

NCJW Peninsula Section Presents Our Virtual Jewish Life Institute

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Tuesday, March 22, 7 pm

OUR SPEAKER IS
Kenneth S. Stern

Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate

ANTI-SEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

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and free of charge.

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Message from the President

Welcome to the **Bulletin** of the National Council of Jewish Women, Peninsula Section, for early spring 2022. I hope spring is coming – with warmth, activities, and a lessening of the terrible Covid-19 pandemic. It has certainly upended our lives for two complete years. At this juncture, numbers are decreasing and we can pray that the worst is behind us.

Our Section has been busy, though mostly online. We've held Forums on Voting Rights and Reproductive Justice. We must stay vigilant and advocate to keep the rights and protections that have been fought for. We can't let this 49th anniversary of Roe v. Wade be the last one. Please write and call your elected officials when we ask, to work for the benefit of all.

On March 3rd, at 7 in the evening, we will have a Forum entitled "Guns on Long Island – How Safe Are You?" There have been many school and temple shootings over the past few months. We don't want one here! Join us to find out what we all can do to protect our loved ones. On Sunday, March 6th, a family craft activity will be demonstrated. Decorate a personalized wine goblet to use for Passover and other occasions.

Tuesday, March 15th will feature writer Pam Munter telling about the struggles aging actresses in Hollywood face. And Tuesday, March 22nd Ken Stern, from the Bard Center for the Study of Hate, will look at the growing examples of "Antisemitism on College Campuses". While only 2% of Americans are Jewish, almost 60% of hate crimes are directed against people of Jewish backgrounds. What can we do to stem this tide? Have your high school and college children and grandchildren participate in this important event. They are the ones who are most affected! Look for sign-up forms for all of these activities in this issue, or call our office to join us.

"Comradery, I know, involves more than seeing someone in a Zoom box, but it's a start."

The Back 2 School Store is still distributing items for needy children, but directly to schools and agencies. And our Thrift Shop has wonderful items for sale for all. They can always use your donations and patronage, as sales support all we can accomplish.

We would love to resume in-person activities if Covid allows. A Book Review and Game Day are in the early stages of development. We also want to celebrate Peninsula Section's 85th Anniversary, as well as Founder's Day, which has been on hold for two years. I miss seeing all of you in person, sharing meals and fun, as we work to improve the lives of women, children and families. Comradery, I know, involves more than seeing someone in a Zoom box, but it's a start. Please participate in our offerings in whatever form they take, and reach out to us with ideas. We want to be here for you for another 85 years!

— Myra Garber



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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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Still Helping Families in Need

HOPE COLEMAN – Back 2 School Store, VP

Although the pandemic has not allowed us to hold the Back 2 School Store (B2SS) as we know it, we have not been idle. There are still great needs in the community that we have been working to address. Instead of holding merchandise until a traditional Back 2 School Store can safely take place, we have been finding ways to help children.

This past summer, we formed a partnership with **Island Harvest Food Bank** to safely and efficiently distribute our clothing and supplies. Due to this collaboration, we were able to reach children in a large number of local communities including Lawrence, Inwood, Elmont, Freeport, Long Beach, Hempstead, Roosevelt, Uniondale and Westbury.

One of our agency contacts in Hempstead asked if we could supply sneakers for the children. Their old shoes were very worn, and not at all appropriate for winter wear. We were able to purchase and donate 250 pairs of sneakers, to the delight of the Hempstead community.

Every year we receive a sizeable donation of Bombas socks. This past year we had them shipped directly to Freeport Schools where they were distributed.

We have recently given additional items to the **Kids Closet** in the Hewlett-Woodmere school district. The JCC served an additional 50 families. And, the Roosevelt Library had a special distribution with one of their community events.

We'd like to share one experience with you. Shortly before Thanksgiving, our contact in Hempstead called to invite us to their clothing give-away. We arrived to find a community room, meticulously organized, stocked entirely with clothing provided by our Back 2 School Store. Prescreened parents and grandparents came by appointment to pick up clothing for their children. We were thanked profusely, and the B2SS received a proclamation from the mayor.

A nurse from the Lawrence Public Schools reached out to us to please help in an emergency situation. We were able to provide clothing on short notice.

