In Memory of Betty Friedan and Wendy Wasserstein

Two remarkable Jewish feminists, Betty Friedan and Wendy Wasserstein have died recently. Both have contributed wisdom, social activism and creative energy to their respective fields. In this issue, we feature Marleen Bar’s piece about Wendy Wasserstein, and we’d like to offer several links to obituaries and articles about both women.

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Wendy Robbins, PAR-L Co-moderator, wrote in an electronic message following the announcement of Freidan’s death:

“Betty Friedan has died, on her 85th birthday. Her 1963 book *The Feminine Mystique*, with its exploration of "the problem that has no name," is a feminist classic.

The Washington Post headline reads:

Betty Friedan, 1921-2006
Voice of Feminism's 'Second Wave"

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/04/AR2006020401385.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/02/04/AR2006020401385.html)

It reads in part:

"She was a giant in the 20th century for women and most significantly was a catalyst for change in the American culture," said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation. "She defined the problem, and then she had the courage to do something about it."

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Here’re additional links:

**Betty Friedan Interview**
[http://www.pbs.org/fmc/interviews/friedan.htm](http://www.pbs.org/fmc/interviews/friedan.htm)

**A Different Look at Betty Friedan's Legacy**
[http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,184171,00.html](http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,184171,00.html)

**Wendy Wasserstein 1950-2006**

**Witty Voice of Feminist Self-Doubt**
Wendy Wasserstein
http://www.jwa.org/discover/inmemoriam/wasserstein/

Is Feminism Finished?
The Deaths of Betty Friedan and Wendy Wasserstein
http://www.nassauweekly.com/view_article.php?id=432

Passages: Betty Friedan, Wendy Wasserstein

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