

# Newsletter

August 2010



National Council of Jewish Women  
Peninsula Section

## COMING EVENTS



September 28th, 2010

### TONY KUSHNER



Recognized as one of the most important playwrights of our time, Tony Kushner has received the Pulitzer Prize, an Emmy Award, an Oscar nomination, two Tony Awards, three Obie Awards and is the first recipient of the Steinberg Distinguished Playwrights Award. Mr. Kushner is best known, perhaps, for “Angels in America,” a seven hour, two part epic production which played on Broadway almost 20 years ago. He is now in residency at the Signature Theatre Company with four productions, including a new adaptation of “The Illusion.” Jack Kroll of Newsweek wrote: “Kushner is a rarity in the theatre, a passionate intellectual who can turn ideas into crackling theatre.”

October 19th, 2010

### LORRAINE ABRAMSON



Lorraine Lotzof Abramson is the author of “My Race – A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa.” This is a true story and memoir of a gifted Jewish track star growing up under the Apartheid system of South Africa. As both an outsider excluded from the conservative Christian mainstream, and an insider who reaped the benefits of a society founded on white supremacy, Lorraine Lotzof Abramson had a personal apartheid experience. She shares her ambitions, achievements, losses, family ties and growing unease with the system of social inequality that led to leaving her family in South Africa and immigrating to the United States.

If you are interested in an advanced reading of Lorraine’s book, “My Race – A Jewish Girl Growing Up Under Apartheid in South Africa,” log onto [www.lorrainesbook.com](http://www.lorrainesbook.com).

## ***WE ARE MOVING***

The beautiful Lawrence Country Club will be the welcoming host for our club year 2010-2011.

Our Program Meetings, Lecture Series, Holiday Boutique and New Member Breakfast, are among the exciting events that will be held at this new venue.

We look forward to meeting you, greeting you, entertaining you, and enlightening you with the plans being made for this most promising Peninsula Section Club year.

### 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.



## NCJW HONORS...

Congratulations to the recipients of  
the NCJW Peninsula Section  
Community Service Awards

### **SHAYANNE GAL**

G.W. Hewlett High School

### **LAUREN COHEN**

Lynbrook High School

### **JORIE COHEN**

Lawrence High School

## MEMBERSHIP

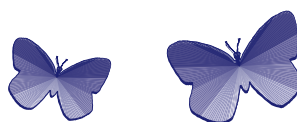
It's that time again! It's time to renew your NCJW Peninsula Section Membership.

It is your continued membership that allows us to fulfill our commitment to NCJW's mission statement which continually reminds us of our obligations to our 20 community services, our aim to further our educational and advocacy programs here and in Israel, and to bring our voices, our hearts and our financial support to "A Faith in the Future. A Belief in Action."

Return your membership dues envelope with your \$50 check promptly to NCJW Peninsula Section, 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence NY 11559. This is the appropriate time to consider becoming a Life Member for \$350.

With our best wishes as we look forward to your participation in this promising club year.

Co-Vice Presidents of Membership  
Florence Kruman & Gloria Okin



THANK YOU!

**WE WILL CELEBRATE THE RETURN OF  
OUR POPULAR HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE!  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010**

## COMING EVENTS

### **It's a Golden Opportunity!**

WANTED: Gold, Platinum, Coins and Sterling Silver Jewelry, Silverware, etc. accepted in any condition!

Our licensed and bonded jeweler will pay you top dollar as well as donating a percentage back to NCJW.

For more information  
Please Contact: I.C. Ltd. 632-5609 –  
785 Merrick Road, Baldwin, NY 11510;  
NCJW 569-3660, or Marci 791-8286



*Thank you to those who made our  
House & Garden Tour such an outstanding success!*

On behalf of NCJW, PENINSULA SECTION and SULAM-LI we want to thank you for your participation in the 2010 Home and Garden Tour. It was a tremendous success!

NCJW, PENINSULA SECTION and SULAM-LI have a shared mission of working to improve the quality of life for children and families. It is that shared spirit that set the ground work for this joint fund raising event.

No event on this scale can succeed without the generosity of many.

Certainly without the homeowners graciously opening their beautiful homes this event would not have been possible.

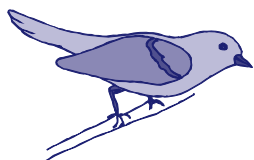
Without the home and event sponsors generously giving of their dollars we would not have had such a successful fund raising event.

Without the creativity exhibited in the lovely floral arrangements we would not have had such an elegant event.

And without the volunteers giving of their valuable time, we would not have been able to ensure the smooth flow and security of the event.

This tremendously successfully fund raiser happened because you gave of your home, time, talents and dollars.

