

SAVE THE DATE:



March 22

Saturday night at the Jewish Movies
 "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg"
7 p.m. Home of Shawn & Mike Daus

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MARCH 2008

Letter from the Presidents

When I was a child growing up in the Bronx us kids loved the snow, especially when it cancelled school. We couldn't understand why all the adults complained about something that was so much fun to play in and at the same time got us a day off. I suppose it was a matter of perspective as to how you felt about the white stuff. Living in Jackson, it seems the tables have been turned a little and the adults love the snow, as evidenced by the two events hosted by the JHJC in February, a tubing outing at Snow King Tube Park and a cross country ski tour near Ditch Creek, while the kids complain that they don't get out of any school here as a result of snow storms.

A new lease was recently signed allowing the Jewish Community to continue operating out of the same office location, 480 S. Cache St., Suite #6. If you are in the neighborhood drop in and visit with our Executive Director, Andrea Mazer about any issues that are of interest to you. While you are there check out the fine collection of books in the Judaic library. Feel free to check any book out. Just give Andrea a call at 734-1999 or e-mail her at andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org to see when she will be in the office.

We would like to thank Carol Mann for representing the JHJC at a recent

Jackson Hole Interfaith gathering hosted by the Murie Center. Carol worked very hard in preparing for this event that brought together religious leaders to talk about their particular faith in relation to the environment. Carol did an outstanding job in representing the JHJC.

The Board will be busy this spring on many fronts. In an effort to provide more consistent leadership the Rabbi Search committee consisting of EJ Hirschfield, Josh Kleymann and Barbara Trachtenberg continue to seek out a Rabbi that would be a good fit for our Jewish Community and provide us with the rabbinical consistency that has been identified as a goal of the Community's membership. If any member of the Community has an interest in joining the committee please contact the office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org. A second committee is working on changing our by-laws in anticipation for applying for membership in the URJ. The Board is also exploring ideas for a large fundraising event. If anyone has any creative ideas for such an event please contact Andrea Mazer at andrea@jhjewishcommunity.org. Additionally, the Board is planning to offer a "Jewish Summit Meeting" this spring. We are looking to invite con-

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JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



Tashi Thal

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

CALENDAR

March 15: Community Forum: Understanding Islam hosted by Wyoming Global Leadership Exchange and the Teton County Library. There will be an evening workshop conducted by cultural trainer Lobna Ismail followed by an Interfaith Panel. Carol Mann will represent the JHJC at the Interfaith Panel. 6:30pm at Jackson Hole High School.

March 20: Purim celebration with Rabbi Jerry Weider. Join the JHJC as we read the megillah and nosh on hamentashen. Come dressed as your favorite Purim character. Everyone welcome. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. LDS Church.

March 21: Purim Party and Fundraiser for the JHJC Children's Fund. Fun and games from 5 – 7 p.m. Middle school dance from 7 – 9 p.m. Presbyterian Church. \$5/person. Yummy treats for sale. Come dressed as your favorite Purim character.

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March 23: Bar/Bat Mitzvah class with Rabbi Jerry Weider. 9:30 a.m. Downstairs conference room, 480 S. Cache.

April 26: Passover Seder with Carl Levenson and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Snow King Resort., Grand Room. Fully catered. Contact the office for table or seat reservations or send a check with a list of those attending to PO Box 10667, Jackson, WY 83002. Cost:\$40 for adults, \$20 for kids age 5-12, \$120 for families with 3 or more kids.

2008 PURIM PARTY

The story of Purim is a celebration about the defeat of anti-Semitism, during the reign of King Ahashveros. In celebration of Purim and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community, Dani Domsky, Arthur Blue, and Josh Forman (this year's Bar/Bat Mitzvah students) are organizing a party at the Presbyterian Church for their mitzvah project. Their mitzvah project is a fundraiser for the Children's Fund for Bet Sefer. The party is on Friday, March 21st.

There will be fun and games for ages 2-10 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and a dance for kids in middle school from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The admission donation is \$5, which includes a raffle ticket for middle schoolers and fun prizes for the little kids. There will also be pizza, soft drinks and more yummy treats for sale. Come dressed as your favorite character from the Purim story or any costume of your choice.



If you can't come to the Purim Party, but would still like to make a donation to support Dani, Arthur and Josh's mitzvah project, please send a check payable to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community to: PO Box 10667 Jackson, WY 83002.

