

# ANNUAL SPRING GALA

APRIL 30, 2019



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6:00 P.M. RECEPTION | 7:00 PM DINNER & AWARDS PROGRAM

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[WWW.NCJWNY.ORG/EVENT/2019-SPRING-GALA](http://WWW.NCJWNY.ORG/EVENT/2019-SPRING-GALA)

# MEET PRISCILLA BALCH

*Written by Marion Lyons*

It was a lucky day for NCJW NY when Priscilla Balch joined shortly after she retired in 2001. She was attracted to the organization by the Jewish Women's Film Festival, a program of the Eleanor Leff Jewish Women's Resource Center (JWRC). Because of her dedication and leadership, within two years she was invited to be co-chair of the JWRC itself.

Priscilla says the JWRC could be called the feminist branch of NCJW NY, which is why she is so committed to its programs. "I am a feminist," she says proudly and has been since feminism became a movement in the seventies. The Film Festival promotes women's empowerment by specifically featuring films about Jewish women and their lives. Priscilla remarked that the Jewish world used to be much more conservative. "For example, women couldn't open the ark doors in front of the Torah, but today they do," she says. Over the years, the JWRC has been involved in making changes to the Jewish liturgy and culture to include more women. The JWRC sponsors semiannual conferences focusing on topics vital to women's lives. This year's event will be about aging in place -- how to adjust and enjoy life.



Recently Priscilla became Co-Chair of the Management Council, joining Shirley Bisgeier in this role. The Management Council is made up of the chairs of all the NCJW NY volunteer programs. She explained that committee chairs have the opportunity to learn about the activities of other committees and find ways to work together. "It's a wonderful organization," Priscilla exclaims. She adds that there are opportunities for new volunteers to join many of the committees.

Priscilla was the head school librarian at Midwood High school in Brooklyn where she worked for 13 years. She says she had a good principal who believed in libraries. She enjoyed her job and was there to oversee the library becoming automated. It was hard work but she enjoyed it.

Priscilla is a bi-coastal woman. She has two sons; one lives in California so she travels to the West Coast 4 or 5 times a year to visit him, his wife and 3 grandsons. Her other son is a New Yorker who lives with his wife and "sweetheart" cat. Priscilla is a dog lover and over the years has adopted 3 beautiful beagles.

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## COUNCIL LIFETIME LEARNING PASSOVER SEDER

*Tuesday, April 9th at 12 PM*

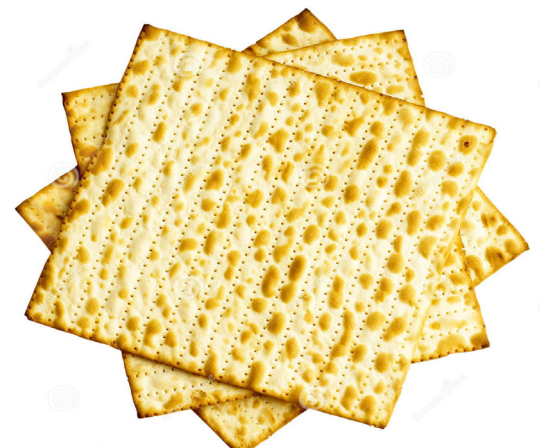
*First Floor Cafe*

*Join us for a traditional Seder meal and an abbreviated reading of the Haggadah led by Gila Drazen.*

*Register by March 28th: Members \$18, Guests \$25*

*Register after March 28th: Members \$25, Guests \$30*

**Please see Denise to register and pay, or call her at 212-687-5030 ext. 0**



# HEALTHY LIVING

**April 5th:** Join us for an important workshop on Long Term Care Planning with Jason Lehrer, a financial advisor at Main Street Financial Group

*We are excited to continue welcoming fellows from the Department of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai to Council Lifetime Learning.*

