Recently, when an L.A. newspaper sought to publish life advice from thoughtful people in the community, they approached Nancy Mishkin. “Live an authentic life. Life is not a dress rehearsal,” Mishkin counseled. The daughter of two Holocaust survivors, Mishkin has lived by these words, inspiring others through her wisdom, vision, empathy and philanthropic leadership. A successful entrepreneur and renowned sculptor, Mishkin’s philanthropic career is her passion. As chairwoman of the board of Tower Cancer Research Foundation and founder of its Magnolia Council, Mishkin has guided Tower through a period of immense growth and deepened its impact on Southern California, and globally. Celebrating its 20th year, Tower has raised more than $25 million in the last decade alone to fund groundbreaking research and pioneering patient support programs. Initially a $2 million investment, Tower’s Career Development Grants support promising young physician scientists and has led to $35 million in additional clinical research funding from other research institutions, an achievement of particular significance to Mishkin. Mishkin is also president of the Diadames of The Child Care League and past chair of Beit T’Shuvah, and has held leadership positions in The Music Center’s Blue Ribbon organization, Children’s Burn Foundation and Sonance House Ear Institute. Get involved: Tower Cancer Research Foundation, 8767 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 401, Beverly Hills, 310.299.8470, towercancer.org