Or e-mail us at: info@jhjewishcommunity.org



Josh Forman, Dani Domsky and Arthur Blue (our B'nai Mitzvah students) smile for the camera as they meet to discuss the details for this year's Purim Party.

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gregations to Jackson from neighboring communities to partake in discussions on issues that are common to all Jewish communities in this area of the Rockies. EJ Hirschfield is heading up this effort.

We would like to give a very special thanks to Stan and Barb Trachtenberg for sponsoring Rabbi Andrew Feig's visit on March 7. Also, of course, Purim is on Friday, March 20. Rabbi Jerry Weider will be in town that weekend. There are several events planned for that weekend including the Rabbi's reading of the Megillah and a Purim party being organized by Arthur Blue, Dani Domsky, and Josh Forman. These soon-to-be Bar and Bat Mitzvahs

have been working hard on this party. Let's come out and support their efforts. See the schedule in this newsletter for dates, times and locations.

As spring arrives on March 20 and your friends back east are telling you about the garden they are planting or their golf game that day feel lucky that you probably have another month at least of winter to enjoy more skiing. Remember after all, it is only a matter of perspective.

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman and
Rachel Ravitz
Co-Presidents*

TID BITS

JHJC Seeks Camp Director

We are looking for a camp director for summer 2008 for our two week summer day camp. The director will plan and execute the program, & hire and oversee counselors. The camp hours are 9 am – 4 pm daily for the weeks of July 21-25 & July 28-August 1. Must have experience working with children. Salary dependent on experience. Send resume to info@jhjewishcommunity.org. Contact Andrea Mazer for more information at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

Summer Torah Trek Opportunities

Led by Rabbi and Israeli desert guide Mike Comins, Torah Trek explores the connection between inner and outer geography, between the journey into the wilderness and the path of the soul.

Wyoming Goat-Pack: Wind River Range, WY July 1-7. Hike into the breathtaking Wind River Range backcountry, without the 50 pound pack.

Grand Teton Retreat: Grand Teton National Park, July 10-13. Daily Torah Trek program at the Murie Ranch in Grand Teton National Park. Each day is independent, come one or come all.

If you are interested in attending a Torah Trek this summer or would like more information, please contact the office at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734.1999.

Yerzeit and Anniversary Notices

The JHJC would like to send our members annual yerzeit reminders and remembrance candles on the anniversary of the passing of a family member or loved one. Please send us the name (English and Hebrew) and date of your loved one's death, so we may provide you with this service.

We would also like to recognize our members' anniversaries. Please send us your name and the date you were married, so we may recognize your simchah.

Send names and dates to:

PO Box 10667

Rabbi Search Committee

We have three board members who have volunteered to serve on a Rabbi Search committee – Josh Kleyma, EJ Hirschfield and Barbara Trachtenberg. We are interested in having 2-3 additional volunteers from the community to serve on this committee. We have recently received several resumes from various Rabbis interested in the JHJC, therefore, we feel it imperative to have a larger committee to provide balance. If you are interested please contact: EJ Hirschfield at 734.1999.

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

To: Sylvia, Larry, and Lauri Thal

In memory fo Karuna Thal, your beloved daughter, sister and friend.

From: Susan Herman

To: Terry Romberg

In honor of your birthday.

From: Anne and Jack Hudson

Many Thanks:

Christine Schuller for hosting our February Oneg.

Al Zuckerman for stepping in for Rabbi Weider at our February Shabbat service.

Carol Mann for representing the JHJC at the Murie Center's inter-faith panel.

Mike and Shawn Daus for donating an HP Office Jet for the JHJC office.

Mazel Tov:

Lou and Margaret Hochheiser on the birth of their granddaughter **Laney**.

Anne & Peter Sibley on the birth of their daughter **Leah Brown Sibley**.

Frank and Maureen Londy on the engagement of their daughter **Meagan Londy to Stephen Shapiro**.

Rick Fox and Jen Daniels on expecting their second and third children.

Brandon Kapelow on placing third in the sophomore public forum debate and finding semifinal success in the original oratory category at the Lander Valley Speech and Debate Classic.

Prayer of Healing:

Diann Mann

Scott Stachel

JHJC Wish List:

Synagogue Database program for our office computer: \$2750

Underwrite a Rabbi visit: \$1500

New Books for Bet Sefer

(Herbrew School): \$300



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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.

Upcoming PURIM EVENTS

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