

MENDOCINO COAST JEWISH COMMUNITY
P.O. Box 291
Little River, CA 95456
www.mcjc.org

February, 2023

Dear Friends:

We are writing to ask for your financial support as we prepare our MCJC community for the future. Your investment enables MCJC to offer vibrant programs created by Rabbi Margaret Holub and Rabbinic Intern Paige Lincenberg; maintain our beloved shul building; and continue to provide virtual access to our services and wonderful programs. If MCJC is to thrive beyond the generation of our founders, we must ensure its growth and evolution, explore new perspectives, engage young people, and share the blessings of our unique and welcoming community with young families and children. The Board and our Rabbi are committed to meeting these challenges and ask you to join us. It has been seven years since we have asked you to **increase your level of support**. This annual appeal comes at a pivotal moment. Your generosity nurtures and builds MCJC to reflect and serve our community, now and in the years to come.

Let's celebrate the inspiring activities of the past year:

- Rabbinic Intern Paige Lincenberg created groups of teens, toddlers and families, monthly Rosh Chodesh celebrations, and is introducing us to beautiful new perspectives and rituals in Judaism.
- Hybrid technology and our dedicated computer hosts have enabled MCJC to provide vibrant in-person and remote holiday celebrations. Our community's spirit was uplifted as Rabbi Holub sounded the shofar daily throughout Elul and beyond, and hybrid High Holidays attracted record participation. Our community engages in weekly Kabbalat and Shabbat services led by our Rabbi. During Hanukkah, she led daily candle lighting; she drew the community together for festive Sukkot, Hanukkah, and Tu B'Shevat celebrations. Throughout the year, she marries, memorializes, and provides comfort to our entire community, in person and on Zoom.
- The MCJC Young Adults baked and ate together, celebrated holidays, learned about Judaism and got to know us and each other at events and bonfires throughout the year. They look forward to a full year ahead.
- The Justice Group created a beautiful Sukkot observance, shared with members of the local Indigenous community. They are also engaged in meaningful social action programs dealing with abortion rights, citizenship, and the local justice system.
- The Elders' Conversation and weekly "Cuppa" bring sociability and comfort to many participants via Zoom.
- Rabbi Holub's new "Die'ers Club" class is attracting extraordinary participation from members on the coast and far beyond.

As we continue these programs and explore new ways to serve our community, we depend entirely on your generosity and support. Our goal is to receive a contribution from 100% of our members, at whatever level each can afford. Please see the reverse for a range of suggested contributions.

B'shalom,

MCJC Board of Directors: *Raven Deerwater, Lisa Fredrickson, Lew Mermelstein, Marnie Press, Nina Ravitz, Alix Sabin, Susan Tubbesing*

Regular Contributing Membership, \$650 and up/ Fair Share Contributing Membership, \$500

MCJC operates on the “fair share” concept, dividing total expenses by the number of households in our community. If every household were able to contribute \$500, we would be able to cover our expenses. Because not every household can do this, when you give at the Regular Member level, you are contributing a portion for those unable to do so -- an act of tzedakah.

Please make your pledge and send it in today to MCJC, PO Box 291, Little River, CA 95456. Contributions are on an annual calendar basis, so even if you just completed your 2022 contribution, hearing from you as early as possible in 2023 will enable us to meet ongoing obligations throughout the year.

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| Regular Contributing Membership | \$650 - \$2,000 |
| Fair Share Contributing Membership | \$500 |
| Limited Income Contributing Membership | \$295 - \$600 |
| Family with Young Children Contributing Membership | \$295 - \$600 |
| <i>Megillah</i> only | \$36 annually |

MCJC accepts contributions on our website through PayPal. Please know that PayPal deducts 3% as a convenience fee. You may wish to add this amount to PayPal donations. You may also set up payments through your bank or through a charitable trust. Please contact Raven Deerwater with questions about any of these options.



We also welcome contributions to our designated funds: the **Adele Saxe Tzedakah Fund**, **Bikkur Cholim Fund**, **Judith Meisel Education Fund**, and **MCJC Building Fund**. For additional information, please visit the MCJC website: mcjc.org/designated_funds.



It is customary to contribute when you observe a life cycle event:

Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, Funeral -- Contributing Members \$500/Non-contributors \$750
Baby Naming, Unveiling / Other -- Contributing Members \$200/Non-contributors \$300



If you have any questions about your contribution or financial matters, please contact the Treasurer, Raven Deerwater at raven@taxpractitioner.com, or Finance Committee Members Susan Tubbesing at susan.tubbesing@gmail.com, or Alix Sabin at alixsabin@gmail.com.

As always, please do not discuss financial contributions with Rabbi Holub or other board members.

If you wish to be removed from our list, please contact Susan Tubbesing at susan.tubbesing@gmail.com