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# HIBAKUSHA STORIES

THE ART OF STORYTELLING
AND DISARMAMENT
EDUCATION TO COUNTER
NUCLEAR THREATS

PROGRAM MEETING Tuesday, November 15, Noon

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Kathleen Sullivan

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THE MISSION OF HIBAKUSHA STORIES
IS TO PASS THE LEGACY OF THE
ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA
AND NAGASAKI TO A NEW GENERATION,
EMPOWERING THEM TO BUILD A WORLD
FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

'HIBAKUSHA' IS THE JAPANESE WORD FOR ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVORS.

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Autumn represents change, the changing of the leaves, and the start of the new school year. For NCJW Peninsula Section a major change is from zoom to in person programs and events.

NCJW held their first in person program meeting in over two and one half years on September 29, 2022. It was wonderful to once again see our members and guests enjoying the afternoon and the wonderful program presented by author, speaker Talia Carner. From our speaker we learned the shocking history of over 150,000 young Jewish girls who were forced into prostitution in Buenos Aires between the late eighteen

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hundreds and World War II. These young women were lured into prostitution by promises of marriage and going to America, only to find themselves abused and sold into prostitution.

Unfortunately, sex -trafficking did not end there, but continues in our country today. Globally an es-

timated twenty five million people are subjected to human trafficking and forced labor. Long Island is among the top 20 jurisdictions nationwide impacted by human trafficking. Victims are often addicted to drugs by the traffickers to keep them in prostitution. They are physically abused and held captive

and every aspect of their lives is controlled much like the young women of Buenos Aires. We must remain vigilant for signs in people that might indicate they are subjected to inhumane treatment. As members of NCJW we strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families by safeguarding individual rights and freedom.

If you suspect that someone is being subjected to abuse of any kind do not intervene, call 911 instead. What we do as individuals can make a difference.

On behalf of the NCJW Board of Directors to all our members we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and a joyful





# 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.

## **NCJW** Peninsula Section

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Fran Denny and Judy Novet

# Introducing . . . Judy Novet **Emerging Leader Award**

**HARRIET RUBENSTEIN – Feature Editor** 

When speaking to Judy, I learned she grew up in East Rockaway, graduated from Lynbrook High School, and then went off to Boston to Tufts University. She pursued a dual major, earning a B.S. in Computational Math and Child Study. I knew then I was speaking to a woman with high reaching goals. After graduation Judy held a position as a Computer Consultant which included Con Ed and Manufacturer's Hanover Bank.

Joan Steingart, Judy's mother, was a long-time member of NCJW, Peninsula Section. She held many leadership positions for more than four decades and spoke about the dedication of these women who inspired her. So, it was natural for Judy to join the organization. The Back

2 School Store prompted her to become active in that project. She is now a Co-Chair of Child Recruitment. Judy has also chaired

the Campership Program. Judy is presently Assistant Treasurer of the Section, which she performs admirably.

Confirmation was at Temple Emanuel (now Temple Am Echad) where Judy and a classmate had the 'Mitzva' of being the first two females allowed on the Bima while the Torah was open. Judy is now active at Temple B'Nai Torah of Wantagh, serving as the Sisterhood's Treasurer. She also has had stints on the Temple Board and as Chairperson of Religious Education.

Judy was recognized as "Woman of Distinction" in 2018 by the Town of Oyster Bay for her volunteerism. Other organizations she has given her time to are The Boy Scouts, PTA, and President of the Young People's Cultural Arts Workshop of Massapequa.

I think you will agree that Judy Novet is the perfect

candidate for being selected as our Emerging Leader. Judy stated her parents valued community service and served as role models. She is certainly following in their footsteps. To conclude, Judy's family consists of her wonderful husband Matthew, and her sons Alex, Tyler, and Michael and daughter-in-law Emmaline.

I am very honored and very humbled to have been selected as Peninsula Section's Emerging Leader. I have respected the work and women of this Section for decades. I first learned of your community service and advocacy efforts when my mother became an active NCIW volunteer while I was still in my teens. Over the years, I heard numerous stories about the intelligence, talents, and accomplishments of the members of this Section. Recently, as I have become more involved, I have seen this for myself, along with your warmth and a welcome that has meant more to me than I can express. To be chosen for recognition by this group is truly special. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely, Judy Steingart Novet

# Thrift Shop

# **Shopping Hours**

Monday-Thursday 10-4 Friday & Sunday 10-3:30

## **Donation Hours**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays 10-3

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# HIBAKUSHA STORIES: THE ART OF STORYTELLING AND DISARMAMENT EDUCATION TO COUNTER NUCLEAR THREATS.

