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thursday **june 16**
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founder's day luncheon
honoring **MARCILAST**
recipient of the
hannah g solomon award
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Celebrating the **85th anniversary**
of peninsula section
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beach club

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Message from the President

As I write this, my last Message from the President, I'm in a nostalgic frame of mind. I have been so honored and privileged to have served as your leader for the last three years. It has been a tumultuous time, where normal Council activities were upended for a pandemic, where we've lived our lives on Zoom for much of it. I wish to thank all of the stalwart participants in NCJW Peninsula Section – members, officers, Board members, volunteers and staff, who have stood by us and continued their efforts for our Section and for women, children and families.

Bonnie Sperry, Section Administrator, has been my right hand woman (I'm a leftie!) and partner in any and all achievements our section has accomplished. Dynamic, creative, a visionary, she has propelled us to keep going and overcome any and all dilemmas we have faced. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Fran Denny, Executive Vice President, has been there to assist, to offer advice, suggestions, solutions – and a joke – to keep us running smoothly. We are so lucky that Fran will be helping our Section next year. Thank you, Fran, and good luck!

Our Treasurers, **Sally Telias**, **Abby Fox**, and **Judy Novet**, have kept our finances on the straight and narrow in these trying times when fundraising activities have been curtailed. Thank you.

Secretaries, Recording – **Judy Bernstein / Judy Mintz**; Membership – **Harriet Rubenstein / Myra Cohen**; Corresponding – **Sandra Mintz / Pnina Knopf**, have paid strict attention to the details, logging and noting accurate information. Thanks!

Vice Presidents — I thank these wonderful women:

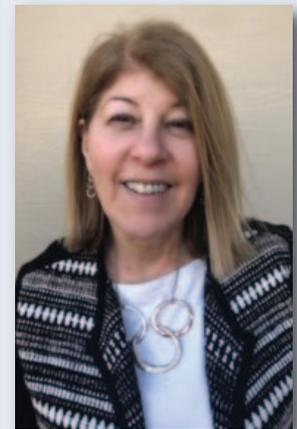
Advocacy – **Carole Tolkin** has revitalized this area, helping forums on the important topics of the day - reproductive rights, voting rights, gun control, with able department help.

Back to School Store – **Hope Coleman** and the Steering Committee have transitioned our beloved two day event into an ongoing concern, partnering with Island Harvest, agencies and school districts to provide for the children in our communities all year long.

Community Services – **Judi Braverman** (and **Penny Santiago** before her) worked with the curtailment of in-person volunteering and fewer funds to still have members involved at CALE, Five Towns Early Learning Center, SIBS, and Sulam-LI. Through the pandemic this help was needed more than ever.

Education and Jewish Life – **Renee Fischer** spearheaded many programs, lectures, and demonstrations to keep us involved and learning. Zoom was a lifeline for most of us to stay connected.

Fundraising – **Peggy Klang** jumped in with creative ideas to keep our cash flow going, despite pandemic shortages and lack of in-person fundraisers. We couldn't accomplish anything without the revenue to pay for it.



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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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LAST comes in FIRST!

First class, premium, a true gem, that's Marci Last, our Founder's Day Honoree!

ABBY FOX – Bulletin Editor

I got lucky 29 years ago when I moved in across the street and down the block from Marci Last. With her affable and generous nature she quickly went from being a wonderful neighbor to a cherished friend.

NCJW got lucky when Marci became a member in 1997 and joined the board in 1998. Marci chaired the PENT program (Peninsula Educational Nursery for Threes) at the Franklin Early Childhood Center in School District #14. So many children and families benefited from this wonderful program. Marci chaired Founder's Day, more than once, worked on many dinner dances, co-chaired the journal, organized, wrapped and creatively named many years of raffle prizes, Holiday Boutiques and so much more. Marci's creative flair and dedication made many fundraisers fun and successful.

