

SAVE THE DATE:

**Swingin' Sabbath with
the Richard Brown
Orchestra
Friday, August 5
South Park • 6 p.m.**

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • AUGUST 2011

Letter from the president

One thing you can count on about living in Jackson Hole is getting lots of company every summer. Who wouldn't want to visit? It is the price we pay for living in such a beautiful place. If you are like us, Charlene and I have had our fair share of guests this summer. In-laws, first cousins, second cousins and third cousins twice removed, parents, friends, friends of friends and the guest book keeps filling.

Judaism teaches us many lessons about entertaining guests. For instance, when your seven year old nephew breaks your grandmother's cherished lamp the Torah says, "The patient man shows much in good sense, but the quick-tempered man displays folly at its height". The Talmud also extols patience as it points to Micah who suffers from many challenging conditions and yet endures. One who listens for days of whining about the weather or the lack of mall shopping close by can profit from Micah's ability to endure.

Jewish dietary laws also teach us a thing or two about entertaining guests. When the grandparents or in-laws come to visit it seems like the whole day revolves around meals as the central activities, at least it does in our house. If you aren't actually eating you are preparing and if you aren't preparing you are planning the next meal and its preparation. Thankfully, one of the reasons for the dietary laws is to teach us to have restraint and discipline in our lives. If not for that I would have gained twenty pounds just in the last round of visiting with the in-laws. Also, it did my heart health good to have an excuse to have a salad instead of the honey-baked ham for dinner and oat-

meal instead of the bacon and eggs for breakfast.

Don't get me wrong, I love my family and friends dearly and truly enjoy their visits. Never mind the fact that their coming here means I don't have to go there. Judaism teaches us a lot about hospitality and how important it is in our culture. In fact, at times in our history it meant a matter of survival when no one else would take us in. It is a great mitzvah, "hachnasat orchim", the bringing in of guests. The Talmud teaches that one's house should always be welcoming and open. The Torah recounts how Abraham always kept all four sides of his tent open for guests to easily enter. How much more wonderful and rich is the Shabbos dinner when enjoyed by guests as well as immediate family. And further, it just goes against Jewish tradition to make guests feel awkward or unwelcome. So, cherish the visits from family and friends alike the rest of this summer because winter is coming and you know you'll be wanting to visit that aunt in Florida.

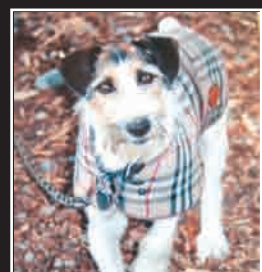
On another note, I would like to make a pitch for our need of a Bet Sefer teacher/administrator for this coming school year. Jewish education for our children is one of our most important functions and it is vital that we get someone to fill this role. If you are interested or know someone that might be right for the job please have them contact Mary at the Jewish community office.

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*

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Jewish Pet of the Month



Digger Zwerin

Still looking for Jewish Pets of the Month!
If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

SCENES FROM AN AMAZING CAMP

CALENDAR

August 5: 2nd Annual Swingin' Sabbath with the Richard Brown Orchestra and Judd Grossman. 6 p.m. service followed by dancing with the Richard Brown Orchestra, wine and noshes. At the Domksy/Finkelstein home in Sourth Park. Email for directions and information.

August 8: AIPAC meetings with Sen. Enzi and U.S. Rep Cynthia Lummis. Sen. Enzi: 1 – 1:30 p.m. at his office above Café Boheme on Maple Way. Rep. Lummis: 2 p.m. at River Crossing in Rafter J.

August 8: AIPAC meet 'n greet with French author, Liliane Messika. 5:30 p.m at the Novak Residence. Light refreshments.

August 9: AIPAC meeting with Sen. Barrasso. 3 p.m. at River Crossing in Rafter J.



August 14: Canoeing, Kayaking, picnic at String Lake. Meet at String Lake boat launch at 10:30 a.m. **Important! RSVP to Jewish Community office by Friday, August 12 at noon: info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999.**

September 28: Erev Rosh Hashanah and "Chinese" New Year Party. Stay tuned for more details.

