

Mendocino Coast Jewish Community
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“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment to improve the world.”— Anne Frank

Dear Friends,

We hope all of you are safe and healthy, and remain so. With a mixture of confidence in our community and concern that we do not know what lies ahead, we look forward to another full and active year. Our beloved Rabbi Margaret Holub adapted quickly and adeptly to the constraints imposed by the pandemic in 2020, bringing us the fullness of Jewish life in a virtual format. The coming year is beginning in a similar manner, with virtual Shabbat and holiday prayers and celebrations, Torah study, cultural events, two inspiring Mussar classes, coffee klatches, Elder Conversations, social justice activities, and life-cycle events. We will also continue with a variety of community-led classes and events through **Chai on The Coast** for fun, inspiration, and community connection.

We are living in a remarkable time, a worldwide tragedy that is difficult to fully grasp. Under Rabbi Margaret’s leadership, we have expanded our community of friends, offering a space to nurture, educate, celebrate, collaborate and participate as much or as little as we choose. So many of you have joined in, from near and far, to create this place of safety and reassurance, spirituality, exploration, solace and comfort. Our Jewish community has become more important than ever, and has been enriched by many who are able to participate from afar.

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our entire community—those who made an extra year end gift; those who have increased their support; those new to our community; and those who have moved but remembered MCJC—we have managed to end the year on sound financial footing. As we enter 2021, our goal remains the same: to receive financial support from 100% of our members, at whatever contributing level of membership each can afford. If you have the means, we encourage you to become a **Regular Contributing Member** or a **Fair Share Contributing Member**, as described on the reverse side of this letter. Some members cannot afford these levels, but those who can make up for those who cannot. During this past year, we have been particularly fortunate to have the participation of so many friends from beyond our coastal area. We are enormously grateful for your financial support at whatever level you are comfortable.

We thank you all for your generosity and participation.

B’ Shalom,

MCJC Board of Directors

Harriet Bye, Raven Deerwater, Nancy Harris, Lew Mermelstein, Donna Montag, Marnie Press, Susan Tubbesing

Regular Contributing Membership, \$575 and up; Fair Share Contributing Membership, 425*

**MCJC operates on the “fair share” concept, dividing the expenses of our rabbi, our programs, and our shul by the number of households in our small coastal community. If every household were able to contribute \$425, 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.*

Below, you will find the range of suggested contributions. **Please** make your pledge and send it in today. Contributions are on an annual basis, so even if you just completed your 2020 contribution, we would appreciate hearing from you as early as possible in 2021. **This will save us the time it takes to contact you and the expense of repeated letters.**

Regular Contributing Membership	\$575-\$1,800
Fair Share Contributing Membership *	\$425
Limited Income Contributing Membership	\$280-\$500
Family with Young Children Contributing Membership	\$280-\$500
<i>Megillah</i> only	\$25 annually



We welcome your contributions to any of 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](http://mcjc.org/designated-funds).

It is customary to make a contribution when you observe a life cycle event such as a naming, wedding, funeral, or unveiling.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, Funeral Contributing Members \$300/non contributors \$400
Baby Naming, Unveiling & Others Contributing Members \$100/non contributors \$150



If you have any questions about your contribution or financial matters, please contact the Treasurer, Donna Montag, at montag@mcn.org or 877-3243, or Finance Committee Members Susan Tubbesing at susan.tubbesing@gmail.com or Nancy Harris at nancyh@mcn.org.

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



We prefer not to send quarterly reminders. **Please mark your calendars** if you decide to give quarterly or monthly.

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