

Please join us for a multimedia concert experience on October 19. Carolyn Enger, a concert pianist, will interweave music and testimony that traces her German-Jewish family's story of conversion from Judaism to Christianity and back to Judaism. It is a program that you don't want to miss.

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Why Thrift? As people are becoming more environmentally aware, thrifting is becoming the new trendy way to shop. For every second-hand garment purchased, one less new one is produced. Thrift shops keep clothing out of landfills thus helping to preserve water and other natural resources. Beyond that, thrifting is fun. Treasures can be found around every corner of our store at a fraction of their retail cost. So, when in doubt, thrift it out whether you are donating, shopping or both. One of life's easier decisions.



www.longislandthriftncjw.com/

Message from the President

L'Shanah Tovah! The Hebrew year 5782 begins at sundown on September 6th. This year the holiday is early! Hooray! We all need a fresh start. The past year has been a trying one for everyone. We have all suffered through the Corona virus pandemic that shut everything down in March of 2020. It has been an ongoing scourge. We've not been allowed to hold in-person events and our community services and advocacy efforts were greatly curtailed at the start of the last Jewish calendar year. Last November's election was perhaps the most momentous and tumultuous in my lifetime, but at least the results were favorable for all that NCJW stands for. The insurrection of January 6th was perhaps the most frightening day for democracy since the Civil War.

But a new administration and Covid-19 vaccinations have ushered in brighter days. A majority of adults and many children over 12 in our area have received the vaccine, allowing us (both figuratively and literally) to breathe a collective sigh of relief. Please encourage all that you know to protect themselves and all of us by getting the shots. How else can we get closer to the "normal" of BP (before pandemic)?

NCJW Peninsula Section wants your positivity and participation as we try to return to some in person activities. I hope you attended the second "Laughter is the Best Medicine" Health Forum, held in August at Sunny Atlantic Beach Club. It was a glorious live event, with over fifty participants. Our headliner, Nancy Witter, was so funny, lifting the spirits of her audience. As conditions allow, we will have many more live activities, as well as presentations on Zoom. Our reach is global!

We sponsor important community services. CALE, the Center for Life Enrichment, has resumed live, as well as, virtual programs. The Five Towns Early Learning Center has become even more vital to our area, hosting older siblings of the little ones, allowing essential workers to maintain their jobs. SULAM-LI and SIBSPlace are again reaching out to help children in need. The knitting program has been ongoing – many have used their time at home to make blankets for hospitals. We hope our volunteers can soon return to working with local schoolchildren in all capacities. Please let our Community Services Vice President, Penny Santiago, know if you are ready to participate. We'll need all hands on deck as more opens up.

Thank you to our NCJW Thrift Shop staff. The shop has been open for almost the entire crisis, accepting your donations and sharing them with the customers, our friends and neighbors. When the economy is down, our shop becomes even more valuable. Please check out the unique items we offer. The shop is essential to all that Peninsula Section does.

Our advocacy efforts must continue. Some of the important issues we work on are reproductive justice, gun control, voters' rights, immigration, equity for women and people of color. As we have a new Advocacy Vice President, Carole



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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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JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST PROGRAM MEETING OF OUR CLUB YEAR!

Tuesday, October 19, Noon, Via Zoom A Unique Performance by Pianist Carolyn Enger

Reservations should be emailed to office@ncjwpeninsula.org no later than October 15th. The Zoom code will be sent to you on October 18th.

Carolyn's performance project, the *Mischlinge Exposé*, centers around her family history and the Mischling designation. The concert interweaves the music of prominent converts with testimony from Carolyn's godmother, Rosemarie Steinfeld, and her father, Horst Enger, who was considered by the Nazi regime a Mischling, Grade A. Performances of works by Fanny and Felix Mendelssohn, Arnold Schoenberg, Alexander Zemlinsky, and Gustav Mahler illustrate the historical situations so aptly described through poetry by Rachel Varnhagen and Heinrich Heine. Through the lens of historical context and personal testimony, the performance traces a story of conversion from Judaism to Christianity and back and the continuing struggle for identity.

