.

NCJW BCS is a proud member of NJCAHT. We thank Cathy Mirra for representing our Section on the Coalition's Operating Council and its Communications Committee. We urge all members to learn more about the Coalition's new brand and many educational activities [here](#) and to share this new brand handle with family and friends. Let's join with NJCAHT to create a safer New Jersey.

PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of: Life Member Eleanor Epstein

Condolences to:

Sue Keusch on the passing of husband, Phil
Ginny Wasserman on the passing of husband, Rubin
Peggy Fine on the passing of her partner, Gerald Kotch

Send a 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

GOLD TRIBUTES



SILVER TRIBUTES

**Elizabeth Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson
and Bari-Lynne Schwartz**
To Estelle Greene
Congratulations on your 101st birthday

**Elizabeth Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson and
Bari-Lynne Schwartz**
To Ginny Wasserman
In memory of husband, Rubin

**Elizabeth Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson and
Bari-Lynne Schwartz**
To Peggy Fine
In memory of partner Gerald Kotch

Marilynn Friedman
To Liz Warms
Congratulations on your 60th anniversary
Congratulations on birth of great grandson Alexander

Marilynn Friedman
To Jeff and Jonathan Kalman
In memory of mother Joyce Kalman

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

GENEROUS DONATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Friday Book Club
To Jeff and Jonathan Kalman
In memory of mother Joyce Kalman

Donna Podorefsky
To Bea Podorefsky
In memory of Sarah Vera Gross

Karen Fleischer
To Henrietta Wolfeiler
Woman of the Section Award



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.

And once you've taken our **Twitter** workshops on Thursday, February 18 and Wednesday, February 24, you'll be able to Tweet up a storm!