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NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • SEPTEMBER 2007

Letter *from the Presidents*

What a wonderful summer it has been. Most recently we welcomed Rabbi Jerry Weider back to our community last month. We gathered together for a Shabbat service and Oneg at the beautiful home of the Silberberg family, who are now off on their own grand adventure. We also welcomed old friends and new at our annual Membership Party. We are strengthened and united in friendship and community. Earlier in the month we sponsored meetings with our U.S. Senators Enzi and Barrasso concerning their support of Israel, and we hosted University of Wyoming professor of religious studies Seth Ward for an informative evening lecture.

We hope that you have had many opportunities throughout the year to enjoy the wide-ranging programming we have been proud to present. Your support truly makes a difference. We ask you, once again, to make your membership in the JHJC a priority. We all share the responsibility for our growth and prosperity and have an important stake in our community. We ask that you please look around you, realize how blessed you are and help us realize our vision for continuing to build our community together.

The nights are cooling down and the feel of fall is already in the air. It’s time

to dust off the books for our Bet Sefer students. We wish everyone an early L’Shana Tova. Our community observance of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur is a very special time when we all come together as one big extended family. It is with the blessing of Rabbi Mike Comins that we move forward this New Year and welcome Rabbi Robert Frazin for the High Holidays. Come join us and help us introduce Rabbi Frazin and his wife, Penny, to our extraordinary valley and our little community. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring friends and together let’s make our High Holidays celebration the best and most inclusive ever.

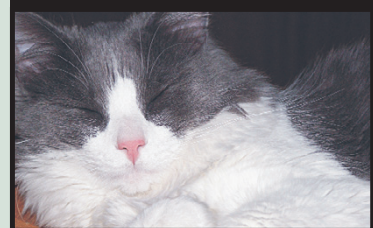
Special thank yous to the Silberbergs, our amazing and inspirational Chazzan Judd Grossman and Rabbi Weider for his leadership, guidance and help with educating our B’nai Mitzvah students. Thank you to Joan Goldfarb for her hard work in coordinating the JHJC/AIPAC meetings with the senators. Thank you to the McQuillans for hosting professor Ward. And thank you to all the volunteers who continue to make our events so successful - we could not do it without. Todah Rabbah!

*B’Shalom
Lisa and Dava*

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JEWISH PET OF THE MONTH



KOBI GROSSMAN

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

CALENDAR

September 2: Matisyahu Concert at the Jackson Hole Mountain Festival. Tickets \$55.

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. 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Childcare provided.

September 13: Rosh Hashana. 9:00 a.m. children's service, 10:00 a.m. morning service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Childcare will begin at 10:00 a.m. Potluck lunch to follow services in the fellowship hall. Following lunch there will be Taschlich at Flat Creek.

September 14: Shabbat Shuva. 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Church (small chapel). Oneg to follow.

September 20: Back-to-Bet Sefer get together. 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the LDS Church. Songs, snacks and games!

September 21: Kol Nidre. 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Please note that Kol nidre services will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 22: Yom Kippur. 10:00 a.m. morning service at St. John's Episcopal Church. Childcare provided. For a full list of the day's events please see the High Holiday section in the newsletter. Potluck community break fast in the fellowship hall.

September 23: Holocaust Workshop for educators. Applications can be submitted online at www.ushmm.org/education/foreducators/. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the National Museum of Wildlife Art.

September 27: Bet Sefer. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. LDS Church.

September 30: Sukkot. 4:00 p.m. at the home of Laurie Thal & Alia & Sarina Scott. Community potluck meal to follow building the sukkah. If your last name begins with A-G please bring a salad, H-M please bring a side dish, N-S please bring a main course, T-Z please bring a dessert.

October 5: Simchat Torah and Shabbat with Rabbi Jerry Weider and Chazzan Judd Grossman. Place and time TBA.

REJOICING AND ACHIEVING ONENESS

A NOTE FROM RABBI FRAZIN

My dear friends, Penny and I truly look forward to spending the High Holidays with all of you in the Jackson Hole Jewish Community this year. The Hebrew month leading up to our High Holiday of Rosh Hashana is Elul. It is traditionally a time for introspection and an opportunity to take stock and examine our challenges and opportunities.

The name Elul can be read as a colleague of mine, Rabbi Gilah D'ror, has written, "as an acronym for a verse from the song of songs, Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li, I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine."

The month of spiritual preparation leading up to Rosh Hashana has traditionally been a time for all of us to come closer to each other as "Kehilla Kedosha," as a holy community. It is a time for us to reaffirm our belief that we can most effectively reach for the heavens through our sense of community. We praise God most completely when we experience community. We comfort one another most effectively by being a community. We celebrate joyous life cycle events in the presence of a community. We observe our holiest of days together in community. Even Torah study which



might be regarded as a private spiritual exercise, is preferably done in "chevruta," in pairs or in groups. As a rabbinical student, I was part of such a group. Spiritual community can be one of the most powerful instruments in achieving life's blessings.

