

**SAVE THE DATE:**



**Bet Sefer Shabbat**  
**Feb. 20 • 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. John's Episcopal**  
**Church, small chapel**

# The Jackson Kol

NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • FEBRUARY 2009

## Letter from the President

My wife and I just got back from vacationing in chilly Florida. While we were there we visited my Uncle Moishe in Boca. Uncle Moishe is always telling me stories of his life in Russia before he came to America. One time he was being questioned by a government man as to my Uncle's loyalty to Mother Russia. The official asked if he had a yacht, what would he do with it? My Uncle quickly replied that he would give it to Mother Russia. He was then asked if he had a huge mansion, what would he do with it? My Uncle again quickly answered that he would give it to Mother Russia. The party official then asked my Uncle what would he do if he had a sweater? My Uncle didn't respond. The impatient official asked him again and got the same result. Why won't you answer my question the official demanded? My Uncle, with great reluctance finally spoke up, 'Because, I do have a sweater'.

Please join us on February 20 for a very special Shabbos service as our Bet Sefer kids will be conducting the service. It is an opportunity for them to showcase what they have been learning in Hebrew school for their parents and the JH Jewish Community. You can probably imagine how difficult it can be, with so much going on in the valley, for the children to be so com-

mitted to Jewish learning. They and their teachers work very hard putting together the Shabbos program and they certainly deserve our support. I believe you will be inspired and charmed by their efforts and perhaps have your faith in the future of our culture strengthened or reaffirmed.

We are so proud of our affiliation with and our involvement in the "Fires of Hate" programming that is currently happening in town. One of the tenets of our organization is the promotion of tolerance within our small Jewish community, the larger Jackson Hole community and in our own hearts and minds. To this end we are sponsoring several programs in the next few months that highlight this very theme. We are very excited to be not only showing the film "Paperclips" but having Joe Fab, the film's writer and director, join us for a discussion after the showing. The discussion will be facilitated by Dave Went, who is the president of the JH Center for Global Affairs. If you haven't seen the movie before I promise you will be enthralled, touched and moved by it. And if you have seen it, I'm sure the experience will be enriched by the comments and insights of its creator and the accompanying discussion. Please see details on this event and

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## Directors 2009

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### JEWISH PET of the MONTH



**Turbo Jane**  
**O'Ann Fredstrom and Stuart**  
**and Adrienne Sugarman's**

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

## CALENDAR

**January 23 - March 4: Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings.** Exhibit on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on display in the Artspace Gallery at the Center for the Arts.

**February 12: Public film screening of Paperclips and discussion with the writer and director Joe Fab.** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the Center for the Arts Theater.

**February 20: Bet Sefer Shabbat with Chazzan Judd Grossman.** 6:00 p.m. St. John's small chapel. Oneg to follow.

**February 22: Ski with the JHJC.** 9:30 am – 12 pm. Meet at the base of the Gondola, JHMR. Find a new ski buddy! We'll split into smaller groups according to skill level if need be.

**March 6: Heeb 100 Opening: 100 Jews you need to know about.** Lyndsay McCandless Contemporary Gallery, 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

**March 11:** Bob Behr, Holocaust Survivor speaker. Center for the Arts Theater, 7:00 pm.

**March 12: Purim crafts.** Teton County Library. 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. For children age 3-7. Registration required, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

**March 14: Purim Carnival.** Presbyterian Church, gym. 5 pm – 7 pm. Come in costume and ready for fun! For kids age 2 – 95. \$5 donation at the door requested.

**March 20: Shabbat with Rabbi Wenger.**

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Jackson Hole Jewish Community Income and Expenses for 2008

<b>Income</b>	
Member dues and donations	\$83,122
Bet Sefer and Camp Fees and Donations	24,652
Religious Events Donations	5,883
Other Income	4,227
	117,884

<b>Expenses</b>	
Administrative	46,523
Bet Sefer and Camp	22,452
Religious Events	41,275
Other	3,317
	113,567

**Net Income** \$4,317

## Albertsons Community Partners

As many of you know, we have been earning much needed funding through the Albertsons Community Partners Program. We need your help to continue earning funds through this program.

Even if you have linked your Preferred Savings Card to our organization in the past, you need to re-link your card number in order for us to continue earning funds. Link (or re-link) your Albertsons Preferred Savings card to our organization now at: [www.albertsonscp.com](http://www.albertsonscp.com)

All you need is your Preferred Savings Card Number and our Organization ID. It will only take a minute and will help us greatly. Our organization ID # is:

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You must relink your card at the website above by February 28, 2009 in order to keep earning funds for our organization.

Please pass this notice around to your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors so they can link their cards for us as well.

If you do not have a Preferred Savings card, you can get one at any Albertsons or online at [Albertsons.com](http://Albertsons.com).

Every time you shop at Albertsons and scan your linked Preferred Savings card, we will earn back up to 4% of your shopping dollars!

Thank you for your support!



Larry Rieser helps Aviva Thal and Esther Grossman braid a loaf of challah at the Post Challah-Day Shabbat event in January.



Josh Kleyman teaches Rivkah Bar-or the importance of challah on Shabbat.

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others elsewhere in this newsletter or the local newspapers.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help us with organizing this year's Passover Seder. I know it is only February but it is never too early to start asking. If you are interested in helping please contact Andrea at the JHJC office.

