

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Babka Cooking Class**  
**October 17, 3 pm**  
**Home of**  
**Christine Schuller**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • OCTOBER 2010

## Letter from the president

I was telling Uncle Moishe that my anniversary was coming up soon and that I was trying to think of a gift for my wife Charlene. Always helpful, Unc told me about what his friend Saul got for his wife Ruth and how I shouldn't follow suit. Uncle Moishe told me that he bumped into Saul on Jerome Ave. outside Schwartz's Jewelers and asked Saul what he had bought in the nicely wrapped box under his arm. Saul said, "To tell you the truth Moishe, it's my Ruth's birthday tomorrow, and when I asked her what she wanted she said she'd leave it up to me but that something with lots of diamonds in it would very nice." "So tell me already, what did you buy her?" inquired Uncle Moishe impatiently. Saul replied, "I bought her TWO decks of Bridge cards!"

We had wonderful High Holiday services this year with Rabbi Karen Berger and our homegrown Chazzan, Judd Grossman. The services were both meaningful and spiritual, and were highlighted by the moving Yizkor service and the lovely outdoor Havdalah service on a beautiful fall evening. Because the holidays were so early this year, we seemed to have more visitors attending our services than in past years. Visitors are always amazed that there are that many Jews living out here in the "wilderness", and I tell them that there are even more but, for whatever reason, they are not affiliated with the JHJC. The reason I mention this is we are in the middle of our fall membership drive for this New Year. When I think about it, I am truly humbled by the generosity and the desire to support the JHJC, as we have

received some very generous donations from members of the Jewish community. Our most recent count of 53 families or individuals, either renewing their membership or joining the JHJC for the first time, is worrisome. Despite the generous donations we have already received, the financial backbone of the organization still comes from the dues paid by our congregants. So I urge you, if you have been thinking about joining for the first time, have just been too busy, or are a procrastinator, like me, to please fill out the membership form and mail in your dues for this year. It can be argued that membership numbers can be a strong indication of the health of an organization. They give one an idea of how much widespread support there is in the community for an organization. Please show your support for the JHJC. It would be great if we could at least match or even surpass our membership count of years past.

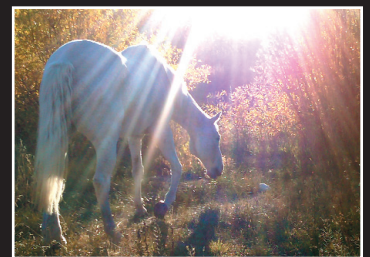
Most of you probably know that Andrea Mazer, our executive director for the last four and a half years, is leaving her position with the JHJC to travel the world. As the most recent president of the Board of Directors I have had the pleasure of working closely with Andrea and know more than most how important she has been to our organization. She has not only attended to the millions of little details that keep things running smoothly, but has provided creative ideas for programming and wisdom beyond her years in dealing with difficult issues. Andrea has been the face and the voice of the JHJC as she has represented our

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## DIRECTORS 2010

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



In memory of Fancy Grossman  
 1985 - 2010

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).

## CALENDAR

**October 7: Bet Sefer Toddler sing-along.** Join the Bet Sefer students and teachers from 4:15 – 4:45 pm. LDS church.

**October 17: Traditional Jewish Cooking Class: Babka** with Christine Schuller. 3:00 p.m. Home of Christine Schuller. Please contact the office for directions.

**November 4: Bet Sefer Toddler sing-along.** Join the Bet Sefer students and teachers from 4:15 – 4:45 pm. LDS church.

**November 5-7: Montana Assoc. of Jewish Communities Shabbaton in Bozeman.** Join the fellow Jews in Montana for this weekend retreat. For more information contact MAJCO's Josh Burnim at 406-579-8050.

**November 19: Shabbat with Rabbi Michael Katz-Klein and chazzan Judd Grossman.**

**November 20:** Morning family Torah study with Rabbi Michael Katz-Klein. TBA.

**November TBA:** Presentation on Interfaith dialogue by Rabbi Michael Katz-Klein. Stayed tuned for details.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **A guest house or room for the Rabbi in November** for his stay in Jackson for our November Shabbat.
- **A car for the Rabbi** during his stay in Jackson in November.
- **We are looking for an energetic youth group leader.** If you are interested in this volunteer position contact the office.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Mary at info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

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

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community so very well to visiting Rabbis, tourists and the Jackson Hole community at large. Sadly, her service as Executive Director to the community will be ending but joyfully she intends to return to Jackson and be part of our lives once again, albeit, in a different way. So,

it is not goodbye but see ya' soon Andrea. And on behalf of all of us, thank you very, very much for your commitment, dedication and service to the JHJC!