And so, together, we in the Jackson Hole Jewish Community as a Temple family, celebrate the birthday of the world, our Rosh Hashana as we turn to God in prayer and consider our role not only in shaping our own lives but also the lives of future generations – from the youngest to the oldest. On this Rosh Hashana, through our searching inward, may we find our communal connection, opportunity, and blessing.

On this Rosh Hashana, may we achieve oneness with the one God and on Yom Kippur, atone, be at one with our souls, righteous, upright, and decent as the all merciful one answers our prayers. May God's answer be an answer of abundant blessing of good health, of worldly and eternal redemption speedily in our time. And the fulfillment of God's ultimate blessing, the blessing that is shalom, the blessing that is peace.

Amen.



SCENES FROM THE 2007 MEMBERSHIP PARTY

THE ART & SCIENCE OF FORGIVENESS

A YOM KIPPUR WORKSHOP WITH CAROL MANN

The importance of forgiveness to our ability to co-create a happy and healthy New Year, is indicated by its position as the culminating act of the High Holidays. Asking God for forgiveness is followed by consciously forgiving others and ourselves. This is the final step allowing for a clean slate in the New Year. Science now has a lot to contribute in support of the practice of



more about the science and to practice the art of forgiveness. Studies have demonstrated a direct correlation between the ability to forgive and cardio-vascular health, cancers, mental health and inner peace. The best news is that forgiveness can be learned. Please join me at 2:30pm on Yom Kippur to learn

Annual AIPAC Meetings

Joan Goldfarb reports that the annual meetings with members of Congress from Wyoming went well this year. Meetings were held with both Sen. Mike Enzi and Sen. John Barasso. It was Senator Barasso's first meeting about Israel and the Middle East. The meetings were lively and very productive and both Senators said they look forward to future meetings. Though attendance was good, Joan reports that more than half the attendees were from outside the Jewish Community and that she wanted much more participation from within the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. Meetings will occur again next year and are cosponsored by the Jackson AIPAC Council and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. For more information, contact Joan Goldfarb.

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. Come help the Jackson Hole Jewish Community construct 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 side dish, N-S please bring a main course, T-Z please bring a dessert.

A week 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 on Shabbat.

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. Please note that we will not send physical tickets for High Holidays to our members, rather, there will be a membership list at the door and a board member will check you in.

TID BITS

Yitzkor Book Listings

Please send names for this year's Yitzkor book to Andrea Mazer at the office no later than Sept. 17th. Call 734.1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org

Old Bill's Fun Run 11

Donations to Old Bill's are for public outreach programming purposes only and do not count as your membership dues. If you would like your gift to be unrestricted, please donate directly to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community. In addition to your membership, we encourage you to participate in Old Bill's which allows us to continue our literary, cultural and community outreach programming. The Fun Run will be on Sunday, September 8 at town square from 10 am – 1 pm. See you there!

The JHJC Gratefully Acknowledges the Following Donations: General Fund

To: Bert & Terry Romberg

In honor of your 50th wedding anniversary

From: Anne, Jack, & Rachel Baxter

To: Rose & Ron Novak in honor of your 45th wedding anniversary

From: Bonnie & Shelly Guren

Many Thanks:

Gary & Veronica Silberberg for hosting our August Shabbat.

Mary Grossman, Josh Beck, Scott Stachel, Lisa Finkelstein, Rachel Ravitz and everyone else who helped make our annual membership party a success.

Karin McQuillan for hosting speaker **Seth Ward**.

Mazel Tov:

Janna Rankin & Arthur Frakt on the birth of their first grandchild.

Stephan Abrams on moving into his new house.

Our Deepest Condolences to:

Rachel Selikoff on the death of her beloved brother.



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
 Tashlich 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. Please note that we will
 not send physical tickets for High Holidays to our members, rather,
 there will be a membership list at the door and a board member will
 check you in.

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 reciprocity 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 download the form from our web-
 site at www.jhjewishcommunity.org or contact the office at 734-1999 or
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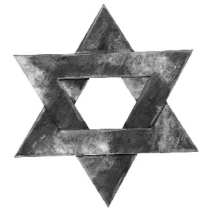
The office is at 480 S. Cache St.,
Suite 6, Jackson Hole
Office hours are by arrangement.



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.

Holocaust Workshop

Sponsored by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Wyoming State Department of Education, and the Jackson Hole Jewish Community



The Holocaust workshop for educators scheduled for June has been rescheduled for **September 23rd**. This workshop, designed specifically for secondary teachers and pre-service teachers, will increase knowledge of the Holocaust, explore the content, methodologies, and rationales for teaching the history of the Holocaust, and examine issues associated with this history. Special emphasis will be placed on using technology to teach about the Holocaust. Applications can be submitted online at <http://www.ushmm.org/education/foreducators/>

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the **National Museum of Wildlife Art**. Lunch provided.