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The Testimonials Say it All!

To the Extraordinary Team at National Council of Jewish Women-Peninsula Section,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for your recent generosity towards the children of the Freeport Public School District. I had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of your donation. Brand new backpacks overflowing with school supplies, warm winter coats in every size, new clothing, and shoes—the list goes on—were distributed to the children. Your association embodies the true spirit of community, as you saw a need and acted with remarkable empathy, organization, and generosity. This is not charity; it's an investment in the most precious resource we have, our children.

Thank you for your tireless efforts behind the scenes. Your kindness has made an indelible mark, and we are forever grateful. With deepest respect and heartfelt appreciation.

Tiffany Beckett

Office of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Freeport Public Schools

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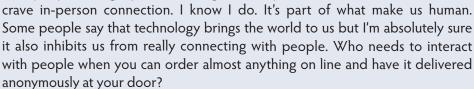
Message from the President

Welcome Back Everyone! I am honored to serve as NCJW Peninsula Section's President again this year. Thank you for all your support over the past year. I know we can count on you to make this year even better. Our Officers and Board are already at work planning projects and events. This Bulletin is filled with information covering all facets of what we do: Community Service, Education, Advocacy, Fun, Fundraising, our Amazing Thrift Shop, Back 2 School Store, Founder's Day and more. It's our invitation to you to make a connection with NCJW Peninsula Section and join us in the work we do. I hope you'll accept!

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Instagram. I'm talking about the IRL (in real life) kind where you can look people in the eye, read their body language and have a conversation. Even though we can manage technology and find it useful, I think most people our age (yes, I'm making an assumption)



But don't worry! During this year, NCJW Peninsula Section will be offering many opportunities to connect with people and make a better future! On August 26th, we held a menstrual products packing party in our office. Our Fall Game Day will take place on September 9th at Hewlett East Rockaway Jewish Centre. You'll have lots of time to socialize, play and win a raffle prize. Long Island Sections' "Women Who Make A Difference" Luncheon is set for Wednesday, September

17th at Temple Avodah in Oceanside. Members from Peninsula, South Shore and Lakeville Sections will be honored for their service. This year's speaker is Eric Post, Long Island Director of the American Jewish Committee. Please join us! You'll find more information on all of these events and more within this Bulletin.

And we haven't been just lolling by the pool all summer! This year's festive Founder's Day Luncheon, honoring Linda Gorin, took place at Temple Avodah on June 20th. On August 8 & 10, after months of preparation, we held our annual Back 2 School Store 2025. With over 240 volunteers and 600 children over the 2 days, this year's Back 2 School Store was a resounding success! Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen and to Hope Coleman and Sue Fox who led the team. This project is aimed at providing underserved children with new clothes, winter wear and school supplies and the experience of selecting the items themselves. It also demonstrates how even a fleeting

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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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The International Day of the Girl, October 11

JUDY MINTZ - ICJW U.N. Observer





Celebrating the International Day of the Girl on October 11th has become an annual tradition for many. In particular, NCJW Peninsula Section has embraced the importance of this day. This year, our Generation Next teens (two males and two females) who have joined

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the effort are Raven Kelly, Nicholas Gilleeny, Levi Goldin, and Helena Napoli. These young people wrote over 20 letters to their national, state, and local officials, asking them to proclaim/ recognize October 11 as The International Day of the Girl. With permission from their school officials, they also entered classrooms and created posters,

educating their school peers about the day's importance. In 2024, in fact, Raven Kelly was given permission to address her entire school population during homeroom period. She was given speaker broadcast time to highlight girls' exploitation through such practices as forced child marriage, lack of access to education and technology, exposure to violence including genital mutilation and insufficient attention to health needs. After her presentation, Raven was applauded



The mission of the United Nation's International Day of the Girl (IDG) focuses attention and addresses the challenges and disadvantages that millions of girls continue to face around the world. This UN commemoration promotes girls' empowerment and gender equality. It calls for an end of discrimination and guarantees basic human rights to all girls.

www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day

by her fellow students who learned the importance of what she had shared. Awareness and understanding were always the teens' goals. In recognition of Sophia Gilleeny's 4-year effort and success in the initiative, Sophia, upon graduation, was awarded \$1,000 from a family foundation who understood the importance of celebrating the day. Peninsula Section is proud of our teens. Plan now to join them and to celebrate IDG on October 11th so as to make a difference!



Volunteer for any of our **Advocacy or Community Services.**

Email: office@ncjwpeninsula.org Call: 516-569-3660



ADVOCACY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

- Generation Next High School students are educated about strategies for grassroots advocacy and participate in our advocacy events.
- Advocacy Film Series In partnership with our community library, we screen films that concern our issues, conduct a follow-up Q and A with a knowledgeable facilitator, and educate about grassroots strategies.