“We cannot thank you enough for those wonderful clothes that were delivered before vacation. We appreciate it and all that you did for us. Have a happy and healthy 2022!”

— Sincerely, Arleen Rotwein, RN,
Lawrence Primary School Nurse



Grateful recipients of pre-Thanksgiving clothing give away in Hempstead

We will not be doing our traditional Back 2 School Store this year due to COVID concerns. However, we are proud to report that plans are underway to again partner with Island Harvest in August to give clothing to children in our community. Island Harvest has been so appreciative that we choose to partner with them. It is a win-win for all.

From Allan Elias of Ben Elias Industries, Corp who provided the majority of our children's clothing since our inception. Unfortunately, they will no longer be carrying children's clothing. We thanked Allan for all of their support in the past and for helping us provide clothing to approximately 7,500 children. Here is his response:

“Thank You All! Thank G-D there are people like you in this world. Stay well!”

— Best, Allan

As always, you can donate to the B2SS at www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/



Passover Flowers

Everyone's table should look festive this year. Order a beautiful bouquet of flowers provided by Masters & Co. for your Passover table. Don't forget to send to family and friends. The cost of the arrangement is \$65, plus delivery (where applicable).

My order information:

_____ Bouquets @ \$65 = _____ +total delivery charges* = _____

Please include the following information for EACH order:

Deliver to: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

From _____

Message _____

Orders due by Thurs., March 31

Please send your order
and check payable to:

NCJW Peninsula Section

342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559

Delivery on: April 15

Questions? Call our office at 516-569-3660

*Delivery charges

Lawrence, Inwood, Cedarhurst, Hewlett, FREE

Woodmere, North Woodmere, Rockville Centre .. FREE

Lynbrook, East Rockaway, Oceanside \$6.00

Wantagh, Massapequa, Bethpage, East Meadow . \$10.00

Atlantic Beach \$10.00

Long Beach \$10.00

Valley Stream, Baldwin \$7.00

Merrick, Bellmore \$8.00

MIRIAM AND MATZOH

Create a Personalized Miriam's Cup for the Passover Seder Table

◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 6 • 3:00 PM ON ZOOM

Register by March 1 – Cost: \$18

Includes materials for 2 Miriam's Cups; add \$2.00 for each additional cup.

Two ways to register:

1. Send check to NCJW Peninsula Section, 342 Central Ave., Lawrence, NY 11559. Include your name, address, email, phone number and number of cups needed.
2. Click on www.ncjwpeninsula.org/general-donation/ or go to ncjwpeninsula.org and click Green **DONATE** button at the top right of the page. Next click the **Miriam and Matzoh** link.

We will supply 2 wine goblets, glue, brushes, and Passover images. To include special people in your life, print photos on copy paper so they can bend around cup. Any magazine image can also be used. Supplies will be ready for no-contact pick up (starting February 22nd) at the NCJW Office or delivered locally if needed (516-569-3660).

**Calling ALL
Generations ...
Grandparents,
Parents, Children**



MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA

Guns on Long Island – How Safe Are You?

◆ **THURSDAY, MARCH 3 • 7–8 PM ON ZOOM**
RSVP BY MARCH 1ST

To Register: Email office@ncjwpeninsula.org or call 516-569-3660 with your name and email address. Once registered the Zoom link will be sent to you on March 2nd.

Though gun violence is pervasive in the United States, there are steps you can take locally to keep you and your family safe. Did you know that over 13 million households with children contain at least one gun? Maybe yours is one of those households or maybe your child or grandchild visits one of those households. Either way, safe storage is an adult's responsibility. Join NCJW Peninsula Section in partnership with **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America** for an interactive presentation to learn about BE SMART – the five action steps that can keep you and your family safe. A survivor will share her story of how senseless gun violence is impacting her life. This practical and informative program is for parents, grandparents and all adults concerned about kids, guns and safety.

Students who attend with a parent or guardian will earn Community Service hours.