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

## MEMBER'S NOTEBOOK: Joanna Snyder

"And you shall eat, and be satisfied and bless Adonai your God for the good land which God has given you." (Deuteronomy 8:10)

My father recently sent me an article from our family temple (Temple Sinai in Washington D.C.) written by the Religious School Director Jill Stepak during the contemplative week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that helped me articulate my vision for this coming year.

In the article Ms. Stepak discusses her interpretation of practicing Kashrut (kosher), which resonates deeply with my resolutions this new year. She focuses on the combination of her environmental ethical choices with food and other consumption and the essence of this sacred Jewish tradition. She writes, "Kashrut also considers the sources of food and the traditional values associated with food... By being conscious of what I put into my mouth for sustenance, I would be more conscious of what came out through my speech and actions that affected the world around me." Her Kashrut practices "have evolved and are no longer tied to the concept of 'do not mix milk and meat, do not eat pork, do not eat shellfish, etc,' but are very much about how personal choices affect our world."

I am encouraged by her adaptation to this Jewish tradition. As an educator and reformer, I'm drawn to teachings that



Joanna Snyder

empower us toward positive change rather than dwell on negative realities. Much research has shown that even with adult climate education, negatively focused information often causes an increase in carbon footprints.

On the heels of Yom Kippur and Sukkot, I commit that my practice of Kashrut this year will be about seeing all hidden sides of the things I want (extraction, production, packaging and disposal) and making the best choices I can; slowing down and savoring the value of those lighter living choices and supporting local efforts to localize and lighten our impact. Already I feel like a stronger and more empowered consumer.

I am not naïve to the many challenges to sustainable living in Jackson, but as a member of an epiphytic generation, I have chosen to set my roots here because of the efforts this community makes toward conscientious choices in general consumption. I am grateful our town council has fought the pressure of chain businesses and embraced the concept of a local vertical greenhouse. I'm inspired by events like Old Bill's and the final Farmer's market. Living here is not the greenest choice, but I intend to energize the growing movement of conscientious consuming with my newfound articulation of an old world tradition. •

## Todah Rabah *from your departing Executive Director, Andrea Mazer*



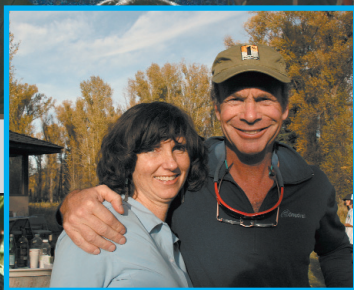
As most of you know, I will be leaving Jackson and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community this winter. I will truly miss working for our community, but am glad to know that I will return in the spring to see everyone and hear about the wonderful events and holidays that were celebrated. I thank all of you for working with me and teaching me along the way. This has been a wonderful and rewarding job. We are lucky to be a part of a diverse Jewish community where we can learn so much from one another while we live and play in beneath (and sometimes on, or on top of) the mountain ranges in Wyoming. We have accomplished a lot in the past few years as an organization, and I am very confident that the JHJC will continue to grow and have much success in the years to come.

— *With much love, Andrea*



# HOLIDAYS 5771

## SCENES FROM HIGH HOLIDAYS AND SUKKOT



## MAZEL TOV

■ **Adam Silberberg** for coming in first in the Youth Male 5K division of Old Bill's Fun Run.

■ **Ben Trauner** for placing First in the High School Regional tennis tournament.

## CONDOLENCES

■ **Bonnie Guren** on the lost of her beloved sister.

## MANY THANKS

■ **Al and Charlene Zuckerman** for hosting our Shabbat Shuva Oneg.

■ **Susan, Geoff and David Armstrong** for donating a shofar and stand to the JHJC.

■ **The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following people who helped make our High Holidays a huge success:**

- Hosts to our visiting Rabbi: **Al and Charlene Zuckerman, Sandy Ress and Susan Foster, Christine and Jeff Schuller, Lisa Finkelstein and Marc Domskey.**

- **Christine Schuller** for helping organize supplemental food for our potluck meals.

- **Larry & Shannon Thal, Phyllis Fischer, Christine Schuller, Shawn Daus, Rose and Ron Novak, Larry Rieser, Rachel and Wendell Stam, Joan Goldfarb, Josh and Kalen Kleyman, Al Zuckerman, Laurie Thal, Barb and Mike Scher, Mark Aronowitz, Andy King, EJ Hirschfield** for helping set-up, clean up and pass out books at our various services.

## LOST & FOUND

■ **A red wrist watch**

■ **Grey Suncloud sunglasses**

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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. **RSVP is required.** RSVP today with Mary at info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 734-1999. The cost is \$15/class for food supplies.

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### MEMBERSHIP TO THE JH 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 vibrant. Membership applications have been mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact our office at info@jhjewishcommunity.org. A sliding scale of dues is available upon request. We do not turn anyone away who wishes to be a member of the JHJC.