

**SAVE THE DATE:****30th Annual Chanukah Party**

**December 21  
6:00 p.m.  
E. Leaven Food Co.**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • DECEMBER 2008

## Letter from the President

Dear Congregants,

What with the tumult in the country concerning the economy and job losses and your Aunt Sophie coming for an extended visit it is understandable if you are having a little trouble getting excited about the holiday season. Here are just a few reasons to look forward to Chanukah. You won't have any roof damage from reindeer. If you screw up on the gift you got someone you have 7 more days to get it right. Making tiny sculptures out of the colorful wax build-up on your menorah and of course betting Chanukah gelt (chocolate coins) in dreidel games.

It is hard to believe this much time has gone by as this year we will be celebrating our 30th annual JHJC Chanukah party. I'm sure everyone has favorite stories about the previous 29. Some of the most exciting and hair-raising were those about negotiating the Paintbrush sub-division toboggan runs that passed for roads coming or going from Blue's house. Please come to the Chanukah party this year and share your Jackson Hole Chanukah stories with everyone and create new ones as well.

Kudos to Stephen Abrams and Joanna Synder as they continue to lead the JHJC youth group functions. If you have a teen and would like more information on this popular and fun

activity for teens please call Andrea at the office and she will hook you up.

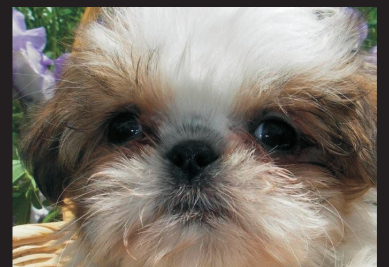
It is still not too late to place an order for Chanukah doggie toys for your special canine companion. Please keep in mind that this is a fundraiser for Bet Sefer. What can be better than making your mutt happy and helping kids at the same time!

We had a lovely Shabbos service in November with Pocatello's lay Rabbi Carl Levenson. It was well attended and as always Carl gave a dynamic sermon and led a lively discussion. With Carl being a philosophy professor I'm not always sure I understand all that he is talking about but it is certainly wonderful listening to such a learned man of ideas expound on Judaism and listen to my fellow congregants' opinions and ideas that are encouraged by Carl's thoughts and enthusiasm. One thing I do know is how meaningful and important our Shabbos services are to our local community. This was brought home to me again as we were standing for the Kaddish. As is our custom congregants called out the names of those that they were remembering who were no longer with us. As a man two rows in front of me softly called out the name of a loved one, his wife placed a hand on his back, a subtle gesture of comfort and solace. What is more elo-

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### JEWISH PET of the MONTH



**Scarlet Agriss  
Only 6 months old and  
only 3.5 pounds!**

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

### December 4: Page to the Podium:

**Amy Tan.** 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Jackson Hole High School Auditorium. **All free tickets have been claimed.** However, individuals hoping to attend are encouraged to arrive early at Jackson Hole High School to wait for standby seating for Tan’s talk.

### December 17: Youth Group Get-Together.

6:30 pm at the home of Jodie and Dani Domsy. Noshes provided. Please contact the office for directions at 734-1999 or info@jhjewish-community.org.

### December 21: 30th Annual Chanukah Party.

6:00 pm at E. Leaven Food Co. Bring your menorah and a potluck dish! Music, martinis, kid’s activities, and more! Cost: \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers, kids free if you bring a gift for the JHJC’s toy drive to benefit a local charitable organization. All are welcome! If your last name begins with A-G please bring a main course, H-M please bring a dessert, N-S please bring a side dish, T-Z please bring a salad.

### December 25 & January 1: No Bet Sefer classes. Winter Break!

### Chanukah Cankles & Menorahs

The JHJC office has boxes of Chanukah candles and menorahs. The cost of one box of candles or a menorah is \$5. To purchase, please call 734-1999 or stop by the office 480 S. Cache Dr. Suite #6.

### Holiday Toy Drive

The JHJC is having a toy drive for children in need this holiday season. Children who attend our 30th annual Chanukah party will be admitted for free if they bring a small gift. Adults are also welcome to bring a small item to contribute to our toy drive. The gifts will benefit a local charitable organization.

## PAGE TO THE PODIUM: AMY TAN



Join the Teton County Library & Library Foundation for a free, evening presentation with Amy Tan, bestselling author of *The Joy Luck Club* and many more titles, at the Jackson Hole High School Auditorium. Thursday, December 4 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Podium: Amy Tan. However, individuals hoping to attend are encouraged to arrive early at Jackson Hole High School to wait for standby seating for Tan’s talk. Historically, individuals in the standby line have been seated for Page to the Podium events.

*\*The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud sponsor of this event.*



**Colby King contemplates the Hebrew text of our Torah scroll at the Simchat Torah celebration.**



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quently symbolic of the reason for the existence of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community where someone can express their joy or their grief within the context of their faith supported by the strength of a whole community.