NCJW Hails Senate Bill to Reauthorize Violence Against Women Act

Thanks to our NCJW movement and persistent coalition mobilization and actions, the Senate introduced the long awaited Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022. The original law signed in 1994, which NCJW helped to write, must get reauthorized every five years to ensure continued funding for lifesaving services that assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Senate bill, which again NCJW helped to write, includes many historic victories that will prevent violence and increase access to services, safety, and justice!

Below you will see a segment of a statement made by our National CEO, Sheila Katz, on February 9, 2022 in Washington, D.C.

“After considered deliberations, the Senate introduced a bipartisan bill to help end the scourge of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. Women, children, and families across the country will feel the positive effects of critical updates to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) thanks to Sens. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK).”

“Each time VAWA has been reauthorized, it has been strengthened based on our increased understanding of gender-based violence. The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2022 is no different. Informed by survivors and advocates, the bill would invest in prevention; increase access to services for survivors, including community-specific services and legal services; maintain existing protections for all survivors, including immigrant, LGBTQ, and Native survivors; improve housing access for survivors; expand access to safety and justice for Native survivors; sustain vital non-discrimination provisions; improve access for culturally specific communities; and address the needs of incarcerated women. It is an important step in the right direction for survivors.”



STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



To read the entire statement click this icon

Lights! Camera! Action!

Ageism and Abuse in Hollywood

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 15 • 12:00 NOON ON ZOOM
RSVP BY MARCH 11TH

Register by Email at office@ncjwpeninsula.org or call 516-569-3660 with your name and email address.

Or register by clicking on this button [Register](#)

Once registered the Zoom link will be sent to you.



Join us when we take a trip behind movie screen memory lane to discover what life was really like for some of our most cherished and legendary female film stars – like Doris Day, Judy Garland, and Ethel Barrymore.

Our Tour Guide, Pam Munter, author of *Fading Fame*:

Women of a Certain Age in Hollywood, will reveal the hidden secrets behind the beautiful screen images. And who better to uncover these truths than Munter, who has played many roles in her own life, that of clinical psychologist, professor, film historian, cabaret singer/performer, band leader, and disc jockey. Munter will dissect the systemic misogyny, ageism, and exploitation these revered stars – many of whom aged out before their thirties – were made to endure.



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Advancing Solutions for Extraordinary Risks – Address From Nobel Peace Laureate

PAM SHELDEN – Chair, Advocacy Film Series

At NCJW Peninsula Section's January 18th program meeting, we were joined by Seth Shelden, the United Nations Liaison for the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), winner of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. (Among other things, Seth is also – full disclosure – my son.)

Seth addressed the NCJW membership about heightened risks posed by nuclear weapons today, the media's failure to contextualize these risks appropriately, and ICAN's work to advance a solution in the form of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The TPNW, which entered into force a year ago, is the first global treaty to prohibit nuclear weapons comprehensively.

We discussed also how our membership can contribute to the total elimination of nuclear weapons, including by reaching out to federal representatives (e.g., using **ICAN's legislative pledge**) and local representatives (e.g., using the **ICAN Cities Appeal**, just adopted by New York City in December), **divesting our finances** and **our alma maters** from the nuclear weapons industry, and, if we wish, **becoming an ICAN partner organization**.



SHADY LADIES ZOOM TOUR

Join us for an Evening of Enchantment

◆ **THURSDAY, APRIL 7 • 7:00 PM**

Register by March 24 – Cost: \$36 per person

Along with the tour we will be including a bottle of bubbly and sweet treats for your enjoyment!

To Register: Send check to NCJW Peninsula Section, 342 Central Ave., Lawrence, NY 11559. Include your name, address, email, phone number.

Courtesans, royal mistresses, scandalous women of every sort – the walls of the Metropolitan Museum are lined with them, from ancient Greek *hetaerae* to John Singer Sargent's *Madame X* and our guide Andrew will walk us through the stories. These women, famous not only for sex appeal but also for their talents – and for a spirit which today we would call 'entrepreneurial' – fascinated both their wealthy patrons and the artists who made them the subject of their masterpieces. But who were they? How did they rise to their positions? And how did they maintain their prominence despite their scandalous reputations? Let's find out together!



