



Please open your hearts this month and help Portland Section National Council of Jewish Women purchase bus tickets for the residents of the following shelters:

*Bradley Angle House*

*Raphael House*

*YWCA Yolanda Domestic Violence Shelter*

Last year with your generosity, NCJW raised over \$1900 for bus tickets for women and children. The tickets allow the women and children of the shelters to get to medical appointments, schools, and jobs, giving them the independence they need.

Please help us again this year by purchasing bus tickets. Your contribution of \$23 purchases one adult bus ticket packet. Your contribution of \$15 will buy one child bus ticket packet.



Watch your mail for information about making a difference for these folks with your donation..

Thank you for helping these women and children.



Dear Members,

As your third quarter cabinet co-chairs we are happy to report that life continues on in our small Portland Oregon section. The rotating co-chair structure seems to be working well, keeping us challenged and on our toes. At the end of December we made yet another office change. Leading a nomadic existence has it's ups and downs, and whether this will be temporary or a sign of things to come, that is still up in the air. All our office furniture has been donated to the Oregon Jewish Museum, and our files and office supplies have been put into the charge of our cabinet members, our permanent records being preserved at OJM. This must be the definition of "bare bones".

But our section is continuing to press onward, performing the work we believe fulfills our mission in our community. We are actively engaging in collaborations with other organizations, the Jewish Women's Round Table Havdalah Service at Rose Schnitzer was very well attended by residents this year, thank you **Leslie Epstein** for representing us on their board. And coming up in April we will co-sponsor a book talk at the MJCC, read more about this on page 5.

Our community service work continues to be the backbone of our organization. Volunteering at the Portland NW Ministries Food Box Project and at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter is drawing new members and dedicated support. If you are unable to volunteer, our tribute funds are a great way for you to show your support for these projects and our section. 100% of your tribute donations are passed through to these organizations.

February is our Valentine fundraiser for the domestic violence shelters we have adopted in our Showers for Shelters project. With this project we have asked the shelters what we can do for them that is a hardship for them to provide because of budgetary constraints. Transportation! With the funds we raise to buy bus tickets we are helping these women and children get the mobility they need to get on with their lives. We hope you will participate in this fundraiser, every packet of bus passes we can buy is greatly appreciated.

Did you receive the NCJW in Action mailing 'Giving Voice To Our Values' from National? Equality and Empowerment are the focus of the new campaign as we advocate on the national level for a better future. Your contributions to National's Annual Giving campaign insures this effort will carry on. Your contributions sent directly to National also help our section by reducing the amount of support funds our section is required to fundraise for them. And your contributions sent directly to our General Fund helps us cover the costs of insurance, telephone, internet, printing and mailing, all of which are important for keeping our section going.

And finally, all of us on the Cabinet are delighted by the extraordinarily generous gift made to the section by **Molly Bodner**, and we want to thank her for her confidence and her support for what we are accomplishing in our small Portland Oregon section.

Happy Purim and Happy Passover !!  
-Meryl Haber and Tamara Divergilio

# Projects



We gathered in the lobby of the newly remodeled Oregon Jewish Museum, chatting and being social, nibbling at a buffet of cookies and fruit, drinking coffee and tea, waiting with anticipation for the **Grand Opening**.



Past President **Leah Nepom** brave and sure-handed cut the red ribbon holding closed the doors to the main gallery- the **Portland Oregon Section National Council of Jewish Women Gallery!!!** You will have to come visit if you are curious to see what it looks like inside, we were all thrilled!



Co-cabinet chair **Carol Chestler** welcomed our section and spoke of the journey NCJW has taken starting with the Neighborhood House and the vision of our predecessors, to the NH Fund Allocation Committee who searched for a befitting legacy for our contribution to the Portland community - all culminating with standing here today in the museum that is now a reality.

As an on-going project of ours, the Museum welcomes NCJW members to join the volunteer ranks, which are the lifeblood of the organization. The museum also serves as a community resource and there are a number of volunteer jobs available in addition to our on-going work in the archives. Please contact **Leah Faw**, the NCJW Education Coordinator for more information at 503-226-3600 ext. 105.

