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The Jackson Kol Jackson Shofar Jackson Schmooz

Letter from the President

Shalom Chaverim

Finally, summer has arrived in Jackson! July will bring camp and extended stay for Dan Gordon with Shabbat out of doors in Owen Bircher Park in Wilson. All the details are inside. If you missed June Shabbat you missed a joyous time, unusual silent prayer, and the best chopped liver that anyone around here has had for a long time. Between the hiking, climbing, riding, boating, concerts, county fair, art fair, and parties—give yourselves a little break and spend Shabbat with us.

We regret that after the High Holy Days, Rabbi Mike can no longer be with us on a regular basis. Mike has brought us a tremendous amount of knowledge, scholarship and religious leadership. We will have the opportunity to worship and study to-

gether in August and in October for the High Holy Days. I hope that Mike will visit with us again. We will read his book and say we knew him when....

We're in the height of allergy season. Do you know how many Yiddish "blessings" there are for each sneeze in a string of sneezes? Off the top of my head, in translation: to health, loving, dancing, singing, laughing, *kvelling* and a long, long life. I know some of you have never heard this before, but some of you know more. Send them in so all we sneezers can share them as needed.

Looking forward to seeing you all in July in the wilds of Wilson.

Rose Novak, President

The Directors 2005

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Larry Thal

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Carol Mann, ex officio

Phyllis Turtle, ex officio

Calendar

July 6 — **Board meeting.** Noon. 480 S. Cache, Conference Room. All are welcome.

July 16-25— Rabbi Dan Gordon in Jackson. Available for consultations.

July 16 — Picnic, Havadalah & a Concert. 5:30 p.m. Meet at the pond at JH Mountain Resort for a casual BYO Picnic and Havadalah ceremony led by Rabbi Dan Gordon, followed by the Concert at Walk Festival Hall.

July 17 — Pre-camp Potluck. For campers and their families, counselors, and Rabbi Dan. 5-7 p.m. at Gary & Kathryn Weiss's house in Wilson. Please call the office for details.

July 18-22 and 25-29 — Spirit of the Mountains Camp. For all children aged 4-11. At the Old Wilson School House. Please call the office to register your child.

July 18, 20, and 24. Bibliodrama: Contemporary Midrash . 7-8:30 p.m. nightly at (Continued on page 2)



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the Old Wilson School House. Explore the stories of the Midrash by acting them out. This is in lieu of Judaism 101.

July 22 — Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Dan Gordon and Chazan Judd Grossman. 6:30 p.m. At Owen Bircher Park in Wilson, opposite the Old Wilson School House. Potluck to follow. Please note this is the fourth Friday of the month.

July 22 — Newsletter deadline.

July 23 — Torah Study. 9:30 a.m. Downstairs Conference Room at 480 S. Cache St.

August 3. Board Meeting. 5:15 p.m. Downstairs Conference Room at 480 S. Cache St. All are welcome.

August 26. Shabbat Service led by

Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazan Judd Grossman. 6:30 p.m. At the Murie Center in Moose. Potluck to follow. Please note this is the fourth Friday of the month.

Congratulations to

Scott Stachel and Lynn Christian (!) on their engagement.

Condolences to

Scott and Kaia Stachel, on the death of Scott's father, Alan Stachel.

Best Wishes

for a Speedy Recovery to Jerry O'Rourke, father of Erin Dann and Grandpa to Ben.

Apologies to

April 30

Suzie Blasko, on mis-naming her brother in last month's condolences. Suzie's brother correct name was

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Andrea's Jewish World Service

Shalom. Many of you may know me as a Bet Sefer teacher or as Spirit of the Mountains Camp Director. This fall, I will be taking a break from these jobs to travel to Mumbai, India with American Jewish World Service (AJWS). During my six months in India, I will be volunteering to assist a local organization working against poverty, hunger, and disease. I hope to make a contribution to the efforts of others to advance the quality of life in their communities.

AJWS is an independent not-for-profit organization founded in 1985 to help alleviate poverty, hunger, and disease among the people of the world, without regard to race, religion or nationality. AJWS supports over 200 grassroots organizations in the developing world through grants, technical assistance, emergency relief, and advocacy. It also provides unique international service opportunities for the Jewish community, enabling Jews to play an active role in the process of meaningful social change. You can learn more about AJWS at www.aiws.org.

I am seeking assistance to support the expenses of my volunteer work. AJWS is providing me airfare, professional guidance, housing, and transportation. AJWS has asked me to raise an additional amount to pay for other expenses. A tax deductible gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated. If you can provide support, please send a check to AJWS – WPP Program 45 W 36th Street, NY, NY 10018. Please note that your donation is to support Andrea Mazer's volunteer work. You may also donate online at

<u>www.ajws.org/volunteerdonation</u>. In the field titled, *In Honor of* please write: SERVICE – Andrea Mazer – World Partners – India.

