

Chaverim Newsletter

Letter from the President

Shalom Chaverim

How great was our Tu Beshvat Seder! There were about 40 people there, but we celebrated and ate as though we were 80. We may not agree on how to spell the holiday, but we all agree that we had a rousing time celebrating the New Year of the Trees.

Thanks to the Shannon, Avivah and Larry Thal, Erin Weiss, Lisa Lee, and of course to Victoria Hess for planning everything and setting up; Phyllis Turtle for providing a project for the kids; Judd and all the Bet Seder kids who did a great job of leading the singing; and Rabbi Mike Comins for leading an increasingly rousing Seder with a grand finale of dancing and cheering as directed by our Sages. If you missed it this year, put it on your calendar for 2006.

We had Torah study as we do each time one of our Rabbis visits, and Judaism 101 on Sunday afternoon, followed by Chinese dinner—our new JHJC tradition. These are also deeply satisfying events allowing us to learn and even ponder our history, culture, and religion.

We have a newly elected Board ready to go to work. Returning are Stephan Abrams, Phyllis Fisher, Eve Scofield,

Larry Thal, Dava Zucker, and myself. New to the board are Susan Foster, Lisa Finkelstein, Merle Lundy, Rachel Mancoll Stam, and Russell Scott. Our new treasurer is Susan Foster. A vice president will be elected at the meeting on February 2. I hope at the February meeting to finally set a date for our day-long retreat for the Board and planning committee.



It is not possible for everyone to serve on the board or head a committee. But there is a great service you can do for the community. When you come to Chaverim programs, look around for people you don't know, introduce yourself and invite them to join you. It's most important that we remain aware of actively welcoming newcomers and those who are alone into our community.

Looking forward to seeing you in February.

Rose Novak
President

The Directors 2005

Rose Novak, President
Susan Foster, Treasurer
Stephan Abrams
Phyllis Fisher
Lisa Finkelstein
Merle Lundy
Rachel Mancoll Stam
Carol Mann, ex officio
Eve Scofield
Russell Scott
Larry Thal
Phyllis Turtle, ex officio
Dava Zucker

Upcoming events

A Shabbat Service will be held at 6:30 p.m., February 18, at St. John's chapel. An oneg will follow in the St. John's Meeting Room.

Calendar

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

February 2 — Board meeting. Noon. St. John's Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend.

February 18 — Shabbat Service. 6:30 p.m. St. John's Chapel.

February 19 — Torah Study. 4 p.m. St. John's Meeting Room. Rabbi Comins continues on the theme of pluralism and tolerance from rabbinic sources. The great rabbis Hillel and Shammai, contemporaries of Christ, each founded movements that followed them. Our tradition records over 200 disagreements between Bet Hillel and Bet Shammai over numerous issues in Jewish life. We'll get a fascinating look at Judaism 2,000 years ago as we see how they agreed to disagree, and why.

February 20 — Judaism 101. 3 p.m. St. John's Meeting Room. In this session, we'll take a grand overview of the classical literature of the Jewish people, from Genesis to the great medieval works of philosophy and law. If you've ever wondered what the Talmud looks like, what is Midrash, who's Rashi and Maimonides, what's in the Hebrew Bible and who wrote it — how and why the great books of the People of the Book came to be — this is the class for you.

February 23 — Newsletter deadline. Please send submissions to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

March 5 — Gen X & Y Party. Cocktails and Potluck Appetizers. From 7 p.m. at Jessica Rutzick's home. Please call/email the office to RSVP and for directions.

March 12 — Purim Party and Potluck dinner. 5:30 p.m. St. John's Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Congratulations

🎉 To Marvin Davis and Audrey Cohen-Davis, who were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Jordan Blaire Davis, on December 11, 2004.

🎉 To Shawn Reichel and Mike Daus on their engagement.

Sincere Condolences

To the friends and family of Hilry Leberfeld, who passed away early January. Hilry's mother has made a generous contribution to the Chaverim in tribute to her daughter and suggests that further donations be made to Mountain House, PO Box 1868, Jackson 83001.

