

SAVE THE DATE:

Old Bill's Fun Run
September 12
10 a.m.
Jackson Town Square

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • SEPTEMBER 2009

Letter from the president

Uncle Moishe called the other day to tell me about his meshuganah friend, Izzy and his peculiar ritual of removing all the clocks from his house during the High Holidays. Last year when his curiosity finally got the best of him, Unc asked Izzy, "Where are all your clocks, Izzy? How do you tell the time?" Izzy said, "I figure it out." Uncle Moishe, unsatisfied asked, "Izzy, say you wake up in the middle of the night, how can you figure out what time it is?" Izzy replied, "It is easy Moishe. I just lean out the window and blow on the Shofar and someone inevitably screams back, "What are you nuts! It's 2:45 in the morning."

When I was a kid growing up back in the old country, da Bronx, the NYC schools were closed for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. While I was in shul, or sitting on the stoop wearing my new suit, I envied my Italian and Puerto Rican friends taking advantage of the days off and playing stick-ball or skelly in the street. I wasn't wise enough to appreciate the wonderful opportunities that the High Holidays present to us. As I've grown older, or shall we say, more mature, I've come to cherish this time of self-reflection and taking stock of one's life and evaluating what I may or may not have done to make this world a better place for my family, friends and community. We are so fortunate that our traditions provide us these special days to set aside the "noise" of everyday life so we may contemplate the meaning and value of our lives.

Whether you go to formal High Holiday services or observe them in your own personal way, please take advantage of this time and don't just sit on the stoop.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Joan Goldfarb who once again, through her affiliation with American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), organized meetings in August with Wyoming's congressional delegation to discuss with them American policies concerning Israel. It was very impressive to see the broad cross-section of Jackson Hole citizens who turned out to express their support for Israel and to ask these elected officials questions on issues pertaining to Israel. We are very lucky to have someone in our community as dedicated and passionate as Joan is, to the existence of the State of Israel, to afford us the opportunity for such valuable access to our national policy-makers.

And finally, I'd like to offer this little prayer for my fellow congregants during this special time of year. May your children or grandchildren receive a good report in school and may you receive a good report too, from your dentist, your ophthalmologist, your dermatologist, from your cardiologist, your gastro-enterologist, your podiatrist, from your urologist and ultimately from G-d. Gay Ga Zinta Hate (Go in good health).

B'Shalom

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YIDDISH WORD OF THE MONTH

METZIAH
 (Met-zee-yuh)

1. n a bargain, a real find
Gvalt only \$625 for family membership dues! What a metziah. Let's become members of the JHJC.

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

September 10: Back to Bet Sefer kick-off party. Noshes and crafts. 4 - 5:30 p.m. LDS Church.

September 12: Old Bill's Fun Run. Race starts at 10a.m. Jackson Town Square. The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 2009. All donations must be in the Community Foundation office by September 18, 2009 at 5pm. Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an original red donor form. To donate visit www.old-bills.org.

September 17: First day of Bet Sefer. 4 - 6 p.m. LDS Church.

September 18: Erev Rosh Hashanah. St. John's main sanctuary. 5:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 19: Rosh Hashanah. St. John's main sanctuary. 9 a.m. **Children's Service** with Rabbi Geller. 10 a.m. **Shacharit, Morning Service** (Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.) Potluck lunch to follow services in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish!

September 25: Shabbat Shuva. 6 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel at St. John's. Oneg to follow.

September 27: Kol Nidre. St. John's main sanctuary. 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 28: Yom Kippur. St. John's main sanctuary. **9 a.m. Children's service** with Rabbi Geller. **10 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service.** Childcare provided. **7 p.m. Potluck community Break Fast** in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish!

October 4: 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.

October 9: Daniel Pearl World Music Days concert. Free interfaith concert featuring Eddie Anders from River Crossing and Judd Grossman from JHJC. 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Center for the Arts lobby. Free.

October 11: Simchat Torah with Josh Kleyman and Judd Grossman. 5 pm - 7 p.m. Old Wilson School House.

FROM THE RABBI: *Rabbi Stuart Geller*

We are very fortunate to once again welcome Rabbi Stuart M. Geller to Jackson for High Holidays 5770. Stuart M. Geller retired from the rabbinate in June, 2001. After being ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion 38 years ago, he served as Associate Rabbi of The Temple in Cleveland, Ohio and then as Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El of Lynbrook, New York for 21 years.

