

HIGH HOLY DAYS, 5785 / 2024

L'Shana Tova! We wish you and your loved ones and our world a very happy and healthy new year. Below is a fairly complete schedule of services and other gatherings. Keep an eye out for a few more details in days to come. This year we will be gathering in our shul for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. Evening and daytime services will also be accessible on the MCJC Zoom link (see below).



Selichot:

Saturday, September 28, 8:00 PM. A short, candle-lit later-evening service of preparation for the Holy Days, with chanting and time for looking within. This service will not be zoomed.

Pre-Rosh Hashana mikveh:

Wednesday, October 2, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Transportation details to come. The *mikveh*, a prayerful ritual immersion in "living water," is a beautiful traditional way to enter the Holy Days. As in years past, we will immerse in the Middle Ridge pond. All women are invited to attend.

Rosh Hashana:

Evening service Wednesday, October 2, 7:30-9:30 PM.

Morning service Thursday, October 3, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM. The shofar will be sounded later in the afternoon at Caspar Beach (see below).

Veggie potluck lunch will follow the morning service. Please bring a cold dish to serve 8-10 people, with a list of ingredients to display. You can leave food in the shul kitchen. If you are visiting from elsewhere, there is no need to bring food. Dishes and beverages will be provided.

Community teachings and conversation, 3:00-4:00 PM. As always, we look forward to teachings from members of our community to help us enter the New Year. Also on Zoom.

Tashlikh and shofar at Caspar Beach will follow the teachings from **4:30-6:00 PM.**

☞ Gatherings for prayer, remembrance and reflection are being planned for the intermediate days between *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. Stay tuned for details.

Yom Kippur:

Kol Nidre Friday, October 11, 7:30-9:30 PM.

Morning service Saturday, October 12, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM.

Yizkor (memorial service) **4:30-5:30 PM.** If you would like to add names to our ongoing community *Yizkor* list, please contact Donna Montag at montag@mcn.org (or by phone at [707] 877-3243, but e-mail preferred) before *Yom Kippur*. If you have ever given a name to be read, it will still be on the community list.

Mincha and Ne'ila 5:30 PM to sundown. Also on Zoom.

Community kiddush and simple break-fast will follow at the shul. All are invited to continue the joy of the conclusion of *Yom Kippur* at potluck break-the-fast meals in community members' homes. If you would like to host a gathering, please contact Nina Ravitz at ninabo@mcn.org or (707) 357-6462. Names of hosts and directions will be provided on *Yom Kippur*. We encourage you to go to one in your neighborhood; your presence will add joy.

Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah—the Season of Our Joy!

Sukkot begins Wednesday, October 16th at sundown and concludes the following Wednesday, October 23rd at sundown. Plans are afoot for several different community gatherings during *Sukkot* (more sukkahs = more joy!). They can be for a potluck meal, sharing poems, crafting, singing, discussing, just having a cup of tea, whatever suits your sukkah. Set a time or invite people to call and drop by at agreed-upon times. If you would like to host folks in your sukkah, please let Margaret know at mholub@mcn.org or (707) 734-0311.

On **Thursday night, October 24th** we will celebrate ***Shemini Atzeret - Simchat Torah***. We will beat willows and pray for another year of beautiful, plentiful rain, and then read the conclusion of the Torah and roll her back to her beginning and read together of the creation of the world. Details to come.

General Information:

We encourage you to come for as little or as much of the High Holy Day services as you wish. Please do not hesitate to come in while services are underway or to leave when you need to.

We are suggesting a contribution of \$200 for each adult who is not already a contributing member of MCJC. Please send a check to P.O. Box 291, Little River, CA 95456, or contribute via PayPal at the MCJC website: www.mcjc.org. As always, no one will be turned away for lack of funds, so please contribute what you can. It is traditional not to handle or discuss money on the holidays. With any financial questions, please call Raven Deerwater, our treasurer, at (707) 937-1099.

If you would like to help with some of the housekeeping tasks that make the Holy Days work for us all, please contact Nina Ravitz at ninabo@mcn.org or (707) 357-6462.

MCJC Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7071836183?pwd=NzFaTkpiOXVYMDNnNnprOXlnZiVhQT09>

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Shana Tova U'Metukah... a happy and sweet year to all!