My uncle Mortie told me this story about when he was a young man living on his own back in the Bronx. He remembered that his mom had given him two ties one Chanukah that, as he says, were better suited for his grand-

father. One day his mother came over unannounced. Uncle Mortie quickly ripped off the hip tie he was wearing and put on one of the Chanukah ties. When he came out of his bedroom to greet his mom he said, "Momma, isn't this tie beautiful?" His Mom asked, "What's the matter? You don't like the other one?"

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman, JHJC President*

## BET SEFER FUNDRAISER

Times are "ruff" but don't leave your pet without a Hanukkah present this year. The JHJC is fundraising for our Bet Sefer program by selling Hanukkah toys for your pets. Our "Pet Presents" will contain a Jewish dog toy and a homemade kosher dog treat made by our students at Bet Sefer. The cost of providing some holiday cheer for your pet is a low \$10 for one toy, \$18 for two toys and \$25 for three! The time is NOW to order your Jewish dog toys. Please fill out the enclosed form in this month's

newsletter or contact the office 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org to place your order. Pictures of the dog toys are displayed on the order form. You will be able to pick up your pooch's present from our students at Bet Sefer on Thursday, December 18, at our Hanukkah party on December 21, or by special arrangement with Andrea at our office. All proceeds will go to our Bet Sefer program. Thank you to Sandy Ress and Susan Foster for your generosity and help with this project.

### Many Thanks:

**Rose & Ron Novak** for hosting our November Oneg in honor of Joel Ravitz.

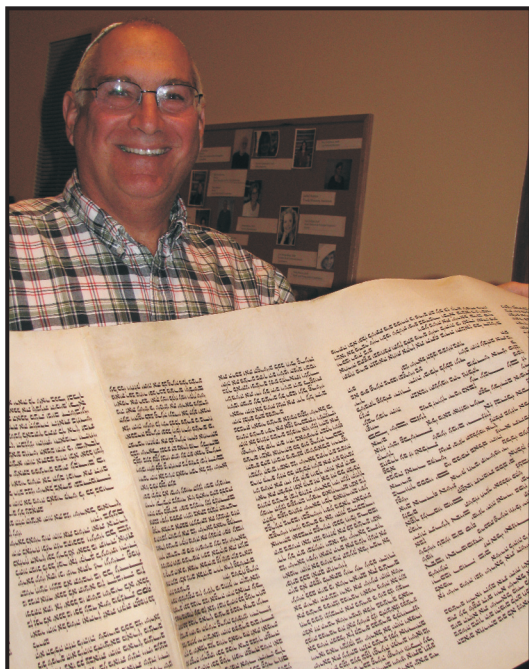
### Youth Group

We are currently collecting names, phone numbers and e-mails for all our Jewish teens. If you have not been contacted by our youth group advisors Stephan Abrams and Joanna Snyder and would like to be added to our list, please contact Stephan at: bamainwy@yahoo.com.

**facebook**  
group



Are you a member of Facebook? Join the Jackson Hole Jewish Community's new facebook group: Jackson Hole Jews. Look for fun posts such as "Jewgle" and details about our upcoming events.



**Al Zuckerman, president of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community, helps hold the Torah as it is unrolled and rolled back to the beginning during Simchat Torah.**



**Jen Daniels dances with daughters Stella and Ruby to celebrate the Torah.**

# Order Form for Jewish Dog Toy Fundraiser for the JHJC's Bet Sefer Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I would like to order:**

*(please indicate the number of toys you would like to purchase):*

\_\_\_\_\_ **905 (Dreidel)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **900 (Menorah)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **912 (Bagel)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **928 (Lox)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **903L (Bone)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **951 (Mensch)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **954 (Yenta)**

**Cost:**

**\$10 for one**

**\$18 for two**

**\$25 for three**

**\$8 for each additional toy after your third purchase**

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*Please make checks payable to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community.*

*Mail to PO Box 10667 Jackson, WY 832002*

*Orders for our fundraiser can also be taken over the phone or e-mail. Contact Andrea at the JHJC office 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).*



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The office is at 480 S. Cache St.,  
Suite 6, Jackson Hole  
Office hours are by arrangement.



*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.*

## JHJC's 30th Annual Chanukah Party December 21

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with the Jackson Hole Jewish Community! Join us at E. Leaven Food Co. for music, martinis, kid's activities and fun for all ages. Please bring your menorah and a potluck dish. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a main course, H-M please bring a dessert, N-S please bring a side dish, T-Z please bring a salad.

**When:** Sunday, December 21

**Where:** E. Leaven Food Co, 175 Center St.

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers, kids free if you bring a gift for the JHJC's toy drive to benefit a local charitable organization.