Why Social Action on Yom Kippur?

BY SALLY HIPSCHER

As we gather together as a community for the high holidays, we reflect on the past year and look to the future and consider the meaningful changes we can make. Every day, millions of Americans go hungry and are forced to skip meals because of circumstance. On Yom Kippur we choose to skip meals and go hungry as part of our Jewish celebration, but, we are blessed to have the choice. Even if our hunger lasts only a day, it is enough to make us aware of the challenge hunger presents to those who experience it.

This year, you can take your experience with hunger and turn it into meaningful action. How? (continued on page 3)
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Shabbat Katan (ages 0-6)
Katan Plus (ages 7-12)
Saturdays 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19

Shabbat-a-BimBom
9/6, 10/4

We are an inclusive, Egalitarian community affiliated with The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

There's still time to join Room J for Sunday/Thursday classes and its other programs. Contact Audrey: roomj@emjc.org.
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You can participate in the EMJC High Holidays Food Drive. It’s easy...just take home a paper bag, donated by Trader Joes, as you leave the synagogue at the end of Rosh Hashanah.

Return it, filled with canned and packaged food (check expiration dates, please!) when you come to the synagogue for Kol Nidre services or any time until Simchat Torah.

If the bag is too heavy for you to carry, call the EMJC center office anytime between Rosh Hashanah and Simchat Torah, and we will have someone pick it up. Your donations will help support local food pantries.

By participating in the EMJC High Holidays Food Drive we can work together to begin to create meaningful change and engage in tikkun olam and tzedakah. Together, we can begin to change the harsh reality of hunger and promote justice for all those who are hungry in New York City.
How will your family be involved with EMJC Share The Care Chesed Program this year?

Here are the top ten ways!

We’re expanding our volunteer team so we can reach more people in need!

1. You can visit someone who is homebound or is in rehab --go as a family or go by yourself.
2. You can make a phone call to check on someone who is ill, alone, or homebound.
3. You can pick up groceries for someone when you shop.
4. You can donate healthy canned and non-perishable packaged food to the Our Lady of Refuge Church food pantry on Ocean & Foster Avenues.
5. You can donate a coat during our winter coat drive.
6. You can learn more about recycling and educate other families about its importance.
7. You can go for a walk with someone.
8. You can help someone with their mail, email, or computer issues.
9. You or your children can make a homemade card for someone who needs cheering up or who may be lonely during a holiday.
10. You can let us know if someone needs our help.

And there are lots of other ways to help take care of our neighbors in need!

Tell us how you would like to help and when you are available.
You’ll get a follow-up call or email from our volunteer coordinator, Sally Hipscher.
Weekly, monthly, or occasionally -- whatever time you can contribute is great!

Sign up to volunteer: officestaff@emjc.org or 718.338.3800

Spread the word and share information with people in your circles about EMJC’s chesed program. This is how we can share the care!

Judaism is lived with your heart, your soul, and your hands.

Rabbi Simla’i explained in a sermon: The Torah begins and ends with acts of caring and loving-kindness. (Talmud: Sotah 14a)

Wishing you and your family a healthy and happy New Year,
Dear Friends and Members,

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Again, this past year has been a roller-coaster ride for us. We have dealt with the default in the payment of rent by our prior day school tenant leaving us without sorely needed revenue; and the negotiation of a new lease for this space. We have bid farewell to Rabbi Matt Carl and are currently negotiating the terms of a new agreement with Rabbi Cantor Sam Levine. We have again endured floods due to faulty pipes and sewer traps and have suffered ceiling damage to our sanctuary.

Over the past year, membership in our congregation has again grown. Revenues from a variety of sources has again increased due to the efforts of our staff lead by Wayne Rosenfeld, our executive director. Our childhood programs have increased membership due to the efforts of Audry Koralstein and Rabbi Cantor Sam Levine. I would like to recognize and thank our Trustees who dutifully attend our meetings and man our committees. Their time and efforts are truly amazing. With them and our other volunteers we could not function. I would also like to recognize our employees under the guidance of Michael Stallings, our new custodian for their ever diligent efforts in running this building complex.

