

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**May 22**  
**Shabbat with Rabbi**  
**Wenger and Chazzan**  
**Judd Grossman**  
**St. John's Church**  
**6:00 p.m.**

# The Jackson Kol



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## Letter from the president

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Passover Seder. Looking around the beautifully renovated Old Wilson School House it was evident to me that there was a great deal of fellowship going on. It seems that the more events like this we have and the more people that attend them, the more we come to really bond as a community with old friends reunited and new friendships being forged. I'd like to thank and recognize Rose Novak and Andrea Mazer for organizing the Seder. They did a terrific job pulling it all together. And Wendell Stam for catering the affair and providing us with such a delicious menu, as well. And many thanks to all the folks that helped to set up, clean up, boil eggs, make Haroset and conduct parts of the service. It was a real community effort with so many people pitching in to help.

We had a minyon for our bike ride on the inner park road in Grand Teton N.P. last month. It was a beautiful sunny day albeit a little chilly when we started out. We had planned to go only so far as Jenny Lake but everyone seemed to be energized by the sunshine and so we

rode on to String Lake where we had a little picnic before heading back. I'd like to tell you that it was so wonderful that we had the breeze at our backs both ways, but I don't want to overdue it as we all know that never happens when you are bike riding.

Talk about a Pole, Pedal and Paddle "Heeb" dream team. How about State High School ski champ Sarina Scott doing the alpine leg, followed by Tamsen Pruzan doing the Nordic turn followed by Larry Thal (multiple men's PPP solo champ) on the bike leg and then Aaron Pruzan (also a multiple PPP solo men's winner) doing the anchor leg on the river in his kayak. Maybe next year?

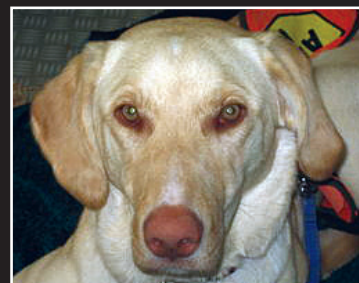
Rabbi Wenger returns in May to lead our Shabbat service. He was here in March and was very well received. He will also be leading an adult education class on Saturday afternoon being graciously hosted by Sandy Ress and Susan Foster in their lovely home. Sandy and Susan have also invited the first 30 people to RSVP to a dinner party early that evening at their home, as well. Call Andrea at the office for more

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## JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



**Adopt Lily from the**  
**Animal Adoption Center**  
**She would be a great hunting dog!**

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).

## CALENDAR

**May 22:** Shabbat with Rabbi Wenger and Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6:00 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church, small chapel. Oneg to follow. Please bring non-perishable items for our spring food drive.

**May 23:** Adult Education with Rabbi Wenger: Ruth and Shavuot - Poetry, Midrash, and Research. 3:30 p.m. Home of Sandy Ress and Susan Foster.

**May 23:** Potluck dinner and Havdalah at the home of Sandy Ress and Susan Foster. 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to 30 individuals. Please RSVP with Andrea at 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org). If your last name begins with A-G please bring a main course, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a side dish.

**June 20:** Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Thal.

**June 25:** Genocide in Darfur: Lessons for the World. Lecture with John Heffernan, Director of Genocide Prevention Initiative from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

### JHJC Wish List:

Individuals or families willing to host one of our monthly Onegs following Shabbat services. Responsibilities require purchase and preparation of finger food (cheese and crackers, bite size desserts, etc.). If you are interested in helping, please contact the office at 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

## A NOTE FROM RABBI WENGER

Rabbi Wenger will lead Shabbat services on May 22 and an adult education program on Ruth and Shavuot on May 23.

Shalom Haveirim (Dear friends),  
For us, this is a time for remembering:

April 28-9, we remember Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day and Yom HaAtzmaut, the anniversary of Israel's independence. We remember Israel's embodiment of Jewish history and ideals. We remember what Israel has meant to those who work for Jewish security and strength. We look to Israel to embody Jewish hopes and our vision of a better world. Israel at its best embodies all of these values. At its worst it degenerates into sectarian fighting, petty politics, and even bloodshed. We must embrace Israel and its goodness, and campaign to make ourselves and our Jewish world into the embodiment of the hope for which Israel stands. Knowing that the road to peace and justice is not easy, we walk it together with our brothers and sisters, the people of Israel.

May 10 is Mother's day (don't forget yours).

