

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday, May 10
Isaak Babel Talk
 co-sponsored by the
Russian Club
Alpine House
285 Glenwood • 7pm

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MAY 2011

Letter from the president

Uncle Moishe decided to give me a Yiddish lesson on the phone. He was playing canasta with his buddies at the senior center on Moshula Parkway and an argument ensued about the difference between a schlomozel and a schlemiel. Unc's friend Murray settled the argument by explaining that a schlomozel is a guy that walks by a second story window ledge and knocks the flower pot off and a schlemiel is the guy walking by on the sidewalk below.

We had a wonderful second night Passover seder at the Old Wilson Schoolhouse. Once again Wendell Stam catered a very delicious seder meal served by his hard-working staff. What I always find so impressive about JHJC members is that they don't just show up for an event expecting everything to be done for them. They really take ownership of the events they put on and the seder was a perfect example of this as so many people volunteered to make it happen. Boiling dozens of eggs, finding and preparing shankbones, putting together seder plates, baking Kp desserts, setting up tables, doing our due diligence as Jews on Passover by many taking turns reading portions of the Haggadah and satisfying our obligations to remember where we came from and how we got here as a free people, cleaning up after the seder, the list goes on and on. Something that really struck me this year was the number of young families that attended the seder. We had so many kids that Audrey set up a "Romper Room" in one corner of the schoolhouse complete with crayons and large pieces of blank paper to draw on. It made me think back to when I was a kid going to my Grandma Sylvie's on Fox St. in the Bronx for the family seder. Warm memories that my family created for me and my brother and cousins just like the memories these young kids will hopefully have of these seders. And so this is how it goes. Our traditions passed on from generation to generation through the lovely memories we create for our children so that they may one day do the same for their kids. I think it bodes well for the future of our Jewish community that so many young families with children are coming to

events such as this one, doing their part to keep the circle unbroken.

The Board was recently reviewing the results of the survey it had put out to the congregation this past winter. After looking at some of the feedback I don't know what the Board was thinking when it decided to survey this eclectic group of Jews. Of course, everyone knows the old joke about having three Jews in a room with four opinions. Well that about sums up comments made in the survey. "Build our own Temple", "Don't build a Temple". "Hire a Rabbi", "Don't hire a Rabbi". "Bothered by services in a church", "Not bothered by holding services in a church". You get the idea. One thing everyone seemed to agree on is that having a study group when we have a visiting Rabbi on a fresh powder Sunday will not attract very many folks. All kidding aside, we had a very good response from the membership. Observances of Jewish holidays, Bet Sefer and Shabbos services ranked at the top of importance out of 15 items. We may have put the great debate over tickets/no tickets for High Holidays to rest as the majority of respondents said no to tickets. The Community overwhelmingly thought that day camp and Bet Sefer enriched their kids and met their needs. Surprisingly, by two to one members thought that formal Rabbinical leadership at Shabbos services wasn't that critical and were very comfortable with lay leadership. Most all respondents indicated that one Shabbos service per month met their needs for frequency. Most additional comments were positive overall and several excerpted comments seem to sum it up best, "We are a diverse Jewish community...", "Like some members I am culturally Jewish but not religious...", and "I think the Jewish community is doing a great job in a challenging environment...". If you would like to see more of the survey results please contact Mary at the JHJC office.

B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President

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Jewish Pet of the Month



Felix Thal

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

May 9: Israel Independence Day double-feature Film Event at the Center Theater. 5 pm *A Case For Israel: Democracy's Outpost* and 7 pm *Their Eyes Were Dry*. Free/\$10. Center Theater at the Center for the Arts.

May 10: JHJC/Russian Club collaboration: Isaak Babel talk by Stephen Lottridge. 7 p.m., Alpine House, 285 N Glenwood. Free, refreshments served.

May 19: Last Day of Bet Sefer end of year party and celebration. Parents and members are welcome to join us for a diploma ceremony at 5:00 p.m.

May 20: Bet Sefer Shabbat. Bet Sefer students show off at this special end-of-year Shabbat. Oneg sponsored by Bet Sefer parents to follow. 6 p.m., St. John's Small Chapel.

June 1: Membership Directory Online Submission closes. The link was sent out via email, but if you need the URL to fill out you or your families's information, please contact the JHJC office.

