

SAVE THE DATE:

**August 16, 9am
SOCIAL HIKE
TO GOODWIN LAKE
Home Ranch parking lot**

**August 28, 6pm
ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP PARTY
Lindsay McCandless
Contemporary**

The Jackson Kol

Jackson Hole Jewish Community

NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • AUGUST 2008

Letter from the Presidents

It's another gorgeous summer in Jackson and we are filling it to the brim with Jewish activities! Our Spirit of the Mountains Summer Day Camp was a huge success, having grown to 30 very happy campers. Thank you to Andrea Rongey and the staff who made life-long memories for the children who attended our camp. We have had plenty of activities for adults this summer as well. Our social hikes will continue on the third Saturday morning of each month through September. We will go to Goodwin Lake this month and Amphitheater and Surprise Lakes in September. Our knitting circle will meet on August 21st as the following Thursday is the membership party and that's way too much fun to miss. As a spiritual alternative, Carol Mann is leading us in Meditations for Peace on the first four Fridays in August and the first two Fridays in September at the Akasha Yoga studio.

On August 11th and 12th our congregants have a fantastic opportunity to meet with our state Senators Enzi and Barrasso to discuss the state of Israel at our annual AIPAC meetings. We strongly encourage everyone to come to these meetings as it is a rare opportunity and a privilege to meet with our state representation.

We hoped you enjoyed meeting

Rabbi Les Scharnberg in July for our Shabbat service at Owen Bircher Park and his adult education program the following morning. This month we will have an ark unveiling at our Shabbat service so that our congregants may see our beautiful new ark gifted to the JHJC earlier this year by Tom and Diann Mann and Bonnie and Sheldon Guren. The ark will debut at our High Holiday services in September and October.

High Holidays are just around the corner and already we must reflect on our financial commitment to the JHJC. As you're well aware, everything costs more these days and we want to not only remain strong, active, and organized, but we also want to grow, especially with regard to finding consistent spiritual leadership. Look out for our membership applications coming to you later this month, and we ask you to please consider an additional gift beyond your membership obligations.

Please refer to our calendar of events to catch all these opportunities and more. And don't miss our annual membership party on the 28th of August!

B'Shalom,

Rachel Ravitz & Al Zuckerman

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JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



Slim Sparks

Jennifer Sparks and Ari Goldstein's pooch

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

CALENDAR

August 1, 8, 15, & 22 and September 5 & 12: Meditation for Peace with Carol Mann. Exciting research proves meditating in a group creates wide ranging positive impacts for individuals, community and the environment. Carol will teach a simple form of mediation for a series of six sessions. Free! All are welcome, including teens 15 and older. Akasha Yoga Studio, 150 E. Hansen Ave. 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

August 11: Annual AIPAC Meeting with Senator Enzi. Senator Enzi's office in town, 1110 Maple Way, Suite G, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

August 11: A Jewish Writer in Contemporary Europe. 5 – 7 p.m. at the home of Phyllis and Howard Turtle. Please contact the JHJC office for directions 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

August 12: Annual AIPAC Meeting with Senator Barrasso. St. John's Fellowship Hall, 8:00 a.m. Light breakfast provided.

August 16: Social Hike to Goodwin Lake. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Home Ranch parking lot (public parking lot in town). Bring water, snacks, and weather appropriate clothing. Please leave your dogs at home. If you have any questions, contact Al Zuckerman at 699-1091.

August 21: It's a Knitzvah. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Knit on Pearl.

August 28: Membership Party. Lindsay McCandless Contemporary art gallery, 130 S. Jackson St. 6:00 p.m. Music, friends, kosher wine and appetizers.

August 29: Ark unveiling and Shabbat Services with Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6:00 p.m. St. John's church, small chapel. Oneg to follow.

September 13: Old Bill's Fun Run 12 for charities. 10 a.m. on Town Square.

OLD BILL'S FUN RUN 12

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 12. Last year our Old Bill's money helped sponsor programs such as literary events, a holocaust workshop for educators, a film screening of Paperclips and a lecture on Kabbalah. The Old Bill's 12 giving period began on July 4 and all donations must be in the Community Foundation office by September 19, 2008 at 5 p.m. Donors may also give with a credit card online at www.oldbills.org.

