

SAVE THE DATE:**Sukkot**

October 16, 4 pm
Home of
Laurie Thal

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • OCTOBER 2011

Letter from the president

I talked to Uncle Moishe on the phone yesterday. He was asking how Rosh HaShannah services went and especially what Rebbe Carl Levenson had to say. He's a big fan of Carl's and always fascinated by Carl's comments and perspectives on Judaism even though I am giving Unc a poor layman's translation. He also said he had visited with his dear friend, Solomon Rosen, who was up from Boca to be with family in the Bronx during the High Holidays. They were sitting on the stoop one day and of course the conversation got around to health issues. Unc said the conversation went something like this. "Nu, Solly, how's by you?" "Oy, Moishe, I've gotten so old. I've had two by-passes, a hip replacement and a new knee. I got the diabetes. I'm half blind and I can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine. I can't remember if I'm 88 or 92. I can hardly feel my hands or feet mit the bad circulation. But Moishe, I tell you, Tanks to G-d, I still have my Florida driver's license."

According to Jewish law when a child reaches the age of thirteen they are perceived to be able to take responsibility for their own actions. That is to say, at that age, they are thought of as being able to think and act morally and ethically. From a religious perspective it is assumed that at this time, they can follow the commandments in the Torah on their own. The phrase Bar Mitzvah literally translates as "son of commandment." The term Bar Mitzvah first appears in the Talmud early in the "Common Era." It refers to a person who is subject to following the commandments of the Torah. In addition to these responsibilities

they can now be counted toward a minyon and may lead prayer services, as well. Ancient Jewish tradition says they may even be legally married. Don't get any ideas, Esther!

By Jewish custom once a child reaches the age of thirteen they automatically assume the role of a Bar Mitzvah with all its intendent responsibilities in the Jewish community. There does not have to be a ceremony or rite of passage of any sort. However, in modern American society it has become tradition for families and Jewish communities to acknowledge this milestone in a child's life with some sort of celebration and ritual observance. Some of the common aspects of the ritual ceremony are reading a Torah portion at a Shabbos morning service or at another morning service when the Torah is traditionally read, reciting a Haftorah, which is a section from the books of the Prophets and preparing and offering a D'var Torah which are comments on the meaning of the Torah portion.

The reason I offer this encapsulated information on B'nai Mitzvahs (plural for Bat/Bas Mitzvah) is that in the next eighteen months to two years we have the potential to have 4 or 5 B'nai Mitzvahs in our community. It has been a topic of conversation at the JHJC Board of Directors meetings as to what the JHJC's role should and can be in the process and what resources we can offer to families with children approaching the magic age. Some of the traditional requirements leading up to the B'nai Mitzvah are attending Hebrew school to learn both Hebrew and basic Jewish customs and concepts, attending a number of

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Yiddish word of the month

Bubala

A Yiddish word, traditionally used by Grandmothers, that references children. The modern usage of the word can be extended to any person that is considered darling and close to one's heart.

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.

CALENDAR

Oct. 6: Toddler Sing-a-long with Judd. 4:15 – 4:45p.m. LDS Church.

Oct. 7: Kol Nidre: 6 p.m. Musical prelude by violinist Ed Mellander. Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

Oct. 8: Yom Kippur. 9:00 a.m. Children's service with Carl Levenson and Judd Grossman; 10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service. Childcare provided. 2:30 p.m. Workshop; 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.

Oct. 16 : Sukkot 4 p.m at the home of Laurie Thal, potluck. Email for directions: info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

October 21: Simchat Torah and Shabbat with chazzan Judd Grossman and Josh Kleyman. 6 p.m. Stay tuned for location.

SAVE THE DATE: December 25, Mitzvah Day. 2 to 4 p.m. Stay tuned.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• **Help organize the Jewish Film Club** info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

• **Visit community members in need** in assisted living homes or the hospital. info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

• **Help with Bet Sefer.** If you happen to be in town on Thursday afternoons and you would like to volunteer helping Bet Sefer teachers, email 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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Shabbous services and planning and carrying out a community service project. The Board will be having further discussions on what it can offer aside from Hebrew school and religious observances. Tutors, Torah trope, D'var Torah assistance, helping to coordinate service projects and facilitating the actual event

including site, Rabbinical and Cantorial leadership and family and community expectations are some of the items that will be discussed. Stay tuned.

