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Happy  
Thanksgiving  
To all our wonderful  
NCJW members  
And their families



And an early wish for a  
Joyful Hannukah



# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



LESLYE EPSTEIN  
PRESIDENT  
PORTLAND SECTION

Dear NCJW members:

It is election time again. Thanks to our wonderful State Public Affairs chairperson, **Sarah Wetherson**, we had several opportunities to learn about candidates and Oregon initiatives. I was a moderator at the question and answer session with our gubernatorial candidates. We had Governor Kulongoski and Mr. Saxton's wife, Lynn speaking at Neveh Shalom Synagogue. We co-sponsored this event with the AJC and the CRC. It was well attended and very interesting. There were also two informative events with the League of Women Voters to go over all the intricacies of the ballot initiatives. Thank you so much to our members, **Linda Nelson** and **Gayle Marger** for opening their homes to host these events.

I just met for the first time with the Jewish Women's Round Table. We are already discussing our annual participation in the Song of Miriam award ceremony (June 3) and the Havdalah service at the Rose Schnitzer home in January. Both these events are in collaboration with other women's Jewish groups in the community. It is wonderful to participate.

We have an active committee putting together the annual HIPPY party in February. It will celebrate NCJW's 10 years of working with HIPPY and will be a special party this year. There will be keynote speaker and is being held at the MAC. Save the date, February 11, 2007.

I check our website often and I hope you do the same ([www.ncjwportland.org](http://www.ncjwportland.org)). The site is most informative and very easy to navigate. I am so proud that we were able to have this set up for our section. I wish to again thank **Cheryl Johnson** for all her work and ideas to make this such a great website.

**Our most exciting news is our gift of \$40,000 to the therapy pool at MJCC.** I understand the notification of the gift generated much celebration and a few tears when the participants were told the pool would remain open for the rest of their fiscal year (until August 2007). There are very few private therapy pools left in Portland and the others are run by hospitals. This pool helps many folks in the community who have no other resource for exercising with the particular ailments from which they suffer.

We also support other great causes, among them HIPPY and WICS. I get questioned periodically about what is happening with NCJW. People forget that we have ongoing events and support organizations which fit our goals and motto. It is a pleasure to be part of this great organization and we will have some more surprises for you soon.

Leslye Epstein  
President

NCJW IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION,  
INSPIRED BY JEWISH VALUES, THAT WORKS TO  
IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN,  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND TO ENSURE  
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS THROUGH  
RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS  
INITIATED BY ITS NETWORK OF 90,000 VOLUNTEERS,  
SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERS NATIONWIDE.

# SECTION ACTIVITIES

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*A Celebration Worth Noting  
Save the Date....Sunday, February 11th, 2007  
Because...*



**OUR HEARTS BELONG TO "HIPPY"**



NCJW, Portland Section will celebrate our 10th Anniversary of Involvement with HIPPY on Sunday, February 11, 2006. It was ten years ago, in 1996, when our section became actively involved with HIPPY starting with the St. Helen's School District. Later we added the Portland Public Schools and the HIPPY program in Washington County.

Over these past ten years we have celebrated with our HIPPY Hannukah parties, socializing with a pot luck supper. At these parties, we collected children's educational toys that were gifts provided by our members and then distributed to the various HIPPY locations.

**HIPPY History:** In 1969 at NCJW's Research Institute of Innovation in Education at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Dr. Aviva Lombard and her staff started HIPPY- in Hebrew, HaEtgar. The first Hippy programs were established in the United States in 1984.

**Mission Statement:** HIPPY programs empower parents as the primary educator of their children in the home and foster parent involvement in school and community life to maximize the changes of successful early school experiences.

2006/2007 will be different, but better After all...it's a **10th year anniversary!**

**Watch Your Mail...**

...in **November** for a letter requesting toys or cash donations in lieu of the usual Hannukah party. The cash donations will be used to purchase gifts for the HIPPY kids.

...in **January**, for your invitation. Because ***Our Hearts Belong to HIPPY***, we will celebrate with a special Valentine's Brunch. This will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club, February 11, 2007 and will feature a nationally known speaker who has experience in early childhood education. The brunch will provide another opportunity for all of us to learn more about and participate in HIPPY.

