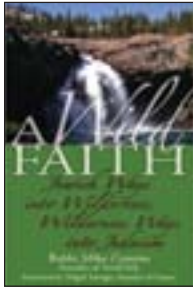


Book Signing with Rabbi Mike Comins



**Thursday, April 5
6pm - 9pm**

*At the home of Sandy Ress
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The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • APRIL 2007

Letter *from the Presidents*

With the mountains as our backdrop, nearly 30 adults and children gathered for our March Shabbat service at the home of Phyllis and Howard Turtle. There was a special sense of togetherness and loving kindness as Carol Mann and Chazzan Judd Grossman led us in song, prayer, and reflection. Carol related Passover to the spiritual cleanse we all need each spring. Thank you Carol, once again, for your insight and guidance.

Passover is our next organized celebration. We invite everyone to our community Seder on the second night of Pesach, Tuesday, April 3, at the Snow King Resort Grand Room at 5:30 p.m. Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman will lead the Seder, and the children of Bet Sefer have been preparing a special treat. The matzoh ball soup is yummy, and it's a wonderful tradition to bring our friends and family together to share a meal and the story of

Passover.

As the year progresses, your Board of Directors is looking to the future. In early May, the co-presidents, vice presidents, and administrator will travel to Park City to visit with the Rabbi, board and administrators of Temple Har Shalom. During this fact-finding trip, we will discuss congregational growth, affiliation, Rabbi search and strategic planning. If you have any suggestions or comments, let us know.

Also, we are currently gathering questions with the intent of conducting a JHJC-wide survey. Details to come, but please take a few moments and share your thoughts and ideas as we move forward.

We wish everyone a joyous Passover with family and friends and look forward to seeing you at Snow King.

B'Shalom

Lisa and Dava

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Turtle dogs



Gwinna and Willow (a recent convert to Judaism) Turtle

CALENDAR

April 3: Passover Seder with Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Snow King Resort, Grand Room, 5:30 p.m. \$35 for adults, \$16 for children ages 5-12, free for children under 5. Fully catered. Bring wine if you wish. Contact the office for table or seat reservations or send checks along with a list of those attending to PO Box 10667, Jackson, WY 83002.

April 5: Book Signing with Rabbi Mike Comins. Mike will sign copies of his new book **"A Wild Faith: Jewish Ways into Wilderness, Wilderness Ways into Judaism"** from 6-9 p.m. at the home of Sandy Ress and Susan Foster. Please contact the office for directions.

April 28: Young Professionals Bowling Night - Take Two. 9 p.m. - 12 p.m. Elk's Bowling Alley. \$10 at the door.

May 18: Shabbat service with Dan Gordon.

May 19: Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Kapelow.

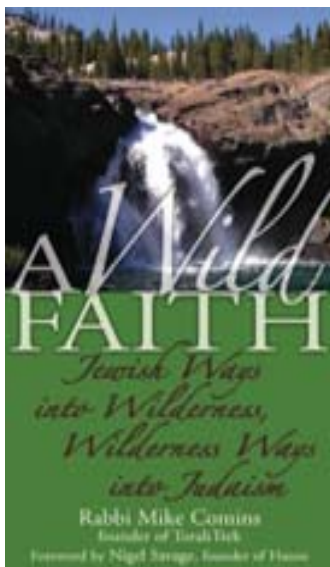
Board Member of the Month Profile:

RACHEL RAVITZ
Co-Vice President



1. *JH interests:*
Outdoor enthusiast, live music fiend.
2. *Why you joined the JHJC Board of Directors?*
Vested interest in Jewish Wyoming life.
3. *What you love about being Jewish?*
Tribal slang, history of great contribution to culture and society.
4. *What direction would you like to see the JHJC move in?*
Lead the Jackson community in ethical stewardship of the land.

Book Signing Fundraiser with Rabbi Mike Comins



Thursday, April 5
6pm - 9pm

At the home of Sandy Ress and Susan Foster

Celebrate Mike's new book, **"A Wild Faith: Jewish Ways into Wilderness, Wilderness Ways into Judaism"**.

Mike will read an excerpt from his new book as well as sign copies hot off the press. This is a fundraiser for the JHJC.

Email jhjewishcommunity.org for directions and more information on Mike's new book.

SECOND SEDER WITH RABBI MIKE COMINS



When: April 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

Where: Snow King Resort, Grand Room

Cost: \$35 for adults, \$16 for children ages 5-12, free for children under 5 (This is our cost, please pay what you can. Everyone is welcome and no one will be turned away.

