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**Bar Mitzvah of
Ben Scher
August 14, 10 a.m.
River Crossing
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The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • AUGUST 2010

Letter from the president

I talked to Uncle Moishe on the phone a couple of days ago and he was telling me about his experience on jury duty. (He actually got picked to sit on a jury.) So, the first witness up was an elderly gentleman. The attorney asked Mr. Goldman how old he was, to which Mr. Goldman replied, "I am, kin ahora, 82." The attorney asked, "What did you say?" "I said, I am, kin ahora, 82 years old." The judge, seeing the attorney's frustration, then intervened and said to Mr. Goldman, "If you don't want to be held in contempt of court please give a simple answer to the question, Mr. Goldman." Uncle Moishe, never having been in court before and not knowing the protocol, raises his hand and tentatively asks the judge, "Your Honor, may I ask the witness?" The judge looked in disbelief and consternation but nodded yes. So Unc gets up and says, "Nu, Mr. Goldman, kin ahora, how old are you sir?" Mr. Goldman replied, "82".

What is the cost of being Jewish today? In his sermon at the July Shabbos service Rabbi Andy Feig referred to some research that it costs a family between \$60,000 and \$120,000 to be observant. This includes kosher food, membership to a shul, Hebrew school for the kids, summer camp, etc. It adds up, no? And what does it cost to be Jewish in Jackson Hole? If you would consider for a moment that the Jackson Hole Jewish Community is one big extended family, then I would say it costs us closer to the \$120,000 (if not more) to be "Jackson Hole style" observant. Last fiscal year our expenses were \$126,000 and our revenue was \$107,000, a deficit of \$19,000. The federal government may be able to function like that, they can print money, but no family or organization can operate at a deficit, at least not for very long.

The reason I bring this up is that the JHJC Board has recently been wrestling with the budget for this new fiscal year. The dilemma is how can we continue to offer all the various programming, maintain a high level of quality content and still be affordable to the community. For instance, take the upcoming High Holidays. Do we sell tickets or do we not sell tickets? That has been the question. Even with cutting costs by doing potlucks, using volunteers to set-up and clean-up, having the Rabbi stay in congregants' homes instead of a hotel, having her use a donated car instead of a rental, we still estimate that the High Holidays will cost approximately \$12,500. And yet the Board decided that instead of selling tickets to offset costs, they would not sell tickets so that no one should feel that they can't come to services at this most important and special time of year for all Jews. Likewise, the Board has decided, in part because of the economy, to not consider raising fees for membership dues or for Bet Sefer. Are these good business practices, to not raise revenues in the face of deficits, probably not. However, while the Board feels strongly to its obligation to be fiscally responsible, it also strongly feels its responsibility to make religious observance, Jewish education and Jewish culture in the valley available to everyone.

So, what to do? With the economy still limping along and the prospects of fewer donations than in the past, and perhaps fewer folks becoming members due to the state of the economy, the Board is setting a lower, more conservative target budget for this fiscal year. There may be fewer Rabbi visits and more community-led services,

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Jewish Pet of the Month



Noah Chapman

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.

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CALENDAR

August 9: AIPAC meeting with Representative Lummis. 10:30 a.m. River Crossing, 3205 Big Trails Dr. Light refreshments provided.

August 10: AIPAC meeting with Senator Enzi. 3:00 p.m. Senator Enzi's Jackson office, 1110 Maple Way, Suite G.

August 10: AIPAC meeting with Senator Barrasso. 4:00 p.m. River Crossing, 3205 Big Trails Dr.

August 14: Bar Mitzvah of Ben Scher. 10:00 a.m. River Crossing, 3205 Big Trails Dr. Luncheon to follow.

August 17: Traditional Jewish Cooking Class: Gefilte Fish with Kelly Zelikovitz. 4:00 p.m. Home of Kelly Zelikovitz. Registration required. Contact Andrea at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999. Cost: \$15/class.

August 29: Israeli Dance Class with Barbara Aronowitz. Join hands in a wide circle for a variety of Israeli folk dancing! 7:00 p.m. St. John's Fellowship Hall. Dessert potluck. Cost: \$10. Registration required. Contact Andrea at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999.

High Holidays 5771: All services will be conducted by Rabbi Karyn Berger and Chazzan Judd Grossman and will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 170 N. Glenwood.

