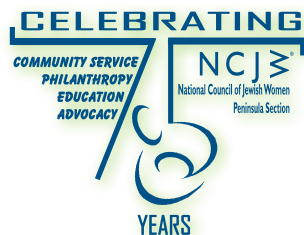


# Bulletin

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## National Council of Jewish Women Peninsula Section

### COMING EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

**TUES/20**

Program Meeting  
Noon

Coffee and Conversation  
2:30pm

**THURS-FRI/29-30**  
ROSH HASHANAH

#### OCTOBER

**WED/5**

Lecture  
STANISLAO PUGLIESE  
1:30pm

**SAT/8**

YOM KIPPUR

**TUES/18**

Program Meeting  
AMY POWERS  
& LUCY SIMON  
Noon

New Member Tea  
2:15pm

**SUN/23**

Hewlett/Woomere  
Library  
"My Fair Lady"  
2pm

#### NOVEMBER

**WED/2**

Lecture  
RABBI ART VERNON  
1:30pm

**THURS/3**

TRIP  
Jewish American  
History Museum

**TUES/8**

ELECTION DAY  
Program Meeting  
DR. GEORGETTE BENNETT  
Noon

**SUN/13**

Advocacy Film  
"The Price of Sex"  
2pm

**THURS/24**

THANKSGIVING

## Program Meeting

# ELEANOR CLIFT

Author, Political Analyst, T.V. Panelist on "The McLaughlin Group"

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

Lawrence Country Club  
101 Causeway  
Lawrence, NY 11559  
(516) 239-1685

12:00 Noon

Refreshments  
will be served

Members Only

New members  
may join at the door

*Directions:* Take Broadway going East or South towards Lawrence. Turn left onto Meadow Lane. (At intersection, Rockaway Turnpike becomes Meadow Lane.) Bear right following Meadow Lane to 2nd traffic light. Make a left turn onto Causeway. The parking lot will be on your right.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

For 75 years NCJW Peninsula Section has been a powerful force for social change, providing intellectual, volunteer and financial



resources to make our community a better place in which to live. This year we continue these endeavors through the participation of our Board, Executive Board and our

members. We have always been proud, progressive women and men who seek to make a difference. This Bulletin and those that follow this year will have a "different look." Each of our six Vice Presidents, who represent our six departments, will be writing a piece to inform you, our members, of the work that is done, what is planned for the 2011-2012 year and how you can become involved. I want to thank each of the Vice Presidents and those who work in their departments for bringing us an exciting year. I also want to thank Sandra Mintz, Executive Vice-President, for all she has done to prepare

Peninsula Section for our new club year.

As the New Year starts and provides us with the opportunity to re-evaluate our lives, remember your connection to NCJW. Volunteer to make a difference, lead by giving or click to Take Action and help to change the world!

I wish you and yours a happy and healthy New Year.

Warmly,

*Prina*  
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# HEAR YE! HEAR YE! READ ALL ABOUT US!

**Carole Tolkin, Vice-President of Education will educate you on her department.**

"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world a better place than you found it." These words, by American activist Marian Wright Edelman, embody one of the basic tenets of National Council of Jewish Women. And that's why the Education Department is such an important part of Peninsula Section. Throughout the year, we work diligently to bring our members and the surrounding community exciting and dynamic guest speakers and lecturers. Our program meetings attract over 400 people who come to hear experts in the fields of politics, the media and entertainment.

This year's first program, on September 20, will feature Eleanor Clift, contributing editor to *Newsweek Magazine* and a regular panelist on *The McLaughlin Group*, while our second guests on October 18, Lucy Simon and Amy Powers, come from the world of musical theatre. Their current show, *Dr. Zhivago*, is making its world premiere in Australia. And, as Walt Disney said, "I would rather entertain and hope that people learn something, than educate people and hope

they were entertained!" On November 8, Dr. Georgette Bennett, President and Founder of the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding and creator of the Peacemakers in Action program, rounds out our list of prestigious Fall speakers.

Rene Powers is the "power" behind these program meetings. She thoroughly researches the best possible speakers and then must work out all the details with either the speaker or his/her agent to make sure that everything goes as planned. Rene is the one who has personal contact with the speaker and can be counted on to stay "cool and calm," even in the face of last minute adjustments!

Sunya Kleiner is the chair of our outstanding Lecture Series. She, too, looks for the most dynamic speakers and is responsible for arranging topics, dates and times with them. This year, two of our lectures will focus on the 2012 election and our political system while the other four range from the implications of the Balfour Declaration to the societal impact of embryonic stem cell research.

Sunya is a one woman dynamo! She attends each lecture to make sure that every detail is taken care of, and there are many – from picking up the speaker at the train station to

making sure there are refreshments.

On November 3, we are planning a trip to the Jewish American History Museum in Philadelphia under the auspices of Rhoda Friedland. In the Spring, the Jewish Life Institute and our annual Health Forum will take place.

Three other chairs are essential to the Education Department: Laurie Stone Brofsky, our graphic artist, and Gloria Okin and Harriet Rubenstein, our Bulletin editors. Their creativity, skill and dedication make our bulletin and other mailings outstanding, and enable our members to receive timely and pertinent information about the happenings in our section – all within a beautiful format.

