

SAVE THE DATE:

It began as a lesson about prejudice...
What happened next was a **MIRACLE**



**Film Screening
"Paperclips"
and discussion with
director Joe Fab.
Feb. 12 • 7:00 p.m.
Center for the Arts**

The Jackson Kol

Jackson Hole Jewish Community

NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JANUARY 2009

Letter from the President

So many people are excited and hopeful that anything is possible now that Barack Obama, the first black man ever to do so, has been elected President of the United States. I was daydreaming, just the other day, about what it would be like to have a Jew elected President. I can picture it. He calls his mother with the exciting news, "Mama, I've won the election! You've got to come to the swearing-in ceremony". His mother replies, "I don't know, what will I wear?" The son answers, "Don't worry, I'll send a dressmaker". "But I only eat Kosher food". "Mama, I'm going to be the President, I can get you Kosher food". "But how will I get there?". "I'll send a limo, just come Mama, please". "Ok, Ok, if it makes you happy, I'll come". The great day arrives and Mama is seated between the Justices of the Supreme Court and her son's new cabinet. She nudges the gentleman on her right and says, "You see that boy with his hand on the Bible? His brother's a doctor".

I knew one day it would happen. It didn't happen in the seventies when we watched the evening news with amusement as huge lines of cars waited to fill up their gas tanks while here in the Hole we just pulled up to the pump. It didn't happen numerous other times either when the world seemed to be going mad. We seemed somehow insu-

lated from the world's woes tucked away in this beautiful valley in the shadow of the Tetons. But now it appears that we too are experiencing the pain that we have avoided for so long as the effects of recession and violence are at our doorstep, too. Everyone knows someone that has lost a job or has a local business in jeopardy. We are all nervous about an uncertain future. We feel the grief and sense of loss that local Chabad Rabbi Zalman Mendelson, who grew up in Brooklyn with the Rabbi who was killed along with his wife in Mumbai, feels. But with all that is bad there is more that is good. I count my blessings at times like these for the things I cherish most, a loving family, continued good health, close friends that I can rely on, food on my table, a roof over my head, the fact I live in one of the most beautiful places on earth and being a member of a wonderful congregation such as the JHJC, that nourishes my spiritual needs. Just last month we lit the candles of Chanukah. We should take the light of the Menorah into this new year and let it's warm glow be a glimmering symbol of hope for a brighter future.

May you all have a wonderful, happy and healthy secular new year!

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman, JHJC President*

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JEWISH PET of the MONTH



Kate Thal

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

CALENDAR

January 8: Bet Sefer classes resume.

January 9: Post Challah-Day

Shabbat. Join Josh Kleyman for a challah baking lesson prior to a Shabbat service and potluck dinner at the home of Mike & Shawn Daus. Josh will begin teaching how to make the perfect loaf of challah at 5 p.m. Shabbat service with Josh Kleyman and Judd Grossman at 6 p.m. Shabbat potluck dinner at 7 p.m. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a salad, H-M please bring a main course, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a side dish. Contact the office for directions at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

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.

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January 27: Holocaust Workshop for Educators. 7:30 am – 3 pm in the Borshell Drawing Studio 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.

Bet Sefer Fundraiser

We still have a few "Chewish" dog toys available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing them, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

HJC YOUTH ONE SUMMER...TWO CHOICES!

SPEND SUMMER 2009 ON PANIM WORKS:
AN ACTIVIST'S ADVENTURE!

PanimWorks: DC JAM

On the campus of The George Washington University, is a leadership training program for teens passionate about politics, community service, activism, and Judaism. Become a leader in the political world and the Jewish community today! Learn about key issues impacting the U.S. and the world through interactions with leading U.S. policymakers and experts, while exploring the connection between Judaism and advocacy. Participate in meaningful hands-on service projects, while earning community service-learning hours. Develop the skills to pioneer change and impact the issues you care about. Two 2-week sessions or a four week session (including a bonus opportunity of a placement in DC agency) will be offered for students currently in grades 10-12. www.dcjam.org
Contact: Reisa Shanaman

301-770-5070, x 217 or
dcjam@panim.org

PanimWorks: Southwest

A cultural exchange and community service program on a Native American Reservation in the American Southwest. Make a difference as you live in rustic accommodations on a Native American reservation, interacting with members of the Zuni and Hopi Nations while working together to promote positive change. This trip in the majestic Southwest includes hands-on service projects as well as outdoor recreational activities. Make lifelong friends and learn about the ethical values that define Jewish life while earning up to 45 community service-learning hours. Three sessions will be offered for students currently in grades 9-12. www.panimworks.org
Contact: Hershel Cohen
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HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who donated a toy(s) to our holiday toy drive! The JHJC collected much much more than expected and were warmly greeted by the local agencies that the toys were delivered to. Their gratitude was genuine and gracious.