PROGRAM MEETING, Tuesday, November 15, Noon **Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre** 

The focus of Hibakusha Stories is to employ the testimony of Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors, Indigenous Peoples, Downwinders, nuclear test survivors and other affected communities to take action for disarmament.



Dr. Kathleen Sullivan

Dr. Kathleen Sullivan has been engaged in the nuclear issue for more than 30 years. Director of Hibakusha Stories, an education initiative that has brought atomic bomb survivors (hibakusha) to some 45,000 students, she produces nuclear themed films and projects that focus on art for disarmament. With the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, she developed the disarmament education web portal for the UN's Cyberschoolbus website and co-wrote Action for Disarmament: 10 Things You Can Do! In 2007, Kathleen was commissioned by the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (2017 Nobel Peace Laureate) to produce the campaign's first education material for high school and early college students. She has supported hibakusha inclusion in international conferences and UN fora that preceded the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Kathleen is a Nagasaki Peace Correspondent and Hiroshima Peace Ambassador.

This event is free to NCJW Peninsula Section Members. Cost for nonmembers: \$18 or become a member at the door for \$60. Questions? Call 516-569-3660



Together we can continue improving the lives of women, children and families as our section has done for 86 years.

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We know that NCJW means much to you, so please give what you can, from the heart. Suggested donation amounts: \$72, \$144, \$216 or more - any amount is valued and appreciated.

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# Advocacy, It's What We Do

CAROLE TOLKIN - VP, Advocacy, and DONNA BIALOR - Advocacy Coordinator

There are so many important rights at stake in our country today – the right to vote, the right to have control over your own body, the right to keep your religion and government separate, the right to be respected regardless of who you are and what you believe. That's why, more than ever, we need advocates.

# Our Advocacy committee is working on three issues today:

- 1. Voting Rights. On October 6, at our Thrift Shop, Donna Bialor and a colleague were successful in registering people to
- 2. Abortion Rights. On October 27, at Temple Sinai of Roslyn, the Advocacy Committee presented the first of a three part series on Abortion Justice. The second of the series will be on Thursday, December 15, and will focus on the medical implications of Roe v Wade, as well as New York Section's Pro-Truth Campaign, which takes a look at fake abortion clinics. The last of the series, on February 9, will feature a dialogue between two rabbis on the Jewish view on abortion. In addition, one of our members will give testimony about her illegal abortion. All sessions will be live streamed.
- 3. Equity and Inclusion Rights. Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair, Pnina Knopf has planned a Board and staff training led by a professional facilitator. This will begin in November.

And lastly, in the light of increasing antisemitism on college campuses, we are working on showing "The Barn" to college students. If you have any contacts with local universities, please let us know. Advocacy is everyone's job. Please let us know if you have an issue that you would like to work on with us.



Advocacy/Education Film Series at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

# **Acting Our Age**

# Sunday, November 13 at 2:00 pm on Zoom

"Acting Our Age" is an engagingly insightful film about that process. Through the eyes of six women, ages 65-75, we are given some fresh, new perspectives on aging. The emotionally charged subjects of shifting body image, family life, death, and sexuality are considered. Though our hearts and minds may still be creative, productive, and eager, society often typecasts women in less than desirable roles. Females, as opposed to males, are more quickly labeled with age-related stereotypes from aesthetics



Michal Aviad

and physical ability to personal achievement and fashion choices. Already facing discrimination in many arenas, women are thus victimized again by ageism, a weapon to be used against them. The film offers a reframing of ageing, a time of immense freedom and liberation, unshackled by old expectations and ways of thinking.

Director/Producer, Michal Aviad. This is Aviad's first movie for which she received several prizes. It was presented in several festivals to critical acclaim and was the first to be broadcast in the prestigious documentary POV slot on PBS.

Facilitator, Linda Sapadin, Ph.D. is a psychologist who specializes in helping people overcome self-defeating patterns of behavior, particularly debilitating fear and chronic procrastination. Dr. Sapadin has been honored with "Fellow" status by the American Psychological Assoc., an indication that her work has an international impact on the field of psychology. She is the author of 6 self-help books and her work has been featured in The New York Times, USA Today, and The Washington Post.