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of so many.



Most Sincerely,  
Joan P. Ivler  
Ronni Seidenberg  
Dena Stein

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**Our Lecture Committee is hard at work  
programming an interesting and enjoyable series  
for the following dates:**

**OCTOBER 13**

**NOVEMBER 10**

**DECEMBER 8**

**JANUARY 12**

**FEBRUARY 9**

*and*

**MARCH 9**

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 31, 2010**

*A musical salute  
to Harold Arlen*

*at the*

*Hewlett-Woodmere Library.*

*Watch for further details.*

# NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Add your name to our list of those wishing our members a Happy and Healthy New Year. Each one line listing is \$18 and will appear in the October Bulletin.

Some listing suggestions are:

Jill and Jack Cohen; Jill and Jack Cohen & Family; Jill Cohen; Mr. & Mrs. Jack Cohen; The Cohen Family

LISTINGS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

TEAR HERE

Please list my New Year greeting as follows:

Enclosed is my check for \$18 per line, payable to NCJW.

Send to:

NCJW, Peninsula Section, 342 Central Avenue, Lawrence, NY 11559  
Attn: Chair, Pauline Stanger

DEADLINE: September 7, 2010

TEAR HERE

## Flowers for Rosh Hashanah – 5771

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 Wed. September 8, 2010, Erev Rosh Hashanah.**

Your personal message and all taxes are included.

- Free delivery to 5 Towns, Rockville Centre, Oceanside
- \$5.00 delivery charge to Valley Stream, Lynbrook
- \$7.00 delivery charge to Long Beach and Atlantic Beach

Fill out the recipient's name and address below and circle your message.

Accompany this with a check in the amount of \$40.00 for each arrangement, payable to NCJW, Peninsula Section, by Thursday, September 2, 2010.

\*Flowers may also be ordered for Thanksgiving and Passover @ \$40.00 by calling Masters & Co. Florist at 516-561-7555 and mentioning NCJW.

Florence Steiger, Chair

TEAR HERE

Deliver flowers to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sender's message: (circle one)

Happy Holiday

Happy and Healthy New Year

L'Shana Tovah

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Examples: (M/M Yaspan) (Mom & Dad)

Sender's Name & Phone #

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

# FIVE TOWNS EARLY LEARNING CENTER CELEBRATES 70<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

When a private child care center in Inwood was established in the 1930's, who could have envisioned the transformation into the present Five Towns Early Learning Center? Seventy years later, on May 16, 2010, a celebration was held in the Gertrude Rieur Garden Playground in back of the expanded facility.



On a perfect summer day, Pepper Robinson, Executive Director, welcomed the many honored and invited guests as well as attending public officials including Kate Murray, Supervisor Town of Hempstead, Harvey Weisenberg, NY State Assemblyman, Council members Jim Darcy and Dorothy Goosby. Liz Ropers, Board President, introduced Kate Murray who presided as Mistress of Ceremonies. Pepper presented framed artwork created by the children as awards honoring the Center's past Presidents and Sponsors. The brief but meaningful ceremony ended with closing remarks by Liz Ropers and the festivities were concluded with a delicious buffet luncheon in the Garden under a tent. The beautifully decorated tables had potted plants as centerpieces which were to be planted in the garden after the event. As usual, Susan Corbelli, Administrative Assistant, and husband Bob, prepared much of the food

and supervised the catering with the invaluable assistance of the Center's dedicated and professional staff. The entire celebration was underwritten by contributions from donors and vendors.

NCJW Peninsula became involved with The Five Towns Child Care Center (former name) in 1964 when it established an enrichment program and provided volunteers and funding. Ten years later, we became a co-sponsor of the Center with shared financial responsibility and volunteer participation. Our monetary support has provided scholarship assistance to families unable to pay the full cost of child care. Bernice Levin had been Director of the Center for 31 years until she retired in 2003, during which time the dream of the improved facility and garden playground originated. NCJW Peninsula truly lives up to our Jewish tradition of Tikkun Olam, to Heal the World.

Enid Schwartzbaum, Chair



## OUR LOCAL HEROINE: Elinor Tannenbaum

Elinor became a local heroine when she was celebrated for her commitment and dedication for her community activities by the Nassau Herald.

For the past thirty years Elinor has been leading an enthusiastic group of seniors in calisthenics at the 5 Towns Senior Center.

A major portion of her time and devotion has been to NCJW Peninsula Section as a board member who planned and coordinated theatre parties, museum visits and other out-of-town trips. She has been a volunteer at our unique Thrift Shop for the past fifteen years.

We are so pleased that Elinor's devotion to volunteerism is recognized by everyone in our community.

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