

Stars In the Worlds of Real Estate, Literature and Nutrition To Be Honored At Women of Action Luncheon, June 20

Perhaps it's because 40% of ICRF-funded scientists are women or because ICRF's special programs for breast cancer research and awareness are so highly regarded that the annual ICRF Women of Action Luncheon attracts capacity audiences and the highest-caliber guests of honor.

and, in a political vein, a series of columns on the 2000 presidential campaign for *Newsday*. Recipient of the Writers for Writers Award and the John Steinbeck Award, she serves as chairman of the Board of Poets & Writers, and is a past president of Mystery Writers of America. Among her communal activities, she sits on the boards of



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Susan Isaacs



Lisa Young, Ph.D.

Whatever the reason, this year's luncheon, "Spring into Summer," taking place on Tuesday, June 20, in the Rainbow Room atop Rockefeller Center in New York City, is no exception. ICRF is paying tribute to three unusually accomplished women:

- **Melissa Cohn** is the founder and CEO of The Manhattan Mortgage Company, which, under her leadership, has grown since 1985 into a \$5 billion dollar business and the premier residential mortgage company in the country. A nationally recognized expert in the mortgage industry, she serves as a Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York, sits on numerous other boards and committees, and is frequently quoted by major media, including *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, CNBC and ABC. In 2005, Melissa 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. 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.

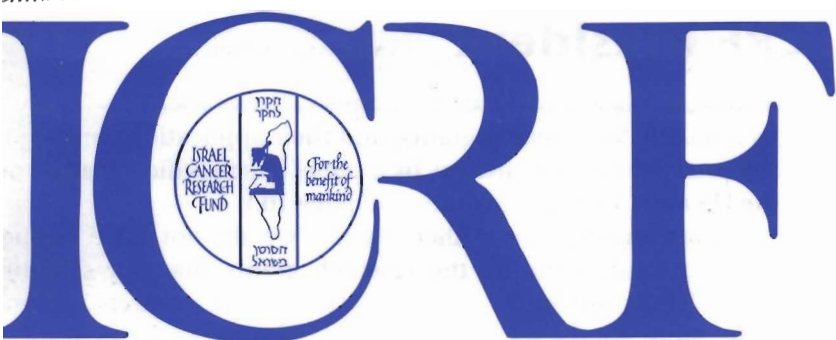
- **Susan Isaacs** is a best-selling and award-winning novelist, essayist and screenwriter, who was born in Brooklyn and now lives in Long Island. Her writing career started with *Compromising Positions* and now includes: *Close Relations*, *Almost Paradise*, *Winning Through*, *Brave Dames* and *Wimpettes: What Women Are Really Doing on Days Off*.

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.

- **Lisa Young, Ph.D., R.D., C.D.N.**— author of the popular, *The Portion Teller: Smartsizes Your Way to Permanent Weight Loss*— is a nationally recognized nutrition consultant and is 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 sizes, and lectures frequently on nutrition. Widely considered an expert on portion control, she is regularly featured in national publications, including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*, and on national television including the Today Show, ABC News, CBS News, and CNN. Making her movie debut, she appeared in the film *Super Size Me*.

Noted criminal attorney **Benjamin Brafman** will return to emcee the luncheon. Honorary Chairs will be **Graziano de Boni**, President and CEO, Valentino, and **Linda Fairstein**, former Women of Action honoree, Assistant District Attorney and best-selling author. Co-Chairs will be **Hattie Dubroff**, ICRF Co-Treasurer **Joel N. Pelofsky** and **Dorene Richman**.

Becoming an increasingly popular highlight of the luncheon, the "Meet the Author" segment will again directly follow the program, offering guests an opportunity to meet Susan Isaacs and



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