As your president, during the past year I have paid shiva calls and have attended bar and bat mitzvahs. While doing so is not mandatory, I believe it is an important part of my role – to represent our congregation during these times of pain and great joy. As always my experiences both with bereaved family members and those celebrating a simcha have been meaningful and have given me a window into the lives of our community members. I have seen first-hand the great resilience and spirit of our growing community.

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Kol Nidre means literally “all vows”. It is an interesting concept that we ask God to free us from our vows so that we do not feel compromised by having made them but having failed to fulfill them. The date of the composition of this declaration and its author are unknown but it has been in existence since 589 C.E. There is a common theory that it commenced during and because of a period of extreme persecution, in which Jews were forced at sword’s point to convert to Christianity or Islam and that Kol Nidre was supposed to nullify that forced conversion and the vows extract at the point of a knife. The Torah cautions us against the promiscuous making of vows – when you make a vow to God do not put off fulfilling it. As one commentator put it “it is considered a fearsome sin for one to violate his vows and oaths and the Sages regard it as an extremely serious matter for one to approach the Day of Atonement with such violation in hand. Therefore, halakha allowed for the absolution from a vow. This rite declared that the petitioners who were seeking reconciliation with God solemnly retract their vows and oaths they had made to God during the year. This rite made them null and void from the beginning entreatin in their stead pardon and forgiveness from God.

Of course, with this letter I am asking you to make a new vow. The sages have long held the belief that sadacha has the power to ward off evil spirits and insure inscription into the book of life for another year. We need your Kol Nidre donations to persevere. Please remember this when you consider your donation while keeping in mind that you are investing this money in our sanctuary, a place of peace and respite from the noise of the greater world. Your donations are indispensable. They comprise a significant portion of the funds that we use to keep our synagogue open and running. Your donations allow us to continue to operate as a conservative, egalitarian congregation. Your donations help us to pay for our wonderful clergy who are so inspirational particularly at this time of year.

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Your donations help us to pay for the study of Torah and Mishnah throughout the year, Jewish education for our children, interfaith events, cultural events, swimming programs and more. Your donations help pay for our devoted staff of employees who keep our building running.

Donations may be paid with a credit card or may be spread out throughout the year. Sustaining support with monthly donations is strongly encouraged. We would greatly appreciate any amount that you can give via www.emjc.org, mailing a check, stopping by our office or calling us.

Thank you very much for your devotion to the East Midwood Jewish Center, still the leading Conservative Egalitarian synagogue in Brooklyn. All of us at EMJC wish you and your family a happy, healthy, safe and enjoyable 5780.

Michael F. Schwartz
President
Friends,

The High Holy Day season is a time for personal reflection. What can I do to improve my personal relationships? How can I be a better spouse, partner, parent, child? What is my obligation to those around me? What is my responsibility to my community, both local and global? Of course the High Holy Days are also a time for reevaluating our relationship to Judaism: how can I deepen my relationship to my faith? How can I overcome barriers or fears to explore what yiddishkeit has to offer me? What are the avenues by which I can investigate the religious, spiritual, intellectual, literary, and cultural wealth that 3000 years of tradition have to offer?

The High Holy Day season is a time for opening our hearts to these questions, to seriously and profoundly inquiring inside of ourselves what steps we might take to change ourselves, even slightly, so that our journey through life gets that little bit richer. The Hebrew word teshuvah means “return” or “repentance.” But it also means “answer” or “response.” This year, as you consider some of these questions, as you sit in services immersed in the depth and beauty of our High Holy Day prayers, perhaps you will “do teshuvah” not by beating your breast but by “answering questions.”

At this time of year, you are receiving solicitations from many Jewish organizations for your financial support. EMJC is your “local affiliate” – it is your neighborhood home for all things Jewish. This year, we hope you will avail yourselves of the many ways that EMJC can connect you to your Jewishness, and that you will think of the Center as you reflect on the “questions” that bubble to the surface in this most “awe”-some time of year.

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Support EMJC with your presence and your participation, support EMJC by spreading the word, and support the important work we do by making a financial gift to the Center.