Thank you very much for your support and joining me in this important work of *Tikkun Olam*.

Warmest regards, Andrea Mazer

Treasurer's Report May 2005

Operating Account

| Operating Account | April 30 | 13,313 |
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| Income: | | |
| Dues | 100 | |
| Summer Camp | 15,800 | |
| Other (Albertsons) | 369 | |
| Interest | 130 | <u> </u> |
| Total | 16,399 | |
| Expenses: | | |
| Administration | 2,235 | |
| Bet Sefer | 595 | |
| Leadership | 3,039 | |
| Religious Events | 451 | |
| Summer Camp | 1,938 | |
| Tzedakah | 100 | <u> </u> |
| Total | 8,358 | |
| Net for April | | 8,041 |
| Operating Account | May 31 | 81,414 |
| Old Bills Fund | April 30 | 36,600 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Community Programs | | (1,621) |
| Old Bills Fund | May 31 | 34,979 |
| Building Fund | May 31 | 50,420 |
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Total Cash 166,813

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Bibliodrama 101 — What were they thinking

An Adult Education Workshop led by Dan Gordon

Monday, July 18,

Wednesday, July 20, 7-8:30 P.M.

Sunday, July 24, 7 – 8:30 P.M.

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Old Wilson School House

Open to community members and friends. Designed for adults and interested teenagers.

Participants may come to one, two, or all three sessions.

Have you ever wondered what might have gone on behind the scenes in the minds of biblical characters? There is a legend that the Torah is written with black fire on white fire. The black fire is the text we can read; the white fire includes the aspects that are hidden, only imaginable when we

"read between the lines."

Bibliodrama is a technique that allows modern, curious people to discover a myriad of possibilities of what might have happened if the Torah provided more details. At each of the three evening sessions, we will explore a different biblical story, allowing participants to imagine and create plausible scenarios. No previous knowledge of the stories is necessary, and those attending the classes may observe or participate as much as they choose. Nobody will be put "on the spot," but those who wish may find themselves truly standing in the

sandals of ancient figures. While delving into the minds of those who lived long ago, we will uncover powerful insights into modern dilemmas.



Last Call for Camp

What makes summer fun: Swimming, Horseback-riding, Songs, Stories, Crafts, Games, Hiking, and More

\$200 per week. Scholarships Available.

Weekdays, July 18-29 — For campers aged 4-11

At the Old Wilson School House

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Join the Chaverim for an evening of fellowship and music. We will gather from 5:30 p.m. near the Teton Village pond (behind the Village Center) for a BYO Picnic. Feel free to share, but you will need to bring your own blankets, paper goods, food, and drink.

At about 7:15 p.m., Rabbi Dan Gordon will lead a brief Havadalah ceremony, after which, we will proceed to the GTMF concert in Walk Festival Hall. (Concert is optional. Come to the picnic anyway!)

About the Concert

Festival Orchestra
Donald Runnicles, conductor
Lynn Harrell, cello
R. Straus, Death & Transfiguration
Haydn: Cello Concerto in C Major
Elgar: Enigma Variations

Discounted tickets

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community has arranged for a 10% discount on tickets to this concert. Tickets must be bought directly from the GTMF box office at 733-1128. Mention the Jewish Community when calling. Tickets bought early have a better chance of being seated as a group.

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Shabbat Service & Community Potluck

Rabbi Dan Gordon Chazan Judd Grossman.

July 22, 6:30 p.m.

Owen Bircher Park

Opposite the Old Wilson Schoolhouse

Mom sez:

- 1. Bring chairs or blankets, extras, if you can, for guests.
- Bring bug spray.
- 3. Bring perishables in a cooler. There are no reheating facilities.
- 4. Jacket. Hat.

Potluck suggestions:

- A-J, Main Dish.
- K-R, Side Dish.
- S-Z, Desserts.
- Beverage of choice.

Pre-Camp Potluck

Campers and their families are invited to join Camp Director Andrea Mazer, Rabbi Dan Gordon, and the counselors for a pre-camp, informational, potluck.

Sunday, July 17, 5 to 7 p.m.

Home of Gary and Kathryn Weiss (call or e-mail the office if you need directions)



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The office is at 480 S. Cache St, Suite 6, Jackson.
Office Hours:

Tuesdays 11-2 p.m. and 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.

Newsletter Name Vote

The Jackson Kol Jackson Shofar Jackson Schmooz The names have been submitted, and the committee has chosen its favorites. Now it is your turn. Let us know which of these names you would like to see adorn the banner of your newsletter. E-mail, call, or write, and by next month, we will be suitably named.