



Manetto Hill JEWISH CENTER

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Dear Friends,

The High Holiday Committee has been investigating how we might best hold High Holiday services during the continuing pandemic. As always, our paramount consideration has been the safety and welfare of our members and surrounding community.

Based upon the emergence of the Delta variant and the results of our survey, we have decided that we will be using our synagogue to the extent possible and will also be using streaming services so that you can participate from your home. We will be pre-recording some honors and are examining creative ways to make the services as meaningful as possible. The family service will be available at your home through ZOOM and weather permitting; those services will be held in a tent in our backyard. You will receive more information about services as we formulate these plans.

We will be setting up seats in the sanctuary with some space between family clusters and we will create vaccinated and unvaccinated sections. In order to ensure that all of our member families have an opportunity to partake in the in-person services, two tickets will be given to families who register and one ticket will be given to single members who register. Once those tickets are allotted, we will then fulfill requests for additional tickets for immediate family members.

Please complete the enclosed High Holiday form and list the services you want to attend in the and how many seats in total you want for yourselves and your children. **If you do not return the registration form by August 16th, the seat(s) you would have received will be distributed to those who have registered and requested more than the minimum number of seats.** We will be selling seats to non-members beginning August 23rd if there are seats available.

Requests for seats must accompany payment of current outstanding dues and a deposit for 2021–2022 dues. As you know, we never turn away people for inability to pay and, therefore, if you are having financial difficulties, please contact Harriet Blatt or Amy Kohn to make appropriate arrangements.

We realize that this set up may prevent some families from praying together. We look forward to the time that we can all come together, be it for religious and/or social events. So too, we look forward to the time when we can once again fill the Y with sounds of prayer, song and friendship.

All the best,
The High Holiday Committee

(See reverse side for Policies & Procedures)

MHJC HIGH HOLIDAY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO COVID-19

We are thrilled to be able to welcome people into our sanctuary for the High Holidays! Given the pandemic, we have instituted the following policies and procedures to ensure the health and safety of our members. Please note that everything is subject to change, depending upon the current health situation, NYS mandates and CDC guidelines.

- There will be a vaccinated section and an unvaccinated section.
- Everyone attending services, except for those under two years of age, must wear a mask at all times. Gaiters, Bandanas and masks with valves cannot be used. The mask must cover your mouth and nose. These rules also apply to the family service.
- Chairs will be arranged in family clusters with social distancing to the extent possible, with priority to be given to setting up social distancing in the non-vaccinated sections.
- Machzors will be placed on the seats prior to the start of the holiday.
- Names for the Get Well prayers need to be submitted in advance as there will be no line for submission of names during services.
- We will have an outdoor Shofar blowing ceremony following services.