

## Save the Date



**Passover Seder**  
**Tuesday, March 30**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Old Wilson School House**  
**RSVP by March 15**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MARCH 2010

## Letter from the president

Uncle Moishe told me that he had his son, my cousin Barry, and his family over to Shabbos dinner recently. And when everyone was seated, the food was served. As soon as my cousin Barry's six year old son Yossi got his plate, he began eating from it right a way. "Yossi, please wait until we say our prayer," his father said. Yossi looked at my cousin and replied innocently that he didn't have to. "Of course you do," said Yossi's Mom. "Don't we always say a prayer before eating at our house?" "Yes, but that is at our house," my little nephew explained. "This is Bubbe's house, and she knows how to cook." Uncle Moishe said he could barely contain himself while my Aunt quietly kvelled.

Ever since I was a little shaver I have always associated eating traditional, Ashkenazic style "Jewish" food with family, love, security, joyous gatherings and religious rituals. Comfort food you could say. That is, except for my grandma Sylvie's boiled chicken. The soup was good but, oy, that boiled chicken. I remember my mother telling me how her brother Hymie would eat a pastrami sandwich from the neighborhood deli on Bruckner Blvd. before coming home when he knew there would be boiled chicken for dinner that night. When we would visit my parents in Florida we

would always make it a point to eat lunch or dinner at least once at Toody's in Lake Worth. My Father called the knishes and kasha varnishkes and matzoball soup Jewish soul food. Have you ever gone to a Bar Mitzvah, a briss, a family circle without there being bagels and lox, herring, gefilte fish and wonderful pastries of all sorts?

But times they are a changin'. These days you see more healthy food choices at Jewish get-togethers. Vegetarian or even vegan dishes have replaced the platters heaped with pastrami, corned beef and tongue. And real chopped liver, fogetaboutit! It has been replaced with chopped tofu. You see more pita chips and humus then you do cheese blintzes. I guess this is a good thing. At least my doctor and my wife tell me so. And I suppose G-d does as well as food forms an integral part of not only our culture but our religion, too. The laws of kashrut, fasting on certain holidays, eating symbolic foods on others, and saying prayers before and after meals are just some examples. All these observances have a collective purpose of helping us to practice self-control in our lives and in our eating habits. You could say that by making good food choices and restricting what you eat for your health and/or religious observance, you are leading a more

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## YIDDISH WORD OF THE MONTH:

# SHMUTZ

(sclmutz)

1. noun dirt

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 7: Ski with the JHJC.** Meet at the base of the Bridger Gondola, JHMR. All levels welcome. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. RSVP with Andrea at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

**March 19: Bet Sefer Shabbat & Beit Café with Dahvi Wilson.** 6 p.m. Old Wilson School House.

**March 24:** Teton County Library Foundation presents **Page to the Podium: Azar Nafisi** at 6:30 p.m. at The Center for the Arts, Center Theater. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud sponsor of this event.

**March 30: Passover Seder with chazzan Judd Grossman.** 5:30 p.m. Old Wilson School House. Fully Catered Passover Dinner. Tickets: members \$25/adult/\$20 children; non-members \$35 adults/\$25 kids; all children under 5 free. RSVP no later than March 15: 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org)

**April 1 & 8: Spring Break.** No Bet Sefer Classes.

**April 25: Spring into shape** with the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. Join us for a **spring bike ride** on the inner park road. We'll bike to Jenny Lake and have a picnic (bring your own sack lunch) and then bike back. Children welcome! Meet at the Taggart Lake parking lot at 10 a.m. Questions, contact Al Zuckerman at 699-1091.

### JHJC Wish List:

- We are looking for an energetic youth group leader. If you are interested in this volunteer position contact Andrea at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

### General Fund

**To: Stan & Barbara Trachtenberg**

In honor of the birth of your grandchildren Ben and Max Trachtenberg.

**From: Dan Gordon**

### Prez letter continued ...

ethical life and coming closer to how G-d would want us to live. However, with this being said, I ask, could a bissel pastrami once in a while hurt? Especially if you yell to the butcher you want a lean piece.

