

Annual Membership Party!



Saturday, August 25

5:30 p.m.

at Lyndsay

McCandless

Contemporary Gallery

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • AUGUST 2007

Letter *from the Presidents*

The big news this month is that your Board of Directors has voted to begin the process of affiliation with the Reform Movement. After reviewing the surveys and tallying all the numbers it is clear that the majority of our members are in favor of affiliation and the benefits this association will bring to our wonderful and growing community.

This month the JHJC will be sending out a membership letter. After seven years we are making some adjustments to our dues and fees structure. There are three major changes: High Holy Days ticketing, membership payment options and a committee to address any financial concerns that may arise from our new fee structure. We ask you to please make your membership a priority. Dues and fees are the foundation of our operating funds and fairly allocates the cost among our members. The JHJC must have sufficient funds if we are to continue to provide our range of services and events. We all share the responsibility for our growth and prosperity and have an important stake in our community. We remain committed to a philosophy of inclusiveness and welcome everyone who wishes to participate in any of our events, regardless of ability to pay. Each and every one of us must do our part.

We have a whirlwind month. Our

annual Membership Party will be held at the Lyndsay McCandless Gallery. Rabbi Gerry Weider will be returning to lead a Shabbat service, meet with our B'nai Mitzvah students and lead a morning adult hike and discussion. AIPAC and the JHJC will sponsor meetings with our senior Senator

Mike Enzi and newly-appointed Senator John Barasso to discuss Israel and issues involving relations with the U.S. and Israel. And Seth Ward, professor of religious studies at the University of Wyoming, will be returning for an evening lecture. Check the newsletter for dates and times for all these events.

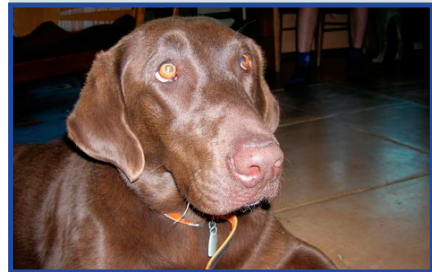
August is a glorious month in Jackson Hole. We are all coming, going, hiking, biking, boating and just plain busy. But take a moment to talk about the JHJC with family and friends. Remember, your individual participation inspires everyone.

Special thank yous to Carol Mann for her beautiful and thoughtful Shabbat service in July, Chazzan Judd Grossman, who makes every service special, and to the ever-gracious Rose and Ron Novak for opening their home for the service.

*B'Shalom,
Lisa and Dava, Co-Presidents*

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Jewish Pet of the Month:

Avival Thal's chocolate lab (If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.)



Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 12:
Erev Rosh Hashanah, 6:30 p.m. .
 Childcare provided.

• **Thursday, September 13:**
 9 a.m. **Children's Service** with
 Rabbi Robert Frazin
 10 a.m. **Shacharit**, Morning Service
 (Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.).
Potluck lunch to follow services in
 the Fellowship Hall. If your last
 name begins with an A-G please
 bring something sweet for a sweet
 new year, H-M please bring a main
 course, N-S please bring a side dish,
 T-Z please bring a salad.

***Following lunch there will be
 Taschlich at Flat Creek.**

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, September 14:
 6:00 p.m. Services will be held in
 the small chapel. Oneg to follow.



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Schedule of Events

All services will be conducted by

**Rabbi Robert Frazin and Chazan Judd Grossman at
 St. John's Episcopal Church in Jackson Hole.**

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 21: Kol Nidre at 6:30 p.m. Please
 note that Kol Nidre services will start promptly at 6:30
 p.m. Childcare provided.

Saturday, September 22:

10:00 a.m. **Shacharit**, Morning Service
 2:30 p.m. **Children's program** with Rabbi Frazin
 2:30 p.m. **Workshops**

3:45 p.m. **Yizkor**
 4:45 p.m. **Mincha/Torah Reading**
 5:45 p.m. **Break**
 6:00 p.m. **Rabbi's Discussion**
 6:30 p.m. **Ne'ila**

7:00 p.m. **Potluck community Break Fast** in the
 Fellowship Hall. If your last name begins with A-G please
 bring a side dish, H-M please bring a dessert, N-S please
 bring a salad, T-Z please bring a main course.

High Holiday Tickets

We are now selling tickets for High Holidays. Please notify your
 friends and family of our new ticket policy. **High Holiday tickets are
 free for dues paying members.** If you are fortunate enough to do so,
 you may purchase extra tickets and donate them to be used for others
 who cannot pay. We welcome everyone who wishes to participate in any of
 our events, regardless of ability to pay.

