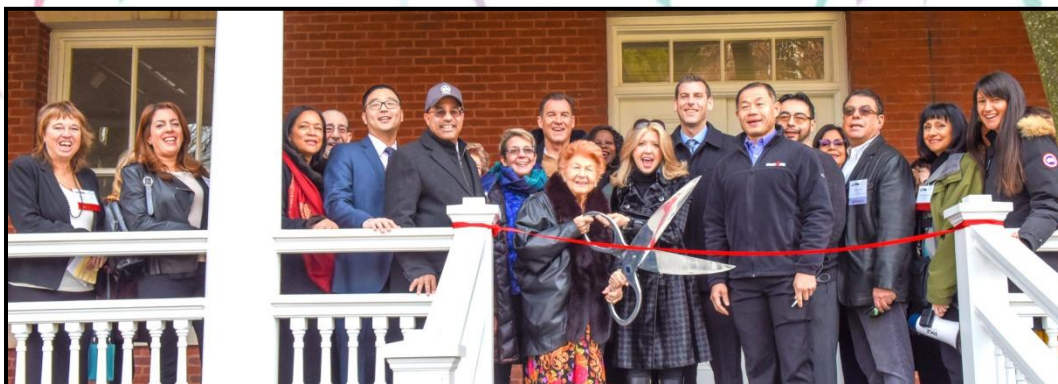




# **Center for the Women of New York**

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## ***Commemorative Issue***



## ***GRAND OPENING and RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY FORT TOTTEN, BAYSIDE OFFICES***



**Sunday, December 8, 2019**  
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**Congratulations  
on the Opening of the New  
Center for the Women of New York  
Building at Fort Totten Park.**

**With hopes and wishes for a future  
when women will have achieved  
full equality  
in all parts of our society.**

**Ann Juliano Jawin**

**Ronald Jawin      Paul Jawin**

**Tom Jawin      Ali Jawin**

**Rachel Jawin      Erica Jawin**





# ***PROGRAM***



## **Ribbon Cutting**

### **MC**

*Ann-Margaret Carrozza*

### **Greeting**

*Victoria Pilotti, Ed.D., President, CWNY*

## **Salute to Flag**

### **"The Star-Spangled Banner"**

*Michelle DellaFave, Singer & Actress*

## **Acknowledgment of Elected Officials, Honored Guests, Groups and Major Supporters**

*Ann Juliano Jawin, Chairperson, Board of Directors, CWNY*

### **Honorees:**

Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York  
Thomas Suozzi, US Representative for New York  
Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President & District Attorney Elect  
John C. Liu, New York State Senator  
Edward C. Braunstein, New York State Assemblyman  
David I. Weprin, New York State Assemblyman  
Paul A. Vallone, New York City Council Member  
Ann-Margaret Carrozza, Former New York State Assemblywoman  
Leith ter Meulen, Project Manager  
Page Ayres Cowley, Architect

Grateful Appreciation: Gustavo Carrera, Chief Architect  
George Sahm, Director, NYC Department of Design & Construction  
Iftekhhar Haider, Civil Engineer, SIBA Contracting Corporation

## **Tour of CWNY Facilities**

## **Musical Selections by William Gati, AIA, Architect, Pianist**

## **Refreshments**

# About Us



Since our founding in October of 1987, the Center for the Women of New York has shown that women working together can be an effective force. We are a voluntary, non-profit organization existing primarily on dues and donations from our members, and on the volunteer efforts of business, professional and community women.

Our goal is to be a full service resource center for women and advocate for women's rights and full equality in our society. We work in coalition with all groups and organizations committed to equal rights for women.

Due to the current federal government administration, our country and women's rights are facing grave challenges. CWNY is proud that we were one of the first groups to organize women and men to march in New York City on January 21, 2017, on January 19, 2019, and again on January 20, 2018. Our intention is to collaborate with all groups interested in equal rights and human rights to fight to maintain the rights we have already won and continue working until we have achieved full equality.



## Membership | Donations | Volunteers

CWNY is founded on the three pillars of membership, donations, and volunteers. Our membership dues enable us to offer our various programs, and our members benefit from networking, education and advocacy, discounts to events, and a shared sense of mission and celebration.