Marci joined the Executive Board in 2007. First as Treasurer, and then took on the Vice Presidency of the Thrift Shop. Wow, did the Thrift Shop get lucky. With her incredible business acumen, retail experience and warm, enthusiastic, can-do personality Marci turned a special, eclectic, neighborhood store into a profitable, well-run business.

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We saw Marci's potential and presented her with the Emerging Leader Award. She saw the store's potential and proposed a bold, new business plan for the future of the store. A strong, forward thinking woman willing to take chances, just like Hannah G. Though sad to have to resign from the board, Marci became an NCJW employee. Marci Last and Lori Grossman became NCJW Peninsula Section's Thrift Shop Co-Managers. The team made many improvements and the shop is now a thriving, revenue generating, award-winning store with a large following of customers from the greater New York area.

Marci is positive and kind. A true wordsmith, she weaves words together like magic. She can put together a poem, a toast, or an advertisement that is enticing, heart-warming and expressive. Marci is an ace on the tennis court and enjoys playing Mah Jongg and cards with close friends.

Marci grew up in North Woodmere, graduated from Hewlett High School and went on to Brockport College. Marci started her career in the jewelry business. She met her adoring husband Rob in Hebrew School at Temple Hillel. They have two beautiful grown daughters, Casey and Daryl. Marci was introduced to NCJW by her mother Judy Axman and her aunt Barbara Escowitz, both were active NCJW members.

Marci Last is so dedicated and devoted to her family, to her friends, to the Thrift Shop and to NCJW. She is so deserving of NCJW Peninsula Section's most prestigious honor, the Hannah G. Solomon Award.

Congratulations!



Marci Last

NCJW Peninsula Section was proud to help the refugees of the war in Ukraine. Our Thrift Shop delivered several boxes of much needed supplies, to the collection site at the Village Hall in Hewlett Harbor, slated to be shipped to Poland.

Our hope is that peace will come soon to this region and that they will be able to rebuild their lives and communities. By donating, shopping and volunteering at the NCJW Thrift Shop you enable us to help others. Thank you.

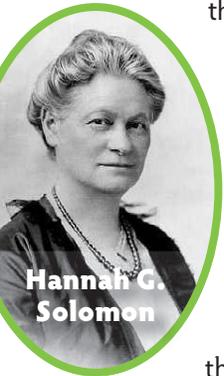


Stand with Ukraine



Celebrating 85 Years of Peninsula Section

How can we celebrate Peninsula Sections 85 years without going back 125 years to the founding of the National Council of Jewish Women?



Hannah G. Solomon

We are in the late 1890s . . . You are Hannah G. Solomon, a married woman from a fairly affluent and civic minded family. From that pedigree, you are then appointed to a committee in charge of organizing a World's Parliament of Religions for the Chicago World's Fair. What an amazing opportunity for a woman of that era, almost too good to be true.

The story goes that in 1893, when Hannah and her sisters discovered that their role consisted of pouring coffee and other hostess duties, they walked out! That rebuff from the parliament gave the assembled women just what they needed, the impetuosity to form their own organization, an organization that would strengthen the role and work of Jewish Women . . . The National Council of Jewish Women was born.

How can we not admire and celebrate the courage and conviction of these strong, visionary women. From that beginning, sections formed around the country working to improve the quality of life for women, children and family.

Our NCJW Peninsula Charter was granted in 1936 making this year our 85th year of service to the Five Towns, greater community and Israel. This milestone would never have been accomplished without the same courage, conviction, vision, dedication and support of the exceptional women who have taken on the leadership of Peninsula Section.

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Myra Garber

Back 2 School Store Recipients are So Grateful

JUDY NOVET, NATALIE ZEIGER, PEGGY KLANG AND BARBARA SKLAR – Steering Committee Members

It is wonderful and reassuring to report, that during the past two years the B2SS has continued to make a difference for children in so many neighboring communities.