Carolyn Enger has gained critical acclaim for her lyrical and dynamic playing, as well as her deeply felt interpretations of works from the 18th century to the present. In addition to an active performance schedule on two continents, Ms. Enger has enjoyed remarkable success as a recording artist: *The New York Times* selected her Naxos recording of intimate Ned Rorem miniatures, *Piano Album I & Six Friends*, as one of the newspaper's "Best In Classical Recordings" for that year, writing "Among the 90th-birthday tributes this year to the essential American composer Ned Rorem, this recording especially stands out," while *Gramophone* declared, "Enger raises the miniatures to a higher level."



Our Members Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year 5782

Judi & Richard Braverman
Madeline & Jed Dallek
Fran & Art Denny
Connie DiBenedetto
Jaclyn Feldman
Abby Fox and Family
Susan & Shelly Fox
Myra & Carl Garber and Family
Arlene Gewanter and Family

Linda & Neil Gorin
Peggy & Bruce Klang
Pnina & Lewis Knopf
The Lavenda Family
Judith Levy and Family
Adrienne & Geoff Lurie and Family
Judy Mintz and Family
Gloria Okin and Family
Sheryl & Bob Orgel and Family

Babette & Jerry Reisman and Family
Harriet Rubenstein and Family
Carole & Dave Schrager
Susan Schwarz and Family
Anne Siegel and Family
Adrienne & Arthur Singer
Bonnie Sperry and Family
Barbara & Mel Wolff and Family
Natalie Zeiger and Family



Make an easy decision and get our L'Shanah Tovah cards, 5 for \$20, on sale NOW!

Issues We Are Passionate About

CAROLE TOLKIN – Advocacy, VP

In these uncertain times, Advocacy is more important than ever.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) is a new program, and we already have our first project underway. We will be bringing the Holocaust documentary, THE BARN, to public schools across Long Island. Pnina Knopf has been in contact with our National Office to discuss its initiatives, so that we can bring the same pertinent information to the communities we serve.

With Voting Rights (or lack of them) making headlines every day, our November focus will be on this important issue. Sandra Mintz is working on a program that will help us decipher just what is going on in our country and how we can make our voices heard to Protect the Vote.

If you feel strongly about any of these issues, or are passionate about any other, please join us. We need you!

Our Advocacy team will focus on these extremely important issues:

Sandra Mintz
Coordinator, Voting Rights

Myra Cohen
Reproductive Justice

Donna Bialor
Reducing Gun Violence

Pam Shelden - Advocacy
Film Series and Day of the Girl

Pnina Knopf
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Advocacy Event – VOTING RIGHTS

Our Democracy is at it's Strongest When Every Voice is Heard

DATE: Thursday, October 28 on Zoom

SPEAKERS: Barbara Epstein and Paula Blum

PROMOTE THE VOTE – PROTECT OUR VOTE!. Since NCJW's founding, we have worked to expand and protect our sacred right to vote. But since the 2020 election, states have passed more than 30 laws making it harder to vote. This cannot stand. Join us for a Zoom meeting to understand and discuss how to denounce voter suppression and ensure fair, easy access to the vote for all. Presented by the League of Women Voters.

RSVP to the NCJW Peninsula Section office by October 25th if you would like to attend. Email us at office@ncjwpeninsula.org or call us at 516-569-3660. Once you RSVP you will receive the Zoom link on October 27th.



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Tolkin, look for forums and actions on many of these issues. Through this year we will also ask all of you to write and call your elected officials to urge them to pass legislation we need. And any time you have a minute, go to ncjw.org/action for things you can act on right now! Our national affiliate in Washington, D.C. is on the frontlines of the battlefield, lobbying for us. We need to support them.

This year is the National Council of Jewish Women, Peninsula Section's 85th Anniversary! Begun in 1936, in the midst of the Great Depression, we have always worked to improve the lives of women, children and families. Getting through the hardships of the current crises is no exception. We will continue to strive for positive change for our community. We need your participation – volunteer, attend functions and classes, and donate time and funds to our causes. Where there is need, we will assist! Help us to celebrate our longevity so that we can always be there for them – and you.

— Myra Garber

Back 2 School Store Update

HOPE COLEMAN – Back 2 School Store, VP

COVID has not stopped us. The need to help children in our area during this past year has increased. The Back 2 School Store has distributed 1,700 backpacks filled with school and art supplies, 2,500 pairs of Bombas socks, and 1,200 sets of hats, gloves and scarves which we paired with activity books.



(above & below) Children from The Hope Foundation, Village of Hempstead, receive sneakers from the B2SS.

