



# The Jackson Kol

## Letter from the President

*Shalom Chaverim*

The “Shalom” above means hello and good bye this time. At least good bye as president of JHJC. It has been a gratifying experience for me and I hope you feel that I have served you well and brought our congregation along over these last two years. I have tried to do my best.

I have very strong feelings about our congregation and about being Jewish in Jackson. It’s good that we share Shabbats and holiday services and most important that we have such a high level of High Holiday services.

But over the years — and especially my last two as president — I have come to believe that it is as a supportive and caring community sharing life cycle events — joyful and sorrowful — that we support, embrace and enhance our lives in Jackson. To live individually as a good person and a good Jew is admirable of course. However, to me being counted as a member of the Jewish community with all the shared responsibility for each other, other Jacksonites and the world is how we can best live Jewishly in Jackson.

“Love thy neighbor as thyself” and “Tikun Olam,” repair the world, are not phrases without meaning for us; it is as a

recognized organization that we can make a significant difference in the way we as individual Jews and as a group are perceived by the community at large.

Our congregation is at a crossroads — as always — because we are a work in progress. “An experiment,” Larry Thal calls it. If any of our top priorities were to lead a

traditional Jewish life, we wouldn’t live in Jackson. We already make a compromise with tradition when we come here and we acknowledge that having the same experience we had in our “old” synagogue is not going to happen here. In fact, many people who move here are surprised that there is a congregation at all.

Our services and other activities are all compromises — trying to serve each individual and the group as best we can. We read the mission statement at the start of every Board meeting and try to see each decision as part of furthering our mission.

The new Board will want guidance at the annual meeting and during the next years. To continue at the same level of activity with this level of paid staff we need more from our members.

There are plenty of questions: Do we cut

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## The Directors 2005

Rose Novak, President

Susan Foster, Treasurer

Stephan Abrams

Phyllis Fisher

Lisa Finkelstein

Merle Lundy

Eve Scofield

Russell Scott

Rachel Mancoll Stam

Larry Thal

Dava Zucker

Carol Mann, ex officio

Phyllis Turtle, ex officio

## Annual Membership Meeting

Our Annual Membership Meeting will be Wed., Dec. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Novak residence. We will vote for new Board members, discuss the State of the Congregation, and enjoy take-out Chinese. All are urged to attend this very important meeting. Please call the office for directions.

## Calendar

**December 14. Annual Membership Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at the Novak Residence. To elect Board members and hear the "State of the Congregation." All are urged to attend. (Call the office if you need directions.) Chinese take-out to follow.

**December Shabbat Service** has been cancelled.

**Chanukah** has been scheduled early to allow families leaving town for winter break to participate.

**December 17. Chanukah Party.** 6 p.m. at the Old Wilson Schoolhouse. Potluck, dreidels, gelt, and more!

**January 13.** Shabbat with Dan Gordon and Judd Grossman. Please note that this is the second Friday of

the month.

**February 17.** Annual Tu B'shvat Sedar.

**March 17.** Shabbat with Dan Gordon.

**March 19.** Purim Party.

**April 12.** Pesach Sedar with Rabbi Mike Comins.

### Condolences to

Lisa Finklestein and family for the recent death of Lisa's grandmother Claire.

### Thanks to Recent Volunteers

Stephen Abrams & Brian Goldberg for helping move camp items and the

Finklestein/Domsky family for overseeing the November Shabbat.

### Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for a variety of upcoming events. For **Tu B'shvat** we need a chair and volunteers to help with shopping, set up, potluck, and cleanup. For **Purim**, we need a chair, help with set-up, the games, and cleanup.

We have already started to plan this year's **Pesach** event, and need a chair to oversee planning and to coordinate. Please note that this year's Passover event will be a first-night Seder. If you are able to help with any of these events, please call or e-mail the office.

## Treasurer's Report September 2005

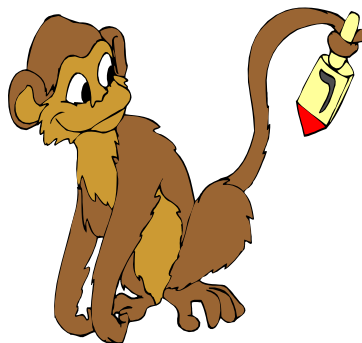
<b>Operating Account</b>	<b>Sept 30</b>	49,531
Income:		
Donations (High Holidays)	868	
Interest	164	
Total	1,032	
Expenses:		
Administration	2,396	
Leadership	6,500	
Religious Events	4,916	
Bet Sefer	1,323	
Total	15,135	
Net for Aug		(14,103)
<b>Operating Account</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>	35,428
<b>Fundraising for next yr.</b>		35,043
<b>Old Bills Fund</b>	<b>Sept 30</b>	30,181
Old Bill's contribution		15,689
Expenses:		
Community Outreach		(324)
<b>Old Bills Fund</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>	45,546
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>Oct 31</b>	50,420
<b>Total Cash</b>		166,437

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back on our greatest expense by hiring Rabbis less frequently? Will you lead a service? Do we do more volunteer work to cut expenses? Do you want to be in the kitchen during a holiday celebration?

Our events, our Bet Sefer and Summer Camp are terrific. Our support of members in need is strong. It is daily operations – volunteers or donations—that need to be especially attended to in the coming year.



I wish you all the best. You are a joy to me.

Looking forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

*Rose Novak, President*

# *JH Jewish Community Annual Chanukah Party*



**Saturday,  
December 17, 6 p.m.  
Old Wilson Schoolhouse**

*Bring your menorah and holiday spirit.*

Games for Kids and Adults!

All are welcome.

Adults, \$7. Children, seniors, and those  
needing a break, \$5.

**Potluck supper.** Please bring  
your choice of main dish, side  
dish, or dessert and a bottle of  
wine or other beverage to share.

Please note there are no  
reheating or kitchen facilities of  
any type! Bring whatever you  
need to keep your contribution  
hot!

If you can bring latkes, please  
call Russell Scott at 690-2183, so  
we can make sure we have  
enough.

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The office is at 480 S. Cache St, Suite 6,  
Jackson.  
Office Hours:  
Tuesdays 11-2 p.m., Thursdays 2-4 p.m., and  
by arrangement.

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.

## Help Fund Your Community

Membership materials may be obtained at [www.jhjewishcommunity.org](http://www.jhjewishcommunity.org). We look forward to receiving your membership fee and/or donation soon.

You can support the JHJC with no additional cost to you through several programs.

- If you shop at Albertsons, you can attach our Community Partners number — 4 90001 19453 0 — to your Preferred Savings Card, and the JHJC will get a percentage of everything you buy.
- If you shop at Smiths, fill out their Earn & Learn Enrollment Form designating “Bet Sefer — JH Chaverim” as your beneficiary. What a great way to help with Jewish Education!
- If you make purchases from Amazon.com, you can do it through the link on our home page and we will get a small percentage of your purchase.