In previous bulletins, we have recapped for you some of the clothing and school supplies we have distributed over the last couple of years. We'd like to share some of the feedback we have received over the last few months.

- ◆ We recently added Roosevelt Library as a distribution site. They have reported that families were so excited by the clothing we gave that they have become library regulars!
- ◆ One agency told us of several grandparents literally crying when receiving sneakers NCJW had supplied. The pandemic had put these elderly adults in the position of struggling to stretch their limited retirement savings to care not only for themselves but also for their children and grandchildren.
- ◆ Another organization told us of children regularly arriving at their program wearing only hoodies or sweaters in frigid weather. The children claimed they were warm enough and preferred not to be bundled up when in fact they were ashamed to have nothing warmer to wear until the jackets supplied by the Back 2 School Store were given to them.
- ◆ One group, upon receiving a delivery of B2SS clothing simply said, "WOW!"

Looking forward and preparing for the coming months, the B2SS is considering more distributions of clothing and school supplies. We need your help, and certainly with the involvement of the Steering Committee and new volunteers, our planned projects will become a reality. Stay tuned for more exciting news!!



Roosevelt Library clothing distribution



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



During the Covid pandemic, our volunteers have been busy knitting and/or crocheting 82 blankets that we donated to We Care Blankets.

Thank you to those who wrapped and those who dropped off their beautiful blankets and yarn donations! And thank you to everyone who took bags of blankets to deliver! We wrapped well over 600 blankets that were sent out to sick children. We hope to have another wrap session before summer, so hold onto those new blankets! Until then, be well!

—The WCB Team

SIBSPlace Update

JUDIE HOROWITZ

This age of COVID is crazy indeed and while so many worthwhile programs have had to limit activity or close down altogether, SIBSPlace has actually grown! Our physical growth is evidenced by our new location: a beautiful, freestanding building in Rockville Centre. Our new home is spacious and has been remodeled to accommodate SIBS' unique needs. NCJW Peninsula Section sponsored the game room in which the kids enjoy basketball, foosball, a doll house, and all sorts of board games — of course after they have finished their homework.

There are different meeting rooms ranging from a beautiful, big boardroom with a table handmade by one of our founders, a kitchen with a washing machine and dryer that the kids will be taught to use so they can be more helpful at home when needed, quiet rooms for one on one with our skilled mental health social workers, when necessary, an Art Room, etc.

But even more beautiful is the growth in the number of families we serve. For many years we have had a bereavement program, but, in response to the needs that COVID created, that

has grown. SIBSPlace never shut down. We switched to zoom immediately so that our children and their families would have no interruption in the essential support that SIBS gives. The bereavement program went remote as well and many new families joined. Because it was zoom, you didn't have to be local. We now have SIBS kids in all the boroughs and out on the island.

When conditions allowed us to meet again in person, following hospital safety protocols of course, some local families were reluctant and our newly affiliated but more distantly located families didn't want the program to end so, to accommodate their needs, we now have both in person and remote programs going. I have always been impressed with the skill and dedication of our staff, but they continually amaze me with the level of their creativity to meet community needs.

I know it's trendy to say "We will come out of this stronger than ever", but SIBS actually has! Thank you, Peninsula Section for your continued support.



SIBSPlace new Game Room sponsored by NCJW Peninsula Section

MIRIAM AND MATZOH

NATALIE ZEIGER

On Sunday, March 6th, a group of NCJW members met on Zoom to create extraordinary, creative, inspiring and original Miriam's Cups for Seder tables. Aside from the fun of cutting and pasting pictures of women who have been important in our lives, the atmosphere was magical. Pure joy, sisterhood, sharing, camaraderie and caring. So glad I was there. Thanks to the planning, organizing and clear instructions of our marvelous Pnina Knopf and Joan Ivler. It was a not to be missed moment! Hope you can join us next year.



Natalie Feinne, Natalie Zeiger showing off their beautiful Miriam's cups.