As you can see, the Education Department is an essential part of NCJW Peninsula Section. Our chairs continue to do an outstanding job but are, in many cases, a committee of ONE! If you are committed to education and would like to have your say in how our programs, lectures and trips should be planned, please contact me, Carole Tolkin VP of Education, at [clt270@aol.com](mailto:clt270@aol.com). I know I will be able to find a job for you!

## 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.

A Faith in the Future. A Belief in Action.

# PROGRAM MEETING

## ELEANOR CLIFT

AUTHOR, POLITICAL ANALYST,  
T.V. PANELIST ON “THE McLAUGHLIN GROUP”

will be guest speaker  
at NCJW Peninsula Section

Eleanor Clift became a contributing editor for *Newsweek Magazine* in September 1994. She writes on the Washington power structure, the influence of women in politics and other issues. She is currently assigned to follow the jockeying over policy and politics in a divided Congress where the two parties share power, and where President Obama faces major opposition. Clift brings her political perspective to analyze what lessons Obama and the newly empowered Republicans have learned, and how both sides are gearing up for the 2012 presidential election.

Clift is a regular panelist on the syndicated talk show, “The McLaughlin Group.” She has appeared as herself in several movies, including “Dave,” “Independence Day,” “Murder at 1600,” “Rising Sun,” and the CBS series, “Murphy Brown.”

Clift and her late husband, Tom Brazaitis, who was a columnist for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, wrote two books together, “War Without Bloodshed: The Art of Politics” (Scribner, 1996), and “Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling” (Scribner, 2000). *Madam President* is available in paperback (Routledge Press). Clift’s book, “Founding Sisters,” is about the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the vote (John Wiley & Sons, 2003). Her most recent book, “Two Weeks of Life: A Memoir of Love, Death and Politics” (Basic Books, 2008) is about the loss of her husband together with an examination of how we deal with death in America.

Formerly *Newsweek’s* White House correspondent, Clift also served as congressional and political correspondent for six years. She was a key member of the magazine’s 1992 election team, following the campaign of Bill Clinton from the start to Inauguration Day. In June 1992 she was named Deputy Washington Bureau Chief.

As a reporter in *Newsweek’s* Atlanta bureau, Clift covered Jimmy Carter’s bid for the presidency. She followed Carter to Washington to become *Newsweek’s* White House correspondent, a position she held until 1985. Clift began her career as a secretary to *Newsweek’s* National Affairs editor in New York. She was one of the first women at the magazine to move from secretary to reporter.

Clift left *Newsweek* briefly in 1985 to serve as White House correspondent for *The Los Angeles Times*. She returned to *Newsweek* the following year to cover the Iran-Contra scandal, which embroiled President Reagan and tarnished his administration. Clift has covered every presidential campaign since 1976, and was part of *Newsweek’s* special project team following the 1984, 2000, 2004 and 2008 elections, each of which resulted in a book. The most recent, “A Long Time Coming,” written by Evan Thomas and based on the *Newsweek* team’s reporting (Public Affairs, 2009) chronicles the history-making campaign of Barack Obama.

Clift lives in Washington, D.C., where she is on the board of the International Women’s Media Foundation, the Center for Politics and Journalism, and the National Hospice Foundation.



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# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## INTRODUCING... PEPPER ROBINSON

*Executive Director*  
FIVE TOWNS EARLY LEARNING CENTER



The front page headline in *The Nassau Herald* (July 20, 2011) trumpeted “An oasis of play and education in Inwood” followed by a two-page story. Behind that headline is the Executive Director, Pepper Robinson, under whose tutelage the formerly known Five Towns Childcare Center grew into the Five Towns Early Learning Center and became a role model for professionals in the field seeking innovative ideas to cultivate the development of our youngest generation.

Born in Marion, MA, a small, rural New England coast town, Pepper Robinson’s life mission, indeed her passion, can be summed up as “born to serve.” Her father was a preacher, her mother a teacher, and her sisters and brothers are all teachers and preachers. Her DNA prepared her for reaching the pinnacle (so far) as Executive Director of the Five Towns Early Learning Center.

Pepper’s basic philosophy is “in a perfect world children would be home with their mother until the age of five.” Children should be “known” and “treasured” and have a sense of belonging. When her first son, Erik was born, true to her philosophy she didn’t want to leave him, so he was enrolled in the Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center in Rockville Centre where she volunteered and eventually taught. This was the era of the 60’s, so she and a number of other like-thinking parents formed a parent cooperative where she taught and eventually became the Director of the Learning Tree Free School in Garden City. This was a one-room alternative school housed by the Ethical Humanist Society that had between 20-70 children ages three to twelve. This was the equivalent of home-

schooling today. The school covered Pre-K through 6th grade all in one room. The teaching by the parents was done following each child’s “passion.” All those students are now college graduates. The school lasted ten years.

With the passing of time, Pepper earned her MA in Early Childhood/Elementary Education at Adelphi University and developed a network of women whom she referred to as “Mothers” and they became a collective of role models. Among them, were Bernice Levin, Director Emeritus of the Five Towns Child Care Center and Gloria Wallick, the former Executive Director of the Childcare Council of Nassau County, Inc. The rest of the story, as it is written, is history, as Pepper continues her mission “to serve” at the Five Towns Early Learning Center.