Dear Council Members,

The HOPE Program and The Village of Hempstead extend our gratitude for your generous contribution. The sneakers are a big hit here in the Village of Hempstead. Many underserved families are taking advantage of your generosity. Again, thank you very much for your continued support.

Sincerely, Pat Brown, The Hope Program, and The Village of Hempstead

New Partnerships – In June, Common-point Queens, (formerly the Samuel Field Y and Central Queens Y) had a pop up store in Bay Terrace, Queens to provide free clothing for needy adults going back to work. Thanks to Judy Maiman, we were introduced to its director and we were able to share the Back 2 School display racks with them.

Children grow and require new school clothing. We thought it was imperative to get clothing in our storage unit to them. Every inch of our storage unit was filled

with jackets, pants, shirts, sneakers, and all the other items we give out on a typical Back 2 School Store celebration. We also had previously paid for clothing at one of our vendors.

We are now working with Island Harvest, another new partner. They support a network of 400 community organizations throughout Long Island. Recently, they picked up all clothing from the storage unit and vendor. They organized everything, and with our collaboration, are in the process of sharing with children on Long Island.



WANTED

Volunteers are needed to participate in all of NCJW Community Services. Our variety of community services offer a unique and exciting experience to help others enrich your life. Helping people is our goal. Make a difference, become a volunteer.

Tutor elementary children in a variety of settings ♦ Knit or crochet blankets for hospital patients ♦ Participate in a thriving senior center ♦ Intergenerational Reading ♦ Court advocacy ♦ Help at an early childhood learning center ♦ Conduct preschool dental and vision screening ♦ Help customers at our Thrift Shop

If you are interested please contact the NCJW office so you can find out more about our programs and scheduling.

Knitting Program

Members and friends Jacqueline Scher, Susan Hirschbein and Linda Leonardi (L-R) completed a blanket together for NCJW's Knitting Program. They hope it brings comfort to someone in need.



NCJW Virtual Lecture Series

Series Reservation Fee

\$20 for Members; \$24 for Non-Members

Single Reservation Fee

\$12 per lecture for Members; \$14 for Non-Members

Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section, to 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559. You must include your name and email address along with your reservation.



**Lectures from
1:30–2:30 pm**

We will send you the Zoom login code on Monday preceding the lecture.



How to Prevent Yourself from Getting Scammed

◆ **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

There are so many people who want your information and will do anything to get it. Thomas Egan will show you how to spot a scam and not become a victim. **Thomas Egan** is a college history professor and a frequent lecturer on historical and cultural topics. He has traveled the world and studied both modern and ancient cultures

Demystifying CBD: It's Not POT

◆ **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7**

Dr. Noelle Cutter will help us understand what we need to know about CBD. Dr. Cutter is an associate professor and director of the First Year Experience at Molloy College. By training, she is a scientist in the field of molecular biology where she has dedicated her career to studying alternative treatment options for pediatric patients diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of brain cancer. During the COVID19 pandemic, Dr. Cutter worked in an antibody testing lab where she worked on designing synthetic peptides to test for the presence of SARS-Cov2 antibody. Her collaboration in this work was one of the first successful testing platforms for the novel 2019 Coronavirus.



SIBSPlace Honors NCJW Volunteer!

SIBSPlace (Survivorship in Brothers and Sisters), an affiliate of Mount Sinai South Nassau, is a free program serving well children ages 5-17, who are living with a sibling with cancer or another devastating medical illness, a parent with a cancer diagnosis and/or children coping with the death of a sibling or parent. SIBSPlace provides guided therapeutic peer support to help well children develop skills to cope with the traumatic and emotional impact of a loved one's medical diagnosis and/or loss. Family support is also offered.

SIBSPlace's mission has always been to foster children's resiliency and to support the most vulnerable children, especially during times of crisis. To expand these most needed services we are pleased to announce A New Home for SIBSPlace! A 5,100 square foot facility in Rockville Centre is presently being renovated and hopefully will be ready to open in Fall 2021.

Judie Horowitz is our NCJW Peninsula Section volunteer at SIBSPlace. Along with her husband Vic, they continue to volunteer at SIBSPlace and have done so for over 17 years! They are being honored at the SIBSPlace Annual Fundraiser which will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:30 pm. To register go to: BenefitOffice.org/SIBS. We all wish Judie and Vic a sincere Mazal Tov and thank them for their dedication to NCJW Peninsula Section and SIBSPlace!