Many thanks to **Friderike Heuer** for taking these pictures at our Grand Opening.

## Food Box Program Needs Continue to Grow

The Food Box Program continues to grow as hunger in the community continues to grow. NW Portland Ministries has more than doubled its food distribution since it took over the program from Friendly House in December of 2007, with an average of **280** people served. At that time, NCJW Portland Section made a \$10,050 investment towards its successful future growth. The food pantry is now serving an average of **450** individuals per month as well as providing food for over **200** homeless shelter families per month through the weekly Kid's Backpack Program. NWPM has added home delivery to those in the NW community who are unable to get to the pantry and have extended boundaries to include underserved inner Southwest.

Also, NWPM continues to coordinate volunteers for the senior lunch program at the Irving Street Loaves and Fishes which serves **60-70** per day! In addition, NWPM prepared and served their annual Christmas dinner at Congregation Beth Israel. **442** people were served a sit down meal, entertained by a small band, provided with gift bags filled with useful personal care items, received small packages of homemade biscotti, took home hand knit scarves, hats and gloves and given warm wicking socks. All of this occurred in a festive atmosphere with Christmas décor and candy canes provided to each guest. In addition, **112** meals were home delivered. There was a huge volunteer presence with many from NCJW Portland Section.

None of this could have been done without the dollars provided by NCJW Portland Section and you, the loyal volunteers of this organization. The following have provided volunteer time and goods in the last quarter:

Sue Albert  
Sydney Baer  
Lynn Bartenstein  
Dan Heims  
Stuart Barthold  
Nikki Director  
Stuart Director  
Evelyn Freedman  
Meryl Haber  
Gordon Haber  
Joey Haber

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Sue Schwartz  
Stacy Sidline  
John Sidline  
Samantha Sidline  
Margo Sidline  
Irene Winters  
Fran Wolfe  
Beverly Zell

Please forgive me, in advance, for any of you who have been overlooked on the list but still so much appreciated. Let us know please so that we can properly thank and acknowledge you.

# Events

## Portland Section to Co-sponsor Book Event “*All Other Nights*” explores race and religion in the 19th Century

On Thurs., April 8, 2010, New York author Dara Horn will be giving a book talk on her recent work, *ALL OTHER NIGHTS*, which has been receiving numerous accolades from the mainstream press, one of which is this, from a Publisher's Weekly starred review:

"A Civil War spy page-turner meets an exploration of race and religion in 19th-century America in Horn's enthralling latest. . . . Horn propels the story at a thriller's pace; the mix of love and loyalty played out in a divided America is sublime."

This event is co-sponsored by the **MJCC, CSP, OJM, OAJC and NCJW**. The event's goal is to bring the community together in an educational, academic and social program while helping to raise funds for the **Sara Glasgow Cogan Scholarship**, which provides money for students who want to enhance their career choices by serving as interns in local Jewish agencies and organizations.

Judaic Studies will be marketing its event, including press releases to the Jewish Review and the local mainstream press. In addition, book stores like Broadway Books, Annie Bloom's Books and Powell's have agreed to stock an abundance of the paperback edition of “All Other Nights” so that as many folks as possible can easily participate. Judaic Studies soon will have available a secure website, through PSU, via which people can purchase tickets. Once that site is established, Judaic Studies will send out an email blast advertising the event and guiding recipients to the site at which to buy event tickets. Information evolving here: [pdx.edu/judaic/calendar-events](http://pdx.edu/judaic/calendar-events).

**Regular tickets for the evening cost \$10 for the 6 p.m. talk, or \$180 to attend both the talk and the 7:30 p.m. dinner, all to be held at the MJCC.**

About the author:

Dara Horn was born in New Jersey in 1977 and received her Ph.D. in comparative literature from Harvard University in 2006, studying Hebrew and Yiddish. In 2007 Dara Horn was chosen by Granta magazine as one of the Best Young American Novelists. Her first novel, *In the Image*, published by W.W. Norton when she was 25, received a 2003 National Jewish Book Award, the 2002 Edward Lewis Wallant Award, and the 2003 Reform Judaism Fiction Prize. Her second novel, *The World to Come*, published by W.W. Norton in January 2006, received the 2006 National Jewish Book Award for Fiction, the 2007 Harold U. Ribalow Prize, was selected as an Editors' Choice in *The New York Times Book Review* and as one of the Best Books of 2006 by *The San Francisco Chronicle*, and has been translated into eleven languages. She has taught courses in Jewish literature and Israeli history at Harvard and at Sarah Lawrence College, and has lectured at universities and cultural institutions throughout the United States and Canada. Her new novel, *All Other Nights*, published in April 2009 by W.W. Norton, was selected as an Editors' Choice in the *New York Times Book Review*. She lives with her husband, daughter and two sons in New Jersey.

