



# Denver Chapter Newsletter

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## We Did It!

*Welcome to the first ever JWRP Denver newsletter.*

Now that we are back from Israel, our spiritual journey continues as we solidify friendships, embrace learning opportunities and enhance our community with our mitzvot. We already have lots of buzz and activity, many of you jumping right into leadership roles and committee memberships. We want to capture and share all the wonderful events, learning opportunities and projects our Denver sisters are involved in and make sure you don't miss what's ahead!

Here's what we are asking of you, dear members:

Committee chairs, please keep us up to date with plans, events and involvement of our sisters!! Each publication will include an event calendar so that you have upcoming dates at your fingertips. Also, if you know about any of our sisters being recognized in any way, or you would like us to highlight someone or something you find worth sharing, please contact me, Stephanie Labossiere.

Our publication schedule will initially be quarterly, but as we grow you can expect more frequent publications, highlighting a "Mitzvah Corner" for ways to be involved in the community and share your time and talents, "Meet A Sweet Sister" and hopefully a "Message from Lori."

## Meet A Sweet Sister!

It is our privilege to highlight Chaya Meyer in our first "Meet A Sweet Sister" feature.

Chaya was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and spent her first ten years in New York before moving to Denver at the age of 10. Chaya attended Hillel Academy, then Beth Jacob High School, before going to Israel where she received her Israeli teachers license. Chaya came back to the states to attend Stern College and then graduate school at the University of Denver where she earned her Masters in Education.

Chaya married Rabbi Meyer in 1983 and over the course of the next 22 years had 10 children. She currently has three children who are married and three granddaughters. What a blessing!!

As you can tell, Chaya has a passion for teaching and a burning love for the Jewish nation. She passionately says, "I love and respect all of mankind, but when it comes to helping a fellow Jew, nothing will stand in my way! I don't care what their background is or what they look like, I feel that they are my family and I am here for them." Chaya thrives on helping others and feels that is why she was put on this earth. Chaya loves teaching and visiting folks in Shalom Park and the hospital. She loves to invite guests over to her home and enjoys matchmaking Jewish singles and spending time with her husband and children.

Thank you Chaya for your gifts to our community and your leadership with JWRP!



## Who to Contact

*A special thanks to the committee chairs who have stepped up to organize!*

### **Book Club**

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### **Weekly Prayer List**

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### **Challah Baking**

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& Lisa Feld*  
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### **Holiday Cooking**

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### **Monthly Learning Group**

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### **Newsletter**

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## Policy Statement

JWRP Denver has adopted a "No Solicitation of Sweet Sisters" policy unless the causes and activities benefit either *Aish* or *The Jewish Experience* directly. We ask that our confidential mailing lists only be used within our JWRP groups. Please do not share our mailing list with other causes and organizations.

Thank you for honoring our privacy.

## Chesed Project

The "Chesed" co-chairs, Amy and Cassie have been in the planning stages of organizing some exciting projects for the JWRP women. Thanks to those of you who responded with ideas. Some of the ideas we are considering are:

- Volunteering to visit and do a project with residents at Shalom Park
- Package-making party for Israeli soldiers
- Visit with patients at Beth Nehama Hospice
- Collect donations for the Weinberg Food Pantry
- Group class focused on the teachings of Chesed
- Volunteer to cook and serve food at a local soup kitchen

Please look forward to hearing from us about our first Chesed project!!

## Special Thanks

A special thanks to Melanie Eisen for opening up her home for Rosh Hashanah!!

## Mazel Tov to Debra Weinstein

Debra was recently honored by Keshet of the Rockies, an organization that provides services for kids with special needs and learning challenges in Jewish Day Schools in Denver. Debra was awarded the "Woman of Valor" for her services in the Denver community and Denver Jewish community. Debra said, "It was a very humbling and wonderful event and Keshet of the Rockies does great work!!" Mazel Tov to Debra for her commitment and services to our community.

## Activities Report - We're INVOLVED!!

Our ladies have been busy attending JWRP and related community functions since returning from Israel! As of September 2010, we have seen:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Reunion 2010	24
Holiday Programs	17
Barbeque 2010	22
Parsha Class	9
Partners in Torah	10
Holiday Services/AISH & JE	21
Weekly Davening for others 2010	29
Shabbat and Holidays with our leaders	19
Pizza in the Hut	12

We have enthusiastic sign-ups for Upcoming Committees:

Weekly Classes	7
Challah Baking	15
Chesed Project	16
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Holiday Cooking	15
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For more information about joining these activities, contact Stephanie at 832-407-6636 or email: [labossierestephanie2@gmail.com](mailto:labossierestephanie2@gmail.com), or the committee chairs.



A special thank you to Janet Smith, an adopted sister to our JWRP group who not only generated and donated our 2010 backpack luggage tags, but who has agreed to publish our newsletter in support of all of us.



If you have questions or input for her about our newsletter layout, she can be reached at: [janetismith@msn.com](mailto:janetismith@msn.com).

## Events & Classes

### **BOOK CLUBS**

We have three book clubs forming in October, two in Denver made up of JWRP 2009 and 2010 women, and the third in Steamboat Springs. Book club selections, dates, and times will be posted in our newsletter as selections are made.

#### **JWRP 2010 Book Club**

*To Be A Jewish Woman* by Lisa Aiken

**When:** Tuesday, Nov. 2 @ 7:00 pm

**Where:** Home of Debra Weinstein  
5141 S. Ironton Way, Greenwood Village  
303-694-3049 (Debra)

**Who to contact:** Debra W. or Shari Fox

#### **JWRP 2009 Book Club**

*To Be A Jewish Woman* by Lisa Aiken

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 4 @ 7:00 pm

**Where:** Home of Wendy Greenwald  
6146 S. Akron Way, Greenwood Village  
303-482-5335 (Wendy)

**Who to contact:** Wendy Greenwald

#### **Steamboat Book Club**

*To Be A Jewish Woman* by Lisa Aiken

**When:** November (TBD)

**Where:** Home of Stephanie Labossiere  
530 Parkview Drive, Steamboat Springs  
832-407-6636 (Stephanie)

**Who to contact:** Stephanie Labossiere

### **COOKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

**When:** Look for an announcement in late October/early November.

**Who to Contact:** Susan Schiff or  
Lynn Pollard

### **THE JEWISH UNIVERSITY**

**When:** Fall 2010/beginning Oct. 4

**Where:** (2 locations)

AISH - Monday evenings

JCC - Wed. evenings or Sun. mornings

**Who to Contact:** [www.theje.com](http://www.theje.com)

**Teachers:** Rabbi Meyer,  
Rabbi Wasserman, Rabbi Leban,  
Dr. Mordechai Mishory & Aliza Bulow

### **MONTHLY LEARNING**

Monthly learning will begin Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and will include but not be limited to topics on the Wisdom of Pirkei Avos and the spiritual significance of the Jewish holidays. Instructors will be Chaya Meyer and Ellyn Hutt and invited guest lecturers.

**Where:** AISH and JCC

**When:** beginning Tuesday, October 26, 2010

**Time:** 7:00-9:00 pm

Please look for more information from Patricia Lackner and Marlene Rezvani.