

SAVE THE DATE:



Yom HaAtzmaut
 (Israeli Independence Day)
The Monster Among Us
 Film screening & discussion
 with **Allen Mondell**
April 29, 7 pm
Teton Cinema

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • APRIL 2009

Letter from the President

We'll, I'm looking at the calendar saying right there in black and white that it is spring and then I look out the window at the snow falling and think about shoveling the driveway again. Reminds me of the old saying, "Don't believe everything you read." However, I do know it really is spring because Passover is just around the corner. What rich memories it evokes of family gatherings, familiar and ancient rituals of course, and the traditional foods. Two of my most vivid childhood memories are of eating matzah sandwiches while sitting in the bleachers at Yankee Stadium and going to Shul on the first morning of Passover the spring after my Bar Mitzvah, being the first born son and all, and having old men giving me a shot of schnapps at 8 o'clock in the morning. Oy! I was sick the rest of the day. We will be having the Jewish Community's Seder on April 15 this year at the newly renovated Old Wilson School House. We are waiting for all you lucky spring-breakers to get back from whatever beach you went to in order to thaw out. The Seder is being catered by our own, Wendell Stam. Please come even if you can't quite see yourself clear to pay for a ticket. We turn no one away. Just call Andrea at the office to make arrangements.

While on the subject of Passover, I was reminded by an e-mail from Rabbi

Zalman that all are welcome at the Seder table but there are many that are going without in these hard economic times. Recently the local food bank cupboard sent out a plea for donations. The JH Jewish Community conducted a very successful food drive at High Holidays. This Passover, please think of those folks whose "Seder plate" is bare and make a donation.

To celebrate Israeli Independence Day the JHJC is sponsoring a film screening of the documentary *The Monster Among Us*. This movie is about the growing trend of anti-Semitism in Europe today. This is a timely movie as anyone that remembers their history knows that the rise of the Nazi regime in the '30s followed economic downturns such as those happening today. This was emphasized by Holocaust survivor, Bob Behr, who was just here in March presenting his story of those times. In addition, the creator and producer of the film will be here to talk about the film, offer insights and answer questions.

Something dear to my heart is the quarterly blood drive that is conducted in Jackson. There will be a blood drive on April 22 and 23. Your donation will save a life and save the world! Those that know me, and know how much of a baby I am when it comes to needles, would be able to testify that it can't be

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JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



Pita Grossman

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

CALENDAR

April 15: Community Passover

Seder. 5:30 pm. Old Wilson School House. Tickets \$25 (includes a catered dinner). Please RSVP with Andrea by Monday, April 6 at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

April 19: Spring into shape with the

Jackson Hole Jewish Community. Join us for a **spring bike ride** on the inner park road. We'll bike to Jenny Lake and have a picnic (bring your own sack lunch) and then bike back. Children welcome! Meet at the Taggart Lake parking lot at 10 a.m. Questions, contact Al Zuckerman at 699-1091.

April 23: The Teton County Library & Library Foundation presents **Page to the Podium: Alexander McCall Smith.** 7 p.m. at the Center Theater, Center for the Arts. Free tickets are required and can be picked up with the presentation of a Teton County library card or card number at the Teton County Library and Alta Bookmobile. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud sponsor of this event.

April 24: Shabbat. 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, small chapel. Oneg to follow.

April 29: Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day). **The Monster Among Us.** Film Screening and discussion with Allen Mondell. Wednesday, April 29; 7:00 p.m. Teton Cinema.

May 22: Shabbat with Rabbi Wenger and Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, small chapel. Oneg to follow.

THE MONSTER AMONG US

A film by Allen Mondell & Cynthia Salzman Mondell

Film Screening and discussion with Allen Mondell
Wednesday, April 29; 7:00 p.m.
Teton Cinema



Sixty years after the Holocaust, a new brand of anti-Semitism has emerged in Europe, fueled by events in the Middle East since 2000. Jews from all walks of life in six different European countries recount being attacked in their neighborhoods, cemeteries desecrated, synagogues burned, and being ostracized at work. The anti-Semitism has surfaced on

university campuses, in the media, on the streets, at political demonstrations, on the internet and in innocent social situations. Many even wonder if they should uproot their families to seek safer havens in either Israel or the United States.

