



National Council of Jewish Women

Utah Section: Connecting Socially to Connect Responsibly

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Upcoming Events- Mark Your Calendars!

- ❖ Sun. Oct. 18-Fall Membership Brunch, JCC, 9:30-11:30
- ❖ Sun. Oct. 25, 7 PM-Book Club at Barbara Barman's home
- ❖ Wed. Nov. 11 eve- Board Meeting
- ❖ Nov. 14-15, Sat. 6-10 PM & Sun., 12-5 PM-Jewish Arts Fest, JCC
- ❖ Thurs. Dec. 10, Senior Chanukah Lunch, JCC
- ❖ Dec. 24-25: Tikkun Olam/Salaam/Shalom Project
- ❖ Wed. Jan. 6-4-6 PM-Mary Jane Ciccarello talk, *Planning for Yourself and Your Aging Parents: Legal Tools & Strategies*, at Kol Ami



L'Shana Tovah

The NCJW Board wishes health, sweetness, fulfillment and plenty to our members and their families this Rosh Hashanah. If you need a place to celebrate, Rochelle invites you to her home after Kol Ami morning services on Saturday, Sept. 18, to eat and schmooze.

Fall Membership Brunch – October 18 at the JCC

We still need a few volunteers to drive those unable to drive, set up, serve and clean up. Please email or call Elaine Miller, ejmiller111@yahoo.com or 801-273-9647 to volunteer. Please let Elaine or Rochelle know, by phone or email, if you are coming so we plan properly.

Our theme this year is *Local Women in Politics* and we have a stellar line-up of panelists: state legislators Sheryl Allen, Patrice Arent (retired), Laura Black, Becky Edwards, Carol Speckman Moss and Nikki Norton from Fair Boundaries, an organization promoting an initiative to end gerrymandering in Utah. NCJW is an initiative sponsor. We will have raffle prizes, delicious food, stimulating conversation and great fun. This is NCJW's biggest membership event.

Free to current NCJW members, the event is open to guests for \$10. You can pay dues via our wonderful website, <http://ncjwutah.org/>, or mail a check to Rakella Richardson. You may pay at the door but to avoid a crowd at the entrance, we'd love earlier payment. Registration opens at 9. The program runs from 9:30 to 11:30.

Jewish Arts Festival-November 14-15 at the JCC

NCJW will have a booth at the festival which this year highlights Jewish humor. We'll sell food to enjoy at the festival, and offer for sale Ellen Hartz's homemade honey, art from Barbara Barman and Jewish themed cards. We need food shoppers, cooks and volunteers to staff our booth. Please contact Rochelle soon at 942-6226 or ro@wifunds.com if you can help out.

Book Club Gatherings Have Been Terrific!

The book club has met twice and will meet again on Sunday, Oct. 25, 7 PM at Barbara Barman's home, 201 E. South Temple, Apt. 102. We'll discuss Michael Chabon's *The Yiddish Policemen's Union*, a wild yarn about a Jewish settlement in Alaska (actually proposed by FDR). RSVP to Mavis Green, mavis.green@yahoo.com or 615-439-4771.

According to *Publisher's Weekly*, "They are the 'frozen Chosen,' two million people living, dying and kvetching in the temporary homeland established for displaced World War II Jews. The novel is a murder-mystery speculative-history Jewish-identity noir chess thriller. The hero, Meyer Landsman, a drunken rogue cop wakes in a flophouse to find one of his neighbors murdered. With his half-Tlingit, half-Jewish partner and his sexy-tough boss, his ex-wife, Landsman investigates a fascinating underworld of Orthodox black-hat gangs and crime-lord rabbis." The book won numerous awards.

Turid Lipman hosted the last book club get together, at her gorgeous home. Mavis Green, our book club organizer, led a spirited discussion about *Nine Parts of Desire*, by Geraldine Brooks. The reporter, a convert to Judaism, was raised in Australia but lives in America. Brooks attempts to understand Islamic women behind the veils, and examines the contradictory political, religious, and cultural forces that shape their lives. The conversation ranged from Muslims in Europe, memories of the Middle East, to Orthodox Judaism, with participants quoting controversial parts of the book.

The Durst Sisters Take the Reins at NCJW Film Club

Maxine and Barbara Durst have agreed to act as film club organizers, after Denise Turkanis stepped down from that position. Thanks to Denise for her past leadership. Note that Maxine and Barbara have a new phone number: 801-906-8214. Their email remains maxineandbarbara@aol.com. Please contact them if you want to know about film club events.

Governor's Mansion Toured

Eighteen NCJW members and friends in August toured the governor's mansion. Roberta Lovell and Wilma Odell led the excursion. Built in 1902 for mining magnate and U.S. Senator Thomas Kearns, the mansion was restored after a 1993 fire.



NCJW Women Choo-Choo-Choosy

Wilma Odell organized an NCJW trip to Ogden, via the Frontrunner train from Salt Lake City. Members visited the museums and shops in the historic train station, wandered 25th Street with views of the looming mountains, and lunched at the Union Grill.



Membership Changes

Welcome new members Barbara Barman, Helenka Bimstein, Deborah Dworkin, Jennifer Elsken and Orit Sommer. Please add their info to your directory and also note changes of emails and phone #s, which follow. Also, thank you new life member, Andrea Alcabes!

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Debora Borenstein moved back to NJ

Kay Brief's email: kbrief@briefco.com

Maxine and Barbara Durst's new phone #: 801-906-8214

Ronnie Strassberg's new email: ronstr@live.com

Please visit our website: <http://ncjwutah.org/> which has a video and photo gallery!