



Bonnie Panzok, Vice President-Ways & Means
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Dear Sisters,

It is my pleasure to welcome you, your family and guests to the Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region Woman of Achievement Virtual Gala.

I am thrilled to honor our 2022 Honorees! These distinguished women are a special group of dedicated Sisters. This evening is all about celebrating who they are and all they have accomplished. They are role models for all of us and without them our Sisterhoods' successes could not have been achieved. They make it happen with their commitment to volunteering in their Sisterhoods, Synagogues, and communities. For all this and more, we thank them.

As WOA Gala Co-Chair for the previous 5 years and now as Vice President of Ways and Means for the Region, I have been fortunate to have been able to contribute to the development and enhancement of the WOA Gala and to watch it grow better and more sophisticated each year! What a transition it was last year helping take our gala to new heights in the world of Zoom.

I would personally like to thank Jani Majewski, our Gala Chair, who *b'yachad* (together) with our Woman of Achievement Planning Committee, dedicates an amazing amount of time, innovation, and energy to making this event the best it can be. They know how to get things done! Without Jani Majewski, Grace Schessler, Vicki Granek, Karen Seltzer, and Fern Summer, Elaine Corwin and Ellen Molter, none of this would be possible.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank our Region President, Barbara Kaplan, for her support and participation in our work and committee decisions. This makes our job so much easier.

My thanks to Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields for her inspiring invocation tonight and for her exceptional leadership as Executive Director of Woman's League for Conservative Judaism.

Lastly, thank you to Debbi Kaner Goldich, International President of WLCJ, for taking the time out of her busy schedule to be here with us tonight. Debbi's support of our Region is greatly appreciated, and we thank her for leading by example.

Kol Hakavod to our honorees and *Yasher Koach* to us all for another spectacular BQLI Region Woman of Achievement Gala.

Best regards,
Bonnie Panzok
BQLI Region VP, Ways and Means