

SAVE THE DATE:

Traditional Jewish
Cooking:
Chicken Soup
Feb. 7, 6 p.m.,
Zelikovitz Residence

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • FEBRUARY 2011

Letter from the president

It was Uncle Moishe's birthday last week so I gave him a call to wish him many returns. He and my Aunt celebrated by going out to Plainview, Long Island to have dinner at a fancy restaurant with my cousin Barry, his family and Barry's in-laws. Unc said that Barry's in-laws had just flown back from Israel. Barry's father-in-law, Morris, an elderly but very sharp man told Uncle Moishe how he passed some of the time on the long plane ride. Apparently he was sitting next to a lawyer. They made some small talk and then the lawyer asked Morris if he wanted to play a game to pass the time. Morris was tired but agreed to play. The lawyer explained that he would ask Morris a question and if Morris couldn't answer it he would have to give the lawyer \$5 and, in turn, if Morris asked the lawyer a question that he couldn't answer the lawyer would give Morris \$500. So, the lawyer went first and asked Morris how far it was from the earth to the moon? Without even saying a word Morris pulled out \$5 and handed it over. Then it was Morris' turn and he asked the lawyer what goes up the hill with three legs and comes down the hill with four? The lawyer was stumped but using his laptop he searched the Net, Googled and emailed all his friends. After an hour of this he gave up, woke Morris and gave him \$500. However, the lawyer was going nuts not knowing the answer so he asked Morris what goes up the hill with three legs and comes down with four? Laughing, Morris told Uncle Moishe that he just shrugged, reached in his pocket, handed the lawyer \$5 and went back to sleep. Unc said that Morris paid for the birthday dinner at the restaurant with some of the \$490.

When I am on top of Snow King or Rendezvous Bowl or even Teton Pass and I look down at the valley, Town seems so small and insignificant relative to all the vast and beautiful surrounding mountains, forests and

rivers. And I think how wrapped up I get in daily life in town with work and errands and obligations. I almost forget the beautiful creations that surround me amidst the noise of life's everyday details, especially if I don't get out on a weekend, and one week stretches into two or even longer. I could almost forget why I live here. Almost. I think this is analogous to being a Jew in Jackson Hole. The JHJC only has one Shabbat service a month and if we are lucky we may also be observing a holiday in that month as well. So, like not getting out into the beautiful mountains often enough we don't get to nurture and connect with our religious traditions often enough either. Ask yourself what you do to identify with Judaism during the long intervals between monthly Shabbat services or occasional holiday observances. Sometimes, amongst the tumult of living in this resort community it is easy to almost forget your Jewish roots. That is why the JHJC is so critical to maintaining a Jewish presence in Jackson Hole. The relationships we have built with each other through a common thread of involvement in the JHJC reminds us when we see each other at the bagel shop or the grocery store or at the symphony how we are linked together by our Jewish heritage. So, if we don't daven daily and we don't keep kosher and we don't have a Shabbat service every week at least we have each other to remind us of who we are.

The JHJC Board needs to hear from its members. It recently sent out a survey to gather information from the membership on how the Board may best serve the congregation. Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey so we may better understand what the Community wants from its organization.

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*

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Jewish Pet of the Month



Chester Warden-Cohen

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

February 3: Toddler sing-along. Join the Bet Sefer students and teachers from 4:15 – 4:45 pm. LDS church

February 7: Chicken Soup with Kelly Zelikovitz \$15 6 p.m. Reservations required. Contact JHJC for location directions.



February 18: Shabbat and Oneg on Ice with Rabbi Andy Feig. Old Wilson Schoolhouse and ice rink. After Shabbat, head over the Wilson Ice rink across the street for skating, warm fires and food, schnapps tasting and hot cocoa. Skate rental available with prior reservations. Contact the JHJC office for details: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

February 19 Adult Après Ski Study. 4 – 6 p.m. at the home of Barbara and Stan Trachtenberg. Contact the JHJC for directions.



March 4: Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Join former JHJC Rabbi,

Mike Comins, for our monthly Shabbat. Oneg to follow.

March 19: Purim Retro Bowling Party. 7 – 9:30 p.m. Elk's Bowling Alley. Families, singles and teens welcome! \$7 at the door.

