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Letter from the President

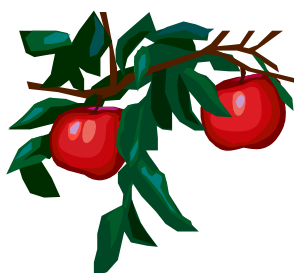
Shalom Chaverim

Dan Gordon was with us for the third weekend of May. If you missed some of the activities he led, do yourself a favor and join Dan in June on the third weekend and in July on the fourth weekend. You won't be sorry. Dan's Friday night services are joyful and a time for true rest, joy and community.

On Shabbat in June, we will be celebrating a wonderful life cycle event, a baby-naming. In July we'll have a service and potluck at Owen Bircher Park in Wilson. It may be Nature Lite to some people but on the other hand, there's no schlep.

Those who attended Torah Study now know the low-down on the Garden of Eden, and in Judaism 101 we learned about our Friday night prayer service and we now know, among other things, why the first and last letters of the sh'ma are enlarged and also some of the best dishes at Ocean House. As it is written, "After study on Sunday night, you will have Chinese. You should eat and be well."

Andrea Mazer, a teacher at Bet Sefer, is our new camp director for Spirit of the Mountains. We're looking forward to a camp that is better than ever. Enroll your kids and grandkids, and tell your friends and co-workers now while we still have space available. Andrea had stiff competition for the job. We had several applicants with strong credentials as camp counselors, camp program directors and in profes-



sional recreation. Some had lived in Israel.

When I made the announcements at

Shabbat services in May, I said that our programs in May and June were fulfilling part of our mission (a Jewish presence that...promotes tolerance in the greater Jackson community.) And Russell said that the word tolerance makes him uncomfortable because it sounds condescending. Well, I thought the same thing.

So, being a word person, I looked it up and found there is a difference between "tolerate" and "tolerance." Of course they're both from the same root: from the Latin *tolerans*, to bear. Then there comes a divergence in English. The first meaning of tolerate is "to allow without prohibiting or opposing; permit." But the first definition of tolerance is, "the capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others." That's a pretty good summation of our mission for the Jackson community at large.

Just before I wrote this I previewed one of the films for Thursday night. It was so moving that I hope that all of you who are unlucky enough to miss the films will arrange to see them as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you in June when we host Professor Seth Ward speaking on Islam and at all of our other events.

Rose Novak, President

The Directors 2005

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Upcoming events

Introduction to Islam for the Equality State, lecture and discussion led by Seth Ward, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Wyoming. Thursday, June 2, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Teton County Library. Please bring friends to this important discussion.

Calendar

June 1 — Board meeting. 5:15 p.m. 480 S. Cache, Downstairs Conference Room. All are welcome.

June 2 — Speaker. Introduction to Islam for the Equality State. UW Religious Studies Professor Seth Ward will lecture and lead a discussion. 7 to 9 p.m. Teton County Library.

June 15-21 — Rabbi Dan Gordon in Jackson. Available for consultations.

June 17 — Shabbat Service and Baby Naming for Jordon Blaire Davis led by Rabbi Dan Gordon and Chazan Judd Grossman. 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Chapel. Oneg to follow in St. John's meeting room.

June 18 — Torah Study. 9:30 a.m. Conference Room at 480 S. Cache

June 19 — Judaism 101. 4 p.m. Conference Room at 480 S. Cache

June 23 — Newsletter deadline.



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 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 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.

Congratulations to

Dr. Joy and Dr. John Lewis and Gregory on the birth of Maia.

Best Wishes in Recovery to

Alan Stachel, father of Scott.

Condolences to

Suzie Blasko and her family on the death of her brother Henry.

Treasurer's Report April 2005

Operating Account March 31 \$ 80,111

Income:

Dues	100
Religious Events	2,086
Interest	114
Total	<u>2,300</u>

Expenses:

Administration	1,985
Bet Sefer	680
Leadership	1,976
Religious Events	3,758
Summer Camp	539
Tzedakah	100
Total	<u>9,038</u>

Net for April (6,738)

Operating Account April 30 73,373

Old Bills Fund March 31 36,936

Expenses:

Community Outreach (336)

Old Bills Fund **April 30** 36,600

Building Fund **April 30** 50,420

Total Cash \$160,393

Spirit of the Mountains Camp

Shalom.

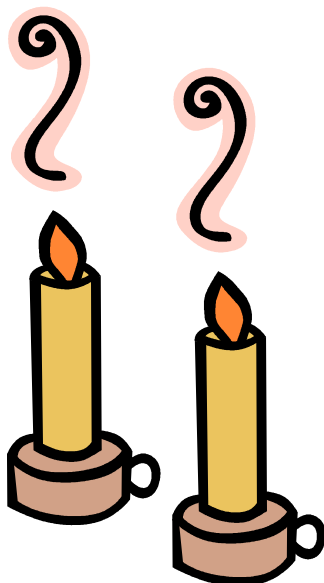
I am Andrea Mazer, and I am thrilled to be the new camp director for the JHJC. As a Bet Sefer teacher, I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue working with the kids from Hebrew school as well as getting to meet the new children coming to Jackson for the summer.

Camp planning is at full speed. Mitch will be heading up the counselors for his third year. He is bringing Charlie to help us out and we have hired Elana, who has studied in Israel for the past year. A few local Jewish teens will join in on the fun as junior counselors.

We plan at least two units at camp: 4 to 6 year-olds and the 7 to 11 year-olds. Judd and Dan Gordon will lead us each morning for flag raising, songs, and storytelling. Then we will be off on our adventures. Tell your kids to bring their *Ruach* and get ready to hike, swim, bike, white water raft, make some arts and crafts, go to the fair, ride the tram, join the kids of the Community Children's Project, and much more!

Throughout the two weeks of camp we will weave the invisible thread of Judaism and our connection to the environment. I can't wait to see you all in just a few weeks!

Andrea Mazer, Camp Director



Shabbat Service

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Baby Naming

Help us welcome Jordon Blaire Davis.

Rabbi Dan Gordon

Chazan Judd Grossman.

June 17, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Chapel

*A special Oneg will be prepared by
Daddy-Chef Trey Davis
of Sweetwater Café.*



Introduction to Islam for the Equality State

Lecture and discussion led by UW
Religious Studies Professor Seth Ward.

*Knowledge and understanding of Islam is
crucial to our understanding of world
events and to any hope for world peace.*

Thursday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

Teton County Library

All are welcome.

Co-sponsored by the Wyoming Council for the Humanities.

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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.

Naming Contest

When Victoria joined us last year, she gave this newsletter the rather prosaic name “Chaverim Newsletter.” Now it is time to ditch that name and find something more suitable for our beloved newsletter. Since this is a contest, the winner will receive a suitable prize.

If you have ideas for a proper name for our community rag, please e-mail it in, or call or write the office. All the details on how to reach us are above. Our esteemed judges are awaiting your entries so we can

“Name this Newsletter.”

Attention Smith’s Shoppers

If you are a Smith’s Shopper, you finally have a chance to benefit the Chaverim while buying your groceries. The Chaverim’s Bet Sefer Hebrew School has been approved to participate in Smiths Earn & Learn Program.

All you have to do to make no-cost donations to Bet Sefer is fill out a Smiths Earn & Learn Enrollment Form with your Fresh Values Card number and designating “**Bet Sefer—Jackson Hole Chaverim**” as your benefiting school. No numbers. No additional cards. Please pick up the Enrollment Form on your next shopping trip.