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

P.S. - I'd like to recognize and congratulate our wonderful teachers at Bet

Sefer. Sydney, Josh, Andrea and Judd not only teach our kids about Jewish life and religion but they have made the students a big part of many of our events and, in so doing helped them to become participating and contributing members of our congregation. So next time you see any of these teachers, let them know how much you appreciate the time, effort, creativity and commitment they put into this important program.

## Passover Seder

### Community led Passover Seder with chazzan Judd Grossman

**When:** Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Old Wilson School House

**Tickets:** members \$25/adult/\$20 children (age 6-12); non-members \$35 adults/\$25 kids; all children under 5 free. This cost includes a fully catered delicious meal! Bring your own wine - we'll provide the Manischewitz.

**RSVP:** No later than March 15 please. 734-1999 or [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org)

We need your help! If you would like to lead part of the service, contribute traditional Passover food such as charosis or help prepare a seder plate, call or e-mail Andrea at the office.

Please note that we are fully aware of the economy, so we are working hard to make this Seder affordable and fun. Our charge is as low as possible in order to provide a fully catered Passover dinner. Anyone who cannot afford the full price is welcome to join us and may pay what they can. Everyone is welcome and no one will be turned away.

## PESACH



Want to help those who need a little support so that they can attend Seder dinner? We happily accept Passover donations so that we do not have to turn anyone away due to lack of funds and to help us keep our ticket cost low. Please send Passover donations to: PO Box 10667 Jackson, WY 83002. Todah Rabah!



# Scenes from February

Oy, it was a busy month!

## Honoring Inger Koedt



## 3rd Annual Challah Shabbat



## Purim Party



## MAZEL TOV

- **Joan and David Goldfarb** on the birth of your grandson Elliot Maxwell Radack. Elliot was born on February 1, 2010 to parents Dr. Jill Radack and Dr. Jeff Radack.
- **Josh and Kalen Kleyman** on moving into your new house.

## MANY THANKS

- **Ari Golstein** for finding a "newish" computer for the JHJC office.
- **Andy King** for spending many hours setting up and installing software on the newish office computer.
- **Rose Novak, Mary Grossman and Jo Snyder** for helping organize and set-up/clean-up for the "Honoring Inger" event in February.
- **Shawn and Mike Daus** for hosting the 3rd Annual Challah Shabbat at their home.
- **Josh Kleyman** for teaching everyone how to make and bake challah at the Shabbat in February.
- **Andy and Liz King, Barb and Mike Scher, Judd Grossman, Terry Trauner and Al Zuckerman** for helping set-up, cook and clean-up at the Purim Party.
- **Sydney Daniels, Josh Kleyman and Andrea Mazer** for organizing the Bet Sefer fundraiser in February.

## WANTED

- **Shabbat Mishpocha Dinner**  
We are looking for anyone interested in hosting a Shabbat dinners with the JHJC mishpocha during the weeks that we do not have a Shabbat service. Let us know if you are interested in hosting. Contact Andrea at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org) or 734-1999.

- **Letters to the Editor**  
Got something to air to fellow JHJC members? Send along letters to the newsletter editor, no more than 300 words, to JHCJ, Box 10667, Jackson, WY 83002.

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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.*

### **Bet Sefer Shabbat & Beit Café (Coffee House) March 19, 6 p.m. Shabbat, 7 p.m. Beit Café**



Join local singer/songwriter Dahvi Wilson for some tunes after Shabbat.

The launch of the new Shabbat and Beit Café in January was a huge success! Join us as we continue the fun new twist on Shabbat.

In March, join the JHJC for Bet Sefer Shabbat with Chazzan Judd Grossman and the Bet Sefer students followed by Beit Café (coffee house) Oneg featuring local singer/songwriter Dahvi Wilson. Enjoy wine, food in a relaxing atmosphere. Shabbat starts at 6 p.m. and Beit Café starts at 7 p.m. Come to one, or both; bring a friend or bottle of wine! Old Wilson School House.