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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: ANGELIKA SALEH



At a 1972 film premiere.

Angelika Saleh was born in Munich and, like many Germans during the war, she moved to the countryside in Austria to escape the bombings. She had a dream one night that she was wearing a blue uniform and walking down stairs. Later, in the kitchen, her dad saw an advertisement looking for PanAm Airline stewardesses and said Angelika should interview. In the days when interviewing with PanAm was essentially a beauty contest, Angelika was picked as one of 30 among hundreds of women. She became one of the first flight attendants for PanAm, and it opened Angelika's eyes to the world.

Angelika moved to the US in 1957 and met her husband Joseph on a double date soon after and they later married in 1959. He was an Iranian Jewish immigrant who immigrated to the US in 1944. At the time, he said he couldn't date her because she wasn't Jewish and he could only marry a Jewish girl. He tried to move on from her but six months after their first date he called her and said he couldn't stay away. They were very much in love, and so she converted to Judaism for him and they married. Her husband was in realty and film production/distribution, and although she was not technically employed, she helped produce *Streetwise* after Joseph met Mary Ellen Mark, as well as the Oscar Nominated *A Room with a View*.



Angelika and her family circa 1965.



At the Cannes Film Festival in 1972.

After realizing that there were few theaters interested in showing independent films, Joseph founded the Angelika Film Distributor, and later the Angelika Film Center in 1989. The theater was very successful, especially because in the '90s independent films were very much in vogue. Angelika herself had a keen eye for film and loved picking films for the Angelika Film Center. The theater showed *Pulp Fiction* and Quentin Tarantino thanked the Angelika by name in his Oscar speech.

Angelika's father was a musician and conductor for the Munich opera, and he instilled in her a love of music and culture. She also loved interior design and fine art, buying many beautiful paintings.

In the early 2000s, she became friendly with jazz musicians, hosting parties in her apartment. Musicians would come from out of town and stay with her. Two years ago, her daughter Eva found out about NCJW NY, and since joining, Angelika's life has really improved. For example, she greatly enjoys the



*Dancing with Richard,
the LINC instructor.*

music, personal attention, the instructor and volunteers at the Helen Bloom LINC (Lunch, Interaction, Nurturing, and Companionship) program. Eva says that Angelika lives for music. A lot of her friends have moved away and NCJW NY's programs have been a great way for Angelika to meet new people, including her favorite dance partner, Ruth. In addition to NCJW NY, she often goes to see free live music at Lincoln Center. NCJW NY has even introduced Angelika to new activities such as Zumba. Eva shares that she never knew her mother to be a dancer, but she's watched her at LINC and Angelika is very graceful and theatrical.

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE: FATHER & DAUGHTER DISCUSS EMERGING LEADERS COUNCIL

Talia Metson and Michael Gottlieb have a comfortable, supportive rapport; as father and daughter, they share not only genes but a passion for service and community engagement. Talia is one of NCJW NY's first Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) members, but is happy to point out that she is the one who first introduced her father to NCJW NY, when he accompanied her to volunteer at the Community Kitchen ten years ago. He quickly fell in love with the organization, becoming a Board member, and a Co-chair of the Wednesday Community Kitchen. He now brings Talia's two young sons every week, and he has noticed how it's shaped them to seek out and value service in their everyday lives.

The burgeoning ELC brings together passionate, driven, and philanthropically minded young people to lead and engage their peers and communities in NCJW NY's mission. Talia is drawn to the ELC as it gives her an outlet to be socially engaged and give back to her community while connecting with her Jewish identity. In particular, she's excited to lend her professional experience and knowledge to the #ProTruth Campaign against fake clinics which manipulate and lie to women about abortion all over the country. As a nonprofit lawyer, she recently worked with an organization helping transport women from states without safe abortion care to states which will help them.

Michael is thrilled that his daughter is involved in the ELC; he sees it as a great opportunity for Talia and her peers to grow as leaders in both their Jewish and secular communities, to model service and generosity to today's kids, and to carry NCJW NY forward.



*Michael and Talia at a family
dinner.*

BOOK GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 11AM

July 26th

A Pigeon and a Boy
by Meir Shalev

August 30th

Loxfinger
by Sol Weinstein



CPR MUSIC INVINCIBLE

Performance
July 12th

MAE WEST

Lecture by Max
Alvarez
July 26th

TBD

August 9th

“YOU & YOUR SISTER”

Instrumentals and Vocals
August 23rd

GERSON CULTURAL ARTS

THURSDAYS AT 1PM

These events are
free and open to
the public, thanks
to a generous grant
from the Gerson
Family Foundation.
Refreshments are
served.