**April 12th:** Falls/Fall Prevention and Strengthening Balance with Kelly Cummings, MD

**May 24th:** Aging and Sexuality with Steph Schmitz, MD

**June 21st:** Stroke Awareness and Prevention with Caroline Croons, MD

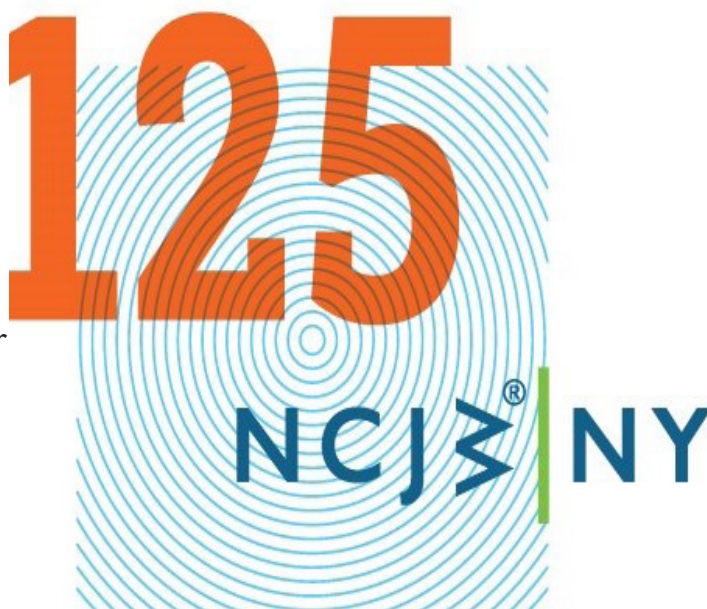
Healthy Living programs take place from 1-2 PM in the Cafe. Please contact Letitia Maun at 646-884-9471 or [Imaun@ncjwny.org](mailto:Imaun@ncjwny.org) for further information.

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## NCJW NY CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

We are so excited to be celebrating our 125th anniversary in 2019. In 1894, NCJW NY was founded when a group of women came together to directly address social inequities in New York City, and to advocate for progressive policy change. Today, while many things in New York have changed, the need for our work has not. In fact, in 2019, our work is more important than ever.

In late 2018, we brought together a diverse group of volunteers, donors, and staff, both veterans and new folks for a series of planning meetings. We determined that while it's vital to use our 125th anniversary to acknowledge NCJW NY's groundbreaking history, we also want to celebrate the present, and look forward to the future. That's why our tagline for this special year is "NCJW NY: Making Change Happen, Then and Now." Our anniversary logo features a series of rings, symbolizing how our organization has always, and will continue to evolve with the times. We also used these meetings to brainstorm on various special events and celebrations we will be having throughout the year, so make sure to stay tuned to the Bulletin to learn more about these events as they come closer.



We hope you will join us as we celebrate. If you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to reach out to Andrea Salwen Kopel, Executive Director or Susan Siegel, our president.

**PIANIST ERIC YVES GARCIA**

April 4th

**CONCERTS IN MOTION**

Violinist Suzy Perelman  
April 18th

**THEATRE OF LIGHT INC. PRODUCTION: LIGHTSUP/FADETBLACK**

May 9th

**CLASSICAL PIANIST JEFFREY SWANN**

May 23rd

**JOSHUA HALBERSTAM**

Lecture: "Aging and Humor"  
June 6th

**TBD**  
June 20th

**TBD**  
June 27th

**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.*



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**JEWISH WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER**

**BOOK GROUP**

THURSDAYS AT 11 AM

**SECRET SHADOWS**

by Roberta Silman

April 25th

**RIVKA'S WAR**

by Marilyn Oser

May 30th



**ALEXANDRIAN SUMMER**

by Yitzhak Gormezano Goren

translated by Yardenne Greenspan

June 27th

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**HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING**

NCJW NY continues to provide free bi-weekly health insurance counseling from the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIIICAP). Bring your questions regarding Medicare enrollment or coverage, Medicare Advantage plans, Medigap plans, Medicare prescription drug plans and/or meeting the costs of long term care.