When we recite the long list of al cheits – the long confessional of the Yom Kippur service – many have the custom of “afflicting” themselves by hitting their chest with each sin enumerated. Perhaps this year, rather than “beating ourselves up” for things we have done wrong, perhaps we should instead massage our hearts at each item on the list. Of course we have made mistakes – we are human. But for every “sin” we have committed, there is surely a parallel triumph, great or small; a loving connection made, a loop closed, a good deed done. Consider the many ways that you have positively impacted the lives of others and remember to reward yourself. The heart is the organ through which we achieve closeness to God: Ve’ahavta et H’ elohecha b’chol levav’cha: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart…” By being kind to ourselves in times of reflection, we open up a wider path to achieving answers – teshuvot – to the questions before us, and we narrow the distance between us and a loving and forgiving God.

Wishing you a Shana Tovah u’metukah, a healthful, happy, and sweet new year,

Rabbi Cantor Sam Levine
Cantor, East Midwood Jewish Center
Dear Members,

The East Midwood Jewish Center is a special place. It has a long and rich history and the people here are caring, passionate and fun to be around. This is a special community that has transcended time….95 years to be exact. But today, we are at a crossroads in time. Due to so many factors that have come before us all at once, we need your support more than ever. Whether it be our school building tenant that went out of business owing us a lot of back rent, or the monies spent on fixing our pool, sewage system, electrical system, central air system, etc., we need your support. We at EMJC like to serve food at many events and we try not to cut back, so we need your help. Our wonderful Room J Hebrew School is free to all members and we would like to keep it that way, so we need your help. At EMJC we have exciting programs, most of which are free of charge to our members, so we need your support. When things break inside or outside, we try to fix it right away without having you notice or be inconvenienced, so we need your help. I believe everyone understands that our beautiful Synagogue costs money to operate and many of you have assisted us in the past. Today, we need everyone to assist us so we can get thru this hard time in our history. Together we can work as one and together we will prevail..

We have a new gymnastics & dance program here at EMJC entitled Brooklyn Gymnastics & Dance. Swim Koi, our long-time vendor is also returning to give swim (continued)
lessons. This Tuesday, Sept 10th, we will be having the next speaker in EMJC’s Executive Director Series at 6pm. Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez will be here to give a speech and answer your questions. Doors open at 5:15pm. This will be a free event to attend.

If anyone would like to volunteer helping in the office answering phones and assisting, please contact me. I would love to talk to you.

I would like to take this time to wish everyone a Shanah Tovah Umetukah and thank you for your support.

Wayne Rosenfeld
Executive Director
EMJC has set a goal of $90,000 for this year’s Kol Nidre Appeal.

Now accepting donations through Simchat Torah (October 22)

East Midwood Jewish Center serves as a meeting place for our members as well as a diverse array of community groups, affiliated clubs, youth groups, Jewish agencies, and organizations... all calling us home.

You worship with us during the High Holiday season, derive inspiration from our meaningful services, learn about Judaism in our adult and children’s educational programs, swim in our pool, and are part of a thriving Jewish community in the heart of Brooklyn.

The East Midwood Jewish Center is in serious need of financial support to stabilize our finances, to meet our obligations and to maintain our building as well as to continue to bring our membership and community the first-rate programming that we have been providing for generations. To do all of this we were compelled to set a goal for this year’s Kol Nidre Appeal. We ask that you consider our role in your lives and in your family’s lives and understand that we truly need your support today, more than ever.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:00PM
2019 Fall Holidays
Room J @ EMJC
kid/family events

Sunday 9/22  High Holy Days Family Learning Program in Ohel Katan
9:30- 11:30, refreshments until noon

This family-friendly deep dive into the meaning of the holidays is led by Rabbi Cantor Sam and Audrey. It’s a chance to ask questions, understand what goes on in a traditional High Holy Days service, and explore prayer in kid-accessible terms. Open to everyone. Parents of all Room J School students are strongly urged to attend. Katan families, too!

EMJC food drive begins. Collection bags with info are available in the main office. Please start bringing in your donations.

