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Thanks to our wonderful and hard-working managers Marci and Lori, our assistant manager Vicky and our staff, Dwight, Nita, Travis and Timmy, we have continued to operate our Thrift Shop during these difficult times. The Thrift Shop is integral in helping to support our many Community Services.

We need volunteers to help keep this success growing. If you can give us some of your time, please email our managers at [thriftshopncjw@optonline.net](mailto:thriftshopncjw@optonline.net) or call our office at 516-569-3660 and leave a message for the thrift shop. You'll find the experience very rewarding!

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## Message from the President

Welcome to the May/June 2021 Bulletin for the Peninsula Section of National Council of Jewish Women. This has been a most momentous year. The pandemic slowed us down at first. We were asked to isolate ourselves, not to have physical contact, but we are Jewish women who must communicate with each other and remain involved in the world. So we looked for different ways of reaching out to you. We transitioned to providing almost everything we do in email, print and on Zoom. We meet in Zoom format, and have virtual programs and lectures. (My husband calls me "Queen of the Zoom!") The good part of this is that you can join us from anywhere – our reach has been extended around the country and beyond, and we love your increased attendance!

Just some of the activities we have shared – our health forum featuring a comedienne (as laughter IS the best medicine), programs on happiness, where we go from here politically, the ties that bind Black and Jewish communities. We have been entertained by a cantorial concert, and discussed novels and nonfiction books. Our Zoom crafts included making mask holders and pretzels, and our other workshops helped us to relieve stress and grow older and wiser. Lectures ran the gamut from Hollywood movies to the court system. We toured the Glen Cove Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center virtually, and viewed the film "The Barn" so that we may never forget.

Our advocacy work had us signing up and encouraging people to vote in the most important Presidential election of my life. We had a food drive to aid those who suffered food insecurities. We mourned the loss of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg with a ritual walk around the Lawrence Courthouse. We wrote letters and signed petitions supporting causes that NCJW.org, our parent organization, suggested, joining with our NCJW sisters from across the nation to increase our impact. We saw the film "What Doesn't Kill Us" to learn about injustices against divorcing women in the court system.

NCJW Peninsula Section's provision of in-person Community Services have slowed down a bit temporarily, but we are still supporting CALE and the Five Towns Early Learning Center and celebrating graduating young women's community service with recognition. Our Back to School Store has continued to provide needy children with clothing and school supplies, sending the items directly to the agencies and schools to distribute them. We all miss serving in the pop-up store, and hope to resume it in the future.

Our Thrift Shop reopened during the pandemic with extra precautions in place to protect all who enter the store. Thank you, Marci Last and Lori Grossman, for your managerial skills and attention to the health and safety of staff, volunteers and customers. We welcome our newest thrift shop employee, Assistant Manager, Victoria Viteri. Please support the Thrift Shop by donating and shopping there. It is a most valuable piece of who we are.



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### Mission Statement

The 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.

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## Community Services

**PENNY SANTIAGO – Community Service, VP**

Despite our NCJW members coping with the pandemic, they have managed to keep many of our community service projects going.

- ◆ Judie Horowitz has worked with the SIBSPlace staff to adapt to the virtual world and bring their children homework help and counseling in very creative ways.
- ◆ Carole Schrager has been busy encouraging our knitters and collecting blankets that will be distributed at a future time.
- ◆ Dena Stein has worked hard with the Oceanside JCC to acquire more space so the SULAM-LI students can continue their Hebrew education.
- ◆ Five Towns Early Learning Center has continued to service families in our community by providing quality early childhood education to children registered and their siblings.
- ◆ Center for Adult Life Enrichment, CALE, has had continuous virtual and in person activities. These activities have provided mind and body nourishment for its members.
- ◆ Linda Gorin chaired a Food Drive. It was a valiant effort and raised a very large sum of money for a local food Pantry.
- ◆ Pnina Knopf chaired a mask strap craft workshop. After making the mask straps they were donated to the children at the Five Towns Early Learning Center and to the seniors at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment.



Looking ahead as we begin to conquer the pandemic, in person community service activities will become available to members of NCJW.

## Fundraising

**CHIRA BUDICK – Fundraising, VP**

As Vice-President of fundraising, together with the Officers and Board of Peninsula Section, we offer our sincerest thank you to each and every one of you who has contributed in our efforts through these pandemic times to continue and sustain our mission in the community and in Israel.

