

*SAMMIE IS COMING TO PORTLAND!*

*Election season is off and running . . .while candidates “spin” the issues, you can get the real story from NCJW Chief Lobbyist Sammie Moshenberg!*

*.Enjoy a four-course meal and a wonderful discussion  
Monday, September 15th  
5:30 to 8:30 p.m.*

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*NCJW is one of the most respected organizations working for social change in Washington, D.C.*

***Sammie Moshenberg, is behind that excellent reputation.***

*Come meet Sammie and get her “insider’s” view of the upcoming election, and hear insights and stories from her 25 years of working toward progressive change for women, children and families*

*Carpools are available. Contact Linda at the office (503-222-5006) to join a carpool. (Summer office hours are Monday - Wednesday, 10-2.)*

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# President's Column

Meryl Haber, President

Dear Members,

I hope you all found time to put your feet up and relax this summer. I especially appreciated the short break from doing NCJW work, as this past year has been an intense one, with all the reorganizing we have done. I had a fantastic board to work with, they worked hard, and I think we accomplished a lot. We ended the year with 2 great events; the Annual Meeting and the Annie Londenderry Bike event (*see pg. 6*); both were well attended and demonstrated continued interest in our Portland Section.



As we move forward and into this next year, we will continue fine tuning the changes we have been making to create a more streamlined and efficient administration. I look forward to working with our wonderful Board of Directors and welcoming the new members of our team. At our first meeting we will bring everyone up to date with what has occurred over the summer, Rose Rustin promises to provide us with some new training, and then we will be ready to launch ourselves onward into section business.

In these upcoming weeks you will be hearing from Rosemarie Rosenfeld about your membership renewals. Last year we doubled the number of our regular members over the previous year, and I hope we met your expectations with the programs and projects we developed. We look forward to your renewed membership, it is a gauge of your ongoing support of our sections local activities, and on a national level you give NCJW a strong united voice. And in this election year our voices are significantly needed.

We have 2 membership programs planned for the next 2 months that I hope many of you will be able to attend. Sarah Wetherson and her advocacy committee are inviting you to dinner with NCJW's Sammy Moshenberg, who has been representing us in Washington DC and has stories to tell about her years of working with our government on the issues we as members of NCJW have always championed. Over the years she has gained a perspective that will be fascinating to hear, and in light of the current flood of advocacy emails alerting us to the last minute legacy our current president is trying to pass before leaving office, Sammy's visit will certainly be very relevant to today.

And in October we are planning to host an afternoon membership social with Dr. Julie Cwikel, founder and director of The Center for Women's Health Studies at Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel. We will send more information about this event to you shortly, so mark your calendar for Thursday, Oct 23 and we will look forward to seeing you then.

.....Meryl

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# Section Archives

*Several weeks ago I found the following report in the NCJW files at the Oregon Jewish Museum. I'm sure you all know that NCJW was founded in 1893, in Chicago, and the Portland Section was established in 1896. That year the national organization held its first convention in November, six months after the Portland Section was born. The President of the Portland Section attended, and made this report at the convention. When I read the report at the recent Executive Committee meeting we all got a good laugh about the fact that some things haven't changed in all these years. **Rose Rustin***

## **PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, held at New York, Nov 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1896 REPORT OF THE PORTLAND, ORE., SECTION**

In presenting the following, your delegate from the Portland, Oregon, section of the National Council of Jewish Women, begs that you will consider it merely as a statement, rather than a report, our section having been so recently organized.

At an informal gathering of a few representative women of this city interested in the work of the N.C.J.W., the advisability of forming a local section was discussed, and so much enthusiasm manifested that it resulted in a call for a general meeting, which was held soon after in the Temple Beth Israel. This meeting was well attended, the aims and objects being ably set forth by various speakers invited for the occasion. Several days later a permanent organization was effected, with the election of the following officers, viz: Mrs. Solomon Hirsch, President; Mrs. Louis Altman, Vice-President; Mrs. A.J. Meier, Treasurer; Miss Belle Goldman, Secretary; and twelve ladies as the Board of Directors.

A change of Secretary has recently been made in the appointment of Miss Celia Friendly, vice Miss Belle Goldman resigned.

At organization, sixty-eight names were enrolled, since which time our membership has increased to seventy-nine (79).

Notwithstanding our adjournment for the summer months, several board meetings were subsequently held to transact business, principally for the arranging of circles for the winter. Five were formed, and competent leaders chosen. Since then the circles have begun study, much interest being shown. We hope to do good, earnest work, following the plans of the Council as far as practicable.

In May Mrs. Leopold of Chicago visited Portland, and upon invitation read her admirable paper on "The Jew in Fiction" before the Council and its friends. She also kindly gave the leaders of the circles much valuable information as to the manner of conducting their work.