Pepper’s next phase is for the Center to become a “beacon” where people come and feel the warmth radiating out. Her fondest dream she emotionally stated while fighting back tears is, “Peace on Earth where people can hold hands around the world.” She lights a Peace candle every week. Her personal plans are to write and consult, using her experience as instruction to be passed along. This would be the pinnacle of the mission for the Pastor’s daughter, Pepper (given name, Paula).

Enid Schwartzbaum

## Because We Care

We are continuing our “Because We Care” community service project. Save your coins and help us to support our Tzedukah project for Peninsula Section. Your donations will be used for Community Services such as Bundle Up, Duffle Up, and Campership.

Look for our containers at registration tables at all of our Program Meetings!!

Rae Michaelson, Chair

**THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED SINGLES GROUP MEETS AT THE FIVE TOWNS JCC IN CEDARHURST TWO TO THREE TIMES A MONTH. IT IS A SOCIAL GROUP THAT IS ENJOYED BY MANY YOUNG ADULTS. PROGRAMS AND GAMES, ALONG WITH TRIPS ARE PLANNED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. MEMBERS HAVE MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS IN THE GROUP.**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JUDY SIEGEL (516) 312-3215.**

**JUDY SIEGEL, CHAIR**

## BUNDLE UP

Working in conjunction with Winthrop and South Nassau Communities Hospital, we provide infant clothing and other essentials to new mothers who are desperately in need of our services. At this time we are in need of donations. Currently, the following items are things that these new mothers could really use.

### CRIBS

### PACK N PLAYS

### HIGH CHAIRS

### BABY CLOTHES

Call Jo Dichter at (516) 887-9751 and she will arrange to have your donations picked up.

Jo Dichter, Chair

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Again? Yes, Again!

How many times have you read in our Bulletins or seen me stand up at meetings asking for Volunteers? You are already a member and supporter of NCJW and know about the wonderful things we do. We can use your talents in many ways.

## Why Volunteer? Why You? Why Help others? Why Give your Time? WHY NOT????

I wouldn't be surprised if you are already helping people. See if you can answer yes to any of these questions.

1. Have you ever held a door open for someone?
2. Have you ever picked something up for someone who has dropped something?
3. Have you ever given a ride to a friend?
4. Have you ever listened to someone's problems?
5. Have you ever visited an infirm friend or relative?
6. Have you ever volunteered to babysit?
7. Have you ever come to the aid of a non-English speaking person?
8. Have you ever helped a child to accomplish or understand something?
9. Have you ever given housing to a homeless person, or wished you could?
10. Have you ever been responsible for a smile on someone's face?

(I knew it) Yes, you are already helping people. Well, you could do more. We can all do more. Why not volunteer and enrich the life of someone else? We have Community Service Projects with many, many different types of opportunities. There are projects that help children, seniors, the infirm, mothers, victims of domestic violence, babies, physically challenged, and the needy. Some are just an hour a week, some are done in your own free time, and some involve delivering or picking things up. We would all be richer in spirit if we lived by the motto: **Do Unto Others As You Would Have Them Do Unto You. Look at yourself and ask yourself, Why Not Volunteer?**

Hope Coleman, V.P. of Community Service

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## COURT ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Court Advocacy Program is only one of the many arms of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. As a participant you are constantly involved with men and women who are in crisis. The courts can be intimidating to a person who has never been in the presence of a judge. So often, the person comes to a court and has little or no support system. The experience can be overwhelming, but if there is an advocate, one who can listen, offer information about the courtroom procedures and merely be a physical being sitting next to a very distraught man or woman, the job is worthwhile.

The advocate helps the person have a voice. She/he refers the client to a contact, or an organization that can offer direct assistance. She/he tells the client what to expect when the client appears before the judge.

Volunteers must participate in an evening training program. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Elaine Hauptman at (516) 398-1961.

Elaine Hauptman, Chair

## STEP (Special Tutorial Educational Program)

Districts 14 (Hewlett/Woodmere), Amy Moritz, Chair  
District 15 (Lawrence/Cedarhurst), Shirley Johnson, Chair  
District 20 (Lynbrook), Merrie Fischer, Chair

Do you enjoy working with children and have an hour or more a week available? Then this is for you. Volunteers work under the direction of the classroom teacher either in small groups or individually. Just have a smile and the willingness to help children and you will be rewarded.

We are currently in need of volunteers. There are many children who can use our help and just not enough of us to go around. Please call the office to volunteer at (516) 569-3660.

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## THE FIVE TOWNS SENIOR CENTER

The Five Towns Senior Center is thriving in its new home, bringing in new members and planning new and exciting programs and classes such as computer training, piano lessons and art history. The Center is a lifeline to the three hundred plus seniors who attend; it's their "home away from home." Since Georgiana Wolfson is the only staff member, volunteers are always welcome.