**Upcoming Sessions: 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16 5/30**

Please contact Letitia Maun at (646) 884-9471 or [Imaun@ncjwny.org](mailto:Imaun@ncjwny.org) to schedule an appointment

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**LEGAL COUNSELING**

We are hosting free legal counseling through the Mobile Legal Help Center of New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) on **April 1st and June 17th**. The Mobile Center's staff are bilingual and provide free legal assistance on civil issues. To schedule your appointment, please contact Letitia Maun at (646) 884-9471 or [Imaun@ncjwny.org](mailto:Imaun@ncjwny.org).



# COUNCIL LIFETIME LEARNING SPRING ART SHOW

Thursday, May 9th | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | First Floor Café

Council Lifetime Learning Art Students will show and sell their original work at Gallery 241 in Council House.

Purchase jewelry, wall hangings, ceramics and more!



## Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration

Thursday, May 2nd | 1 PM - 3 PM

*The Eleanor Leff Jewish Women's Resource Center Steering Committee is pleased to host a special presentation by Solomon Kofinas who will speak about his experiences during World War II.*

**This program is *FREE* but *RSVP* is recommended. Light refreshments will be served. *RSVP* online at [ncjwny.org/event/shoah](http://ncjwny.org/event/shoah) or leave a voicemail at 212-687-5030 ext. 473.**

## NEW COUNCIL LIFETIME LEARNING CLASSES IN SPRING 2019

### What's The Question?

Tues. 11AM-12PM

Tom Kranidas

Each session will pose a famous question from a well-known literary text. Tom will provide background on the text before jumping into a group discussion about the social and ethical issues surround the question and its potential answers.

### Current Events

Thurs. 11AM-12PM

Jeffrey Zadoff

Join Jeffrey Zadoff for cookies and great conversations. We will be cordially discussing current events that take place in the community, nation and world. Bring your vast knowledge and experience and let us all share our individuality in tasteful, meaningful and spirited discussions. Jeffrey, a retired IT professional with a passion for current events, is NCJW NY's very-own staff member Aviva Zadoff's father.

### Documentary Film Series

Monthly on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 PM

Howard Fischer

Each film will be followed by a Q&A. Series will meet on: 4/11, 5/30, 6/13.

### Discovering Chi

Wed. 11AM-12PM

Roger Puckett

Discovering Chi: a slow dance that unlocks the energy within you. Awakening the body through gentle and dynamic moves.

# SPRING 2019 CLL GROUPS & CLASSES

## ART CLASSES

### OPEN STUDIO

Mondays, 10 to 12 | Apr 8 to June 17 | \$35  
Thursdays, 1 to 3 | Apr 11 to June 13 | \$35

### BEADING

Mondays, 10 to 12 | Apr 8 to June 17 | \$35  
Rena Rappaport; Materials included

### CERAMICS

Mondays, 1 to 3 | Apr 8 to June 17 | \$65  
Maria DeSimone; Materials included

### MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

Tuesdays, 10 to 12 | Apr 9 to June 11 | \$90  
Donna Levinstone; Materials included

### STAINED GLASS

Tuesdays, 10 to 12 | Apr 9 to June 11 | \$65  
Yvette Bendahan; Materials included

### PAINTING IN ALL MEDIA

Wednesdays, 10 to 1 | Apr 10 to June 12 | \$115  
Wednesdays, 2 to 5 | Apr 10 to June 12 | \$115  
Gene Wisniewski

### WATERCOLOR

Thursdays, 1 to 3 | Apr 11 to June 13 | \$65  
Al Bukszpan; Materials included

### WEAVING

Fridays, 10 to 12 | Apr 12 to June 14 | \$150  
Jamie Boyle

### PASTELS

Fridays, 10 to 12:30 | Apr 12 to June 14 | \$120  
Donna Levinstone; Materials included