Ticket prices:

Adults (13 years old and over):	\$200 each
Children 6-12:	\$100 each
Infant-5:	Free
Guests of members:	\$100 each
Member's immediate family members	\$50 each

Local relatives and friends of members may become members or
 pay as above. Since the JHJC is not affiliated, we will not offer reci-
 procity with other synagogues. Please send your ticket payment to PO
 Box 10667 Jackson, WY 83002 along with the High Holiday ticket
 form. If you did not receive a ticket form in the mail, you may down-
 load the form from our website at www.jhjewishcommunity.org or
 contact the office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

CALENDAR

August 13: AIPAC Meeting with Senator Mike Enzi at 3:00 p.m. at the Antler Inn Meeting Room.

August 14: AIPAC Meeting with Senator John Barrasso at 8:00 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Episcopal church.

August 21: Seth Ward Lecture: "Moses, Jesus and Muhammad: Prophetic Traditions in History and Scripture." 7:00 p.m. at the Teton County Library. All are welcome.

August 23: Spotlight concert: The Gypsies at the Grand Teton Music Festival. 8:00 p.m. at Walk Festival Hall. Tickets: \$40.

August 24: Shabbat with Rabbi Jerry Weider at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Gary and Veronica Silberberg. Oneg to follow. Please contact the office for directions at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999.

August 25: Hike with the Rabbi and Adult Discussion. 9:00 a.m. South Park Feedground. (Park 200 yards north of South Park Bridge on the west side of the road.) Discussion topic will be on the concept of repentance.

August 25: Membership Party. 5:30 p.m. at the Lyndsay McCandless Contemporary art gallery (formerly Jackson Street Gallery) 130 S. Jackson St.

August 26: Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class with Rabbi Jerry Weider. 9:30 a.m. Downstairs conference room, 480 S. Cache St.

September 2: Matisyahu Concert at the Jackson Hole Mountain Festival. Tickets \$35. Tobacco Row or online.

September 5: Board Meeting. 5:15 p.m. Downstairs conference room, 480 S. Cache St.

September 8: Old Bill's Fun Run 11. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Race begins at town square.

September 12: Erev Rosh Hashana

September 13: Rosh Hashana

September 14: Shabbat Shuva

September 20: Back-to-Bet Sefer get together

September 21: Kol Nidre

September 22: Yom Kippur

September 23: Holocaust Workshop

September 27: Bet Sefer

September 30: Sukkot

SPIRIT OF THE MOUNTAINS SUMMER CAMP

Each summer at the Spirit of the Mountains Summer Camp we strive to create an environment where Jewish identities are formed, Jewish friendships are created, and where the seeds of life-long involvement in the Jewish community are planted.

This summer we had 25 children attend our annual Jewish day camp in July. We welcomed back returning campers, and were thrilled to have several new additions to the mix. The campers participated in the usual array of camp activities – tie dying, theater, arts and crafts, white water rafting, photography, songs, and swimming. The oldest campers had a special overnight, despite the bad weather. Josh Kleyman took the children on a



day hike and connected the natural environment to Judaism. Mitzvah was woven into the theme of camp as the campers sang with Judd

Grossman to the seniors at the Senior Center of Jackson Hole. The campers came away from the experience with huge smiles, and told their counselors that they wanted to repeat the activity for years to come. The campers also participated in a camp clean-up on the last day of camp. They collected trash from the grounds of the Wilson School where camp was held. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community would like to send a huge "Thank You" to the staff and volunteers who helped make our summer camp possible.

Old Bill's Fun Run 11

For every dollar you give to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community through Old Bill's, we receive an additional grant of nearly forty cents. However, donations to Old Bill's are for public outreach programming purposes only and do not count as your membership dues. In order to get the benefits of membership, including tickets to High Holiday services, one must pay membership dues. We have used money from Old Bill's this year for programs such as lectures by Seth Ward and Shoshanna Bryen, our annual AIPAC meeting with our state

representatives, and helping underwrite the Library Foundation's program with Poet Laureate Billy Collins. This message is meant neither to encourage nor is to discourage contributions through Old Bill's, rather to ensure that you understand the benefits and limitations of these donations. If you would like your gift to be unrestricted, please donate directly to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. Membership and donation materials are available online. The race will be on Sunday, September 8 at town square from 10 am – 1 pm.

