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PORTLAND SECTION

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You are cordially invited to attend

The Annual Meeting of
National Council of Jewish Women
Portland Section

Sunday, June 25, 2006
2:00 pm ~ 4:00 pm

Temple Beth Israel
Goodman Hall
1972 NW Flanders
Portland, Oregon

Guest Speaker, Judy Margles, Director
Oregon Jewish Museum

Meet with your NCJW friends over Tea and Refreshments
Elect and Install the new board and officers
Get an update on the Section's past activities as well as future plans

Your RSVP and \$18 per person should be mailed to:
NCJW office, P.O. Box 69333, Portland, OR 97239

or

Phone Linda at the Section Office: 503/222-5006 by June 19, 2006

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



LESLYE EPSTEIN
PRESIDENT
PORTLAND SECTION

Greetings NCJW members,

Melissa and I hope you had a wonderful Passover.

Much has been going on with NCJW, although apparently the word is not getting around to all of you. I have heard from several people who believe that this group is not having any activities for members. We have had a couple of events for members this winter. In our last bulletin we published pictures of our HIPPI party and the Havdalah service at the Rose Schnitzer manor. We also have been busy on committee work behind the scenes.

Marki Maizels is our Song of Miriam honoree this year. This issue of the bulletin has an article about Marki. You will receive the invitation in the mail very soon. Please join us for that lovely event on June 4.

The nominating committee is now beginning to look for members interested in serving the Portland Section. Please call the office if you would be willing to join our board. We meet once a month and there are always interesting topics for discussion with the various members.

I continue to drive every month for the Café Europa, the monthly gathering of European survivors of WWII put on by JFCS each month. We can always use drivers if you are interested.

We also continue to have a book club meeting every month. I have never read such an abundance of interesting books as I have since I joined the book club. We would love to have you join us.

This fall we have a membership/fundraising event planned with Michael Allen Harrison playing for us. More information soon.

Our Neighborhood House Funds allocation committee is still hard at work researching places where we could share our time, energies and money to make a name for ourselves in the community. We would love new members who know of areas in the community that would benefit from our support and fit with our mission statement.

And finally, members are always welcome to come to our board meetings which are held the last Tuesday of each month. Currently we meet at 6:30 pm at Ernesto's restaurant on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Please come and give us your ideas and comments. Check with the office if you want to join us in case our meeting place has been changed.

Have wonderful spring and I hope to see you soon.

Leslye

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SONG OF MIRIAM AWARD TO BE GIVEN TO MARKI MAIZELS

The 13th Annual "Song of Miriam Award" Brunch will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2006 from 10:00 am until 12:15 pm at Congregation Neveh Shalom to honor outstanding volunteers in our community as nominated by members of the Jewish Women's Round Table. This year Portland Section is pleased to honor **Marki Maizels**.

Marki is the third member in her family to be the president of NCJW. Her mother, Lois, was president in the 1970's and her sister Dayle was president during the section's centennial in 1996. Marki began serving as a co-president in 2001 and over the next four years was both co-president and solo president.

During that time, there were many challenges to be faced as is always the case in an all volunteer-based organization in the changing world of women's roles and responsibilities. During her terms she sought to ensure the section's decision making was inclusive as possible, to bring vitality to discussions of key issues, and to evaluate the section's strong and weak points and determine what was needed for it to remain vital in the future.

In addition to larger challenges, there was lots to be done in day-to-day operations. The section office had to be moved four times because of construction in its building; office staff people were replaced twice; and a management transition at Council Thrift Shop brought in excellent new leadership there. She was primarily responsible for keeping things going during these times, while also holding down a communications job in Salem.

Marki is a native Portlander...some people may remember her as a consumer reporter and the first female anchor on KOIN TV. She then spent more than 25 years in public relations and communications work. She has frequently used her excellent skills in writing, editing and design to help the section by creating brochures, mailings, new releases and speeches.

Please join your NCJW friends at the Song of Miriam Awards brunch to celebrate with Marki on receiving this honor.

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!
(503) 222-5006
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Help Stop the Genocide

For three years, the people of Darfur have endured a genocidal campaign waged by the government of Sudan and their proxy militia, the *Janjaweed*. The impact has been devastating: more than 400,000 people have died, over 2 million people have been brutally forced from their homes and villages, and 3.5 million are at risk of starvation.

