

# THE BULLETIN

National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Oregon Section

## ~A Call To Volunteers~

Now That Summer Is Over - Now That Vacations Are Over  
It's Time To Renew Our Commitment to Volunteering

### Here are some current options

#### **~~Northwest Portland Ministries/Emergency Food Box Program**

Staffing pantry  
Warehouse- prepare food boxes for distribution  
Delivery of food boxes to clients  
Loaves and Fishes lunch serving at First Immanuel Church

Details: **Nikki Director:** [nkdirector@comcast.net](mailto:nkdirector@comcast.net) or 503.703.5913  
or Kelly Caldwell: [Kelly@nwpm.org](mailto:Kelly@nwpm.org)



#### **~~Goose Hollow Family Shelter – Making a Difference in the lives of Families with Children**



One evening per month prepare one course and help serve dinner for homeless families  
Host a "kid time"  
Lend a helping hand where needed  
Overnight hosting (minimum two per night)

Details: **Susan Korey:** [linnkorey@aol.com](mailto:linnkorey@aol.com) or 503.221.006

### Two Potential New Options

#### **~~10,000 Books Project at Kelly School:**

Volunteers would be needed in May and June of 2012 to help organize the book giveaway. Ongoing volunteer opportunities in book shelving, repairing, process and cataloging though not directly involved with the 10,000 Books Project, would assist in furthering the efforts to increase literacy among the Kelly student population. Contact **Michele Reich:** [michelereich@optonline.net](mailto:michelereich@optonline.net) or 503.635.1420.

#### **~~Classroom Law Project**

NCJW is exploring the possibility of partnering with this exciting program that brings civics and law related education programs into Oregon schools, teaching students the values and skills essential to participating effectively in our democracy. There will be multiple opportunities for volunteering. Contact **Caryn May:** [crmpdx@g.com](mailto:crmpdx@g.com) or 503.288.3402 for more information.

Dear Members,

We want to wish all of you a healthy and happy New Year, as we begin a new year of Portland Section projects and programs. With your support, we will continue to have a positive impact on many lives in our community. NCJW volunteers work at the NWPM Emergency Food Program and at Portland Family Homeless Solutions (Goose Hollow Family Shelter). Members make donations to our Tribute Funds honoring their own birthdays and other occasions, and donations to the Valentine Project will once again provide bus tickets for women and children in domestic violence shelters. We are not resting on our laurels, but are always looking for new worthwhile opportunities for involvement. Read more about the Kelly School 10,000 Books Project in this Bulletin.

We welcome new projects where we can channel volunteers and funds. If you have ideas or suggestions, make yourself heard. Another challenge - invite your friends and family to join us as new members. And if you would like to become a hands-on volunteer just say the word. For all of the above leave a message at 503-222-5006.

Can you believe it – we are proudly enjoying our 116<sup>th</sup> year in Portland. With your help it will be a memorable year.

*Carol, Friderike and Michele*

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### *One-Act Plays by Rose Schnitzer Manor Writers Premiered*

*The OLDER BUT WISER WRITERS* – a group of residents at Rose Schnitzer Manor – recently completed the writing of their one-act plays in a playwriting project guided by Eddy Shuldman. The plays had their premiere on August 14 at the Southeast Music Center before an appreciative audience including NCJW Cabinet members. These seven “one-acts” were read by three local professional actors, who matched their skills and passion to the thought-provoking, funny and heart-rending material. They were directed by well known local playwright and director Matthew Zrebski.

**NCJW, Portland Section is grateful to have been able to partially fund the project with monies from the Dorothy Asher Fund dedicated to the support of seniors.** *The Older but Wiser Writers* at RSM is a prime example of a project that nurtures the creativity, sharp insights and wisdom among talented elders in our midst. Kudos to them and to Eddy Shuldman, their indomitable volunteer teacher and leader.

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# 2011 ANNUAL MEETING



Guest speaker, Laurie Jones  
with Rose Rustin

Once again the NCJW, Portland Section put on an Annual Meeting that was informative, thought provoking and all together enjoyable as a social gathering. The new by-laws were successfully voted in after a report on the yearly activities. Our speaker, Laura Jones from the Kelly school, introduced her summer book project for disadvantaged children and raised \$125 for the program in on-the-spot generosity in addition to the many books that members had donated and brought to the luncheon. We are looking forward to a productive new year, grateful for such an engaged membership.



Leah Nepom and Sharon  
Tarlow were in attendance.



Shirley Rackner, Suzan Wapnick and  
Jeanne Newmark with Susan Korey  
(below) listen to the speaker.



NCJW President,  
Meryl Haber and new  
board member, Michele Reich



Rose Rustin and Eve  
Rosenfield enjoying the  
brunch and a chat.



