



Chaverim Newsletter

Letter from the President

Shalom Chaverim—

Summer is flying by! Planning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur can make it feel like it's over already. Of course waking up to get a camper off to Spirit of the Mountains Camp keeps us in touch with the current season.

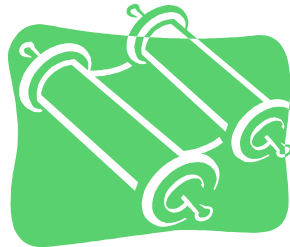
Camp was one wonderful experience after another. Lucky parents and grand parents own new handcrafted me-zuzahs. Ours is feathered and glittery. Extraordinary yet practical paperweights made of Kelly Hot Springs rock have come our way too. Sorry! Not available in the Brookstone catalog.

But now we all know someone who has actually participated in the Exodus from Egypt—or at least a pretty exciting reenactment of it! If you haven't heard about camp, ask one of our campers to tell you about it and “so cool” Rabbi Dan and the counselors. Newsletter deadline is too early for the full report.

We had a big “Shabbat in the Park NOT” in July—about 50 people. (We don't count dogs.) Dan Gordon was back by popular demand. There were lots of kids there so we had a story instead of a sermon. The potluck table was quickly overflowing with a huge variety of dishes and then suddenly bare. A typical JCJH Shabbat.

This month, we're trying Shabbat in the Park again. If you are a fan, show up, because there seem to be

more and more people who'd like the summer Shabbats to be here in Jackson Hole. Also we're considering changing from the third Friday in July and August to the fourth starting next year. It is close to impossible for members who are in-



involved with the Arts Fair on third week-ends in the summer to attend.

It's always a joy to sum up the past month and look ahead. We are so blessed. We have so much to be proud of and thankful for. Next month, as we approach the New Year, is time enough to work on pressing issues. To ask: What can I actively do for our Jewish Community? What can I contribute in money or time? Do I have a special skill to share? How can we be more welcoming to newcomers and to the non-Jewish spouses in our interfaith families?

In the meantime, I hope to see you in the Park...and enjoy.

Rose Novak, President

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Upcoming Events

This month our **Shabbat in the Park** returns to the Park! We will be gathering August 20th at 6:30 pm at Signal Mountain Lodge in Grand Teton National Park to celebrate the Shabbat led by our own Mike Comins and cantor Judd Grossman. Details are inside the newsletter.

Calendar

August 4 — Board Meeting. Noon at the Chaverim Offices, 575 S. Willow, Jackson. All are welcome to attend.

August 9 — United States Holocaust Memorial Museum presentation at the library. Details below 7 p.m.

August 10 — AIPAC meeting with Senators Thomas and Enzi at 7:30 a.m., and Representative Cubin 8:30 a.m. at the Wort Hotel.

August 20 — Shabbat in the Park. 6:30 p.m. Signal Mountain Lodge.

August 21 — Torah Study. 9:30 a.m. at St. John's Meeting Room.

August 23 — Newsletter Deadline.

Please e-mail, mail, or phone articles for the September newsletter by this date.

September 1 — Board Meeting

September 9 — First day of Bet Safer. 4:30 p.m. for a family picnic at the LDS church.

September 11 — Old Bill's Fun Run. The Chaverim is a participant in the run. Please target your donations to the Chaverim.

High Holidays — Events will be at St. John's Episcopal Church. Erevs are at 6:30 p.m. Other services are at 10 a.m.

Sept. 15 — Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 16 — Rosh Hashanah, Day 1

Sept. 17 — Rosh Hashanah, Day 2

Sept. 24 — Erev Yom Kippur

Sept. 25 — Yom Kippur

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Our Congratulations this month to Jilly Sal Greenberger, who is visiting Jackson this month to celebrate her Bat Mitzvah. Jilly lives in LA with her parents, Martin and Liz Greenberger. The Chaverim is assisting the Greenbergers by loaning them our Torah for this special event.

AIPAC Congressional Meetings

The Jackson Hole Chaverim is once again working with AIPAC to coordinate meetings with Wyoming's Members of Congress. Senators Craig Thomas and Michael Enzi will meet with you Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Wort Hotel. A continental breakfast will be served.

Breakfast with Representative Barbara Cubin will follow at 8:30 a.m. the same day at the Wort.

There meetings are a great way of asking questions, getting answers and educating each other about Israel and insuring continued support. Do not miss this unique opportunity to meet and discuss policy with our lawmakers.

The American Israel
Public Affairs
Committee can be
found on the web at
www.aipac.org.

Teton County Library Presentations of Interest

August 9 brings the Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to the Teton County Library to give a brief overview of the Museum and to lead a presentation with Museum Historian William F. Meniecke about the traveling exhibit "**Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings.**" The discussion, from 7—8:30 p.m. should be fascinating, and families are welcome to attend. For further information, contact : Oona Doherty at the library, 733-2164 ext. 135.

In addition, the library is showing the movie **Life is Beautiful**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 11 at the Ordway Auditorium. Adults and teens in grades 6 to 12 are invited to attend. Life is Beautiful is an unforgettable tale that proves love family and imagination conquer all trials and tribulations. A Jewish-Italian man's magical humor leads him to meet the love of his life, but he must ultimately use his gift to sustain his family in a Nazi concentration camp. The movie is free. For information, contact: Norah Connolly, 733-21645 ext. 221.

Spirit of the Mountains Camp

More than 15 children attended Spirit of the Mountain Camp during the last two weeks of July. The camp, directed by Dava Zucker, with counselors Mitch Gruber (Eve Schofield's nephew), Steve Collins, and Jacob Kriegler, took the children all over the Jackson Hole area, from Jackson Lake Lodge pool to Bondurant for horseback riding.

Between trips, the kids enjoyed story telling with Rabbi Dan Gordon, singing with Judd Grossman, fun and



games with the counselors, and a variety of crafts with Chaverim volunteers.

The children's parents all paid a modest fee for the camp, however, it was made possible in large part by a gift from Bert and Terry Romberg.

Much thanks is also due to Susan Kortum, Jackson's Soccer Mom Shuttle, who helped with transportation the first week of camp.



Shabbat

In the Park



Join us for Shabbat in Grand Teton National Park.

Friday, August 20, 6:30 p.m.,
at Signal Mountain Lodge

Service conducted by
Rabbi Mike Comins &
Cantor Judd Grossman

Followed by a Potluck Dinner. Suggested contributions: A-J, Main Dish. K-R, Side Dish. S-Z, Desserts. We'll have some beverages.

For information, call the office
at 734-1999 or e-mail
info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

Mom sez:

1. *Bring chairs or blankets, extras, if you can, for guests.*
2. *Bring bug spray*
3. *Bring perishables in a cooler. There are no reheating facilities.*
4. *Jacket. Hat.*



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The Jewish Community of Jackson 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, tzadakah, and the joys of Jewish life.

Mailing List Update — We need your help!

The Jackson Hole Chaverim is in the process of updating its mailing lists to reduce mailings to those who are no longer a part of the community, or who no longer wish to receive our newsletter and notices of events.

If you have received this newsletter and it is no longer of interest to you, please contact the office to have your name removed. The easiest way to contact us is by e-mail, info@jhjewishcommunity.org. Or drop us a card at the address above to let us know.

If you receive this newsletter at more than one address, we really want to hear from you. Our resources are stretched, and we need to know where you can read the newsletter. We will even be glad to use summer and winter addresses, if that is your preference.

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