The Rabbi was the President of the Long Island Board of Rabbis, and a past President of the New York Association of Reform Rabbis. During his time in Cleveland, the Rabbi studied at the Cleveland Psychiatric Institute where he became a trained counselor. Throughout his active rabbinate, the Rabbi taught Confirmation classes, created innovative Outreach Programs and Adult Education programs. He worked with each Bar and Bat Mitzvah candidate and studied independently with congregants. Rabbi Geller is known for his commitment to Jewish youth. He was honored for this commitment by The Central Conference of American Rabbis when he was awarded the prestigious Samuel Cook Award for Distinguished

Service in Youth Work. Rabbi Geller spent 24 summers at the URJ Kutz Camp in Warwick, New York where, for many years he was the director of the Torah Corps.

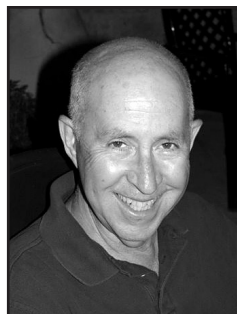
Rabbi has many interests but one he is most proud of is his collection of Passover Hagaddot and Books about the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Rabbi and his wife Ellyn made Aliyah to Israel 7 years ago and now call Jerusalem home. He often comments that he has never been busier. In addition to having served as Rabbi in Vienna, Austria for the High Holidays, he is also active with The Rabbis for Human Rights, he is a mentor for the

first year rabbinic students, and he still finds time to study Hebrew and Talmud and also considers himself an amateur guide of Jerusalem. Best of all is his easy way with people and his wonderful sense of humor.

Rabbi Geller, a native of Denver,

Colorado, is married to Ellyn, who until her retirement was the Director of Outreach for The Greater New York Council of Reform Synagogues. They have three adult children, Ari, Amy and David.



Rabbi Stuart Geller

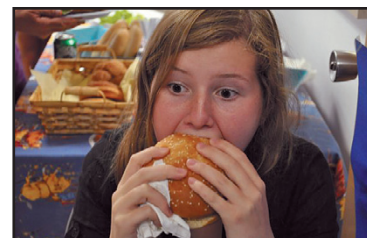


Children's service with Rabbi Geller

SCENES FROM ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BBQ



Guss' pickles, fresh kosher beef from Colorado and great art were the highlight of this year's JHJC Membership BBQ and Fundraiser.



High Holidays Schedule of Events 5770

Rabbi Stuart Geller
and Chazzan Judd Grossman
at St. John's Episcopal Church
170 N. Glenwood, Jackson

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18:

5:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah.

Childcare provided.

Saturday, September 19:

9 a.m. Children's Service with Rabbi Geller

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 main course, N-S please bring sweet for the new year, T-Z please bring a salad.

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

Shabbat Shuva

Friday, September 25:

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

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27: Kol Nidre services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m.

Childcare provided.

Monday, September 28:

9:00 a.m. Children's service with Rabbi Geller

10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service.

Childcare provided.

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 dessert, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a side dish, T-Z please bring a main course.

No tickets required

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MAZEL TOV

■ **Andy Ripps** on your recent marriage.

MANY THANKS

■ **EJ Hirschfield and Mary Grossman** for helping plan our annual membership party and fundraiser.

■ **Barbara and Jerry Aronowitz** for hosting our August Oneg.

■ **Shannon Troxler, Laurie Thal, Jamie Dakis and Wendy Wolff** for participating in our Jewish artists fundraiser at our membership party.

HIGH HOLIDAY 5770

■ High Holiday Reservations

In keeping with our policy, High Holiday services are a privilege of membership. We will not mail physical tickets this year. Non-members, guests and visitors are welcome to join the Jackson Hole Jewish Community for High Holidays 5770 at no charge. Tickets are not necessary, but we do request that you make a reservation at our office at 734-1999 or info@jhjewishcommunity.org if you plan on attending any of our services. We thank our donors who have made it possible to provide our services free of charge this year.

■ 12th Annual Food Drive

On Yom Kippur, please consider being an essential part of the greater community of Jackson Hole by donating to our food drive. We request that those who are able, bring non-perishable groceries to services to Yom Kippur services on September 28. Our collection will be given to the Community Cupboard to help people in Jackson with emergency needs.

■ 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





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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.



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 pri-

MEMBERSHIP TO THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY

mary way to support the monthly programs and activities that keep our community vibrant. Membership application forms have been mailed. If you have not received one, you may download the form from our website at www.jhjewishcommunity.org or contact our office info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

rg. A sliding scale of dues is available upon request. We do not turn anyone away who wishes to be a member of the JHJC.

Please note that High Holidays services are included with membership. You do not need to request tickets after you fill out and return your membership forms.