



## United Jewish People's Order - Winnipeg

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### **Welcome to the UJPO Winnipeg Newsletter**

We hope that this regular update keeps you in touch with our activities and plans. Don't hesitate to let us know how you're doing, how we're doing, and what kinds of programs you would like to see carried out by the Winnipeg branch of UJPO.

### **Good and Welfare/Fraternal Matters/State of the Union...**

This committee can go by many names. Mostly, we want you to know that everyone in UJPO cares about you. If you have any personal information – accomplishments, births, deaths or other life event, we will gladly let other members know through this space in the newsletter. It's part of the commitment of our organization to support each other, through good times and bad.

### ***Upcoming Events – The following three events are part of the city-wide Mayworks program:***

#### **Warsaw Ghetto Memorial**

Our annual Warsaw Ghetto Memorial will be held on Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. at the Chevra Mishnaes Synagogue, 700 Jefferson Ave. Admission is free. Our invited speaker will be Jane Enkin, a musicologist, singer and songwriter who will address the theme: Music at the Edge of the Abyss: Music of the Ghetto. The North End Jewish Folk Choir will present a program of songs and survivors and students from Kelvin High School will light candles in honour of the 6 million dead.

We recognize that this memorial is planned for the same day as the federal election. That's why we will start promptly at 7:00 p.m., so that we can mark this important historical event and still get home to watch the results of the voting come in from across the country.

#### **May Day Banquet**

This year the May Day Banquet will held on May 7! Members of The North End Jewish Folk Choir will lead the singing of the Internationale at the dinner planned for the Fort Garry Hotel. The doors will open at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 PM. The evening's program will

feature a presentation of revolutionary music throughout history performed by musicians from Thunder Bay and Winnipeg. Tickets are \$30, and can be purchased through Karen Naylor at [kanaylor@mymts.net](mailto:kanaylor@mymts.net) or call her at 250-8697.

## **Jewish Radicalism – The Role of Women in the Struggle**

Aqua Books (274 Garry St. just south of Portage Ave.) - May 17, 7:30 p.m. – UJPO will sponsor a program titled Jewish Radicalism: The Role of Women in the Struggle. Roz Usiskin will talk about the work of Kitty Harris and Freda Coodin, militants in labour struggles in Winnipeg in the 1930s. Admission is free.

## **Wind-Up – Save the Date!**

Our annual UJPO Barbecue will be held on Thursday, June 16 at Lee Anne Block's house, 1640 Wellington Crescent. Thanks to Lee Anne for offering her house again this year. Further details will be forthcoming, but circle the date on the calendar!

## **Sholem Alechem Community Events**

UJPO members are kept informed of the holiday events organized by the Sholem Alechem Community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend these programs that maintain the cultural and historical flavour of Judaism with a secular flair!

## **North End Jewish Folk Choir**

Just to let you know that our choir is in full voice these days, but we are always looking for more people – knowledge of singing or Yiddish is not necessary. We have a wonderful conductor, Koren Kaminsky, who transforms us from the ordinary to the sublime, and pianist Dale Rogalsky's accompaniment is divine. We recently sang at the Shaarey Zedek synagogue for their sisterhood lunch. The audience enjoyed it and has invited us back next year.

## **In the future.....**

Thanks to everyone for their input at our March 6<sup>th</sup> Shmoozefest. The ideas you offered have generated a lot of discussion and we hope to have an interesting and varied program for the fall. Stay tuned for upcoming newsletters.