Reservations. Call the NCJW office to reserve a spot (516-569-3660). The Zoom link will be sent to you the Friday prior to the film screening.

# Join us as we EXPLORE LONG ISLAND in our LECTURE SERIES

Location: Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre, 295 Main Street. East Rockaway, NY

**Reservations:** \$18 per lecture

Please send your check payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section, to 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559.

You must include your name, email, phone number and lectures you will be attending.

# 125 Years of Synagogues on Long Island



# **◆ TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022, 1:30 PM**

Brad Kolodny has photographed more than 600 synagogues in 13 countries over the last 30+ years including every synagogue building from Great Neck to Montauk. He has worked for The New York Times since 1996, is president of the Jewish Historical Society of Long Island and an active member at Midway Jewish Center in Syosset, NY. Brad's second book, "The Jews of Long Island 1705-1918" published by SUNY Press, was released in March 2022.

# **Long Island Seas and Pirates**

# **♦ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 1:30 PM**

Bill Bleyer was a prize-winning staff writer for Newsday for 33 years specializing in history and maritime issues before retiring in 2014 to write books and freelance for the newspaper and magazines. He is co-author, with Harrison Hunt, of "Long Island and the Civil War" (The History Press, 2015) and author of "Sagamore" Hill: Theodore Roosevelt's Summer White House" (The History Press, 2016); "Fire Island Lighthouse: Long Island's Welcoming Beacon" (The History Press, 2017), "Long Island and the Sea: A Maritime History"



(The History Press 2019); and "George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring: A History and Tour Guide" (The History Press, 2021).

# Houses and Gardens of the Gold Coast Then and Now



# ◆ TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, 1:30 PM at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre

Paul J. Mateyunas is a native to Long Island's North Shore, has been fascinated by the architecture of Long Island since his early youth. Schooled both in the U.S. and Italy, Paul holds degrees in business and art history and is a recipient of the Top Advocates for Preservation Award 2012 by the Oyster Bay Historical Society. His interest in historical preservation led him to work as a restoration consultant. Paul's second book, "Long Island's Gold Coast" was released in May 2012.



Jewish Life Speaker

# The Power of Art in Holocaust Education



**Rich Quinlan** is an adjunct professor of both American and Modern European at Mercy College in the Bronx. He is also a contributor to Airwars.org, a London-based NGO that reports upon civilian deaths in war zones around the world, along with the Human Rights Research Center. Rich was one of twenty-four teachers selected from across the United States to spend two weeks touring Germany and Poland, gaining a greater understanding of the causes, implementation, and lasting ramifications of the Holocaust.



# The B2SS Adopted a School!

NATALIE ZEIGLER - Chair, B2SS Steering Committee



The Back 2 School Store (B2SS) was the recipient of a special grant obtained to fund a unique project. We "adopted" The Columbus Avenue School in Freeport. Teachers and administrators made a "wishlist" for their students which included school supplies, as well as underwear and pants for their underserved population. We were able to get **everything** on their list! For the first time, families did not have to purchase any supplies for their children for the upcoming school year! The children, faculty, and families were all thrilled and grateful to receive their gifts from the B2SS, courtesy of NCJW Peninsula and South Shore Sections.

# Here is what the Principal had to say:

Thank you again! This is incredible, we were not "picky" on what we could get, this is extraordinary! I am so humble to hear what these kind ladies are doing for Columbus.—Always grateful, Alma Rocha

# B2SS Teams Up With Island Harvest

NATALIE ZEIGLER – Chair, B2SS Committee

From the Island Harvest Warehouse in Melville, to local agencies and schools, we have distributed coats, underwear, leggings, sweatpants, and socks to over 1000 children in underserved communities.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to Susan Fox, Peggy Klang, Judy Novet and Barbara Sklar for organizing this huge endeavor.

Special kudos to the hardworking women who drove out to Melville in order to sort and label thousands of items for our children. It took 3 intense working days. You are amazing. Thank you to Judy Novet, Susan Fox, Hope Coleman, Natalie Zeiger, Shelley Karp, Linda Pachter, Susan Schwarz and Donna Bialor.

