

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS

JUNE 2022

Watch your inbox for event details, location and zoom information or visit our **NEW** website for up-to-date information on all our events and activities.
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COUNCIL EVENTS

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS...

National Council of Jewish Women
Bergen County Section
cordially invites you to our

Installation & Awards Luncheon

Thursday, June 16, 2022
12:00 - 3:30 PM
Montammy Golf Club
Rt. 9W South, Alpine, NJ

Music • Live Auction

HONOREES
Liz Corsini
Hannah G. Solomon Award
Elizabeth Halverstam
Woman of the Section

TO VIEW/PRINT THE FULL INVITATION, [click here](#).

To pay online for luncheon, [click here](#).

Congratulate and celebrate the new officers and honorees.

To purchase a Journal Ad, [click here](#) to view and print the Ad form.

Are you a Life Member?

List your name on the Life Members' greeting page.

Are you a Grandma?

List your grandkids on the Grandma page.

Remember those who are no longer with us on the **In Memoriam page**.

[Click here](#) to print the form or [click here](#) to pay online.

For questions about the journal, call Gladys Laden at 201-836-3846 or gladys.laden@gmail.com.

A Special Thank You to Our Generous

Double Chai Sponsors: Valerie & Allen Hyman

and

Chai Sponsor: Felicia Leibman

Spring Luncheon Protocols

We are very excited that our Spring Luncheon is fast approaching. It will be so special to meet our friends, old and new, in person and celebrate our members and honorees.

We want to reassure everyone that only vaccinated people may attend. Proof of vaccination and boosters required. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

NEED A RIDE TO THE LUNCHEON?

Sign up to let us know that you need a ride. Provide all your contact information. COVID mask and vaccination requirements should be followed.

Contact bgoldenedit@aol.com or the NCJW BCS office at office@ncjwbc.org.

COUNCIL TRIP

Please note that the June Trip has been cancelled.



New VOLUNTEER Opportunity: Carpooling

NCJW BCS wants to offer carpools -- providing rides to and from meetings and events. Please sign up if you are willing to drive members from your town or an area in Bergen County near you.

Please sign up at bgoldenedit@aol.com and make sure to include all your contact information: name, phone, email and town where you live.

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NCJW NJ EVENTS

Friday, June 3, 2022, at 5:00pm, Rally in observance of National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Summit Village Green, NJ. NCJW Essex County Section is chairing this event. Bergen County Section is proud to join several prominent gun safety and public interest advocacy groups as a co-sponsor. Wear Orange to this event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

Monday, June 6, 2022, Family Promise Golf Outing, Edgewood Country Club, River Vale, NJ. Proceeds will support their mission to empower homeless working families to become self-sufficient. Contact aebeling@bergenfamilypromise.org.

Wednesday, June 8, 2022, Adler Aphasia Center Annual Gala, 6:30, VIRTUAL. To join [click this link](#). Contact Hilary Eth at hilaryeth@hotmail.com.

Thursday, Saturday, June 9-11, 2022, The Center for Hope and Safety will partner with Creative Bergen to participate in **Arts Amble 2022**, at the Rochelle Park Public Library. Artwork created by survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, created during our Art for Survival program, will be on display. For more information contact fwperskie@gmail.com.

Monday, July 25, 2022, Youth Consultation Services, Edgewood Country Club, River Vale, NJ, Charity Golf Classic. Contact Peggy Kabakow peggyk1@optonline.net.

Keep Us Informed

If you hear news about one of our members, please email office@ncjwbcs.org so we can notify Section members and include information in our next Council Connections. With almost 1,000 members, we might not hear of the passing of one of our members, or a close relative, or about happy events such as bar/bat mitzvahs, engagements, weddings and births.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE MONTH



The Adler Aphasia Center, located in Maywood, is once again running a full program for people with aphasia as well as offering services to family and caregivers. The program meets Monday through Thursday from 10 AM until 2 PM. Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one with the members. Members have aphasia, a difficulty speaking and gathering thoughts, often as a result of a stroke or other traumatic brain injury. The members are delightful (all ages from the 20's through the 90's), and the professional staff and volunteers are a joy to work with. Volunteers do not need any special skills, just an interest in helping people. Training is provided for volunteers and a one-hour or more weekly commitment is all that is needed. Most people spend more than an hour because they enjoy the work. To learn more about this agency, go to their website, <https://adleraphasiacenter.org>. For more information regarding volunteering, contact Hilary Eth at hilaryeth@hotmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ADLER APHASIA CENTER: Looking for volunteers who can provide at least one-hour a week to work with members with aphasia at our Maywood center. Volunteers help members with group activities, taking their orders for lunch, escorting them to and from their transportation and spending time with them to help them communicate. Training will be provided. Contact Hilary Eth at hilaryeth@hotmail.com.