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*



Yom Kippur

• **Saturday, October 8:**

9:00 a.m. Children's service with Carl Levenson and Judd Grossman.
10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service. (Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.)
2:30 p.m. Workshop
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 main course, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a salad.

High Holidays 5772 Schedule of Events

Services will be conducted by Carl Levenson and Chazzan Judd Grossman at St. John's Episcopal Church, 170 N. Glenwood.

Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

• **Friday, October 7:**

6 p.m. Prelude music by violinist, Ed Mellander. Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

Sukkot & Simchat Torah

The Jewish Holidays don't end with Yom Kippur. We will celebrate **Sukkot**, the festival of booths, **at the home of Laurie Thal at 4 p.m. on October 16.**

Come help the Jackson Hole Jewish Community decorate the community **Sukkah** and enjoy a fall afternoon potluck meal. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a salad, H-M please bring a main dish, N-S please bring a side dish, T-Z please bring a dessert. Contact the



office for directions to Laurie's house.

A few days later we are blessed to celebrate **Simchat Torah** as a community.

Help us "roll the scroll" back to the beginning on **October 21 at 6:00 p.m.** (location TBA). The celebration will be led by Josh Kleyman and chazzan Judd Grossman. Oneg to follow.

We look forward to celebrating the fall holidays with you and your family!



HOLIDAYS 5772

SCENES FROM CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY



Mountain Chai News



Support Jewish education

Smith's Earn and Learn The Jackson Hole Jewish

Community's Bet Sefer is enrolled in Smith's Earn & Learn Program. Everyone can be a part in helping fundraise for our Hebrew School through this program. If you have participated in Smith's Earn and Learn Program before, you must re-enroll each year. All you have to do is visit www.smithsfoodanddrug.com and have your rewards card handy. Or, go to www.jhjewishcommunity.org and look for the link to download the parent letter to request enrollment. You must present the letter and your fresh values rewards card to your cashier during your next visit to Smith's. Your cashier will scan the barcode on the letter to link your card to our Bet Sefer

program and you will start earning points for our school. We thank you for your participation and support in our children's programs!

Membership Packets have been mailed

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.

Toddler Sing a Long Schedule for 2011-12

This year we are thrilled to begin another year of Toddler Sing-a-long with

Judd for toddlers and their parents. On the first Thursday of every month, Judd and the teachers at Bet Sefer invite you and your toddler to join the Bet Sefer students for the first half hour of class for a sing-a-long and song session. The song session will run from 4:15-4:45 pm.

Oct. 6
Nov. 3
Dec. 1
Jan. 12, 2012
Feb. 2
Mar. 3
May 3



*Mitzvah Day at the
Living Center 2010*

We need your help and generosity this New Year:

- Someone to underwrite T-shirts for Mitzvah Day outings. \$500.
- Someone to underwrite our new Jewish Film Club expenses. \$450.

MAZEL TOV

■ **Josh and Kalen Kleymen**, for the birth of their daughter, Reviva Keshet Kleymen.



Reviva Keshet Kleymen and daddy

MANY THANKS

■ **Shannon, Larry and Aviva Thal** for hosting Carl Levenson during High Holidays.

■ **Ari Berk** for helping clean up after our Chinese New Year party.

■ **Phyllis Fischer** for organizing our 14th annual food drive and for organizing the kitchen volunteers.

■ **Christine Schuller and Andy King** for helping with Rosh Hashanah greeting.

■ **Phyllis Fischer, Rose Novak, Al Zuckerman and Christine Schuller** for helping with Rosh Hashanah potluck luncheon.

■ **Christine Schuller** for providing the amazing holiday Challah for Rosh Hashanah lunch.

CONDOLENCES

■ **David Holmes** for the recent loss of his father, Maury Holmes.

GET WELL SOON

■ **Michael Sillman.**

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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.

14th Annual Food Drive ending soon!

**Bring your
bags back on
Yom Kippur**

We are a diverse and 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.