Elinor Tannenbaum, Chair

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

# ESL #14 END-YEAR BREAKFAST JUNE 20, 2011

The end-year ESL breakfast took place June 20, 2011, at the administration building on Johnson Place. We had a large attendance of volunteers, teachers, and administrators – Dr. Joyce Bisso, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Laura Seinfeld, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Caryn Bachar, ESL Coordinator and all the ESL teachers; Pnina Knopf, President of NCJW Peninsula Section; Joan Steingart, Coordinator of NCJW Community Services; Marcia Roth, NCJW Chairwoman of the ESL Program; and Rhoda Friedland, NCJW Photographer were also in attendance.

We had a very enthusiastic group of volunteers, former teachers and educators, who spoke about their individual experiences with the children.

Laura Seinfeld spoke about our group's success with tutoring the children. She mentioned that the volunteers are advocates for these foreign-born children. They improve their skills in subjects like Math and English and wherever they need help.

Dr. Joyce Bisso has always encouraged our program and has been a positive force in having volunteers assist the children.

Caryn Bachar explained about NYS requirements and testing. She mentioned how our volunteers help the children fill out college applications. They improve their reading skills. The children and teachers are most appreciative for the extra help they receive. The volunteers know how to handle the children and give them an

extra boost.

In the lower grades the children are read to and helped with their communication skills.

In the high school our volunteers dissect plays, help with regents exams, math problems, and homework.

We also have children that are Special Ed students and they get help in a less restrictive atmosphere. Our volunteers help them interact in the world with their special needs. The school's attitude is that each child deserves to have the best. The volunteers are very loving and the children react to their love, kindness and undivided attention.

This program has existed for over 15 years and the Hewlett Woodmere School District has welcomed us and is very grateful for the caliber and dedication of our volunteers.

NCJW welcomes new volunteers to join the program. This program begins again in September 2011. We will have an opening breakfast in September. Contact Marcia Roth if you wish to volunteer.

Marcia Roth, Chair  
(516) 569-3510

*Volunteers in attendance* – Muriel Levine Smith, Arlene Goodstein, Lois Hoffman, Sondra Zuckerman, Muriel Kravetz, Harriet Glaberman, Amy Moritz, George Kamenow

## Knitting Program

Our volunteers help by knitting small squares and crocheting them together to make beautiful lap robes and blankets. Then they are delivered to centers and hospitals in our area. Veterans, residents in nursing homes, newborn babies, as well as patients in hospitals, receive these beautiful warm blankets and lap robes. There is nothing like seeing the smile on a recipient's face.



Pauline Stanger, Chair

## NCJW DENTAL SCREENING

Dr. Joseph Brofsky brings puppets, an interactive video and his enthusiasm for children's good health and dental practices to children of The Five Towns Early Learning Center in Inwood. The children learn valuable lessons while having fun!

*Thank you Dr. Brofsky!*

Dena Stein, Dental Screening Chairperson

## INTERGENERATIONAL READING PROGRAM AT THE JAMES A. DEVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN VALLEY STREAM

This will be our 20th year servicing the children in this very special program. We meet every Monday from 11:25 AM until 1:05 PM, in the school library. Students from grades 1 through 4 participate in the program. It is as pleasant as sharing time with your grandchildren! Our volunteers read, share conversations, play word games and occasionally participate in a game day with the children.

We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in joining us, please call Mimi Friedman at (516) 568-1462.

Mimi Friedman and Pauline Stanger, Co-Chairs

## CELL PHONE PROJECT

Did you know that we collect cell phones that are distributed to women, senior citizens, or disabled individuals for free emergency use? You can bring your old cell phones to meetings or to the NCJW office.

Susan Fox, Chair

## Woodmere Rehabilitation & Health Care Center

The Woodmere Nursing Care Facility Discussion Group, also known as the View, brings the outside world into this miniscule world of the residents. Residents in the Nursing Care Facility are full-time. All need some type of care and cannot live on their own. Some have visitors, some do not. Many programs and activities are offered to the men and women by the recreation staff. However, the program offered by NCJW is unique and helps break up the long days and lonely hours. It is very special to both the participants and the volunteers. Under the direction of Naomi, Blanche and Roberta our volunteers bring laughter, current events, and happiness to this large group of men and women. Lives are enriched by our presence and the residents look forward to our weekly visits as if we were family and old friends.

Come and join us on Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and reward yourself with an experience you will not forget. To volunteer call the office at (516) 569-3660.

Naomi Garfinkel, Blanche Werner & Roberta Jaffee, Co-Chairs

## SULAM-LI, THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FOR JEWISH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Hebrew word sulam means "ladder," just as a ladder enables a person to reach heights that one could not reach alone, the SULAM-LI Program enables Jewish children with special needs to reach new heights.

Dena Stein, Chair



## PRE-SCHOOL VISION SCREENING

National Council of Jewish Women, Peninsula Section, has a group of volunteers who test pre-school children for amblyopia. Our volunteers cover 17 different schools on the South Shore from Merrick to the Five Towns. We try to accommodate each volunteer's schedule to maximize convenience for each one of them. All of us find this endeavor to be very enjoyable and rewarding.

Amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, is the loss or lack of development in one eye that is unrelated to any eye health problem and is not correctable with lenses. It can result from a failure to use both eyes together. Lazy eye is often associated with crossed-eyes or a large difference in the degree of nearsightedness or farsightedness between the two eyes. It usually develops before the age of six, and it does not affect side vision. Vision therapy teaches the two eyes how to work together, which helps prevent lazy eye from recurring. Early diagnosis increases the chance for a complete recovery. This is one reason why the American Optometric Association recommends that children have a comprehensive optometric examinations by the age of six months and again at age three. Lazy eye will not go away on its own. If not diagnosed until the pre-teen, teen or adult years, treatment takes longer and is often less effective.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Joyce Solovay at (516) 829-9776.

Joyce Solovay, Chair

## CAMPERSHIP

The sound of laughter filled the streets as children piled out of their cars and headed toward the waiting busses. Their parents were right behind, dragging duffles and suitcases. A camp adventure was waiting, and NCJW Peninsula Section was making this happen.

Thanks to the generosity of local organizations, such as the Seawane Country Club, Inwood Country Club, charitable grants, and other donations to our campership fund, we were able to send sixteen children to camp for a two and a half week session.

The children we send are referred to us by their school social workers. Our acceptance is based on financial need as well as background and home issues.

For all your continuous support of the Campership program, know that it does make a difference in the lives of children and their families.

Rhoda Friedland and Barbara Sklar, Co-Chairs

*In a letter of gratitude addressed to Rhoda Friedland, from Myriam Spadafora, L.C.S.W., School Social Worker East Rockaway Public Schools. She writes, "It is with great appreciation that I write this letter. This year in particular is a difficult one considering the financial hardship that the economy has put upon most of us ... It means everything to be able to give these children an opportunity to thrive and grow in a camping experience ..."*

*On behalf of the families you have helped over the years and are currently providing for, I thank NCJW Peninsula Section for this wonderful and meaningful gift. May you all know that your kindness, generosity and compassionate professionalism will go forever remembered."*

## SIBSPlace

On behalf of SIBSPlace, I want to say "Thank you" to NCJW for your help and support. I would also like to pass along some of the thank yous we've gotten from our SIBS families.

Mary gave us a big thank you after Carrie had been a SIBS kid for only one week. She said that the one on one attention she got at SIBSPlace was the perfect antidote to the abandonment and neglect Carrie was feeling at home because suddenly so much time and care had to go to her sister.

Bill, a father who has been going to our parent support group, thanked us for "turning my life around and making me a better person."

I apologize if I've mentioned this before, but it touched my heart when Laura, one of our mothers, thanked us for "making her children normal." She explained that her well children had been spending their summer going from doctor's waiting rooms to hospital waiting rooms until she discovered SIBS camp, our summer program. Because of their participation, when they went back to school and the kids compared notes on summer adventures, Sara and Jenny could talk about the aquarium, Adventureland, roller-skating, etc. "just like everyone else."

A beaming Shana thanked our teen volunteers saying that she was sure their help with her homework and studying had been the boost she needed to get that 89 on her science test.

Thank you, NCJW, for helping make all this, and so much more, possible.

Judie Horowitz, Chair

## LECTURE SERIES

### “AN INTERVIEW WITH AN ITALIAN WOMAN WHO BECAME A RABBI”

#### DR. STANISLAO G. PUGLIESE

The first lecture in NCJW's Lecture Series on October 5th marks the return on one of our favorite presenters, Professor Pugliese. As always, his subject for this lecture, “An Interview with an Italian Jewish Woman who became a Rabbi,” will prove to be interesting, unusual and educational.



Dr. Pugliese is Professor of Modern European History at Hofstra University and a fellow of the Italian Academy at Columbia University. In the summer of 2003 he was a visiting scholar at the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D. C.

This exciting lecture will explore a very recent happening.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2011**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### “THE BALFOUR DECLARATION AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR SOCIETY”

#### RABBI ART VERNON

Rabbi Vernon is the spiritual leader of the JCC of West Hempstead. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and did graduate study at the Jewish Theological Seminary and NYU.



Rabbi Vernon will explore this specific historical document that pledged British support for a Jewish national home.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### “EMBRIONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH: SCIENTIFIC, MEDICAL AND SOCIETAL IMPLICATIONS”

#### DR. MICHAEL HADJIARGYROU

Dr. Hadjiargyrou has a B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in Biology from the University of New York. His Post-Doctoral study in Cell/Molecular Biology, is from the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.



“Dr. Mike” will explore the subject of human genetic engineering and its implications for the next step in our evolution.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2011**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### “POLITICAL HUMOR”

#### PROFESSOR JOSEPH DORINSON

Professor Dorinson received his B.A. at Columbia University. He is a professor of history at Long Island University and a noted authority in the field of popular culture. He has co-edited two books; written many articles; presented a lecture series at the Hofstra Cultural Center and George Washington University.