With your support of our Book Review with Edna Ritzenberg, Giving Tuesday, the Calendar Game, our Cash Raffle, and the sale of the all occasion gift LOQI Bags, we have been able to provide our relevant program meetings along with selective zoom events that have been both fun and informative.

Our support of the Center for Adult Life Enrichment (CALE) and the Five Towns Early Learning Center (FTELC) has maintained their service to the needs of seniors and children by your continued support.

## Education

**RENEE FISCHER – Education, VP**

Despite the restrictions COVID 19 has placed on us, Education has been able to bring our members programs both entertaining and informative.

- ◆ Jaclyn Feldman provided us with thought provoking lectures on topics ranging from the Holocaust to old movies.
- ◆ Carole Tolkin brought us Dr. Catherine Sanderson who spoke to us on the art of happiness. More recently, for Black History Month, Carole arranged a program that combined a representative to the U.N., a chazan, and a chorus of Jewish and black singers.
- ◆ Pnina Knopf chaired an annual Jewish Life Program. We saw the documentary “The Barn” and met Rachel Kastner, the film’s producer, who is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivor Karl Schapiro, who had been hidden as a child in a bunker dug out under that barn.
- ◆ We had three workshops: Fran Denny spoke of stress reduction, Carole Tolkin on the often neglected bright side of aging, and Joan P. Ivler and family gave us a thoroughly delightful workshop on pretzel making.

**To everyone who so generously shared with us her areas of expertise, thank you so much.**

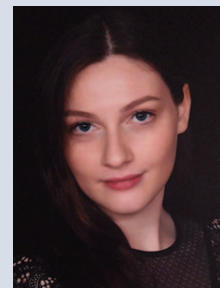
## Peninsula Section Honors Local High School Students

**PENNY SANTIAGO** – Community Service, VP

The National Council of Jewish Women is proud to announce this year's Community Service Awards recipients. Three very deserving graduating seniors are being recognized for their community service efforts in their local neighborhoods. From Hewlett High School we are honoring Kira Grossman for all her work as part of the Day of the Girl, Baking Against Racism and The Back 2 School Store. I personally can recommend her home baked cookies and brownies and attest to the hours she has spent organizing children's sneakers at our B2SS. From Lynbrook High School we are honoring Alexandra Fox for her work with Pam Shelden year after year on the Day of the Girl. A student from Lawrence High School will be chosen later in the school year. Awards will be presented on Senior Awards Night.



Kira Grossman



Alexandra Fox



### B2SS Still Helping Children Even During the Pandemic

**HOPE COLEMAN** – Back 2 School Store, VP

Covid 19 has impacted our Back 2 School Store (B2SS) and we have had to become more creative in order to modify the ways we can help children in our community. During this past year, we have given children backpacks, school and art supplies, activity books, hats, scarves, and gloves.

We are pleased to announce that Bombas socks is donating 2,500 pairs of socks to our B2SS. They will be delivered and given out in May.

We are currently working diligently researching new ways to help the children in our community this summer and will announce any updates. As always, you can donate to the B2SS at [www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/](http://www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/)



## Amazon Shop From Home!

While shopping from home don't forget to place your Amazon orders through Amazon Smile and make NCJW Peninsula Section your charity of choice.

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# Super Sale Celebration

Peninsula Section Life Membership  
Limited time offer celebrating  
NCJW Peninsula Section's 85th Anniversary

~~\$350~~

**\$250**

Show your commitment to Peninsula Section.  
Join and add your family and friends.  
Please call the Office for details 516-569-3660.

## Jewish Life Program, "THE BARN"

PNINA KNOPF, Chair

On March 16th close to 100 people who registered for NCJW Peninsula Section's Jewish Life Program, "THE BARN", had the honor and privilege to meet the grandchild of Holocaust Survivors, Actress and Film Producer, Rachel Kastner. Rachel "zoomed" in from Israel and told of her path to becoming a documentary film producer, introduced her film, and answered questions after the viewing.

The audience was captivated to learn of Rachel's grandfather's story of survival during the Holocaust, when he was hidden, as a child, in a bunker, dug out under a farmer's barn for 18 months. Attendees felt that they were on this journey of memory and rediscovery along with Rachel and her grandfather, Karl Schapiro.

