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We are inviting the community to our first Program Meeting.

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre

EXTREMISM AND THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT



Speaker:

Etzion Neuer Senior Deputy Director, NY Region of the Anti-Defamation League

> Rabbi Michel Schlesinger Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre

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Message from the President

Welcome back to all our members. I hope you all had a enjoyable and relaxing summer and are looking forward to a most exciting NCJW Peninsula Section year ahead.

Thank you for electing me President for another term and giving me the opportunity to work with our dedicated Peninsula Section NCJW board to achieve the many goals that were started last year and will come to fruition in the calendar year 2023-24.

Looking back and moving forward let us look at some of the events that took place during the summer and will take place in the fall. In July, we attended a an entertaining and thought-provoking Broadway show *Parade*. In August, we laughed and had a delicious barbecue at The Atrium Sunny Atlantic at our Health Forum as the topic was, "Laughter is the Best Medicine". Our wonderful Back 2 School Store reopened hosting hundreds of children who shopped for new clothing at no cost to their families.

Moving forward, on September 12, we will be honoring Susan Fox at Founder's Day Luncheon which had to be postponed because of the fires and smoke from Canada. It's not too late to get your reservations in if you haven't already done so.



On September 20, Long Island Section will hold their luncheon at Temple Avodah in Oceanside. Our section honorees are Renee Fischer and Myra Garber. Please make your reservations early and show these members how much we appreciate their dedication to our Advocacy Programs.

On October 17, NCJW is partnering with Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre for the first of our Program

I would like to thank all of the NCJW Board members who worked all summer planning for this coming year. Meetings for an exciting evening featuring HERJC's dynamic Rabbi, Michel Schlesinger and ADL Senior Deputy Regional Director of Community Engagement for ADL's New York, New Jersey Office, Etzion Neuer, who will discuss one of the worst problems we as Jews are facing – antisemitism. Please bring family and friends to this meeting. All are welcome.

On October 24, the Board has planned a fabulous game day at the Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre. Please get your reservations in as early as possible. On November 12, NCJW and the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library will present a film at the library "They Survived Together". This is a free event, please attend.

Our incredible thrift shop remained opened all summer and will be looking bis fall

forward to seeing you, our members, this fall.

I would like to thank all of the NCJW Board members who worked all summer planning for this coming year and giving up so much of their free time to make sure that we continue our work to advocate and improve the quality of life for women, children and families.

Wishing you and your families a very happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

— Fran Denny



National Council of Jewish Women

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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Honorary Peninsula Board Enduring Leaders



Through the decades Peninsula Section has been blessed with outstanding leadership. The strength of the section has depended on their dedication, service and varied skills. Until most recently, these women had not been formally recognized, but that changed with the creation of a new designation (that of) "Honorary Peninsula Board Enduring Leader." Criteria were established and a list of eligible women was created. There were dozens of distinguished candidates who had served as an officer and on the board for at least 18 years. After much discussion and deliberation there were seven outstanding women selected to fill this first group of recipients. They are as follows: Sandra Mintz, Gloria Okin, Helen Pollack, Marcia Roth, Harriet Rubenstein, Florence Steiger, and Babs Yaspan.

As part of the Installation of the 2023-24 Board of Directors, each honoree received an exquisite crystal heart inscribed as follows "NCJW, Peninsula Section, Honorary Enduring Board Member, [name of Honoree], 2023"

SANDRA MINTZ. Sandra's leadership, devotion and decades of commitment are now recognized. She has been Executive Vice President, Vice President of Community Services, Membership and Marketing, and Fund Raising and Corresponding Secretary. However, her greatest impact has been with Advocacy and the Promote the Vote Campaign. She made a difference in Albany and Washington. Sandra surely is an Enduring Leader.

GLORIA OKIN. Gloria has been an NCJW member for almost 40 years. She has been a Vice President of Public Relations and Public Affairs, Membership and Marketing, and the Thrift Shop. Gloria was co-editor of The Bulletin and Chair of the PENT program. She attended many National meetings. In 2006 she received the prestigious Hannah G. Solomon Award. NCJW and the women she has worked with have enriched Gloria's life.

HELEN POLLACK. Helen began her Peninsula Section journey when she and her husband Irving retired and were looking for something meaningful to do. Helen's bio includes a myriad of important positions. This includes eight years as the Thrift Shop Vice President and leading our Campership Program. She organized overnight trips, as well as establishing the Group Discussions at the Health Related Facility. Helen even started the Jewish Film Series at the Peninsula Library. She attended many conventions in Albany and Washington and even went on an Israel Mission with NCJW. As you can see, Helen is certainly an Enduring Leader.

MARCIA ROTH. Marcia has earned her place as a distinguished and valued member of NCJW, Peninsula Section. She has been Vice President of Community Services, Fundraising, and Membership as well as Recording Secretary. Marcia ran the English as a Second Language Program in District 14, and made a difference in the lives of so many children. She also ran senior programs in three community centers. As a leader through the years she helped increase our membership and brought in much needed funds.

