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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The Annual Meeting of Portland Section, National Council of Jewish Women was held on a very hot Sunday, June 25, 2006, at Temple Beth Israel, but all was “cool” with the members as we enjoyed iced lemonade, fruit and desserts while catching up on the news of the section.

We were treated to a informative presentation by our guest speaker, Judy Margles, Director of the Oregon Jewish Museum. Historical material of Portland Section is to be cataloged and added to the archives of the Jewish Museum. See page 3 of this Bulletin for more information regarding our recent bequest to this organization.

Our new board members, Polly Herman, Leatrice Kaplan, Cissy Levine, Jill Neuwelt and Irene Winters were duly installed.

Many thanks to our retiring board members, Maxine McComas and Miriam Rogers. Also, thank you to returning board members, Leslye Epstein, Tamara DeVergilio, Erma Ferrera, Meryl Haber, Melissa Jaffee, Marki Maizels, Joanne Van Ness Menashe, Gerry Misrach, Sue Overbeck, Joyce Singer and Michelle Stein. Sarah Wetherson also continues as our State Public Affairs Chair and National Board Member.



Section President, Leslye Epstein welcomed members



Newly Installed and returning board members at the meeting were from left: Erma Ferrera, Polly Herman, Irene Winters, Cissy Levine, Meryl Haber, Marki Maizels, Gerry Misrach and in front, President Leslye Epstein.



Sarah Wetherson, State Public Affairs chair, brought her new son, Isaac, to his first NCJW meeting.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



LESLYE EPSTEIN
PRESIDENT
PORTLAND SECTION

Greetings NCJW members,

I am so glad it is summer, aren't you?

We had a wonderful NCJW annual meeting last week. Judy Margles from the Oregon Jewish Museum joined us with a slide show and talk about the first Jews in Oregon. It was very interesting and amusing as Judy is a terrific speaker. Linda Fintzy, our office manager, set up a lovely tea. This was a nice change from our regular brunch and the new location at Temple Beth Israel made it a pleasant afternoon. We voted in our slate of board members for the 2006-2007 year. Leatrice Kaplan, Cissy Levine, Irene Winters, Polly Herman and Jill Neuwelt have agreed to be part of our team and will enhance our board. I am very excited to work with them at our next meeting.

Marki Maizels was our Song of Miriam honoree. The event which also honored 18 other spectacular women was a lovely affair. I feel lucky that Marki is so active in NCJW and she is working harder now than she ever has before. She just finished up a grant to send in for funding of HIPPIY. She also put together a packet of materials and learning plan for our new board members. Marki recently made a presentation about NCJW at the Melton School graduation which we helped sponsor. We have already signed up new members in response to her wonderful remarks.

Our NCJW Portland Section member event planned for the fall may be rescheduled. The Oregon Holocaust Museum has an event on that same date. We will keep you informed as to the actual time, place and date of our event when we have it scheduled.

We are co-sponsoring a trip with the Oregon Jewish Museum to see the ***Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls*** exhibit in Seattle this fall. In the newsletter is information about this trip. The price includes transportation, museum admission and snacks. There will be free time in Seattle for lunch. Hope you can come! It will be a fun and informative trip.

I look forward to a productive and exciting season with our new and returning board members. Welcome to our new NCJW members too! Have a great summer.

Leslye

COMMUNITY SERVICE

HILDE DRUM BEQUEST ALLOTTED

In the January, 2000 edition of this Bulletin, it was reported that the Portland Section of NCJW had received a very generous bequest from the estate of **Hilde Drum**.

Rose Rustin, chair of the Archives Committee has announced that the Board of Directors has now allocated \$10,000 of this bequest to the *Oregon Jewish Museum* for the cataloging and preserving of the Section's archive material.

Born in Germany, Hilde immigrated to the United States in 1939. Sadly, all of her family was lost in the Holocaust. She moved to Portland from New York after her marriage. Following her death in 1999, NCJW was surprised to learn that Hilde had made a substantial gift to our Section.

Hilde was a member of NCJW and the Council's multifaceted goals appealed to her, especially educational and immigration advancements. The Board deemed this allotment to be an appropriate use of the funds to honor her memory.

Also from the Hilde Drum Bequest, Portland Section of NCJW was the proud sponsor of this year's graduation ceremony for the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School on June 6th. The graduation honored 66 graduates of the two-year program, which teaches the common roots and experiences of Judaism. Among this year's graduates were Portland Section members **Caroline Bailey, Barbara Cohen, Bernice Menashe, Jeanne Newmark and Sylvia Weisbard**.

At the ceremony, past president **Marki Maizels** briefly addressed the 125 attendees about the work of NCJW, which generated a number of inquiries about membership. As a result of these inquiries, two of the graduates, **Marsha Sherman** and **Karla Forsythe** have since joined Portland Section.

Distributing our trusted bequests for appropriate activities is a responsibility of our Portland Section Board of Directors. Much thought is given to assure proper allocation to conform with NCJW goals.