Upcoming: Holocaust Remembrance Day

event: We are collecting names of relatives who perished in

the Holocaust. We will read the names as part of a memorial exhibit and service on April 30 in the Black Box Theatre at the Center for the Arts. Please email info@jhjewishcommunity.org with submissions, or call with questions: 307-734-1999. We're also looking for volunteers to help with the event.



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

Shabbat and “Oneg on Ice” with Rabbi Andy Feig



When: Friday, February 18 6 p.m.

Where: Old Wilson School House and Rink

Rabbi Andy Feig will be making his third appearance leading the JHJC Shabbat services. After

Shabbat head over to the Wilson ice rink across the

street for skating, warm fires, food, schnapps tasting and hot cocoa. If you need ice skates (figure or hockey) we will be able to rent skates from Snow King Ice Center and bring them to the Wilson Rink. Rental is \$7. Babysitting available during service. Please email or call the JHJC office if you would like us to reserve skates: info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999.



Adult Après Ski Study with Rabbi Feig:

Saturday, February 19, 4 – 6 p.m. at the home of Barbara and Stan Trachtenberg. Contact the JHJC for directions.

Shabbat with Rabbi Mike Comins and Chazzan Judd Grossman



When: Friday, March 4 6 p.m.

Where: Old Wilson School House

Join former JHJC Rabbi, Mike Comins, for our monthly Shabbat.

Babysitting available. Oneg to follow.

Whether you're an
all-American family ...



Purim Retro Bowling Party

... everyone welcome!

... or not ...



Bowling • Retro Costume Party
 Soda Fountain • Cash Bar • Music
 Megillah Reading and more!

When: Erev Purim, Saturday, March 19, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Elk's Bowling Alley, Downtown Jackson

Details: Dress in 50s/60s retro costume for the **costume contest**, listen to great **50s music** and bowl. Kids can hit the **soda fountain** while mom and dad hit the **cash bar**. Who knows, maybe Elvis will show up and read the **Megillah!** **\$7 per person:** includes **bowling**, bowling shoes, kids food, soda fountain and other surprises. **Potluck** for all other food, if your last name starts with A-J, bring a side dish, K-R bring a main dish, S-Z bring a salad. Dessert provided.

SCENES FROM JANUARY 2011

CHALLAH SHABBAT • TU B'SHVAT SEDER



Challah Shabbat
led by Josh
Kleyman and Judd
Grossman



Bet Sefer students honor Tu B'Shvat
with a seder.

MANY THANKS

- **Ron and Rose Novak** for hosting Challah Shabbat at their home in January.
- **Josh Kleyman and Kalen Ritz Kleyman** for guiding us in the making of challah at Challah Shabbat in January.
- **Kim and Gary Weiss** and **Andy King** for donating prizes for the online JHJC survey.

MAZEL TOV!



- **Shawn and Mike Daus** for the birth of their twin babies, Vivian Nelle and Holden Ilan Daus. Born 1.11.11 at 1:01 a.m. Mazel Tov!

CONDOLENCES

- **Rose Novak** for the loss of her beloved mother.
- The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donation: Deepest condolences, Rose Novak, on the loss of your beloved mother, **Leah Jacobson**. From Beryl Weiner.

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 **Purim Party** at the Bowling Alley March 19.
 - We need people to help with the **Holocaust Remembrance Day** exhibit at the Black Box Theatre.
 - We are looking for an energetic **youth group leader**.
 - **Teach** Traditional Jewish cooking classes for Summer.
- Contact info@jhjewishcommunity.org if you are interested.

JHJC Membership Survey: Have you completed it?

Many of you have already completed this important survey. If you haven't, you have until February 23, 2011. Your input is important in shaping the future of the JHJC. Anyone completing the survey can enter to win one of two great prizes: a \$50 gift card to Vom Fass Jackson Hole courtesy of Kim and Gary Weiss; or a one-day lift voucher to JHMR courtesy of board member, Andy King.

Just go to www.jhjewishcommunity.org and click on the Survey link. Let your voice be heard!



"Jackson Hole
Jews"





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Fridays 1:15 - 5 p.m.



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. On the first

February 3

March 3

April 21

May 5

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.

TODDLER SING-A-LONG WITH JUDD:

