

Portland Section Celebrates 10 Years Involvement with Home Instruction Program for Preschool Youngsters



Irene Robles, HIPPY home visitor, Debbie Barnhart, Portland Public Schools HIPPY coordinator and Willie Poinsetta, chief officer of student family school support for PPS represented HIPPY at the event. Ray DeMarco (not pictured), coordinator of migrant education also attended.



Guests included Deanne Froehlich, principal of Scott Elementary and Ariana Chavarria, assistant coordinator of Washington County HIPPY.



Members and guest enjoyed the musical entertainment provided by Michael Allen Harrison, pianist and Brian Harrison, guitarist.



Vicki Phillips, Superintendent of Portland Public Schools was the keynote speaker at this event.

President's Column

Leslye Epstein, President



Dear NCJW members,

If you weren't at the HIPPY brunch, you really missed a good time. The brunch was good, the music by Brian and Michael Allen Harrison was wonderful and it was great to hear members of the HIPPY program speak of the successes they have had. But having Vicki Phillips and members from the Portland Public Schools talk of how inspired they are by the HIPPY program and some the aspirations they have to improve public education was the true highlight of the event.

Thanks to Linda Fintzy and the Harrison brothers for helping raise money with raffle prizes and sharing their CD sales. Also one lucky member won the prize of a life membership! Thank you to all the committee members who did a terrific job of putting together such a well run and entertaining program. And thanks for raising nearly \$1000 for HIPPY.

NCJW is sponsoring another charity day at Macy's. Please buy a ticket and shop at the store to get your discount and help support our section on March 17.

Check out the advocacy page written by Sarah Wetherson. There are many activities that you can help with such as Pro-Choice Lobby Day in Salem and brown bag lunches the advocacy committee is setting up.

Several holidays are coming up. Have a fun Purim and a Happy Passover. Hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events.

*Shalom,
Leslye*

Letters

Senator Hillary Clinton sent our section the following letter in response to our invitation to attend the 10th anniversary celebration of the Portland Section's involvement with the HIPPY program, She played a very important part in getting the HIPPY programs into the state of Georgia when she was the first lady of that state.

February 4, 2007

Board of Directors
National Council of Jewish Women
Portland, Oregon Section
Post Office Box 69333
Portland, OR 97239

Dear Board of Directors and Members:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to send greetings to each of you attending the HIPPY event hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women -Portland, Oregon Section.

As you know, HIPPY- Home Instruction or Parents of Preschool Youngsters- was started in Israel in 1969. With its success there, organizations such as the National Council of Jewish Women were able to disseminate the model of HIPPY throughout the world. HIPPY programs empower parents as primary educators of their children in the home and foster parent involvement in school and community life to maximize the chances of successful early school experiences. Such programs were first implemented in the United States when I was First Lady of Arkansas and I observed first-hand the transformations that occurred for families.

HIPPY not only helps prepare children to do better in school, but it also helps boost parents' self-confidence, particularly mothers. I have heard many stories of women who have gone back to finish high school, women who have gone on to university, women who have been able to be employed and thereby contribute to the family through raising the family's income, women who were once illiterate who become literate and who understand the importance of education in their children's lives.

I commend each of you on your continuous efforts to ensure that HIPPY continues be a vital resource for children and families. You have my best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Rodham Clinton
United States Senator



Brown Bag Lunch Series in Early Planning Stage – Need Your Help

NCJW, Portland Section's Advocacy Team met in January to discuss emerging issues and programming ideas. The Team is working on a series of brown-bag lunches to discuss issues like:

- State Children's Health Insurance Program funding
- Portland School funding
- Consumer protection for seniors and people with disabilities and
- Funding HIPPY

To get this off the ground, we need your help. We're looking for a venue-- somewhere near downtown that could accommodate 10-15 people at lunchtime – perhaps a lawyer's conference room or other similar space.

If you can help with a space, please contact Sarah Wetherson at advocacy@ncjwportland.org or 503/282-2421.

Speaking of HIPPY funding....

As always, funding for early childhood education programs like HIPPY is tenuous. Help us educate legislators and other elected officials about the merits of HIPPY and similar programs. Get in touch with Sarah Wetherson at advocacy@ncjwportland.org or 503/282-2421 to learn how.

Pro-Choice Lobby Day

The Pro-Choice Coalition of Oregon is planning a lobby day in Salem for March 15. The focus will be on expanding access to contraception. Contact Sarah at advocacy@ncjwportland.org or 503/282-2421 if you are interested in attending.

Support Federal Access to Comprehensive Reproductive Health Services

The state of women's reproductive health today is influenced more by ideology and politics than by advances in medicine and public policy. Every day, access to comprehensive, medically accurate information about reproductive health care is threatened. At a time in their lives when women need the complete truth, abstinence-only programs in public schools and so-called "crisis pregnancy centers" provide misleading, incomplete, and inaccurate information. And while anti-choice advocates expand their efforts to eliminate abortion as an option for women of all ages, they are also strengthening their crusade against contraception and family planning services.

Sign the online petition to support access to comprehensive reproductive health services. Go to www.ncjw.org and look for the link in the lower left corner of the page.

Dear Legislator,

You have the power and responsibility to enact proactive policies that promote women's reproductive health. Today, access to reproductive health has become a privilege enjoyed by only a minority of women. Too often an individual's socioeconomic status, geographic location, or age determines whether she has access to comprehensive reproductive health care. This is inexcusable.

