

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

**National Council of Jewish Women
Greater Dallas Section**

**2021 AWARDS AND
INSTALLATION**



NCJW 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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2021-2022 Nominating Committee:

Chair: Joyce Rosenfield
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Chair: Renee Karp
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Ellen Ungerman

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PROGRAM

Welcome and Motzi Staci Mankoff

Lunch

Call to Order/Business Meeting.....Elaine Bernstein

Introduction of AwardsShannon Morse

Emerging Leader AwardJeana Foxman
Presented by Renee Karp

Janis Levine Music
Make-A-Difference Award..... Courtney Johnson
Presented by Peyton Johnson

Janis Levine Music
Make-A-Difference Award..... Laura Diamond
Presented by Caren Edelstein

Hannah G. Solomon Award..... Robin Zweig
Presented by Sharan Goldstein

Lifetime Achievement AwardSuzi Greenman
Presented by Joni Cohan

Installation **Julie Lowenberg**

Closing Remarks..... Julie Lowenberg
Elaine Bernstein

Our very special thank you to:

Staci and Jeff Mankoff

Awards Committee Chairs:

Julie Lowenberg and
Suzi Greenman

Awards Committee

Carol Alkek, Elaine Bernstein, Joni Cohan,
Kristen Fagelman, Lois Finkelman, Jeana Foxman,
Helen Frank, Frieda Hudspeth,
Renee Karp, Lotty Brodsky-Lyle, Peggy Millheiser,
Sheila Stieglitz, Erin Zopolsky

Additional thanks to:

Liz Cooper, Ariella Stromberg, and staff.

2021-2022 AWARD RECIPIENTS

**Jeana Foxman
Courtney Johnson
Laura Diamond
Robin Zweig
Suzi Greenman**

JEANA FOXMAN

EMERGING LEADER AWARD



The Emerging Leader Award is presented to a woman who demonstrates commitment to the Section and has the potential for assuming future Section leadership.

Jeana Foxman has been a volunteer since high school in Freeland, MI, through college and while working on the Hill in Washington, D.C. for Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey. After moving to Dallas, she first worked at the Jewish Community Relations Council, and then as a corporate and public communications consultant for Perry Street Communications.

Since joining NCJW, Jeana has used her public affairs skills to help develop talking points for Day on the Hill in Austin and helped put together a training for community organizing with a Jewish twist. She has served two rounds on NCJW's Awards and PACE Committees as well as been on the Nominating Committee. She currently chairs the Research and Development Committee and is a member of the Board. Outside of NCJW, Jeana is on the Executive Committee at Temple Emanu-El and is also the co-chair of the SHAC Committee for DISD.

Jeana and her husband Brad have two children: Ari, who's 7, and Adele who's 5.

COURTNEY JOHNSON

JANIS LEVINE MUSIC MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE AWARD

The **Janis Levine Music Make-A-Difference Award** is presented to an individual who has had a long-term commitment and made a unique contribution to NCJW Dallas. The award honors the memory of Janis Levine Music, a person who gave of herself with dignity and kindness of spirit.

Courtney Johnson is a native Texan, who went north for college then worked in New York as a benefits consultant for Towers Perrin, and later became the VP of Human Resources for Julius Baer, a Swiss Bank.



After joining NCJW Dallas, she chaired the record-breaking 2018 Birthday Luncheon and also introduced innovative ideas for solidifying the relationships with new and existing donors. She is currently a member of the board and volunteers for other projects including the West Dallas Clothes Closet.

Outside of NCJW, Courtney is a Hockaday Alumnae Association volunteer, is involved in the Hockaday Parents Association and is the Treasurer of their Executive Board. In 2019, Courtney accepted a professional position at Hockaday, working in the business office. Courtney and her husband Brian have three daughters: Peyton is 12, Maddie is 11 and Emma is 8.

LAURA DIAMOND

JANIS LEVINE MUSIC MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE AWARD



Born in New York, **Laura Diamond** studied filmmaking and went on to a career in the arts. She taught at New Jersey City College, at the 92nd Street Y and at the Professional Children's School. She also wrote scripts for science and medical education and often produced and directed them.

After moving to Dallas and joining NCJW, Laura became Vice President of Communications and in that capacity created the first website for NCJW. She went on to become Secretary, then Assistant Treasurer and served as Photo Editor of the Bulletin for 8 years.

Laura has used her camera to document NCJW Dallas history for many years through many thousands of photographs. It was a role she created for NCJW, saying that "I was so impressed with the incredible things NCJW was doing, I wanted to photograph the work, so that I could tell a story." Laura Diamond currently serves on the Board of Directors in the role of Historian.

Laura and her husband Norman have two grown children, Michael and Alanna, as well as one grandson.

ROBIN ZWEIG HANNAH G. SOLOMON AWARD

The **Hannah G. Solomon Award** is presented to a woman who has a strong NCJW identity and has changed the lives of others through her leadership efforts and service, who has helped change and expand the role of women in vital areas of community life and who has motivated others to work for change.



This year's recipient, **Past President Robin Zweig**, has served continuously in leadership roles for NCJW Dallas. Her first involvement came through Evening Branch, where she received their Emerging Leader Award. Robin became President of Evening Branch from 2002-2004 and was instrumental in merging Evening Branch with the Greater Dallas

Section.

After the merger, Robin served as Vice President of Membership, VP Financial Development, VP Administration, Secretary, and then became President during Section's centennial year (2012-2014). She currently serves as one of the Cochairs of Food+Fit=Fun.

Robin and her husband Louis cofounded the *Gladys Golman/Faye Dallen Education Fund* to ensure that no special needs child be denied the opportunity to receive a quality Jewish education. They were also among a group of families who founded the Special Needs Partnership program, now administered by Jewish Family Service, that helps families with the joys and challenges of raising a child with special needs. Robin and her husband Louis have been married for 34 years. They have 2 children, David Zweig and Lauren (Tyler) McClung, and a very pampered standard poodle named Ziggy.

SUZI GREENMAN

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an individual in acknowledgment of outstanding contributions to NCJW and the Dallas community. It is awarded to someone who has earned recognition from NCJW and from peers and professionals in the community for her meaningful involvements and positive influence.



Suzi Greenman has demonstrated a depth and breadth of commitment both to NCJW Greater Dallas and to many other organizations in Dallas, New York, and nationally. Illustrating her dedication to improving the lives of women, children and families, Suzi has held seats on the National Board of Girls Incorporated; Dallas (now Texas) Women's Foundation; The Hockaday School; American Jewish Committee; Congregation Temple

Emanu-El (Board President); and NCJW Greater Dallas where Suzi and Myra Fischel initiated and chaired WACHS (Women's Access to Comprehensive Health Services). They both received the Hannah G. Solomon Award for those efforts.

Recognized beyond NCJW, Suzi received the "Women Helping Women" Maura Award and was a JCPenny Golden Rule Award Finalist for the "Paths to Prevention" project, a two-day, city-wide conference designed to develop a plan for preventing the use of alcohol and other drugs by Dallas County's youth.

Concurrent with this extensive volunteer career, Suzi maintained a full professional career, including serving as NCJW Greater Dallas Executive Director (2015 – 2018).

Suzi has been married to her husband Jack for 55 years. They have two children, Elizabeth, of blessed memory, and John, who is married to Zahie El Kouri. Zahie and John have three amazing children, Nico, Francesca and Layla, who bring their grandmother great joy.