

**Aug./Sept.
2026**

MAYIM SHALOM 5786-5787



High Holidays with Rabbi Jackie

Fri., Sept. 11 - Service

**Sat., Sept. 12 - Service
and catered dinner**

Sun., Sept 13 - Tashlich

(For details see inside.)

Children are welcome!

**Info: 541-266-0470 or
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Annual Picnic

Sun., August 9

Starting at noon

**Sunset Bay State Park
at the gazebo**

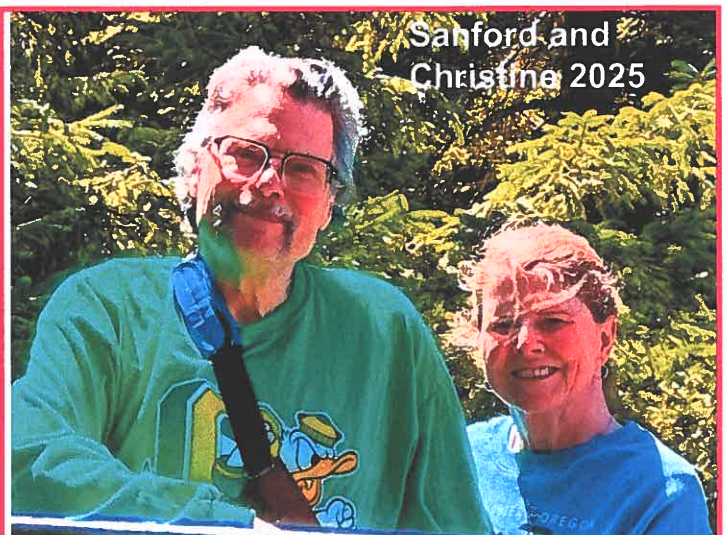
**We provide veggie burgers,
kosher hot dogs, chicken,
water and soda.**

**Schmooze
See old friends
Children are welcome!**

FREE ADMISSION

PARKING: \$10

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**Sanford and
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Preparing for the High Holidays

Rabbi's Message

By Rabbi Jackie Brodsky

It may be mid-summer but It's already time to start preparations for the High Holidays! For this year, 2026-5787, the time period of these holidays begins on September 12 (Rosh Hashanah) through the end of Sukkot, Simchat Torah Oct 4.

Known in Hebrew as Yamim Noraim (Yah-mim No-rah-im), the "Days of Awe," this holiday season is always an exciting, awesome, and huge task. What is involved?

The major overall task of this season is to undergo the process of forgiveness work followed by transformation and renewal through deep examination of our thoughts and actions (or lack thereof) of the past year.

During this time, we may experience many things: joy, introspection, remembrance, grieving, learning, praying, reconnecting, making amends, etc.

Here are some reminders of ritual traditions involved with this inner work:

1. **TESHUVA:** A central theme of the holidays is the opportunity for us to do "cheshbon hanefesh," an accounting of our souls, known as "teshuva" (Hebrew for "return") as we return to our truer, more holy natures by examining and re-

pairing our souls. We do this through prayer and introspection, and through direct connections with others (calling, writing letters, visiting, etc.).

2. **BLOWING THE SHOFAR:** We blow the shofar every day of the month of Elul, (the month which precedes Rosh Hashanah) as a way to awaken ourselves to the urgency of repentance and petition God to hear our cries.

3. **READING PSALM 27:** We recite this every day of Elul as a way of drawing closer to God through the beautiful and intimate words of King David.

4. **VISITING GRAVES:** During this time it is believed that the veils between the worlds become thinner and that God is closer to us! Thus, we have the tradition of visiting graves. (If your ancestors are in a grave far away, you can pray with them from any Jewish cemetery!) During services we also say prayers for our deceased loved ones during "Yizkor" ("remember").

There is much work to be done and much enjoyment to be experienced too, as we come together as a community to celebrate and support one another during this "awesome" time!! Looking forward to seeing you there!

As Rabbi Tarfon said in Pirke Avot Ch.2 v. 20: "The day is short, the task is great, the laborers are idle, and the wage is great, and the Master is urgent." It's time to start planning for the Days of Awe!!!

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Friday evening, 9/11/26 - In our room

4:30-5:30: Opening prayers and blessings for the New Year

5:30-6:00: Shofar service

6:00-6:30: Oneg with wine, challah, honey cake and snacks

Sat. afternoon, 9/12/26 - In the big room

3:00: Services

Torah Service

Prayer Service

Yizkor

5:00: or a little later: Full catered dinner

Sunday morning, 9/13/26, 10 am

Congregation meets for Tashlikh at Mingus Park



President's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

I hope this note finds you well.

On Sunday, August 9, 2026, we will be holding our Annual Picnic at Sunset Bay State Park's Gazebo. There is no charge for the picnic but there is a \$10 parking fee per car (unless you have a pass). Details for the picnic are on page 1 of this newsletter.

As always, this year's picnic is an opportunity for a pleasurable and informal gathering with good food and great company. We are also hoping to have a chance to hear your ideas on activities and services that you would like to see.

This year Rosh Hashanah (5787) will start on Friday, September 11, 2026. Rabbi Jackie will be leading

us in a Service on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 11 and a Service on Saturday, September 12, 2026. See the Rabbi's message "Preparing for the High Holidays" for details.

Rosh Hashanah is also the beginning of our fiscal year. You will find a pledge form enclosed in this newsletter. We need both your financial support and your active involvement.

Everyone on the Board (including me!) is getting older and we need support, including helping with events, monthly board meetings, ideas, outreach, mailings, etc.

There are many ways to strengthen and sustain your community.

Hope to see you soon!



Oneg Shabbat, June 2026

Photos by RaeLea Cousens



PASSOVER 2026



Congregation Mayim Shalom celebrated Passover with Rabbi Jackie Brodsky on April 4. Thank you to everyone who helped with the wonderful program.
Photos: Dahlia Grossman



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

PLEDGE FORM



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MY PLEDGE FOR THE YEAR 5787 (2026 - 2027) IS: \$ _____

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Commemorating the 9th of AV

(Editor's note.) Rabbi Jackie shared a special teaching with us about the 9th of AV, which fell on July 23rd this year. Although you are receiving this newsletter after that date, perhaps you can mark next year's calendar for this important commemoration.

"(Our sages teach us:) Every Shabbat gives us a taste of the future to come. But on the Shabbat before the 9th of Av, we commemorate the destruction of both the first and second Temples, as well as other tragedies in our history. This Shabbat is called *Shabbat Hazon*, the *Shabbat of Vision*.

"More than any other Shabbat of the year, on this Shabbat we receive a vision of the future, a vision of how this world could be, a vision of how this world was meant to be. ❧

"It reminds us that destruction and divi-

sion, brokenness and pain, and suffering and hate are not the natural state of this world. And we can't accept them as "the way things are."

"They are part of the story but they are not the end of the story.

"May we be blessed to see that vision so clearly and internalize it and bring it into our lives, our thoughts, our speech and our actions in order to do the final work of transforming ourselves in order to transform the world.

"Please light a candle and say prayers on the 9th of Av, a day of solemn remembrance - prayers for ourselves, our families, and our communities; prayers for America and Israel; and for the Jewish people all over the world."

Author unknown

Shabbat Hazon Shalom!!

Rabbi Jackie

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