

SAVE THE DATE:**11th Annual Food Drive**

Please bring non-perishable groceries to services on Yom Kippur, October 8

The Jackson Kol

Jackson Hole Jewish Community

NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • OCTOBER 2008

Letter from the Presidents

What a wonderful time of year the High Holidays are. Has the weather ever been bad for them? I can only recall coming out of morning services into brilliant, warm sunshine with maybe a slight cool breeze rustling the leaves reminding us that the seasons were indeed changing.

As I reflect on my board participation in the last year, I feel I must really count my blessings to be associated with such remarkable people that are members of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. We have members that are very generous with their time and resources. We have members that lend their considerable and varied talents and skills to the good of the Community. We have members that are human dynamos with bazillions of good ideas floating around in their heads and the energy to make them a reality. We have members that are caring and sensitive to the welfare of others. And we have members that are deeply committed to maintaining a vibrant and relevant JHJC in this beautiful valley. And on top of all this, I count my blessings that Andrea Mazer is our Executive Director. Andrea is a very humble person, and I don't mean to embarrass her, but she is really the glue that holds the whole mishagos together. She has all the qualities that I have ascribed to our members in the preceding sentences. Her competency, professionalism and her great attention to the

myriad details of the everyday workings of this organization is the engine that moves it along the track. She is the sweet face that represents our organization and gives newcomers and visiting Rabbis the impression that this must be a wonderful congregation to be a member of to have a representative such as Andrea.

Sadly for us, EJ Hirschfield has left the board of directors. EJ brings a lot of energy and a can-do spirit to activities she is involved in on behalf of the JHJC. We appreciate the work she did as a board member and thank her for her valuable service to the organization.

There are enough varied events in the upcoming days that there should be something to suit your fancy in the newsletter calendar. I encourage you to come and join in especially to celebrate the holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah not long after the High Holidays are over. Rabbi Weider will be here to lead our Simchat Torah celebration and help us roll our torah scroll back to the beginning.

To all the members of the JHJC, and on behalf of the Board, we wish you a very happy and healthy new year and a big thank you for your support throughout the past year.

*L'Shanah Tovah u'Metukah,
Al Zuckerman*

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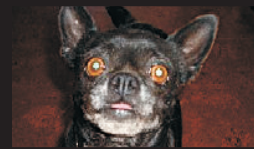
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DON'T HAVE A JEWISH PET?



Do a mitzvah and adopt Pretty Baby from the Animal Adoption center. Pretty Baby is 8- 10 years old. She is a spayed Pug Boston Terrier Chihuahua mix. For more information call 739-1881 or www.animaladoptioncenter.org.

If you have a pet that you would like featured in our newsletter, please e-mail a picture to info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

CALENDAR

October 1: Silent Witness Memorial Ceremony. 12:00 pm, Phil Baux Park.

October 2: Ending Silence in Our Congregations – a faith based approach to domestic violence awareness and prevention. Casual discussion, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole.

October 3: Ending Silence in Our Congregations – a faith based approach to domestic violence awareness and prevention. One-day training, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Our Lady of The Mountains Catholic Church

October 3: Shabbat Shuvah with Rabbi Stuart Geller and Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6:00 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel at St. John’s Episcopal Church. Oneg to follow.

October 8: Kol Nidre with Rabbi Stuart Geller and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Kol Nidre services will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

October 9: Yom Kippur with Rabbi Stuart Geller and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Shacharit, Morning Service, 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided. Please see our High Holiday schedule of events for other programs and services throughout the day. 7:00 p.m. Potluck community Break Fast in the Fellowship Hall.

October 12: JHJC Youth Group Get-Together. Join Stephan Abrams and Joanna Snyder, JHJC youth group advisors, for a whole lot of fun! For teens in 8th- 12th grade. Place and time TBA.

October 18: Community Sukkot celebration. Come help decorate the JHJC’s Sukkah at the home of Laurie Thal, 4:00 pm. Potluck fall meal. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a side, H-M please bring a main course, N-S please bring a salad, T-Z please bring a dessert. For directions please call 734-1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

October 21: Simchat Torah celebration with Rabbi Jerry Weider and Chazzan Judd Grossman. 6:00 p.m. St. John’s Fellowship Hall. Oneg to follow.

SILENT WITNESS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Wednesday, October 1 at noon at Phil Baux Park

Members and friends of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community are asked to join others in the Teton area faith community in thought, in prayer, and in person for the Wyoming Silent Witness Memorial Ceremony which commemorates the lives of victims of domestic violence homicide in Wyoming. A free picnic lunch begins at noon, followed by a ceremony and procession to the Town Square where the exhibit of 36 life-size silhouettes will remain on display until night-fall (rain location is Saint John’s Episcopal Church). The ceremony is hosted by Community Safety Network and the Wyoming Division of Victim Services with generous volunteer support from several area faith communities.

