

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**April 30  
Holocaust  
Remembrance  
Ceremony and reception  
Sat., April 30 6 p.m.  
Black Box Theater,  
Center for the Arts**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • APRIL 2011

## Letter from the president

I chatted with Uncle Moshe on the phone the other evening. He was telling me that he and his best friend Sy Gold, who he grew up with on Jerome Ave in the Bronx, were reminiscing about past Passovers they had spent together. Like the times they would eat matzah sandwiches while sitting in the bleachers at Yankee Stadium while their friend Tony Mascelli was eating ballpark hot-dogs like they were going out of style. He said one time he and Sy were sitting on a park bench in Van Cortland Park eating their Passover lunches when a blind man came along and sat down on their bench. Unc and Sy looked at each other. Sy shrugged and passed the blind man a sheet of matzah. Uncle Moishe and Sy watched the man for a few minutes handle the matzah and then with a puzzled look the man exclaimed, "Who wrote this drek!"

When I was a kid Passover was all about finding the Afikoman, the mystery of opening the door for Elijah to come in and playing with my cousins. Of course we all knew the Passover story of the Exodus from Egypt that we had learned in Sunday school but to a kid growing up in the south Bronx it all seemed like ancient history.

Of course as I grew older I came to understand that the festival of Passover, often referred to as the "Season of our freedom," which alludes to more than just the Jew's freedom from enslavement in Egypt thousands of years ago. It invokes the true freedom of each and every Jew throughout time ever after the Exodus. When we thank G-d for the miracles of Passover we thank Him for bringing US, not them, up out of bondage, out of slavery in Egypt. We have a connection to those Jews, they were us and we are them.

If we subscribe to the Jewish doctrine of Tikkun Olam - "repairing the world" and making it a better place- then we need to take the thought of "they were us and we are them" a step further and extend it to all peoples that yearn for religious, spiritual, emotional and physical freedom as a fundamental human right of existence. We are all human beings. They are us and we are them as well. As Jews, we know better than most what it is like to suffer under repressive and murderous regimes. And so we as Jews should react to what is going on in Egypt and in Libya and Yemen not with fear but with empathy and support for fellow human beings struggling for their fundamental right of freedom.

So, this Passover, we have a rare opportunity. We have the chance to teach our children a living history lesson and bring the Exodus, the story of Passover to life in this modern day. We can discuss with our children the similarities of Passover and what is going on in northern Africa today. We can show them, first-hand, what it must have been like to gain freedom from a cruel and repressive Pharaoh, like Mubarak. They can see just how precious freedom is, that people will risk their lives against great odds to achieve it as they are in Libya. We can help them understand the deeper meaning of Passover and why we celebrate it. It says in the Haggadah, "Each person is obliged to see himself as if he actually came out of Egypt." We can teach our children that this relates to not only Jews but to all peoples.

A Zisn Pesach to all of you!

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Lailah**

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](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

## CALENDAR

**March 28 – April 8:** Spring Break. No Bet Sefer classes April 7

**April 14: Reservation deadline for the Passover Seder.** Make reservations at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

**April 15: Shabbat with Michael Gellis.** 6 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church Small Chapel. Oneg to follow.

**April 17: Spring Bike Ride** meet at Taggart Lake Trailhead parking lot at 10 a.m. Call 699-1091 for details.

**April 19: Passover Seder with Judd Grossman.** 5:30 p.m., Old Wilson Schoolhouse Members: \$30/adults \$15/Children (6-12) Nonmembers: \$40/adults \$20/Children (6-12) All children under 5 free. Fully catered, bring your own wine.

**April 21: Toddler Sing-a-Long with Judd** 4:15 – 4:45 at the LDS Church.

**April 21: Great Books Foundation:**



*Eichmann in Jerusalem: A report on the Banality of Evil* by Hannah Arendt. Conversation led by Ron Novak. Email Stuart Sugarman with RSVP at [teton@wyom.net](mailto:teton@wyom.net).

**April 30: Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony and Reception,** 6 p.m. at the Black Box theater in the Center for the Arts. Music by Judd Grossman and violinist Ed Mellander, art installation by Laurie Thal. Open to the public, free.