Professor Dorinson will examine many “jokes” as they relate to our political system.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### “AMERICA'S NINE FIRST LADIES FROM NEW YORK STATE”

#### ELIZABETH KAHN KAPLAN

Elizabeth Kaplan is an educator, writer and lecturer specializing in American History and Art. She was director of Education for the Three Village Historical Society and has also served as a consultant to Stony Brook University. Liz serves as a volunteer docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Liz will discuss “everything we want to know” about these interesting women.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

### “THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION”

#### PROFESSOR MEENA BOSE

Dr. Bose is a Peter Kalikow Chair in presidential studies at Hofstra University. She has written several books about presidential matters and is the editor of “The Reference Volume – The New York Times on the Presidency.” She received her undergraduate degree from Penn State University and her Master's and Doctoral degrees from Princeton University.



Dr. Bose will bring her many insights to the discussion of this greatly anticipated election.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012**  
**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

Please be aware of our price change for this lecture series of six. Two of the lectures are free. The fee schedule: \$40 for series for members. \$45 for series for non-members.

Individual reservations will be \$11 for members and \$13 for non-members. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.**

# FUNDRAISING

## IDINA MENZEL

Adored by fans around the world, Long Island's own enchantress will create special magic at Tilles Center's most glittering evening. The star of such smash hits as *Rent* and *Wicked*, adored by millions on *Glee*, Idina's incredible voice will fill the hall once more.

We are pleased to offer you tickets to see Idina Menzel live at The Tilles Center's 2011 Gala Performance. If you are interested in attending, please contact Linda Gorin at (516) 569-8551. Once tickets are advertised in the Bulletin, they will go very fast!



**TillesCenter**  
for the Performing Arts

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 5th**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**Tickets: \$80**

## Save The Date

FOR THE

## FLORIDA FUNDRAISER

**TUESDAY EVENING**

**FEBRUARY 14, 2012 at 8:00 PM**

**CREST THEATRE, DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA**

AN EVENING WITH

## BRIAN D'ARCY JAMES

STAR AND TONY NOMINEE FOR  
*THE SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS* AND *SHREK THE MUSICAL*  
IN WHICH HE PLAYED SHREK!

He is currently shooting two new TV network pilots. The first is *Smash* and the second is *Person of Interest*.

Join us for this wonderful evening. The tickets are \$50 each. Please call the office at (516) 569-3660 to reserve your tickets now as we have a limited amount of seats.

## IT'S A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!

Whether it is new or old  
We are looking for your gold  
We will turn it into money for you  
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Our licensed and bonded jeweler will pay us top dollar and donate a percentage back to NCJW.

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## Founder's Day

The selection of Sally Telias as our 2011-2012 recipient of The Hannah G. Solomon Award and our Founder's Day Honoree is our recognition of a young woman with remarkable leadership qualities. Her financial expertise, technological know-how and her enormous energy source and passion for NCJW Peninsula Section make her a true representative of the ideals of our founder, Hannah G. Solomon.



Sally joined NCJW, New Generation in 1994. In 2002, she was asked to become Section Treasurer and has since continued providing financial services to the Section along with a variety of other responsibilities from preparing presentations to purchasing equipment. Sally received the Emerging Leader Award from NCJW Peninsula Section in 2003 and then served as Co-Chair on the Benchmark Campaign. She has served on various committees for fundraising and educational events and on the committees for Finance, By-Laws, Thrift Shop, and Personnel Practices. She represented the Section at Washington and Albany Institutes and at various National Conventions. Sally served as Co-President of Peninsula Section with Abby Fox from 2007 to 2009. She is currently the Financial Coordinator and continues to stay actively involved in all aspects of Peninsula Section's operations and activities.

We look forward to your participation on Thursday, May 3, 2012 as we celebrate Founder's Day with our deserving honoree at the Woodmere Club.

## SAVE THE DATE



**TRIP TO**  
**THE NATIONAL MUSEUM**  
**OF AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORY**

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**  
**NOVEMBER 3RD, 2011**

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

# ADVOCACY

## Looking for a few good women...

to serve as **informal advocacy aides!**

### ⇒ Choose an issue that is important to YOU!

For example:

- NCJW campaigns, such as:
  - Voices for Reproductive Choices
  - Higher Ground/Domestic Violence
- Current legislative issues on a national, state or county level, such as:
  - Health Care Reform
  - Legislation affecting cuts to social security and other human welfare concerns
  - Economic Security for Women
  - LGBT Discrimination
- Global Women's Rights
- Women's Issues in Israel

### ⇒ Follow any developments on that issue

Check the NCJW Action Center, our legislators' websites or other relevant sources for the latest information and keep me apprised on a regular basis. This will enable us to keep our membership up to date with regard to these very, very important issues.

It's easy! And vital to the work of NCJW Peninsula Section. So I hope you will answer this call to action. Simply contact me at [Laurield@gmail.com](mailto:Laurield@gmail.com) or call (516) 887-3767.

Thanks. I look forward to working with you!

Laurie Stone Brofsky  
VP, Advocacy and Jewish Life

## Fall Event at the Hewlett-Woodmere Library “MY FAIR LADY”

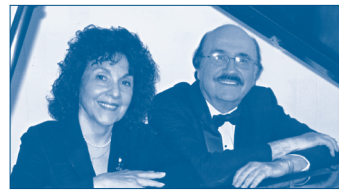
The music of Alan Lerner

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2011  
AT 2:00 PM**

Sponsored by:

**The Zimmerman Fund of NCJW Peninsula  
Section and Hewlett-Woodmere Library**

Lerner was the composer of the musical score for “Camelot,” and “Gigi.” These were two of his very successful Broadway shows. In addition, Alan Lerner wrote the music for many very popular hits – one example – “On A Clear Day You Can See Forever.”