Stand with the Save Darfur Coalition as they collect one million signatures on postcards, letters, and petitions that call for a larger, stronger, multinational force protecting the people of Darfur. The "Million Voices" campaign culminated in the "Save Darfur: Rally to Stop Genocide" in Washington, DC on **Sunday, April 30, 2006**.

It's not too late to take action to stop the first genocide of the 21st century:

Send a postcard

Make it a million: add your name to show President Bush the power of our collective voice. Go to www.savedarfur.org to join NCJW allies in taking this important action.

To learn about NCJW issues as they break, go to www.ncjw.org and follow the "get action alerts" link. Sign up today to amplify your voice for progressive change.

Plan Now for Fall Elections

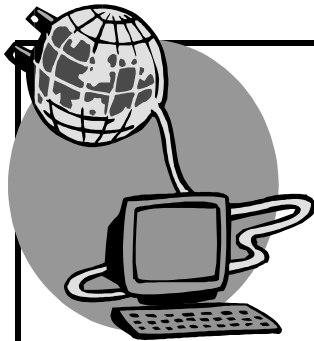
It feels like Spring has only sprung, but already your Advocacy team is thinking about the Fall. Will Oregonians vote to further curtail taxes? What will NCJW do to fight anti-choice ballot measures expected this November? What other issues are we likely to see on the ballot?

The Advocacy team will meet in May to plan educational programs for the General Election, and you're welcome to join us.

To learn more, call or e-mail Sarah Wetherson at 503/282-2421 or wimmin@teleport.com.

**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.**

PROGRAMS AND SERVICE



Portland Section Joins the Internet!!

Hey folks, by the time you receive this Bulletin, we may already have our Web Site up and running.

Cheryl Johnson of Anchorage (and this editor's daughter, by the way!) has been designing and preparing this for us and has also offered to keep it updated when we have new activities that need your attention. This site will have links to the National NCJW site so you can keep informed with their activities as well.

Check it out at <http://www.ncjwportland.org/> If the "under construction" sign is still on, try again a little later in May.

Let Dodie Harrison, 503/684-6129, know if you are planning any Section events that you want mentioned on the web site and she will get it to our web master. If you have pictures of our members or others involved in one of our activities that you want to have on the web site, be sure to get signed permission from everyone in the pictures.

Many thanks to Cheryl for donating her services to our Section.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF DATE

The Portland Section member event that was originally planned for May featuring local musician and composer, Michael Allen Harrison, has been postponed until the Fall. Details will be available at a later date



BULLETIN BOARD



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

NCJW ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JUNE 25
2:00 PM—4:00 PM
TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL
RSVP Linda at: 503/222-5006

DIGITAL CAMERA WANTED

Does anyone have a digital camera to donate to the Thrift Shop?
Heather can use one to produce pictures of items from the shop that we can sell on EBay.
Please contact Heather, 503-227-6322 if you can help out.

BOOK CLUB

May 11 "Mr. Sammler's Planet"
by Saul Bellow
at Bobbi London's house
June 8 "The News From Paraguay"
by Lilly Tuck
at Lea Kaplan's cabin
July 13 "The Thread of Grace"
at Miriam Osborne's house

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



Call the Section office,

503-222-5006

*If you would like a
new 2005-2006*

Portland Section Directory

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.



Editor's Corner

The elections for local and national offices are upon us once again. As tiresome as the rhetoric and mudslinging will become, we must not lose sight of our personal power in choice.

Franklin D. Roosevelt said in 1938:

"Let us never forget that government is *ourselves* and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country."

We CAN make a difference~~ **VOTE!!**

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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.

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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MAY, 2006

- May 11 Book Club, 9:30 a.m.
Bobbi London's house
- May 23 Board of Directors' Meeting
6:30 pm, Ernesto's Restaurant
- May 29 Office Closed, MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE, 2006

- June 8 Book Club, time tba
Lea Kaplan's cabin
- June 25 Annual Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Goodman Hall, Temple Beth Israel
- June 27 Board of Directors' Meeting
6:30 pm Ernesto's

Uniting Community Oregon Hate Crimes Conference

June 21-23, 2006
Portland Community College
Cascade Campus

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