



Bonnie Panzok, Vice-President Ways & Means
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Dear Honorees and Woman of Achievement Guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Brooklyn Queens Long Island Region Woman of Achievement Gala. I am so excited that **WE ARE BACK** in person to celebrate our 2023 *Chazak V' Ematz*, Strong and Courageous, Woman of Achievement honorees.

I am thrilled to honor them! 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 to each of us and, without them, our Sisterhoods' successes would not happen. These Honorees make "it" happen with their commitment to volunteering in their Sisterhoods, synagogues, and communities. For all this and more, we thank them.

As Woman of Achievement (WOA) Gala Co-Chair for 5 years and now as Vice President of Ways and Means for the BQLI Region, I have been fortunate to have been able to contribute to the growth and enhancement of the WOA Gala as it becomes better and more sophisticated each year. It is very exciting to be able to offer a hybrid event this year that will allow honorees' loved ones who are otherwise unable to attend in person an opportunity to view the ceremony via livestream. This is definitely an enhancement that makes us proud.

I would personally like to thank Jani Majewski, our Gala Chair, who *b'yachad* (together) with our Woman of Achievement Planning Committee, dedicates a tremendous amount of time, innovation, and energy towards this event. Without Jani Majewski, Grace Schessler, Vicki Granek, Karen Seltzer, Fern Summer, Elaina Corwin, Ellen Multer, and Miriam Furman none of this would be possible.

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

Thank you to Women's League for Conservative Judaism International President, Debbi Kaner Goldich, 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 appreciate her 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
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