

**SAVE THE DATE:**



**Chinese  
New Year Party  
Chinatown  
Wed. Sept. 28  
8 p.m., after services**

# The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • SEPTEMBER 2011

## Letter from the president

Uncle Moishe called just the other day to tell me he was back in the Bronx after spending a month escaping the city heat in the Catskills at Al and Lena's bungalow colony near Monticello. Unc and my Aunt were having Shabbos dinner one night with a couple they had met at the pool. They were having brisket and it reminded their new friend Esther of a time when she was a young mother making brisket for Shabbos dinner. It was a custom that she would cut the ends off the brisket before putting it in the roasting pan. Her curious 7 year old daughter asked her why she did it. Esther said she didn't know why but that was what her mother and grandmother had always done and suggested they call grandma and ask her why. So, Esther called her mother and asked why she always cut the ends off of the brisket. Well she was surprised when her mother didn't know the reason either but suggested they visit great-grandma in the nursing home and ask her. Thinking there was a sacred family tradition or religious reason of some sort for cutting the ends off the Shabbos brisket they asked 90 year old great-grandma why they all did this generation after generation. Great grandma Rivka told them, with a twinkle in her eye, "I don't know why you do it, but I never had a pan that was large enough."

If there is forest fire smoke in the valley it must be late August. And if it is late August it won't be long before there is snow appearing on the mountain peaks. Summer vacation is ending for our kids. The days are getting shorter putting an end to those evening river floats or long bike rides after a day's work. The Saturday morning ritual of stopping by the Farmer's Market for a tasty home grown treat will be coming to an end as well. It does seem that with the changing of the seasons many wonderful things are coming to

an end. However, we can also look forward to beginnings, too. The High Holidays, Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur, offer us, among other things, the opportunity to make changes in our lives for the better. To start afresh as it were in some aspect of our life that we feel needs improvement. The idea that Rosh Hashannah signifies the Jewish new year symbolizes the possibility of re-inventing oneself in a positive way through reflection, introspection, repentance, good deeds and reconciliation. It is G-d's way of allowing us to adjust the course of our lives. So, don't dread the end of those long, sunny, endless summer days. Instead, this fall, as you are scraping the frost from the windshield in the morning, look forward with hope and optimism and a sense of new purpose that the High Holidays provide for us starting this month.

Back in the day before we started having our own High Holiday services in Jackson many of us would make the trip to the synagogue in Pocatello staying overnight to attend both evening and morning services. Lay Rabbi Carl Levenson led many of those services. So, it is with great excitement that we anticipate this cherished friend of the JHJC coming to Jackson to conduct our High Holiday services. His insights into Judaism given in his dynamic style are always thought provoking and are a favorite part of the service for me.

So I look forward to seeing you all at High Holiday services and for those of our friends observing the holidays elsewhere on Rosh Hashannah "L'Shana Tova", For A Good Year and on Yom Kippur, "G'mar Hatimah Tova", that you be sealed for a good year .

*B'Shalom,  
Al Zuckerman  
JHJC President*

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### Jewish Pet of the Month



**Checkers & Buzz Grossman**

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

**Sept. 15: Back to Bet Sefer & Toddler Sing-a-Long party.** 4 pm – 5pm. LDS Church.

*High Holidays 5772: All services will be held at Church, 170 N. Glenwood.*

**September 28: Erev Rosh Hashanah.** 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

**September 28: Chinese New Year Party.** Following Erev Rosh Hashanah Services. Reservations required.

**September 29: Rosh Hashanah.** 9:00 a.m. Children's Service ; 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 30: Shabbat Shuva.** 6:30 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow.

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

**Oct. 7: Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre:** 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 celebration.**

**Oct. 18 : Chagall in the Fall.** Art salon and discussion with the Russian Club and Heather James Gallery.

**October 21: Simchat Torah with chazzan Judd Grossman and Josh Kleyman.**

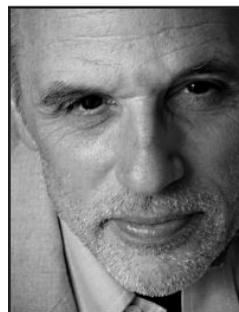
*JHJC sends a special Todah Rabah to Dr. Brent Blue and JH Weekly for donating the production of this newsletter each month.*

## HIGH HOLIDAYS LEADERSHIP 5772

### Carl Levenson

Carl Levenson has been leading services with the JHJC for many years. He has a Ph.D in Philosophy from the University of Chicago and a M.A. from University of Chicago Divinity School. He is currently a professor of philosophy at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

His approach to Judaism often includes philosophical and mystical themes. He says, "I believe in philosophy. With a little philosophy, you see more clearly and live more freely. Plato and Socrates are my favorite philosophers." He goes on to say, "I



Professor Carl Levenson

participate actively in the religious life of our community and was for 15 years the religious leader of Temple Emanuel in Pocatello. But while I can practice only one religion, I certainly love all the great religions of the world."