## **WICS LIFESKILLS Graduates Thank NCJW**

In July, the Women in Community Services (WICS) Lifeskills program held its 69th graduation service for this group of women from the Rock Creek Correctional Institution.

NCJW Portland Section received a Thank You card signed by the 15 participants in that class expressing their gratitude to our Section for our help and support and for the vouchers to purchase the graduation outfits from our Council Thrift Shop.

Call the Section office if you would like to help as a personal shopper at the Thrift Shop for these women, or be involved with the mentoring program for Lifeskills.

# ADVOCACY

**SARAH WETHERSON  
STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS**



## **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

Oregon's next legislative session is less than two months away. Legislators will take on the issues you care about -- but will they do the right thing?

NCJW can help you amplify your voice – and you can help set the agenda. Be a part of the Advocacy Team as we choose issues of focus for this legislative session and craft a concrete plan to make a difference in 2007.

**Next Advocacy Team meeting:** December 10, 2006, 10 a.m. to noon, home of **Sarah Wetherson**, 704 NE Jarrett.

RSVP to Sarah: 503/282-2421.

## **Save the Date**

Washington Institute  
March 18-20, 2007

This is NCJW's premiere national advocacy program. Planning is still in the early stages, but past events have included such heavy hitters as former President Bill Clinton. You'll have a chance to go on congressional visits and get an insiders view of the ins and outs of working with the executive branch.

## **Don't miss this one!**

Look for the call to Washington Institute in your mailbox soon – or contact Sarah Wetherson at [advocacy@ncjwportland.org](mailto:advocacy@ncjwportland.org) if you want more information.

## *Politics and Policy:*

### *The Impact of the Elections on Oregon Families, Women and Children*

You read about the ballot measures, you learned about the candidates and you voted. Now join us to find out how the election results will impact the issues that you care about during the 2007 Legislative Session.

**Wednesday, November 15, 2006 7-9 pm**  
**YWCA of Greater Portland — 1111 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Portland**  
**Mary L. Collins Conference Center, 3rd floor**

#### **Panelists**

**Len Bergstein** – Business lobbyist and political consultant

**Kevin Looper** – Progressive political strategist and Executive Director of *Our Oregon*

**Ellen Lowe** – Human services lobbyist

Our panelists will bring very different perspectives and a wealth of experience to share with us. Come with your questions and a friend.

Co-sponsored by NCJW, Portland Section, the League of Women Voters of Portland, and AAUW Portland.

## COUNCIL THRIFT SHOP MAKES CHANGES

Council Thrift Shop is alerting donors to some changes that will affect them, according to Manager **Heather English**.

“A change in federal law that went into effect in August means that the shop will no longer provide donors with itemized values of their donated merchandise,” she stated.

Council Thrift Shop donors have often expressed their appreciation for the itemized receipts they receive and the shop regrets it will not be able to provide them in the future. Beginning with donations received after August 17th, the effective date of the law, the shop will follow the current industry practice of providing a blank receipt to be filled in by the donors.

Another change is expected in January, when the loading zone outside the back door of the shop on 12th Avenue will be discontinued because of a steep increase in its cost.

“We hope that members and the public will continue to bring donations to Council Thrift Shop because the revenue from the store supports community services in our area,” Heather said. “In addition, the shop itself is providing valuable work experience to young people who need the training.”

If you haven’t stopped in the store lately, the Board urges you to come in and view the recent improvements.

***For more information on the changes and revised guidelines for donating to Thrift Shop, see the insert in this edition of the Bulletin.***

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## Ideas Exchanged at Ballot Measure Events

NCJW members and prospective members enjoyed lively conversation and good hospitality at two recent ballot measure events. League of Women Voters of Portland speakers guided attendees through the 10 measures on the ballot, answering questions and helping everyone puzzle through the issues.

Special thanks to hosts **Linda Nelson** and **Gayle Marger** for opening their homes for these important events.

# BULLETIN BOARD

## Dues Reminder

Thanks to those of you who have paid your dues from the recent billing. If you have not had a chance to send in your check yet, please mail it to the Section office so that it may be put to work on our programs of advocacy and service to our community.

