

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

March - April, 2021

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Liron Peleg-Hadomi



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Debbie Gross



Samah Salame

Tuesday, March 16, 12:30 PM March General Meeting on **ZOOM** *Women Making Changes 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. **FREE EVENT.** Non-NCJW members register [here](https://www.ncjwbcs.org). Contact Carole Benson at cbenson@ncjwbcs.org.

Thursday, April 8, 12:30 PM Lunch and Learn on **ZOOM** *Holocaust Memorial Day*

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. Register by March 24 [here](https://www.ncjwbcs.org). Contact Paula Schwartz at pschwartz@gmail.com.



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.** 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.** 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. Save the date! Registration information to follow. Contact Paula Star at pstar66444@gmail.com.

Community Services & Partner Events

March 18, 2021, Thursday at 11 am and 7 pm (two separate sessions) Jewish Home at Rockleigh: Free one-hour strictly kosher Cooking Demonstration with Avi Feld. Learn how to prepare four exciting Passover dairy brunch dishes. Includes Q&A session. For cooking demo link and ingredients list, register at www.jewishhomefamily.org/passovercooking.

March 26, 2021, Friday: Jewish Home at Rockleigh will deliver free, hot, kosher meals to the doors of seniors in Bergen County.

To register to receive a meal call 201-518-1171 or email tcoulboly@jewishhomefamily.org;

To volunteer to deliver meals, call 201-478-4265 or email jcochrane@jewishhomefamily.org.



RABBIS FOR REPRO

NCJW has a long history of advocating for reproductive freedom. It is a Jewish value. To enhance its advocacy, NCJW Inc. initiated Rabbis for Repro, asking rabbis, cantors and Jewish educators to sign a pledge to speak out for reproductive rights, health and justice. Over 1,000 have signed throughout the country, approximately 100 in NJ and 15 in Bergen County, including Rabbi Jordan Millstein and all the Temple Sinai clergy. Concurrently in New Jersey, Thrive NJ, a coalition of over 70 organizations, is advocating for the Reproductive Freedom Act (S3030/A4848), comprehensive ground-breaking NJ legislation, and has formed an Interfaith Council to which the clergy of Temple Sinai have also signed on. NCJW designated the weekend of February 12 and 13 as Shabbat Repro as an opportunity for congregations to learn about the importance of reproductive freedom.

On Friday, February 12, at Temple Sinai's Shabbat services, led by Rabbi Educator Beth Kramer-Mazer and Cantor Nitza Shamah, long time board member of both NCJW Bergen County Section and Temple Sinai **Peggy Kabakow** gave an overview of this important program and urged members to join with NCJW BCS to advocate for the Reproductive Freedom Act. NCJW BCS Co-President **Elizabeth Halverstam** lit the Shabbat candles.

COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP

HELP WANTED

Council Thrift is looking for a part-time sales associate to work in the store Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 11:00AM - 5:00 PM. Responsibilities include interacting with customers, organizing merchandise, managing website inventory and implementing sales strategies. Salary range is \$12-\$15 per hour.

Email resumé to BCScouncilthrift@gmail.com.

NCJW BCS Welcomes New Members:

Ruth Ahnholz-Golian • Janis Kronenberg • Sheryl Millstein • Miriam "Mitzi" Smith

Do you know anyone that may be interested in joining NCJW BCS?

Reach out to Marilyn Friedman at marisfried@aol.com or Joan Schnuer at polten@optonline.net with her name and contact information and they will do the rest.

NCJW BERGEN COUNTY SECTION 2021 – 2022 SLATE OF OFFICERS

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2021-2022 Nominating Committee Chair: Ann Levenstein

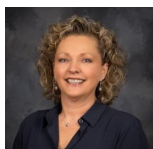
2020 – 2021 Nominating Committee: Leah Fetner, Chair; Gladys Laden, Past Chair;
Ruth Seitelman, Advisor; Committee: Marian Kugelmass, Ann Levenstein, Bea Podorefsky,
Marilyn Sirulnick, Alternates: Evelyn Masheb, Addie Rudin

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Celebrating Our Community Services



Bergen Medical Volunteer Initiative (BVMI): Amanda Missey, President and CEO of BVMI and one of the panelists at our January 19, 2021 General Meeting, was featured in a *Forbes* magazine article "Leading a Nonprofit Through a Crisis: Executives, Board, Staff, Volunteers, & Donors." Kudos to Amanda! Read the article [here](#).