The Vow from Hiroshima

In "The Vow from Hiroshima," producers Mitchie Takeuchi and Susan Strickler tell the inspiring stories of Setsuko Thurlow and Mitchie Takeuchi.

Sunday, May 15 at 2:00 pm on Zoom

Please sign on a few minutes beforehand so that we can let you into the waiting room.

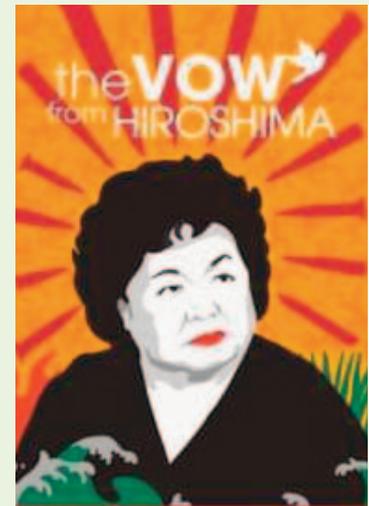
PAM SHELDEN – Advocacy Film Series, Chair

In "The Vow from Hiroshima," producers Mitchie Takeuchi and Susan Strickler tell the inspiring stories of Setsuko Thurlow and Mitchie Takeuchi.

Much like the family members of Holocaust survivors, Mitchie found it difficult to get her mother to talk about the family's experiences with the bombings. Like many PTSD survivors, they sought to bury the experiences. In Mitchie's words, "There was an 'atmosphere' with my mother that her experience should not be openly discussed. Most of the atomic bomb survivors kept silent. . . . The epiphany hit me when I was talking to my dear Jewish friend. She said, 'Mitchie, you may not feel this is your story, but it is OURS. We can't let this happen again.' That conversation changed my mindset. It will be amazing to have an opportunity to speak with the 2nd and 3rd generations of Holocaust survivors."

Ironically, Mitchie traveled to America to live and study, but in so doing, she discovered her own culture and identity. Please join Mitchie and Susan for the screening of this beautifully inspirational story.

Registration: This will be a Zoom screening. Call the NCJW Office to register (516-569-3660). You will be sent a link a few days prior to the screening. Alternatively, you may go to the library website (www.hwpl.org) and register through the Calendar of Events. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the Zoom meeting.



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Membership – **Arlene Gewanter** stayed in touch with our members, calling, emailing and sending out messages to keep them connected even if we rarely met in person.

Thrift Shop – **Susan Fox** and our Managers, **Marci Last** and **Lori Grossman**, kept our Thrift Shop clean and functioning through the darkest days of the crisis. The Thrift Shop is Peninsula Section's main source of income, and I thank them and the Thrift Shop staff for all their hard work to support our endeavors.

My thanks also goes to **Jessica Brown**, our secretary, who keeps the office up to date. And to the Coordinators assisting the V.P.s, the committee chairwomen and participants who run a myriad of committees – nominations, personnel, thrift shop advisory, policy and by-law review, knitting, emergency relief and others.

To the Advisors – women who have walked in my shoes and guided me in all things Peninsula Section, and especially to **Judi Braverman**, my immediate predecessor, thank you for your advice and for pushing me in what I hope was the right direction. I truly valued the sharing of your collective wisdom and experience, offering suggestions for the right path to take.

To **Susan Fox** for maintaining our NCJW Peninsula Section website and sending our Constant Contacts, our most immediate ways to reach all of you.

Finally, many thanks to **Abby Fox** for continuing to edit and produce this beautiful and engaging Bulletin. More than ever it is the link between all of our members, the Board, and the world.