Donations from businesses and private individuals are critical to our ongoing success. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, so membership dues and donations are tax-deductible.

In order to focus our funding on issues, education, and advocacy, we depend heavily on volunteers from the community to handle office work, grant writing, event planning, and the myriad other tasks an organization like ours requires. Thanks to all our volunteers!

The Center for the Women of New York was founded in 1987 by Ann Juliano Jawin with a group of professional, community and business women as a non-profit membership organization. CWNy works for full equality for women, advocating for their rights and focusing on their unmet needs.

The Center seeks to serve them in a holistic manner and offers a safe place for their exploration of short term, low-cost career paths. The Center offers a free legal clinic and referral service, job club, financial clinic and support groups for women in crisis and victims of domestic violence. This latter issue was the first tackled by the Center and continues today through the coalition of groups dedicated to the elimination of sex trafficking and domestic violence. Pay equity, reproductive rights and related issues are some of the issues addressed by the Center.

Up to this time, the Center has operated and will continue to operate out of donated space provided by a series of Queens Borough Presidents.

For five years, the Center for the Women of New York had a building at 401 Murray Avenue in Fort Totten. Unfortunately, the NYC Fire Department believed that its need for space required the eviction of the Center for Women! After a legal challenge by the Center, a compromise was executed and the Center was given the opportunity to restore an historic landmark building at 207 Totten Avenue. The building had not been maintained and used for 35 years and required extensive, expensive renovations. The challenge was accepted and the lease with the Parks Department was signed and the effort to raise funds was begun.

Up to this date, the cost of the renovations has been close to 3 million dollars. The money was given by New York State, New York City and the Center for the Women of New York and private donors.

At present the Center will be operating on only the first floor, while funds are raised for the rest of the floors and an elevator.

The new building allows the Center to expand its function and corresponding opportunities to reach many more women. This renovation of this beautiful historic building provides a "home" for the Center and also permits space for a wider variety of programs. One third of the building will be used for women's history and culture. Another third for career exploration and career training and the third as a Conference Center where organizations with similar missions can come together and act as a "think tank" to work on the longstanding issues of reproductive rights, domestic violence, pay equity and related women's problems.

This building is a great asset not only to the women in this metropolitan area but is also accessible to the surrounding community. We believe that this landmark historical building is the only building completely dedicated to the full equality for women between this New York metropolitan area and Seneca Falls in upper New York State.

The goal of the Women's History exhibit at the Center is to highlight some of the major events that have shaped the growth of the women's movement. We have great respect and appreciation for the sacrifices the many women throughout our United States have made in establishing equal rights for women. This exhibit area is concentrating and highlighting the work of the Second Wave feminists from 1968 through the present.

It is a sad fact that women made great strides in opportunity because of two wars. During World War I, they were pressed into service in non-traditional roles and occupations because they needed to replace the men in the battlefield. They took on many of the traditional men's jobs in offices, factories and in leadership roles.

Because of their service during the war, their demand for the right to vote was hard to resist. President Woodrow Wilson finally, reluctantly agreed to let women have the vote. The struggle for women's suffrage took one hundred years!

Women still make only 86¢ of every dollar men earn and women of minority groups make even less. We still have a road ahead, including passing the Equal Rights Amendment.

# Honorees

*The following individuals are being honored for the special roles they played during the many years of effort to achieve the final result of the restoration of the beautiful landmark historic building at 207 Totten Avenue, the new home of CWNY.*



## **Thomas Suozzi** | US Representative for New York

Thomas Suozzi graduated from Boston College and received his law degree from Fordham University. Congressman Suozzi previously served as mayor of his hometown, Glen Cove, NY and as Nassau County Executive. He currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee. Previously he served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.



## **Melinda Katz** | Queens Borough President & District Attorney Elect

Melinda Katz is a graduate of University of Massachusetts, Amherst and received her law degree from St. John's University School of Law. Ms. Katz served as Director of Community Boards and in the NYS Assembly where she served as Chair of the Urban Health Sub-committee. Ms. Katz was elected Queens Borough President in 2013 and is District Attorney Elect.



