

**SAVE THE DATE:**



**Israel Today:  
A Clash of Cultures  
By Michael Klein-Katz  
Thurs, Nov. 29, 7 p.m.  
Old Wilson Schoolhouse**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • NOVEMBER 2012

## Letter from the president



Just to let everyone know Uncle Moishe is fine. He and my Aunt rode out the storm in their apartment according to my cousin Arnie who was able to check on them. Unc told Arnie that this was a lulu and that it reminded him of Hurricane Hazel in

1952, only worse, much worse.

A couple of weeks ago I was talking to Unc and he told me about what his friend Morrie told him while playing pinochle in the card room at the shul. One day Morrie asked Sol to come home with him after work to help him move some furniture. When they entered the house Morrie went straight to his wife and gave her a big hug and a kiss, told her how beautiful she looked and how he had missed her all day. When they were alone moving a couch Sol remarked that he was surprised how Morrie had fussed over his wife after all these years. Morrie told Sol that he had started doing it six months ago and it had revived his marriage, things were never better. So, Sol thought he would give it a try. When he got home he gave his Esther a warm hug and a big kiss and told her he loved her. To this Esther broke into tears. Not expecting this reaction Sol was confused and asked her why she was crying. Esther blurted out between sobs, "This is the worst day of my life. First little Josh fell off his bike and twisted his ankle and then the washing machine broke and flooded the basement. And now you come home drunk!"

I was very concerned about my relatives on the East Coast during Hurricane Sandy. I'm sure many of you were anxious to hear from family and friends that they were safe, as well. If we adults were worried sick just imagine how our children must feel in worrying about their grandparents or their favorite cousin, maybe in New Jersey or on Long Island or

Virginia. We must find ways to help our children cope with their fears and anxieties.

There are some thoughtful and common sense suggestions I have heard in the aftermath that may help in dealing with awful events such as this hurricane. One is to spend extra time with your children and offer age appropriate answers to their questions and concerns. Another is to limit access to media so as not to overwhelm them with a constant barrage of devastating images and reports. A third is to be honest with your kids but try to be optimistic by explaining that these sorts of things are rare and that there are many good people helping to make the situation better.

During tragic events such as this storm it is a good time to turn toward our Jewish traditions for solace for ourselves and for our kids, too. We may gather with fellow members of our Jewish community to seek comfort and support in each other's faith in G-d and to reaffirm our belief in goodness. We may gather for a formal prayer service or simply pray on our own for the victims and the rescue workers. It is a terrible feeling to stand by helplessly when such a disaster takes place. Our tradition of Tikkum Olam, repairing the world, teaches us to take positive action. We can show our kids a practical example of "repairing the world" by including them in positive activities in the face of tragedy. Things such as collecting and sending clothes, collecting money as a form of tzedakah for relief organizations or writing letters or sending "care packages" to friends and family that may have been impacted by the event to let them know you are thinking of them. By talking to and doing good works with our children we teach them about love, compassion and one of the central themes of Judaism.

*B'Shalom  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC Board President*

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Lola and Cloe  
the Goldfarb's grandpups**

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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*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:**

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

**November 1**

**December 6**

**Jan '13 TBA**

**February 7**

**March 7**

**April 11**

**May 2**

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.



# Scenes from October

Sukkot and Simchat Torah



Sukkot



Simchat Torah



## MANY THANKS

- **Laurie Thal** for hosting Sukkot on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.
- **Eliana Fischel** for leading Simchat Torah services.
- **Al Zuckerman and Christine Schuller** for dedicating a long lunch hour to clean out our storage space at St. John's Church. Ugh.
- **Liz King and Rachel Stam** for helping with Simchat Torah treats and clean up.
- **Rachel and Wendell Stam** for hosting our October Shabbat service in their home, Halloween decorations and all!
- **Al and Charlene Zuckerman** for hosting oneq after our October Shabbat service.
- **Al Zuckerman** for providing our d'var Torah during Shabbat services in October.
- **Kim Weiss and Vom Fass** for providing beautiful vodka tasting at the Chagall in the Fall event.
- Thank you **Shari Brownfield and Heather James Fine Art** for their participation and art expertise with the Chagall in the Fall event.
- **Isaac Grossman** for being coat check at the Chagall in the Fall event.

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# HEADS UP!



**Newsletter will be delivered exclusively via email starting 2013**

In an effort to use our time and resources more efficiently, beginning January 2013, the Kol Newsletter will be delivered by email only. We will be using an electronic email service, like Constant Contact, to deliver the monthly newsletter. Don't worry, it will still be packed with the same information and photos to keep you up to date with the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. **If you cannot receive the newsletter via email OR if you need to add your email address to our delivery list, please contact the JHJC office at 307.734.1999 right away.**

## CALENDAR

**Nov. 1: Toddler Sing-a-long.**  
4:15 – 4:45 p.m. at the LDS Church.

**Nov. 29: Public Discussion by Michael Klein-Katz.** Israel Today: A Clash of Cultures. 7 p.m. Old Wilson Schoolhouse. Free

**Nov. 30: Shabbat Services with Michael Klein-Katz and Judd Grossman.** 7 p.m. Old Wilson Schoolhouse. Oneg to follow.

**Dec. 1: Morning Torah Study with Michael Klein-Katz.** 10 a.m.

**Dec. 15: Community Chanukah Party.** Details in December Newsletter

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

### Visit by Scholar in Residence

It's been a couple of years since Michael Klein-Katz has visited Jackson Hole, but our friend and Scholar in Residence will be touring the region and making a stop in JH at the end of the month. He currently lives in Jerusalem.



On Thursday, November 29 there will be a free public discussion:

**Israel Today: A Clash of Cultures.** Then on Friday night, it's Shabbat services with Michael Klein-Katz and chazzan Judd Grossman. The next morning there will be Torah Study on the topic of women in Judaism.

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Israeli society is essentially democratic in nature and yet, unlike American democracy which constitutionally separates religion and state, Israel has officially established the role and status of religion in the public sector, an inheritance from the Ottoman Empire. Traditional Jewish, Christian and

Muslim clerics are, in fact, the exclusive sources when it comes to questions of personal status, marriage and divorce, last rites and burial ceremonies. In a part of the world where monotheistic religion was born, there is a constant tension regarding the encroaching role of religion in what most Israelis consider to be a secular state. How does this play out in everyday life? What is in store for the status of religion in the future? Can a theocracy replace the present day democracy? These and other probing questions will guide our discussion.

**Shabbat Services with Michael Klein-Katz and Judd Grossman**  
Friday, Nov. 30  
7 p.m., Old Wilson Schoolhouse  
Oneg to follow

**Morning Torah Study with Michael Klein-Katz**  
Saturday, Dec. 1, 10 a.m. Location TBA  
"Who owns Dina? A look at the status of woman in judaism from our earliest beginnings"

## Scenes from Chagall in the Fall

October 29 at Heather James Fine Art