MS Swim-In: *Swim-In is a signature program of our Bergen County Section. It provides therapeutic water exercise for people with Multiple Sclerosis in the swimming pool at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades in Tenaflly, and is supervised by a licensed physical therapist. NCJW BCS volunteers assist clients in the pool, the locker room and with wheelchairs in the pool area.*

In March 2020 when the program was halted due to the pandemic, NCJW BCS volunteers looked for new ways to stay in touch with the swimmers.

First was with weekly phone calls. Our 12 volunteers called the 20 swimmers to offer comfort and phone support. Although our MS clients expressed much gratitude for the phone calls, they really wanted to see each other, and we wanted to see them, too. So, we had informal Zoom gatherings throughout the summer and early fall. Then our long-time volunteer physical therapist (and NCJW Life Member) Ava Silverstein set up regular Zoom meetings for all swimmers and volunteers every other week, which are continuing in 2021. We have a chat session when clients bring up medical issues, share stories, and so forth. Then Ava directs half an hour of appropriate exercises. In addition to phone calls and Zoom meetings, our volunteers also sent holiday cards to our clients. We are all looking forward to the day when we can get back in the pool! For more information, contact Ina Miller-Silverstein at inams98@yahoo.com.

Photo by Hilary Vidars

CHARLOTTE BENNETT SCHOEN TO RECEIVE NCJW's PRESTIGIOUS HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD



For decades, Charlotte Bennett Schoen has worked as an advocate to change the global culture of violence. In the 1970's, as an Englewood Board of Health and League of Women Voters member, she was appointed by the mayor to establish and coordinate mental health services in Englewood, Teaneck, Leonia and Englewood Cliffs. The coordination of these vital services has expanded and exists to this day.

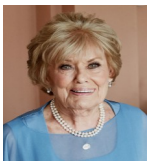
In the early 90's she was employed by the Bergen County Department of Human Services as Coordinator of the Community Court Watch Projects, organizing volunteers countywide to observe and report courtroom etiquette and responses of judges. The Court Watch II report was published and was part of the national wave of positive change regarding domestic violence laws. Charlotte was honored by the Bergen County Commission on the Status of Women and the State of NJ for her efforts (and the report is still available today). Charlotte also designed the Court Accompaniment Program at Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) and administered it for 14 years. It still exists today.

A long-time elected member of the Englewood Democratic Municipal Committee, Charlotte was elected to two terms on the Englewood City Council (2005 through 2010) and served as City Council President in 2007.

In 2011 she embraced the concept of Global Justice Advocacy and worked for 3-month periods at NGOs in southeast Asia, serving until 2014, in Lucknow, India; Chiang Mai, Thailand; and Yangon, Burma (Myanmar). She worked in the areas of education (training village women to keep girls in school); human rights; healthcare and education for sex workers; and peace-building programs. She employed her diversity of skills as she worked with the staff at SMILE (Smile Education and Development Foundation) and presented original peace projects in the cities of Yangon, Bago and Mandalay. Charlotte continues to collaborate with her Burmese colleagues on peace-building projects. A related exhibit was shown in 2018 at the Kaplen JCC in Tenafly, and she was featured on the front page of the Jewish Standard – Call for Justice (9/21/18).

Locally Charlotte also serves on the Board of the Englewood Historical Society, where its advocacy has been expanded and successful city-wide programs have been developed. She is an active member of the Englewood Rotary Club and is the current as well as a past chair of Rotary District 7490 Chair of Peace and Conflict Resolution. Since 2016 Charlotte has focused on advocacy and justice for immigrants who have come to the US for political asylum. In 2014 she attended an NCJW program that presented First Friends of NJ NY, a 20-year-old NGO whose mission is to "uphold the inherent dignity and humanity of detained immigrants and asylum seekers." She is now an active Board member of First Friends, making visits to people in detention at one of our local jails, mentoring new volunteers and promoting advocacy. Since 2009, Charlotte has been a life member of NCJW and served on the Board of Project S.A.R.A.H. which also honored her in 2010. Charlotte has two daughters, Lindsay Mara and Ava Lauren, both of whom are attorneys. This award will be presented to Charlotte at the NCJW BCS Zoom Installation on June 15.

