

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Corrie ten Boom  
Remembers  
Thurs., May 10  
7 p.m., River Crossing  
Free**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • MAY 2012

## Letter from the the President

We had a wonderful Passover seder this year as a result of the hard work of Rose Novak, Christine Schuller and our executive director Mary Grossman. As you can imagine there are a lot of details that go into organizing such an event and the three of them did an outstanding job down to the cloth napkins and the seder plates on each table. The highlight of the evening for me, other than the brisket which was absolutely delish, was the Bet Sefer kids reading, at various intervals during the evening, their own answers to Passover themed questions that their teacher Eliana Fischel had prepared. Their thoughts were at once poignant, charming, humorous and wise beyond their years. We should all be very proud of them and thank them for making the seder so much more meaningful. Here are their readings from Passover.

*L'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman, President*

### Somewhere in the Beginning by Aaron Trauner

*Whom could we imagine inviting to the seder this year? Who in our lives, in our neighborhoods, in our world, is a victim of oppression?*  
-Michael Strassfeld

The people I would like to invite to this year's seder would be people suffering from oppression, and those being mistreated or enslaved (figuratively or literally). The people that I think are being oppressed in our world today are in starved towns in developing countries. For example, when I went to Asia, I saw people hurt and separated by war. I would like to invite them to our seder. I would also like to invite civilians in Middle Eastern countries that are under dictatorships. I feel this seder would help these people

with confidence that others care and we are all together in this world.

### Karpas by Josh Zendler

*How do you know when springtime is here?  
How many symbols of spring can you find on the seder plate? What symbols of spring can you find outside?*  
-Joy Levitt

I know it is spring time when the snow melts and the birds come out. It means the year has melted away and it is a new beginning. The parsley and the egg on the seder plate resembles spring and rebirth. When everything returns from hibernation and it's a time to be reborn and start fresh.

### Four Children by Daniel Pepper

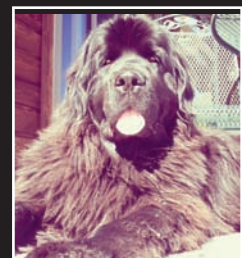
*Can you create the description for the four adults? They will still be named the wise, the wicked, the simple, and the one who does not know enough to ask, but what would they be like?*  
-Adapted from Jeffrey Schein

"Create the description of the four adults," that was my task. I thought, and I thought and this is what I came up with: The wise one would not follow his own path - that is the smart one. The wise one helps others follow their paths, such as a teacher or a philosopher. The wicked one is not a criminal. Criminals are misled. The wicked one chooses to do the crime again. The simple one is the most important. He is the one that takes the jobs we need. And finally, the one who doesn't know enough to ask is simply an answer seeker, who bit off more than he can chew. This is what I believe the four adults would be like.

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Sophie Schuller**

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).

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## CALENDAR

**May 10: Corrie ten Boom Remembers: An evening of Holocaust remembrance.** 7 p.m.  
Free, River Crossing in Rafter J. JHJC sponsors this moving one-woman show in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

**May 18: 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 Shabbat:** To be announced. Details to come.

**June 29: An Evening with author Anita Diamant.** Co-sponsored with St. John's Episcopal Church. Details to come.

### July 1: Membership Directory - Deadline to submit online.

If you choose to be part of our Membership Directory you have until July 1 to submit information and photos. Support the Directory with a business card ad. Small full color box ads are \$25. Go to [www.jhjewishcommunity.org](http://www.jhjewishcommunity.org) for link to survey.

### Volunteer opportunities:

- Looking for a location for Swingin' Sabbath on 8.3.12
- Volunteers to help screen some great films in a mini-Jewish Film Festival.

Email [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org) if you are interested.

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

## Annual Bet Sefer Shabbat Friday, May 18 ▪ 6 p.m. St. John's Episcopal Church small chapel

**Come out to show your support! Oneg sponsored by Bet Sefer parents to follow.**



### Mountain Chai News

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

When: Friday, May 18, 6 pm  
Where: St. John's Episcopal Church small chapel

Show up and support the amazing work these kids have done all year. From the Chanuka Gelt Fundraiser, to writing and reading at Passover, the Bet Sefer kids and their great teachers, Eliana, Josh, Aviva and Esther deserve a high five. Bet Sefer parents hosts oneg to follow.

#### Corrie ten Boom Remembers: an evening of Holocaust Remembrance

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community Presents: *Corrie ten Boom Remembers: An evening of Holocaust Remembrance.*

Confronted with persecution and murder of European Jews witnesses had a choice of whether or not to intervene. Getting involved meant running the risk of severe punishment and most people even those who disagreed with the Nazi's politics and practices opted to do nothing.