ADVOCACY

SARAH WETHERSON
STATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ballot Measure Watch

As I write, signature gatherers are taking advantage of summer festival crowds to put measures on this November's ballot. By the time you read this, Oregonians will know which issues will demand their attention – and their votes – this fall. The Advocacy team will make recommendations for official NCJW positions soon after measures qualify. Check out the website at www.ncjwportland.org to learn more – and find out how you can make your voice heard on important state issues.

FEDERAL ISSUES

Preserve the Voting Rights Act

The "Voting Rights Act of 1965" protects minority voters from discrimination, ensures a fair and equal voting process for all Americans, and is widely regarded as one of the most effective and important civil rights law ever enacted. Three key provisions of the Act are temporary and must be reviewed and updated by Congress before they expire in 2007. The House will soon vote on the "Fannie Lou

Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006" (HR 9) which would renew and restore these critical sections of the "Voting Rights Act."

Fully Fund Violence Against Women Protections

As a leading cause of injury and death for adult women in the US, domestic violence is one of the most critical public health issues facing women and children today. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), reauthorized in 2006, is a law that commits the federal government to preventing, treating, and prosecuting violence against women. Soon, the House of Representatives is expected to vote on legislation that provides funding for VAWA and other domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Without full funding, VAWA cannot be properly implemented and women and children will lose critical programs and protections.

Learn more. Log onto www.ncjw.org and

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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 WEB SITE

Have you seen our Portland Section web site yet?

Go to: www.ncjwportland.org

Check out all the links....it's great!

Call Dodie Harrison, 503-684-6129, if you want some Section activity added to the site.

OCTOBER SURPRISE

Oct. 22, 2006

6:30 pm

Gayle Marger's home
1711 NW Ashby Court
Portland, OR

- Will Oregon voters once again curtail taxes?
- Will young women lose their right to choose?
- What other issues will we face the Fall?
- How will you vote?

Don't get caught by surprise! Join us for lively discussion, yummy desserts and clear information.

Featuring a speaker from
The League of Women Voters



Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

NCJW Portland Section along with Oregon Jewish Museum is planning a chartered bus trip to Seattle on October 29, 2006 to view the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit being held at the Pacific Science Center in that city.

This exhibit will give you the chance to see fragments that have never before been displayed in public and to follow their history up to present day. You will explore the science of archaeology—from DNA testing, to carbon dating and multi-spectral imaging—that has made the study and conservation of the scrolls possible.

You will experience firsthand the cultural and spiritual impact of the scrolls through demonstrations and hands-on activities at the West Coast premier of this exhibit.

Join us as we view this very important part of our history.

Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls

Portland – Seattle, Sunday, October 29, 2006

Reservation Form

Name/s: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ # Tickets at \$65 per person (cost includes round-trip transport by luxury motor coach, snacks on board, and museum admission). Total: \$ _____

Check enclosed, payable to OJM

Charge my credit card:

Card # _____ Exp date _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: Oregon Jewish Museum, 310 NW Davis St., Portland, OR 97209.

Payment in full must be received by September 28.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations made before September 29, 2006 will receive a full refund. Cancellations made September 29 through October 12, 2006 will receive a full refund less \$16 for each museum admission purchased.

No refunds at all for cancellations made after Oct 12, or for no-shows.

BULLETIN BOARD

Welcome New Members



*Karla Forsythe
and
Marsha Sherman*



Mazel Tov!

To Portland Section
Board member
Gerry Misrach
on her upcoming marriage to
Morris Jackson

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.



Editor's Corner

I have a confession to make. Recently I have watched a few episodes of the "Blue Collar Comedy" show. On that show there is a guy named *Larry, The Cable Guy*. Now I know that some of you may know this guy...yeh..I know you're out there. I can't be the only one. Anyway, he has this saying, "Git 'er done!" I like that. Whenever I find myself putting off some chore or other that I just don't want to do, I now find myself saying, "Dodie...git 'er done!" Perhaps we could adopt this motto for NCJW. When I think about the impact that NCJW has with our advocacy phone calls to our legislators and our service activities with women and children I believe we should be called the women who "Git 'er Done!"

BOOK CLUB

July 13 "The Thread of Grace"
at Miriam Osborne's house

Aug. 10 "Aiding and Abetting"
at Lelsye Epstein's house

Sept. 14 "Too Close to the Falls"
at Leatrice Kaplan's cabin

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

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.

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A great way to send a tribute to a friend and help fund the NCJW many activities at the same time is through the purchase of our National Tribute Cards. 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.

SEND REGARDS TO NCJW FROM YOUR BUSINESS!

RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF A MEMBER!

EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION TO THE SECTION OR ONE OF ITS MEMBERS!

MAKE A DONATION BY BUYING A "BUSINESS CARD" AD IN THE BULLETIN.

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS!
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Calendar of Events

JULY

- 13 Book Club, 9:30 am
Miriam Osborne's
- 25 Board of Directors' Meeting

AUGUST

- 10 Book Club, 9:30 am
Leslye Eplstein's
- 22 Board of Directors' Meeting



Fall Events

Save the Dates

October 22 "October Surprise"
At Gayle Marger's House

October 29 "Dead Sea Scrolls Trip"
To Seattle



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