September 29: Rosh Hashanah

We need your help and generosity this summer:

- We need help with clean up after Swingin' Sabbath
- We are looking for Board Agenda items, what is important to you as a JHJC member? Send to: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

JHJC sends a special Todah Rabah to Dr. Brent Blue and JH Weekly for donating the production of this newsletter each month.



Celebrate being Jewish in the Tetons with the Jackson Hole Jewish Community.

Swingin' Sabbath

SHABBAT
Dance to follow
Free for all ages
Wine and Noshes

FEATURING
The Richard
Brown Orchestra
chazzan Judd Grossman

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 • 6 p.m.

At the Finkelstein/Domsky home, 4140 S. Wilson Rd., off South Park Loop Rd.
Info@JHJewishCommunity.org or 307-734-1999

Mountain Chai News

Membership Drive Begins in August with Swingin' Sabbath

Being a member is the best way to support the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. It shows your commitment to having an active Jewish presence in Jackson, and your membership dues are the primary way to support the monthly programs and activities that keep our community vibrant. Membership applications have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact our office at



Celebrate JHJC membership

info@jhjewishcommunity.org. A sliding scale of dues is available upon request. We do not turn anyone away who wishes to be a member of the JHJC.



JHJC summer camp DVD cover

Camp DVDs for sale

This year, Jeffrey Gibbon visited camp for the two weeks and produced a great video and slideshow of camp activities. Campers who missed out on purchasing this Spirit of the Mountains Summer Camp video or slideshow, we still have them available in the office. DVD videos are \$10 and DVD slideshows are \$5. Please call 734-1999 or email: info@jhjewishcommunity.org if you'd like to purchase one or both. The video appears on our "Jackson Hole Jews" Facebook page as well, check it out!

AIPAC meet 'n greet

French author, *Liliane Messika*, has authored some 17 books, many of which concern Israel and the con-

flict. She is a much read net author as well, writing for the well known pro-Israel website PRIMO, which battles against anti-Israel bias in the European media. The JHJC is invited to meet Liliane along with other friends of AIPAC at Ron and Rose Novak's **5:30p.m., Monday, August 8. Light refreshments. Email for directions: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.**

Back to Bet Sefer

School is soon upon us and enrollment is underway for Thursday Bet Sefer classes beginning in mid-September. If your child is entering Kindergarten then he or she is ready for our low-key religious training through the Bet Sefer program. Returning students will continue towards B'nai Mitzvah level training. Like last year, we will also offer free **Toddler Sing-A-long with Judd**, once per month. If you have questions about fees, payment plans or would like Bet Sefer forms, please email Mary at info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

MANY THANKS

- **Mitch and Erin Dann, Wendell and Rachel Stam and Larry Reiser** for hosting Rabbi Mike Comins and Toby Zelt.
- **Rabbi Mike Comins and Toby Zelt** for helping bring a very sophisticated spiritual component to summer camp this year.
- **Christine Schuller, Shannon Thal and Judd Grossman** for working with Camp kids with fun and enriching programs.
- **Shannon and Larry Thal** for hosting the *Making Prayer Real workshop* with Rabbi Mike Comins.
- **The Schers** for bringing a dish to the Camp BBQ. :)
- All the counselors for all their hard work at Summer Camp – **Jenn Kauffman, Stephen Wolff, Heather Schoen and David Farber.** You rock!

MAZEL TOV!



Atten Elline Aronowitz



Vivienne Catherine Shapiro

- **Mark and Ryland Aronowitz** for the birth of their daughter Atten Elline Aronowitz, born July 10, 2011.
- **Maureen and Frank Londy** welcome a new baby granddaughter, Vivienne Catherine Shapiro, born June 14, 2011 to their daughter, Meagan married to Stephen Shapiro.

CONDOLANCES

- To **Dava Zucker** for the loss of her beloved father, Louis Zucker.



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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.



Old Bill's Fun Run 2011

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 2011. Over the years our Old Bill's fund has allowed the JHJC to offer outreach programming to the community at large. Past events have included film screenings, Holocaust awareness, sponsorship of literary programs, and cultural activities.

The Old Bill's giving period begins on July 4. Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an

original red donor form. Donors may also give with a credit card online at www.old-bills.org. Informational brochures and donor forms will be mailed to all Teton County, WY box holders and can also be found at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole office as well as local banks. Race day is Saturday, September 10. We'll see you on the Square!