Monday 9/30  Rosh Hashanah I
10:00 - noon  creative holiday play for 0-7 led by Joanne
10:30 - noon  program for kids ages 8-13 led by Audrey
11:00 - noon  RH Katan service for kids ages 0-7 led by Becky & Murray

Tuesday 10/1  Rosh Hashanah II
10:00 - noon  creative holiday play for 0-7 led by Joanne
10:30 - noon  program for kids ages 8-13 led by Audrey
11:00 - noon  RH Katan service for kids ages 0-7 led by Becky & Murray
afternoon  Katan family picnic -- details to be announced

Friday 10/4  BimBom  RSVP by 10/3 to Audrey at roomj@emjc.org

Wednesday 10/9  Yom Kippur
10:00 - noon  creative holiday play for 0-7 led by Joanne
10:30 - noon  program for kids ages 8-13 led by Audrey
11:00 - noon  RH Katan service for kids ages 0-7 led by Becky & Murray

Following youth programs, a light lunch for kids younger than 13 will be offered in the Regency Room. Quiet play, board games, & low-key hanging out continue until about 2:00 pm. No electronic devices.

Sunday 10/13  Decorate our Sukkah Party
10:00 - noon  Join us in the courtyard for crafts, decorating, refreshments, music. All welcome.

Monday 10/14  Sukkot Katan led by Shira and Murray
11:00-noon  family service with songs, Sukkot stories, & lulav-shaking
afternoon  family kosher potluck lunch in the sukkah

Monday 10/21  Simchat Torah! All hands on deck to help us unroll the scroll.
6:10 pm  Rabbi Cantor Sam gives kids a Torah tour. Hafafot follows. Apple treats, too.

EMJC food drive ends. Please deliver your donations to the main office.

Sunday 11/24  Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Our Lady of Refuge @ Ocean & Foster Avenues
4:00 pm  Room J school kids have been singing at this service for years!
Contact Audrey if your child doesn’t attend class but would like to participate.

Questions? Contact Audrey at roomj@emjc.org
FIRST FRIDAYS FROM SEPT-JUNE

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR CHILD-CENTERED SHABBAT SERVICE LED BY RABBI CANTOR SAM LEVINE AT 6:30 PM IN OHEL KATAN

FAMILY DINNER BY ADVANCE RESERVATION FOLLOWS IN ROOM J
roomj@emjc.org

BimBom With Us!

All are invited to attend our lively child-centered service. The dinner that follows is free for EMJC members with young families. Non-members may join us via subscription or single-visit options. First-time participating? We’ll welcome you as our dinner guests (with the exception of June’s bbq). Reservations for dinner must be received no later than Thursday morning before BimBom. Reservations are made through Audrey at roomj@emjc.org. Please do not assume you can participate in the dinner if you arrive on Friday without making advance reservations. Suggested subscription is $180 for the year, for up to 2 adults and 3 kids. Larger families are asked to make an additional contribution. We’re available for a confidential discussion regarding the subscription rate for any family concerned the fee may prevent them from attending.

Room J @ EMJC is a place for children to develop their connections to Judaism. We fuse ancient traditions with contemporary learning and openness. Our youth and family programs provide a stimulating foundation for exploring and interpreting Jewish ideas, nurturing Jewish identity, acting compassionately, and for encouraging spiritual discovery. We give attentive guidance to every kind of learner and warmly welcome all families.

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1625 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn www.emjc.org

Sept 2019- June 2020
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING JEWISH FOR YOUR KIDS AND FAMILY?
HOW ABOUT ENGAGING PROGRAMS + A FANTASTIC COMMUNITY?

Room J School on Sundays & Thursdays
We believe kids need a place to actively learn, to feel comfortable asking their questions, and to hear a range of replies from adults and peers.
Room J is a place for children to develop their connections to Judaism. Our starting point is honoring the richness of our ancient traditions and bringing engaging inquiry that's contemporary and open. Room J offers a stimulating foundation for exploring and interpreting Jewish ideas, nurturing Jewish identity, acting compassionately, and for encouraging spiritual discovery. We give attentive guidance to every kind of learner and warmly welcome all families. It’s Hebrew School...but it’s probably not like the one you went to.

Shabbat Katan (& Jewish Holidays Katan)
Parent-led, kid-approved.
About twice a month, little kids and their adults join us at a Shabbat morning service that’s just for them. Songs, prayers, Torah parade, stories, and a healthy KIDdush. Older kids have the opportunity to learn with teacher Gabrielle. Is it a Jewish holiday? There may be a Katan service for that, too! Plus perhaps a pot-luck or a Katan-community celebration. Families make it happen and your family is always welcome to be part of it.

Shabbat-a-BimBom
Let's call this lively monthly program what it is: a Friday night family party!
All are invited to attend our child-centered Shabbat service at 6:30 pm. The dinner that follows is free for EMJC members with young families. Non-members may join us via subscription or single-visit options. First-time participating? We'll welcome you as our dinner guests (with the exception of June’s bbq). Reservations for dinner must be received no later than Thursday morning before BimBom. Reservations are made through Audrey at roomj@emjc.org. We’re available for a confidential discussion regarding the subscription rate for any family concerned the fee may prevent them from attending.

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www.emjc.org
for all the details: roomj@emjc.org
2019-2020 Room J calendar (we try to follow the public school calendar)
Sunday sessions: 9:30 am - noon (younger students) / 9:30 am - 12:15 pm (older students)
Thursday sessions: Room J opens at 3:15 pm for snack & homework; instruction from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

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Shabbat Kulanu: Dec. 14, Feb. 8, June 13

SHABBAT-A-BIMBOM (A MONTHLY FAMILY PROGRAM) services at 6:30 pm; dinner by advance registration
2019-20: Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5 (all first Fridays)

Everyone is invited to attend our lively child-centered service. The dinner that follows is free for EMJC members with young families. BimBom is also by subscription for non-members. First-time non-members are welcome as our guests. Reservations for dinner must be received no later than Thursday morning before BimBom. Reservations are made through Audrey, at roomj@emjc.org. Please don’t assume you can participate in the dinner if you arrive on Friday without making advance reservations. Suggested subscription is $180 for the year, for up to 2 adults and 3 kids. Larger families are asked to make an additional contribution. There are also options for a mini-subscription and singe visits. We’re available for a confidential discussion regarding the subscription rate for any family concerned the fee may prevent them from attending.

as of 8/20/2019
We at EMJC were proud to host the 4th annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner on Sunday, May 19, 2019. The delicious dinner was prepared at EMJC by our talented chefs from the Turkish Cultural Center of Brooklyn, assisted by volunteers from EMJC, B'SHert and OLR. Dinner was preceded by an Abraham's Table study session with guest speakers discussing the topic of Compassion in our 3 faith traditions and attendees getting to know each other and share their thoughts and ideas about compassion in the wake of the recent violence around the country.

Special thanks to our generous sponsors from EMJC for the 4th annual interfaith iftar dinner- Sunday, May 19, 2019
Sam Ainbinder, Steve Finkelstein, Sandy and Miriam Goldhaber, Sandy Green, Sally and Mike Hipscher, Lois Jackson and Mike Gerstein, Karen Karopkin, Gabrielle Linchner, Lisa Rothman, and Stuart and Civia Witt

Special thanks to our wonderful EMJC volunteer crew of helpers
Shelly Braff, Eric Goldberg, Audrey Korelstein, Murray Lantner, Estelle Leibowitz, Lisa Rothman, Daniella Topol, and Courtney Walsh

The Interfaith Coalition of Brooklyn is committed to creating and presenting exciting and thoughtful programs that enlighten, enrich and inform. We are happy to bring together our friends and neighbors from different cultures and faiths to plan, learn, share, and build lasting relationships and friendships that fosters respect, love, compassion, understanding, and tolerance.