In forwarding this resume of our brief existence, we beg leave at the same time to respectfully ask the National Council for greater latitude in the conduct of our affairs in a business sense. The main reason for this request is our isolation and our distance from headquarters. Letters come to us from Chicago requiring an answer within a given period, no proper allowance of time being made for return mail. Again, we find it too expensive to send money orders upon the acquisition of a few members, and would therefore ask to be allowed to forward these small amounts either quarterly or semi-annually. Other matters are continually presenting themselves, making it desirable for us to be allowed special jurisdiction in the management of the affairs of the Portland, Oregon Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

All of which is respectfully submitted.  
(Mrs.Sol.) Josephine Hirsch, President

**You are invited to a special Portland event Monday, September 15 from 8:00—9:30 AM  
First United Methodist Church—1838 SW Jefferson**

## **Keynote Speaker**

**Sammie Moshenberg**, the director of Washington operations for the **National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)** has been recognized for her decades as a mover and shaker on Capitol Hill -- tirelessly organizing grassroots activists from across the country to speak out for social justice. She was elected by *Women's eNews* as one of "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" for her remarkable work with NCJW volunteers to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families and to ensure individual rights and freedoms. Ms. Moshenberg is also a recipient of NCJW's Hannah G. Solomon Award (1998), the YWCA of the National Capital Area's Racial Justice Award (1997), and the Ruth Osborn Award from the Women's Studies Program at George Washington University (2000). She appeared on the "Forward Fifty" list of most influential Jewish individuals three times, most recently in 2005.

## **Networking, Advocacy Opportunities, and More!**

**This breakfast event is FREE, however reservations are required.**

**Please email [info@oajconline.org](mailto:info@oajconline.org) or call 503-295-6761 to reserve.**

## **Fighting Poverty with Faith** is sponsored locally by:

Archdiocese of Portland, Bread for the World, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Jewish Federation of Greater Portland, Lutheran Advocacy Ministries, **National Council of Jewish Women Portland Section**, Oregon Area Jewish Committee, Oregon Faith Roundtable Against Hunger, Portland's First United Methodist Church

From September 10-16, 2008 people of faith across the country will be mobilizing their communities to ask their local, state and national candidates what they will do to address the pressing issues of poverty and opportunity in America in their first 100 days in office. In communities across the country, people of faith will be calling and writing the candidates, holding forums to discuss these issues with civic and political leadership, engaging in interfaith community service to aid those in need in their communities, and otherwise highlighting the need for increased leadership on these issues.

To learn more about **Fighting Poverty with Faith**, including resources for congregations and organizations, visit [www.fightingpovertywithfaith.com](http://www.fightingpovertywithfaith.com)

**The Community Relations Committee**  
of the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland  
**Social Justice Institute**  
**Sunday, September 14, 1- 5 pm**  
**Mittleman Jewish Community Center**

Free, Registration Not Required, Bring an Item for the Oregon Food Bank

Featuring Keynote by **Rabbi Lee Bycel** of American Jewish World Service and special guests **Dr. Eric Schockman** of MAZON, **Sammie Moshenberg** of National Council of Jewish Women, State Senator **Suzanne Bonamici**, **Mike Leachman** of Oregon Center for Public Policy and **Gabriel Stauring** of Stop Genocide Now

### **Action Topics:**

Darfur Genocide | Confronting Hunger | Climate Change

### **Skill Building Workshops:**

Effective Organizing | Best Practices | Advocacy | Social Justice in a Jewish Context

For further information, please contact Bob Horenstein, CRC Director,

at 503-245-6496 or [bob@jewishportland.org](mailto:bob@jewishportland.org).

*This program is made possible by your generous donation to the Jewish Federation of Greater Portland and through a grant from the Oregon Jewish Community Youth Foundation.*

# Section Projects

The **Emergency Food Project** has seen amazing growth since they took over the project in December of 2007. In part, with a sizeable grant of \$10,050 from NCJW, the Project has increased its emergency food box give-aways from 150 per month to 300 per month! The recipients of the food are the working poor and frail elderly living in NW Portland.

In addition, 4 satellite pantries have been added to the project's oversight and a 5th is soon to be added . NWPM provides the food and the distribution is tenant controlled. All of these facilities are subsidized housing where the residents are able to receive extra non-perishable groceries the last 3-4 days of the month when so many run short of cash. The housing includes Gallagher Plaza, NW Towers, Williams Plaza, Station Place and soon, Medallion . Many of the residents already receive food from the Emergency Food Box Project . Many residents of these subsidized Housing facilities are disabled and unable to get out. NWPM is looking to add food delivery to this population, as well.