September 8: Erev Rosh Hashanah. 6 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 9: Rosh Hashanah. 9:00 a.m. Children's Service with Rabbi Berger; 10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service (Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.) Potluck lunch to follow services in the Fellowship Hall. *Following lunch there will be Taschlich at Flat Creek.

September 10: Shabbat Shuva. 6:00 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow.

September 17: Kol Nidre: Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 18: Yom Kippur. 9:00 a.m. Children's service with Rabbi Berger; 10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service. Childcare provided. 2:30 p.m. Forgiveness Workshop with Carol Mann; 3:45 p.m. Yizkor; 4:45 p.m. Mincha/Torah Reading; 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.

September 26: Community Sukkot celebration. Home of Laurie Thal. 4 pm -7 pm. Potluck fall meal in the Sukkah. Please bring a dish! Contact the office for directions 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

VISITING RABBI FOR 5771: *Rabbi Karyn Berger*

Rabbi Berger has served a number of small Jewish communities and is passionate about her work. From leading t'filah, to participating in life cycle events, to providing spiritual direction, her goal is to create profound relationships with each person, in order that they find and experience the sacred in everyday life.

This is reflected in her work as a spiritual director and counselor for people, creating individualized spiritual journeys and working in the field of mysticism and spiritual healing. She is also the founder and executive director of



Rabbi Karyn Berger

Righteousness International, where she specializes in developing unique curricula for children and adults in a variety of subjects.

A State Department Fellow, she participated in "Bridgepath", in association with at the Jewish Museum in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland and the National Heritage Museum in New York City. Rabbi Berger is an ordained rabbi and earned her

MAJS from Emory University and an MA in Medieval Philosophy from Jewish Theological Seminary.

High Holidays 5771 Information

■ High Holiday Reservations: No tickets required

Continuing a tradition of opening our doors and our hearts during High Holidays, the Jackson Hole Jewish Community is pleased to welcome all to our services. However, current economic difficulties have produced serious shortfalls in revenues for our religious programming. To address this problem, the Board of Directors is asking all who are in a position to do so, to join them in making a financial contribution for attending services. Suggested donation is \$100 per person. No one will be turned away and no tickets are required to attend, but we want all to understand that our ability to continue to serve this special community needs your help at this critical time. *L'shanah tovah.*

■ Pastoral Counseling during High Holidays

If you would like to meet with the Rabbi during the High Holidays please contact our office so we can schedule you an appointment with Rabbi Berger while she is in Jackson. Call 734-1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

■ 13th Annual Food Drive

We are a diverse and all-inclusive community. Each of us is entitled to the privilege of tzedakah, giving charity, which is especially important during the High Holy Days. Every contribution will be a help to the beneficiaries, and every contribution is important - from one can of food to many full grocery bags. On this New Year, please consider being an essential part of the greater community of Jackson Hole by donating to our food drive. Please bring non-perishable groceries to services on Yom Kippur. If you are unable to be there, please ask someone to bring your contribution. Suitable items include: canned proteins and soups, powdered milk, beans, rice, pasta, cereals and disposable diapers. Our collection will be given to the Community Cupboard to help people in Jackson with emergency needs.

■ **The Art and Science of Forgiveness:** A Yom Kippur Workshop with Carol Mann. Scientific research is now confirming a direct correlation between a person's ability to forgive and their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. How brilliant that Judaism launches us in to the New Year with the practice forgiveness on Yom Kippur. Bravo to the wisdom of our ancestors for knowing that forgiveness is key to experience happiness, health, and inner peace. What grace we are blessed with in the opportunity for a clean slate every year! The best news is that forgiveness can be learned. Please join me at 2:30pm on Yom Kippur to learn more about the science of forgiveness and most importantly to practice the art of forgiveness. Yizkor will follow the workshop.

Passover may be a potluck this year instead of a catered event and we will rely more on the community to volunteer time and space for events. These measures alone will not keep the wolf from the door. We still have expenses for core services that make the JHJC function and that enable us to provide a viable and dynamic Jewish presence in the greater Jackson Hole area. So, in an unabashed appeal, I am asking those of you

that have the resources to consider the JHJC when deciding on how to use those resources. And for those of you that have limited resources, please remember that the JHJC is all-inclusive and welcomes everyone.

Everyone, please have a meaningful and spiritual Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and a healthy and happy new year.

