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## Letter regarding High Holidays of Jewish New Year 5781

Dear Community Members,

As we approach the Jewish High Holidays and begin the period of Selichot prayers, we all reflect back on the unusual year that we went through with its unique challenges. The Mashadi Jewish community will unite in prayer and ask God to grant us a new year full of health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

The Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot period is also a time when our community unites by opening their hearts and pledging their charitable donations that help support our synagogues and the programs that help sustain and nurture our beautiful community.

As always, we rely on all of you to continue to support our community to the best of your ability. This year, it is particularly important for those whom Hashem has blessed with the means, to give as generously as possible, because we know that there are those amongst us who have suffered financially, because of the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

In addition to the operational expenses of our community centers, we have started new programs to support and give emergency relief for many who are having difficulties due to the financial or emotional strains.

We have listed a sampling of the many services offered by the UMJCA, made possible by the generous contributions of our community members:

- Synagogue Services • Jewish Education • Social events • Talmud Torah • Senior Programming • Kids athletic programs
- Food Pantry (new) • Ladies Mikveh • MYC (Mashadi Youth) • Rabbinic Counseling • Mashadi Sisterhood • Security
- Angel Fund • Sephardic Beit Midrash • Gym (teen) minyan and many more

We cannot bear the thought of cutting any of our programs and services, especially at this time, when they are needed more than ever by all segments of our community. That is why we are writing to implore you to give as generously as you can and support our High Holiday fundraising drives.

This year, due to the pandemic and social distancing regulations, the UMJCA will be organizing new indoor and outdoor minyans, details of which will be announced soon. We kindly request that you reserve your seats at the minyan of your choice.

Charitable contributions to the UMJCA are some of the best investments that you can make in the well-being and future of our community.

May HaShem protect, bless, and reward our generous community,

The Central Board of the United Mashadi Jewish Community of America

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