The reactions to the film elicited strong emotions from the audience. I received comments such as:



"Throughout the film tears just slid down my face. Their story was one of love, family and the power to survive."

"Personally, I was overwhelmed with emotion. It was a powerful and riveting presentation."

"A story of a grandfather and granddaughter who brought us a story of terrible proportions in such a heartwarming way."

"So glad that I was able to watch this important and beyond heart-wrenching documentary made by such a promising young filmmaker."

Once again, I want to thank everyone who joined us for this event and especially thank Rachel Kastner for sharing her film that premiered in 2019 at the International Miami Jewish Film Festival and has since been shown in classrooms and with audiences around the world.

NCJW Peninsula Section is committed to 'continue the conversation' and will be having future programs so we can fulfill our obligations to tell Holocaust stories to future generations to be certain that WE MUST NEVER FORGET!

You can learn more about Rachel at [RachelKastner.com](https://www.RachelKastner.com)



## Peninsula Section Officers for 2021-2022

President .....	Myra Garber
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Assistant Treasurer .....	Judy Novet

## Long Island Sections' Annual "Women Who Make a Difference" Luncheon honoring Abby Fox will be Wednesday, May 4, 2022



### We welcome our newest NCJW Peninsula Section members

We are grateful for your belief in our mission  
and look forward to seeing you in person  
as soon as we are able.

**Helene Abramson**  
**Linda Wank**  
**Amy Liebov**  
**Sari Sommer**  
**Wendy Klang**  
**Susan Shiffman**



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I'd like to thank those who have enabled Peninsula Section to continue to serve our members and the public. Fran Denny, Executive Vice President, keeps our calendar up to date, evaluates programs, and is always a source of wisdom and laughter. Our Treasurers, Sally Telias, Abby Fox, and Judy Novet, keep our finances in shape. Secretaries Judy Bernstein, Sandra Mintz and Harriet Rubenstein handle minutes, correspondence and membership data. Vice Presidents Arlene Gewanter, Chira Budick, Renee Fischer, Penny Santiago, Hope Coleman, Susan Fox, along with their coordinators, have ably kept their departments performing in the new format. Thank you to Carole Tolkin, Jaclyn Feldman, and Pnina Knopf, who found and worked with talented presenters for us to view. And thank you to all of the volunteers who have given their time and assisted the Board.

A special thank you goes to Susan Fox, our webmaster and Constant Contact coordinator, who manages much of what we send to you, along with Abby Fox as the Bulletin Editor. And none of this would be possible without Section Administrator Bonnie Sperry, my right-hand woman (I'm a lefty!). Bonnie coordinates all that Peninsula Section does, overseeing every facet of our operation, networking with other sections and our National office, as we try to provide the most meaningful organization for all of you. Office secretary Jessica Brown ably assists her.

NCJW Peninsula Section will celebrate its 85th anniversary in the fall. Created during the Depression of the 1930's, it has survived wars and recessions and now a pandemic, to carry on its mission of improving the quality of life for women, children and families. Join us as we figure out our new normal, and continue to provide service and action for Tikkun Olam, to help repair the world.

— Myra Garber

January 25, 2021 – March 22, 2021

### GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

#### In Memory of:

**Mildred Mast, beloved mother of Jackie Fetner**

Ann Hitter  
Pat Rosof  
Arlene Flohr  
Mark Beshears  
Renee Schwartz  
Lynn Jacobowitz

**Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan**

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

**Sunya Kleiner, beloved mother of the Kleiner family and esteemed board member**

Rhona Goldman

**Florence Kruman, beloved mother of the Kruman family and esteemed board member**

Rhona Goldman

#### In Honor of:

**Joan P. Ivler, for facilitating our Pretzel Making Workshop**

Ellen Lazarus

**Gloria Okin, wishing you a total and speedy recovery**

Renee Fischer

### SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

#### In Memory of:

**Michael Dabrussy, beloved husband of Susan Dabrussy**

Bonnie Sperry

**Beloved brother and sister-in-law of Edna Ritzberg**

Carole Tolkin

**Mildred Mast, beloved mother of Jackie Fetner**

Abby Fox  
Judi Braverman  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Farkas  
Myra Garber  
Heidi Richman  
Florence Steiger

**Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan**

Myra Garber  
Renee Fischer  
Joan Butwin  
Anne Siegel  
Phyllis Kaufman

#### In Honor of:

**Shelley Karp on the birth of your grandson**

Abby Fox

**Linda Gorin on the birth of your granddaughter Rya Ashley**

Rhona Goldman

**Linda Gorin on the marriage of your daughter Samantha to Cory**

Rhona Goldman

**Fran Denny on the birth of your great granddaughter Rya Ashley**

Rhona Goldman

**Fran Denny on the marriage of your great granddaughter Samantha to Cory**

Rhona Goldman

**Abby Fox on being named our Long Island Section Honoree**

Rhona Goldman

**Abby Fox on the marriage of your daughter Lindsay to Dave**

Rhona Goldman

### BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

#### In Memory of:

**Michael Dabrussy, beloved husband of Susan Dabrussy**

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Goldberg  
Michelle Lefcourt

**Mildred Mast, beloved mother of Jackie Fetner**

Judy Bernstein  
Renee Fischer  
Pam Shelden  
Natalie Zeiger  
Rovena Marcus  
Susan Schwarz

**Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan**

Fran Denny  
Pam Shelden  
Judi Braverman  
Natalie Zeiger  
Janet Kramer

**Beloved mother of Dr. Paul Block & Family**

Rene Powers

**Hal, beloved father of Mark & Anna Lazarus**

Fran Denny

**Jules Katcher, beloved husband of the Katcher Family**

Natalie Zeiger

**Bernie Pollack, beloved father of Sheryl Klayman**

Marci Last  
Barbara & Mitchell Weiler

**Amy Curcio, beloved wife of Adam Curcio**

Myra & Carl Garber  
Pam Shelden  
Natalie Zeiger  
Judi Braverman

**Gilbert Weinstein, beloved husband of Carol Weinstein**  
Patty Greenfield

### ALL OCCASION FUND

#### In Memory of:

**Michael Dabrussy, beloved stepfather of Deborah Giugliano**

Bonnie Sperry

**Mildred Mast, beloved mother of Jackie Fetner**

Sandra Mintz  
Sally Telias  
Adrienne & Arthur Singer  
Fran Denny

**Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan**

Harriet Rubenstein

**Richard, beloved husband of Norma Rosenberg**

Sylvia Fischer

### ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

#### In Memory of:

**Mildred Mast, beloved mother of Jackie Fetner**

Joan Butwin  
Marcia Roth

**Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan**

Marcia Roth

**Joe Perl, beloved husband of Irene Perl**

Joan Butwin

#### In Honor of:

**Joan Butwin on the birth of your great grandson Landen Cole**

Marcia Roth

## NCJW Tribute Cards

Making a donation is a meaningful way to celebrate a special occasion or a thoughtful way to let someone know you are thinking of them. Cards can be purchased by contacting our office at 516-569-3660 or by going to [www.ncjwpeninsula.org/tribute/](http://www.ncjwpeninsula.org/tribute/).

### ALL OCCASION FUND

Supports NCJW Peninsula Section's efforts to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

- ◆ Sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office
- Metallic Gold Trim: \$50      Blue Trim: \$18
- Metallic Silver Trim: \$25      Basic Card: \$10

### ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

All donations to this program enable us to partner with a granting site in Israel. All projects advance women's empowerment.

- ◆ Sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office: \$10



Due to the overwhelming response to our Loqi bag fundraiser we have sold out of several styles. Please call our office before you place your order to see what we have in stock. We will be ordering new styles and will send that information to you soon! Thank you for supporting NCJW Peninsula Section!!

# *Be Careful. Be Safe. Be Happy.*

Wow, a full year has passed since our world was turned upside down. Many of us are fully vaccinated now, let out a huge sigh of relief, and visited with some friends or grandchildren. I like to look at the positives that have come from this experience; our hectic pace has slowed down, we had time to spend with those in our bubble, less pollution, maybe our environment sighed too. We learned new things; how to use Zoom, we adapted, we learned how valuable some otherwise overlooked people are, we appreciated more, we helped each other, we survived (remember, I'm looking at the positives). Maybe we were taking too much for granted; our loved ones, our health, our freedom. Let's hope that through adversity, we have found new meaning and gratitude.

Spring has sprung and the flowers are more colorful than ever, summer is on its way. We have so much to look forward to, including NCJW Peninsula Section's 85th anniversary.

**ABBY FOX – Bulletin Editor**

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