## CARE KITS

Traveling this summer? Save those little soaps, shampoos, etc. from your hotel and motel stays for our Emergency Care Kits. Fanny Horowitz is happy to receive them for our kits distribution to shelters around the Portland area. You can drop them off at our office at Historic Neighborhood House., Mon-Fri, 10 am to 2 pm. Call first, 503-222-5006.

## RECIPES NEEDED

Linda is still collecting recipes for the Section cookbook. Please send in your favorites. To avoid trouble with copyright laws, please send originals or old family favorites that are not published anywhere. Call the office—503-222-5006—if you would like to be part of this project.

## BOOK CLUB

- Nov. 9 "March" at Irene Winter's
- Dec. 7 "Jane Austen in Boca" at Cissy Levine's
- Jan. 11 "All the President's Men"
- Feb. 8 "Shadow of the Wind"

All meetings begin at 9:30 am  
Please notify the hostess if you plan to attend.



## Editor's Corner

*I am writing this before the November election results are known, so cannot express any pithy wisdom on its outcome. But I can ask that all of us continue to fight the good fight to bring our country back into harmony both here and abroad. We cannot rest from our pursuit in truth and fairness in our government. Restoring the balance of power in Washington, D.C. as well as preserving programs for women, children and families in need must continue to be our mission. Our work in advocating for those less able to help themselves will be our way of bringing some little light into our corner of the world.*

# TRIBUTES

## MINNIE F. EHRMAN FUND *For Medical-Dental care*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Eloise Spiegel, Naomi Strauss, Phyllis Oster, Earl and Dale Oller

**IN MEMORY OF:** Lottie Goodwin from Eloise Spiegel

## JEAN RUSTIN FUND *For Children and Youth*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Gillian Casson, Arnold Rustin, Rosemarie Rosenfeld, Wanda Wynne, Sandra Shapiro

## DOROTHY ASHER MEMORIAL FUND *For Senior Cultural Programs*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Frieda Tobin, Joyce Loeb, Gloria Bacharach, Bernice Feibleman

**IN MEMORY OF:** Lottie Goodwin from Muriel K. Unkeles, Regina Harrel, Barbara Weber, Lisa Bernardo, Linda Nelson, Polly and Paul Herman, Zelda Band, Meryl Haber, Gloria Bacharach, Elaine and Stephen Kantor, Bev Conorer

**IN MEMORY OF:** Rose Rotenburg from Meryl Haber

## GENERAL FUND

**BIRTHDAYS:** Gerry Misrach-Jackson for HIPPY, Bev Contorer, Edythe Steinbock, Faye Samuels, Sue Overbeck

**IN HONOR OF:** The marriage of Gerry Misrach and Morris Jackson by Jo Ann Brand (for HIPPY)



**How can you make your contribution to NCJW go twice as far? By magic? No, by "matching gifts."**

If you or your spouse work for a large corporation, check with your Human Resources department to see if they have a matching gift program. If they do, ask for a matching form and send it in to the section office along with your contribution. We do the rest. Your \$50 contribution becomes \$100, a \$100 donation turns into \$200. It's a quick and easy way for you to help NCJW do twice the good in the community.

### NCJW Tribute Cards

National Tribute Cards may also be purchased through our Section office, if you wish to send a card in tribute to a friend. They are available in a variety of colors, representing the different donor levels. All National Tribute Card purchases will be credited by National to the Portland Section's Program Support. Check with the Section office to make your purchase.

Your gift to one of our special Tribute Funds ensures the continuation of Portland Section's vital programs. Please mail your contribution to:

NCJW, Portland Section  
3030 SW Second  
Portland, OR 97201  
Here is my contribution for the:

- Dorothy Asher Memorial Fund
- Marion Quint Rose Fund
- Minnie F. Ehrman Fund
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## Calendar of Events

### November

- 9 Book Club, Irene Winter's
- 15 "Impact of Elections on Oregon Families" Panel  
YMCA, 7 pm—9 pm
- 23 Thanksgiving ..office closed
- 28 Board of Directors' meeting

### December

- 7 Book Club, Cissy Levine's
- 15 Customer Appreciation Day  
Council Thrift Shop
- 16 Hannukah begins



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