HARRIET RUBENSTEIN. When Harriet moved to Cedarhurst she read in the local paper about a new member event, she attended, and the rest is history. She began her volunteering career in the Thrift Shop, and took on many positions in all aspects of the Section. She has been Thrift Shop Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Executive Vice President, Vice President of Public Relations, and Vice President of Community Services. Her special memories include National Conventions in Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Washington Institute where she met Hillary Clinton when she was New York's State Senator. Harriet's personal highlight was being selected as a Hannah G. Solomon recipient.

FLORENCE STEIGER. When Florence retired as a teacher she thought NCJW was the answer and thankfully she joined becoming a welcome addition to the Board. She took on quite a few positions. These included Teaching English as a Second Language, photographer, Historian, and the Cash Raffle. She chaired Count Your Blessings, as a fund raiser, which was a huge success! Florence worked on preparations for Installation as well. She was also Recording Secretary and Vice President of Public Relations. Florence represented our Section at Long Island Section meetings. At 98 years young, Florence now lives near family in Minneapolis.

BABS YASPAN. Babs has been a valued member, leader and a hands-on-volunteer. She has been Vice President of Community Services, led the STEP Program and CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services). She chaired Installation, the New Member Tea, and Flowers for the Holidays. For many years Babs was the gracious hostess for the Personal Giving Tea.

ADVOCACY

There is Strength in Numbers – Make Your Voice Heard

MYRA GARBER – VP, Advocacy

On October 17, NCJW Peninsula Section will present, "Extremism and the Rise of Anti-Semitism and What You Can Do About It" at Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre (see page 5). Our speaker will be Etzion Neuer, Senior Deputy Director/Director of Community Service and Policy for the New York Region of the Anti-Defamation League. He will be interviewed by Rabbi Michel Schlesinger of Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre. We hope you will join us for this important presentation.

The Advocacy Committee plans to shine a light on many forms of hate and how we can combat them during this

Vote Forward – writing letters to new voters around the country encouraging them to vote for issues they believe in. year. The ongoing scourge impacts all of us, on Long Island and nationally.

Another initiative we hope you will become involved in is **Vote Forward** - writing letters to new voters around the country encouraging them to vote for issues they believe in. More details of the letter writing party will be sent out soon. Our National organization has many ways to become involved to work for the issues we believe in. At **ncjw.org/act/** you will find links to share your voice on these and other campaigns:

- The Jewish Fund for Abortion Access
- Show solidarity with the people of Ukraine
- Tell Congress to do something about gun violence
- Tell Congress to pass the Healthy Family Act
- Take action for more ethical courts

Please take a few minutes and complete a form or write a letter. We can all be advocates to improve the lives of women, children and families.





They Survived Together

Sunday, November 5 at 2:00 pm, Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library

From the ashes of the Holocaust, we find hope in the Niger family story. Part of the Krakow Jewish community, the Nigers were leading a perfectly peaceful life until World War II uprooted their world. Forced from their home, they vowed to escape as a family—notwithstanding the circumstances that forced them to separate. This documentary tells the story of a family determined to stay alive and to survive together. In fact, they are believed to be one of the only families to escape and stay intact.

Guest Speakers: John Rokosny (director) and Andriette Redmann

Tickets: This is a free event, open to District 14 residents. You may pick up tickets at the Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, beginning November 1. NCJW members may call the office 516-569-3660 to register. Tickets will be distributed in the lobby of Gold Hall 20 minutes before the screening.



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Our guest speaker Etzion Neuer will be featured in conversation with Rabbi Michel Schlesinger

EXTREMISM AND THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

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NCJW Peninsula Section has provided services to our community and Israel for over 85 years. As advocates, we impact policy and strive for social justice. Your voice has never been more essential, and our voices together make a meaningful difference in the world.



Etzion Neuer is Senior Deputy Regional Director & Director of Community Engagement for ADL's New York/New Jersey Office. He oversees the region's community engagement, incident response, policy/advocacy, law enforcement partnerships, and relationship building. In his capacity Etzion has oversight over the region's incident response system – a network of trained staff who respond and resolve reports of antisemitism, discrimination, and civil rights issues. Etzion joined ADL in 1999, and over his career has served in multiple roles at the regional and national level. Etzion was previously a Hillel Director in Montreal, Canada, where he was born.

Rabbi Michel Schlesinger comes to Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre, Congregation Etz Chaim, from the Congregacao Israelita Paulista in São Paulo, Brazil, the largest synagogue in Latin America, where he was Senior Rabbi from March 2007 to 2021. He had been Assistant Rabbi at the CIP since August, 2005. He has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sao Paulo, and his rabbinical ordination and a Masters in Talmudic Studies and Halacha from the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. He took additional coursework at the Rabbinical Management Institute in Los Angeles, the Jewish Theological Seminary, and the Leo Baeck Institute in London. He has published a book, *Dialogues of A Rabbi.*



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As the New Year 5784 approaches we would like to offer you the opportunity of adding your name to our list of those wishing our members a Happy & Healthy New Year. Adding your name will let your NCJW family know that you are thinking of them.

