

Chaverim Newsletter

Letter from the President

Shalom Chaverim,

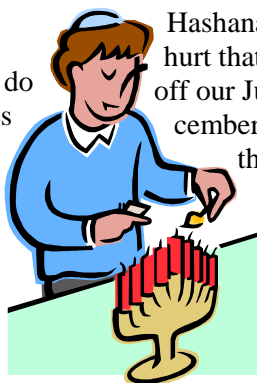
Celebrating Chanukah is the oldest Jewish tradition in Jackson—thanks to Brent Blue. And traditionally, everyone who has a menorah, or hanukia to be precise, brings it, so we can light them all together. Usually we light all the candles and sometime start new ones when the first burn down. “Nes Gadol Hayah Sham” we learned when I was a child. A great miracle happened there. But in Israel they say (and do they write it on the dreidels?) Nes Gadol Hayah Po.

And this is appropriate for Jackson too. A Great Miracle Happened Here. Our congregation. I love to be with our congregants of all ages and see them enjoying each other. This year’s miracle will be celebrated December 11 at the St. John’s Fellowship Hall, from 6 p.m. I hope to see you there. The Chanukah party will be terrific. Can you and I stop talking for a while and join in the singing and dancing! Do you believe in miracles?

I wasn’t in Jackson in November, but our administrator Victoria said we had a wonderful turnout for November’s Shabbat service with Rabbi Mike Comins. Many came back the next morning for a two-hour Torah Study and discussion with Mike that concluded with thoughts about how the ancient rabbis lived with dis-

agreement and dissent among themselves while maintaining a unified leadership.

Dan Gordon will be here December 16 - 19. He’s a great story-teller, but I reluctantly said that he can give a sermon instead of tell a story at the Friday night service. Dan is a special guy, so let’s have a great turnout for him. We can show up two weeks in a row. We did it for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and it didn’t hurt that much. Dan will also be starting off our Judaism 101 class on Sunday, December 19, and will be storytelling at the Library and Middle School.



Jewish ski season starts ... when everyone else’s does. That isn’t surprising, but I remember when a Jew could not assume that she would be allowed in every-

where. Many neighborhoods, hotels, country clubs, fraternities, sororities, resorts, etc. were restricted, and there were quotas at lots of other places—some universities for instance. Sometimes when I ski I think of the Mt. Tremblant Lodge which required a reference to accept a guest, and of my grandfather, who pushed a fruit and vegetable cart until he had enough money to buy a grocery store on Kennedy Street in Atlanta, Georgia.

And here I am skiing and celebrating Hanukah in Jackson Hole?

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Upcoming events

The Chaverim’s annual Chanukah party will be held on December 11, 6 p.m., in the St. John’s Fellowship Hall. The cost of this event will be \$12 a head, \$5 for children and others needing reduced rates. Please call or e-mail the office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org to let us know you are coming.

Calendar

Every Thursday — Bet Sefer, **4 p.m.** at the LDS church.

December 8 — Board meeting, **noon**. St. John's Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

December 11 — Chanukah Party. **6 p.m.** At St. John's Fellowship Hall. Details on page 3.

December 17 — Library storytelling with Dan Gordon. **1:30 p.m.**

December 17 — Shabbat with Rabbi Dan Gordon. **6:30 p.m.** St. John's chapel. The service will be filled with good music, stories, learning and fellowship. Dan will incorporate themes from the weekly Torah portion into

the service. The Torah reading for Shabbat includes some of the most dramatic aspects of relationships. Joseph, who had been sold into slavery by his brothers, is reunited with his family before they even realize who he is! Oneg to follow in St. John's Meeting Room.

December 18 — Torah study. **9:30 a.m.** St. John's Meeting Room. Dan will continue to develop the themes in the Torah portion, focusing on the healing aspects of relationships. All are welcome!

December 19 — Judaism 101. Session on *Holiday's and Rituals*. For

details, see back cover of newsletter. **4 p.m.** St. John's Meeting Room. Please contact office to confirm location.

January 6 — Annual Meeting. **7 p.m.** St. John's Fellowship Hall. All are urged to attend.

January 21 — Shabbat & Tu B'Shevat with Rabbi Mike Comins. Potluck to follow. Details in the next newsletter.

Warm Wishes

Congratulations to

- Diann and Tom Mann on the birth of their grandson, Jeremy Adam Simonson, on Sept. 10, 2004.

Treasurer's Report October 2004

Inflows

Bet Sefer	\$750	
Donations/Dues	36,937	
Interest	0	
Other	31	
Total Inflows		\$37,718

Outflows

Admin	1,199	
Adult Education	0	
Tzedakah	100	
Insurance	0	
Leadership	3,013	
Religious Events	2972	
Special Programming	0	
Summer Camp	0	
Bet Sefer	202	
Total Outflows		\$7,486
Income Less Expenses		\$30,232

Need Candles?

The Chaverim has placed its order for Chanukah candles and we can make them available to you for our cost of \$6 a box. Please call the office at 734-1999 or email info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

Shabbat Service

Friday, December 17,

6:30 p.m.

St. John's Chapel

Service conducted by Rabbi Dan Gordon & Chazan Judd Grossman

Oneg to follow in the St. John's Meeting Room

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

Jackson Hole Chaverim Annual Chanukah Party



Saturday, December 11, 6 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall

Bring your menorah and holiday spirit.

Potluck supper, with main course, latkes, and a cake provided. Please bring your choice of side dishes or dessert and a bottle of wine or other favorite beverage to share.

All are welcome.

Adults, \$12. Children, seniors, and those needing a break, \$5.

RSVP to
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734-1999. We need a head count.

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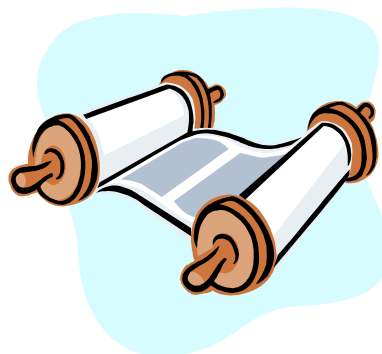
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The office is at 575 S. Willow St. in Jackson.
Office Hours:
Tuesdays 11-2
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To blend the love we share for our natural surroundings with the joy of Jewish spiritual experience. We offer our members and guests communal prayer, Torah study, adult and youth education, Spirit of the Mountains Summer Day Camp, life cycle events, tzedakkah and holiday celebrations. We bring forward the informal, inclusive and nurturing sense of community on which our congregation was founded.

Judaism 101

A broad survey of Jewish history, thought and practice



Join us for a monthly seminar with Rabbis Mike Comins and Dan Gordon. This course is designed for **potential converts** and **adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah** students. All others are invited to attend the course as a whole or individual lectures. Each month's topic will be announced in the bulletin. The class will meet on Saturday or Sunday afternoons for two hours. If you are interested in conversion or adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah, leave your name with Victoria at 734-1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org, and you will be contacted by Rabbi Comins.

This month's topic, "*Holiday's and Rituals*" will focus on the Jewish calendar, Shabbat and general practices and philosophies of Jewish home and family life. The class will be Sunday, December 19 at 4 p.m., tentatively scheduled for the St. John's Meeting Room. The location will be confirmed at Friday's Shabbat service, or by calling the office or checking our website, www.jhjewishcommunity.org.