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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.*

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!



**2011 CAMP  
DATES:  
July 18-22  
July 25-29**

Sign your child/ren up for the  
Jackson Hole Jewish Community's  
Summer Camp!

Registration has begun! Cost is  
\$325 per week for JHJC members  
and \$375 per week for non-mem-  
bers. If you would like registration  
materials or scholarship information,  
please contact Mary at 734-1999 or  
info@jhjewishcommunity.org

### SAVE THE DATE:



**Monday, June 27  
JHJC Annual  
Membership Meeting  
River Crossing in  
Rafter J • 6:30 pm**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JUNE 2011

## Letter from the president

My family and I went to Salt Lake City to try and escape the wet cold weather that usually accompanies Old West Days here in Jackson Hole. We should have driven even further south as Salt Lake was just as wet and cold. This spring perhaps Tucson would not have been too far south to go!

As we always do when we are in Salt Lake we visited the Jewish part of the cemetery where my parents are buried. This last visit happened to coincide with Memorial Day, which was especially appropriate given that my Dad was a WWII combat veteran who landed at Anzio and fought in Italy and northern

Africa. The visit also came close to the anniversary of when my Mother passed away. In Jewish tradition we place a small stone on top of the headstone to show that someone has visited the gravesite and that a loved one is not forgotten. This custom might have come from Biblical times when there were no monuments except, perhaps, for a

cairn of rocks marking the grave. When you visited the grave you either re-piled the stones or added new ones to perpetuate the existence of the gravesite. So we placed stones upon my parents' monument which I had collected last summer from some of the mountain summits we had reached. Placing these particular stones was meaningful to me as my parents admired the beauty of the mountains after they moved out west but were past the time in life when they could reach the tops themselves.

On my Mother's Yahrzeit, which is Yiddish for "time of year", I will light a special candle at sunset that will burn for 24 hours. In our

tradition the candle's flame represents the human soul. And I know that to be true as the soft glow of the candle's light reminds me how my Mother's presence always added a glowing warmth and light to our home and lives in the Bronx.

Jewish law requires saying the Mourner's Kaddish at least three times on the day of observance of a Yahrzeit. And, although it is only required to observe the Yahrzeit of a parent, sibling, spouse or child it is permissible to also observe the Yahrzeit of a grandparent, other family member or even a friend. Some Jews also observe the day by fasting, as well.

There are several purposes in performing any or all of these rites or customs. In the case of parents it is a mitzvah, according to the Torah, to honor your mother and father and by observing their Yahrzeit you are honoring them in death as you did in life. Another purpose is to reflect on the life of a loved one who has passed on and learn valuable lessons from the life they led. A Yahrzeit

observance is also a time to review our own lives and think about how we want to be remembered by our children and grandchildren after we are gone. And so here is a Jewish tradition that means to provide us with an opportunity to examine ourselves and change the way we live, if need be, so we may be remembered for the good we did in our lives and for the example we set for others by the way we lived it.

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Earl Domskey-Finkelstein  
(and Jodi!)**

Still looking for Jewish Pets of the Month!  
If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.



CALENDAR

**June 13: The Case for Israel** free screening at the home of Laurie Thal. 7 p.m. [thalglass@bresnan.net](mailto:thalglass@bresnan.net).

**June 15-17: Montana Shabbaton with Bet Harim** in Kila, MT. Sponsored by MAJCO.

**June 17: Shabbat with Rabbi Fred Wenger and Chazzan Judd Grossman.** *Two Communities walking a common Jewish path.* Rabbi Wenger will talk about the similarities between Kibbutz Lotan in Israel and JH. St. John’s Church. 6 p.m

**June 18: Adult Study with Rabbi Fred Wenger.** *Reform Zionism in a Time of Middle East Transformation.* 9:30 a.m.

**June 27: JHJC Annual Membership Meeting** Location River Crossing church in Rafter J. 6:30 p.m.

**July 17: Pre-Camp BBQ** for Campers, Parents and Staff with Camp Director Jenn Kauffman. Stay tuned for details.

**July 18: Summer Camp begins!**

**July 22: Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins:** stay tuned for details.

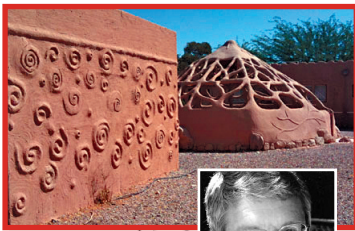
**Membership Directory online submissions are over, but ...** If you did not get to submit your information via our online site, and still want to be part of the directory, please email Mary at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

**We need your help and generosity this summer:**

- We need a family or individuals to host oneg on June 17, Shabbat with Rabbi Fred Wenger.
- We need a family or individuals to host oneg on July 22, Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins.
- We need housing for the Summer Camp director and one of the councilors while they are here in July. We need space for two weeks: one week for a councilor, and one week for both the director and the councilor. If you have an open guest house or room and would like to help with housing these lovely ladies, please contact the JHJC office.
- Got a skill or talent you’d like to pass along? Looking for adults to help with Summer Camp leading small classes for campers.

