

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Shabbat with  
Rabbi Wenger &  
Chazzan Judd Grossman**  
March 20 • 6:00 p.m.  
St. John's Episcopal Church,  
small chapel

# The Jackson Kol



Jackson Hole Jewish Community

NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MARCH 2009

## Letter *from the President*

We have so many busy little bees creating all sorts of opportunities for the congregation and the community at large. One has only to look at our event schedule for the month of March to see what I mean. There is something for everyone on a schedule that is as diverse in subject matter as our community is in its interests.

However, before I move forward I must back up to February and thank some folks for their contributions in bringing wonderful programming to both entertain us and move us emotionally and spiritually. I must give many thanks to Christine Schuler for her boundless energy and enthusiasm and plain old hard work in putting together the showing of "Paper Clips" for not only the adult members of our community but for grades six through nine of our school district. What made this extra special were the discussions that took place after the movie for adults and kids alike with the movie's creator, Joe Fab. In this time of fiscal challenges, Christine was even able to secure a grant to offset the cost of this important program which promoted two of the Jewish Community's core tenets, tolerance and understanding. Bravo, Christine, on a job well done.

The JHJC's February Shabbous service was conducted by the Bet Sefer students with the support of and at the

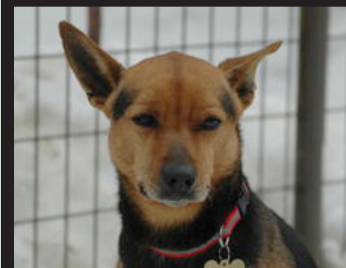
direction of their wonderfully dedicated teachers. You could tell how hard the kids worked on preparing the service by their concentration and mastery of Hebrew as they read prayers in both English and Hebrew. The transition from the week of hustle and bustle, toil and commerce was all the more effectively made complete when I closed my eyes and listened to their sweet voices recite the prayer over the Shabbous candles. I've always felt, that no matter what is happening in the world that might cause one to lose hope, when you hear the clear, innocent voice of a child singing or the sound of their carefree laughter it has the affect of raising you up and making you feel that everything will be all right. And so it was this night. I thank them for this special and uplifting service and their parents who support them and think it is important that their children learn of their heritage and cultural and religious traditions.

Two events that I hope you all will support and attend in March is the Purim party and March's Shabbous service featuring Rabbi Fred Wenger from Salt Lake City. The Purim party is being organized by our own Amelia Scofield as her Bat Mitzvah project. She has worked very hard on this project and deserves our support. Besides, what's not to enjoy? You will have a

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### NEED A JEWISH PET?



**Adopt Zach from the  
Animal Adoption Center**

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

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## CALENDAR

**January 23 - March 4: Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings.** Exhibit on loan from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on display in the Artspace Gallery at the Center for the Arts.

**March 11:** Bob Behr, Holocaust Survivor speaker. Center for the Arts Theater, 7:00 pm.

**March 12: Purim crafts.** Teton County Library, Ordway Auditorium. 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. For children age 3-7. Registration required, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

**March 14: Purim Carnival.** Presbyterian Church, gym. 5 pm – 7 pm. Come in costume and ready for fun! For kids age 2 – 95. \$5 donation at the door requested.

**March 15: Youth Group ski day.** Come ski with Jo, Stephan and the youth group gang. Meet at the base of the Gondola, JHMR at 9:30 am.

**March 20: Shabbat with Rabbi Wenger.** 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, small chapel. Oneg to follow.

**March 21: Adult Education with Rabbi Wenger.** Join a lively discussion on the upcoming holiday of Passover. Place TBA. 4:00 pm.

**March 21: Page to the Podium: Alexander McCall Smith.** Spring into action beginning at 10 am and get your free ticket to see world-renowned author and gifted speaker Alexander McCall Smith. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Teton County Library.

**April 15: Community Passover Seder.** 5:30 pm. Old Wilson School House.

## WHO IS RABBI WENGER?

Rabbi Frederick L. Wenger, M.A.H.L., D.D., became Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation Kol Ami in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2003 after serving as its Rabbi since 1987. From 2004 through 2007, he served as Interim Rabbi of Congregation Beth Sholom in Anchorage, Alaska. During his active retirement from the full time Rabbinate, he has volunteered in Israel at Hadassah Neurim and Nahalal Youth Villages. He also teaches courses in World Religions, Bible, Zionism, and Basic Judaism at Westminster College and

Brigham Young University. He also enjoys teaching and participating actively in the life of Congregation Kol Ami and the I.J. and Jeanne Wagner Jewish Community Center.