B'Shalom

Al Zuckerman, JHJC President



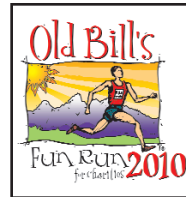
Bar
Mitzvah
of Ben
Scher

Join the Scher family on Saturday morning, August 14th as Ben is called to the Torah on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah. Shabbat morning service will be conducted by Josh Kleman and Chazzan Judd Grossman and will be held in the main sanctuary at River Crossing, 3205 Big Trails Dr, at 10:00 am. Luncheon to follow.

Old Bill's Fun Run 2010

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 2010. Over the years our Old Bill's fund has allowed the JHJC to offer outreach programming to the community at large. Past events have included film screenings, Holocaust awareness, sponsorship of literary programs, and cultural activities.

The Old Bill's giving period begins on July 4 and all donations must be in the Community Foundation office by September 17, 2010 at 5pm. Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an original red donor form. Donors may also give with a credit card online at www.oldbills.org. Informational brochures and donor forms will be mailed to all Teton County, WY box holders and can also be found at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole office as well as local banks. Race day is Saturday, September 11. We'll see you on the square!



SCENES FROM SUMMER CAMP 2010

Huge thanks to many of our members for helping with Spirit of the Mountains Summer Camp 2010:

- Judd Grossman for singing with all our campers every morning.
- EJ Hirschfield for countless

hours spent doing art projects with the Aleph group.

- Shannon Thal for scrapbooking with the Gimmel group.
- Christine Schuller for baking challah with the Bet group.
- Aaron Pruzan, Larry Thal,

and Ron Novak for kayaking with the Gimmel group.

- Dava Zucker & Devra Davis for helping with art projects for the Aleph group.
- Sam Singer for leading astronomy programs with our Bet and Gimmel groups.



MAZEL TOV

■ **Bonnie and Shelly Guren** on the upcoming marriage of your son Michael Stein to Adriana Pinheiro.

■ Welcome new board members!
Devra Davis and Rose Novak.

MANY THANKS

■ **Jessica Rutzick** for teaching a Traditional Jewish cooking class in July.

■ **Rose Novak** for facilitating the summer book club with Suzanne Love Harris.

■ **Kelly & Steve Zelikovitz** for hosting our July Oneg.

■ **Barbara & Stan Trachtenberg** for hosting our adult education program with Rabbi Andy Feig.

■ **River Crossing** for hosting our annual AIPAC meetings with Rep. Lumis and Senator Barrasso.

YERZEIT

■ In loving memory of **Alan and Ellen Daus.**

HIGH HOLIDAY 5771

Yitzkor Book Listings

Please send names for this year's Yitzkor book to Andrea Mazer at the office no later than Sept. 12th. Call 734.1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org

Volunteer!

- A guest house or room for the Rabbi during High Holidays.
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen for our potluck luncheon after Rosh Hashanah services.
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen for our potluck break fast after Yom Kippur services.
- Volunteers to help set up and clean up at St. John's during all our High Holiday services.

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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.

TRADITIONAL JEWISH COOKING CLASSES:

Learn to make strudel, rugelach, knishes, kugel, gefilte fish, babka, and more from the experts from the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. At the end of each class, bring home and enjoy the food you've made. Classes will be held monthly. **Registration is required.** RSVP today with Andrea at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999. The cost is \$15/class for food supplies.

- **August 17: Gefilte Fish** with Kelly Zelikoviz. 4:00 p.m. Home of Kelly Zelikovits. Please contact the office for directions.
- **October 17: Babka** with Christine Schuller. 3:00 p.m. Home of Christine Schuller. Please contact the office for directions.



ISRAELI DANCE CLASS

WITH BARBARA ARONOWITZ

Sunday, August 29, 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Fellowship Hall

Join hands with the JHJC in a wide circle for a variety of Israeli folk dancing! Dessert potluck. Cost: \$10. Registration required. Contact Andrea at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999.

High Holidays Schedule of Events 5771

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and Chazzan Judd Grossman
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170 N. Glenwood, Jackson

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 8:

6 p.m. **Erev Rosh Hashanah.**

Childcare provided.

Thursday, September 9:

9 a.m. **Children's Service** with Rabbi Berger

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 a side dish, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a main course, T-Z please bring something sweet for a sweet new year.

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

SHABBAT SHUVA

Friday, September 10:

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

KOL NIDRE

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Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

YOM KIPPUR

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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 main course, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a salad.

No tickets required

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