Tributes

March 23, 2021 – August 6, 2021

GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

In Honor of:

Gloria Okin, speedy recovery, get well soon

Renee Fischer

SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Bob Yaspan, beloved husband of Babs Yaspan

Phyllis Kaufman

Enid Schwarzbaum, beloved mother of The Schwarzbaum Family

Renee Fischer
Judi Braverman
Susan Schwarz

Eleanor Goldman, beloved aunt of Pnina Knopf

Linda Gorin

Robert Cohen, beloved family of Myra & Steven Cohen

Myra Garber

In Honor of:

Harriet Rubenstein on your special birthday

Renee Fischer

Phillip Ritzenberg, speedy recovery, get well soon

Renee Fischer

Rene Powers, speedy recovery, get well soon

Renee Fischer

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Enid Schwarzbaum, beloved mother of The Schwarzbaum Family

Natalie Zeiger
Pam Shelden
Rene Powers
Judi Braverman

John, beloved husband, father, and grandfather of The Blauner Family

Patty Greenfield

Eleanor Goldman, beloved aunt of Pnina Knopf

Barbara Sklar

Marty, beloved brother of Suzie Isaacson

Ronne & Artie Goldberg

In Honor of:

Adrienne Singer on your special birthday

Fran Denny

Judy Bernstein on the graduation of your grandson

Fran Denny

Abby Fox on the marriage of your daughter Lindsay to Dave

Myra Garber
Carole Tolkin
Rene Powers

Pnina Knopf on your daughter Rachel's new job

Carole Tolkin

The Tabb Family on the wedding of your son

Carole Tolkin

Harriet Rubenstein on your special birthday

Fran Denny

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Enid Schwarzbaum, beloved mother of The Schwarzbaum Family

Rene Powers
Adrienne & Arthur Singer
Abby Fox
Harriet Rubenstein
Rita Moelis

In Honor of:

Harriet Rubenstein on your special birthday

Abby Fox
Adrienne & Arthur Singer
Myra Garber

Rene Powers, speedy recovery, get well soon

Judie Horowitz

Harold Goldsmith on your 80th birthday

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Abby Fox on the marriage of your daughter Lindsay to Dave

Harriet Rubenstein

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Reses on your 60th wedding anniversary

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

In Memory of:

John Harrison, beloved husband of Carole Harrison

Joan Butwin

Eleanor Goldman, beloved aunt of Pnina Knopf

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Enid Schwarzbaum, beloved mother of The Schwarzbaum Family

Marcia Roth

In Honor of:

Richard Braverman on becoming Honorable Judge Richard Braverman

Myra Garber

Ellen Goldman on your son Benjamin graduating Magna Cum Laude

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Harriet Rubenstein on your special birthday

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/.

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

We are saddened to report the passing on May 25 of our long-time board member, **Enid Schwarzbaum**. Enid served as our bulletin's feature editor for many years. She wrote with keen insight and beautiful prose. She had the ability to ask pertinent questions that captured the real essence of whom-ever she interviewed. Enid also was the chair of the Five Towns Early Learning Center, and wrote about the activities there, and the high quality of care the children received. We will miss this charming, intelligent and generous woman who was truly devoted to NCJW, Peninsula Section.



Super Celebration Sale

Local Life Membership Event Celebrating NCJW Peninsula Section's 85th Anniversary

We are
bringing back
Life Memberships
for a limited time:

~~\$350~~

\$250

**Become a Life Member of Peninsula Section
or sign up a family member or friend**

Please make your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section
Send to our office at: 342 Central Ave., Lawrence, NY 11559
Include: Your name, address, phone and email

We Warmly Welcome Our New Life Members

Marlyn Appelt
Anita Bickman
Shari Braverman
Richard Braverman
Eileen Calman
Lisa Cohen
Myra Cohen
Fran Denny
Connie DiBenedetto

Susan Fischgrund
Bobbi Frimerman
Terri Goldberg
Linda Granick
Phyllis Greenberg
Lanie Honig
Donna Karp
Nancy Kimmel
Maxine Kline
Jill Lander

Martha Leviton
Phyllis Lido
Melissa Lobel
Sylvie Lobel
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Arlene Nichol
Judith Pullman
Lynne Rabinowitz

Leslie Redler-Cohen
Denise Sher
Audrey Sicker
Shari Silver
Nora Skiba
Sari Sommer
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