WOMAN OF THE SECTION AWARD NANETTE MATLICK



Nanette Matlick moved to New Jersey in 1954 with two small children. Soon after, with 2 more children, she got involved in a small synagogue in Hasbrouck Heights and served as sisterhood president for two years. When her children reached school age, she became involved in their education, starting a cultural enrichment program for the elementary school. Once her children were grown, she began working as an administrative assistant for an electronic company. She was there for 20 years.

Upon retiring Nanette was looking for things to keep her busy. She attended an After Breast Cancer lecture, sponsored by NCJW, where she met Connie Hochberg. Connie told her all about National Council and invited her to NCJW's annual paid up membership luncheon. At this luncheon she heard about all the good work that NCJW supports. With her interests and background, she knew she'd be a perfect fit, becoming a life member.

Shortly after she joined, she was asked to participate on the scholarship committee. She continued for over twenty years and is currently co-chair. During her twenty-four years in the Section, Nanette has been dedicated to NCJW in many aspects. She was vice president of membership, successfully bringing in many new members. As vice president of fund-raising, she organized two successful trips, one being to Woodlock, the other Kislak Day Camp for seniors. The Section was given \$100 for every member who attended, thus raising \$1,400.

She was vice-president of community service for one year, and vice president of administration for two years. Nanette served on many committees: HIPPIY, Holley Center, the Waiting Room, Rockleigh Gift Shop, Program Committee, Future Planning and Development, and the Nominating Committee. She also ran several functions: Game Day for three years, Installation, and two successful summer parties. Nanette was chairperson for Solos for two years, where she planned trips to the Chihuly Glass exhibit at the NY Botanical Gardens, to Cape May and Wildwood Crest, and the last to Montreal and Quebec.

She is the proud great-grandmother of seventeen great grandchildren and counting. Nanette is grateful NCJW was available to her for all these years and is honored to be receiving this award. This award will be presented to Nanette at the NCJW BCS Virtual Installation on June 15.

Stay-at-Home Campaign

As you can see on the NCJW thermometer, we are getting closer to our goal of \$100,000.

If you have already sent in your donation, thanks so much for helping us get there.

If you have not given yet, please help us reach that goal!

Send your check to

Tobey Weiss, 595 Albin Street

Teaneck, NJ 07666

or donate online at www.ncjwbcs.org/donate.

As of March 1, 2021



\$2,500 +

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PASSAGES

We mourn the loss of our member Norma Railles

Condolences to:

Bernice Schwab on the passing of her brother Charles Golden.

Congratulations to:

Nan Matlick on the engagement of her granddaughter Samantha Schreiber to Jamie Ram.



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

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

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SILVER TRIBUTES

**Phyllis Palley, Sue Kanrich, Joan Cooper,
Joan Schnuer & Joan Teichman**

To Ginny Wasserman

In memory of husband Rubin

Felice Golden

To Lenore Eskow & family

On the passing of Norma Railles

Elizabeth Halverstam, Elaine Meyerson

& Bari-Lynne Schwartz

To Peggy Fine

On the passing of her partner Gerald Kotch

Fran Butensky, Ann Levenstein,

Doris Sarokin, Fran Spinowitz, Mitzi Smith

To Ginny Wasserman

On the passing of her husband Rubin

**Fran Butensky, Ann Levenstein, Sue Kanrich,
Doris Sarokin**

To Peggy Fine

On the passing of her partner Gerald Kotch

Sue Kanrich

To Carole Benson

Mazel tov on your new apartment

Sue Kanrich

To Estelle Greene

A special woman on her special birthday

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

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Paula Star

To Ginny Wasserman

On the passing of her husband
Rubin

Roxanne Reff

To Estelle Greene

Congratulations on your
101st birthday

Elizabeth Halverstam,

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Bari-Lynne Schwartz

To Ginny Wasserman

On the passing of her husband
Rubin