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## Special Film Screening and Panel Discussion ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**LOS ANGELES, Calif.**- On Sunday, February 25, 2018, National Council of Jewish Women Los Angeles (NCJW|LA) is proud to present a film by Stuart Perlman, Ph.D., *Struggle in Paradise*. Dr. Perlman has been a psychologist and psychoanalyst in West Los Angeles for over 35 years. In 2010 he began painting portraits of individuals experiencing homelessness from Venice Beach to West LA and Skid Row.

*Struggle in Paradise* is a deeply moving documentary chronicling Dr. Perlman's journey and introducing us to many of his portrait subjects. It won "Best Movie" award from the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis.

We are pleased to have a knowledgeable panel of speakers joining Stuart after the showing of the film: Phil Ansell, Director of the LA County Homeless Initiative, Alisa Orduna, Senior Advisor on Homelessness to the City Manager, City of Santa Monica, Stephanie Klasky-Gamer, CEO of LA Family Housing, and Wendy Colman Levin, Ph.D., Home for Good, LA as our Moderator.

Dr. Perlman's work has been chronicled in the **Guardian** (London), **Taipei Times** (Taiwan), **Vanity Fair Italia**, **Los Angeles Times** (June 10, 2012, Column One) and the **Jewish Journal** (Cover Story). Author of *The Therapist's Emotional Survival: Dealing with the Pain of Exploring Trauma* and numerous articles in psychoanalytic journals, Dr. Perlman speaks nationally about the *Faces of Homelessness* project, is the 2016 Los Angeles County Psychological Association Social Justice Award winner and was recently honored by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

PLEASE JOIN US on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 3:00PM at COUNCIL HOUSE (543 N. FAIRFAX AVENUE, LOS ANGELES - Secure parking off the alley and Clinton Avenue.)

To attend this event - you must RSVP by calling (323) 852-8512 or email [carrie@ncjwla.org](mailto:carrie@ncjwla.org).

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## About NCJW|LA

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates committed to the welfare and well-being of the Los Angeles Community. 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. NCJW|LA serves more than 12,000 individuals through our Community Mental Health and Supportive Services, Scholarships, Youth Educational Programs, and Services, Back 2 School Store, intern training programs, and our clothing assistance projects. NCJW|LA social justice programs provide education and legislative advocacy on issues that affect and impact women, children, and families in the areas of children's rights, economic justice, healthcare, human trafficking, immigration reform, reproductive justice, LGBTQ+, and gender-related violence. All donations to our eight Council Thrift Shops support the programs and services of NCJW|LA. NCJW|LA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (Tax ID #95-1641433). Donate today to Council Thrift (800) 400-6259. To get help call (877) 655-3807 or for more info visit [www.ncjwla.org](http://www.ncjwla.org), call (323) 651-2930, or email [info@ncjwla.org](mailto:info@ncjwla.org).