Mark your calendars for the fall line up of interfaith activities
Sunday, September 15, 3:30pm at EMJC- Abraham’s Table study sessions and panel discussions about Repentence/Forgiveness in our traditions.
Friday, October 18 at B'SHERT- an interfaith Shabbat and potluck dinner
Monday, November 11, time and details TBA- an interfaith walk at the Marine Park Salt Marsh Nature Center
Sunday, November 24, 2019- 19th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Our Lady of Refuge RC Church
The Interfaith Coalition of Brooklyn invites you to Abraham's Table Series, an interfaith panel with attendees participation

Topic: Our Most Sacred Time in our Faiths, exploring repentance and forgiveness in our traditions

Panel: Islam - Imam Ibrahim Atasoy, Christianity - Father Ken Gavin, Judaism - Rabbi Cantor Sam Levine

Sunday, September 15, 2019
3:30-5:30
East Midwood Jewish Center
1625 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11230
SEPTEMBER 2019 POOL SCHEDULE: FOR EMJC MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY

CLOSURE SCHEDULE: The building will be closed on Sun. 9/29 & Mon. 9/30

SUNDAYS
9:00 am – 2:00 pm – Swim Koi Class (Private instruction)*
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Swim 123 Class- w/Luda (Private instruction)*
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Family swim
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Women only swim
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Men only swim

WEDNESDAYS
10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Women only swim
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Co-ed swim
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Family swim
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Women only swim

MONDAYS
10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Women only swim
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Co-ed swim
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm – Swim Koi Class (Private instruction)*
8:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Family swim
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm – Women only swim

THURSDAYS
10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Women only swim
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Co-ed swim
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm – Swim 123 Class- w/Luda (Private instruction)*
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Family Swim
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TUESDAYS
10:00 am – 12:00 pm – Women only swim
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Co-ed swim
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Family Swim
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm – Men only swim

FRIDAYS
10:30 am – 11:00 am – Parent/Child swim Class with Harriet (children 6 months-3 years old) (Private instruction)*
11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Adult swim Class (any level) with Harriet (Private instruction)*
4:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Swim Koi Class (Private instruction)*

*PRIVATE INSTRUCTION IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH EMJC

SWIMMING IS FREE FOR EAST MIDWOOD JEWISH CENTER MEMBERS

COSTS FOR NON MEMBERS, SEE BELOW:

Individual 1-time session: $12/each. On October 1, 2019 the price for individuals will raise to $14/each.

Monthly Passes: $60 for Individuals. $90 for Family (parents & 1-2 children; each additional child $12 extra). (On October 1, 2019 the price for individuals will raise to $70 and the price for families will raise to $100).

For first-time monthly pass purchasers bring photo ID. (Passes are now good for 1 month from the date of purchase)
Payment must be made upon arrival in the building lobby or office.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTION - (3 Choices):
Preferred vendor: *Swim Koi: frzrater.swimko@gmail.com, swimkoemc@gmail.com, or 347-562-3924 (Swim Koi is a professional company)
(Individual instructor options): *Swim 1 2 3: Luda 917-608-7848  *Harriet Rhine: 646-670-9822 or hrhine165@gmail.com

POOL RULES: All swimmers must wear bathing caps and flip flops. No street shoes allowed. No outside pool toys allowed.

TO RESERVE FOR A PRIVATE EVENT, OR JOIN OUR E-MAIL LIST: info@emjc.org or 718-338-3800

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Payment to East Midwood Jewish Center. Can be accepted by cash, check or credit card (for women, men, co-ed and family swim).
Classes: Payment, registration and questions about classes should be coordinated through the above contact info (class and lesson contact info). All the above classes and lessons use our pool (some at times scheduled above, others by appointment), but please contact them directly to sign up.

Updates: By the beginning of every month, our updated pool schedule is posted at emjc.org in our lobby and emailed to our swimmers’ email list contact info@emjc.org to join the email list). When unforeseen circumstances (such as maintenance) come up, we email our swimmers list and post signage to notify pool users. Lifeguard is on duty at above times. We have locker rooms with showers for men & women (but bring your own lock if you’d like to lock your locker).

Pool Size 60 feet by 20 feet. Pool Depth 3 feet to 9 feet. Temperature of pool is maintained in mid-80s (degrees Fahrenheit). Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult, in addition to women only & men only areas, women & men can swim together during family & co-ed swim times.
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