OTHER PROGRAMS

- ◆ SIBSPlace Working with children with an ill sibling or parent
- FTELC (Five Towns Early Learning Center)
- Intergenerational Reading Program
- SULAM-LI (special needs Jewish education)
- Back 2 School Store Helping children select clothing/school supplies
- ◆ Period Project Providing menstrual supplies to needy students

COMMUNITY SERVICE

SIBSPlace, The Support, Warmth and Friendships **Found Here Improves Lives**

JUDIE HOROWITZ - NCJW liaison to SIBSPlace

I'd like to give you a quick update on SIBSPlace. This year we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary. I say "we" rather than "they" because NCJW Peninsula Section has been on this journey with SIBS since the beginning. SIBSPlace was founded as a support program for children, ages 5–17 living with a family member who has a catastrophic or terminal illness. Led by skilled and caring mental health social workers, it strives to provide support and attention to the unique experiences and needs of

well children facing issues related to the illness of a family member. A few years ago, to meet the overwhelming need, we added a program for children and families experiencing the loss of a loved one. Over the years we have worked with well over 1,000 children and family members. These are the important facts, but it's the kids and their stories that make SIBS the vital, life changing program that it is.



Some of Our SIBS Kids Special Stories

The extent to which the kids bond in what we call "their other family" is amazing. Kathy, a SIBS kid who graduated six years ago, recently got married and her wedding party included three of her old SIBS friends. Other SIBS kids were guests and our director was also there. But Zach outdid that by being best man at the wedding of his old SIBS pal.

And while we're talking about weddings, after Jai Min's mother passed away her father went back to China to find a new wife, he mentioned to his Bereavement Group that he was going to come home from work, pick her up, and to go to the Justice of the Peace and "get it done." The other members of the group told him (in no uncertain terms!) that he should come home, shower, put on his best suit, have his wife-to-be and Jai Min put on their best dresses, and then they could go to the Justice of the Peace. Afterwards, the group thought he should take everybody out for a very special dinner. He did and the family celebrated and created a very special memory to cherish.

On a less jolly note (but equally a part of SIBSPlace), at the funeral of Danny's dad, where we adults might bring a cake or other sweets to our grieving friend, Kevin brought new Pokémon cards for his pal. Nothing could have been more appropriate!

To indicate how strong the sense of belonging is among our kids, when we brought our therapy dog, Daisy, to SIBS and she did her true and false trick, ringing the bell to say she was white, Carlos looked at her very faded areas of beige and said, "She"s not really all white. Maybe she's Hispanic like me."

SIBSPlace is there for our kids and families in ways no other organization could be. We're an important part of their lives, one which supports and strengthens them while building lasting relationships and teaching both the kids and their families coping skills with which to live productive, fulfilling, and hopefully, joy filled lives.

(Names have been changed.)

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connection can have an impact. At the "store", a child and an adult volunteer (who will escort and help the child through the store) meet as strangers and head inside, connected only by an empty shopping bag. But by the time they finish their shopping adventure, they are skipping and high-fiving, carrying a full shopping bag and a full backpack and there's usually a big hug at the end. It can really melt your heart!

Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of our New Year, is a perfect time to make new connections and strengthen existing ones. As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah we gather with family and friends. We share, we pray, we renew and our connections grow and deepen. On Yom Kippur we look back, we take stock, we engage with the past and make the promise to create a better future. That's the start of making new connections. From my family to yours, L'Shana Tovah! May we have peace and health and may 5786 be a good year with many new connections for everyone.

- Donna Bialor

National Council of Jewish Women, Women Who Make Difference Luncheon Long Island Sections Women Who Make a Difference Luncheon Address Phone_____ Honoring Email **Donna Bialor and Susan Schwarz** Please seat me with _____ ☐ I will attend on September 17th. ♦ Wednesday, September 17, 11:30 am ☐ I cannot attend but would like to support NCJW LIS and honor our honorees. Temple Avodah, 3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, NY Return with your check by September 5 Couvert \$65 – Please RSVP by September 5th payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section For more information, 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559 516-569-3660

New Year's Greetings

As the New Year 5786 approaches we are offering you the opportunity to wish our members and your friends and family a Happy & Healthy New Year.

There are two options:

- 1. \$18 for a one-line listing of your name in our digital bulletin. Listing suggestions are: Jill and Jack Cohen / The Cohen Family / Jill and Jack Cohen and Family
- 2. \$36 for 6 cards (5x7) to be sent to your friends and family by our office. This option includes your name listed in our digital bulletin.



