



# The Jackson Kol

*The Jackson Hole Jewish Community Center  
Monthly Newsletter*



## An evening with Gershon Baskin

*The Negotiator - working for Middle East Peace - can the impossible actually be possible?*

**7 p.m., Thursday, November 14**  
**Dancers' Workshop Studio One**  
**Center for the Arts, Free**  
**Book signing and reception to follow**

Gershon Baskin, Ph.D., was the initiator and the person responsible for the secret back channel between Israel and the Hamas that successfully negotiated the release of Israeli abducted soldier Gilad Schalit. He was the Israeli Co-Director and founder of the Israel/Palestine Center for Research and Information (IPCRI) - a joint Israeli-Palestinian public policy think and "do"-tank located in Jerusalem. This event is sponsored by the Jackson Hole Jewish Community Center.

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**ORDER NOW!**

**Mountain Chai  
Chanukah Gelt**

*\$13 for a set of 10 hand-crafted chocolate coins made by world famous chocolatier Oscar Ortega. Pick-up between Nov. 21 - Dec. 5. This is a fundraiser Mitzvah project for Bet Sefer. See below for more.*



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Post-film discussion on Yiddish culture. The films were co-presented by the JHJCC, the Russian Club of JH and Off Square Theatre.

## Keeping up with Uncle Moishe by Al Zuckerman



Uncle Moishe told me the last time we talked on the phone that he was playing some canasta in the Shul's social hall with his childhood friend, Murray Brodsky. They both went to P.S. 50 in the Bronx and had remained in the same neighborhood all these years. Anyway, Murray tells Unc that his wife, Sarah, was working part time in a gift shop on Moshula Parkway. Just to make a little mah jongg money, Murray said.

One day she noticed an older gentleman in the card section of the shop. After about an hour of unwrapping a shipment of chochkeys she walked by the card section again and the man was still there looking at the cards. She introduced herself and asked if she could be of any help. The elderly man frowned and said, "Well, I don't know. I'm having a problem. I can't seem to find anything that my wife would believe."

## All new J-Play Preschool is here!



**Amira Burns**

### **JHJCC hires J-Play instructor, begins Nov. 3**

I am very pleased to join the Jackson Hole Jewish Community as J-Play's new preschool instructor. I recently relocated to Jackson Hole from my hometown of Milwaukee, WI, where Jewish learning played an integral role in my childhood. My most formative Judaic experiences include Jewish summer camp in the Wisconsin north woods, assisting Hebrew school and special education Sunday school at the synagogue where I became a Bat Mitzvah,

travelling to Israel under the Birthright program, and attending the Milwaukee Jewish Day School, where I began a now decade-long study of modern Hebrew.

One of my favorite aspects of Judaism is the high value it places on lifelong learning, beginning both religious and secular education at an early age. This commitment to education inspires curiosity, creativity, and an eagerness to ask questions, all of which I know will continue to be a central part of J-Play. Through activities, songs, stories, and Hebrew vocabulary, we will blend learning and fun for both parents and children. I will include a short list of Hebrew words to use each session, with the goals of familiarity and engagement rather than strict retention. Each session will explore a different theme that may relate to an upcoming Jewish holiday, the weekly Torah portion, or a secular topic such as our first session's Autumn theme. Feedback is encouraged and will be incorporated into future sessions. I look forward to joining J-

Play's educational journey! J-Play is currently offered free of charge for students under the age of five. Students must be accompanied by a



Getting ready for J-Play at the JHJC Center.

## Acknowledgements

### *Mazel Tov!*



*Happy Birthday  
Larry Rieser.*

### *Many Thanks*

- Al and Charlene Zuckerman for hosting oneg after October Shabbat.
- Rabbi Fred and Rochelle Wenger for leading Shabbat services in October.
- Al Zuckerman for leading Mitzvah Day cleaning up a portion of Teton Village Road.
- Jessica Rutzick for making a great batch of chopped liver for the Yiddish Film event

### *Get Well Soon*

- Keep David Goldfarb in your thoughts.

Please send us your Mazel Tovs, Condolences, Kol HaKavods, Get Wells and photos of your Jewish Pets to:  
[info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org)

### *2013 Board of Directors*

Al Zuckerman, President

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Andrea Mazor

Students under the age of five. Students must be accompanied by a parent and parent participation is encouraged. Snacks and supplies are provided.