Annual AIPAC Meetings

AIPAC and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community will sponsor meetings with our senior Senator Michael Enzi on Monday August 13th at 3:00 p.m. at the Antler Inn Motel meeting room. The following morning on Tuesday, August 14th we will meet with newly appointed Senator John Barrasso at 8:00

a.m. at the St. John's Fellowship Hall. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss Israel and issues involving relations with the US and Israel. Please make a point to attend these meetings as the more people we have in attendance, the more we will impress upon our representatives the importance of the state of Israel.

MY BAR MITZVAH IN JERUSALEM

Ben Trauner

I recently had an amazing experience. I went to Israel with my family and had my Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall. Having it at the Western Wall was something that I will never forget. The differences of how Israel and America do their Bar-Mitzvah is quite intriguing. For example in Israel you have to wear a teffilen around your head and arm. A teffilen is a black box, and in these boxes are scrolls with prayers on them; coming off the box are black leather straps with which you wrap around your arm in a special way. The Bar-Mitzvahs in Israel also seem to be shorter than those in America, but really they aren't. I think the reason that they seem shorter in Israel is because everyone joins in and the service is actually a bit chaotic. It was quite interesting at the Western Wall, because there were many strangers that would randomly start



to sing with your group. It was truly an honor to have my Bar-Mitzvah at the site of the 1st and 2nd Temples in Jerusalem.

Of the many other things we did on our trip my next favorite part, and it was very hard to choose, was going to Petra in Jordan. Petra is a fantastic city from 3000 years ago that was literally carved out of a mountain; stables, houses, tombs and guard towers were all carved from rock. Some buildings were almost 100 feet tall with grand entrances. On our trip we also rafted the Jordan River, swam in the Mediterranean Sea, the Sea of Gallilee, the Red Sea and, most interestingly, the Dead Sea, well we actually floated in the Dead Sea. We saw ruins from almost every century, rode camels, donkeys, horses and walked in the Western Wall tunnels. What a trip!

Speaker Seth Ward Compares Jewish, Islamic and Christian Traditions

Historian Seth Ward will use scriptural traditions and modern scholarship to highlight connections between the key religions of the Middle East at the Teton County Library on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. In his talk, Dr. Ward will trace parallels in the lives of Moses, Jesus and Muhammad, focusing on the tensions between modern research and religious piety. Seth Ward currently teaches at the University of WY. He received his PhD in Near Eastern languages and literature from Yale University.

Membership to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community

Membership application forms have been mailed. If you did not receive one, you may download the form from our website at www.jhjewishcommunity.org or contact the office at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999. In keeping with our long-held desire for our community to remain inclusive and welcome everyone who desires to participate in any of our events, we have established a membership committee to address any financial concerns or hardships that may arise with our new fee structure. Contact Phyllis Turtle at 739-3093 for a rate variance.

TID BITS

Survey Results

We are still in the process of collecting and processing the surveys which were sent out this summer. Thank you to all who completed and returned the survey. Your input will help shape the future of the JHJC. If you have not filled one out, you still have a little time to do so. If you lost your copy, you may download a copy from our website at www.jhjewishcommunity.org. Please send your survey to PO Box 10667 Jackson, WY 83002.

Host the Rabbi

Rabbi Frazin will be leading High Holiday services this year in Jackson. We have a generous offer to house the Rabbi and his wife Penny for one week during the High Holiday season. We are looking for a guest house for the Rabbi and his wife for the second week of their stay in Jackson. If you have space available at your home, and would like to host the Rabbi during this very important time of year, please let us know. The mitzvah of hosting the Rabbi would be a great economic help to the JHJC.

Many Thanks:

Phyllis and **Howard Turtle** for housing one of our camp counselors.

Shannon Thal, Josh Kleyman, Sydney Daniels, Eve Bernfeld, Allan Willes, EJ Hirschfield and **Judd Grossman** for helping with camp activities.

Rose Novak for graciously allowing the camp to use her backyard for their overnight.

Jamie Dakis and **Lisa Finkelstein** for donating books to our library.

Mazel Tov:

Dr. Michael Gellis & Marylou Leven on their upcoming nuptials.

Healing Prayer to:

Rabbi Mike Comins and his family.
Russell Scott, Eve Scofield



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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.



Lyndsay McCandless
Contemporary Gallery
130 S. Jackson St,
behind Earth and Vine

Saturday August 25
5:30 pm
\$10

Kosher wine,
beer, new Israeli music
and great food.
Meet other members
of the community.

*Bring your membership dues and receive your
FREE High Holiday tickets!*