

Council Thrift Shop Closes After 43 Years of Operation

The Board of Directors has made the tough but important decision to close the doors of our Council Thrift Shop on October 31. We will be holding a closing sale up until Oct 24th, after which we will have one week to haul away anything left over and clean up. The sale will be staffed by our dedicated Thrift shop employees and as many volunteers as we can get from our membership. These last few weeks at the Thrift shop are an opportunity for our membership to come together, share stories, and bring this project full circle.

Over the years our Thrift shop has been an integral part of our section's work. While it never generated enough income to single-handedly cover our section's operating expenses, it was a valuable revenue generator for our administration costs. While there is no question that our Thrift shop has also done a tremendous amount of good for our community, providing people in need with clothing and household goods, the \$4-\$6000 a month that we have been needing to subsidize the business has meant that that money has not been available to aid other causes. Going forward, our Section can do more good now for our community, we can continue to fund a voucher program, and we can again look at our city and find places and projects where we can make an impact.

To volunteer, please call **Leah Nepom** 503-292-6552
or **Jody Klevit** at 503-228-2085.

Section Archives Going to OJM

The last of the 43 boxes of files in our Section's storage unit are being gleaned for archive value information by our volunteers; **Carol Chestler**, and **Shirley Rackner**, under the guidance of Anne LeVant Prah, from the Oregon Jewish Museum. Our archive material has been moved to the OJM, where our volunteers meet weekly to organize and catalog our collection, which not only is very large, it is the most complete chronological history of Portland in the Museum's archives. NCJW volunteers are always welcome to come learn how this is done, and to help.



The Board of Directors met last night for their first full agenda meeting, and we are off to a great start. We are now a board of 23! In the spirit of Franklin Roosevelt, I want to tell you what we have accomplished in our first 100 days:



Our Treasurers, Tamara DiVergilio and **Carol Chestler** presented a working budget to the Board, and it was approved. (And it was a lot of work!)

Our Financial Secretary, Rosemarie Rosenfeld made a membership report and announced that the membership address list is being finalized, the dues letter has been written, and our dues mailing will go out in early September.

Our Administration Vice President, Rose Rustin distributed Board of Director Manuals to each board member, the binders are a work of collaboration between her and **Linda Fintzy**, our office manager, and contain background material on NCJW and legal documents.

Our Personnel Committee Chair, Chris Coughlin is looking into personnel issues that will help our section function more efficiently.

Our Parliamentary Chair, Polly Herman is becoming versed in the language of Alice Sturgis's Rules of Order, which will replace Roberts Rules according to our new By-laws.

Our Financial Development Co-chair, Leah Nepom reported on the progress we are making toward closing the Council Thrift Shop, her committee is working around the clock.

Our Voucher Chair, Leatrice Kaplan addressed how we can continue to serve our voucher clients in the future.

Our By-laws Chair, Sarah Wetherson gave a report on the preparations she is undertaking for deciphering changes, as she makes plans for our imminent vote on accepting our new updated By-laws.

Our Public Affairs and Community Service /Advocacy Chairs, Eve Rosenfeld and **Louise Marsh** announced that **Roberta Weinstein** will represent us on the board of the *Oregon Jewish Museum*, **Eve Stern** will be our representative to *Cedar Sinai/ Jewish Family and Child Service*, **Sarah Wetherson** will represent us on the *Community Resource Council*, **Carol Chestler** and **Tamara Di-
vergilio** will sit on the *Oregon Jewish Community Foundation* Board, and **Leslye Epstein** will attend the *Jewish Women's Round Table*.

Our Publicity /Programs/PR Chair, Michelle Stein put together and presented a portfolio of options and possibilities for the future planning of our section.

Our Archive Chair, Shirley Rackner reported on the work being done at the Oregon Jewish Museum and the progress that is being made in the storage unit as we tackle the massive collection of files we have accumulated over the 114 years of our existence.

And our **State Public Affairs representative, Sarah Wetherson** informed us of many partnering opportunities with other organizations for political and social issues where we could participate in the next few months. We selected a few to start off with this fall.

I couldn't ask for a more helpful or harder working Board and I am looking forward to this New Year and all we will accomplish.

L' Shana Tova, may this be a healthy and happy year for us all!

.....Meryl



Lunch and Learn

Bring your brown-bag lunch and join this up-close and personal way to delve into issues that affect you and your community.

In the last of our series, longtime parent-activist Kathy Couch, now an organizer for Stand for Children, will look at the future of today's public schools.

Stand for Children exists because children have no power to influence our democratic system to meet their fundamental needs. Stand teaches everyday people how to join together in an effective grassroots voice in order to win concrete, long-lasting improvements for children, at both state and local levels.

Wednesday, October 10

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Havurah Shalom (825 NW 18th Avenue)

Street parking is available, and the streetcar stops 1.5 blocks from Havurah.

Please note: Havurah Shalom requests that you bring lunches that are dairy or vegetarian.

Events are free, but please RSVP to the NCJW office at 503-222-5006 so we can plan for you. Childcare is available for \$5 per child with a reservation the Friday prior to each event.