The viewer has to ask:

"If it was the 1930s and I was hearing stories about what was happening in Germany, what would I do? What could I do?"

Allen Mondell and Cynthia Salzman Mondell have been making award-winning films for 30 years. Their work explores a wide range of subjects but always with the goal of personalizing history and often complex social problems. They founded Media Projects in 1978 through which they produce and distribute their films worldwide.

HEEB 100 EXHIBIT

At Lyndsay McCandless Gallery
 Photos by Morris Weintraub



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that bad if I can do it.

My uncle Morty used to tell us kids the story of Passover. As Moses and the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, the people started to complain that they were thirsty after walking so far but they couldn't drink from the wall of water because it was salt-water. Suddenly a fish emerged from the wall of water and told Moses that he and the other fish heard the people's cry and that they could remove the salt from the water through their gills and force it out their mouths like a freshwater fountain so the people could drink. Moses accepted this kindly fish's offer as just one more miracle in a string of many miracles

he and the people had recently witnessed. However, the fish made one demand and that was the fish and all their descendents would always have a place at the Seder meal so they would be remembered for their deed and as part of the story of the Exodus. When Moses agreed to this, he also inadvertently gave them their name which remains how they are known to this very day, for Moses said to them, "Go filter, fish."

Have a Koshern, freylakn, zisn Pesach. Have a Kosher, happy, sweet Passover!

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman, JHJC President*

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

When: Wednesday, April 15;
5:30 p.m.

Where: Wilson Community Center
(Old Wilson School House)

Cost: \$25 for adults, \$15 for children age 5-12 (non-members \$35 for adults, \$20 for children). Free for children under 5. This cost includes a fully catered delicious meal! Bring your own wine – we'll provide the Manischewitz.

RSVP: Contact Andrea at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org to reserve your space by April 6. Payment accepted at the door.

Fully aware of the economy, we have worked hard to make this Seder affordable and fun. Our tickets are less than in years past, and of course anyone who cannot afford the full price is invited and can pay what they can. Everyone is welcome and no one will be turned away.



Children ages 5-13 enjoy another wonderful summer at the Spirit of the Mountains Summer Day Camp. Registration for Summer 09 has begun!



Mazel Tov:

Sarina Scott on winning the State Ski Championships in Giant Slalom and Slalom!

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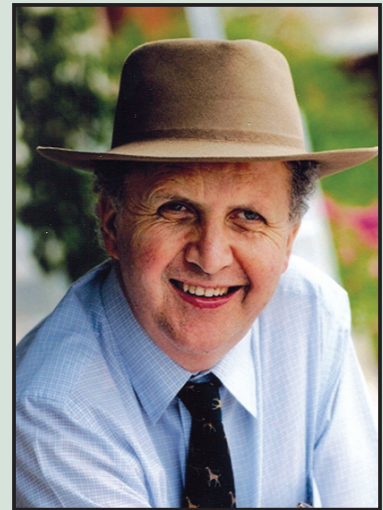
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To: Judd Grossman

In appreciation of your help and participation in Hudson Davis' Brit Milah.

From: Hudson Levi Davis

PAGE TO THE PODIUM: ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH



The Teton County Library & Library Foundation present Page to the Podium: Alexander McCall Smith on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Center Theater, Center for the Arts.

Underwriters for this event include Title Sponsors: First Interstate Bank, Mary K. Weiss Foundation; Sponsors: Jackson Hole Jewish Community; and with support from: Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole, Berte and Alan Hirschfeld.



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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.

Don't Miss the Boat

Sign your children up for the Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Summer Camp! Camp 2009 dates are July 20-24 & 27-31.

Registration has begun! We will be accepting applications through May 15 for children in grades K-8th. If you would like registration materials, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or info@jhjewish-community.org