Treasurer's Report Calendar Year 2004

Inflows

Bet Sefer	\$ 3525	
Donations/Dues	85856	
Old Bills	15,602	
Interest	465	
Other	1407	
Total Inflows		\$106,855

Outflows

Admin	\$27,246	
Adult Education	1,119	
Tzedakah	1,590	
Insurance	500	
Leadership	35,399	
Religious Events	13,965	
Special Programming	2,274	
Summer Camp	15,072	
Bet Sefer	7,528	
Total Outflows		\$104,694
Income Less Expenses		\$2,161

Book Club

The Chaverim's book club had its first meeting late last month. If you are interested in attending future meetings, please contact the office or Rose Novak.

Amazon Buying

Last month, the Chaverim began a new fundraising venture, by joining with Amazon.com as an associate. The Chaverim will earn a percentage of sales made through specially coded Amazon links on our websites. This commission is without extra cost to the purchasers. If you have an Amazon purchase to make, please visit the Chaverim website and click through to Amazon from there. This is a great way to help raise money for the Chaverim!

Albertson's Cards

Least we forget, the Albertson's Community Partner Program continues to be a great no-cost fundraiser for the Chaverim. All you have to do is "attach" our code number to your Albertson's Savings card, and a percentage of every sale will go to the Chaverim. We earn hundreds a year through this program. Our Partner number is **4 90001 19453 0**. Or call the office, and we can send you your own card.

Chaverim Library

The Chaverim has an extensive library, but we do not know what is in it. If you would be interested in cataloging the Library, our resource would be far more useful to all. Please call the office about this task.

Gen X and Y Party

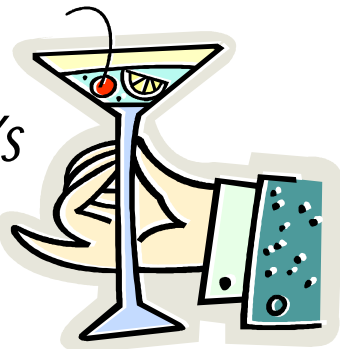
*Cocktails and Appetizers
(potluck)*

For Xs and Ys

March 5

7 p.m.

*Jessica Rutzich's home in Indian Trails.
(Call the office for the address.)*



Mark Your Calendars

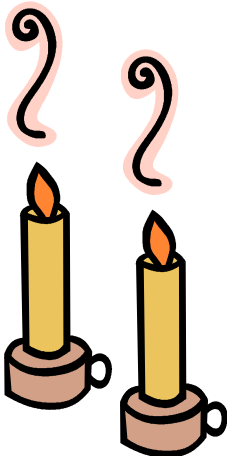
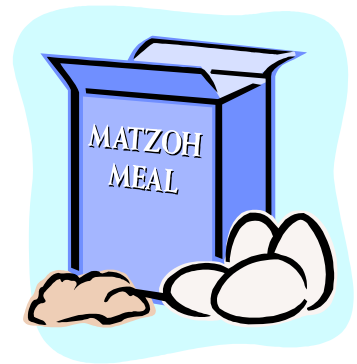


*March 12
Purim Party.*

Fun for one and all.

**April 24 —
Pesach
Second
Seder**

Led by Mike Comins at
Snow King Resort. Cost
is expected to be \$25 to
\$30. Please feel free to
call the office anytime to let us know you are
coming.



Shabbat Service

With *Rabbi Mike Comins &
Chazan Judd Grossman*

February 18, 6:30 p.m.,

St. John's Chapel

Oneg to follow

St. John's Meeting Room.

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

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The office is at 575 S. Willow St. in Jackson.
Office Hours:
Tuesdays 11-2 p.m., Thursday 2-3:30 p.m.
Or by arrangement.

The Jewish Community of Jackson Hole 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.

Spirit of the Mountains Camp Director Sought

Day camp director/counselor sought for two-week camp sponsored by the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. Director will plan and direct program, hire and oversee counselors and artist/crafts people for camp July 18-22 and July 25-29, serving 12 to 20 children age 4-11 years old. Clerical and administrative support by Executive Director. Camp hours 9 am – 4 pm daily, possibly one overnight. Part time professional artists (ceramic, weaving, acting, etc) can be hired. Cantor leads singing every morning. Experienced ex-camp director available for consultation and present for one week. Counselor to student ratio 6:1. Must be energetic and imaginative, have experience with children in camp, outdoor life and some Jewish background. Salary dependent on experience and knowledge. Submit letter and resume to info@jhjewishcommunity.org or JHJC, POB 10667, Jackson, WY, 83002.