May 12, we celebrate L'ag b'Omer, recalling the last, unsuccessful revolution of Israel against the Romans, some 2,000 years ago.

May 16 is American Armed Service Day, whose purpose is to honor Americans serving in the five services - the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard.

May 22 is Yom Yerushalayim, when we remember Jerusalem's reuniting after the Six Day War.

May 25 is American Memorial Day. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the

American Civil War (it is celebrated near the day of reunification after the civil war), it was expanded after World War I to include American casualties of any war or military action.

May, 29 is Shavuot. 49 days after the first Passover, we received the Torah on Mount Sinai. As such, Shavuot is the anniversary of Judaism's covenant with God.

There is so much to keep in our heads this month, that amid the pressures of living and the glories of a beautiful spot like Jackson Hole in springtime, it is so easy to forget.

Irving Berlin, America's premier songsmith, and a good Jew to boot, identified our plight unawares when he wrote these lyrics:

**Into my dreams you wandered it seems,  
and then there came a day**

**You loved me too, my dreams had come true,  
and all the world was May**

**But soon the May time turned to December**

**You had forgotten, do you remember?  
Remember you vowed by all the stars  
above you'd remember**

**Remember we found a lonely spot**

**And after I learned to care a lot**

**You promised that you'd forget me not**

**But you forgot to remember.**

It will be my honor to join you once more on Shabbat, May 22-23. Shabbat is the anniversary of creation. Let's not forget to remember!

Shalom, Rabbi Fred Wenger

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details.

We are approaching the end of our Board's yearly cycle at the end of June. Several members of the present Board will be stepping down after serving so ably during their terms. With this annual transition we are asking any members of the JHJC who would like to serve on the Board and help to keep our organization both strong and vibrant to please contact Andrea and express your desire to serve the Jewish community.

I was talking to my Uncle Benny who lives in Queens over the Passover holidays. He told me a story how things were changing in the neighborhood. Uncle Benny went into this gourmet food shop on Forest Hills Blvd. I'm sure you know

the one. Anyway, Uncle Benny asked the clerk for a pound of lox. "No, no" the clerk says, "you mean smoked salmon." Uncle Benny said, "Okay, a pound of smoked salmon." "Anything else?" "Yes, a dozen blintzes." "No, no" the clerk replies, "you mean a dozen crepes." "Alright then, a dozen crepes". "Will there be anything else?" "Yes, Uncle Benny said, I'd like a pound of chopped liver." "No, no, you mean a pound of pate." Okay, a pound of pate and I'd like it delivered to my house on Saturday morning." "Look here, said the indignant clerk, we don't schlep on Shabbous!"

B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President

## SPRING FOOD DRIVE

During this time of remembrance, don't forget the local Community Cupboard.

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community will be conducting a spring food drive during the week of May 17 - 23. You can bring non-perishable items by our office at 480 S. Cache Suite #6 or to one of our events on May 22 & 23. Every contribution will be a help to the beneficiaries, and every contribution is important - from one can of food to many full grocery bags.



A minyon of bikers came out for a beautiful morning of riding through Grand Teton Nation Park in April.

## MANY THANKS

- Rose Novak, Rachel Ravitz, Joanna Snyder, Susan Foster and the numerous other individuals who helped make our Passover Seder a huge success!
- Wendell Stam for all your hard work in catering our Passover Seder.
- Al and Charlene Zuckerman for hosting our March Oneg.
- Rose and Ron Novak for hosting our April Oneg.

## MAZAL TOV

- Anne and Pete Sibley on winning the Great American Duet Sing-off on NPR's A Prairie Home Companion in April!

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



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

Camp 2009 dates are  
July 20-24 & 27-31

Cost: \$325 for members  
\$375 for non-members/week

Registration has begun! We will be accepting applications for children in grades K-8.

If you would like registration materials, please contact Andrea at 734-1999 or [nfo@jhjewish-community.org](mailto:nfo@jhjewish-community.org) [info@jhjewish-community.org](mailto:info@jhjewish-community.org)





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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.*



Josh Kleyman leads part of the Seder at the Old Wilson School Community Center.



Etta Lindenfeld, Lisa Finkelstein, and Rose Novak take a quick break to take in the views.



Frogs and Lice: Hannah Turtle and Rivka Bar-or have a little fun with the ten plagues during the Passover Seder.



Aviva Thal, Hannah Turtle and Gavi Bar-or ask the four questions during the Passover Seder.