

SAVE THE DATE:



**Chinese
New Year Party
Chinatown
Wed. Sept. 16
After services**

The Jackson Kol



NEWSLETTER FOR THE JACKSON HOLE JEWISH COMMUNITY • SEPTEMBER 2012

Letter from the president

For months my Aunt has been nagging Uncle Moishe to go with her to the séance parlor of Madame Freida. She tells him Madame Freida is a real gypsy and she can bring voices from the dead and that just last week she had spoken to her mother, may she rest in peace. She says for \$20 Unc could speak to his beloved Zayde who he misses so much. So, finally Uncle Moishe gives in and goes with my Aunt to Madame Freida's. So, he tells me that there he was sitting at a table holding hands with other people and Madame Freida is waving her hands over a crystal ball, chanting and she seems to be in a trance. Suddenly he hears a voice, "Moishelah, is it you?". "Zayde? Yes, it is me, Moishe". Unc then proceeds to ask his grandfather many questions about the great beyond. Finally, Zayde says that he has to go as the angels are calling him but he can answer one more question. Uncle Moishe, who is now misty-eyed asks, "Zayde, when did you learn to speak English?"

As I have remarked before we, as a board, are not very aggressive about fundraising nor are we very good at it. We are very lucky in that we have many folks in our community that are hugely generous in making donations to the JHJC to help support the various activities scheduled throughout the year. However, year in and year out it is the money raised through memberships that enable us to provide the wide range of quality programming that our community desires. Our annual Passover Seder, monthly Shabbat services, the Chanukah party, administrative costs and even our upcoming High Holiday services, which are offered without needing to purchase tickets I might add, are financed primarily with membership funds.

As we enter Fall it has been our tradition

to start our annual Membership Drive. Shortly, you will be receiving a letter in the mail along with a membership form asking that you and your family join the Jackson Hole Jewish Community as a renewing member or as a new one. We have various membership categories with a sliding scale of cost for where you may fit. We even offer the ability to make payments instead of one lump sum. Such a deal, no?

Visitors often ask how many Jews are in our congregation. If they come to Kol Nidre they probably think we have a huge congregation. If they come to a Shabbos service during spring break they probably think to themselves what a tenacious and brave little band of Jews clinging together in the wilderness. I guess the truth lies somewhere in between. Our official membership is not large considering the number of Jewish people living in the valley and the surrounding area but what we lack in numbers we make up for in our passion to maintain a thriving Jewish presence in Jackson Hole. So, during this Fall's membership drive please consider renewing your membership or if you are new to the valley please consider joining. And if you have any Jewish friends that for some reason don't know we exist or have been on the fence about joining our congregation please encourage them to come to some of our events and check us out. Plus, as an incentive, we give green stamps that can be redeemed for fabulous prizes to anyone bringing in new members.

Please, everyone have a wonderful and healthy new year. And enjoy the High Holidays with your family and friends.

*B'Shalom,
Al Zuckerman
JHJC President*

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Yiddish word of the Month

Baleboosteh

"Literally, a good housekeeper. But it's an attitude thing. She's in charge once you pass through the door and don't forget it. If you do, she'll make sure to remind you."

— www.sillymusic.com/yiddish

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

Sept. 16: Erev Rosh Hashanah. 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.

Sept. 16: Chinese New Year Party. Following Erev Rosh Hashanah Services. Reservations required.

Sept. 17: Rosh Hashanah. 9:30 a.m. Children's Service with Josh Kleyman; 10 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.

Sept. 18: Second Day Rosh Hashanah. 10 a.m. Small chapel. No Childcare.

Sept. 20: Back to Bet Sefer & Toddler Sing-a-Long party. 4 p.m. LDS Church.

Sept. 21: Shabbat Shuva. 7 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow. No childcare.

Sept. 25: Kol Nidre: Services will promptly begin at 7 p.m. Childcare provided.

Sept. 26: Yom Kippur. 9:30 a.m. Children's service with Eliana Fischel. 10 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service. Childcare provided. 2:30 p.m. TBA; 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. 7 : Sukkot. Home of Laurie Thal.

Date TBA: Simchat Torah. Stay tuned for details.

Oct. 29: Chagall in the Fall. Art salon and discussion co-sponsored with the Russian Club and Heather James Gallery. Stay tuned for details.

High Holidays without a Hitch -

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.

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

CARL LEVENSON RETURNS FOR HIGH HOLIDAYS LEADERSHIP 5773

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 5773 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

- **Sunday, September 16:** 6:30 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah. *Childcare provided.*
- **Chinese New Year Party at Chinatown:** Following Erev Rosh Hashanah services. \$22 adults/\$17 kids. Buffet, drinks and party favors included. *Reservations Required!*
- **Monday, September 17:** 9:30 a.m. Children's Service with Josh Kleyman.

10 a.m. Shacharit, Morning Service. (*Childcare will begin at 10 a.m.*)

- **Potluck luncheon** to follow services in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a savory main dish or side dish/salad to share. Bagels, cream cheese, sweets, drinks provided.
- Following lunch there will be **Taschlich** at Flat Creek.

Shabbat Shuva

- **Friday, September 21:** 7 p.m. Services will be held in the small chapel. Oneg to follow. *Children always welcome, but no childcare for this service.*

Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre

- **Tuesday, September 25:** Services will promptly begin at 7 p.m. *Childcare provided.*

Yom Kippur

- **Wednesday, September 26:** 9:39 a.m. Children's service with Eliana Fischel. 10 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 p.m. Rabbi's Discussion 6:30 p.m. Ne'ila 7 p.m. Potluck community Break Fast in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a savory main dish or side dish/salad to share. Bagels, cream cheese, sweets and drinks provided.

