



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 to celebrate our 2026 *Chazak V' Ematz*, Strong and Courageous, Woman of Achievement honorees and our *L'Dor V'Dor* Emerging Leaders.

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 Vice President of Ways and Means for the BQLI Region, overseeing this Gala for the past 4 years, and past Co-Chair of the Gala for 6 years, 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.

As my term as Vice President of Ways and Means comes to a end, I am personally grateful and I would like to thank my **AMAZING** committee. Ellen Multer and Elaina Corwin, our Gala Co-Chairs, who *b'yachad* (together) with our Woman of Achievement Planning Committee, dedicate a tremendous amount of time, innovation, and energy towards this event. Without Jani Majewski, Grace Schessler, Vicki Granek, Miriam Silverman, Dina Yakar, and Robyn Shear none of this would be possible. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our BQLI Region President, Teri Fields 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, Julia Loeb, for taking the time out of her busy schedule to be here with us tonight. Julia's support of our Region is greatly appreciated, and we appreciate her leading by example.

Although this is a celebration of our sisters, please let's not forget *Oseh Shalom Bimromav, hu ya'asab Shalom aleinu, v'al kol youshvei teivel, vimru Amen*. "May the One who makes peace in the high heavens, make peace for us, for all Israel and all who inhabit the earth. Amen. "*Kol Arevim Zeh Ba'Zeh*, All the people of Israel are responsible for one another and *Am Yisrael Chai*, the people of Israel live!

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

Best regards,
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