All women deserve:

- Access to comprehensive, medically accurate information about sexuality and reproductive health
- Access to the full range of family planning services
- Access to comprehensive abortion services

It is time to ensure that all women, regardless of age, income, religion, race, or geographic location, have access to the complete range of reproductive health services. I urge you to support public policies to achieve these goals. The lives of America's women depend on it.

Signed by:

[Your name]

[Your address]

Pssst....Pass it on!

We know NCJW is Portland's best kept secret, but you can help pass it on. When you sign on to the petition, you'll have an opportunity to tell your friends and family. So pass it on!

Programs

Council Thrift Shop Goes Cyber

Marki Maizels, Chair Thrift Shop Committee

Council Thrift Shop expanded its electronic retailing this month by setting up an E-Bay account on which to sell valuable, rare or unusual items.

“This will open up our market from the people who happen to come into the store, to basically the entire world,” says Thrift Shop Manager **Heather English**. “And the higher prices we expect to get for items should more than offset the fees we pay for selling online.”

Heather says the first items posted for sale included fur coats, a breast prosthetic and a vintage wedding dress.

“We are so grateful to the donors who give us valuable items, and now we can help ensure that they go as far as possible toward helping the section’s community services,” Heather added.

If you are making a donation of something you think is a good candidate for an E-Bay sale, you can include your name and address with the item. If the item is sold online, Thrift Shop can then let you know the amount of money netted from the sale.

Thanks to Heather and Section Office Manager Linda Fintzy for setting up the account, taking the needed photos and posting the items.

NCJW Tribute Cards

National Tribute Cards may 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

HIPPY

Davene Cohen, NCJW Liason to HIPPY Project

Those of you who attended the HIPPY event at Multnomah Athletic Club on Feb. 4, enjoyed a very special morning. Both HIPPY sites have been in contact since the event and have expressed how fortunate they feel that NCJW is a community partner.

Now, folks, we have to maintain that support. For those of you who took home the folders that were on the table, take time NOW to fill in the Action Sheet and return it to Linda at the NCJW office. For those of you who were unable to attend or left the folder behind, there are several options available in order to add your bit: direct support to the programs through participation on their Advisory committees (which only meet 3 times during a school year); sustaining the programs - unlike other programs there is no identified streams of funding for them to apply to, therefore we need folk to do some research to help them on their way; promotion and legislation - writing letters, making phone calls - we will provide you with the information you need. I am well aware of the wealth of talent that resides in this membership. Please take the time now to let us know how you can help.

Finally, my personal thanks to **Karen Labinger** for agreeing to coordinate the HIPPY event and for the committee for all the work, to **Dodie Harrison** for preparing the printed program material and invitations, and most especially to **Linda Fintzy** or her outstanding work in pulling all the pieces together. It is this spirit that showcases NCJW at its best.



Bulletin Board



Book Club

Mar. 8 "Midnight At the Dragon Café"

Apr. 12 "On Beauty"

May 10 "Everything is Illuminated"

June 14 "History of Love"

All meetings begin at 9:30 am.
Call Dodie Harrison, 506-684-6129
for location of meeting if you would
like to attend.

CARE KITS

Traveling this winter? 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. These also may be used in a National cookbook being coordinated by several sections. 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.

ADVOCACY HELP

The League of Women Voters has prepared a listing of all elected officials in Multnomah County for your use. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, call Linda at our Section office, 503-222-5006 and she will see that you get one.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Many thanks are long overdue to two of our very special volunteers:

Marilyn Kerman, for her long commitment to NCJW in sending out condolence messages from our section to the families of our members upon their death.

And **Bev Contorer** who has sent out Birthday messages to our members for many years.

Thank you, ladies for your long and very appreciated service to the Portland Section.



Editor's Corner

One of the good things about being the editor of a publication is the chance to put forth one's own thoughts or at least duplicate the thoughts of someone else with whom we agree. To this end, I offer up something the great Mohandas K. Gandhi said in his book, *Non-Violence in Peace and War* (1948), that seems pertinent to the current situation in the world: "The cause of liberty becomes a mockery if the price to be paid is the wholesale destruction of those who are to enjoy liberty."

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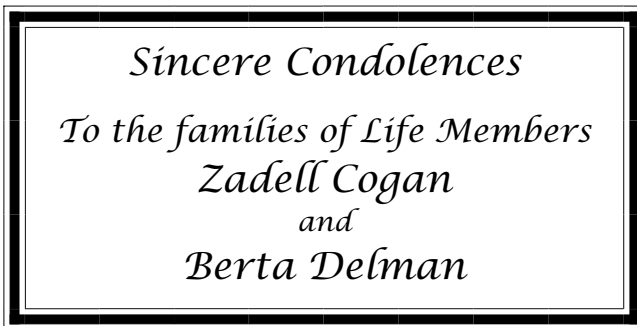
For Senior Cultural Programs

BIRTHDAYS: Robin Weinstein

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BIRTHDAYS: Geraldine Jackson, Eileen Hines, Marki Maizels, Burt Nudelman

IN HONOR OF: Margaret Weil's 80th birthday from Robert Weil



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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.

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
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CALENDAR

MARCH, 2007

- 8 Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Board of Director's meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Historic Neighborhood House

APRIL, 2007

- 2 Passover begins at sundown
- 3 Passover**
- 12 Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
- 17 Board of Director's meeting, 7:00 p.m.
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