

Practical Notes (Instructions to the Congregation) regarding High Holy Day Observances 2011

The following reminders are in no particular order. All are important.

PARKING. Observe the handicap parking set aside for members who need to be close to the building entrance. Additional parking is located in the large parking lot adjacent to the building.

HEARING. Earphones for the hearing impaired will be provided upon request. Kindly contact Tracey Bauer prior to the High Holy Days to arrange for same.

TASHLICH. We will be observing Tashlich right after the end of first day Rosh Hashanah services on Thursday, September 29. Tashlich is the symbolic “washing away of sins.” We walk (or drive, for those who cannot walk the distance) as a group to a nearby stream, symbolically throw petals or breadcrumbs into the stream, recite appropriate prayers, and walk back to the JCNWJ. The Washington Police Department will provide safe crossing, going and returning. If you participate, be sure to walk with the group.

FOOD DRIVE. Every year the Center sponsors two food drives, one at Yom Kippur and the other at Pesach. The food goes to a local Food Bank. Please fill a bag of suitable non-perishable food items (*no matzah, please*) and bring it to the Center during the period from Erev Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur.

TORAH STUDY on Yom Kippur. In the afternoon and before Neilah, at about 3:00, *whoever would like to engage in Torah study is welcome to participate.* This hour and a half of group discussion and attention to text is separate from the monthly Torah study meetings. Text TBA.

BREAK-THE-FAST on Yom Kippur. Each year the Center holds a community break-the-fast following the end of Yom Kippur services, which usually end around 6:00 pm or 6:30 pm. This is a “coordinated potluck” event, which means that if you plan to come and eat, you must bring something. The meal is an ALL DAIRY MEAL (that means, no chicken, no meat, no bacon bits on salad). Please sign up on the sheets that will be provided starting at Rosh Hashanah or call Jeannie Berkowitz before then to let her know what you will bring. You **MUST** sign up (or call) prior to Yom Kippur so Jeannie and others setting up will know how many people to prepare for.