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The Woman Behind the New Deal: Frances Perkins, FDR’s Secretary of Labor

3 PM Sunday, April 8, 2018
The Center at the Heights
300 Hillside Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

Speaker: Kirstin Downey
Author of *The Woman Behind the New Deal*
Joined by Sarah Peskin
Board Chair of the Frances Perkins Center

Frances Perkins was one of the most influential people of the 20th century you may never have heard of...

Do You Know Frances Perkins? Here’s Why You Should...
- Named **Secretary of Labor** by Franklin Roosevelt in 1933, served 12 years.
- Chief architect and advocate of legislation impacting the lives of America’s working people including:
  - The **National Labor Relations Act**, protecting workers’ rights to organize.
  - **Social Security Act**.
  - **Fair Labor Standards Act**, regulating wages, hours, and working conditions and prohibiting child labor.
- Pushed for massive **public works projects** that created millions of jobs for unemployed workers.
- As **head of the Immigration Service**, she fought to bring European refugees to safety in the United States.
- Credited with “civilizing capitalism.”
- Born in Boston, member of the League of Women Voters.

Guest Speakers

**Kirstin Downey** is an award-winning journalist who was a business writer at the Washington Post from 1988 to 2008. Downey explores how Perkins, a middle-class woman who lacked wealth or status, accomplished so much.

**Sarah Peskin** is the board chair of the Frances Perkins Center in Damariscotta, Maine, which features the exhibit Frances Perkins: The Woman Behind the New Deal & provides tours of the Frances Perkins’ ancestral homestead.

The following co-sponsors join LWV-Needham in the celebration of Frances Perkins:
Progressive Needham, Women’s Suffrage Celebration Coalition of MA, Needham History Center & Museum, Needham Women’s Club

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We are celebrating Frances Perkins’ Birthday! Come share in a celebratory birthday cake!