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Sept. 26, 4 pm
Home of Laurie Thal**

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • SEPTEMBER 2010

Letter from the president

I mentioned to Uncle Moishe what a difficult time we had deciding whether we should sell tickets for High Holiday services. He commiserated with us on this thorny issue that has probably plagued all congregations at one time or another. He recalled an incident that happened in his congregation many years ago that illustrates the importance of tickets in some synagogues. A man came to the Shul on Rosh Hashanah to deliver an emergency message to a member praying inside. Unc remembered the man was told by the shamus that he couldn't go in without a ticket. The man kept pressing, saying all he wanted to do was deliver this emergency message. Uncle Moishe recalled that the shamus finally relented but warned the messenger, "Okay, go in but remember, NO PRAYING!"

The JHJC had two wonderful events in August, namely the Swingin' Sabbath and Ben Scher's Bar Mitzvah. These events highlighted some of the strengths of our organization. I was thinking about, and then marveling at, all that went into making these two events happen so successfully. The Swingin' Sabbath took creativity, vision and organization on the part of congregation members, hours of hard work from many committed volunteers and generous donations from those in the Community. Ben's Bar Mitzvah called upon some of our own dedicated teachers to help Ben do the magnificent job he did, the talents of our "homegrown" Bar Mitzvah and Shabbat service leaders and of course, loving parents and family who were keeping the faith and our traditions alive by helping Ben achieve this important milestone in the life of a Jewish person.

It never ceases to amaze me how the Jackson Hole Jewish Community pulls together all these great events somehow and in some way. When you consider that we are just a grassroots congregation made up of

people from all over the country and beyond with so many different levels of observance and backgrounds, it is remarkable that we can all come together for one common purpose, to make a place for Jewish observance and culture in Jackson Hole. We are not a huge congregation by any means. We have not been in existence for a hundred years or more doing things by rote. We are not a homogeneous membership made up of all reform or all conservative or all orthodox or renewal congregants from the same neighborhood with the same experiences and same political views making it easier to come together. On the contrary, we are a hodgepodge, or to put it in the vernacular that our dog loving community can understand, a "Heinz 57 variety." Usually, we can form a consensus in order to get things done.

Sometimes we are making it up as we go along. And yet somehow we make it work. With a tremendous amount of energy and optimism we all pull together to create a Jewish community that works for us. Certainly we make mistakes along the way, but I think everyone would have to agree that we make the most of our resources in trying to reach out to everyone in order to keep the JHJC a relevant part of Jewish life in the "Hole".

So, during this sacred and spiritually meaningful High Holiday season I am thankful and feel blessed that I am a member of a community that cares very deeply about its Jewish heritage and makes the effort to keep it going with will and determination, with generosity and creativity and with good humor and fellowship. Thank you to everyone that has helped to make the past year so wonderful. Yasher Koah! (May you be strengthened.)

— *B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*

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Jewish Pet(s) of the Month



Reveille & Sprocket Wolff

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.

VISITING RABBI FOR 5771: *Rabbi Karyn Berger*

CALENDAR

High Holidays 5771: All services will be conducted by Rabbi Karyn Berger and Chazzan Judd Grossman and will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church, 170 N. Glenwood.

September 8: Erev Rosh Hashanah. 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 9: Rosh Hashanah. 9:00 a.m. Children's Service with Rabbi Berger; 10:00 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service (Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.) Potluck lunch to follow services in the Fellowship Hall. *Following lunch there will be Taschlich at Flat Creek.

September 10: Shabbat Shuva. 6:00 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow.

September 16: Back to Bet Sefer party. 4 – 5pm. LDS Church.

September 17: Kol Nidre: Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

September 18: Yom Kippur. 9:00 a.m. **Children's service** with Rabbi Berger; 10:00 a.m. **Shacharit**, Morning Service. Childcare provided. 2:30 p.m. **Forgiveness Workshop with Carol Mann**; 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. **All afternoon/evening services will be in the small chapel.*

September 23: Bet Sefer classes begin. 4-6 p.m. LDS Church. Toddler sing-along from 4:15-4:45 pm.

September 26: 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 1: Simchat Torah with chazzan Judd Grossman and Josh Kleyman. 6:00 p.m. Old Wilson School House. Oneg to follow.

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

Rabbi Berger has served a number of small Jewish communities and is passionate about her work. From leading t'filah, to participating in life cycle events, to providing spiritual direction, her goal is to create profound relationships with each person, in order that they find and experience the sacred in everyday life.

This is reflected in her work as a spiritual director and counselor for people, creating individualized spiritual journeys and working in the field of mysticism and spiritual healing. She is also the founder and executive director of



Rabbi Karyn Berger

Righteousness International, where she specializes in developing unique curricula for children and adults in a variety of subjects.

A State Department Fellow, she participated in "Bridgepath", in association with at the Jewish Museum in Oswiecim (Auschwitz), Poland and the National Heritage Museum in New York City. Rabbi Berger is an ordained rabbi and earned her MAJS from Emory University and an MA in Medieval Philosophy from Jewish Theological Seminary.