Many thanks to Havurah Shalom for co-sponsoring this series.

Bruce Hamilton, AARP's Oregon Anti-Fraud

Coordinator, spoke in July to a lunch meeting sponsored by **National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section** and **Havurah Shalom**. The information he shared on scams and frauds was very informative and included many tips we would all find helpful.

Please read and share with family members who might be vulnerable to scams and fraud. Bruce stressed that most victims of scams are willing victims. Many scams are now over the internet, but the traditional mail and phone scams are still prevalent. One common method is to send out a mailing that looks as though it is from the government, especially with eagles on the outside of the envelope.

There are things we can all do to protect ourselves, and things we can tell other family members to do. The most important thing is protecting your "numbers" – Social Security, credit card, financial accounts, passport, Medicare or HMO. One newer way that numbers are stolen is by cashiers at retail stores who take a picture of the credit card – so if a cashier seems to be on a cell phone call when processing your order, cover your credit card.

Another common method to capture information is through stolen mail. Bruce encourages people to never post mail in an unlocked mailbox, and also to avoid mail arriving with financial information. For example, he arranges to pick up his new checks at the bank branch, rather than have them mailed to him. He is a big advocate of electronic fund transfers and direct deposits. These are tools that minimize the risk of others getting your information.

The most important advice he has is to NEVER give our personal information over the phone.

He reminded us that con artists plan carefully, and that each of us should do the same. Plan ahead what you will do if a stranger comes to the door, or if someone calls and then follow your plan. Don't hesitate to hang up, or if you can't do that then say "hold on a minute" and then walk away and do something else. The person on the other end will hang up.

Identity Theft is a federal crime. Bruce informed us that Darlene Hooley has worked hard on this issue and that legislation has been passed to require credit companies to provide a free credit report once a year. This report can be helpful if you suspect that you might be a fraud victim. Contact one of the following to ask for a report and/or to place a fraud alert. The three major companies communicate with each other so you just need to contact one of them:

TransUnion 1-800-888-4213

Equifax 1-800-685-1111

Experian 1-888-397-3742

Bruce left copies of some great resources including:

Preventing and Responding to Senior Financial Abuse in Oregon
What's the Pitch? Where's the Hitch? A Handy Guide on How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Scams and Fraud

ID Theft: What It's All About

AARP Consumer Fraud Kit

Contact Chris Coughlin at chris@havurahshalom.org or 503-248-4662 if you would like copies of any of these materials.

Tributes

MINNIE F. EHRMAN FUND
For Medical-Dental care

BIRTHDAYS: Harriet Bodner, Cathy Berlant, Lynn Blank,
Gerry Jackson

JEAN RUSTIN FUND
For Children and Youth

BIRTHDAYS: Sharon Cordova, Vivienne Bonnin

DOROTHY ASHER MEMORIAL FUND
For Senior Cultural Programs

BIRTHDAYS: Jean Rivin

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BIRTHDAYS: Rhoda Weiss, Priscilla Kostiner
IN HONOR OF: Meryl Haber and the new Board
from Gayle Marger

Correction
From last bulletin should read

*A donation in memory of her mother, Florence
Goodman from Jean Cauthorn*



Sincere Condolences

To the family of

Lottie Mendelson

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

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Section Activity that should be
included on this site?

Let Dodie Harrison know and she
will inform our webmaster,
(or should that be webmistress?!)
Cheryl, and she will get 'er done!

503-684-6129 or
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NEW OFFICE AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please note the office e-mail
address has changed as well as the
location. They are now:

Section e-mail:
office@ncjwportland.org

Section office location:
4003 SW Kelly
Portland, OR 07239

National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section and the League of Women Voters of Portland

invite the community to a
Ballot Measure Forum

In an off-year election, voters need all they help they can get! Don't miss
this chance to hear from all sides of the campaigns to reform Oregon's
land-use laws and to tax tobacco to create a health care plan for Oregon's
children.

Thursday, October 25, 7:00 P.M.
Multnomah County Building
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd

Check our website at www.ncjwportland.org for updates.

Book Club

Sept. 6 "The Alchemist"

Oct. 11 "3 Cups of Tea"

All meetings are at 9:30 a.m.
For location call Dodie Harrison,
503-684-6129

WELCOME
NEW MEMBER

JUDITH MARGLES



Editor's Corner

With Rosh Hashanah upon us, we begin a new year, not only in our
personal lives, but a new year with Portland Section. The board has
many issues on the table that require all their combined years
of wisdom.

I quote here from "Sundial for the Seasons" by Hal Borland:

*"Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the
wisdom that experience can instill in us."*

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Calendar of Events

September

- 6 Book Club, 9:30 am
- 12 **Erev Rosh Hashanah**
- 13 **Rosh Hashanah (office closed)**
- 18 Board of Directors' meeting
- 22 **Yom Kippur**
- 27 **Sukkot**

October

- 10 Lunch and Learn, 11:30 am,
at Havurah Shalom
- 11 Book Club, 9:30 am
- 23 Board of Directors' meeting
- 25 Ballot Measure Forum, 7:00 pm
Multnomah County Building

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