The Seder will be fully catered, but feel free to bring wine (we'll provide the Manischewitz). To reserve your table or seats please contact the office or send cash or checks payable to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community to PO Box 10667 Jackson, WY 83002. Please include the names of those attending with your payment. For more information, call 734-1999 or e-mail: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

PASSOVER: PART OF THE BLUEPRINT FOR SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

By Carol Mann

One way to experience the progression of holidays around the Hebrew calendar year is as a series of directions for spiritual evolution and awakening. Embedded into the stories and customs for each holiday are suggestions to follow if you choose a more conscious connection to God and to experience your own Divinity in every day life.

Below are three of the many specific directives for engaging a higher spiritual path offered in the story and customs of Passover. I know that sharing the points below is only the first step... living them is the challenge. Thankfully there is grace, compassion and forgiveness included in the cycle of holidays and every day along the way...

1. The spiritual corollary to removing yeast and other ingredients which puff up food, is to put aside the ego. Putting the static of the never satisfied ego voice in the passenger's seat allows the wisdom and peacefulness of the soul to resonate, revealing the big picture perspective and connection with the Divine.

2. The spiritual corollary to cleaning the house of the chametz (remnants of foods containing leavening) is the opportunity to let go of internal mental and emotional clutter interfering with living a higher spiritual path. Conscious connection to the Divine also requires space.

3. In the recounting of the Exodus story, it is said that all the Hebrews and Egyptians escaping Pharaoh's regime stood on the shores of the Red Sea paralyzed with fear about how to proceed. The sea was in front of them; the Egyptian armies gaining on them from behind. One person then stepped out from the crowds and walked into the sea up to his chin. At that moment the seas began to part. Here is another key to the awakened spiritual path... it is co-creative... by stepping into the unknown, by engaging with God, what is possible is revealed.



TID BITS

Summer is Coming!

An early spring in the valley is a constant reminder that summer is just around the corner. Plans for our annual two week summer camp are progressing. We would like to open up priority registration to members of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community from April 1 – May 1. If you would like to sign your child(ren) up, please contact Andrea Mazer for registration materials at 734.1999 or info @jhjewishcommunity.org.

Many Thanks:

• To **Phyllis and Howard Turtle** for hosting the March 23rd Shabbat service and Oneg at their home.

• **Mitch Gruber** for babysitting at the March 23rd Shabbat service.

• **Eve Scofield** for donating books, movies, and tapes to the JHJC library.

Mazel Tov:

• **Joan and David Goldfarb** on the birth of their grandson Brayden Stanley Shindler who was born on February 14th to parents Buzzi and Abbie Shindler.

• **Joan and David Goldfarb** on the marriage of their daughter Dr. Jill Ann Goldfarb to Dr. Jeffrey Radack.

• **Rachel and Wendell Stam** on expecting their first child.

The JHJC Sends Our Thoughts and a Prayer for Healing to: The Kapelow family, Eve Scofield and Sydney Daniels.

JHJC Wish List

- Sponsor our monthly Newsletter: \$100 (per month)
- JHJC personalized stationary: \$150
- External hard drive 100GB back up system for our office computer.

APRIL 28: YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BOWLING NIGHT - TAKE TWO



The Jackson Jewish Young Professionals had so much fun bowling this winter; we decided to knock the pins down again.

APRIL 28
9-11pm
Elk's Lodge
\$10 at the door

Come listen to tunes on the juke box, nosh, and see if you can beat Rick Fox!



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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.

JHJC COOKBOOKS



After enjoying so many wonderful pot-luck meals with the Jewish Community—it's time to immortalize them in print! As a fundraiser for our Bet Sefer, we have decided to create a Jackson Hole Chaverim cookbook.

Over the next six months or so, Phyllis Turtle and Rose Novak will be compiling recipes from our very talented congregation, their friends and family, and hopefully from some local chefs. We're sending out this first call for any original (or fairly original) recipes for any of your favorite dishes. We're looking at Jewish and non-Jewish fare, holiday treats, kids favorites, and your bubbe's kugel.

To ensure that the cookbook will be appealing and successful, artist Shannon Troxler

Thal has agreed to create illustrations (which will immediately make it fit for your coffee table...) and Mary Grossman, who made our newsletter look amazing will help us with design.

We will probably be contacting you directly to remind you of this endeavor and solicit your participation. But why wait...send your masterpieces (preferably by email) to

phyllis@cgitech.com. If you'd rather submit them in writing, that's fine too. Send them to Phyllis Turtle, PO Box 4937 Jackson, WY 83001.

We'll keep you updated on the progress of this gastronomic extravaganza and Rose and Phyllis look forward to hearing from you.