- Amira Burns

## Sunday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m. JHJC Center Autumn

- Intro/Icebreaker
- Songs with Chazzan Judd
- Nature walk, leaf collection
- Snack
- Leaf pattern art project
- Story

## Sunday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m., JHJC Center: Chanukah

- Chanukah story
- Songs with Chazzan Judd
- Chanukah blessings
- Snack
- Menorah art project
- Dreidel

## Chanukah Happenings

### Mountain Chai Chanukah Gelt - ORDER NOW

Help support the growing Bet Sefer Hebrew school by ordering your Mountain Chai Chanukah gelt gift pack. \$13 for 10 hand-crafted chocolate coins. The chocolate coins are hand-crafted by world famous chocolatier Oscar Ortega and all proceeds will be donated to the School Gardens, Jackson Hole Search and Rescue and the JHJC Bet Sefer program. Pick up orders on Thursday, November 21 at our Chanukah Awareness event at 5 p.m. at Betty Rock Café on Pearl St. or during the Chanukah Party at E.Leaven Food Co., Thursday, December 5. We'll order a few extra, so if you missed out on ordering, contact your favorite Bet Sefer student or the JHJC office at 734- 1999, [info@jhjewishcommunity.org](mailto:info@jhjewishcommunity.org).



### Bet Sefer Chanukah Awareness Night and Fundraiser Thursday, Nov. 21, 5 p.m.

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community's Bet Sefer School is hosting a Chanukah Awareness Event from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. on November 21 at Betty Rock Cafe. Please join us for a full Chanukah experience: telling the Chanukah story, candle lighting, some holiday songs, and latkes-potato pancakes. All are welcome to learn about and enjoy this family-friendly holiday!

## Upcoming Events in November

- **Nov. 3, Sunday, 10 a.m. All new J-Play.** Songs with Judd, nature walk and art project. JHJC Center at 150 Scott Lane.

Andrea Mazer

Mike Scher

Christine Schuller

Mary Grossman, Ex. Dir.

*The Jewish Community of Jackson Hole 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, tzadakah, and the joys of Jewish life.*



## Join our Minyan Tree

From time to time the JHJC is contacted to provide a minyan for either a local or visitor wanting to say Kaddish for a loved one who has recently passed away or whose yahrzeit they are observing.

Such was the case several weeks ago when a visitor from NY staying at the Village needed a minyan so he could recite Kaddish for his mother. A combined group of his friends, several members of Chabad and several members from our congregation gathered together to form a minyan to help him.

The reason I'm mentioning this is that I think it would be a good idea to form a "minyan tree", or a list of congregation members that would be willing to be part of a minyan when it is needed



Snack provided.

- **Nov. 9, Saturday, 10 a.m. Bar Mitzvahs of Daniel Pepper and Dillon Weiss** at St. John's Episcopal Church. Come and show your support for these hard working guys. Oneg to follow.
- **Nov. 14, Thursday, 7 p.m. An Evening with Gershon Baskin** at Dancers' Workshop Studio One, Center for the Arts. Free, book signing and reception to follow. See top of newsletter for event details.
- **Nov. 17, Sunday, 10 a.m. All new J-Play** at the JHJC Center, 150 Scott Lane. Songs with Judd, Chanukah art, story and games. Snack provided.
- **Nov. 21, Thursday, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Bet Sefer Annual Chanukah Awareness Night** at Betty Rock Cafe, Pearl St., Jackson. See entire description above.
- **Nov. 28, Thursday:** NO Bet Sefer. Thanksgiving and first night of Chanukah. **Gobble Tov!**
- **Dec. 5, Thursday, 6 p.m. Annual Community Chanukah Party.** Join members and friends of the JHJCC in our annual bash. Potluck, please bring a main dish or side dish to share. Latkes, dessert, wine and drinks provided. Suggested donation \$10 adults, \$5 kids. **LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP CHANUKAH GELT!**

in order for someone to say Kaddish. It is a wonderful mitzvah to be able to help someone in this way.

If we had a list of even 15 or 20 congregants that we could call to see if they are available to help form a minyan it would be of great service to the Jewish community. If you are interested in helping in this way when we are asked to put a minyan together please email or call Mary at the office so she can put your name on the "minyan tree".

- Al Zuckerman  
JHJCC, President

## Scenes From October 2013

Balancing Acts: Yiddish film, theater and music  
A collaboration with the Russian Club of JH





John Hanlon (Russian Club) leads a discussion on the films.



We like collaborating with the Russian Club.





Jessica Rutzick's amazing chopped liver and other goodies.







Amazing Hovorost made by Olga Needham from the Russian Club.

## *Yep, if you build it, they will come!*

The JHJC is continuing to make improvements on our new space. In addition to Shabbat services, Bet Sefer Hebrew school and J-Play preschool classes are now officially located at the center. The space provided for a warm and soulful teaching environment for Andrea, Josh, Ingrid and Amira. [Please consider supporting our new center.](#)

- Furniture \$4,000
- Window treatments \$1,000
- JHJCC sign \$450
- Bathroom remodel \$375
- Moving expenses \$1,000
- Lighting \$1,000
- Kitchen \$750



Oneg after March Shabbat at the new Center.

