

Chaverim Newsletter

Letter from the President

Shalom Chaverim

“There Jews who like the cold?” asked the man from B’nai Brith in Washington, D.C. “Is there a J.C.C. there?”

“I don’t think you quite get the picture.” I said. “Let me try to explain.”

Why do we have a Jewish Community of Jackson? August’s activities demonstrate the need and our purpose.

We met with Senators Craig Thomas and Mike Enzi and Representative Barbara Cubin under the auspices of AIPAC. All of our representatives are strong supporters of Israel. The yearly meetings assure that they know their constituency monitors and questions their views on Israel.

We were also fortunate to have visitors from the Holocaust Museum, including its director, Sara Bloomfield. Sad, however, that none of the public officials who were invited to a special event sponsored by the museum attended.

On a more positive note, August’s Shabbat in the Park was beautiful. There were forty people there including tourists. They brought a joy in

their excitement and surprise of finding a Jewish community in Jackson.

And now the end of the year draws near. This is the time of a great many activities—four holidays between September 15 and October 8. It is also in most congregations—ours included—the major time of *tzedakah* for our own congregation.

Why? For the events I’ve mentioned above. For all the Shabbats and holiday celebrations. For the happy and sad life cycle events we share with each other and for the support we offer to those in need. For camp and school for the children who are our future. . For remembering, learning, and honoring the memory of those who went before us. Thank you in advance for being prompt with your membership dues and generous with your contributions.

I look forward to seeing you many times in the coming weeks.

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Yizkor Memorial Book

If there are persons you wish to remember in this year’s *Yizkor Memorial Book*, please submit their names (with spellings) to the office by calling 734-1999, or better yet, emailing info@jhjewishcommunity.org or dropping us a note at PO Box 10667, Jackson WY 83002. Please send the information by September 14 to allow time for printing.

Calendar

September 1 — Board Meeting noon at Jessica Rutzick's meeting room at 60 E. Simpson.

September 9 — First day of Bet Sefer. 4 p.m. for a family picnic at the LDS church.

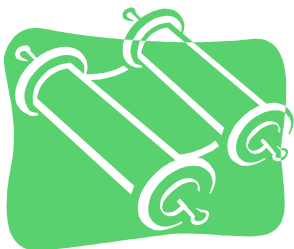
September 11 — Old Bill's Fun Run. The Chaverim is a participant in the run. Please target your donations to the Chaverim.

High Holidays — Events will be at St. John's Episcopal Church. Evening Services are at 6:30 p.m. Other ser-

vices are at 10 a.m.

Sept. 15 — Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 16 — Rosh Hashanah, Day 1



Sept. 17 — Rosh Hashanah, Day 2

Sept 23 — **Newsletter deadline.**

Please e-mail items for the newsletter to info@jhjewshcommunity.org

Sept. 24 — Erev Yom Kippur

Sept. 25 — Yom Kippur

Oct. 3 — Sukkot. Celebration at Laurie Thal/Russell Scott's.

Oct 6 — Board Meeting at noon. Location TBA.

Oct. 8 — Simchat Torah/ Shabbat. Note that this is in lieu of the usually scheduled Shabbat on the Third Friday.

Old Bills Time Again!

The gun will go off at the starting line for the 8th Annual Old Bills Fun Run on September 11th. We encourage anyone and everyone to participate in this annual event that continues to change and enhance our community—and don't forget to think of the Jackson Hole Chaverim when deciding how to disperse your donation.

This year, your generosity benefited our summer camp program, story telling in the library, sponsored a speaker

at the Middle School on Judaism as part of a comparative religion course and helped sponsor the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Lecture Discussion.

Your Old Bills donations are restricted in use and must be used for the portion of our budget that is dedicated to programs that aim beyond the Jewish Community. So please, make your contribution in addition to your major contributions to the Chaverim.

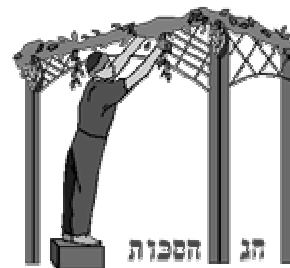
Bet Sefer

Our congregation is committed to the education of our children - our future. It is one of the most important tasks we take on as the Chaverim. The Bet Sefer school year begins September 9, with an opportunity for our students and their families to gather and catch up with old friends as we begin a new year.

Dava, Sarah, and Andrea (our newest teacher) will be there, of course, and everyone is welcome to join in the fun, even if your Bet Sefer days are long gone, or you have not yet enrolled.

Sukkot

When the Jewish people rejoice on Sukkot, our hearts go out to the whole entire world. This year, as in the past, Lauri Thal and Russell Scott have invited us to their home on Linn Lane to celebrate Sukkot. All are welcome to come at 4 p.m. to help build the Sukkah. Bring greenery to add on if you wish. The celebration will be followed by a potluck. Please call the office if you need directions to the Thal/Scott home or for further information.



Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur 5765

Services for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, unless otherwise noted.

Services conducted by Rabbi Mike Comins
& Chazan Judd Grossman

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, Sept. 15th

6:30 pm, Erev Rosh Hashanah (Childcare provided)

Thursday, Sept. 16th

9:00 am, Children's Service

10:00 am, Bar' chu

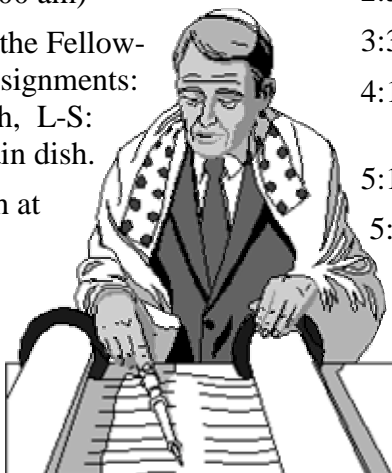
(Childcare beginning at 10:00 am)

Potluck Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall — Potluck Assignments:
A-K: dessert or side dish, L-S: veggies/salads, T-Z: main dish.

Following Lunch: Taschlich at Flat Creek

Friday, Sept. 17th

10:00 am, Second Day Rosh Hashanah. In the meeting room at St. John's. (No Child-care)



Yom Kippur

Friday, Sept. 24th

6:00 pm, Kol Nidre (Childcare provided)

Saturday, Sept. 25th

10:00 am, Bar' Chu

2:30 pm, Stan Trachtenberg will lead a discussion on faith vs. reason

2:30 pm, Children's program

3:30 pm, Yizkor

4:15 pm, Mincha/Torah Reading (In St. John's Chapel)

5:15 pm, Break

5:30 pm, Congregation Discussion (In St. John's Chapel)

6:30 pm, Ne'ila (In St. John's Chapel)

7:00 pm, Community Break Fast (In the Fellowship Hall) — Main dishes will be provided by the Chaverim, with potluck. Bring what you like.

Childcare provided for morning services, then again beginning at 3:30pm.

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The Jewish Community of Jackson 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.

Membership Information

With the passing of another year and the observance of Yom Kippur, it is time again to renew your membership in the Chaverim. Time to think again about what Judaism means in your life, your family, and your community in Jackson Hole. Your membership in the Chaverim is as important to us as it is to you.



Part of that membership involves a commitment to financially support the community, through your regular membership dues, and also through additional donations to support the many services provided by the Chaverim. These include monthly Shabbat services, High Holiday services, major holiday celebrations, weekly religious school and summer day camp, and Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation, and Torah Study.

As you review your membership materials later this month, please consider how much the Chaverim means to you and the entire Jackson Hole community.