We could not have done this without the support and cooperation of Island Harvest. They stored our items until we were ready for distribution. Thank you items until we were ready for distribution.

Just know that all the recipient families will be handed a flyer indicating that these items were from the NCJW B2SS.



(from L-R) Susan Schwarz, Susan Fox, Hope Coleman, Shelley Karp, Natalie Zeiger and Judy Novet

Dear Hope,

Over the past 10 years the NCJW's Back 2 School Store has helped so many students in the Freeport School District. During the height of the pandemic your dedication to our students was awe-inspiring. I did not think it was possible to do more than what you have already provided us over the years. You and your wonderful organization proved me wrong and went above and beyond for the start of our 2022-23 school year. The school supplies, clothing, books, and socks provided to Columbus Avenue School was incredible. Boxes upon boxes of supplies arrived at the school. The children were thrilled to have their very own school supplies, and they absolutely loved the Sesame Street Bombas Socks.

The dedication that you and your committee have for helping others is a great example for our high school students. Many of our older students asked, "How can we help this group?" "They are all so amazing." Saying that we are grateful for everything is an understatement. We are truly blessed to have such a strong partnership. We hope that we can continue to offer your organization help with set-up and translating at your future Back 2 School Store events. On behalf of the Freeport High School Student Government, I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students of Freeport

Joshua Levitt, Student Government Advisor, FHS

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

# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

# Composting at the Five Towns Early Learning Center (FTELC)

HARRIET RUBENSTEIN - Chair, FTELC

The celebration of Earth Day resonated with Pepper Robinson, Director of the FTELC. She thought if we could do one small thing to preserve our surroundings it would teach the children how they helped make it so. Composting was the answer. A composter was purchased and Miss Terry, in the kitchen, began saving the remains of the children's breakfasts and lunches and other leftovers. She also gave them egg shells, orange rinds and other such things. The children put it all in the composter and with its handle turned it round and round to mix it all up. This would eventually turn into soil. Unfortunately, this year's class will not see it happen as it takes many months to come to fruition. However, when the time does come, and the fascinating event appears, the children will put the new soil on the plants, scrubs, and flowers that are in the Play Garden. Then the children will understand the relevant part they played in making it all happen.

# **Campership: A Transformative Experience**

**BARBARA SKLAR - Chair, Campership** 

This is a thank you note from the mother of two girls NCJW, Peninsula Section sent to sleepaway camp this past summer. Our Campership program is another way we support women, children and families.

# Dear Barbara, L' Shana Tova!

I wanted to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you and to the National Council of Jewish Women for your financial support in helping to send our two daughters to camp this summer. This was their first time at sleepaway camp, and at a Jewish camp like Eden Village, and it was a transformative experience. Their letters home were filled with details about the Jewish songs that they sang, the Shabbat foods that they ate, and the overall feelings that they felt to be immersed in nature and surrounded by their people. "Nature and music are my remedy" wrote our older daughter. "I love baking challah and singing nigunim," said our younger daughter. Even though camp ended several weeks ago, they still talk about it frequently, they still sing their camp songs often, and they talk about how much they can't wait to return next summer. With the help of your organization and the support of it's members, we were able to give our daughters this life-changing experience. Thank you again for your support.

# What I Want to Be When I Grow Up

**HARRIET RUBENSTEIN - Chair, FTELC** 

When you were four years old, did you know what you wanted to be when you grew up? The four year old class of graduates from the Five Towns Early Learning Center announced their ambitions on August 30th to an appreciative audience of families and friends who came to celebrate the occasion of their children's graduation. Confidently and clearly, each child stepped forward and declared their future career as firemen, princess, astronaut, etc. and showed a picture of the tools of their trade.

The ceremony then continued with Liz Ropers, President of the Board of Directors, who thanked everyone for coming, and then introduced Pepper Robinson, Director of the Center. Pepper said the children



FTELC graduating class performing prior to receiving their diplomas

received a quality education. She also said this will be the first of many graduations they will attend. Pepper thanked the Board, the teachers and staff for their devotion to the Center. The children then sang another song. They each were called by name to receive their diploma, and a certificate of graduation. Raffle prizes were then given out to the lucky winners, and the event ended on a happy note.