*JHJC sends a special Todah Rabah to Dr. Brent Blue and JH Weekly for donating the production of this newsletter each month.*

JUNE EVENTS

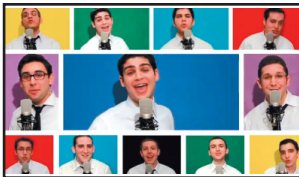


**Rabbi Fred Wenger will speak about Kibbutz Lotan (pictured) in Israel at this month’s Shabbat services.**

**Shabbat with Rabbi Fred Wenger & Judd Grossman Friday, June 17**

**When:** Friday, June 17, 6 p.m.  
**Where:** St. John’s Church Fellowship Hall  
Join Rabbi Fred Wenger, from Salt Lake City, and chazzan Judd Grossman for a special Shabbat celebrating the similarities between the Jackson Hole congregation and Kibbutz Lotan in Southern Israel: *Two Communities walking a common Jewish path.*

**Saturday Adult Study, June 18 : Reform Zionism in a Time of Middle East Transformation.**  
• 9:30 a.m, Home of Al and Charlene Zuckerman. 1930 South Park Ranch Rd., 699-1091



**NJBs play Boulder**  
Maccabeats play the Boulder Jewish Festival 2011. Sunday June 12, 11 a.m - 5 p.m. Maccabeats take the main stage at 2 p.m. The festival hosts live music all day, ethnic food and fine art. [boulderjewishfestival.org](http://boulderjewishfestival.org).

**In case you missed The Case**  
Laurie Thal will host a free screening of “The Case for Israel: Democracy’s outpost.” on **Monday, June 13.** Alan Dershowitz pres-



ents a vigorous case for Israel and its basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism and to

defend its borders. 7 p.m. at the home of Laurie Thal. Bring a dessert to share. Email for directions: [thalglass@bresnan.net](mailto:thalglass@bresnan.net).

**Montana Shabbaton**  
Bet Harim invites you to join them for the MAJCO Shabbaton 2011. July 15 - 17 at the Sanctuary Retreat Center in Kila, Montana. Accommodations: Montana-style cottages, bunk house, tents on platforms or bring your own tent. Motels available in Kalispell. Gourmet vegetarian food to accommodate Kosher and other dietary preferences. Programs: Shabbat evening service and meal at the Sanctuary. Saturday in Glacier Park, catered lunch, hiking, Havdallah at the Sanctuary followed by a bonfire and music. Sunday, MAJCO meeting and speakers. Contact Bet Harim at [bet\\_harim@yahoo.com](mailto:bet_harim@yahoo.com).

**MT Youth Camp for teens**  
Congregation Beth Shalom in Bozeman, in association with MAJCO and Soultrain is pleased to announce our first Youth Camp for teens. This camp is designed for post bar and bat mitzvah Jewish youth from Montana and surrounding communities, providing them with an enriching opportunity to meet with peers, learn more about their Jewish culture, heritage and traditions and have fun!  
**When:** August 8 - 13, 2011  
**Where:** Beth Shalom, Bozeman  
**Costs:** \$100 per participant (Scholarships available)  
Accommodations: Participants from outside Bozeman will stay with their Beth Shalom peers and their families. For more information, and to register, contact Jenny Rassaby Ryan at [rassabies@gmail.com](mailto:rassabies@gmail.com), or phone 406 579 3846

**A Letter from Sydney Daniels**  
Long-time Bet Sefer principal leaves the Valley

Dear JHJC Friends and Members,  
It is with a heavy heart that I tell you that I’m resigning from my position as the Director of Bet Sefer at the end of this school year. I have loved working with all of you and teaching the kids at Bet Sefer for the past six years. I have accepted a job offer at a school in Washington, DC and will be leaving the valley this summer. This decision is extremely bittersweet for me. I’m excited about this new opportunity, and especially the idea that I’ll be so close to my family, but I’m incredibly sad about leaving Jackson. This community is so special and unique—unlike any other I’ve ever found—and I will leave a little bit of me here in Jackson (and hopefully take some of it with me!).  
Please know that as I think about starting this new phase of my life, the hardest part of my life to replicate will be the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. I can’t tell you how much I’ve enjoyed being a member of our congregation, and how deeply connected I feel to being Jewish in Jackson Hole. I care about Judaism differently here than I have before, and it is my hope that I will be able to harness some of that enthusiasm and feel in the big city. I have promised Josh that I will do everything I can to impart my knowledge about running Bet Sefer and teaching kids to read Hebrew to him, and I am happy to help with anything else you may need from me.  
I also promise to visit and stay in touch. Thursday afternoons won’t be the same.  
Thank you for all of the kindness, love, and support over the past six years. I will miss everyone.  
*With love, Sydney*



MANY THANKS

■ **Shannon Thal and Lori Zalbowitz** for making decadent flourless chocolate cakes for Passover.  
■ **A huge todah rabah and farewell to Sydney Daniels** who leaves us this summer to pursue dreams elsewhere. She was principal of the Bet Sefer school for six years. She was a dedicated instructor and role model for our children of the JHJC. Good luck!  
■ **Parents of Bet Sefer** Students for hosting oneg following Shabbat services in May.  
■ **Bet Sefer** Students for guiding us through another wonderful Shabbat service in May.

MAZEL TOV!

■ **2010-11 Bet Sefer Students, Colby King, David King, Isaac Grossman, Josh Clemens Zandler, Gabe Lewis, Maia Lewis, Aaron Trauner, Daniel Pepper, Dillon Weiss, Luke Kitchen, Sydney Kitchen and Aaron Scher** for completing another year of Hebrew School. Kol HaKavod!

IN HONOR

■ Members of the UJA-Federation of New York’s Solelim Fund graciously made a donation in honor of **Gary and Veronica Silberberg.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ **Looking for potential donors** for Swingin’ Sabbath on 8.5.11  
Contact Mary at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org) if you are interested.



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