

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Post Challah-Day  
Shabbat  
Friday, Jan. 20  
5:30 p.m.**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • JANUARY 2012

## Letter from the president



Uncle Moishe was telling me that he and my Aunt went to their friends, the Rosenblatts, for dinner last week. After dinner the two wives went into the kitchen and Uncle and his friend, Sol relaxed with a

bissel schnapps and were talking in the living room. Sol told Uncle Moishe that he and his wife went to a great restaurant the night before and that he highly recommended it. Uncle asked him the name of it and Sol couldn't recall. Trying to remember he asked Uncle what was the name of the red flower with the thorns that you give to someone you love. Uncle Moishe replied, "You mean a rose?" "Yes, yes, that's it", Sol exclaimed. Then he turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of the that restaurant we went to last night?".

We had two great events over the holidays. One was the annual Chanukah party and the other was "Mitzvah Day" at St. John's hospital and living center. The Chanukah party was very well attended with plenty of food, drink and, of course, latkas. A shout out to the young man that came up from Pinedale and brought a tasty kugel, his mother's recipe. He did her proud. It is always wonderful to see the amazing array of menorahs that people bring for the lighting ceremony. They are all as unique as I'm sure the story behind each of them coming to be in Jackson Hole is. Eliana, our Bet Sefer teacher, was the envy of all when she won the cinnamon babka in the raffle. Christine Schuler made it so you know it had to be delicious. Eliana had to guard it closely the rest of the evening as there were

many at the party eying it ravenously including me.

The turnout for Mitzvah Day was awesome. I think Mary counted 50 people who brought treats for the staff at St. John's that had to work on Christmas Day and who also visited the Living Center where they gathered with staff and residents to sing Christmas carols and old cowboy songs led by our Chazzan and "choir master", Judd Grossman. It was surprising to hear how many of us actually knew the words to so many of the Christmas carols. I think though, that "Home On The Range" and "Red River Valley" were the most popular among the residents. It was a very moving and poignant event for me and I dare say for other JHJC members that were there, as well. Isn't it always the case, as it was on this occasion, that when you perform a mitzvah you usually receive just as much or even more in return. I think mitzvah projects are and should be one of the core functions of the JHJC. So, if any of you have ideas for other mitzvah projects or events that would suit our Jewish Community please share it with someone on the board.

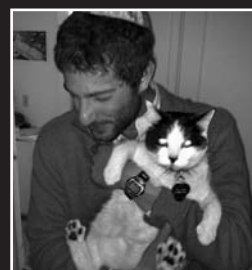
Finally, I want to thank all of you that attended the memorial service for David Holmes and for giving us a minyan in order to recite Kaddish. The service was held in the middle of the day on a workday and I think David's family appreciated so many Jewish Community members coming to pay their respects and offer their support to the family and to each other. David was a dear and valued member of our congregation. We are the richer for having known him and the poorer for his passing.

*B'Shalom  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Michael & Moshi the cat**

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

**January 5: Bet Sefer Classes resume.** 4 – 6 p.m., LDS Church.

**January 9&10: Hebrew classes begin.** JHJC conference room. You must be pre-registered. See this newsletter for details.

**January 12: Toddler Sing-a-long with Judd.** 4:15 – 4:45p.m. LDS Church.

**January 20: Post Challah-Day Shabbat.** 5:30 p.m. Home of Shawn and Mike Daus. Please contact the JHJC for directions to their home and important parking instructions: 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

**February 7: Mitzvah Day Winter Special Olympics.** Please inquire about volunteering, must be pre-signed up. 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

### JHJC Six Month Fiscal Narrative

*Prepared by Andy King, JHJC Treasurer*

Halfway through our fiscal year, we continue to track a balanced budget. Although membership dues and donations are down over 20% this year compared to last year, we have so far been able to adjust our expenses to compensate for this loss in expected income. Currently we project to fall short of our initially budgeted revenue by 5% at the end of our fiscal year, and we plan to continue to be diligent in trimming our expenses to match.

*If you have any questions regarding this report please direct them to:  
[info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org)*

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

## Post Challah-Day Shabbat Jan. 20

Challah Shabbat  
Friday, January 20  
5:30 p.m. Daus Residence

Come, one and all, to learn, to make and braid challah, schmooze and eat. Josh Kleyman will help all of us make the perfect Challah. Email the JHJC office for directions and **important** parking information for Shawn and Mike Daus' home in Teton Village:  
[info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

Here's a list of where you can get great challah in Jackson Hole:

**Jackson Whole Grocer:**  
974 West Broadway Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 733-0450 Fridays.

**Wild Flour Bakery:**  
(307) 734-2455.  
Fridays at various locations in town.

**Great Harvest Bread Co.:**  
155 Center Street  
Jackson, WY 83001 (307) 734-8227.  
Every Friday or by special request.

**e. Leaven Food Co.:**  
175 Center Street Jackson, WY 83001 - (307) 733-5600 Challah French toast on menu. Mini Challah rolls are sold at Whole Grocer and Pearl St. Meat & Fish. Individual loaves per request with 24 hr notice!