FAMILY PROMISE WALK-IN DINNER PROGRAM: Tuesday, June 14th at 3 PM. Deliver food to the Bergen County shelter that you have prepared for the homeless. This is our last volunteer opportunity until August, 2022. To volunteer, contact Carol Bratman, cgoldbrat@aol.com, or Ilene Wechter at ilene5656@gmail.com.

JEWISH HOME at ROCKLEIGH: For any and all of the opportunities listed below, contact Carole Benson, cbenson@ncjw.org or Karen Kurland, karenkurl@verizon.net.

Library Assistant: Assist elders with selecting books. Sit with and read aloud to them. Short stories, novels, biographies, autobiographies, travel books—whatever the elder will enjoy. Any two hours, weekdays and Sundays.

Gift Shop Assistant: 12 pm to 2 pm, any Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday by arrangement.

KNIT WITS: It's hard to think of woolen scarves, hats, and blankets when summer is approaching and the temperature is rising, but hopefully our Knit Wit group will continue to do what we do best...make beautiful warm items for those in need. Please think of joining us as we keep busy knitting and crocheting. Any item you make is so appreciated. Any questions? Need wool? Please contact Sabina Sicklick at SabinaSicklick@yahoo.com or Marilynn Friedman at marisfried@aol.com.

THRIFT SHOP: We are still in need of volunteers to work in the store. Just a little bit of your time goes a long way to help us. To volunteer flexible hours to suit your busy schedule, contact Marcia Kopeloff, mgekopeloff@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS INFORMATION CENTER (WRIC): For any and all volunteer positions, contact Sue Kanrich, sakanrich@yahoo.com.

Career Counseling: Review and aid in resume writing and job interviewing skills.

ESL: Help students practice speaking English via Zoom.

Computer Skills: Tutor clients in MS Word, Email, Power Point, Excel, and more.

A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

Membership is ending this year on a high note. We had a full year of activities and advocacy despite the continuing pandemic, virtual meetings, virtual sightseeing trips and virtually everything replacing our Section's activities. We have new members who are very excited about what we offer as an organization.

Our Strategic Plan is being implemented by the expanded Membership committee. We've established performance measures for new activities to increase membership, and several ideas have already come to fruition.

Things are looking up. Our Section's activities are slowly becoming 'in person' programs. Several of our new members have shown great interest in different committees. If you'd like get involved, please call the office at 201-385-4847 or email office@ncjwbc.org.

So, it hasn't been an easy time, but we're starting the slow pivot back to the new normal. Be well and have a good summer.

SEEKING . . . MAYBE YOU?

We are seeking members with professional skill sets to volunteer and enhance our Section's work:

- Do you have experience in **Marketing** and/or **Public Relations** and have an interest in assisting the Section with public relations and branding?
- Do you enjoy **Merchandising**? Our Thrift Shop is seeking individuals who have an eye for fashion.
- Are you a numbers person with experience in **Accounting**? **Business finance**? **Banking**?
- **Are you creative and enjoy planning events?** Would you like to be part of a team that is creating our programs? Planning our trips? Or even planning Fundraising events?
- Are you a **Teacher** or a **Therapist** who wants to volunteer your professional skills working with a child, swimming and/or exercising with a person with Multiple Sclerosis or want to share yourself with our myriad of community service partners?
- Are you a **Social Worker, Lawyer or Health Professional** who is concerned about our democracy and is interested in writing action alerts, testifying at legislative hearings, or serving on an advocacy committee?

Please contact Joan Schnuer, VP of Membership at polten@optonline.net about your interest and you will be referred to someone who will speak with you to connect you to our team members.

COUNCIL THRIFT: TURNING THE CORNER

Council Thrift and Resale has turned the proverbial corner. Sales are up, and we have contributed money to Section each month while improving the look of our store.

The future is looking bright, and we look forward to pursuing new avenues as we continue to explore possibilities. On our agenda is strengthening our social media impact. We have enjoyed a wonderful experience with our first high school intern. We have learned from her and hope she goes away with knowledge gained from us. Now we await the arrival of the next intern.

If you have visited the store, you certainly noticed the organization of merchandise. Items are displayed according to design as well as color. To maintain cleanliness and improve the shopping experience for our customers, we have hired a part-time employee. This has been a big plus for us and for our full-time employees.

Our email list keeps growing and the quality of the donations we receive has improved. But don't think we are resting on our laurels. There are a number of new and exciting things in the works. Keep your eyes on Council Thrift and Resale.

To keep up the momentum we are seeking additional volunteers. Just a little time can go a long way in helping us to move forward. Contact Marcia Kopeloff at 201-265-2506.

OUR MOTTO: HIGHEST QUALITY AT LOWEST PRICES

STAY-AT-HOME PERSONAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The people listed here have donated to help NCJW BCS thrive
as of May 27

\$2,000 +

Fran Butensky
Sandra Fleisig
Elizabeth Halverstam
Albert & Miriam Horowitz
Ellen Jacobs
Peggy Kabakow
Ruth Kornheiser
Susan Laskin
Susan Leeds
Felicia Leibman
Ann Levenstein
Bea Podorefsky
Henrietta Wolfeiler

\$1,500 - \$1,999

Linda & Joe Horowitz
Gladys Laden
Marcia Levy
Ina Miller-Silverstein

\$1,000 - \$1,499

Helen Astmann
Andrea Becker
Carole & Gerald Benson
Mimi Bookstaver
Fran Einiger
Norma Goldsmith
Nita & Joe Gottesman
Maggie Kaplen
Elaine K. Meyerson
Addie Rudin
Bari-Lynne Schwartz

\$750 - \$999

Susan Kanrich
Evelyn Masheb
Erika Reis

\$500 - \$749

ANONYMOUS
Celia Argintar
Evalyn Brownstein
Hilary Eth
Susan Faxon
Eva Gans
Nancy Kozeradsky
Marian Kugelmass
Karen Kurland
Nancy Nachman
Joan Ornstein
Flora Perskie
Roxanne Reff
Sabina Sicklick
Paula Star
Tobey Weiss
Emily Wilkins
Lorraine Zywtow

\$250 - \$499

Fran Althuler
Linda Chalfin
Mary Sue Ehrenberg
Estelle Greene
Vivian Hesselson
Jacqueline Kates
Rina Litwin
Carol Marcus
Aida Melamed
Cathy Mirra
Phyllis Palley
Elaine Pollack
Liz Roditi
Doris Sarokin
Peggy Schneider
Ruth Seitelman
Marilyn Sirulnick
Joan Snider
Shirley Sosland

\$100 - \$249

ANONYMOUS
Ethel Atlas Abrams
Gerilyn Bader
Irma Praise Ball
Sheila Barkow
Deanne Bernstein
Paula Bilow
Teris Binder
Lois Katz Brown
Harriet Cohen
Liz Corsini
Judith Distler
Sandy Feinberg
Marilyn Frank
Rena Frankle
Arlene Friedman
Marilynn Friedman
Grace Fuld
Arlene Gartenberg
Dorothy Glantz
Edith Goldman
Mildred Graye
Micki Grunstein
Susan Hagoel
Rita Halpern
Joan Herman
Eva Holzer
Mitzi Inwood
Beatrice Jacob
Marietta Kalin
Alice Kanrich
Edith Kaplan
Robin Katz
Geri Kaufman

Suzanne Keusch
Barbara Kosoff
Marianne Lawton
Frances Levine
Gail Levinson
Roberta Lew
Judith Liebman
Eva Liebmann
Marilyn Linder
Frances Lipton
Sandra Loft
Joan Losen
Ellie Lubin
Lisbeth Malkin
Nanette Matlick
Kate Mowlem
Hennie Ostrower
Gina Plotino
Linda Poskanzer
Judith Rabinor
Karen Rappaport
Leslie Schlesinger
Joan Schnuer
Judith Segal
Marilyn Siegel
Felice Stokes
Joan Teichman
Carol Vuernick
Elizabeth Warms
Ginny Wasserman
Lillika Weinberger
Suzanne Wiener
Shelly Winner
Trina Wolf

Up to \$99

Marsha Alter
Susan Barnett
Marianne Berg
Phyllis Besen
Phyllis Betancourt
Janet Blaustein
Naomi Blumenfeld
Martha Brody
Elinor Buchbinder
Janet Codos
Joan Cooper
Ruth Cowan
Gwen Dubno
Nancy Dweck
Nancy Ferer
Leah Fetner
Shirley Finkelstein
Barbara Fishman
Carlene Fleishman