HEALTH INSURANCE

NCJW NY is hosting a free bi-weekly health insurance counseling program from the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIIICAP). Do you have questions about Medicare or meeting the costs of long-term care? Come talk to us! Every other Thursday from 10am to noon; next on July 12th through the summer.

Please contact Letitia Maun at (646) 884-9471 or лмаun@ncjwny.org to schedule an appointment.

I AM PRO•TRUTH

NCJW NY is proud to launch #ProTruth, a campaign and a movement to fight the deceptive tactics of fake clinics, also known as “crisis pregnancy centers,” in New York City. Fake clinics deceive their patients with lies and scare tactics to limit their access to abortion care. Often, they have no medical personnel and are staffed by volunteers.

We believe it is unacceptable for any person to be manipulated or lied to about their body. Everyone has a right to know the truth about their health, and make the healthcare decisions right for them.

#ProTruth is a coalition composed of the National Institute for Reproductive Health, Lady Parts Justice League, #Exposefakeclinics, Abortion Access Hackathon, Get Organized Brooklyn’s Women’s Health and Reproductive Rights (WHARR), The Office of City Council Member Helen Rosenthal, New York Latina Advocacy Network and Planned Parenthood of NYC.

You can visit our new website at www.ProTruthNY.org and follow us @IAmProTruth. To find out more about #ProTruth and how you can get involved, please contact Aviva Zadoff at azadoff@ncjwny.org or (646) 884-9466.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Since 1894, members have been critical in sustaining our various initiatives, and have shaped what the organization looks like today. As we approach our 125th Anniversary, we have begun to think about our next 125 years—but we can't get there without you! **Now more than ever**, progressive individuals are finding purpose and strength by aligning with like-minded grassroots organizations. The breadth of our programming and various ways we offer members to engage with each other and the population we serve makes NCJW NY a welcoming place for all New Yorkers.

Benefits Include:

- Join a **COMPASSIONATE AND COURAGEOUS COMMUNITY** of like-minded individuals working towards social justice and systemic change
- **TAKE ACTION WITH US!** Whether it's volunteering with our children's literacy program, serving hot meals to the hungry, or advocating in the halls of Congress and Albany, there is something for everyone!
- **ACCESS** to Council Lifetime Learning courses
- Add your voice and **AMPLIFY THE PROGRESSIVE AGENDA** at federal, state, and local levels
- Opportunity to **SUSTAIN CRITICAL PROGRAMS AND ADVOCACY** efforts that impact our community
- **INVITATIONS** to Annual Meeting, Fall Membership event, and other special events
- Receive monthly NCJW NY **UPDATES**

At this time, we ask you to please further support our mission and help keep our doors open by renewing your membership with NCJW NY. Please visit www.ncjwny.org/membership or fill out the form on the back of this Bulletin to renew.