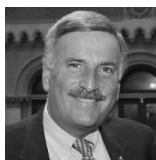
## **John C. Liu** | New York State Senator

John Liu is a graduate of Binghamton University with a degree in Mathematical Physics. After working as an actuary, he became the first Asian American to win legislative office in New York. Elected to the NYS Senate in 2018, he is chairperson of the Senate's committee on NYC Education and also serves on the committees of Finance, Education, Transportation, Alcoholism and Substance Abuse and Rules.



## **Edward C. Braunstein** | New York State Assemblyman

Edward Braunstein is a graduate of the University at Albany and attended New York Law School. He served on Queens Community Board 11 and was elected to the NYS Assembly in 2011. He is the Chair of the Cities Committee and is a member of the committees on Aging, Health, Judiciary, Ways and Means, and the Asian Pacific American Task Force.



## **David I. Weprin** | New York State Assemblyman

David Weprin is a graduate of SUNY at Albany, with a degree in Political Science, and received a law degree from Hofstra University. Mr. Weprin was elected to the NYC Council and served on the Council's Finance Committee. In 2011 he was elected to the NYS Assembly where he serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee of Correction and previously served as Chair of the Assembly Task Force on People with Disabilities.



## **Paul A. Vallone** | New York City Council Member

Paul Vallone, a graduate of Fordham University and recipient of a law degree from St. John's University, served as the managing partner for Vallone & Vallone, LLP. He was elected to the NYC Council in 2014 and serves as Chair of the Committee on Economic Development.



## **Ann-Margaret Carrozza** | Former New York State Assemblywoman

Ann-Margaret Carrozza received her law degree from Hofstra Law School. Ms. Carrozza served in the NYS Assembly where she authored dozens of bills designed to streamline the estate planning process, protect seniors against consumer fraud and expand access to quality long-term care. She has an Elder Law and Estate Planning practice.



## **Leith ter Meulen** | Project Manager | President and CEO, Landair

Leith ter Meulen received a degree in Economics with a second major in Women's Studies from Richmond College. Her company, which she founded in 1992, provides project development and management consulting services. One of the firm's first projects was the redevelopment of Times Square.



## **Page Ayres Cowley** | Architect

Page Cowley is a graduate of New York University and received a Diploma in Urban Design from Oxford Brookes University and an M. Arch from Columbia University. Prior to establishing her firm, she was Director of Historic Preservation and Associate at Beyer Blinder Belle. Page Ayres Cowley Architects is a full service architectural firm specializing in the preservation, adaptive re-use and restoration of historic structures.



# Center for the Women of New York Coalition Members



The basic philosophy of the Center is that women should take leadership roles in our society. "Women helping women" is our motto and when we achieve our full rights, we will take our true place in our society. We believe in working in full coalition with all those who have similar goals. These are some of the leading women's organizations with whom we have worked through the years to improve women's status and achieve equal rights in all parts of our society:

National Organization for Women (NOW)

Veteran Feminists of America (VFA)

American Association of University Women (AAUW)

League of Women Voters

Queensboro Council for Social Welfare

Korean American Family Service Center

Global Chinese Women's Cultural Association

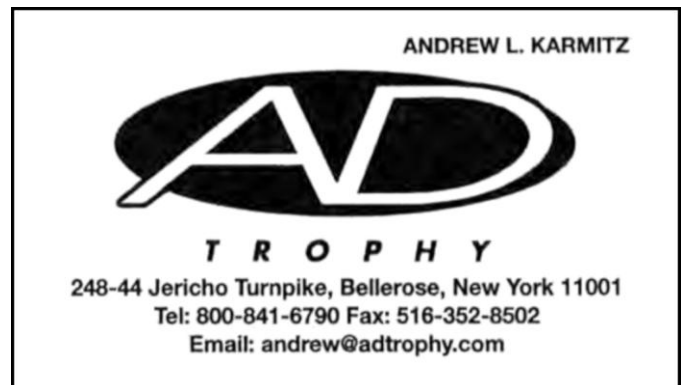
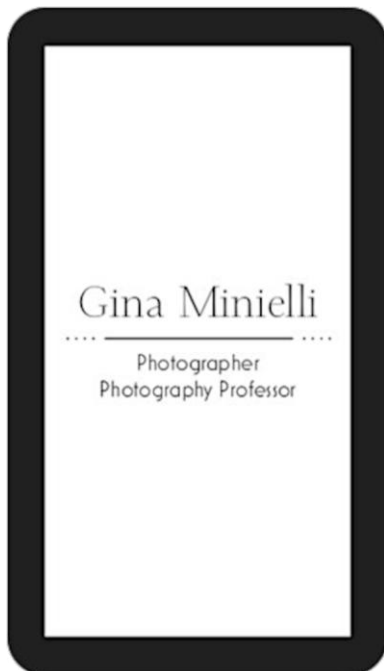
National Organization of Italian American Women (NOIAW)

