

SAVE THE DATE:



**An Evening with
author Anita Diamant
Friday, June 29
Free • 7 p.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church**

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JUNE 2012

Letter from the the President



Uncle Moishe told me the following story that my Aunt Estie told him that her sister told to her. My Aunt Estie's sister Sarah,

a force of nature to be sure, is married to the mayor of a small town in New Jersey. One day Sarah and her husband were out walking and were passing a construction site when one of the workers called out, "Sarah, what's new?". Sarah stopped and introduced her husband to Avi and they chatted for a few minutes before continuing their walk. After a few minutes the mayor asked Sarah how she knew Avi and Sarah told him that they had went to high school together and that she even thought about marrying him at one time. To this the mayor laughed and said, "You don't realize how lucky you are. If I hadn't come along today you'd be the wife of a construction worker!". Sarah replied confidently and without hesitation, "Not really. If I had married Avi, he'd now be mayor".

The presentation in May by Susan Sandager, who brought her one

woman performance depicting the life of Corrie ten Boom, a Holocaust hero and a "Righteous Among Nations" honoree, to Jackson Hole was a wonderfully dramatic and poignant story. Pastor Mike Atkins and his congregation graciously hosted this Holocaust Remembrance event at beautiful River Crossing in Rafter J. I think it was especially fitting and symbolic that this event took place at River Crossing as it illustrated again our community's willingness to come together to support and share in each other's faith, culture and history. This sort of joint effort is what makes living in the valley so special and the hundred or so folks that came not only gave witness to this remarkable story but showed their commitment to each other as a community, neighbors and tolerant human beings.

The other event this past month that was very special was our Bet Sefer Sabbath service. As has been our tradition this Sabbath service was led by the students of our Hebrew School as a culmination of their school year and what they have learned. These children are not only a blessing to their parents and families but to the Jewish community as well. They and their teachers did a remarkable job putting the service together and as I looked around at the faces of the congregation I could see that everyone was enthralled with the per-

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Yiddish word of the month

"Alteh moid"

**definition:
spinster, old maid**

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 15: Shabbat and BBQ with Judd Grossman and Josh Kleyman. 7 p.m., Owen Bircher Park, Wilson. Bring your favorite cookout side dish. Rain or shine.

June 27: Annual Membership Meeting. St. John's Episcopal Church Hansen Hall. 6 p.m. Discuss budget, board of directors and any questions you may have for JHJC leadership.

June 29: An Evening with author Anita Diamant. 7 p.m. discussion and presentation followed by a dessert reception. Free. See page 2 for details on book discussions on Diamant's book, *Day After Night*.

July 1: Membership Directory - Deadline to submit online.

If you choose to be part of our Membership Directory you have until July 1 to submit information and photos. Support the Directory with a business card ad. Small full color box ads are \$25. Go to www.jhjewishcommunity.org for link to survey.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Volunteers to help an Evening with Anita Diamant, June 29.
- Volunteers to help screen some great films in a mini-Jewish Film Festival.
- Volunteers to help with Spirit of the Mountains summer camp, last two weeks of July.

Email info@jhjewishcommunity.org if you are interested in volunteering.

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

Shabbat BBQ & Cookout with Judd and Josh

Friday, June 15 • 7 p.m.
Owen Bircher Park, Wilson

Join friends for a lovely outdoor Shabbat with Judd Grossman and Josh Kleyman followed by a cookout. Bring your favorite cookout side dishes and we'll supply the Hebrew National Hotdogs, dessert, wine and lemonade. Bring additional meat to grill if you don't want hot dogs. It's advisable to also bring bug spray, lawn chairs and a jacket. Rain or shine.



Mountain Chai News

JHJC teams up with St. John's Episcopal Church to present author Anita Diamant

Anita Diamant is an award-winning journalist and author of national best selling books including *The Red Tent* and *Day After Night*, *The New Jewish Baby Book* and the *The New Jewish Wedding Book*.



Author Anita Diamant

Anita will discuss her book *Day After Night* followed by a book signing and dessert reception. This is co-sponsored by the JHJC and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Additional Book Club Events: Shannon Troxler Thal will be leading an evening book club discussion on *Day After Night* on June 7th at 6 p.m. at the Meeting Room at St. John's. Rev. Mary Erickson will also facilitate a discussion on June 21st at 6 p.m. at the meeting room. Books are available at Valley Bookstore for a 20% discount.

