



Melissa Cohn, Susan Isaacs and Lisa Young — Luminaries in Real Estate, Literature and Nutrition — Lauded at Women of Action Luncheon

I thank ICRF for recognizing those who contribute to worthy causes, particularly those that work to cure cancer," said **Melissa Cohn** after she received her award from ICRF at this year's Women of Action Luncheon. She is founder and CEO of The Manhattan Mortgage Company, the premier residential mortgage company in the country which she founded in 1985 and has grown into a \$5 billion dollar business.

"I especially want to thank my parents for raising me with values and the goal to work hard and to give back," Melissa continued. "I hope that all of my friends and family and especially my children will continue to work with me to make our world a healthier one."

Dr. Lisa Young, nutrition consultant and author of *The Portion Teller: Smartsize Your Way to Permanent Weight*

Loss, invoked her grandmother when she received her award. "It is ICRF's focus on breast cancer research that is most personal to me," she said "Ever since I was a small child, my grandmother, Celia Aronson, suffered from breast cancer. Thanks to many scientific breakthroughs, such as those ICRF supports, she lived a

full life and I was able to spend many quality years with her. She died at the age of 80. One of the reasons she lived so long was the experimental treatments which prolonged and enhanced her life.



Women of Action (L-R): Dr. Lisa Young, Melissa Cohn and Susan Isaacs

Through organizations such as ICRF, new advances in cancer research can be achieved and many lives can be prolonged or saved from the ravages of cancer."

And **Susan Isaacs**, the best-selling and award-winning novelist, essayist and screenwriter, referred to her father when she received her award. While working on her screenplay in 1987 for "Hello Again," she recalled, her father was dying from stomach cancer. "I wanted to hear words of hope: 'Yes, there's something new that we can try.'"

"You," she told the ICRF supporters at the luncheon, "are giving hope."

Four hundred friends and supporters of ICRF attended this year's Women of Action Luncheon, as ICRF honored these three highly successful women who "devote considerable time and effort to the needs of others and who understand the devastation of cancer and the importance of providing funds to find the cure,"



Judith Sherman, ICRF Trustee (left) with (left to right) Mildred Hillerstein, Sue Javitt and Judy Podell



Woman of Action in 2002 Carole Basri (right) with Ariela Dayan (center) and Aliza Hofman



Lynda Brafman, ICRF Trustee (right) with daughter Jenny Lent



Joel N. Pelofsky, ICRF Co-Treasurer and Luncheon Co-Chair with Roberta Young



Susan E. Canter, ICRF Trustee with Jonathan Gerschlager



Dr Lisa Young with family



Honoree Dr. Lisa Young (left) with ICRF Vice President Eve Wald (right) and Perie Hirshaut



Madelyn Bucksbaum Adamson (left) with Esther Levy Symonds (R) and Naftali Friedman



Honoree Susan Isaacs at the podium



Dr. Lisa Young accepts the award from Kenneth E. Goodman and Joel N. Pelofsky



Dr. Yashar Hirshaut, Chairman of ICRF



Dr. Mel and Roberta Young with Lisa and her aunt Sondra Luxenberg



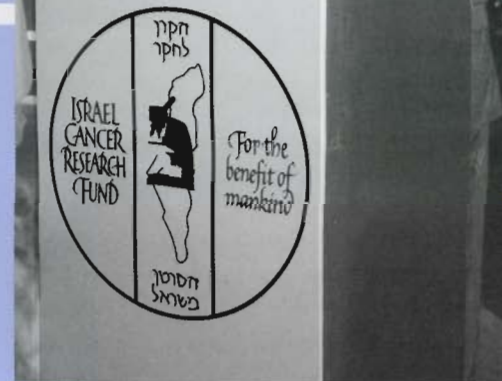
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Lisa Young with mom Roberta Young



Jeff Mann meets Valentino!



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Melissa Cohn, a nationally recognized expert in the mortgage industry, serves as a Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York, sits on numerous other boards and committees, is quoted frequently by major media, including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and appears regularly on CNN, CNBC and ABC. In 2005, she was selected as the first recipient of The Retreat Hope Award for her extraordinary dedication and support of

causes that benefit women and children on the East End of Long Island and in New York City. This year, she was honored by *Development NY Magazine* as one of the Top 20 Women in Real Estate and Construction. She shares a passion for competitive horseback riding with her two daughters and is an annual sponsor of the prestigious Hampton Classic Horse Show where she has also been a competitor since 1996.

Lisa Young, Ph.D., R.D., is a prominent nutrition consultant and a faculty member at New York University. She has been counseling adults and children for more than 15 years, has published numerous articles on portion size, and lectures frequently on nutrition. Widely considered

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Honoree Melissa Cohn with Honorary Chair Graziano de Boni



Luncheon Co-Chairs Doren Hattie Dubroff



Lisa Young's dad Dr. Mel Young (R), Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman (center), and uncle Irwin Luxenberg



an expert on portion control, she is regularly featured in national publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, and on the Today Show, ABC News, CBS News, and CNN. Young made her big screen debut in the film, *Super Size Me*.

The best-selling and award-winning writing career of **Susan Isaacs**, who was born in Brooklyn and now lives in Sands Point, Long Island, started with *Compromising Positions* and now includes *Close Relations*, *Almost Paradise*, *Shining Through*, *Brave Dames and Wimpettes: What Women Are Really Doing on Page and Screen*, and her tenth novel, *Anyplace I Hang My Hat*. She wrote the screenplay for Paramount's *Compromising Positions*, and for four Picture's *Hello Again*, as well as a series of columns on the 2000 presidential campaign for *Newsday*. Ms. Isaacs is a recipient of the Writers for Writers Award and the John Steinbeck Award, serves as chairman of the Board of Poets & Writers, and is past president of Mystery Writers of America. Among her communal activities, she sits on the boards of the Queens College Foundation, the North Shore Child and Family Guidance Association, the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence and is an active member of her synagogue.

when the guests had an opportunity to chat with Susan Isaacs and Dr. Lisa Young and obtain an autographed copy of their books.

Kenneth E. Goodman, President and Chief Operating Officer of Forest Laboratories, Inc. and an ICRF Trustee, was the event Master of Ceremonies, serving in the place of **Benjamin Brafman**, who was ill and who sent this message:

"When I have served as Master of Ceremonies," Brafman wrote "I begin my own personal remarks with the following observation that tells the true story of ICRF: *'There are people in this room who are alive today, because of the work undertaken by ICRF scientists.'*

"What we at ICRF do is keep the scientists working. We find the finest scientific minds in Israel and we make it possible for them to devote all of their time, all of their energy, all of their genius to research. For that, ladies and gentlemen, we are fortunate to have your support. That is why you are here and that is why my family and I will continue in our own devotion to ICRF."