United Women Firefighters - FDNY

National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW)

Zonta Club of Greater Queens (local chapter of Zonta International)

Professional Beauty Association - Cut It Out - The Beauty Community Against Domestic Violence

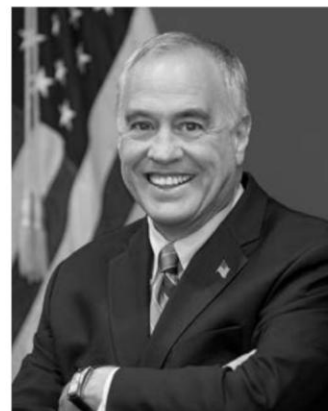




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Dear Friends:

Greetings to all those gathered this afternoon for the ribbon-cutting ceremony in celebration of the Grand Opening of the newly renovated landmark building in Fort Totten, Queens, which will house the Center for the Women of New York. Since 1987, CWNY has worked to support full equality for women, providing vital services and resources, honoring women's achievements, and advocating for sound public policies.

Special congratulations are due to **the Center's 2019 honorees**. Their stellar leadership, service and commitment to equality are truly worthy of your recognition.

For over three decades, the Center for the Women of New York has provided a lively forum to address the barriers that can inhibit women's realization of their full potentials. In addition to playing a leading role in advancing protections for domestic violence survivors, the Center has sponsored programs on economic challenges, employment bias, improving education, and women's health. Services include job readiness workshops, computer training, career counseling, legal assistance, a money management clinic and support groups. The restored and enhanced Fort Totten facility will enable CWNY to expand its programming while establishing a library and living museum to record the continuing struggle for justice and opportunity. The Center will also serve as a research think tank to promote innovative approaches to securing equality. The dedicated officers, board, staff and supporters of the Center for the Women of New York are upholding our democratic ideals, and building a brighter future for all.

Best wishes for a joyful celebration and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom DiNapoli".

Thomas P. DiNapoli  
State Comptroller

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
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Congratulations to our fearless,  
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Ann Jawin



Thanks to your tenacity, CWNy is poised to grow  
and help a new generation of women  
break economic barriers and achieve full equality.  
I will always be appreciative of your friendship  
and unwavering personal and professional support.  
Thank you for founding an organization  
through which I can pay it forward!

With much admiration and love,  
Ann-Margaret Carrozza



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**Victoria Schneps  
and  
Joshua Schneps**





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**Congratulations to Ann J. Jawin, Founder,**  
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Congratulations to  
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**Congratulations to our Fabulous Founder**

**Ann Jawin**

**on the accomplishment of opening  
The Center for the Women of New York.**

**I am proud to be your friend.**

***Sybil Shainwald***



***Congratulations to the  
Center for the Women of New York on the  
Grand Opening & Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony  
for its new building in Fort Totten & to  
CWNY's tenacious founder Ann Jawin  
for her unwavering dedication to improving  
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**Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein  
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## **In Memory**



**Ann Juliano Jawin**

**1922 – 2019**

Our founder, Board Chair, and inspiration Ann Juliano Jawin passed away on December 31st, 2019. Mother of Ronald and Paul Jawin and grandmother of Alixandra, Rachel, Erica, and Tom Jawin. Graduate of Hunter College, Educator, Author, and Founder of the Center for the Women of New York.

# Women as agents of change

A basic philosophy of the Center for the Women of New York is that women must act individually for themselves and on behalf of womankind as a whole. One great way to do this is to volunteer with the organization. CWNY volunteers learn to be advocates for themselves, for their families, their communities, and society. We must "dip our oars where we are." Making a positive change locally causes ripples of progress throughout the world. Help us help ourselves – volunteer today!