When Charlene and I were flying the leg from Dallas to Miami I had the pleasure of sitting next to a woman that was returning from visiting her daughter's family in California. As I had become frustrated with trying to do the in-flight magazine crossword, I

struck up a conversation with Mrs. Kaplan. I couldn't help but notice the huge diamond ring she was wearing and I asked her about it. She told me it was the "Moskowitz Diamond", very well known in the gemstone circles. And what was even more intriguing was it came with a curse. Well, after a few minutes my curiosity got the best of me, so I asked Mrs. Kaplan what the curse was. She looked at the ring and sighed heavily, "Mr. Kaplan".

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman, JHJC President*

## FIGHTING THE FIRES OF HATE: AMERICA AND THE NAZI BOOK BURNINGS ON LOAN FROM THE THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

### **Artspace Gallery at the Center for the Arts January 23 – March 4, 2009**

Images of the Nazi book burnings continue to resonate in American political discourse and infuse literature, film, and popular culture.

Those who depend upon the free access to information, who oppose book banning and censorship in schools, libraries, and bookshops, have invoked the symbolism of the 1933 conflagrations as an analogue to censorship and the suppression of the free exchange of ideas.

This exhibition has been made possible in support from: The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation & Bert and Terry Romberg

*Community Collaboration for events related to the Fires of Hate exhibit: The Art Association of Jackson Hole, Teton County Library, Jackson Hole Jewish Community, Teton County Schools, pARTners, Central Wyoming College, University of Wyoming and Planet Jackson Hole with partial funding by the Wyoming Humanities Council.*

### **Related community events surrounding the exhibit:**

Film and Discussion – Paper Clips  
Guest Speaker – Joe Fab, writer and director  
February 12, 7:00 pm

Center for the Arts Theater  
PAPER CLIPS is the moving and inspiring documentary film that captures how students from rural Tennessee responded to lessons about the Holocaust-with a promise to honor every lost soul by collecting one paper clip for each individual exterminated by the Nazis. The amazing result, a memorial railcar filled with 11 million paper clips (representing 6 million Jews and 5 million gypsies, homosexuals and other victims of the Holocaust) is an unforgettable lesson of how a committed group of children and educators can change the world one classroom at a time.

Sponsored by the Jackson Hole Jewish Community and Teton County School District with partial funding by the Wyoming Humanities Council & The Children's Fund of WY Community Foundation.

### **Mr. Bob Behr, Holocaust Survivor**

March 11, 7:00 pm  
Center for the Arts Theater

In 1942 Bob Behr and his mother were arrested by the Gestapo and deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto/concentration camp. He volunteered to work at a satellite camp, Wulkow, because the SS promised that the families of Jews who "volunteered" would be protected from deportation to the gas chambers.

Sponsored by Central Wyoming College, University of Wyoming and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

### **Book Display: Fighting the Fires of Hate**

On Display thru March 4

FREE Teton County Library's Main Room  
The library presents this book display in conjunction with the exhibition Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings. Images of Nazi book burnings continue to resonate in American political discourse and infuse literature, film and popular culture. The library highlights materials that underscore the exhibit's themes.  
For more information contact: 733-2164 ext. 261

### **Why Books Matter**

a pARTners Exhibit  
January 23 – March 4, 2009  
Exhibition Opening:  
Friday, January 23rd, 5:30pm  
Artspace Lobby Gallery  
pARTners will showcase student work from projects focusing on book making and story

### **Many Thanks:**

**Mike and Shawn Daus** for hosting our Post Challah-day Shabbat.

### **Mazel Tov:**

**Aaron and Tamsen Pruzan** on the birth of their daughter!

### **Live from New York's 92nd Street Y**

This winter the Teton County Library will launch the Live from New York's 92nd Street Y series bringing speakers of national acclaim to our small town library on a regular basis though live satellite broadcasts. All programs are free and open to the public.

Founded in 1874 by a group of visionary Jewish leaders, the Y has grown into an organization that serves people of all races and faiths. Its mission is to enrich the lives of the 300,000 people who visit its three facilities each year, as well as the thousands of others who participate in Y programs through Live from New York's 92nd Street Y™, the organization's satellite broadcast program.

**Christiane Amanpour**

**Wednesday, February 18**

**6:00 pm**

### **Smith's Earn & Lean**

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Bet Sefer program is enrolled in Smith's Earn & Learn Program. Everyone can be a part in helping fundraise for our Hebrew School through this program. All you have to do is request a letter from our office, 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org, which contains a barcode. You must present the letter and your fresh values/rewards card to your cashier during your next visit to Smith's. Your cashier will scan the barcode on the letter to link your card to our Bet Sefer program, and you will start earning points for our school. We thank you for your participation and support in our children's programs.

### **Call to Artists**

Local Jewish artists needed to accompany the HEEB 100 exhibit at Lyndsay McCandless Gallery. If you are interested and have finished and framed pieces contact Steven at glasswords@gmail.com for more information.





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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.*



**HEEB  
100**

**WHEN: MARCH 6,  
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM**  
**WHERE: LYNDIAY MCGANDLESS  
CONTEMPORARY GALLERY**  
**WHAT: HEEB 100 OPENING: 100  
JEWS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT**

Join the always irreverent Heeb Magazine and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community for the opening reception of the Heeb 100 Portrait Exhibition. The third annual Heeb 100 exhibit is both a measure of where young Jews are today and a window into their future. The Heeb Hundred consists of artists and actors, musicians and movie-makers, comedians and creative-types, foodies and fashionistas, innovators and intellectuals that you need to know about. This year's Heeb Hundred features Josh Kleyman's cousin Aaron Rosenblum!

Rocky Vetone - Vert One will spin tunes from here and new club beats from Israel. Look for liquor specials and lots of friends. You don't need to be Jewish to come! Everyone welcome. Invite your friends!