June 17: Shabbat with Rabbi Fred Wenger and chazzan Judd Grossman. TBA

June 18: Adult education with Rabbi Fred Wenger. TBA

LAST MONTH FOR ONLINE SUBMISSIONS! Membership Directory - Submit online by June 1. If you choose to be part of our Membership Directory you have until June 1 to submit as little, or as much, information about you or your family at www.surveymonkey.com/s/memberdirectory Participation not required for members.

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

JHJC COLLABORATES ON MAY CULTURAL EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 9 - ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY

The JH Jewish Community and the Center for the Arts present a double feature film event:

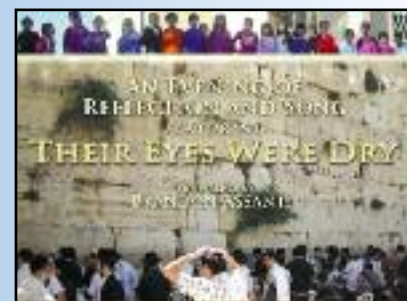
5 p.m. - The case for Israel: Democracy's outpost

Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz presents a vigorous case for Israel and its basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism and to defend its borders. Free public screening for this film only.



7 p.m. - Their Eyes Were Dry in HD - \$10 at the door.

A powerful documentary directed by Brandon Assanti, which tells the story of the 1974 terrorist attack in Ma'alot, Israel where children were taken hostage by three Palestinian terrorists. The evening concludes with a musical tribute by world renowned cantors.



Center Theater at the Center for the Arts
307.733.4900 or www.jhcenterforthearts.org

Wine, beer and refreshments will be sold before and between films.

TUESDAY, MAY 10 - 7 P.M.



The JHJC and the Russian Club present **Isaak Babel: talk by Stephen Lottridge** - Free
Isaac Babel is one of the great Jewish-Russian writers of the 20th century. He honed his art during the Communist revolution and the civil war that followed, as a journalist and writer of short fiction. He was an active participant in the vibrant Russian literary world of the early twenties. Like many of his contemporaries, he gradually grew silent as Stalin consolidated his control of the arts, and was eventually arrested and sent into the world of the transit and labor camps, where he perished. His art, however, survived and remains compelling to this day. Refreshments served.

The Alpine House • 285 N Glenwood • Jackson
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Bet Sefer Shabbat Friday, May 20

Bet Sefer Shabbat with Judd Grossman and Bet Sefer Students and Teachers

When: Friday, May 20, 6 pm

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church small chapel.

Bet Sefer Parents host oneg following services.

SCENES FROM APRIL 2011

PASSOVER SEDER and HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL GATHERING



Passover Seder
4.19.11



Holocaust Memorial
Gathering
4.30.11



Artist Laurie
Thal stands in
front of her
installation,
Holocaust
Memorial
Flames.



MANY THANKS

- **Michael Gellis** for leading Shabbat Services in April.
- **Al Zuckerman** for hosting Oneg at the April Shabbat.
- **Rose Novak** for organizing a spectacular Passover Seder. Thank you!
- **Christine Schuller** for assisting with the Passover Seder. Thanks for the lamb shanks!
- **Wendell Stam** for catering another great Passover Seder meal.
- **Susan Foster and Al Zuckerman** for helping set up the Passover Seder.
- **Larry Thal, Phyllis Fischer and Rachel Selikoff** for helping set up and tear down the Passover Seder.
- **Christine Schuller** for helping to organize our first, and hopefully not last, public Holocaust Memorial Gathering in April. And for providing the food for the reception.
- **Laurie Thal** for creating a moving and powerful glass installation for the Holocaust Memorial gathering.
- **Esther Grossman and Katie Koehler** for reading poems they selected at the Holocaust Memorial Gathering.

WELL WISHES

- **Christine Schuller's father, Bruno Fin**, a speedy recovery!

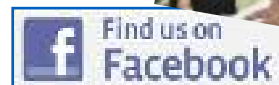
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **Looking for potential donors** for Swingin' Sabbath on 8.5.11
- **Teach Traditional Jewish cooking** classes for Summer

Contact Mary at info@jhjewishcommunity.org if you are interested.



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Wednesdays 1:15 - 5 p.m.
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.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION UNDERWAY!



**2011 CAMP
DATES:
July 18-22
July 25-29**

Sign your child/ren up for the Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Summer Camp!

Registration has begun! Cost is \$325 per week for JHJC members and \$375 per week for non-members. If you would like registration materials or scholarship information, please contact Mary at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org