EDUCATION

With seven general meetings and a myriad of study groups throughout the year, NCJW BCS provides educational and stimulating programs and speakers. Monthly book groups provide thoughtful discussions on new and classic literature. Trips and guided tours of a variety of historic and cultural attractions are arranged in and around NJ and NY. The Solos group welcomes singles to its social events and trips.

PHILANTHROPY

Funds are raised from NCJW BCS members and the community in a broad variety of ways to support its mission. The section sponsors special events and provides creative individual and corporate giving opportunities.

THRIFT SHOP

NCJW BCS Thrift Shop is located at 75 South Washington Avenue in Bergenfield. Proceeds from the sale of donated gently-used clothes, accessories and household items go directly to support those in need in the community and provides gift cards to some clients of our community services.

SOCIAL ACTION IN ISRAEL

NCJW’s work in Israel directly mirrors the organization’s efforts to create progressive social change in the US. NCJW’s pioneering Israel programs foster and support education, promote the empowerment of women, and bridge the gaps in society for Israel’s vulnerable women, children and families.

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

Yad B’Yad, NCJW’s Initiative to Nurture Knowledge, is a grant program supporting grassroots organizations serving at-risk children and their families in Israel. Launched in 1998, the Yad B’Yad program has funded hundreds of grants since its inception in order to foster positive and innovative learning environments for individuals of all backgrounds.

Women to Women, NCJW’s Empowerment Initiative, is a grant program supporting grassroots organizations and efforts that aim to empower women in Israel. These projects address Israeli women’s rights and well-being in areas like economics, politics, education, domestic violence and social justice.

Bergen County Section contributes to the Israel Granting Program annually.

NCJW maintains an office in Jerusalem at Hebrew University

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**ABOUT NCJW**

National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and, by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

**ABOUT BERGEN COUNTY SECTION**

1923, fourteen women formed the Bergen County Section of NCJW to make a difference in their community. In the 40s, 50s, and 60s, there were approximately 500 members, ranging in age from 20 through 80 plus. Today there are more than 1,100 members whose commitment to advocacy, nonsectarian community service, education, and philanthropy continues with enthusiasm.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ADVOCACY**

Advocacy is about action. As part of the democratic process, NCJW BCS speaks out on important issues to federal, state, and local officials, as a group and individually, on the phone, with letters, faxes, and e-mails. Some recent NCJW public policy campaigns include Benchmark (judicial nominations), Plan A (contraceptive access), Promote the Vote (voter registration), and Higher Ground (to end domestic violence). Sign up online at www.ncjw.org to receive NCJW Action Alerts and click to take action.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

ADLER APHASIA CENTER is a place where people touched by aphasia, the loss of power to use words, can comfortably communicate.

BERGEN FAMILY CENTER SENIORS/SHINING LIGHTS is a unique social day care program for visually-impaired adults and other seniors.

BERGEN VOLUNTEER MEDICAL INITIATIVE (BVMI), staffed by volunteer medical professionals, provides free primary medical care to low income Bergen County working residents who have neither medical insurance nor the means to pay for care.

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION (CFA) provides emergency food, rent, and utility assistance to those in need in Bergen County.

CHILDREN’S COURT CARE CENTER (CCCC) is a supervised play area within the Bergen County Courthouse for children of litigants involved in court proceedings.

HIGHER GROUND is a joint community service/advocacy initiative which provides a designated waiting room — a safe haven — at the Bergen County Courthouse for domestic violence victims awaiting court appearances.

HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY) trains parents to be their children’s first teachers. Co-sponsored by Bergen Family Center, it provides monthly workshops for parents and their children.

JEWISH HOME AT HOME is a program to help seniors remain at home, well cared for and secure while maintaining the highest level of independence and quality of life.

JEWISH HOME AT ROCKEIGH is a comprehensive skilled nursing and geriatric facility offering the latest in technological advances and an array of amenities in a caring environment.

KNIT WITS knit hats, scarves, and afghans for seniors, children, hospital patients, the homeless, and victims of disasters.

PROJECT LITERACY OF BERGEN COUNTY provides tutors to teach adults to read, write, and speak English.

StoP (STRATEGIES TO PREVENT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE) works in coalition with Alternatives to Domestic Violence, Shelter Our Sisters, the Rape Crisis Center and Project S.A.R.A.H. by incorporating education, community action, and advocacy as a means to assist victims of domestic violence.

SUMMER CAMPSHIP is a unique, public-private fund providing children of working parents the opportunity to attend summer camp.

SWIM-IN, co-sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, is a therapeutic water exercise program for people with MS.

WALK-IN CENTER provides meals in a kitchen/dining center for people in need in Bergen County.

WOMEN’S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER/SHARED HOUSING (WRIC) offers job training and placement services as well as housing alternatives for single-parent families.

YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE HOLLEY CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT CENTER is a residential treatment facility for emotionally and/or physically abused children in crisis.

YOUTH CONSULTATION SERVICE KILBARCHAN is a residential treatment home for adolescents offering a safe environment to meet each teen’s developmental needs.