Yizkor Book Listings

Please send names for this year's Yizkor book to Mary Grossman at the office no later than September 21. 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

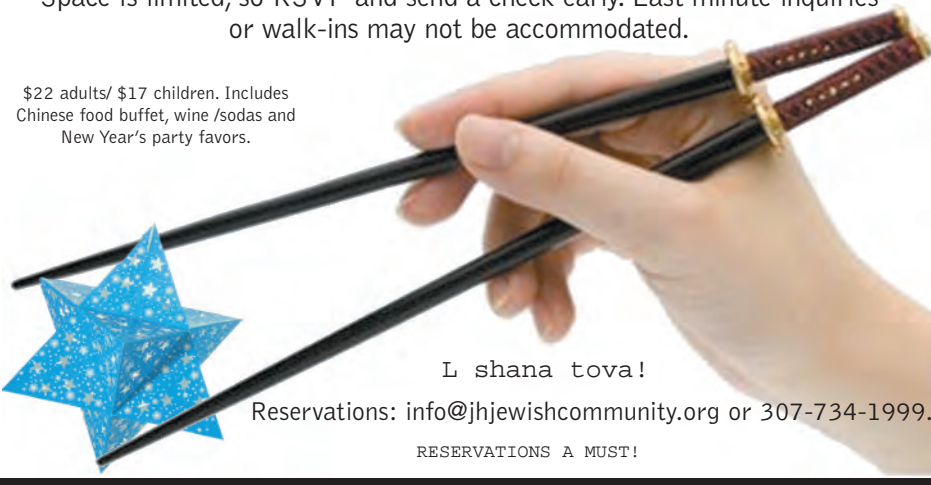
Erev Rosh Hashanah
CHINATOWN RESTAURANT

Sunday, Sept. 16

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.

\$22 adults/ \$17 children. Includes Chinese food 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 at Bet Sefer Shabbat in May

Bet Sefer and Toddler Sing-a-Long with Judd

Classes begin, Thursday, September 20 with a **Back to Bet Sefer Party**. Join the teachers, meet new students, see old friends, sing and nosh.

Toddlers:

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 hour of class for a song session. The song session will run from 4:15-4:45* pm.

- Sept. 20 *(4 p.m.)**
- Oct. 4**
- Nov. 1**
- Dec. 6**
- Jan. 2013 TBA**
- Feb. 7**
- March 7**
- May 2**

Old Bill's Fun Run 2012

The Jackson Hole Jewish Community is a proud participant in Old Bill's Fun Run 2012. 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.

Please write one check payable to Community Foundation of Jackson Hole. All checks must be accompanied by an original donor form. Donors may also give with a credit card online at www.oldbills.org. Keep in mind the JHJC cannot use funds donated through Old Bill's for General Operation or Religious activity and should not replace regular annual giving. Race day is Saturday, September 8. We'll see you on the Square!

Membership is like family

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.

If you took part in this year's member directory, they will be available at High Holidays services. Please inquire.

Get Together in September

As mentioned in the President's letter, Sandy Ress would like to offer the idea of spending more quality time together as a community via the Family Camp idea. He says, "Did you ever say to yourself that you'd like to get to know the members of the Chaverim better?" Well, here is your chance! We are having Family Camp on Friday, September 28 through Sunday, September 30 at the Hatched Resort. The Hatched offers a variety of cabin options; a "private" restaurant for our group; and lots of things to do nearby (hiking, bicycling, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, horseback riding, fishing, even just sitting around and reading, talking, and enjoying the scenery). And should you prefer camping to cabining, the Blackrock Forest Service Campground is right next door. We have more detailed information on meals, room rates and accommodations if you are interested in learning more about this Family Camp, please email Sandy Ress at sandy@newbizvent.com

MANY THANKS

The JHJC gratefully acknowledges the following people who helped make our Swingin' Sabbath 2012 event a huge success:

Hosts: Barb Zelazo, Mike, Ben and Aaron Scher. Thank you for opening up your lovely home to our community.

Donors: Andy and Liz King, Larry and Patty Chapman, Steve and Kelly Zelikovitz, Chuck and Carol Berney and Eli and Barbara Sedlin.

Committee: Mary Grossman, Barb Scher Zelazo, Kelly Zelikovitz and Shannon Thal

Oneg Chair: Kelly Zelikovitz
 Also:

■ **The Scher Family** for hosting Swingin' Sabbath

■ **Kelly and Steve Zelikovitz** for organizing the food for oneg

■ **Everyone** who brought food for Swingin' Sabbath.

■ **Aaron Scher and Isaac Grossman** for setting up Swingin' Sabbath.

■ **Al Zuckerman and Josh Kleyman** for cleaning up after Swingin' Sabbath.

■ **Shannon Thal** for providing the gorgeous flowers for Swingin' Sabbath.

■ **Annie Mostkoff and Suzie Blasko** for tending bar at Swingin' Sabbath.

■ Swingin' Sabbath business Sponsors: **Betty Rock Café, Sweetwater Restaurant**

■ **Joan Goldfarb** for organizing our annual AIPAC meetings with elected officials.

■ **Christine Schuller** for helping with the AIPAC meetings.

■ **Al Zuckerman** for leading a JHJC outing to Leigh Lake in August.

GET BETTER SOON

■ **Adrian Bernal** after recent back 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. 3, 2012