# Bulletin Board

**NEW**  
**WELCOME**  
*New Member*  
**Friderike Heuer**

*And Life Member*  
**Wilma Jane Balick**  
*a new transfer*  
*from Omaha*

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SONG OF  
 MIRIAM AWARD  
 CELEBRATION** **F.Y.I.**

Please hold the date for the 18th Annual Song of Miriam Award Brunch. This year the brunch will be held Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 10:00am to 12:15pm at Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway, Portland. The event is sponsored by the Jewish Women's Round Table. Hope to see you there!

Please submit names of any of our members whom you would like to see honored at this event to the Section Cabinet.  
 Send to our email:  
**office@ncjwportland.org**

**The Tribute Funds** are a great way to remember or honor someone special while you support our worthwhile programs.

Cut out the mailing coupon on the right side of page 7 to use for your next donation.

**Important DATE!**

Be sure to watch your mail for the announcement of the upcoming dedication and unveiling of an NCJW commemorative plaque in the lobby of the MJCC Therapy Pool.

**Volunteer Needed**

NCJW, Portland Section, is looking for a representative to the CRC (Jewish Federation Community Relations Committee). The representative would attend their Bi-Monthly meetings (which are held the first Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm at the Federation office) and represent the opinions/decisions of NCJW to the CRC. If you are interested or want to learn more about this please call either **Nikki (503-292-3061) or Louise (503-819-6776)**

**Happy Passover !**



# Tributes

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Dorothy Packouz, Robin Weinstein, Joanne Senders, Rochelle Silver, Linda Ostomel

## JEAN RUSTIN FUND *For Children and Youth*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Bev Contorer, Bunny Sadis, Margaret Weil, Lana Miller, Carol Baker, Rosalyn Menashe, Rose Rustin, Lynn Doraine, Min Zidell

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Faye Blank, Elynor Zusman

## MARION QUINT ROSE FUND *For Senior Counseling*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Marilyn Forse

## FOOD BOX PROGRAM

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Harriet Schatz

**GENERAL:** Fay Blank, Leah Nepom, Jean Pierce, Ruth Shenin, Sharon Brenner, Rita Philip, Cheryl Tonkin, Margaret Gotesman, Nancy Halman, Lynn Blank, Liberty Blank, Ruth Gassner, Shirley Marks, Barbara Cohn, Susie Gerson, Nancy Oseran, Renee Hotzman, Marilyn Epstein, Louise Marsh

**IN MEMORY OF:** Ruth Press by Steve and Phyllis Press, and in memory of Mrs. Korey by Sy and Carol Chesler, Rose Rustin and Alvin Rackner

## SHOWERS FOR SHELTERS PROGRAM

Wendy Gutmann

## GENERAL

Deena Klein

NCJW Portland Section would like to acknowledge with gratitude the estate of **Bernice Feibleman** for the generous gift she made to our section."

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  
P.O. Box 69333  
Portland, OR 97239

**(\$18.00 minimum, please)**

Here is my contribution for the:

- ◇ Dorothy Asher Memorial Fund
- ◇ Minnie F. Ehrman Fund
- ◇ Jean Rustin Fund
- ◇ Marion Quint Rose Fund

**For:**

◇ Birthday: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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◇ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Calendar

### February, 2010

11 Board Meeting

**28 PURIM**

### March, 2010

11 Board Meeting

**29 PESACH**

### April, 2010

8 "All Other Night" book event

MJCC 6:00 p.m.

TBA Board Meeting



### MISSION STATEMENT

The National Council of Jewish Women is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms."

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