# Our Members Wish You a Happy and Healthy New Year 5783

Judy Bernstein Judi and Richard Braverman Joan Butwin and Family Lisa and Ed Cohen Madeline and Jed Dallek Fran and Art Denny Julia Edelman Jaclyn Feldman and Connie DiBenedetto Merrie and Mike Fischer Abby Fox and Family Susan and Shelly Fox Myra and Carl Garber and Family Arlene Gewanter and Family Pauline and Henry Goldberg

Linda and Neil Gorin Phyllis and Harry Greenberg Laney and Steve Honig Alyssa and Elliot Honig and Family Judie and Vic Horowitz Peggy and Bruce Klang Marci and Rob Last and Family Muriel Lavenda and Family Adrienne and Geoff Lurie The Mintz Family Judy Steingart Novet, Matthew Novet and Family Gloria Okin and Chira Budick Sheryl and Bob Orgel

Maccy Paley and Family Harriet Rubenstein and Family Harriet Schneier Carole and Dave Schrager Susan Schwarz and Family Denise and Bob Sher and Family Anne Siegel and Family Barbara and Joe Sklar Bonnie Sperry and Family Carole Tolkin and Family Sandy and Frank Volpe and Family Mel and Barbara Wolff and Family Natalie Zeiger and Family NCJW Thrift Shop Staff



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# Calendar of Events

You can click on event items below for more information in this Bulletin.



## ♦ TUESDAY, NOV. 8 **Election Day - VOTE**

# ♦ SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Film: Acting Our Age on 700m 2:00 pm

#### ♦ TUESDAY, NOV. 15

**Program Meeting:** Kathleen Sullivan, The Art of Storytelling and **Disarmament Education to Counter Nuclear Threats** Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre Noon

## ♦ SUNDAY, NOV. 20

A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical 3:00 pm

# ♦ THURSDAY, NOV. 24 **Thanksgiving**

Office and Thrift Shop closed

#### **◆ TUESDAY, NOV. 29 GIVINGTUESDAY**



#### **◆ TUESDAY, DEC. 6**

**Lecture Series:** 125 years of Synagogues on Long Island

Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre 1:30 pm

# ♦ THURSDAY, DEC. 15

# **Abortion Justice Event**

Temple Sinai of Roslyn 7:30 pm



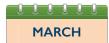
#### ◆ TUESDAY, FEB. 7

**Lecture Series: Long Island Seas and Pirates** Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre

# ♦ THURSDAY, FEB. 9

**Abortion Justice Event** 

Temple Sinai of Roslyn 7:30 pm



## **◆ TUESDAY, MARCH 7 Jewish Life**

Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre

#### **◆ TUESDAY. MARCH 21**

Program Meeting: Life as Amy Schumer's mother, **Sandy Schumer** 

Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre Noon



# ♦ TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Lecture Series: Houses and Gardens of Long Island Hewlett-East Rock. Jewish Centre 1:30 pm



## **◆ THURSDAY, JUNE 8 Founders Day Luncheon**

Sunny Atlantic Beach Club





August 5 – October 3, 2022

#### **GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND**

#### In Honor of:

Marcia Roth, your special birthday Sara K. Lampert

Fran Denny, on becoming the President of NCIW Peninsula Section Rhona Goldman

#### SILVER ALL OCCASION **FUND**

#### In Honor of:

Abby Fox, being named our Long Island Section honoree Joan P. Ivler

#### **BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND**

#### In Memory of:

Harvey, beloved cousin of **Ruth Chessnoff** 

Fran & Art Denny

Harvey, beloved brother of Harold Chessnoff & Family

Fran & Art Denny

#### In Honor of:

Abby Fox, being named our Long Island Section honoree Peggy Klang

#### **ALL OCCASION FUND**

#### In Memory of:

Arnie, beloved husband of Sondra Goldfab

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Danny, beloved nephew of Sally Telias

Abby Fox

## In Honor of:

Myra Garber, of the wonderful job, you did as President of NCJW **Peninsula Section** 

Joan P. Ivler

Fran & Art Denny, your wedding anniversary

Abby Fox

Adrienne & Arthur Singer, your granddaughter Alana's engagement Abby Fox

Abby Fox, being named our Long Island Section honoree

The NCJW Thrift Shop Staff

## **ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM FUND**

#### In Memory of:

Ron, beloved husband of Helen Newmark Joan Butwin

# **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

Wishing all our members and their families a joyous, light-filled Chanukah and a happy, productive and healthy New Year.



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