I hope my unprecedented pandemic presidency has allowed the Peninsula Section of the National Council of Jewish Women to continue to function, to thrive, to work for what is right and just, and to continue tikkun olam – healing the world. Peninsula is 85 years young – and strong, and must continue to be a vital force in the community. — **Myra Garber**

NCJW's Israel Granting Program

The IGP Boost and Physicians for Human Rights

JUDY MINTZ

NCJW's Israel Granting Program (IGP) seeks to improve the lives of women, children and families throughout Israel by awarding grants to grass roots organizations which serve diverse communities to advance women's empowerment, gender equality, and social justice. Over 40 organizations responded to "the ask". Their applications were then assessed and recipients were selected based on impact, need and diversity. Three sites will receive a \$20,000 base grant from NCJW with the possibility of receiving additional dollars—a *boost*—from sections and individuals.



Physicians for
Human Rights

“This organization provides reproductive services to women without permanent legal status in the Tel Avia/Yafo area ...”

The Peninsula Section Board then took a meaningful vote at its March board meeting. They selected *Physicians for Human Rights* to receive the dollars collected in the section's Israel Granting Program Fund. This organization provides reproductive services to women without permanent legal status in the Tel Avia/Yafo area including prenatal care, birth control, gynecological care, abortion and support groups for pregnancy loss and fertility challenges. We hope you agree that this amazing project which guarantees women's right to health care and control over their bodies is one deserving of our support!

The Section will transfer funds by May 15th. To increase our *boost* to *Physicians for Human Rights*, you can make an individual gift or purchase Israel Granting Program cards to mark milestone events at \$10 each – these cards are mailed out from the office and listed in the Bulletin (www.ncjwpeninsula.org/tribute/) – or you can purchase a package of 6 cards for \$25. Please call the Peninsula Section office at 516-569-3660 for information. Thank you!

We Had Some Big Winners This Year!

Thank you to all who entered our Calendar Game and our Cash Raffle.

Calendar Game Winners

1st place winner \$75 – Susan Schwarz
2nd place winner \$50 – Judy Mintz
3rd place winner \$25 – Natalie Zeiger

Cash Raffle winners

1st place \$300 – Esta Friedman
2nd place \$200 – Peggy Klang
3rd place \$100 – Adrienne Lurie



Thank you to those who choose to 'pay it forward' and gave some or all of their winnings back to NCJW. If you missed out, you can try again next year!! Remember, when you participate in our events, you help make a difference. NCJW Peninsula Section needs your support to continue enhancing our community.

NCJW Long Island Sections Luncheon

Save the Date
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Temple Sinai in Roslyn
honoring

Abby Fox



The Installation of Officers and Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 club year will be on Thursday, June 30, 2022 at 11:30 am at Remy's Restaurant in Hewlett. For an invitation, please call the office at 516-569-3660

Fran Denny **PRESIDENT**

Fran is honored to serve as President of NCJW Peninsula Section for the club year of 2022-2023. Fran started her volunteer service when she was in her twenties. From that time on she has been associated with various Jewish organizations where she held prominent positions. Through her daughter Linda, she became interested in becoming a volunteer for NCJW. Among the positions she has held were Vice President of Membership and Marketing, Vice President of Fundraising, and most recently Executive Vice President. One of the many new projects that Fran has helped start was the Back 2 School Store which has become a major yearly event. During Fran's presidency she plans to reignite Peninsula Section's Center for Women. Fran and her husband Arthur are proud of their children and their spouses and their six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Peggy Klang **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

Peggy has been in the working community for most of her adult life. For many years she was President of a successful direct mail marketing company. Upon her retirement, and as a breast cancer survivor, she joined the Susan G. Komen team for "Walk For A Cure." She became team captain for 5 years uniting women and men to walk the path and help avoid and hopefully destroy this disease. Peggy also joined a Long Island chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, at which she served on several committees. These two organizations are very personal to her and she continues to be active today. In September 2013, Peggy joined NCJW where she truly found a home. Peggy says she saw dynamic women, worthy causes, and an organization that was true to its mission. As a member of NCJW she was provided with the opportunity to give back to her community. She joined the Intergenerational Reading Program and fell in love with the children. Additionally, she became involved in the Back 2 School Store and joined several committees including Child Recruitment, Volunteers and Acquisitions. At present she is proud to continue as a Co-Coordinator of the B2SS and Vice President of Fundraising. Moving to Florida in 2017, Peggy continues her mission and has joined PAP (a research cancer organization), as well as ORT. She is active in her community and has joined many clubs to keep her mind active and body energized. Peggy is excited to work with Fran as her Executive Vice President and looks forward to another year.



