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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.



With many recent births and young families moving to the valley, we now have a large toddler community! This year we are thrilled to begin a new program for toddlers and their parents.

December 2 On the first Thursday of every month, Judd and the teachers at Bet Sefer invite you and your toddler(s) to join the Bet Sefer from 4:15-4:45 pm.

January 6

February 3

March 3

April 21

May 5

TODDLER SING-A-LONG WITH JUDD:



SAVE THE DATE:



Shabbat
With **Judd Grossman**
December 17, 6 p.m
St. John's Church
Small Chapel

The Jackson Kol



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Letter from the president

Uncle Moishe and my Aunt went to his sister's for a Chanukah party. His sister, Rivkah gave him directions over the phone even though Unc had been to Rivkah's house many times. She told him to come to the front door and that her apartment was 14T. With his elbow he should press the button marked 14T on the big panel and she would buzz him in. She then instructed him to come inside and get in the elevator that is on the right and with his elbow push the button marked 14. Rivkah then told Uncle Moishe that when he got out on 14 her apartment was to the left. "Just press the doorbell with your elbow", she said. Unc told his sister, "These directions are easy enough, but why am I hitting all the buttons with my elbow?". To which she answered, "What, you're coming empty-handed?"

It is always gratifying to see us come together as a community to make an event work. The latest example of this was the recent visit of Rabbi Michael Klein-Katz. The Rabbi was here for a week and the Jewish community pitched in to make him feel very welcome. We probably had 15 different people involved in the details of his stay which included providing housing, a car, airport shuttles, social schedule and more. This does not even include all the folks that brought delicious food to our Thanksgiving Sabbath potluck. Given the belt-tightening budget decisions we've made in this current fiscal year it is simply wonderful to see so many JHJC members step up to help stretch our dollars.

If you didn't get a chance to attend one of his talks you certainly missed out on an opportunity to listen to this internationally renowned scholar's interesting insights into inter-religious communications and Reform Judaism. And if you didn't get a chance to socialize with him you missed out on his

wonderful sense of humor, his entertaining and poignant stories and being touched by his humanity. Rabbi Michael is a remarkable man and our community was lucky to have him visit us.

Mary and Judd Grossman and family and Charlene and I attended a "Shabbaton" in Bozeman in November. This is an annual gathering of many of the Jewish congregations from around Montana. There were Friday night and Saturday morning services. Judd was the Chazzan at the Friday evening service. In addition, there were seminars on Kashrut and Jewish rituals for tending to the dead. The part of the weekend that I thought was most interesting was the roundtable where representatives of all the congregations got together to talk about issues facing their congregations and solutions they have tried, their successes and failures, the states of their congregations, etc. Not surprising, I suppose, in many ways they face the same issues that we do in being a small intermountain Jewish community. It was somewhat reassuring that we have so much in common with our neighbors. We exchanged contact information and hope to be able to network with them in the future.

The JHJC board is working on a survey that it will be distributing to the congregation in the near future. We did one about 3 or 4 years ago and thought it might be time to check in again our members. Please take the time to fill it out as it will be a useful tool to help us to understand what the membership thinks we should be doing and guide us in setting goals to achieve what the community wants in terms of its Jewish community.

B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President

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Jewish Pet of the Month



Slim Goldstein

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.

CALENDAR

JHJC New Office Hours
 Wednesdays from 1 – 5pm
 Fridays from 1 – 5pm

December 2: Toddler sing-along. Join the Bet Sefer students and teachers from 4:15 – 4:45 pm. LDS church

Dec. 4: JHJC Annual Chanukah Party. 6pm Old Wilson School House. \$5, kids free with a wrapped gift for the Community Resource Center. No one can deny that JHJC can throw down a great Chanukah party. Latkes, games, cookies, music and our famous blue and gold cocktails. Please bring a dish: A – I bring a main dish, J– R bring a salad or side dish, S -Z bring a dessert. This will be the last chance to purchase a limited supply of Mountain Chai Chanukah Gelt from Bet Sefer students. Last pick up for those who pre-ordered gelt.

December 17: Shabbat with Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6 p.m. Babysitting provided, families welcome. St. John's Church small chapel. Oneg to follow.

December 25: Mitzvah Day. Help out those in need on Christmas Day. Contact info@jhjewishcommunity.org for details.

January 10: Traditional Jewish Cooking series begins. Hummus the Hard Way. Mary Grossman. 6pm. \$15.

You'll never open another can of chickpeas again. Learn the art of gently roasting and grinding a special blend of spices combined with slow-cooked and hand-shucked chickpeas, making a very creamy and aromatic Syrian style hummus. If there's time, we'll make a batch of Ful (pronounced fool), traditional fava bean stew often served with hummus.

January 21: Annual Challah Shabbat. Join the JHJC in one our liveliest events. Learn to make traditional braided challah with Josh Kleyman. Potluck oneg, families encouraged. 5:30 pm. Home of Rose and Ron Novak.