Corrie ten Boom was one of those ordi-



**Susie Sandager as Corrie ten Boom**

nary people who acted in extraordinary ways and chose to act.

Please come and join us for an evening of Holocaust Remembrance featuring the powerful one-woman demonstration of the life of Corrie ten Boom, a Christian woman who hid and aided Jews in her home during World War II.

*Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m. One performance only. River Crossing, 3205 Big Trails Drive (in Rafter J subdivision). Free Event.*

#### Be part of the JHJC Directory

Membership Directory - Submit online by July 1. If you choose to be part of our Membership Directory you have until July 1 to submit as little, or as much, information about you or your family. We encourage you to submit a photo if possible. Go to our homepage: [www.jhjewishcommunity.org](http://www.jhjewishcommunity.org) and use the survey widget. Also: Support the Directory with a business card ad. Small full color box ads are \$25.

Participation not required for members. If you have any questions or comments please email Mary at [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).

#### Harmon Meyers Obituary

Harmon Ivan Meyers, 85, of Jackson, Wyoming, formerly of Freehold, New Jersey and New York City, New York, passed away March 26, 2012. Harmon was born in New York, New York to Alfred and Blanche (Balzer) Meyers on July 30, 1926.

Harmon served in World War II in the Army Air Corp and the Air Force in Korea. He was an avid painter and artist. He loved building models from balsa wood. He belonged to the Knights of Pythias.

He is preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Blanche Meyers. Harmon is survived by his loving wife Lila, daughters; Andrea Meyers and Ellen Meyers (Brian Lorenz), Grandchildren; Jacob and Taya Lorenz.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at St. John's hospital and St. John's Living Center for love and care provided. Donations can be made to St. John's Living Center.





**Four Children by Dillon Weiss**

*When are you the silent child? When do you find that you can't speak, that words fail you, that you have nothing to say? –Joy Levitt*

I am the silent child when I'm tired because my motor mouth starts chicketing to a halt. My body slows and almost falls asleep, like a bear hibernating. I am the silent child when I am uncomfortable with my surroundings. I am the silent child when I have no words to speak because I am embarrassed. I do not speak when I am embarrassed because I'm uncomfortable or confused. I'm confused because I don't understand the discussion because was not listening. I was not listening because I am tired, and then the process starts all over again. That's how I'm the silent child.

**The 10 Modern Plagues by Colby King**

*Do we still have plagues? What do they look like? Can you come up with 10 plagues that we have today? –Joy Levitt*

Many things still plague our world. Some of the worst plagues ever seen are happening right now. Plagues include famine, violence and war, homework, disease, crime, and abuse. Many of these plagues are happening in the Middle East, parts of Asia, and Africa. These modern plagues are not unlike the ten plagues that God put upon the ancient Egyptians. However, in some ways, they are even worse. Plagues still exist in our world and happen to many people. These are some of the plagues that plague our world.

**Scenes from March & April**

**Larry Rieser's Bar Mitzvah • Interfaith Fellowship Dinner • Passover**



Other uses for a chazzan when he's not singing.

**MANY THANKS**

■ **Susan Foster and Sandy Ress**

for organizing flowers for Larry Rieser's Bar Mitzvah in March.

■ **Shannon Thal and Phyllis Fischer**

for helping with food and clean up at Larry Rieser's Bar Mitzvah in March.

■ **Josh Kleyman, Phyllis Fischer, Charlene and Al Zuckerman, Gerry & Barbara Aronowitz, JJ Villela, Laurie Thal and Adrian Bernal**

for helping with the Presbyterian Church Fellowship Dinner sponsored by the JHJC.

■ **Christine Schuller** for making 26 (Yes 26!) Challahs for the Fellowship Dinner and for teaching the Presbyterian ladies how to braid all 26.

■ **Rose Novak and Christine Schuller** for organizing a great Passover Seder! Kol Hakavod!

■ **Rachel and Wendell Stam** for their support during the unfortunate passing of Harmon Meyers.

■ Thanks to **Al Zuckerman, Isaac "Scrubbing Bubbles" Grossman and everyone** who pitched in to help set up and clean up the Passover Seder.

■ **Bet Sefer Students** for preparing readings for the Passover Seder.

■ **Christine, Ben, Hannah and Jeff Schuller** and family for hosting Shabbat in April. The additional music, challah and space was beautiful and moving.

■ **Laurie Thal** for providing the glass flames for Shabbat in honor of Yom HaShoah.

**CONDOLANCES**

■ **Ellen Meyers and her family** for the loss of her beloved father, **Harmon Meyers**.



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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.*

## **Spirit of the Mountains Summer Camp Registration in now!**

**Weeks of**

**July 16**

**July 23**



Sign your children up for the Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Summer Camp! Camp 2012 dates are July 16-20 & 23-27.

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