



National Council of Jewish Women
Essex County Section

NCJW Honors Three Extraordinary Essex County Women

- *Ellen Legow receives Hannah G. Solomon Award*
- *Lesley Greenstein receives Henrietta Weiser Emerging Leader Award*
- *Rosalie Riemer receives Service to the Section Award*

Livingston, N.J., June 2, 2011—Three outstanding women who over the years have given generously of their time and skills to help improve the lives of women, children and families were honored yesterday at the annual Installation and Awards Ceremony of the National Council of Jewish Women, Essex County Section.

The three award recipients were Ellen Legow, of Livingston, who received the Hannah G. Solomon Award; Lesley Greenstein, of Summit, who received the Henrietta Weiser Emerging Leader Award; and Rosalie Riemer, of West Orange, who received the Service to the Section Award.

Ellen Legow began her involvement with NCJW as a Councillete, the 1950's NCJW group for teenage girls. As an adult, Ellen joined the West Orange Division (now part of the Essex County Section) and in 1965 and became a life member. While working as a teacher, she was able to continue her NCJW involvement through the Business and Professional Division of the organization, which met in the evenings. In 1986, when Ellen retired from teaching, she served as president of the B&P division, which gave her a seat on the section executive committee and section board. Later she served in three different section vice-president positions and became president of the Essex County Section in 1994.

Following her tenure as president, Ellen was a commissioner of the national NCJW organization for three years while still remaining active in Essex County Section. Some of her positions post-presidency have included Center for Women Chair, Benefit Chair, Strategic Planning Committee Chair, and Special Gifts Chair. Currently, Ellen is a co-chair of the NCJW 100th Anniversary Celebration, an active member of the Back 2 School Store Committee, a member of the Budget and Finance Committee, a member of the Personnel Practices Committee, and the Monday morning fixture as a volunteer at the front desk of the Linda & Rudy Slucker NCJW Center for Women.

Ellen is a charter member of the section's Legacy for the Future Endowment Fund and Chai Circle. In addition to her involvement with NCJW, Ellen is a member of B'nai Shalom, where she has served several terms on the Board of Trustees, and was a member of the United Way Livingston Division committee. She also serves as a vice president on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Family Service of MetroWest.

Lesley Greenstein has been involved with NCJW for 11 years. As a member of the executive committee, Lesley currently serves as vice president for fund development. Previously, she was a recording secretary. She also has been a member of the NCJW Strategic Planning Committee. She originally became involved in NCJW through the Young Women's Group, where she served on the executive board. She also has chaired Mitzvah Night and co-chaired the NCJW Golf Invitational, as well as helped create the organization's VolunTweens program for students in grades 5 to 8.

Lesley is also very involved in Summit Public Schools. She was vice president of the Summit Middle School PTO in 2010-2011 and will become president for the 2011-2012 school year. She is also chairperson of the parent committee for the endowment committee of the Summit Education Fund.

"I am honored to receive the Emerging Leader Award this year," Lesley said. "The women of NCJW are successful, talented, brilliant doers, and I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work closely with many of these women. When you are honored by your peers there is no greater compliment."

Rosalie Riemer began her involvement with NCJW in the early 1990s, when she volunteered for the W.I.S.H. (Women in Self Help) program, which she eventually went on to co-chair. She also has co-chaired the NCJW Peer Support Group program and the Special Gifts Campaign, and is currently co-chairing the Raffles Committee. A member of the NCJW Board for many years, Rosalie served on the Executive Committee as Assistant Financial Secretary. Rosalie is also a long-time volunteer for NCJW's RAINBOWS program, a support group for children going through life-changing crises.

"I have had the good fortune to work with so many wonderful women and I have seen the impact of our organization on many, many people," she remarked. "I feel extremely honored to receive this award."

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. For more information, go to: NCJWessex.org

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