Donations to the JHJC



through Old Bill's are for public outreach programming purposes only and do not count as your membership dues. If you would like your gift to be unrestricted, please donate directly to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. The Fun Run will be on Sunday, September 13 at town square from 10 am – 1 pm. See you there!

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Social Hikes

This month we are hiking to Goodwin Lake on Saturday, August 16. Please bring your friends and family. We'll meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Home Ranch parking lot (public parking lot in town). Bring water, snacks, and weather appropriate clothing.

Please leave your dogs at home. If you have any questions, contact Al Zuckerman at 699-1091 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org. The remaining hiking schedule is as follows:

September 20: Surprise & Amphitheater Lakes

IT'S A KNITZVAH

Our first charity knitting project is underway! We are knitting for "Afghans for Afghans" and putting together a blanket (or maybe two!) to send to Afghanistan before the winter.

Anyone, any level knitter that wants to knit up a square or two for the blankets should contact Phyllis Turtle. (Phyllis@cogitech.com) We have yarn to provide and size specifications. She can also give you more information about other knit projects that you might want to undertake.

The next Knitzvah will be rescheduled to August 21st as the following Thursday is the membership party and that's way too much fun to miss.

A JEWISH WRITER IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

Liliane Messika is a successful and published writer in France. Fluent in four languages, and author of more than 10 books, her writings have garnered praise and awards. But her work has also generated opposition. Her books include both fiction and non-fiction. Her latest, *Tribulations of an Artichoke's Heart*, is on shelves in France now. But along with her successful fiction, Liliane still writes non-fiction works regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict and Zionism. With anti-Semitism on the upswing in France, and with anti-Zionism becoming a popular cause, Messika puts herself out front on these issues despite the damage to her career in popular fiction. Blending a Jewish identity with the skills of a proficient writer, Messika walks a fine line in modern European writing. Liliane also addresses contemporary writing in France & Europe.

Messika will discuss these issues and more in her talk on August 11, 2008 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the home of Phyllis and Howard Turtle. For more information and/or directions please contact the JHJC at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.



Gabe Lewis shows off a plate of matzo balls that the younger campers made with guest chef Phyllis Turtle.



Jamie Vargas prepares to climb the wall at Enclosure Climbing gym during the first week of camp.



Camper Joseph Daval leads his friends in song at the camp overnight in Grand Teton National Park.



Josh Clemens poses for the camera as he begins a water color and poetry project with guest artist Susan Radley Brown.

OUR CHILDREN SPEAK

What was your favorite part about the Spirit of the Mountains summer camp?

It was probably just getting to be with my friends. – *Esther Grossman*

The white water rafting and the Big Kahuna just because it was the first time I had gone on it and it was really bumpy. – *Jack Eidemiller*

White water rafting, and my second favorite thing was four square. – *Ben Scher*

What did you learn at camp?

I learned that keeping the environment clean will not make a bear go bald (it will help protect wildlife). – *Daniel Pepper*

How to nature write (poetry) and water color with Susan Radley Brown. – *Esther Grossman*

What was the best part about working at the JHJC's summer camp?

Just getting to interact with all the kids and playing games like four square. – *Michael Wolff*



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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.

Welcome new board members:
Ari Goldstein and Deb Ochstein!

Many Thanks:
Mike & Barb Scher for hosting our pre-camp potluck.

Mazel Tov:
Ed and Merle Lundy on the marriage of your daughter **Amy** to **Adam Lusthaus**.
Frank and Maureen Lundy on the marriage of your daughter **Meagan** to **Steven Shapiro**.
Jack Goldstein & Kim Crouch on your recent marriage.

Deepest Condolences:
Ari Rifkin on the loss of your beloved husband **Leonard**.

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations:
To: **Dani Domskey**
In honor of your Bat Mitzvah
From: **Rosalea & Dick Fisher**

Annual AIPAC Meeting

August is the time of year for us to meet with our senators, hosted by the Jackson Hole Jewish Community & AIPAC. For those of you who have never come, it is both informative and interesting to hear directly the opinions and attitudes towards Israel, the only issue to be discussed, of our elected representatives. The format is

usually question and answer, and you will have the opportunity to express yourself. The meetings are scheduled on August 11 at the office of Mike Enzi, 1110 Maple Way, Suite G, from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. & on August 12 at St. John's Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. with Senator Barrasso (light breakfast provided). We hope to see you there!