Naftali Ratzersdorfer and
Sharon Barth Fund
Dori Gerber
Deborah Gilbert
Rita Graham
Anita Greenberg
Janet Grossbard
Debra Gruber
Rosalyn Hantman
Jeanne Howard
Felice Kirsh
Bonnie Kissel
Joan Knauer
Marcia Kopeloff
Stephanie Kwait
Irma Landsberger
Judith Lebson
Priscilla Lindenauer
Janice Lipsitz
Barbara Luciano
Elaine Manberg
Babette Mayer
Gail Prystowsky
Florence Remes
Ruth Rosenberg
Debra Starr Rubenstein
Selma Schenkman
Frances Schwartz
Paula Schwartz
Carla Silver
Alicia Simpson
Bernice Slotnick
Kathy Smith
Renee Stark
Sigrid Jean Strauss
Bea Tendler
Elaine Vogel
Linda Walden
Ilene Wechter
Debra Wolf
Diana Yacobi
Barbara Zucker

Tree of Life

Making waves at Washington Institute

NCJW Bergen County Section's leadership attended Washington Institute joining other like-minded NCJW members from throughout the country and Israel.



Co-Presidents and Board Member Peggy Kabakow sit with Congressman Pascrell to discuss reproductive health issues.



VP Linda Walden meeting US Special Envoy Deborah Lipstadt



Hundreds of Jews rally at the U.S. Capitol for abortion rights

Jewish views on abortion are complex across the ideological spectrum, but law and tradition do not ban it

By Michelle Boorstein and Ellie Silverman
May 17, 2022 at 6:11 p.m. EDT

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness



Appeared in Metro Section of Washington Post

BANS OFF OUR BODIES

Fight For Reproductive Freedom

Bari-Lynne Schwartz, Co-President of National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section, had the honor of speaking at the "Bans Off Our Bodies" event in Teaneck on Sunday, May 22nd along with distinguished Senator Loretta Weinberg and other community leaders.

NCJW believes that every individual has the right to bodily autonomy and privacy, free from government, political and religious interference in ALL health care decisions.



Marcia Levy, Fran Einiger, Ina Miller-Silverstein and Michael Silverstein



Speakers: Tara Norman (Planned Parenthood of Northern New Jersey); Assemblywomen Ellen Parks and Shama Haider; Gwenette Reese (National Coalition of 100 Black Women – Bergen Passaic Chapter); Senator Loretta Weinberg; Lil Corcoran (Women's Rights Information Center); Helen Archontou (YWCA Northern New Jersey); and Bari-Lynne Schwartz (NCJW BCS).

Passages

Congratulations to:

All our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who graduated this year!

Paula Dillon and Geri Kaufman on the birth of grandson/great grandson Elliott Chen.

Bea Podorefsky on the marriage of her granddaughter Karen Podorefsky to Daniel Pearlman.

Susan Faxon and Ann & Bob Levenstein and on the engagement of their daughter/granddaughter Kate Faxon to Jordan Lerner.

Celia Argintar on the engagement of her granddaughter Laura Argintar to Josh Levy.



GOLD TRIBUTES

Elaine & Larry Meyerson
To Susan Laskin and family
In memory of husband Dr. Steven Laskin

Ann & Bob Levenstein, Ruth & Marty Kornheiser,
Elaine Meyerson, Ina Silverstein & Bari-Lynne Schwartz
To Dana Miller and family
On the passing of their mother Joan Snider

SILVER TRIBUTES

Joan Schneider, Joel Feldman
To Dana Miller and family
In memory of her parents Joan & Allen Snider

Ina Miller-Silverstein & Bari-Lynne Schwartz
To Susan Laskin
In memory of her husband Dr. Steven Laskin

Sue Kanrich
To Liz Corsini
On receiving the Hannah G. Solomon Award

To Elizabeth Halverstam
In honor of being named Woman of the Section

To Linda Walden
Congratulations on receiving the Pacesetter Award

To Lois Katz Brown
Congratulations on receiving the Pacesetter Award

To Hilary Eth
Congratulations on receiving the Emerging
Leader Award

To Cathy Mirra
On receiving the Jane Abraham Advocacy Award

BRONZE TRIBUTES

Fran Einiger, Sue Kanrich, Ann Levenstein
To Susan Laskin and family
In memory of husband Dr. Steven Laskin

Carolyn & Joel Cooperman, Sue Kanrich,
Lynn Abelson (Shalom Club),
Micki Grunstein, Barbara Fishman
To Dana Miller and family
In memory of her parents Joan & Allen Snider

Hermine Chanin-Gorenberg
To Nicole Chanin
"To Help You Fight Our Fight"

Send a Tribute

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

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