Order information (Must be received by Septemer 5)

Please send your check including your Greetings options below to: NCJW Peninsula Section, 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559

- (Option 1), \$18 for a one-line listing in The Bulletin.
- (Option 2), \$36 for 6 cards and a one-line listing in The Bulletin. Your name to be listed

Name and addresses for cards to be sent:

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Address _____

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Our Students Were so Happy to Volunteer Again at the B2SS Dear Hope and Susan,

We would like to thank you for hosting the Back 2 School Store at Atkinson School. Once again, your organization provided so much to the Freeport community and to students across Nassau County. The dedication that you and your committee have for helping others is a great example for our high school students. Our students were so happy to volunteer again at the B2SS. The students learned the important lesson of benevolence and community service. Saying that we are grateful for everything is an understatement. We are truly blessed to have such a strong partnership. We want to thank you and the NCJW for having our elementary students attend the B2SS, and the amazing donation of other needed clothing and supplies after the event. We hope that we can continue to host your organization's B2SS events and other events you may have in the future. On behalf of the Freeport High School Student Government, and the Freeport Community I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students of Freeport.

Sincerely,

(Joshua Levitt

Student Government Advisor FHS





Every Child was Treated with Respect!

I'm writing this with tears in my eyes. I am so proud to be a part of an event where the main principle is to treat every child and adult who walked through our doors with dignity and respect. The adults who brought these beautiful children could not have been any nicer, patient and appreciative. I am grateful to have played a role in bringing this community (who is currently living in terror) some kindness and joy. Thank you all!

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Flawless Implementation

I want thank each and every one involved with the B2SS—you went above and beyond. When you're expecting 450 volunteers, 600+ kids, and over 1,000 adults over 2 days almost anything, good and/or bad can happen. But with all of you at the helm we had 100% REALLY, REALLY good and 0% OMG bad.

You all are so talented, dedicated and a great team. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Are we crazy enough to do it again? You Bet!

Donna

A Wonderful Day

It was exciting to be part of this extraordinary event. All your hard work and planning made it such a wonderful day.

Natalie



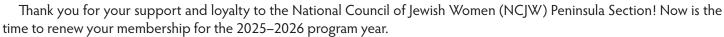
As always you can donate to the B2SS at www.ncjwpeninsula.org/b2ss/

MEMBERSHIP

Our Members Are Our Strength - Renew Today

BRENDA RADEN - VP, Membership

Dear NCJW Member,



We are grateful that your past membership has enabled us to accomplish so much: helping local preschoolers in the Five Towns Early Learning Center, advocating for Reproductive Rights and Gun Violence Prevention, providing menstrual products to local schools, caring for children in our community through our Back 2 School Store, operating our Thrift Shop, and supporting women's programs in Israel.

We look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming events.

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FALLING FOR GAME DAY

Tuesday, September 9 11:00 am

Hewlett-East Rockaway Jewish Centre 295 Main Street, East Rockaway, NY

\$65 per person

Bring your own group.
Enjoy a buffet lunch and fun with friends.

Please print and fill out this form. **Return with your check by August 29**payable to: NCJW Peninsula Section

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Attending @ \$65 = Total \$		

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To Purchase 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 at 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.

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.

Tributes for February 19, 2025 to August 4, 2025

GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Elayne Siegelman, beloved mother of Jaime & Lou Siegelman Heidi & Barry Litt

Florence Steiger, beloved mother of Jill & David Orbuch

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Zelda Gidinsky Schoengold, beloved grandmother of Rebecca Greller

Adrienne Lurie

The Dickman Family

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Martin Semel, beloved husband of Barbara Semel

Dick & Marion Katzive

Peggy Klang, beloved wife of Bruce and mother of Chad

Hope & Lawrence Kessler

Artie Denny, beloved father of Linda Gorin

Eric Gottheim Randall & Debra Rich Mindy Ennis & Family

Artie Denny, beloved husband of Fran Denny

Eric Gottheim Pam Shelden Mindy Ennis & Family

In Honor of:

Pamela Shelden, on being named NCJW Long Island Section Honoree

lane & Seth Loren, Rocco Helena & Gregory Napoli

Myra Garber and all your contributions to NCJW **Peninsula Section**

Melissa Sternreich

SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Steven Leffler, beloved husband of Carol Ann Leffler