**May 10: JHJC/Russian Club collaboration: Presentation on**



**Isaak Babel by Stephan Lottridge.** 7 p.m., Alpine House, 285 N Glenwood. Free, refreshments served.

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

**PESACH  
5771**

**SEDER**

**TUESDAY,  
APRIL 19**



**RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 14!**

**PASSOVER SEDER with Judd Grossman**

5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 19

Old Wilson Schoolhouse

Members: \$30/adults \$15/Children (6-12)

Nonmembers: \$40/adults \$20/Children (6-12)

All children under 5 free

This cost includes a fully catered delicious meal!

**BRING YOUR OWN WINE**

We'll supply the Manischewitz.

RSVP by April 14. Reservations after April 14 will be \$50 per person. (Please contact us for financial assistance, no one will be turned away.)

We are encouraging those who can afford to pay for an extra seat, or two, to do so for those who cannot afford to come. We are very grateful for any donations towards this cause.

**Shabbat  
April 15**



**Shabbat  
with  
Michael  
Gellis**

**When:** Friday, April 15  
6 p.m.

**Where:** St. John's Episcopal Church small chapel

Join JHJC member, Michael Gellis, for this pre-Pesach Shabbat. Oneg to follow.

**Spring Bike Ride on  
Jenny Lake Road**

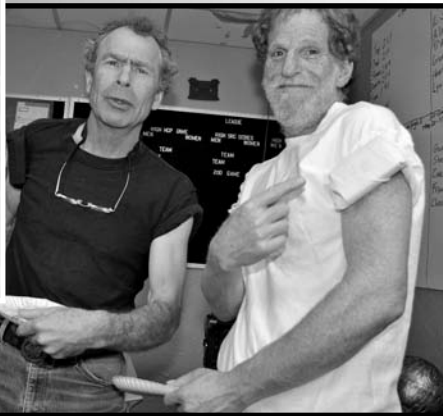


**Sunday, April 17 10 a.m.**

Join JHJC president Al Zuckerman on our annual bike ride on Jenny Lake Road while the road is closed to motorized vehicles. Meet at the Taggart Lake Trailhead parking lot at 10 a.m. Who knows, maybe Uncle Moishe will show up to catch a breath of spring air. Please contact Al Zuckerman for details or directions. 699-1091.

## SCENES FROM MARCH 2011

### PURIM RETRO BOWLING PARTY



## MANY THANKS

- **Etta Lindenfeld** for hosting a terrific oneg in March with Rabbi Mike Comins.
- **Stephan "Elvis" Abrams** for reading the Megillah to the Purim hipsters.
- **Barb Zelazo** for being a soda jerk at the Purim Party.
- **Ari Goldstein and Jen Sparks** for helping set up the Purim Bowling Party.
- **Esther Grossman and Aviva Thal** for working the door, and their great retro dresses, at the Purim Bowling Party.
- To **Judd Grossman** for supplying the sound system for the Purim Party.

## MAZEL TOV!

- To **Devra Davis** for being interviewed on *Fox News* about cell phone safety and for the general success of her book, *Disconnect*.
- **Ben Schuller** for winning the Retro costume contest for Purim.

## CONDOLENCES

- **Dorothy Wells**, for the loss of her beloved father, Julius Feinberg.
- **Kalen Ritz Kleyman** for the loss of her beloved grandmother, Helen Tjomsland.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Passover Seder committee** volunteers for our April 19 Seder at Old Wilson School. We need volunteers for set up, Seder plates and Charoset.
- **Clean up** volunteers after the **Passover Seder**.
- We need people to help with the **Holocaust Remembrance Day** exhibit at the Black Box Theatre.



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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.*

## **START THINKING ABOUT JHJC SUMMER CAMP!**



**2011 CAMP  
DATES:  
July 18-22  
July 25-29**

### **JH JEWISH COMMUNITY'S SUMMER CAMP**

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

Registration has begun! We will be accepting applications now through end of May for children in grades K-8th. If you would like registration materials, please contact Mary at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org