Hope Coleman **VICE PRESIDENT BACK, 2 SCHOOL STORE**

Hope again proudly accepts the position of VP of the Back 2 School Store (B2SS). She has served as coordinator of the B2SS since its inception in 2012. Hope served as VP of Education and Community Services, and chaired various Community Service projects. In 2018 Hope was honored by Todd Kaminsky in Albany as "A Woman of Distinction". Also in 2018 Hope was extremely honored to be the Recipient of the Hannah G. Solomon award. She served as Director of Child Care Centers and worked in the field for over 25 years. Hope and her husband Michael are very proud of their child Grey, daughter Joanna, son-in-law Josh, and grandchildren Allison and Jacob. Hope says that during this challenging time of COVID we are very proud to still be helping families and children who may be struggling economically by supplying them with needed clothing and school supplies. She credits the past and present donors and volunteers with the successes of the B2SS and looks forward to resuming the traditional event in the future.



Jaclyn Feldman **VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION AND JEWISH AFFAIRS**



Jaclyn assumes the position of VP of Education and Jewish Affairs. She is a life member of NCJW and was chair of our Lecture Series and headed up our Programs. Her experience in lecture programming for Molloy College and continuing education Mill II program for about six years made her perfect for this role in our section. Jaclyn has three children; four grandchildren, is divorced and has been with her partner for 42 years. She taught ballroom dancing at Fred Astaire and Arthur Murray while in college was a L.I. and NYC schoolteacher becoming a reading specialist with her second masters. Was employed and then self employed as a sales rep for tabletop, cards, wedding favors and gourmet food. Jaclyn is on the boards of Temple Emanuel-El Long Beach, Long Beach Art League and member of Village Art League, National Art League, Tri County Artists, Art League of L.I. and a volunteer at the Long Beach Soup Kitchen and Temple Emanu-El Long Beach in an effort to give back for all my blessings.



Renee Fischer **VICE PRESIDENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Renee assumes the position of Vice President of Community Services. She held the roles of Vice President of Education and Jewish Affairs, Thrift Shop and Executive VP in the past. She enjoys her work with National Council of Jewish Women. Renee was the 2014 recipient of the Emerging Leader Award.



Susan Fox VICE PRESIDENT, THRIFT SHOP

Susan has been a member NCJW Peninsula Section for over ten years, beginning her involvement by chairing the Cell Phone project and volunteering at the Back 2 School Store. After her retirement as an elementary school teacher, where she was involved in writing new curriculum, leading workshops for colleagues and directing the school musical, she joined the board. Susan has earned the Emerging Leader Award. This year Susan will continue as Vice President of the Thrift Shop as well as our webmaster and Co-Chair of the Back 2 School Store. She has found this volunteer work to be extremely rewarding and has found many new friends among the dedicated members. Susan and her husband Shelly are proud parents of two sons and love being grandparents.

