

Hannah G. Solomon Award

The **Hannah G. Solomon Award** is the highest honor awarded by NCJW, presented to an individual who has changed the lives of others through his or her leadership efforts and service. The award is a bronze sculpture, "Head of Young Girl" by Helaine D. Blum, from a contemporary private collection.

The **Hannah G. Solomon Award** is given to individuals who have helped to change and expand the role of others in vital areas of community life, and whose leadership in areas of NCJW concern — improving the quality of life for women, children, and families — has motivated others to fight for change, and has resulted in progress and enlightenment in the community.



Hannah G. Solomon 1858 - 1942

Mrs. Hannah G. Solomon's breadth of vision and uniting effort have made her influence felt in all fields where men and women work to create a better social order.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

International Achievements and Recognition

- She advocated support of the League of Nations programs for improving world levels of health and nutrition.
- Served with Susan B. Anthony as a delegate to the convention of the International Council of Women in Berlin.

National Achievements and Recognition

- Appointed a member of the Women's Committee for the World's Parliament of Religions
- **Founded the National Council of Jewish Women**
- Spoke at Sinai Temple, becoming the first Jewish woman to speak from any Jewish pulpit
- Established program to help immigrant young women obtain housing and jobs in major U.S. ports
- Established nationwide program of probation officers in municipal courts for delinquent children
- Established penny lunch stations in schools throughout the United States.
- Leader in a successful fight against child labor in the United States
- Treasurer of the Council of Women in the United States
- Published *Sheaf of Life*, a compilation of articles, speeches and papers, and her autobiography *Fabric of Life*
- Featured in the book *The Jewish Woman in America*
- Featured prominently in the National Museum of American History's major exhibition "Parlor to Politics: Women and Reform in the Progressive Era" to open in 1991

Illinois Achievements and Recognition

- Helped to create the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs
- Elected president of the Illinois Industrial School for Girls
- Founder of the Chicago Juvenile Court
- Established the Associated Charities of Chicago