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

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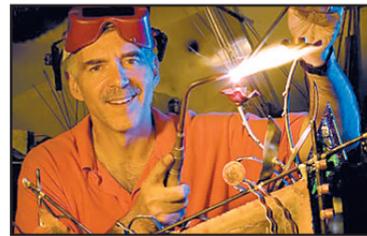
Downtown gallery offers contemporary Judaic art

Cher Skillbeck, owner of A Horse of a Different Color gallery on the Jackson Town Square, writes to us about a new artist she is representing who specializes in Judaic art. She welcomes the Jackson Hole Jewish Community to come down and see his work during this Chanukah.

About the artist: Gary Rosenthal has been sculpting in welded metals for over 30 years. Working with a talented team of craftsmen, they create one of the most popular and unique lines of Judaic art in the country. By combining copper, brass, and steel with fused glass, the Gary Rosenthal Collection has a contemporary style rooted in tradition. His inspiration comes from the rich history of the Jewish people which tells us it's a blessing, a mitzvah, to make beautiful, functional art.

Cher has graciously donated one of Mr. Rosenthal's dreidels to be given as a door prize at the JHJC Chanukah party this week.

A Horse of a Different Color Gallery
 60 E. Broadway, next to Vom Fass
 734-9603



Gary Rosenthal



EDUCATION NEWS:

Bet Sefer Fundraiser a success!

Mountain "Chai" Chanukah Gelt by Oscar Ortega



If you missed out on this year's successful sale of Mountain Chai Chanukah Gelt, contact the office to see if there are any unclaimed orders available for sale.

The kids of Bet Sefer sold and assembled over 100 orders of gelt, raising a good chunk of money for their education programs. Thank you to the Bet Sefer kids and to all who ordered these fantastic chocolates. Mountain Chai

Chanukah Gelt is a product of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community and hand-crafted by master chocolatier Oscar Ortega (www.atelierortega.com) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. All proceeds go to the Bet Sefer education fund for the JHJC. We look forward to next year!



No need to feel "gelty."
 On the eighth day G-d created chocolate, and it was very good.

CHRISTMAS DAY IS MITZVAH DAY

Volunteer to help lift some spirits.

We would like to show our support to those celebrating Christmas by volunteering a few hours at St. John's Hospital and the Living Center.

Terri Hayden, volunteer coordinator at St. John's, would be thrilled if we could visit staff who are working long shifts by bringing treats, fruit or even some baked goods. Judd will be singing near the PCU nurses desk (exact time unknown, stay tuned) and nurses can use help getting patients to come and listen. A stop in the ER may also be organized. The Living Center would like volunteers to spend some one-to-one time chatting with residents, giving gentle hand massages or reading a magazine or book.

Volunteering on Christmas Day is a real selfless act that every Jew should make an annual tradition. The JHJC would certainly like to grow Mitzvah Day into an annual event.

Contact the JHJC office at info@jhjewishcommunity.org and let us know you'd like to be part of Mitzvah Day.

Chanukah Party 5771



JHJC's 32nd Annual Chanukah Party
 Saturday, December 4 • 6 p.m.
 Old Wilson Schoolhouse
 Wilson, Wyoming

\$5 or get in free with a wrapped gift for Community Resource Center

Celebrate the Festival of Lights with the Jackson Hole Jewish Community! Join us for music, cocktails, latkes, dreidel, kid's activities and fun for all ages. Please bring your menorah and a potluck dish. If your last name begins with A-I please bring a main dish, J-R please bring a salad or side, S-Z please bring a dessert. Latkes provided by e.Leaven.

• Door prize of a Gary Rosenthal dreidel

• Bet Sefer will be selling a limited supply of Mountain Chai Chanukah Gelt!

MANY THANKS

- **Christine Schuller** for making Challah and helping with November Shabbat dinner.
- **Laurie Thal** for donating the use of her car for the Rabbi and taking him care of him while he was here in November.
- **Devra Davis and Richard Morgenstern** hosting the Rabbi in their home in November.
- **Rachel and Wendell Stam** for hosting adult study at their home in November.
- **Al Zuckerman** for picking the Rabbi up at the airport in November.
- **Phyllis Fischer, Steve and Kelly Zelikovitz** for donating to our annual Turkey Drive.
- **Bet Sefer Students and Parents** making our Chanukah Gelt fundraiser a success!
- **Loretta Scott** for babysitting during Shabbat in November.

GET WELL SOON

- **David Goldfarb** is recuperating from surgery.

CONDOLENCES

- **Al and Charlene Zuckerman** for the loss of their beloved dog.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Mitzvah Day on Christmas Day.** Help others in need on Christmas Day. We would like to show our support to those celebrating Christmas by cheering up staff and patients at St. John's Hospital and the Living Center. Inquire at: info@jhjewishcommunity.org for available shifts. Good Karma.



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