### Mountain Chai News

#### Obituary David Holmes

David G. Holmes passed away at the age of 61 on Dec. 4, 2011 at his home in Jackson, WY. Born on Oct. 26, 1950 in San Francisco, he grew up in the Bay Area, graduating from Piedmont



*David Holmes*

High in 1968 and San Francisco State University in 1976. David was a proud Marine, serving active duty from 1968 through 1972 and in the USMC reserve for many years.

David followed his dad, Maury Holmes, to Jackson in the mid-1980's, and stayed here the rest of his life. He was very active in the Jewish community, and several service and fellowship organizations. He loved his kitties, Chevette and Tommy, fishing and camping, and all his wonderful friends.

David is fondly remembered as quite a character who always welcomed strangers with outstretched arms and an open and loving heart. There was nothing he wouldn't do for a friend in need.

David was recently preceded in death by his

beloved father, Maury. He is survived by his mother, Elaine, his step-mother Eleanor, brother Brian, sisters Laura, Linda and Michelle and several nieces and nephews.

A beautiful memorial service was held for David on December 13, 2011.  
— written by Laura Cea, David's sister

#### Scholarships available for Hebrew; Sign up soon

Hebrew classes begin January 9 and scholarships are available.

#### Hebrew: Experiencing Sabbath Prayers

5:30 p.m., Mondays  
Jan. 9 – March 19:  
JHJC Conference Room  
Fee: \$100 nonmember \$60 for JHJC members

Instructor: Daniel Haber  
Minimum 3 people (class will be cancelled if not met, so please register in advance!)

Having trouble following along with the Hebrew prayers during services? Wish you could read those prayers during Shabbat like that guy next to you? This class will teach you how to read and understand the Sabbath prayers in Hebrew and how to have your own Shabbat service in your own home without a rabbi. Instructor, Daniel Haber will teach you basic understanding of important words and phrases, letters and vowels. No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary. Does not cover modern conversational Hebrew.

#### Intro to Conversational Hebrew

5:30 p.m., Tuesdays  
Jan. 10 – March 20:  
JHJC Conference Room  
Fee: \$160 (Limited scholarships available)

Instructor: Daniel Haber  
5 person minimum (class will be cancelled if not met, so please register in advance!)

This class is great for anyone who may be taking a trip to Israel in the near future, keeps up with Israeli news, will be visiting relatives who speak Hebrew or has a general interest in this amazing language. No prior knowledge of Hebrew necessary. When you're done with the course you'll be able to have simple conversations, know the aleph bet, and read and write basic letters, vowels and construct simple sentences. ALL FAITHS WELCOME. Does not cover intermediate/advanced Hebrew grammar.

Text book: \$20 additional (includes shipping) *Ivrit Alf: A Hebrew Primer for Adults*

Contact the JHJC if you would like to take either of these classes and if you would like to apply for the scholarship for Conversational Hebrew: [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org) or 734-1999. Please make sure you receive a confirmation either by email or phone before you show to class.



# SCENES FROM A DIZZYING DECEMBER

The Klezmatics • Mountain Chai Gelt • Chanukah Party • Mitzvah Day



Klezomatics reception for JHJC members at the Center Theater.



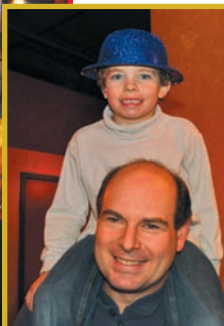
(Left and below) JHJC sponsors The Klezmatics to give a master class to the JH High School Band.



(below) Bet Sefer students deliver piles of Mtn. Chai Gelt.



Annual Chanukah Party



(below) Mitzvah Day at the Living Center on Dec. 25.



## MANY THANKS

■ **Al and Charlene Zuckerman** for hosting oneg at our December Shabbat.

■ **Devra Davis** for helping set up and serve at the Member's Reception after the Klezmatics performance.

■ **Esther and Isaac Grossman** for helping set up and schlep for the Member's Reception after the Klezmatics performance.

■ **Don Kushner, Isaac and Judd Grossman** for helping with the in-school demonstration with the Klezmatics at the JH High School.

■ **Scott Stachel** for helping and hosting the Klezmatic's clarinet player, **Matt Darriau**, while left behind in JH and on the mend.

■ **Larry Thal** for helping attend to David Holmes affairs and memorial service.

■ **Rose Novak and Phyllis Fischer** for set up for David Holmes memorial service luncheon.

■ **Christine Schuller** for organizing the annual rockin' Chanukah Party at Café Bohème this year!

■ **Andrea Mazer, Audrey Cohen-Davis and Phyllis Fischer** for decorating and setting up the annual Chanukah Party.

■ **FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED MITZVAH DAY AT THE HOSPITAL!** Wow! The JHJC turned out in record numbers. Thank you!

## CONDOLANCES

■ To the family of David Holmes.

"Jackson Hole Jews"





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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.*

## TODDLER SING-A-LONG WITH JUDD 2012:

This year we are thrilled to begin another year of Toddler Sing-a-long with

Judd for toddlers and their parents. On the first Thursday of every month, Judd and the teachers at Bet Sefer invite you and your toddler to join the Bet Sefer students for the first half hour of class for a sing-a-long and song session. The song session will run from 4:15-4:45 pm.

**January 12**

**February 2**

**March 1**

**May 3**