In addition to his other community activities, Rabbi Wenger pursues an avid interest in classical music. He enjoys teaching in the Jewish and general communities. Currently he is working on a contemporary commentary on the Book of Job.

*Rabbi Wenger will be in Jackson to lead Shabbat services on Friday, March 20 at St. John's Episcopal church, small chapel.*

## PAGE TO THE PODIUM: ALEXANDER McCALL SMITH

Spring into action on Saturday, March 21 and get your free ticket to see world-renowned author and gifted speaker Alexander McCall Smith. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 10 am at the Teton County Library. One ticket per card will be given, and you may bring a family member's or friend's card to claim tickets for additional attendees.

The Teton County Library & Library Foundation present Page to the Podium: Alexander McCall Smith on Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at the Center Theater, Center for the Arts. Underwriters for this event include Title Sponsors: First Interstate Bank, Mary K. Weiss Foundation; Sponsors: Jackson



Hole Jewish Community; and with support from: Four Seasons Resort Jackson Hole, Berte and Alan Hirschfield.

## MR. BOB BEHR, HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

**Wednesday, March 11  
7:00 pm  
Center for the Arts Theater**

In 1942 Bob Behr and his mother were arrested by the Gestapo and deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto/concentration camp. He volunteered to work at a satellite

camp, Wulkow, because the SS promised that the families of Jews who "volunteered" would be protected from deportation to the gas chambers.

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great time with all the games and music and food. There will be a reading of the Megillah and all the money raised will be donated to the Bet Sefer program. So treat yourself and your family to a fun evening.

When I would visit my brother in Salt Lake I would always try to attend Saturday morning services at Temple Kol Ami where Rabbi Wenger officiated. He is a warm and caring man whose services reflect these traits. I think you will really enjoy his service. In addition, Rabbi Wenger will also be doing an adult education class après ski on Saturday afternoon. Please join us for an interest-

ing, thoughtful and timely presentation on the upcoming holiday of Passover.

I was just talking to someone recently who was learning to play the game Maj jongg. It reminded me of the times back in the Bronx when the ladies would come over to our apartment on Wednesday nights to play. The conversation always started like this. Yetta, "Oy" . Freida, "Oy vey". Sarah, "Oy vey meer". Sylvia, "Enough talk of the children, let's play".

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman, JHJC President*

## FOUR PASSOVER QUESTIONS:

**What?** Our Community Seder

**When?** Wed April 15@ 5:30 pm

**Where?** Wilson Community Center (Old Wilson School House)

**Who?** All of Us! And if you want to be a participant--leading part of the service, preparing charosis, etc. please call or e-mail Andrea at our office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

And two more questions--for extra credit:

**Why?** We're having our Seder at

the end of Passover so that everyone can attend and not miss this Jackson tradition because of spring break.

**How?** Fully aware of the economy, we are working to make this Seder affordable and fun. The charge will be as low as possible, and of course anyone who cannot afford the full price is invited and can pay what they can.

Please let Andrea know how many tickets you need and MARK YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT NOW!!!



Audrey Cohen-Davis and Trey Davis bless their new son Hudson Levi Davis on the occasion of his bris.

## Many Thanks:

**Christine Schuller** for her countless hours of hard work in helping with the Paper Clips film screening.

## Mazel Tov:

**Audrey Cohen-Davis** and **Trey Davis** on the birth of their son Hudson Levi Davis.

## Save the Date:

### 92 Y Live

Carol Leifer in Conversation with Jerry Seinfeld  
Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 pm

### Community Passover Seder

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 pm  
Old Wilson School House

### Yom HaAtzmaut

Film Screening: The Monster Among Us  
Wednesday, April 29

## Smith's Earn & Lean

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Bet Sefer program is enrolled in Smith's Earn & Lean Program. Everyone can be a part in helping fundraise for our Hebrew School through this program. All you have to do is request a letter from our office, 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org, which contains a barcode. You must present the letter and your fresh values/rewards card to your cashier during your next visit to Smith's. Your cashier will scan the barcode on the letter to link your card to our Bet Sefer program, and you will start earning points for our school. We thank you for your participation and support in our children's programs.



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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.*

## Purim Carnival

### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Jackson Hole Presbyterian Church, gym  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Games, Music and Food  
6:30 pm – 7 pm Reading of the Megillah  
\$5 donation at the door (includes 10 tickets for games, additional tickets \$2 for 10)  
Come in costume and ready for fun! Pizza, baked goods and drinks for sale. This event is for kids age 2 - 95.

*The money raised will be donated to support our Bet Sefer program. Many thanks to Amelia Scofield for organizing the party.*