An Evening with Anita Diamant. 7 p.m., Friday, June 29 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 170 N. Glenwood. Free.
Info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

Last minute registration for camp

Sign your child/ren up for the Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Summer Camp. Camp 2012 dates are July 16-20 & 23-27.

Cost is \$375 per week. If you would like registration materials or scholarship information, please contact Mary at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org

JHJC Annual Meeting

Catch up with the JHJC Board of Directors. Learn about the proposed budget, the State of the Congregation and ask questions. 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 27 at St. John's Episcopal Church Hansen Hall.

Annual Membership Directory: Submit online by July 1

If you choose to be part of our Membership Directory you have until July 1 to submit as little, or as much, information about you and your family at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/memberdirectory>. Participation not required for members. If you have any questions or comments please email Mary at info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

A is for AIPAC in August

Mark your calendar for our annual meetings with Wyoming elected officials. No matter your views of Israel, this is a rare opportunity to hear from Sens. Enzi and Barrasso and Rep. Lummis and their views and insights on issues concerning Israel.

- **Senator Enzi** --Monday Aug. 6, @10 am in his office on Maple way.
- **Rep. Lummis**--Mon. Aug. 6 @3 pm at River Crossing.
- **Sen. Barrasso**--Tues. Aug 7 @ 3 pm at River Crossing.

Boulder Jewish Festival even bigger

A one-day celebration of Jewish culture, featuring live entertainment, fine art and Judaica, ethnic food, community organizations and activities for all ages. FREE!



President's Letter ...

formance. These children are the lifeblood of the future of our culture and community. It is so very important that we support them and their teachers in endeavors such as their Sabbath program.

This month, on Wednesday, June 27th we will hold our annual membership meeting 6 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. We will be electing or re-electing board members and we will be adopting the budget for next fiscal year. More importantly, it is an opportunity for everyone to come and ask questions, make comments or suggestions, voice concerns or just listen

to what is being said concerning the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. The JHJC is a grassroots organization. We all have the ability, either singularly or collectively, to influence the direction of the Community in a positive way. Whatever our organization is, it is of our own making. Each member's input is important and everyone's opinion matters. I urge you to come to the meeting and help mold the future of the JHJC.

b' Shalom
Al Zuckerman
JHJC Board President

MANY THANKS

- **Christine Schuller** for organizing our annual Holocaust Remembrance Day event: *Corrie ten Boom Remembers*. Over 100 people attended this meaningful one-woman show. Special thanks to River Crossing for hosting the performance at their facility.
- **Al Zuckerman** for helping with Corrie ten Boom Remembers by speaking and reading Kaddish.
- **Eliana Fischel, Josh Kleyman, Aviva Thal** and **Esther Grossman** for being dedicated leaders for our 2012 class of Bet Sefer students.
- **Bet Sefer Parents** for sponsoring the May Shabbat oneg.

MAZEL TOV!

- 2011-12 Bet Sefer Students, **Colby King, David King, Isaac Grossman, Josh Clemens Zandler, Gabe Lewis, Maia Lewis, Aaron Scher, Aaron Trauner, Daniel Pepper, Dillon Weiss, Finley Brownfield** and **Beatrix Goldstein** for completing another year of Hebrew School. **Kol HaKavod!**
- Bon Voyage to **Esther Grossman**, who leaves soon to spend the year in India as an exchange student.

GET WELL SOON

- **David Goldfarb** we're hoping you're feeling better.

Scenes from May

Holocaust Remembrance Day • Bet Sefer Shabbat



(Top) Over one hundred people attended the Holocaust Remembrance Day performance, *Corrie ten Boom Remembers*. (Bottom) Bet Sefer kids rock out with Judd during Shabbat.



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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.

Mark your calendar for Summer Events



- JUNE 15 • SHABBAT
- JUNE 27 • ANNUAL MEETING
- JUNE 29 • ANITA DIAMANT
- JULY 15 • PRE-CAMP BBQ
- JULY 20 • SHABBAT
- JULY 16 • CAMP STARTS
- AUGUST 3 • SWINGIN' SABBATH
- AUGUST 6 & 7 • AIPAC MEETINGS