Patricia Greenfield

Zelda Gidinsky Schoengold, beloved mother of Judy Mintz

Sue, Josh, Samson and Ben Orlinsky Susan Schwarz Larry & Jo Dichter

Lillian Brody, beloved grandmother of Dena Barisano

The Barisano Family

Martin Semel, beloved husband of Barbara Semel

Harriet Rubenstein

Peggy Klang, beloved wife of Bruce and mother of Chad Renee Fischer

Peggy Klang, beloved sister of **Paula Bayes**

Susan & Jerry Block

Artie Denny, beloved husband of Fran Denny

Judy Novet Judy Bernstein Donna Bialor Natalie Zeiger Susan Schwarz Myra Garber

Artie Denny, beloved father of Linda Gorin

Judy Novet Donna Sobel Donna Bialor Marla Cutler Myra Garber Barbara Sklar

In Honor of:

Fran Denny, on your milestone birthday

Harriet Rubenstein Renee & Robert Fischer Terri Goldberg

Jackie Fetner, on your granddaughter Lily Rosof being named Class of 2025 Valedictorian

Renee Fischer

Harriet Rubenstein, on the wedding of your grandson Adam Rubenstein to Jessica

Renee Fischer

Gloria Okin, on the wedding of your grandson Daniel Budick to

Renee Fischer

Harriet Rubenstein, on your milestone birthday

> Sheila Siegel Fran Denny

BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Zelda Gidinsky Schoengold, beloved mother of Judy Mintz

Helen Pollack Kathy Wolf Natalie Zeiger Bonnie Weinhoff

Zelda Gidinsky Schoengold, beloved mother of Beth Frost

> Kathy Wolf Bonnie Weinhoff

Martin Semel, beloved husband of Barbara Semel

> Donna Bialor Barbara & Mel Wolff

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Artie Denny, beloved husband of Fran Denny

Linda Pachter Pamela Korn

Artie Denny, beloved father of Linda Gorin

Amy Moritz Linda Pachter Pamela Korn

In Honor of:

Adrienne Singer, wishing you a total and speedy recovery

Renee Fischer

Adrienne Singer, congratulations on the birth of your great grandson Wyatt

Linda Gorin

Fran Denny, on your milestone birthday

Donna Bialor

ALL OCCASION FUND

In Memory of:

Martin Semel, beloved husband of Barbara Semel Abby Fox

Richard Haar, beloved husband of Ann Haar

Fran & Artie Denny

Peggy Klang, beloved wife of Bruce and mother of Chad

Sally Telias Judy Novet

Artie Denny, beloved husband of Fran Denny

Dwight Busey Babette Reisman Abby Fox Patricia Block

Artie Denny, beloved father of Linda Gorin

Joan and Sandy Ivler Abby Fox

In Honor of:

Gloria Okin, on the wedding of your grandson Daniel Budick to Casey

Sally Telias Marlene Berman

Susan Schwarz, on being named **NCJW Long Island Section** Honoree

Sally Telias

Donna Bialor, on being named **NCJW Long Island Section** Honoree

Sally Telias

Adrienne Singer, wishing you a total and speedy recovery

NCJW Peninsula Section Office Staff

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Pam Shelden, congratulations on the engagement of your son Seth to Jane

> Abby Fox Sally Telias

Marci Last, congratulations on the engagement of your daughter Daryl to David

> Abby Fox Sally Telias

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In Memory of:

Steven Leffler, beloved husband of Carol Ann Leffler

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Adrienne Lurie

Chuck Baum, beloved father of **Chuck Baum**

Joan Butwin

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Joan Butwin

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Reses, congratulation on the birth of your Great Grandson

Adrienne & Arthur Singer

Adrienne Singer, congratulations on the birth of your great grandson Wyatt

Fran & Artie Denny

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kramer, congratulations on the birth of your great granddaughter

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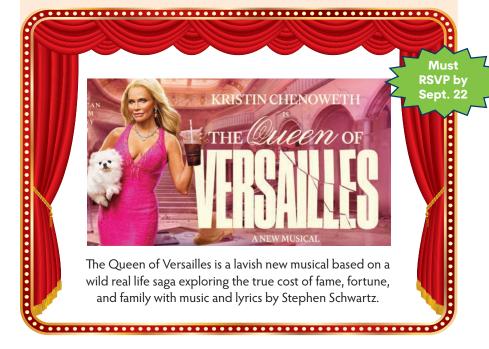
We are proud to announce this year's recipients of the prestigious

Hannah G. Solomon Award

The "Fab 4": Renee Fischer **Judy Novet** Pamela Shelden Natalie Zeiger

These women have dedicated years of volunteerism to Peninsula Section and we are excited to honor them at our Founder's Day Luncheon in the Spring of 2026.

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Wednesday, Novemer 19, 2 pm

The Queen of Versailles

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