He lives in Pocatello with his wife, Judith who studied theology and psychotherapy; she is now a therapist in Pocatello. He has two sons; Joshua, who spends much

of his time in Shanghai, and Adam, who is a student at Century High School.

### 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.*

### 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.

### Rosh Hashanah

• **Wednesday, September 28:** 6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah. *Childcare provided.*

• **Thursday, September 29:** 9 a.m. Children's Service with Carl Levenson and Judd Grossman. 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 30:** 6:30 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow.

### Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

• **Friday, October 7:** Services will promptly begin at 6:30 p.m. *Childcare provided.*

### 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.

### Yizkor Book Listings

Please send names for this year's Yizkor book to Mary Grossman at the office no later than September 30th. Call 734.1999 or e-mail: info@jhjewishcommunity.org

### Pastoral Counseling during High Holidays

If you would like to meet with the Carl Levenson during the High Holidays please contact our office to schedule an appointment while he is in Jackson. Call 734-1999 or e-mail info@jhjewishcommunity.org.

# CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH CHINATOWN RESTAURANT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
8 P.M. (AFTER ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES)

What goes together better than Batman and Robin, or cookies and milk? Jews and Chinese food! Join the JHJC for an informal, fun Rosh Hashanah dinner at Chinatown. Food, drinks and party favors. Space is limited, so RSVP and send a check early. Last minute inquiries or walk-ins may not be accommodated.

\$16 PER PERSON (\$8 PER CHILD UNDER 13) INCLUDES CHINESE BUFFET, WINE /SODAS AND NEW YEAR'S PARTY FAVORS.



L'SHANA TOVA!

Reservations: info@jhjewishcommunity.org or 307-734-1999.

RESERVATIONS A MUST!

### Mountain Chai News



Bet Sefer students and Toddlers

#### Bet Sefer and Toddler Sing-a-Long with Judd

Classes begin, Thursday, September 15 with a Back to Bet Sefer Party. Join the teachers, meet new students, see old friends, sing and nosh.

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 the 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 song session.

- Schedule:**
- Sept. 15 \*(4 p.m.)
  - Oct. 6
  - Nov. 3
  - Dec. 1
  - Jan. 12
  - Feb. 2
  - March 1
  - May 3

The song session will run from 4:15-4:45\* pm.

#### High Holidays without a Hitch - Volunteers needed

- We need your help and generosity this New Year:
- Volunteers to help in the kitchen for our potluck luncheon after Rosh Hashanah services.
  - Volunteers to help in the kitchen for our potluck break fast after Yom Kippur services.
  - Volunteers to help set up and clean up at St. John's during all our High Holiday services.

#### Coming soon to a mailbox near you

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 will be mailed next week. 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.

#### 14th Annual Food Drive

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. The canned goods we collect will be given to the Community Cupboard to help people in Jackson with emergency needs.

## MANY THANKS

■ The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following people who helped make our Swingin' Sabbath 2011 event a huge success:

Hosts: **Lisa Finkelstein and Marc Domsky**

Donors: **Andy and Liz King, Larry and Patty Chapman, Michael Gellis, Chuck Berney, Gerry and Barbara Aronowitz, Steve and Kelly Zelikovitz, Beryl Weiner and Joyce Craig, and Jessica, Jim and Sandra Rutzick**

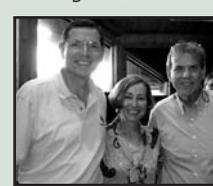
Committee: **Mary Grossman, Andy King, Lisa Finkelstein and Christine Schuller**

Oneg Chair: **Christine Schuller**

Setup/tear down: **Christine Schuller, Phyllis Fischer, Al Zuckerman, Isaac Grossman, Shannon and Larry Thal, Steve and Kelly Zelikovitz**

Zipline Supervisor: **Isaac Grossman**  
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■ **Everyone** who brought food for Swingin' Sabbath. Todah Rabah!!



Sen. Barrasson, Joan Goldfarb & Bruce Barrett of AIPAC.

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

■ **Christine Schuller** for making the food for our AIPAC meetings.

## MAZEL TOV!



Sean Baker & Amy Aronowitz

■ **Amy Aronowitz, daughter of Gerry and Barbara and sister of Mark,** on her marriage

to Sean Baker on July 10 in Moose, Wyoming. Mazel tov!

## GET BETTER SOON

■ **Dr. Brent Blue** after recent knee surgery.



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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.*



## Scenes from Swingin' Sabbath

Aug. 5, 2011