SPRING 2018 CLL GROUPS & CLASSES

ART CLASSES

BEADING STUDIO

Mondays, 10 to 12 | July 2 to Aug 13 | \$35

CERAMICS

Mondays, 2:45 to 4:45 | July 2 to Aug 13 | \$90*

David Hollingsworth; *Materials included

MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

Tuesdays, 10 to 12 | July 3 to Aug 14 | \$65*

Donna Levinstone; *Materials included

OPEN STUDIO

Mondays, 10 to 12 | July 2 to Aug 13

Thursdays, 1 to 3 | July 5 to Aug 16 | \$35

PAINTING IN ALL MEDIA

Wednesdays, 10 to 1 | July 11 to Aug 15 | \$85

Wednesdays, 2 to 5 | July 11 to Aug 15 | \$85

Gene Wisniewski

PASTELS

Fridays, 10 to 12:30 | July 6 to Aug 17 | \$65*

Donna Levinstone; *Materials included

STAINED GLASS

Tuesdays, 10 to 12 | July 3 to Aug 14 | \$65*

Yvette Bendahan; *Materials included

WEAVING STUDIO

Fridays, 10 to 12 | July 6 to Aug 17 | \$35

PERFORMING ARTS

ELLIE RESSLER MUSICAL THEATRE

Fridays, 1 to 2:30 | \$25 for 6 classes

Mark York; *Schedule May Change

INSTRUCTIONAL VOICE

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 | July 3 to Aug 14 | \$70

William Lyon Lee

EXERCISE

FELDENKRAIS

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 | July 3 to Aug 14 | \$40

Margot Townsend

NIA WISE MOVES

Thursdays, 11 to 12 | July 5 to Aug 16 | \$40

Ellen Zimmerli

ZUMBA GOLD

Mondays, 3 to 4 | July 2 to Aug 11 | \$40

Roger Puckett

DISCUSSION

ASTRONOMY

Tuesdays, 12:35 to 1:45

Laird Whitehill

CLL COLLEGE

Mondays, 1:15 to 2:15 | Tuesdays, 2 to 3 | \$10

CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH

Wednesdays, 9:30 to 10:30

Sarah Jimenez

EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF AGING

Thursdays, 2:15 to 3:15

Member Led

MEDITATION

Wednesdays, 11 to 12:15

Richard Goldberg

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays, 12:10 to 1:10

Howard Fischer

MIND AEROBICS

Tuesdays, 11 to 12

SHORT READS, LONG CONVERSATIONS

Wednesdays, 1 to 2 in July

Ruth Taller and Arlene Kossoff

SHORT STORY

Mondays, 11 to 12

Ruth Taller & Betty Feldman

TECH SOUP 101

Mondays, 10 to 12

Volunteers from Engage JCC

WOMEN'S GROUP

Mondays, 12:10 to 1:10

Marcia Ostwind

Unless otherwise noted, Discussion groups are free to members, and are offered year-round.

***Please note that CLL will be closed on the following dates:**

**Tuesday, 7/4
Thursday, 8/2
Friday, 8/3
Monday, 8/6**

Sign up online at ncjwny.org/event/spring-classes or by phone at (212) 687-5030 x 0 or by mailing in the form on the back of the bulletin.

Classes are open only to Members in good standing. Scholarships are available to those in need.

HEALTHY LIVING

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH THROUGH AYURVEDA

Friday, August 24th

Join Ayurveda Wellness Counselor, Beth Lauren (NCJW NY's former Director of Development) for an informative discussion. Have you ever longed for a clear path to vibrant health and an enduring sense of peace, contentment, and joy? Look no further than Ayurveda, which means "knowledge of life." While the tradition is believed to be over five thousand years old, Ayurveda remains as relevant as ever today.

All workshops are held in the Cafe from 1pm to 2pm with coffee and tea for all participants. If you have any questions, please contact Letitia Maun at (646) 884-9471 or lmaun@ncjwny.org.

REBEKAH'S LEGACY

Safeguard the Future with a Planned Gift

You can support the vital work we do by joining **REBEKAH'S LEGACY**, our exclusive society for members and donors in memory of NCJW NY's first president, Rebekah Kohut, whose legacy of public service lives on in our diverse programming and dedication to our community.

Help us achieve another 125 years of service.

For more information on how you can give back, please contact our Director of Development, Sarah Waldbott, at (646) 884-9462 or swaldbott@ncjwny.org.

Save the date! This year's Back 2 School Store (B2SS) is Sunday, August 5th! Transforming Council House into a very special "department store" for one day, our B2SS completely outfits 200 children from economically disadvantaged families, at no cost to them. We work in partnership with eight community-based agencies, who select and pre-register eligible children to come to the store. **We also rely on about 150 volunteers to help guide the children through the store to pick out everything they need to go back to school with pride and enthusiasm!** This annual event is a highlight of the NCJW NY calendar, and is an exciting day for participants and volunteers.

Look out for an email in the coming weeks to sign up to volunteer at the B2SS and help make this year's event a success! For more information, please contact Aviva Zadoff at azadoff@ncjwny.org.

Can't volunteer? You can support the B2SS by filling out the form on the back of this Bulletin or by donating at www.ncjwny.org/programs/#backtoschoolstore.



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Class (fill in name and price)	Price	Total
Back 2 School Store Campaign		
Membership (\$72 for seniors; \$125 regular)		

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

☐ My check in the amount of \$ _____, payable to NCJW NY, is enclosed.

☐ Please charge my credit card \$ _____. ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security _____

Signature _____