Another aspect of the Emergency Food Project is the **Backpack Program**. NWPM just received a \$10,000 grant to start a program whereby homeless children attending Chapman School will be given a backpack filled with nutritional food every Friday to take them through the weekend. The school averages at least 30 children in need, weekly.

NCJW should be very proud to be a financial contributor to these projects but also a major volunteer contributor. In the last several months NCJW has helped with the success of the Nob Hill Business Association Food Drive, the NWPM food warehouse transfer, and staffing of the Emergency Food Box Pantry.

## Thank you and Kudos to the following:

### Food Drive

Linda Veltman  
Louise Magun  
Marcia Belmont Epner  
Rosemarie Rosenfeld

### Warehouse Sorting and Shelving

Louise Magun  
Phyllis Newmark  
Jill Neuwelt  
Carol Chestler  
Rose Rustin  
Eve Rosenfeld  
Esther Abouaf  
Myra Friedman

### Staffing Emergency Food Box Pantry

Gayle Romain  
Eve and Alan Rosenfeld  
Louise Marsh  
Sue and Jay Albert  
Cody and friend

As the project grows and morphs, additional volunteers are always needed. Please contact

**Nikki Director** 503 703-5913

or

NWPM - Kelly Caldwell 503 413-5530

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**NWPM is soon to lose it's food storage warehouse which is presently a part of Legacy Good Samaritan. (The hospital is expanding and needs the space.)**

**Need: 400-600 sq ft of empty warehouse space in NW Portland. Easy delivery access; with some lighting; minimal heating and cooling appropriate for keeping non-refrigerated food.**

**PLEASE contact Delanie Delimont executive director of NWPM 503 413-5528**

### **Please Join Us.**

NWPM is holding its annual auction at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Saturday, September 20, 6:30 pm.

Several tables of NCJW members would be wonderful!!!

The auction benefits all NWPM programming.

The tickets are \$35 per person.

Raffle tickets are also available, at \$10 per person. (\$4,000 travel voucher from Azumano travel) Who wouldn't want one!!!!

If you have something wonderful that you would like to donate, either an item or services, they would be very welcome.

For further information, contact NWPM, 503 413-5529 or Nikki Director (after Sept 5)

# Bulletin Board

## CARE KITS

Bring home the extra soaps and shampoos from your travels for our Care Kits.

These can still be distributed to Women's Shelters through our Showers for Shelters Program.

Call **Linda** to find out the best time to deliver them to the office.  
503-222-5006



We are pleased to announce that a grand total of \$2220.00 was collected and a check was sent to the Northwest Portland Ministries Emergency Food Box Project in honor of **Rose Rustin** receiving the Hannah G. Solomon Award.

## Annie Londenderry Bike Event

On July 8 author Peter Zheutlin (*Around The World on Two Wheels*) visited Portland and spoke to us about his Great-Grand Aunt's 1894 bicycle ride and the book he wrote chronicling her adventure. The evening began at Temple Beth Israel with a waterfront bike tour circumnavigating the downtown section of the Willamette River on what was a picture perfect summer day. Following this was a quick nosh (for renewed energy) and Peter's slide show/talk, which was historically awesome and very entertaining. This event was co-sponsored by NCJW – thank you **Phyllis Newmark**, the Portland Chapter of Hadassah –Carolyn Shain, Congregation Beth Israel –Sydney Baer, Lakeside Bicycles –**Meryl Haber**, and Annie Bloom's Books, who sold every copy they brought of Peter's book.

SEPTEMBER

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"Suite Francaise"  
By Nemirovski

OCTOBER

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"Disobedience"  
By Alderman

~~~Book Club~~~

Meetings at 9:30 am  
call **Dodie Harrison** for

# Tributes

## MINNIE F. EHRMAN FUND

*For Medical-Dental care*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Cathy Berlant

## JEAN RUSTIN FUND

*For Children and Youth*

**BIRTHDAYS:** Joy Russell, Jean Pierce, Sandra Shapiro

## GENERAL FUND

**IN HONOR OF:** Sue Overbeck's Special Birthday by Bev Contorer for the "Showers for Shelters" Project

The Portland Section of NCJW has received a generous bequest from the Estate of **Lillian Wexler**. We would like to find a fitting beneficiary for this gift. If you knew Lillian and have any suggestions or would like to be part of a search committee for this, please call the office and let us know. Thank you!



**Condolences**  
To the Family of Life Member  
**Edith Miller**

## Tribute Funds

**Simchas as well as Yahrtzeits are a time to donate in honor of your loved ones to one of our Tribute Funds or to one of our great programs such as the Showers for Shelters or the Food Box Project.**

**Your donations to our Section enable us to continue with our much needed programs of Community Service and Advocacy.**

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

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Calendar

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1:30—3 p.m. Rose Schnitzer Manor

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