This program is presented by Charlotte and Herb Davison. These outstanding performers have a vast background in the entertainment industry. They have produced more than one hundred recordings.

**NO FEE • Tickets Required**

*District residents may pick up tickets at the Library*

Current members of NCJW can obtain tickets by calling the NCJW's office at 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence

(516) 569-3660 • 10 AM to 2 PM

## NCJW TRIBUTE CARDS NEW GUIDELINES

The National Council of Jewish Women Peninsula Section has several tribute funds. Making a donation to one of these funds is a meaningful way to celebrate a birthday, marriage, holiday, birth or any special occasion. It is also a thoughtful way to let someone know you are thinking of them in their time of sadness or loss. A tribute recipient receives a beautiful card acknowledging the gift you have made in their name.

Cards are available in one of five Funds/Programs. An explanation of each Fund/Program and how your contributions are used is listed below. Cards can be purchased by contacting our office at 569-3660.

### 1. ALL OCCASION FUND

Donations to this fund support NCJW Peninsula Section's efforts to improve the quality of life for women, children and families and ensure individual rights and freedoms for all.

#### Choices as follows:

- no listing in bulletin, cards purchased directly from our office package of 6 cards @ \$25.00
- sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office blue and white card – \$10.00  
metallic blue trim card – \$18.00  
metallic silver trim card – \$25.00  
metallic gold trim card – \$50.00

### 2. SUPPORT of NCJW's ISRAEL GRANTING PROGRAM

Yad B'Yad: NCJW's Initiative to Nurture Knowledge

Women to Women: NCJW's Empowerment Initiative

All donations to this program enable Peninsula Section to partner with a granting site in Israel. All projects benefit at-risk women, children and families.

#### Choices as follows:

- no listing in bulletin, cards purchased directly from our office package of 6 cards @ \$25.00
- sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office blue & white card – \$10.00

### 3. DR. IRVING ZIMMERMAN TRIBUTE FUND

Donations to this fund enrich special programs offered to the community.

#### Choices as follows:

- no listing in bulletin, cards purchased directly from our office package of 6 cards @ \$25.00
- sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office blue & white card – \$10.00

### 4. THE WILLIAM D. BURATT MEMORIAL FUND

Donations to this fund enrich a Peninsula Section Jewish event or celebration.

#### Choices as follows:

- no listing in bulletin, cards purchased directly from our office package of 6 cards @ \$25.00
- sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office cream & bronze card – \$10.00

### 5. CHAI SIMCHA FUND

Donations to this fund support the programs and campaigns of NCJW, Inc. promoting social justice and progressive ideals and are made in honor of a personal, joyous occasion.

#### Choice as follows:

- sentiment is listed in bulletin, a card is sent from our office red & white card – minimum – \$18.00

# Flowers for Rosh Hashanah 5772

Surprise your hostess with a beautiful flower arrangement for the holidays. Flowers will be sent to the home of your choice (including your own) on Wednesday, September 28, 2011. The cost is \$40 payable to NCJW.

Fill out the recipient's name and address below and circle your message. Accompany this with a check in the amount of \$40 for each arrangement, payable to NCJW, Peninsula Section, by Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

**Free Delivery to 5 Towns,  
Rockville Centre and Oceanside**

**\$5.00 Delivery Charge to  
Valley Stream and Lynbrook**

**\$9.00 Delivery Charge to  
Long Beach and Atlantic Beach**

Flowers may also be ordered for Thanksgiving and Passover @ \$40 by calling Masters & Co. @ (516) 561-7555 and mentioning NCJW.

Lynn Schreiber, Chair



National Council of Jewish Women  
Peninsula Section

cordially invites you  
to coffee and conversation with

**Eleanor Clift**

Noted Journalist and Talk Show Panelist

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011**

at the Lawrence Country Club  
Lawrence, New York



This immediately follows our program meeting with  
Eleanor Clift at the Lawrence Country Club

Proceeds will benefit NCJW's programs here and in Israel

Minimum gift \$100  
(Attendees will have reserved seats at program meeting)

-----TEAR OFF-----

Flowers sent from: \_\_\_\_\_

Sender's Message: (Circle one)

Happy Holiday    Happy and Healthy New Year    L'Shana Tovah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**NCJW, PENINSULA SECTION  
342 CENTRAL AVENUE, LAWRENCE, NY 11559 • 516-569-3660**

-----TEAR OFF-----

I will gladly attend coffee and conversation with Eleanor Clift

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100 minimum gift)

I cannot attend,

but enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to National Council of Jewish Women

YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

# TRIBUTES

## NCJW PENINSULA SECTION Tributes for the September Bulletin 2011 (as of August 23, 2011)

### SIMCHA FUND

**Happy 75th birthday to Marlene Berman**

Shelley Mann & Hilly  
Carole & Dave Schragar

### GOLD ALL OCCASION FUND

**Happy 90th birthday to Elaine Kurtzer!**

Phoebe Earren  
Selma Stone  
Gloria Okin

**In memory of Evelyn Warheit, beloved sister of Marcia Siegler**

Lore & Harry Bauer

**Happy special birthday to Harriet Rubenstein**

Marilyn & David Welsch  
Leila & Elliott Waldman  
The Reiters & Jaffees

**Special birthday wishes to Roz Siegler**

Joyce & Melvin Paradise

**In memory of Howard Greene, beloved husband of Lorna Greene**

Carol & Howard Diamond

**In memory of Seymour Josephs, beloved husband of Claire Josephs**

Gloria Okin

### SILVER ALL OCCASION FUND

**In memory of Joseph Perl, beloved husband of Irene Perl**

Barbara Vanefsky

**Happy birthday to Marlene Berman**

Jeffrey Squire

**Happy 90th birthday to Elaine Kurtzer**

Adrienne & Arthur Singer  
Harriet Rubenstein

**Happy special birthday to Harriet Rubenstein**

Myra & Hy Mazlin

**In memory of Seymour Josephs, beloved husband of Claire Josephs**

Elaine & David Kurtzer

### BLUE ALL OCCASION FUND

**In memory of Herbert Vanefsky, beloved husband of Barbara Vanefsky**

Lynn & Mel Schreiber  
Barbara & Robert Yaspan

**Get well to Betty Dickoff**

Babs & Bob Yaspan

**Congratulations to Evelyn & Al Resnick on the birth of Joshua & Jayden Resnick, twin great grandsons**

Rhona Goldman

**Congratulations to Aleene Barash on being chosen honoree at L.I. Sections luncheon**

Rhona Goldman

**In memory of Seymour Josephs, beloved husband of Claire Josephs**

June Starkman  
Sunya Kleiner  
Selma Lennhoff

**In memory of beloved sister of Irene Perl**

Lynn & Mel Schreiber

**Happy special birthday to Adrienne Singer**

Anne & Steve Siegel

**Happy special birthday to Joan Butwin**

Anne & Steve Siegel

**Get well wishes to Helaine Gerber**

Helen Pollack

### ALL OCCASION FUND IN MEMORY OF:

**Manny Ratner, beloved husband of Gloria Ratner**

NCJW Long Island Sections  
friends  
Mimi Friedman

**Jerry Palin, beloved husband of Barbara Palin**

Jo Dichter

**Lee Fogel, beloved mother of the Fogel family**

Shirley Cooper

**Claire Levitt, beloved wife of Fred Levitt**

Elaine & David Kurtzer

**Seymour Josephs, beloved husband of Claire Josephs**

Shirley & Sol Johnson  
Candy Misner  
Evelyn Resnick  
Helen Pollack  
Evelyn Rubin  
Harriet Rubenstein  
Adrienne & Arthur Singer  
Sunya Kleiner

**Tessie, beloved sister of Irene Perl**

Joan & Larry Butwin

Enid & Leo Schwarzbaum

**Aaron Harry, beloved husband of Muriel Myers**

Lillian Soloway

**Beverly, beloved mother of Maddie Mason**

Lillian Soloway

**Sam Halpern, beloved husband of Ceil Halpern**

Barbara & Mel Wolff

**Ellen Anchin, beloved wife of Buddy Anchin**

Barbara & Mel Wolff

**Carrie Septimus, beloved mother & grandmother of the Septimus family**

Joan & Jack Steingart  
Officers & Board of NCJW,  
Peninsula Section

**Evelyn Warheit, beloved sister of Marcia Siegler**

Barbara Fishman

**Beloved husband of Renee Lieberman**

Teddi & Mike Birnbaum

**Vivian Wohlman, beloved mother of Leslie Himmel**

Barbara & Mel Wolff

**Martin Liemer, beloved husband of Jeannette Liemer**

Barbara & Mel Wolff

**Dr. Joseph Goldstein, beloved husband of Ann Goldstein**

Mary Harrow

**Miriam Schwartz, beloved mother of Barbara Sobel**

Gladys & Binnie Bain

**Howard Greene, beloved husband of Lorna Greene**

Marcia & Alvin Siegler

**Jack Levine, beloved husband of Harriet Levine**

Sylvia Machowsky

### ALL OCCASION FUND IN HONOR OF:

**Birth of granddaughter Allison Rose to Hope & Mike Coleman**

Harriet Rubenstein  
Carole & Marvin Tolkin  
Florence & Martin Kruman  
Rhoda & Stuart Friedland  
Sally & Henry Telias

**Pnina Knopf on installation as Peninsula Section President**

Shirley & Sol Johnson

**Renee Powers on being chosen "Pnina Woman of the Year"**

Harriet Rubenstein

**Bat Mitzvah of Emma, granddaughter of Evelyn & Ted Markson**

Ellen & Arthur Singer

**Birth of great-grandson to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Imerstein**

Barbara & Melvin Wolff

**Marriage of Allison, daughter of Jan Jarrett**

Anne & Steve Siegel

**Marriage of Jaime & Jay – best wishes to Rosalind Ruder**

Gert Herman

Rhoda Conrad

LIST INCOMPLETE

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