### FIGURE DRAWING

Fridays, 1 to 3 | Apr 12 to June 14 | \$65  
Jon Rettich

### ZUMBA GOLD

Mondays, 3 to 4 | Apr 8 to June 17 | \$60  
Roger Puckett

### FELDENKRAIS

Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 | Apr 9 to June 11 | \$60  
Margot Townsend

### PILATES

Tuesdays, 3 to 4 | Apr 9 to June 11 | \$65  
Mike Lesser

### DISCOVERING CHI

Wednesdays, 11 - 12 | Apr 10 - June 12 | \$60  
Roger Puckett

### NIA WISE MOVES

Thursdays, 11 to 12 | Apr 11 to June 13 | \$50  
Ellen Zimmerli

### YOGA

Fridays, 10:50 to 11:50 | Apr 12 to June 14 | \$55  
Agnes Atwood

## DISCUSSION

### ESL

Mondays, 10 to 11  
Demetrios Siatos

### TECH SOUP 101

Mondays, 10 to 12  
Volunteers from Engage at the JCC

### SHORT STORY

Mondays, 11 to 12  
Ruth Taller & Betty Feldman

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Mondays, 12:10 to 1:10  
Marcia Ostwind

### WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

Tuesdays, 11 to 12  
Tom Kranidas

### MEN'S LIFE GROUP

Tuesdays, 12:10 to 1:10  
Howard Fischer

### ASTRONOMY

Tuesdays, 12:35 to 1:35  
Laird Whitehill

### CLL COLLEGE: SCIENCE

Tuesdays, 2 to 3 | \$10

### CLL COLLEGE: HISTORY

Mondays, 1 to 2 | \$10

### MEDITATION

Wednesdays, 11 to 12:15  
Richard Goldberg

### SHORT READS, LONG CONVERSATIONS

Wednesdays, 1 to 2  
Ruth Taller and Arlene Kossoff

### CURRENT EVENTS

Thursdays, 11 to 12  
Jeffrey Zadoff

### DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES \*ONCE A MONTH

Thursdays (4/11, 5/30, 6/13) 12:30 to 2:30  
Howard Fischer

### EMOTIONAL ASPECTS OF AGING

Thursdays 2:30 to 3:30  
Howard Fischer

### INSTRUCTIONAL VOICE

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 | Apr 9 to June 11 | \$110  
William Lyons Lee

### ACTING

Wednesdays, 3 to 4:30 | Apr 10 to June 12 |  
\$110 for 10 weeks  
Scott Klavan

### ELLIE RESSLER MUSICAL THEATRE

Fridays, 1 to 2:30 | \$45 for 10 classes  
Mark York; \*Schedule May Change

\*Please note that  
CLL will be closed  
on the following  
dates: 4/26, 5/27,  
6/10

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

## EXERCISE

## PERFORMING ARTS

**THE SPRING CLL TERM BEGINS MONDAY,  
APRIL 8TH AND ENDS MONDAY, JUNE 17TH.**

Sign up online at <https://www.ncjwny.org/event/spring-2019-ctl-classes/>, 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

### ***Birth Equity: The Black Maternal and Fetal Health Crisis***

Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 PM at Council House

Presenter Linda Villarosa, *NY Times Magazine* Contributor and author of “Why America’s Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis”

**Program details and RSVP information to follow.**

## Rebekah’s Legacy

*Safeguard the Future by Including NCJW NY in Your Estate Plans*

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](mailto:swaldbott@ncjwny.org).**

## SUPPORT NCJW NY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER



Thirty-five years ago, the volunteers of National Council of Jewish Women New York decided it was time to take action on hunger and serve those in need—so they opened the Food Pantry and Community Kitchen. Unfortunately, even today, the problem of hunger in our community persists.

When you give to NCJW NY, you are directly impacting the lives of our neighbors in need. Please consider using the form on the back of the bulletin to give to our Hunger Program today.



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## SIGN UP AND CONTRIBUTE

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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