## A few of our trailblazers



from left: Grace Welch, Barbara Rochman, Noreen Connell, Judy Sanford Guise, Ann Juliano Jawin, Amy Hackett, Merle Hoffman, Carole De Saram

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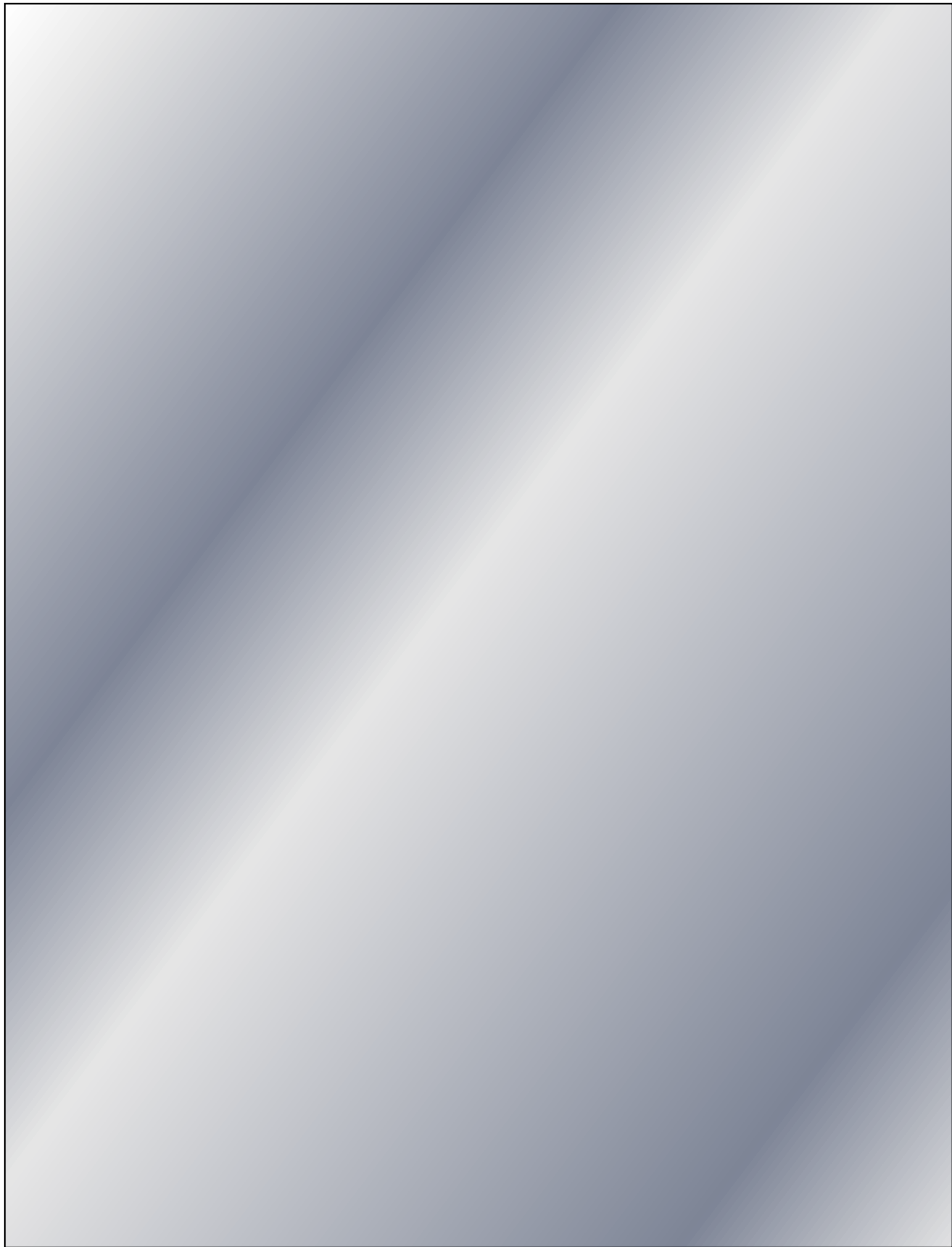
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