

SAVE THE DATE:

July 10
Shabbat with Rabbi
Zola and Chazzan Judd
Grossman
6:00 p.m. - Old Wilson
School House

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JULY 2009

Letter from the president

A young man was newly elected to the congregation's Board of Directors. Never having served before he was a little taken aback at the first monthly meeting he attended when a hot debate erupted over whether one should stand or sit for the Shema. Some board members were standing and shouting and others were sitting and pounding on the table. It was quite a scene and shook up the young man. The next day the young man went to visit 98 year old Mr. Katz in the nursing home. "Mr. Katz, I'm asking you as the oldest member of the congregation and a long time board member, what is the community's custom during the Shema?" "Why do you ask?" said Mr. Katz. "Well yesterday at the Board meeting there was a terrible argument with some board members arguing one way and others arguing the other." "That," said the old man, "is our custom."

As we came to the end of our fiscal and organizational year it was time to say good-bye to several board members that did not seek another term. Leaving the Board were Dava Zucker, Lisa Finkelstein,

Jen Daniels and Rachel Ravitz. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community owes these four women a great deal of gratitude for serving so well. I have a great deal of admiration for the energy, passion, leadership and commitment that they brought to the Board. The Community certainly flourished during their terms. And in keeping in character, which should come as no surprise, we can look forward to several of them continuing to be active on behalf of the JHJC.

Aviva Thal's Bat Mitzvah in June was such a wonderful experience. Many family, friends and congregants were in attendance to witness this joyous occasion. She did her family and teachers proud as I don't recall one miscue during her Torah reading, Haftorah or Bat Mitzvah speech. Aviva's Bat Mitzvah is a symbol of what is so good about our Community. Her Bat Mitzvah is the culmination of many years of attending Jackson Hole Hebrew School, her parent's devotion to teaching her about Jewish culture and religion and the JHJC membership's commitment and support through funding and

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YIDDISH WORD OF THE MONTH

shlep

v. To drag, to carr, usually taking some effort and involving too many heavy items.
n. (shlepper) a lazy or inefficient person, an incompetent.

We're still looking for Jewish pets of the month. Please email your Jewish pet's photo to the address below.

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

CALENDAR

July 10: Shabbat with Rabbi Zola and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Rabbi Zola's sermon will discuss: American Jewry's Greatest Legacies: The meaning of American Jewish History. 6:00 p.m. Old Wilson School House. Oneg to follow.

July 11: Adult study session with Rabbi Zola. "A Great Man has Fallen in Israel" How American Jewry Made Abraham Lincoln One of Their Own. 4 pm – 6 pm. Downstairs conference room in our office building on 480 S. Cache.

July 19: Pre-camp potluck for parents, campers and staff. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Owen Bircher Park, Wilson. Please bring a side dish and your own grillables (hot dogs, burgers, etc.).

July 20-24 & 27 - 31 Spirit of the Mountains Summer Camp. 9 am – 4 pm. Old Wilson Schoolhouse Community Center.

August 11: AIPAC Meetings with Senator Barrasso at 8:00 a.m. at St. John's Fellowship Hall; following Barrasso we will meet with Representative Lummis at 9:15 am at St. John's Fellowship Hall; following Lumis we will meet with Senator Enzi at 10:30 a.m. at his office (1110 Maple Way, Suite G.)

August 21: Shabbat with Rabbi Andy Feig.

August 30: Annual Fundraising & Membership Party. 4 pm – 7 pm. Teton County Fairground Building. Jewish food and art for sale! Come support the Jackson Hole Jewish Community and celebrate another great year!

JHJC Wish List:

- Individuals or families willing to host one of our monthly Onegs following Shabbat services. Responsibilities require purchase and preparation of finger food (cheese and crackers, bite size desserts, etc.). If you are interested in helping, please contact the office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

VISITING RABBI: RABBI GARY P. ZOLA

Join the JHJC on July 10 for Shabbat with Rabbi Gary P. Zola and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Dr. Zola, a professor of the American Jewish Experience at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, will be offering us an inspiring lesson that comes from the grand themes of American Jewish history. Rabbi Zola's sermon



will focus on American Jewry's Greatest Legacies: The meaning of American Jewish History. Is there something unique and noteworthy about the American Jewish experience? What can we learn from the broad flow of American Jewish history?

The following day, please join us for a study session with Rabbi Gary P. Zola: "A Great Man has Fallen in Israel" How American Jewry Made Abraham Lincoln One of Their Own. In this seminar, we will have a chance to

explore a number of fascinating documents that shed light on American Jewry's distinctive bond with the martyred president. We will explore rabbinic homilies that shed light on the reasons why American Jews hal- lowed Lincoln's life and legacy. We discover that, in death, Lincoln becomes an Americanization vehicle that helps Jews demonstrate that American values

and Jewish values are fundamentally harmonious. This study session will constitute a rare opportunity to explore this interesting topic with Dr. Zola, who is now serving on the Academic Advisory Council of the congressionally recognized Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington, D.C. The event will be held at the downstairs conference room in our office building on 480 S. Cache from 4 pm – 6 pm.