Book Review

“Beautiful Country” by Qian Julie Wang

◆ **WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**
1:30 PM (Rain Date, May 25)

A heartrending and powerfully courageous memoir. Beautiful Country puts readers in the shoes of an undocumented child living in poverty in America.



This lovely afternoon will be held outdoors at a private residence. Light refreshments will be served.

Facilitator: Barbara Sklar

Reservation details

- ◆ Members: \$18 / Non members: \$25
- ◆ Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section
342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559
- ◆ Reservations due by May 9 (Space is limited)

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**85th Anniversary
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Luncheon



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Atlantic Beach, New York

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In Honor of:

Ruth Gordon on your 75th birthday

Patty Greenfield & Mr. & Mrs. Gary Akawie

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In Memory of:

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Janet Spar

In Honor of:

Lexi's wedding, daughter of Lori & Lance Grossman

Renee Fischer

Marci Last on your special birthday

Renee Fischer

Aaron & Shlomit's wedding, grandson of Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Fran Denny

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Mark Fetner, beloved husband of Jackie Fetner

Dena Stein
Rene Powers

Ruth Uterberg, beloved sister of Babs Yaspan

Myra Garber

Jerry, beloved father of Mr. & Mrs. Lightstone

Fran Denny

Charlotte, beloved mother of Mrs. Robin Benditsky

Fran Denny

Rachel Michelson, beloved mother of Robert Michelson & Family

Janet Kaplan

Rachel Michelson, beloved mother of Carol Gingold & Family

Janet Kaplan

Hartley, beloved husband of Joanne Zamore

Linda Pachter

Lawrence Gordon, beloved by The Gordon Family

Natalie Zeiger

In Honor of:

Harriet Rubenstein, wishing you a total and speedy recovery

Judi Braverman

Pnina Knopf on your special birthday

Carole Tolkin

Barbara Fishman on your special birthday

Patty Greenfield

David Michael, son of Renee Fischer, wishing him a total and speedy recovery

Fran Denny

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Ruth Uterberg, beloved sister of Babs Yaspan

Fran Denny

Stanley, beloved husband & father of the The Blinder & Tolkin Family

Joan Butwin

In Honor of:

Lexi's wedding, daughter of Lori & Lance Grossman

Bonnie Sperry

Gloria Okin on your special birthday

Carole Tolkin

Harriet Rubenstein, wishing you a total and speedy recovery

Carole Tolkin

ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND

In Memory of:

Ruth Uterberg, beloved sister of Babs Yaspan

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Lenny, beloved husband of the Grossman Family

Joan Butwin

Jerry, beloved husband of Judy Pressner

Joan Butwin

In Honor of:

Bat Mitzvah of great granddaughter of Babs Yaspan

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Engagement of Adina to Isaac Solz, daughter of Chana & Andrew Singer

Joan Butwin

Aaron & Shlomit's wedding, grandson of Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Linda Gorin

Calendar of Events

You can click on the items below for more information on the March and April events in this Bulletin.

◆ THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Gun Violence Prevention

Program – Guns on Long Island-How Safe Are You? Join NCJW and Moms Demand Action for an informative and interactive program.

◆ SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Miriam and Matzoh – Join us as we make beautiful Miriam's Cups to adorn the Passover table.

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Program Meeting in collaboration with the Hewlett-Woodmere Library – Lights, Camera, Action! "Ageism and Abuse in Hollywood" with presenter, Pam Munter.

◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Jewish Life Institute – "Anti-Semitism on College Campuses." Our presenter is Ken Stern, Director of the Bard Center for the Study of Hate.

◆ THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Shady Ladies Tour – Learn about the fascinating women of the past – shady ladies, nasty women, fashion icons – on our fun and revealing virtual tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

◆ SUNDAY, MAY 15

Advocacy Movie in collaboration with the Hewlett-Woodmere Library. "The Vow from Hiroshima" with presenter Mitchie Takeuchi.

◆ WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

Book Review – "Beautiful Country" by Qian Julie Wang

◆ THURSDAY, JUNE 16

Founder's Day/ 85th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon – Join us as we honor Marci Last with the Hannah G. Solomon Award and celebrate the 85th anniversary of Peninsula Section.

◆ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Installation of the NCJW Peninsula Section Officers and Board

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.

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- 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

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