

SAVE THE DATE:



June 23
Annual Membership Meeting
St. John's
Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JUNE 2008

Letter from the Presidents

Look's like Bet Sefer is out for Kayitz! Congratulations to all our students for completing another great year of Jewish education, and congratulations especially to Dani Domsky and Arthur Blue for graduating from Hebrew School altogether! All of our students led a most lovely Shabbat service at Owen Bircher Park in May to celebrate all they have learned. Also, we want to report that their Ice cream fundraiser was a huge success. The Land of Milk and Honey and Chocolate Kiddush pints of ice cream were delicious, if not divinely inspired.

Mark June 23rd on your calendars for our annual membership meeting. This meeting is especially important for several reasons. We will be voting on some changes to our bylaws, as they need to be updated in order to apply for URJ affiliation. Also, we're looking to elect new members to our board, since 3 will be stepping down: Shannon Thal, Barbara Trachtenberg, and Scott Stachel. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community.

Board membership is the core of our volunteer crew, although we are always looking for volunteer participation! Please let us know prior to the June 23rd meeting to let us know if you are interested in serving on our board.

Our summer schedule is quickly filling with many events. We will of course have monthly Shabbat services, starting with June 13th Shabbat led by Carol Mann and Judd Grossman. Carol will also be leading us in a weekly Meditation for Peace starting in July. We are also planning a Knit-zvah project, social hikes in the mountains, and of course our Spirit of the mountains summer day camp. Look for more information on all of these in this news letter.

The word in Hebrew for bicycle or bicycles is "oh-fon-o-yim." May I suggest this method of transport to combat summertime traffic in Jackson? Enjoy the sunshine!

B'Shalom,
Rachel Ravitz and Al Zuckerman
Co-Presidents

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JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



Mo
 Hannah Turtle's Goldfish

If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

CALENDAR

June 13: Shabbat with Carol Mann and Judd Grossman. The service will have an emphasis on prayer for pets. Please bring pictures of your beloved animals, but not the real deal. 6:00 p.m., St. John's church, Classroom 1 (downstairs from the main sanctuary). Oneg to follow.

June 21: Hike with the JHJC to Coyote Rock (in Kelly). Please bring your friends and family. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Home Ranch Parking lot (public parking lot), corner of N. Cache and Gill. Bring water, snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please leave your dogs at home.

June 23: Annual Membership Meeting. 7:00 p.m. St. John's Church, fellowship hall.

June 26: It's a Knitzvah. Join the JHJC's knitting circle at Knit on Pearl) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All knitting levels are welcome - we'll have experienced knitters to help beginners. Please bring yarn and needles if possible but we'll have stuff available for use.

GILDA SABABA (Cool Ice Cream) Bet Sefer Ice Cream Fundraiser

The Bet Sefer Ice Cream fundraiser was such a huge success that we had to order more ice cream than we originally planned for. There are still many pints of Chocolate Kiddush that we would like to sell. If you would like to purchase some, or some more, contact Andrea at the office at 734-1999 or andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org.

HIKE WITH MIKE

Rabbi Mike Comins will be in Jackson in July and would like to hike with the members of the JHJC. He will lead a hike on Thursday, July 10th. If you would like to join Mike for a hike, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org. Suggested donation of \$18 to participate. Place and time TBA in our July newsletter.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS WANTS YOU



Join the JHJC board of directors and help serve the members of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. The board needs a few more members, representative of the Jewish community at large, to help guide our growing community. The vision of the current board is to finalize affiliation with the URJ, secure

consistent rabbinical leadership, and find a place the JHJC can call its home. If you are interested in joining our leadership team please contact our co-presidents Al Zuckerman, 699-1091, or Rachel Ravitz, 699-2454.

MEET OUR NEW SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR ANDIE RONGEY

Over the last eight years, Andie has worked for Teton Science Schools in many different capacities including Teacher Learning Center Director, Journeys School Administrative Coordinator, After School Program Director, and Upper Elementary School Faculty and Lead

Teacher. She graduated from Teton Science Schools graduate program in 2000. An outdoor enthusiast, she has spent summers working as a ranger-naturalist in Yellowstone and instructing courses for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS).

Welcome aboard Andie!



Children at the community Seder wore masks reminiscent of the ten plagues.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

SOCIAL HIKES

Beginning in June the JHJC will host a monthly hike on the third Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. Please bring your friends and family. The length of the hikes will vary, but plan on about 3 hours. We'll meet at 9 a.m. at the Home Ranch Parking lot (public parking lot), corner of N. Cache and Gill. Bring water, snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please leave your

dogs at home. If you have any questions, contact Andrea at 734-1999 or andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org. The schedule for the monthly hikes is as follows:

- June 21: Coyote Rock**
- July 19: Ski Lake**
- August 16: Goodwin Lake**
- September 20: Surprise and Amphitheater Lakes**

IT'S A KNITZVAH

Knitting is more fun when you do it with friends. And especially meaningful when you do it to help others! We are planning a knitting circle, a "Knitzvah". As a group we will decide on a philanthropic cause to knit for.

We will meet the last Thursday of June, July and August at Knit on Pearl (owned by our very own

Rachel Stam) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All knitting levels are welcome - we'll have experienced knitters to help beginners. Please bring yarn and needles if possible but we'll have stuff available for use. Also, feel free to bring snacks or drinks as knitting always goes better on a full stomach.

SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAINS SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATON

Its time to register your children for our annual summer day camp! Our camp is for children age 4-12 and runs the last two weeks of July, July 21-25 and July 28- August 1. The cost of camp is \$300/week for

JHJC members, \$350/week for non-members. If you have not received a registration packet from the JHJC office, please call or e-mail Andrea Mazer at 734-1999 or andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org.



Ben Scher enjoys a piece of chocolate covered matzah at the children's chocolate Seder earlier this spring.

Isaac Grossman shows off his reward for finding the afikomen at the community Passover Seder at Snow King.

Many Thanks:

Phyllis Turtle for substitute teaching at Bet Sefer in May.
Phyllis Turtle for hosting the May 16th Oneg.
Shannon Thal for hosting the May 30th Oneg.

Mazel Tov:

Dani Domsy on becoming a Bat Mitzvah on May 31.
Jack Goldstein on your engagement to **Kim Crouch**.
Jen Daniels & Rick and **Stella Fox** on moving into their new home.

SAVE THE DATE:

The **JHJC will host our annual AIPAC meetings** between the dates of **August 11 – 13**. Details about the event will be published closer to the event date.

SAVE A TREE



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The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is committed to creating a diverse Jewish presence that unites us, celebrates our faith and promotes tolerance in the greater Jackson community. We strive to engage all families and individuals in spirituality, education, tzedakah and the joys of Jewish life.



Annual Membership Meeting

**Monday, June 23 at 7:00 p.m.
at St. John's Fellowship Hall**

It's time again for our Annual Membership Meeting. We know you are saying, "Didn't we just have membership meeting in January?" While we did have our last annual membership meeting six months ago, the fiscal year has been changed to June 30 - July 1. This means that we are due for another meeting at the end of June. Our annual meetings will always occur at the end of June from now on.

We have lots of items on the agenda to discuss in June. We will vote on the amendments of the bylaws so that the JHJC may submit our application to the URJ. We will discuss the Rabbi Search process, and we will also need to elect a few new board members as several of our board members are outgoing. See you there!