Welcome to our  
new members  
who joined at the  
Annual Meeting



Judi Brodtkin



Linda Blum



Also attending:  
Leslie Robinson,  
left, Rosemarie  
Rosenfeld, below  
left and Evelyn  
Maizels, below right.



## NCJW at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter

NCJW volunteers are continuing to brighten the lives of homeless families at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter. This year, with the help of our volunteers, the shelter, for the first time in its history, is open year-round.

NCJW has four separate teams of volunteers responsible for providing and serving a "home-cooked" dinner one evening per month. Typically, responsibility rotates between team members so that the person bringing the entree one month might bring a salad the next. Total time at the shelter to set up, serve, mingle with the families is about an hour and a half. Up to eight families a night, typically about 28 adults and children, can be accommodated.

We always welcome new volunteers. You may join one of our teams on a regular or substitute basis, or start your own team. Contact **Susan Korey** by phone (503 221-0063) or email [linnkorey@aol.com](mailto:linnkorey@aol.com).

**Make a difference.** Join the council volunteers listed below at the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.

Julieann Barker	Gail Maron
Marla Beeson	Louise Marsh
Donna Brownstein	Gloria Borg Olds
Carol Chestler	Linda Ostomel
Sy Chestler	Gary Pearlman
Janet Guggenheim	Sylvia Pearlman
Wendy Guggenheim	Alvin Rackner
Joyce Hoffman	Shirley Rackner
Fanny Horowitz	Ginger Shank
Susan Korey	Sam Shank
Barbara Lang	Sharon Tarlow
Stuart Lang	Linda Veltman
Merritt Linn	Carolyn Weinstein

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*"The only gift, is a portion of thyself"*  
*....Emerson*

## Food Programs Continue to Serve Many

Northwest Portland Ministries' summer has been a busy one as it continues to feed between 800-950 per month through the various food programs: The Emergency Food Pantry, Home Delivered Food boxes and the monthly Harvest Share. NCJW welcomes two new members who have jumped into volunteering – **Linda Blum** and **Judi Brodkin** have joined member, **Caryn May** in making up food boxes for those who are unable to get to the pantry but still have the desire to prepare home cooked meals. Additionally, these three have been working at the warehouse to shelve stock as it comes in.

NCJW continues to support NWPM and its needs. In addition to the above committed volunteers, we also thank the following for their long term, ongoing volunteer efforts: **Lynne Bartenstein, Stuart Barthold, Wendy Gutmann, Cissy and Phil Levine, Joyce Loeb, Louise Marsh, Jeanne Newmark, Phyllis Newmark, Eve Rosenfeld, Sue Schwartz and family, and Irene Winters.**

The NWPM garden continues to grow and provide fresh produce. Stop by First Immanuel Lutheran Church at the corner of 18<sup>th</sup> and NW Irving to see this amazing volunteer supported project.

ALERT: NWPM desperately needs volunteer drivers to transport NW residents to a variety of appointments. This most worthwhile project not only helps the low income residents but also assists the elderly residents of the area, who no longer drive, to remain independent.

Volunteers are always needed to do food pick-ups at the Oregon Food Bank, participate in Harvest Share, assist at the Emergency Food Pantry, serve patrons at Loaves and Fishes, shelve at the warehouse and so much more...

Please consider giving your time and energy. For further information, please check the website: **nwpm.org** or call NWPM volunteer coordinator, Kelly Caldwell, 503 221-1224 ext 105

Please join me for the **NWPM 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION, SHARING THE BOUNTY, OCTOBER 22, 2011, MULTNOMAH ATHLETIC CLUB, 5:30-9PM**

Thank you,  
 Nikki Director

### “Life Liberty & the Pursuit of Well Being”

Sacha Reich, Executive Director, Jewish Theatre Collaborative

With the financial and intellectual support of **National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section**, Jewish Theatre Collaborative developed the touring performance “Life Liberty & the Pursuit of Well Being”. It was launched this Spring with a community celebration of Women’s Heritage Month, performance/town halls in the tri-county area and public performances. Nine artists were involved in the creation of the piece and during nine performances, we reached many hundreds of people.

JTC set out to create a performance that would educate about Lillian Wald, the origins of public health in this country, and provide context for understanding key contemporary public health concepts such as searching for solutions upstream and social determinants – all in an engaging and entertaining way. Feedback confirmed the memorability of the play, and how effectively and clearly it conveyed complex ideas. People left performances delighted to have discovered this unsung hero and were uplifted, energized, reveling in the theatricality of the play. Our work with an “advisory council” (representatives from our primary partners, NW Health Foundation, **National Council of Jewish Women**, public health officials, workers, historian, and others) during our play development phase was quite productive. Their content knowledge, guidance and feedback enabled us to achieve the success outlined above. This strong community engagement also helped lead us to our 15 speakers.