This January 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 through live satellite broadcasts. All programs are free and open to the public.

Paul Krugman in Conversation with Bill Moyers: "Toward a Great Society"

Tue, Jan 13, 6pm

Salman Rushdie

Sun, Jan 18, 5:30pm

Robert Rubin in

Conversation with Sebastian Mallaby

Tue, Jan 27, 6pm

Stay tuned for more in February and April.

FIGHTING THE FIRES OF HATE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

January 23

Artspace Gallery

Exhibition Opens 5:30 – 7:00

Fighting Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings

January 23

Center Lobby

Why Books Matter

pARTners will showcase student work from projects focusing on book making and story writing. These projects provide local children with hands on experiences of the value of books and stories in our lives.

January 23

Dance Studio I – Center for the Arts

7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

Fahrenheit 451

Sponsored by Planet Jackson Hole

Ray Bradbury's cautionary near-future parable of a society where books are banned and firemen start fires was the only English-language film from French auteur François Truffaut. For an extra level of subtle satire, look closely at the carefully chosen book titles. Starring: Cyril Cusack, Julie Christie
Director: François Truffa

January 27

Borshell Drawing Studio – Center for the Arts

7:30 am – 3:00 pm

Holocaust Workshop for Educators

Sponsored by the USHMM, Teton County School District and pARTners

February 12

Center for the Arts Theater

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Public screening of Paper Clips and discussion with the writer and director Joe Fab.

David Wendt, scholar and President of Jackson Hole Center for Global Affairs, will moderate the community discussion
Sponsored by the Jackson Jewish Community

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. Despite the fact that they had previously been unaware of and unfamiliar with the Holocaust, their dedication was absolute. Their plan was simple but profound. The amazing result, a memorial rail-car filled with 11 million paper clips (representing 6 million Jews and 5 million gypsies, homosexuals and other victims of the Holocaust) that stands permanently in their schoolyard, is an unforgettable lesson of how a committed group of children and educators can change the world one classroom at a time. Written by Joe Fab, Directed by Elliot Berlin and Joe Fab

Joe will also be conducting workshops with 6th-9th graders in Jackson on February 12 & 13. The focus of their workshops will be on lessons of tolerance, humanity, respect, diversity and expression as shown in the film; helping young people discover their own power and their own passions, and generating action around their concerns.

March 11

Center for the Arts Theater

Mr. Bob Behr, Holocaust Survivor

Sponsored by Central Wyoming College and University of Wyoming

Many Thanks:

Audrey Cohen-Davis, Rachel Ravitz, and Mary Grossman for planning our 30th Annual Chanukah party!

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

To: **Jackson Hole Jewish Community**

In honor of their daughter **Amy's** marriage to **Adam Lusthaus**.

From: **Ed & Merle Lundy**.

To: **Bert and Terry Romberg**

In honor of our friendship.

From: **Donald Alex Shannon**

Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi book burnings

**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.

The exhibit is on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

This exhibition has been made possible in support from: The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation and 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 Jewish Community,

Teton County Schools, Partners, Central Wyoming College and Planet Jackson Hole.



Jordan Davis and Stella Fox enjoy Chanukah crafts at the 30th annual Chanukah Party.



Jackson Hole Jewish Community young adults joined in on the noshing and socializing at the Chanukah party.



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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.

Post Challah-day Shabbat

When: January 9, December 2009
Where: Home of Mike & Shawn Daus
Time: 5:00 pm Challah baking lesson
6:00 pm Shabbat service with Josh Kleyman
and Chazzan Judd Grossman
7:00 pm Potluck Dinner

The Holidays are finally over! Join the Jackson Hole Jewish Community for a restful evening baking challah, noshing and getting back into your regular routine. Josh Kleyman will begin teaching how to make the perfect loaf of challah at 5 p.m. A Shabbat service with Josh Kleyman and Judd Grossman will begin at 6 p.m. while the dough rises, and at 7 p.m. we'll enjoy a Shabbat potluck dinner. Come to the whole evening or whatever part suits you. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a salad, H-M please bring a main course, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a side dish. Contact the office for directions at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.