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Dear Congregants,

We hope you have been enjoying your summer! As the High Holy Days approach, we want to provide you with all the information you need to celebrate with your family of families at M'kor Shalom.

The High Holy Day season will start off with **Selichot** on Saturday, August 28 at 7:30 pm with a study session and service in our Sanctuary. The virtual Erev Rosh Hashanah Seder and Service we created last year as an intimate way to gather remotely during the pandemic was so successful we are continuing this new tradition with a **Zoom-only Erev Rosh Hashanah Service and Seder** on Monday, September 6. Being virtually together will offer a way for congregants to celebrate the New Year as a community. In addition to services there is an option to purchase an accompanying dinner.

We will be at Lions Lake Park to gather for **Tashlich** on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, September 7 at 3:00 pm. There will be a short service, and bird seed will be provided to use to symbolically cast away our sins.

Our prayerbook, **Mishkan HaNefesh**, will be available in the sanctuary and the tent. If you plan to watch any services from home via Zoom and wish to borrow the prayerbook, you can come by the synagogue office during regular office hours starting Monday, August 16 (Monday-Thursday 9-5, Friday 9-4) or from Laura following Friday night Shabbat Services. All prayer books need to be returned by Wednesday, October 1. **Mishkan HaNefesh** is also available for Kindle on Amazon (don't forget Amazon Smile) for \$9.99 for Rosh Hashanah and \$9.99 for Yom Kippur.

This year, M'kor Shalom is offering three (3) options for most High Holy Day services.

For each service, you may choose to:

1. Use your tickets to enter the building and sit in the Sanctuary.
 - No advance registration required.
 - Bring your tickets to the service.
 - Wear a mask.

2. Use your tickets to enter the tent in our parking lot, watching the service on a large screen.
 - Advance registration required.
 - Bring your tickets to the tent.
 - Masks not required in the tent.

3. Participate in the service via Zoom.

- Advance registration required.
- No tickets required, but you must be a member in good standing.
- Whether you wear a mask on Zoom is up to you!

We are excited to be greeting each other in person this year. Please understand that the Covid restrictions are subject to change.

Remember to submit all High Holy Day requests for Special Accommodations, Babysitting and other High Holy Day programs as soon as possible. Our office staff is ready to assist you; please note that the synagogue office will be closed on Erev Rosh Hashanah and closing at 1:00 pm on the day of Kol Nidre.

On behalf of the Ritual Committee, we hope every member of your family is enriched spiritually by our High Holy Day celebrations. We wish you a healthy and sweet New Year.

Shanah Tovah,

Rachel Hahn
Ritual Committee Chair