Myra Garber VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP

Myra Garber is delighted to continue in the service Of NCJW Peninsula Section. For the past three years Myra was President of the Section. Shortly after taking the office, the Covid-19 pandemic reared its ugly head. Myra transitioned our section to remain viable, learning about conducting Zoom meetings, reaching out to not only the Board of Directors, but to all of our members. She spearheaded many programs, forums and lectures, providing the introduction and technology to contact all. A member for more than ten years, her history of leadership at our section includes being Executive Vice President, Emerging Leader in 2017, and Vice President of Education. Myra has run book discussions, Health Forums, By-Laws and Policy Reviews. She's been an avid participant in the Back 2 School Store program, Women's Center committee and an activist in Advocacy, attending many Washington Institutes (including this May's), NCJW Conventions, rallies for reproductive and voting rights, and conferring with our legal representatives. A former Reading and English teacher at many school levels, treasurer of her teachers' union, Vice President of her retiree group, she knows that one must give back. Her husband, daughter, son and daughter-in-law and three grandchildren also understand the idea of service to one's community. As Vice President of Membership, Myra hopes to inspire all of our members, and believes that more people will join, participate, and attend Peninsula Section functions as we leave the isolation of Covid. Together, our membership will work to improve the lives of women, children and families, and help repair the world.



Carole Tolkin VICE PRESIDENT, ADVOCACY

I'm honored to again assume the position of Advocacy Vice-President. NCJW is a vital force in forging new partnerships, promoting progressive legislation, and being the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. I have been involved in Peninsula Section for many years and have held many positions, but Advocacy seems like the right one for me now, when there is so much troubling ideology. It is more important than ever for our united voices to be heard. On the personal side, I enjoy my blended family of six children and their spouses, and 15 grandchildren, three of whom live in The Netherlands. I am blessed with a full life, and part of that blessing is being a member of NCJW, Peninsula Section.

Pnina Knopf CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Pnina accepts the position of Corresponding Secretary for her second year in this role. Her involvement in Peninsula Sections spans 17+ years where she has served as Co-President and President of the section, Vice President of Community Services, as well as Chair and Co-Chair of numerous programs, committees and events. Pnina is the proud recipient of the Emerging Leader Award, the Woman Who Makes a Difference Award, and the Hannah G. Solomon Award. She is the first Chairwoman of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program for Peninsula Section presently bringing the Holocaust documentary, THE BARN, to schools across Long Island. Pnina, a retired elementary school teacher, considers NCJW to be her second career, one that she approaches with passion and excitement to carry out our mission and instill in her family the spirit of volunteerism and not-for-profit work. Her husband Lewis started his own second career as a Daily Money Manager, helping seniors and their families in numerous ways. Her children Rachel and Ben both work in the not-for-profit sphere and volunteer in a local food pantry. Son-in-law, Vic, is an engineer helping to fix our country's infrastructure. Granddaughters, Annalene and Vivie are "the light of her life" and both love school and love life!



Myra Cohen MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Myra Cohen will continue as Membership Secretary for a second year. She has also worked on our Reproductive Rights campaign. Myra Cohen has recently become a life member of Peninsula Section. Myra has lived in Long Beach for 45 years. She is a retired Social worker. Before retirement, Myra worked at Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital as Director of Volunteer Services. She has a son and a daughter and 2 granddaughters who are the sunshine of her world. "I am totally enjoying my work with National Council of Jewish Women and look forward to another productive year."

Donna Bialor RECORDING SECRETARY

It's great to be back! I began my involvement with Peninsula Section NCJW in the late 1970s/early 80s with Evening Branch, serving on committees, as Vice President and President then on to Section as the Bulletin Editor for several years. After I went back to work, I couldn't devote as much time to NCJW but as a life member, I always kept an eye on what Section was up to. For the next 25 years I pursued a career in banking, managing mortgage operations for national lenders like Aurora Loan Services and Bank of America. After I retired I was looking for a hands-on volunteer project to get involved in. Just before the pandemic hit I saw information about a new Peninsula Section project that grabbed my attention – a career center helping women to successfully navigate the job market by helping with resume preparation and interview coaching. Unfortunately Covid put a hold on the project, but we did manage to have one preliminary meeting and I was hooked (again). As a Board member this past year I worked on the Advocacy Committee, focusing on reducing gun violence. It felt terrific to once again be part of a group of such smart, talented and dedicated women. I am honored to have been asked to serve as the Recording Secretary for the coming year. Family – married to Arthur Popp. My two grown children live in New York. Art's daughter and our three grandsons live in Perth, Australia. I'm not living in the 5 Ttowns anymore, I moved to Melville almost five years ago.



