

# COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

# January - March, 2021

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We are delighted to present **Council Connections**, NCJW Bergen County Section's new monthly online publication, which will evolve over the next few months to mirror the look of our new website. We invite you to participate in our exciting virtual events and activities to kick off 2021!





New Jersey's pre-registration website for COVID-19 vaccination is now open.

To pre-register, visit <a href="https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine">https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/vaccine</a>

The site also gives you information about the vaccination roll-out and the phases of vaccination priority.

## **This Month's Events**



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 principal clarinetist.

Contact: Ginny Wasserman, rubigin@aol.com



### What to Look for in Coming Months



# 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, pkschwartz39@gmail.com





# 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, carolebenson@ncjwbcs.org

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES & PARTNER EVENTS**

# Wednesday, January 13, 7 PM - Teaneck International Film Festival (TIFF) 2021 Virtual Documentary Series Screening of 9to5: The Story of a Movement and Talkback

This documentary about women's lib and labor introduces us to the secretaries in Boston who rallied and shined a light on American working women in the 1970s. Their goals were better pay, opportunities for advancement and an end to sexual harassment. It is the previously untold story of the fight that inspired the feature film **9** to **5** and the song and changed the workplace.

NCJW BCS is a proud sponsor along with several organizations that champion women's rights. The free screening with talkback will be provided through Ovee and Zoom. For complete details of the 2021 Documentary Series, visit <a href="www.teaneckfilmfestival.org">www.teaneckfilmfestival.org</a> and register for 9to5 <a href="here">here</a>. See it first at TIFF before it airs on PBS in February!

### Thursday, January 14, 6:30 - 8:10 PM - Women's Rights Information Center

As part of the Coalition for Racial Unity and Equity, WRIC is co-sponsoring a virtual film screening, "Thirteenth, (From Slave to Criminal with One Amendment)" followed by a discussion of the film. To register for this free event, go to <a href="http://www.metrocenternj.org/upcoming-events">http://www.metrocenternj.org/upcoming-events</a>

#### Tuesday, January 19, 6 - 7:15 PM - Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative

To participate in a new virtual mini-series entitled Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise, curated especially for their female supporters. Contact: Gladys Laden, gladys.laden@gmail.com

## **NCJW NATIONAL AND OTHER SECTIONS' EVENTS**

Thursday, January 28, 6:30 PM State of Our Union: Advancing the Rights of Women, Children and Families

As we enter 2021, please join with other NCJW members and advocates and look ahead to the powerful change we are poised to make along-side the 117th Congress and Biden-Harris administration to protect the rights of the vulnerable, with special attention to injustices surrounding gender, race, religion, and economic inequalities.

During this event — which is open to all who want to attend — we will be joined by legislators who champion our issues and who have broken barriers and brought new perspectives and identities to Congress. They'll share the priorities they're working on and their vision for the path forward with the issues we care about. Together we'll learn how each of us can personally make a difference and demonstrate to the new Congress the imperative to improve the lives of women, children, and families. Register <a href="here">here</a> for this free webinar.

# Join ng!

As we welcome the New Year, please Join Us and pay your 2020-21 dues. We look forward to your participation and look forward to "seeing you" in 2021!!

For more information please contact:

Marilynn Friedman (201) 568-0145; Joan Schnuer (201) 833-1006

# Council Thrift Shop

Sign up to be a "Savvy Shopper" and receive weekly notification of our special sales and items to entice you. Just send your email address to Doris at dsarokin@msn.com

Gold Rush donations are always welcome. Volunteers are needed to work in the store. Contact: Doris, dsarokin@msn.com or Fran, franeiniger@yahoo.com

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# THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS STAY-AT-HOME DONORS (as of 1.5.21)

We appreciate the support from our members to continue to our efforts locally and nationally. Our Stay-at-Home campaign continues in 2021.

Please help us make an even greater impact!!



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#### **Up to \$99**

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## **Celebrating Our Community Services**

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

**Youth Consultation Services (YCS)** provides services to thousands of New Jersey families who have children, birth to adulthood, with special needs. NCJW BCS supports two group homes: Kilbarchan, a treatment home for adolescents in Paterson, and Holley Child Care Center, a treatment facility for emotionally and/or physically abused children in Hackensack.

YCS has been on the forefront of keeping the children at Holley Center & Kilbarchan safe, healthy and educated throughout the Covid-19 health crisis. Through the implementation of advanced **Telehealth** services, the children are able to receive uninterrupted medical, clinical, and mental health care – needed more than ever during this pandemic. YCS trained and devoted staff are onsite daily interfacing with the children. All instruction is taking place remotely via computer.



Every year Bergen County Section volunteers celebrate the holidays with the children at the Holley Center serving the food provided by Section and singing songs with the children. In 2020 we supplied the food and are hopeful that we will be able to celebrate with the children in 2021.

For more information, contact Peggy Kabakow at peggyk1@optonline.net or visit www.ycs.org.

NCJW Bergen County Section: A Nobel Peace Prize Contributor

NCJW BCS is participating in Center for Food Action and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Services #10K4MLK Snack Pack Challenge to raise \$50,000 to fund 10,000 Snack Packs for area children. The virtual challenge on January 18 will celebrate the 92nd birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bergen County Section thanks its many members and the Wolfeiler-Simon Fund for their most generous contributions to our **Virtual Snack Pack Basket Initiative.** Together, we have raised \$3,500, earning us the designation of a Nobel Peace Prize contributor.

Snack packs are an important link in the fight against childhood hunger. In 2020 about **30,000 children** in Bergen County faced food insecurity, 113% more than in 2018.

While we can no longer pass the basket at in-person general meetings which helped cover the cost of snack packs, we are accepting contributions to the **Virtual Snack Pack Basket** on an **ongoing** basis.

Simply send a check payable to NCJW BCS with Snack Pack noted on the memo line to 75 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 or

Donate online at www.ncjwbcs.org and enter the amount next to the Virtual Snack Pack option.

All donations will be sent to the Center for Food Action Snack Pack Initiative.

Bergen County children need our generous support!







\$25 = 5 snack packs



\$50 = 10 snack packs

# **PASSAGES**

# We mourn the loss of Life Members Joyce Kalman and Elaine Gurland; and long time member Lee Rothenberg.

**Congratulations** to Nan Matlick on the birth of her 17th great grandchild Luke Halper.

**Congratulations to** Liz and Jon Warms on the birth of great grandson Alexander Segall and for celebrating their 60th anniversary.

Congratulations to Audrey Cole on the birth of grandchild Andie Leighton Perna.



#### **GOLD TRIBUTES**

Michelle Harris
To Jeff Kalman
in memory of his mother Joyce Kalman

### **SILVER TRIBUTES**

Joan & Allan Snider

To Brina & Rusty Rosenblatt

Congratulations on the Bat Mitzvah
of granddaughter Siri

Leah Fetner
To Gloria Hausman
In memory of grandson

Thrift Shop

To Gloria Hausman

In memory of grandson



### 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