Ending Silence in Our Congregations – a faith based approach to domestic violence awareness and prevention.

Casual discussion – Thursday, Oct. 2, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Presbyterian

Church of Jackson Hole

One-day training – Friday, Oct. 3, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Our Lady of The Mountains Catholic Church

Faith communities, religious leaders, and friends within one’s place of worship are often the first places a domestic violence victim will turn for support and guidance. Please join us for one or both of these education opportunities to learn how you can continue to help make every home a safe home.

Presenters: Chaplain Pat Bradley, internationally known speaker, instructor for the course Religious Aspects of Domestic Violence and ordained Roman Catholic deacon with over 22 years experience in parish ministry and pastoral counseling; and Naomi Tucker, co-founder and Executive Director of Shalom Bayit (Bay Area Jewish Women Working to End Domestic Violence), the first Jewish domestic violence agency in Northern California.

MEMBERSHIP TO THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY

Membership to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community Being a member is the best way to support the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. It shows your commitment to having an active Jewish presence in Jackson, and your membership dues are the primary way to support the monthly programs and activities that keep

our community vital. 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 our office info@jhjewishcommunity.org. A sliding scale of dues is available and no one will be turned away due to lack of funds.

11th ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

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. Our collection will be given to the Community Cupboard to help people in Jackson with emergency needs.

HIGH HOLIDAYS 5769 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Services will be conducted by **Rabbi Stuart Geller** and **Chazzan Judd Grossman** at **St. John's Episcopal Church**.

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, October 3:
6:00 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 8: Kol Nidre services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

Thursday, October 9:
10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning

Service. Childcare provided.
2:30 p.m. Children's service with Rabbi Geller
2:30 p.m. Forgiveness Workshop with Carol Mann
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 main course, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a side dish.

AUGUST AIPAC MEETINGS

Once again AIPAC and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community were privileged to have private sessions with both of our Wyoming Senators.

We met on Monday August 11, with our senior Senator Michael Enzi. We had a gathering of over 30 attendees from the community. It was a mixed crowd of Jews, Christians and local leaders. Senator Enzi is very pro-Israel. A lively and informative discussion took place concerning US/Israeli relations.

On Tuesday, August 12 we met with our junior Senator John Barrasso. This session was also attended by many of the same over 30 participants. There was an interesting exchange of facts, comments and ideas. Senator Barrasso was delighted to be with us and encouraged us to contact his office with our concerns.

Bruce Barrett, the regional

director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee was in attendance with his wife Adaire and 2 French journalists/authors from Paris. They spoke about their professions, anti-Semitism and the changing French culture on Monday, August 11 at the home of Phyllis and Howard Turtle.

My personal thanks to Andrea Mazer for her help and support, the Board of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community, the Turtles gracious hosting, E. Leaven for catering and to all who attended and took time out of their day to show support to Israel.

I would encourage any of you who have not attended these sessions to join us. We meet annually during the congressional recess which is typically the second week of August.

—Joan Goldfarb
JHJC AIPAC Chair

Many Thanks:

EJ Hirschfield for hosting an informational meeting about Hadassah with our area Vice President of WY.

To **everyone who donated to the JHJC** through Old Bill's Fun Run 12.

Thank you **EJ Hirschfield** for serving on the Jackson Hole Jewish Community Board of Directors. We will miss your energy and passion for improving the JHJC.

Mazel Tov:

Josh Forman, and the Forman family, on the occasion of your Bar Mitzvah in September.

Deepest Condolences:

Barbara Zelazo on the loss of your beloved father **Stanley Zelazo** earlier this summer.

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

To: **Josh Forman**

In honor of your Bar Mitzvah.

From: **Mike & Shawn Daus**

Sukkot & Simchat Torah

The Jewish Holidays don't end with Yom Kippur. We will be celebrating Sukkot, the festival of booths, at the home of Laurie Thal on Saturday, October 18. Come help the Jackson Hole Jewish Community decorate the community Sukkah, shake the lulav and etrog and enjoy a fall afternoon potluck meal. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a side dish, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a main course.

A few days later we are blessed to celebrate Simchat Torah as a community. Rabbi Jerry Weider will be back in Jackson to help us "roll the scroll" back to the beginning and lead us in prayer and celebration on October 21. We look forward to celebrating the fall holidays with you and your family!



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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.



Meet the newest members of the Jackson Hole Jewish Community! Benjamin Howard Daniels Fox & Ruby Golda Daniels Fox.



Phyllis Turtle teaches Sydney Daniels how to knit for the JHJC's knitzvah project.