Sally Telias FINANCIAL COORDINATOR/TREASURER

Sally continues as Financial Coordinator and Treasurer. She chairs the Finance and Budget Committees and serves on the Personnel Practices and Thrift Shop Advisory Committees. A licensed CPA, she has been able to guide the Section on many important financial and management decisions. Sally served as Co-President of Peninsula Section and chaired various committees and campaigns including Nominating, Bylaws, Founder's Day, Installation, Dinner Dance and Benchmark. She also served on various committees including Volunteer Recognition, Health Forum, Website and Visual Presentations. Sally received the Emerging Leader Award in 2003 and the Hannah G. Solomon Award in 2012. Professionally Sally has been Chief Financial Officer at Kirby McInerney LLP (a NYC law firm) for 27 years. She and her husband Henry have two children, Elizabeth & Michael and an adored dog, Mandi.

Abby Fox ASSISTANT TREASURER

Abby continues to serve as the Assistant Treasurer as well as the Bulletin Editor. Abby is Chair of the Personnel Practices Committee and sits on the Thrift Shop Advisory Committee. Abby shared the Presidency for five terms, and has served as VP of the Thrift Shop, Membership and Public Relations. Through the years, she has held numerous positions, volunteered for many services and attended several national events. Abby received the Hannah G. Solomon award and the Long Island Sections "Women Who Make A Difference" award. "NCJW continues to enrich my life in so many ways and provides me with the opportunity to always learn something new. I am proud of the work we do and the mission we strive to meet. I am fortunate to have grown up with NCJW and proud that through NCJW, my children, Lindsay and Dylan, have learned the importance of volunteerism, advocacy, community service, philanthropy and education".



Judy Novet ASSISTANT TREASURER



Judy Novet is a long time Life Member of Peninsula Section. She currently is an Assistant Treasurer and a co-chair of Child Recruitment for the Back 2 School Store. She has also served as Campership chairperson. Judy grew up in East Rockaway and is a graduate of Lynbrook High School and Tufts University where she was a dual major, earning a BS in Computational Math and in Child Study. She lives in Massapequa with her husband, Matthew. They have three sons. Judy was raised in a home that valued community service. Both of her parents were role models. She learned about NCJW from her mother, Joan Steingart, who held many leadership positions within Peninsula Section over four decades. Judy was recognized as a Woman of Distinction in 2018 by the Town of Oyster Bay for her volunteerism. She is president of the Young People's Cultural Arts Workshop of Massapequa, a non-profit which offers enrichment classes to children. She is active at Temple B'nai Torah of Wantagh, currently serving as the Sisterhood Treasurer after stints on the temple Board and as chairperson of Religious Education.

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Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson

NCJW Helped Make Herstory!

Judge – now Justice-designate Jackson – was confirmed by the Senate, 53-47, in a bipartisan vote. It's a historic win for the Court and our country.

On April 7, 2022 the US Senate voted to confirm Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the US Supreme Court. National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) CEO Sheila Katz issued the following statement:

“ The historic, bipartisan vote to confirm Ketanji Brown Jackson as the next associate justice of the US Supreme Court marks a turning point for our country, and signals hope for the future of ensuring equal access to justice for all people.

“ Throughout her career Justice Jackson has shown her commitment to protecting the rights of minority religions and the most marginalized among us. At a time when so many of our rights are in jeopardy, including abortion and voting rights, we need a justice on the Court who understands what is at stake. Justice Jackson will bring to the Court her lived experience and that of so many Americans – and with this perspective an awareness of the profound impact her decisions will have on people's lives. She will truly be a Justice for all.

“ Her confirmation is not just a celebration of Justice Jackson, but of our entire nation who will benefit from her wisdom and a Supreme Court that is one step closer to reflecting the promise of our country. ”

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