Your contribution will help support our Advocacy, Community Service and Educational programs. Each "one" line listing is \$18 and will appear in our November-December digital Bulletin.

Listing style samples are: Jill and Jack Cohen Cohen Family Jill and Jack Cohen and Family Listings must be received no later than September 22. Please list my New Year's Greeting as follows:

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Rosh Hashanah Flowers

A beautiful bouquet of flowers from **Flowers by Freyhammer** is available for delivery in time for Rosh Hashanah. The cost of the arrangement is \$65, plus delivery (where applicable). Send one to your friends, family or yourself!

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BRENDA RADEN – VP, Membership

Thank you for your support and loyalty to the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Peninsula Section! Now is the time to renew your membership for the 2023–24 program year.

We are proud that your past membership has enabled us to accomplish so much – providing senior programing at the Center for Adult Life Enrichment, helping local preschoolers in the Five Towns Early Learning Center, advocating for Reproductive Justice and Gun Violence Prevention, Combating Antisemitism, caring for children in our community through our Back 2 School Store, operating our Thrift Shop, and supporting women's programs in Israel.

Please send the filled-out form below with your \$60 dues by September 30.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events:

- Founder's Day Luncheon (rescheduled) September 12, Atrium at Sunny Atlantic Beach Club
- Long Island Sections Luncheon September 20, Temple Avodah
- Extremism and the Rise of Anti-Semitism October 17, Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre
- Game Day October 24, Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre

NCJW Peninsula Section Membership Renewal

To renew online go to www.ncjwpeninsula.org/get-involved/join/



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Email: office@ncjwpeninsula.org Call: 516-569-3660 Online: click here volunteer

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ENL (English language learners) STEP – Tutoring FTELC (Five Towns Early Learning Center) Intergenerational Reading Preschool Dental and Vision Screening SULAM-LI (special needs Jewish education) Back 2 School Store – Providing clothing and school supplies to families Period Project – Providing menstrual supplies to needy students

OTHER PROGRAMS

CALE (Center for Adult Life Enrichment) – programs for senior citizens Knitting – Creating blankets for those in need SIBSPlace – Working with children with an ill sibling or parent Campership – Sending children to camp



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Susan Leigh, beloved stepdaughter of Susan Schwarz **Renee Fischer**

In Honor of:

Dr. Alan Markowitz, on your special birthday Elayne Kirshner and Ílene Fleisher

NCJW Peninsula Section, thank you for choosing me for the Enduring Leadership Award Florence Steiger

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Susan, beloved wife of Charlie Deitch Peggy Klang

Susan Leigh, beloved stepdaughter of Susan Schwarz Natalie Zeiger

In Honor of:

Abby Fox, on the engagement of your son Dylan to Phoebe Fran Denny David, son of Renee Fischer,

a speedy recovery Judie Horowitz

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Susan Leigh, beloved stepdaughter of Susan Schwarz Myra Garber

In Honor of:

Jackie Fetner, on the Bat Mitzvah of your granddaughter Alex Abby Fox

Abby Fox, on the engagement of your son Dylan to Phoebe Sally Telias Bonnie Sperry

Terri Goldberg, a speedy recovery Fran Denny

Gloria Okin, on receiving the NCJW Enduring Leadership Award Abby Fox

Helen Pollack, on receiving the NCJW Enduring Leadership Award Abby Fox

Florence Steiger, on receiving the NCJW Enduring Leadership Award Abby Fox

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Abby Fox

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Joan Butwin Phyllis, beloved wife of Paul Rachbach Adrienne & Arthur Singer Joan Butwin

In Honor of:

Howard Goldsmith, on your special birthday

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Judy Mintz, on the college graduation of your grandson Max Joan P. Ívler

Pamela Korn, on the birth of your grandson

Myra Garber

Tributes for April 4, 2023 - Aug 7, 2023

Calendar of Events

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

SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 Founder's Day Luncheon honoring Susan Fox The Atrium at Sunny Atlantic Beach Club 11:30 am (this event has been rescheduled from June)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20 Long Island Sections Luncheon honoring Renee Fischer and **Myra Garber** Temple Avodah 11:30 am

OCTOBER

TUESDAY, OCT. 17 Program Meeting: "Extremism and the Rise of Anti-Semitism" Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre 7:00 pm

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

Game Day Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre 11:30 am

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, NOV. 5 **Advocacy Movie:** "They Survived Together" Hewlett Woodmere Public Library 2:00 pm



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Wednesday, September 20 Temple Avodah, 11:30 am

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