

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5781

**This is the final calendar;** it will help you to chart your path through the Days of Awe. As always, but maybe even more so than in years past, please feel free to participate as little or as much as you wish.

A full calendar with all the Zoom invitations and other details for each of these events is available at:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/1/r?cid=Y19xdWRidmc2ajlwZjNtcDk2cnRidGhINWI2c0Bncm91cC5jYWxlbmRhci5nb29nbGUuY29t>

If you have any difficulties with the calendar, please contact Adina Merenlender at [adina.merenlender@gmail.com](mailto:adina.merenlender@gmail.com).)



**ZOOM INFO:** All the services and gatherings (except as noted below) are happening on Zoom will be at the same address:  
Meeting ID 962 882 1372  
Passcode: 820822

**HIGH HOLY DAY MACHZORS** are available for pick up at the shul, in the shed nearest the kitchen (padlock combo 1818). If you are unable to get to the shul and would like a machzor, please contact Kenny and Sandra at [kwortzel@aol.com](mailto:kwortzel@aol.com) or [artsplay@mac.com](mailto:artsplay@mac.com).

**YIZKOR LIST**—If you have names to add to our community list, please send them to Donna Montag at [montag@mcn.org](mailto:montag@mcn.org).

**ELUL** began August 21<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to make an appointment to spend time alone in the shul with the Torah in prayer and contemplation. There will be an art installation by Andrea Luna to deepen your connection. To reserve time, please go to [https://www.meetingbird.com/l/AdinaM/shul\\_visit](https://www.meetingbird.com/l/AdinaM/shul_visit).

Select the time you'd like to visit and you will get a confirmation and information on entering the shul. You can also change or cancel your appointment at the same address. If you have a question about making an appointment, or you can't access the website, contact Adina Merenlender for help at [adina.merenlender@gmail.com](mailto:adina.merenlender@gmail.com)

**DAILY SHOFAR AND PSALM 27**—Every day of Elul except Shabbat 9:30-9:40 AM on Zoom.

**ELUL MEDITATION** with Laura Goldman—Every Sunday (August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) 10:00-10:30 AM. Zoom Meeting ID: 731 923 1976, Passcode: 202324

**SELICHOT SERVICE**—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM on Zoom.

**MIKVEH**—This year we will not gather together for our women's *mikveh*, which customarily happens on the morning of erev Rosh Hashana (this year September 18<sup>th</sup>). We encourage people of any gender to take intentional time in water, even if it is washing your hands or drinking a cup of tea. You will receive *mikveh* prayers and *kavvanot* by email.

**ROSH HASHANA EVENING SERVICE**—FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM on Zoom

## **ROSH HASHANA MORNING AND DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> on Zoom**

10:30-11:30 AM: a sharing of beautiful songs and chants to lift our souls.

11:30-12:30 AM: Torah study—Sarah and Hagar, Insider/Outsider, Power and Privilege

12:30 PM: Virtual apples and honey; a chance to wish each other a good Yom Tov.

3:30-5:00-ish PM: Community teachings and a chat about the sin buffet cards.

## **SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANA SHOFAR SERVICE—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:00 PM on Zoom**

Traditionally, the shofar is not blown on Shabbat and crumbs are not brought to the water for *Tashlikh*, so we will hold a second-day Rosh Hashana shofar service. We encourage you to make your way to a river or pond or beach that same day, or whenever it works for you, and cast your crumbs of bad old behavior into the water.

## **THE TEN DAYS OF TESHUVAH**



We will have several offerings during the ten days, to heighten your inwardness during this sacred time. Details below:

- ♦ Mina Cohen will offer a self-guided walk in the redwoods at her home during the days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. *Bein Adam La'Chavero and Bein Adam La'Makom* (between people and between us and God) invites us to contemplate how we relate to each other and how we relate to God. This will require a reservation and the walk should take about 30 minutes. To reserve a time slot, please email Mina at [mcohen@mcn.org](mailto:mcohen@mcn.org) and sign up at <https://doodle.com/poll/7a3vtietue6bfuu5>
- ♦ Bob Evans will guide people in a visit to the Jewish cemetery to honor the dead and remember our loved ones who have passed on (whether or not they are buried in the Mendocino Jewish Cemetery). WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. The *Kever Avot* ritual will be Zoomed at: Meeting ID: 884 5417 5439, Passcode: KeverAvot
- ♦ Reverend Tansy Chapman (an Episcopal priest and dear friend of MCJC) will offer a time of contemplative prayer on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30 AM on Zoom.

## **EREV YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE—Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM on Zoom.**

## **YOM KIPPUR DAY—Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> on Zoom.**

10:30-11:30 AM: extended meditation and chant: *Avinu Malkeinu / Eleh Ezkerah*

11:30 AM-noon: study of Yom Kippur *haftara*.

4:30-5:30 PM: *Yizkor*—remembering those who have gone before us.

5:30 PM til sundown: entering the Holy, *Mincha* and *Neilah*.  
We encourage you to let your space get dark as the sun sets.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**—For attendance at High Holy Day services, we are suggesting a donation of \$150 for each adult who is not a contributing member of MCJC. As always, our services are open to anyone and we ask you to contribute what you can.

Please mail a check to MCJC, P.O. Box 291, Little River, CA 95456, or make a donation through PayPal on our website (<http://www.mcjc.org>). If you have any financial questions, please contact Donna Montag, the MCJC Treasurer, at [montag@mcn.org](mailto:montag@mcn.org). Thank you.

**SUKKOT** begins at sundown on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and concludes at sundown on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sukkah at the shul and invitations to decorate and dwell in it in COVID-safe ways. A lulav will be available for shaking. There will be willow branches at the shul for you to take home for Shemini Atzeret.

**SHEMINI ATZERET** begins at sundown on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and concludes at sundown on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the day when we first pray for rain! If we were together at the shul—and if it weren't Shabbat—we would beat our willows on the ground to remind the Heavens to bring us rain. Since we won't be, and it will be, consider getting willow branches from the shul or collecting your own and beating them on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Hoshana Rabbah, the day of the Great Water Pouring.

**SIMCHAT TORAH!** Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 2:00 PM, the TORAH MOBILE rides again! This time it will stop at seven locations and invite you to come meet the *sefer Torah* and circle in a *hakafah* around the MOBILE. The route will be announced in the fulness of time!