Donations to the JHJC through Old Bill's are for public outreach programming purposes only and do not count as your membership dues. If you would like your gift to be unrestricted, please donate directly to the Jackson Hole

OLD BILL'S FUN RUN DONATIONS

Jewish Community.

The Old Bill's 2009 giving period begins on July 4 and all donations must be in the Community Foundation office by September 18, 2009 at 5pm. Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an original red donor form. Donors may also

give with a credit card online at www.oldbills.org. Informational brochures and donor forms will be mailed to all Teton County, WY boxholders and can also be found at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole office as well as local banks.

The Fun Run will be on Sunday, September 12 at Jackson town square. See you (and your dog) there!

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programming. It inspires me, and I hope that it does you as well, to want to make even greater efforts knowing that our Community, in some small way, was helpful in bringing one of our children into the fold of Jewish tradition and culture.

In addition to board members leaving and hopefully others arriving, another transition took place in June. Long time JHJC members, former board members and very active members at that, Phyllis Turtle and Eve

Scofield have left the Valley with their families for new adventures back East. Coincidentally, both moved to New York State. They will be sorely missed as they contributed much to the Community over the years. As we like to say out West when people leave, "Gay Ga Zinta Hate!", "Go in Good Health!"

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*

CALL FOR LOCAL JEWISH ARTISTS

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AND MEMBERSHIP PARTY



Photos of JHJC Heeb 100 exhibit by Morris Weintraub



Annual Fundraising & Membership Party Sunday, August 30, 4 - 7 pm

Teton County Fair Building
Join us to celebrate Jewish life in Jackson featuring Jewish food and Jewish artists of the community. We are looking for volunteers to help bake your favorite family dessert recipe and to help out the day of the event. All artists, craftspersons, knit-

ters, woodworkers, and weekend creators are welcome to participate in our first annual art show fundraiser. We are also calling on all members to offer items for our silent auction such as services, prepared foods, artwork, etc. If you would like to participate, please call the office at 734-1999. If you are interested in underwriting our fundraising event please contact Andrea Mazer at the office.

PRE-CAMP POT LUCK

SUNDAY JULY 19

5 - 7 P.M. OWEN BIRCHER PARK, WILSON

Calling all campers and their families! You are invited to join the camp staff for a pre-camp information session and pot-luck from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Owen Bircher Park, Wilson. Please bring a side dish and your own grillables (hot dogs, burgers, etc).

MAZEL TOV

- Aviva Thal on becoming a Bat Mitzvah in June.
- Sydney Daniels in recognition of becoming Teacher of the Year at Journeys School.
- Mark Aronowitz & Ryland Dunker on your recent marriage.
- Barbara and Gerry Aronowitz on the marriage of your son Mark to Ryland Dunker.
- Janna Rankin and Arthur Frakt on becoming the proud grandparents of Daniel.
- Sandy and Linda Wiener on becoming the proud grandparents of Asher.

IN THE COMMUNITY

- July 13: The Tzofim, Israeli Boys and Girls Scouts. Performance by Israeli Scouts or all ages. 5 p.m. JH Middle School, free. All denominations welcome.
- July 29: The Gypsies. Spotlight Concert at the Grand Teton Music Festival. Sultry sounds of Hungarian and Romanian gypsy tunes and gypsy jazz. 8:00 p.m. Walk Festival Hall, Teton Village. Tickets \$40.

These events are not sponsored by the JHJC.

LAST CALL FOR CAMP REGISTRATION!

We only have a few spots left for our summer camp. Register today! Our camp is for children age 5-13 and runs the last two weeks of July, July 20-24 and July 27- 31. This year camp will be held at the Old Wilson School House Community Center. The cost of camp is \$325/week for JHJC members, \$375/week for non-members. Please call or e-mail Andrea Mazer at 734-1999 or andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org for registration materials.



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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.



August is the time of year for us to meet with our senators and congressmen, hosted by the Jackson Hole Jewish Community & AIPAC. For those of you who have never come, it is both informative and interesting

ANNUAL AIPAC MEETINGS

to hear directly the opinions and attitudes towards Israel, the only issue to be discussed, of our elected representatives. The format is usually question and answer, and you have the chance to express yourself. The congressional meeting is scheduled at St. John's Fellowship Hall for Tuesday, August 11 with Senator Barrasso at 8:00

a.m.; following Barrasso we will meet with Representative Lummis at 9:15 am at St. John's Fellowship Hall; following Lumis we will meet with Senator Enzi at 10:30 a.m. at his office (1110 Maple Way, Suite G). A light breakfast will be provided. We hope to see you there!