High Holidays 5771 Information

■ High Holiday Reservations: No tickets required

Continuing a tradition of opening our doors and our hearts during High Holidays, the Jackson Hole Jewish Community is pleased to welcome all to our services. However, current economic difficulties have produced serious shortfalls in revenue for our religious programming. To address this problem, the Board of Directors is asking all who are in a position to do so, to join them in making a financial contribution for attending services. Suggested donation is \$100 per person. No one will be turned away and no tickets are required to attend, but we want all to understand that our ability to continue to serve this special community needs your help at this critical time. *L'shanah tovah.*

■ Pastoral Counseling during High Holidays

If you would like to meet with the Rabbi during the High Holidays please contact our office so we can schedule you an appointment with Rabbi Berger while she is in Jackson. Call 734-1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

■ 13th Annual Food Drive

We are a diverse and all-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.

■ **The Art and Science of Forgiveness:** A Yom Kippur Workshop with Carol Mann. Scientific research is now confirming a direct correlation between a person's ability to forgive and their physical, mental and spiritual well-being. How brilliant that Judaism launches us in to the New Year with the practice forgiveness on Yom Kippur. Bravo to the wisdom of our ancestors for knowing that forgiveness is key to experience happiness, health, and inner peace. What grace we are blessed with in the opportunity for a clean slate every year! The best news is that forgiveness can be learned. Please join me at 2:30pm on Yom Kippur to learn more about the science of forgiveness and most importantly to practice the art of forgiveness. Yizkor will follow the workshop.

■ Yitzkor Book Listings

Please send names for this year's Yitzkor book to Andrea Mazer at the office no later than Sept. 5th. Call 734.1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org

BACK TO BET SEFER!

**Thursday, September 16
4 -5 pm, LDS Church**
Join the teachers for a back-to-Bet Sefer party. We'll meet new students, see old friends, sing and nosh.

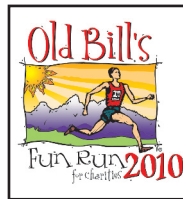
NEW TODDLER PROGRAM

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is thriving and growing. We recently have had many births and new young families move to the valley, and now have a large toddler community. We would like to help provide a connection to the Jackson Hole Jewish Community for your young child(ren) so that they may

begin to discover the joys of being Jewish in Jackson. This year we are thrilled to begin a new program 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. We hope you are able to join us for all or some of the toddler song sessions at Bet Sefer this year. Contact the office for a full schedule of dates info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

OLD BILL'S FUN RUN 2010

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 2010. Over the years our Old Bill's fund has allowed the JHJC to offer outreach programming to the community at large. Past events have included film screenings, Holocaust awareness, sponsorship of literary programs, and cultural activities.



The Old Bill's giving period began on July 4 and all donations must be in the Community Foundation office by September 17, 2010 at 5pm. Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an original red donor form. Donors may also give with a credit card online at www.oldbills.org. Informational brochures and donor forms will be mailed to all Teton County, WY box holders and can also be found at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole office as well as local banks. Race day is Saturday, September 11. We'll see you on the square!

SCENES FROM SWINGIN' SABBATH

with the Richard Brown Orchestra and Chazzan Judd Grossman



MAZEL TOV

■ **Ben Scher** on becoming a Bar Mitzvah in August. Well done Ben!



■ **Josh and Kerri Beck** on the birth of yur daughter Sydney Erin Beck.

MANY THANKS

■ **Joan Goldfarb** for organizing our annual AIPAC meetings.

■ **Christing Schuller** for providing food for our AIPAC meetings.

■ **Kelly Zelikovitz** for teaching a Traditional Jewish Cooking class (gefilte fish) in August.

■ **Barbara Aronowitz** for teaching an Israeli Danc class in August.

■ **The Scher family** for hosting the luncheon after our August 14th Shabbat service.

■ **Swingin' Sabbath Supporters**

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following people who helped make our Swingin' Sabbath event a huge success:

• Hosts: **Lisa Finkelstein and Marc Domsky**

• Donors: **Andy and Liz King, The Daus family in loving memory of Alen and Ellen Daus' 10 year yahrzeit, Beryl Weiner and Joyce Craig, Josh Beck, Stuart Sugarman and O'Ann Fredstrom, Lisa Finkelstein and Marc Domsky, Mary and Judd Grossman, Steve and Kelly Zelikovitz, Jim and Sandra Rutzick.**

• Committee: **Mary Grossman, Andy King, Lisa Finkelstein, Dava Zucker, Rose Novak**

• Oneg Chair: **Christine Schuller**

• Business Sponsors: **JH Weekly, Betty Rock Café, Sweetwater, E. Leaven Food Co., The Liquor Store.**

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**High Holidays
Schedule of Events**

5771

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

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, September 8:

6 p.m. **Erev Rosh Hashanah.**

Childcare provided.

Thursday, September 9:

9 a.m. **Children's Service** with Rabbi Berger

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

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

SHABBAT SHUVA

Friday, September 10:

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

KOL NIDRE

Friday, September 17:

Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, September 18:

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

10:00 a.m. **Shacharit, Morning Service.** Childcare provided.

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

No tickets required

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

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

SUKKOT AND 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 on September 26. 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 main course, H-M please bring a salad, N-S please bring a dessert, T-Z please bring a side dish.

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 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Old Wilson School House. 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!