Attendees at the town halls were able to engage in thoughtful dialogue about the public health issues most pressing in our local community. A performance at OHSU’s centennial celebration of nursing turned out audiences from all over the state and multiple generations of nurses. A performance for NW Health Foundation grantees brought an incredible diversity of experience to the conversation. “Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Well Being” will continue to gather community around this inspiring and educational story to start conversations about public health today. We anticipate upwards of twenty performances in the coming year.

We are grateful to the support of **NCJW** in helping us to create this piece that we hope will continue to educate and inspire people around the state. (*Note: Portland Section, NCJW, gave a grant of \$1,000 to help underwrite this project*)

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### Kelly School 10,000 Books Project

Never underestimate the power of one. Kelly School librarian, Laura Jones, decided to prevent the “summer slide” after hearing about a University of Tennessee research project indicating that students who read 12 books over the summer do as well on ensuing reading tests at students who attend summer school. Partnering with the Portland-based Children’s Book Bank, she began the book drive that enabled all 500 Kelly students to spend the summer of 2011 reading 10 books of their choice and in many cases, in their own language.



As our guest speaker at the 2011 annual meeting, Laura spoke of the delight and joy the students experienced when “shopping” for their summer books in the well-used library she turned into a bookstore for a day. Approximately 80% of Kelly School students qualify for free or price-reduced lunches and more than 30% speak a language other than English.

While we know that closing the multitude of gaps between the rich and the poor is a nationwide undertaking, Laura Jones, has single handedly begun to close the reading gap for the 500 students at her school. And there is no disagreement that reading is the critical foundation for becoming a life-long learner. By partnering with several community-based organizations Laura Jones is ensuring a foundation for each of her students. **NCJW** is proud to have donated over 100 books and has committed to donating \$1000.00. There will always be a need for book donations, and these can be

new or “slightly” used. If you are interested in donating books, please contact NCJW Board Member **Michele Reich** ([michelereich@optonline.net](mailto:michelereich@optonline.net)) to let her know of your interest and support of this project to build a community of readers. She will collect books and coordinate the volunteers for this very special effort.



## Calendar, 2011

### September

- 19 Cabinet Meeting
- 28-30 ROSH HASHANAH

### October

- 2 Goose Hollow Family Shelter Auction
- 7-8 YOM KIPPUR
- 17 OJM Mah Jongg-A-Thon
- 22 NW Portland Ministries Auction

## *Fugue, - Poetry of Exile*

Poetry Reading and Reception at the Multnomah Arts Center

Thursday, September 22, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Exile has always had a special meaning for Jews living for millennia in the Diaspora, and having seen grand-scale expulsion from their adopted countries as recently as the last century. Whether to escape political persecution and murder, economic hardship, famine and disease, climate change-induced loss of habitat or simply a majority culture that prevents one's own ways of life, however, emigration has some burdens shared by all those who see themselves forced to give up the places they've known.

Jewish Theatre Collaborative will present a reading of poems (written by exiles) in the context of a visual art exhibition of photomontages – by **NCJW Member, Friderike Heuer** – tackling the issues associated with emigration. Many of the poets included in this Reading are Jews who wrote during or after the Holocaust, but there are also contemporary poems by exiles from Nigeria, China, the Kosovo and more.

The event is sponsored by the Oregon Holocaust Resource Center and Zeitgeist Northwest, a newly-founded local organization trying to bring modern German culture to the Northwest.

*Welcome !!*

*To new members,  
Judith Brodtkin and  
Linda Blum*

## MISSION STATEMENT

"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."



*It's that time of the year!*

*Thank you for renewing  
your membership for  
2011-2012*

*Dues envelopes are in  
the mail.*

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Cathy Berlant, Meryl Haber, Harriet Maizels, Phyllis Oster, Eleanore Rubinstein, Eloise Spiegel, Eve Stern, Amy Tanne

**IN HONOR OF:** Marriage of Susan Korey and Merritt Linn from Merritt Yoelin and Bobbie Fields

**IN MEMORY OF:** Fran Roberts from Cathy and Mel Berlant

**JEAN RUSTIN FUND**  
*For Children and Youth*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Harriet Bodner, Molly Bodner, Vivienne Bonnin, Janice Kettler, Joyce Loeb, Liz Menashe, Jeanne Newmark, Sandra Shapiro, Joan Weil

**IN HONOR OF:** Marriage of Susan Korey and Merritt Linn from Barbara and Barry Caplan

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Sylvia Pearlman, Deanne Rubinstein, Linda Veltman

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*For Senior Counseling*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Inge Hamburger

**GENERAL FUND**

**BIRTHDAYS:** Lynn Blank, Chella Kryszek, Gayle Marger, Madeline Nelson, Jean Pierce

**Bequest Allocated**

NCJW Portland Section acknowledges, with gratitude, the generous bequest from the estate of Laura Feder to our General Fund. The Board has voted to allocate these funds to the Kelly School Library Project.

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

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

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