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- com/first-responders-appreciation-bbq. Info: Gordon, 648-0241.
- **Addiction Rehab Center Community Meeting**, Tue., **Oct. 16**, 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6 p.m., Woodmoor Barn, 1691 Woodmoor Dr., Monument. Info & Petition: www.takeactionelpasocounty.com. See ad on page 10.
 - **Northside Chat with Council of Neighbors and Organizations** (CONO), Tue., **Oct. 16** and **Oct. 23**, 5:30-7 p.m., Amanda's Cantina, 8050 N. Academy Blvd., Colo. Springs. Talk with local government officials. Free chips & salsa. Info: www.facebook.com/CONO719/.
 - **Tri-Lakes Free Business Expo**, Thu., **Oct. 18**, 4-7 p.m., Tri-Lakes Y, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Vendor registration & Info: www.trilakeschamber.com/business-expo.html. See ad on page 6.
 - **Bruce Carroll Concert at Tri-Lakes Center for the Arts**, Thu., **Oct. 18**, 7 p.m., doors open 6:15 p.m., 304 Hwy 105, Palmer Lake. Tickets & Info: 481-0475, www.trilakesarts.org.
 - **Family Cornhole Tournament**, Sat., **Oct. 20**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Black Forest Regional Park. A family-focused event, good for all ages. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day at Black Forest Regional Park. All proceeds go to Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers. Youth Division: 12 years old and under: \$10 per team; Teen Division: 13 to 16 years old: \$15 per team; Adult Division: 17 to 117 years old: \$20 per team; \$2 discount for Friends of El Paso County Nature Centers, and military families and veterans with ID. RSVP & Info: 520-6977.
 - **Jackson Creek Senior Living: Getting to Know Jackson Creek**, Tue., Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., YMCA Community Room, 17250 Jackson Creek Pkwy, Monument. Find out about the 137-apartment retirement community opening this fall. Light lunch provided. RSVP & Info: 259-0448, www.JacksonCreekSeniorLiving.com. See ad on page 18.
 - **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI) Free Mental Health First Aid Training, Fri., **Oct. 26**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Citizens Service Center, Third Floor Nautilus Room, 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd., Colo. Springs. This eight-hour course helps you identify, understand, and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Class size is limited and registration is required. Register online at www.mhfaco.org/find-a-class. Info: 473-8477 or info@namicos.org.
 - **Trunk or Treat at St. Peter Catholic School**, Fri., **Oct. 26**, 5-7 p.m., 124 First St., Monument. All are welcome. Food trucks, 5-7 p.m.; free trunk or treating, 6-7 p.m. Info: 481-1855, www.petertherockschool.org. See ad on page 2.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: Rocky Mountain Women's Film Institute**, Fri., Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Free. Special preview film from the festival. RSVP & Info: 633-0655 Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 12.
 - Black Rose Acoustic Society: hONEYhoUSE, Fri., Oct. 26, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:15. Black Forest Community Center, 12530 Black Forest Rd. at Shoup Road. Cost: \$10 general, \$5 BRAS members, \$5 non-member students with ID. Info: Joe Maio, 528-6119, jrmtn@comcast.net, www.blackroseacoustic.org.
 - **Creepy Crawl 5 K & Free 1-mile Kids' Monster Dash**, Sat., **Oct. 27**, 5K begins 9:30 a.m., 1-mile free kids run begins 10:30 a.m., Santa Fe Trail, 104 Oakdale Dr., Palmer Lake. Put on your costumes and join this Halloween tradition with the YMCA. Registration & Info: www.ppyymca.org/raceseries.
 - **Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery: Parish House Baroque**, Sun., **Oct. 28**, 2:30 p.m., 3190 Benet Lane, Colo. Springs. Experience period instruments and music from a long ago time and place. RSVP & Info: 633-0655, Ext 132, registrations@benethillmonastery.org, www.benethillmonastery.org. See ad on page 12.
 - **Free Flu Shots at Tri-Lakes Cares**, Mon., **Oct. 29**, noon-2 p.m., 235 N. Jefferson St., Monument. For adults and children over 4 years of age who are un-

insured/underinsured, or without vaccine coverage. Vaccine is limited and will be available for as long as supply lasts. Sponsored by Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, Walgreens, and Tri-Lakes Cares. Call United Way 211 for schedule updates and locations. Info: www.tri-lakescares.org.

- **Historic Downtown Monument Safe Trick or Treat**, Wed., **Oct. 31**, 4-6 p.m. Celebrate with your young children and downtown merchants. Local police will watch for the kids' safety.
- **Fuel Church Family Fall Festival**, Wed., **Oct. 31**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Limbach Park, 151 Front St., Monument. Free games, prizes, treats, face painting, and more. Info: info@fuel.org, www.fuelchurch.org. See ad on page 6.
- **Downtown Monument Holiday Open House**, Fri.-Sat., **Nov. 2-3**. Begin your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Monument! HMMA members will welcome you with decorations, refreshments, and special savings. Some businesses will also be open Sunday; check with individual stores for hours.

Our community calendar carries listings on a space-available basis for Tri-Lakes events that are sponsored by local governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations. We include events that are open to the general public and are not religious or self-promotional in nature. If space is available, complimentary calendar listings are included, when requested, for events advertised in the current issue. To have your event listed at no charge in Our Community Calendar, please call (719) 339-7831 or send the information to calendar@ocn.me or P.O. Box 1742, Monument, Colorado 80132.

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- Email your letter, preferably as an attached Microsoft Word document, to editor@ocn.me or mail a copy to *Our Community News*, P.O. Box 1742, Monument, CO 80132-1742.
- Identify your submission as a letter to the editor and confirm that it has not been submitted to any other publication.
- Include a suggested headline or title that summarizes the topic you are addressing.
- Limit letters to no more than 300 words.
- Include your full name, home address, phone numbers, and email address, if you have one. Only your name will be published.
- Send your letter at least 14 days before the "first Saturday of the month" when the paper is published. Later submissions may be deferred to our next monthly issue.

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Calendar items due: Fri., Oct. 26

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The High Holidays

By Rabbi Oswald Garagorry

This is the season of the year known to us as the High Holy Days. It is during this time for the Jewish Community to practice historical Judaism and for us at Aliyah Congregation who practice Tanakhee Judaism. This month we had three important holidays, which were instituted by God himself for us to observe. It just happens that they are very close to each other.

First, we just had Rosh Hashanah which was observed from sundown on September 9th and lasted until sundown on Sept 11th. Rosh Hashanah is the Hebrew word used by God himself and is described in *Genesis 21:1-34* and also in *Numbers 29:1-6*; where He instituted it along with instruction for his followers to observe during this time. It is also commonly known as the Feast of Trumpets. This event is also mentioned by two of his followers in their writings. The first to mention it was Samuel who lived during the Old Testament time in his first book, *1 Samuel 1:1-2:10*. The other follower of our God who also makes reference to this holiday is Matthew in his Gospel, *Matthew 24:29-36*. Rosh Hashanah is the celebration for our New Year given by God Himself; and in our calendar it is the start of the year 5778. The count of years began with the creation of our ancestors Adam and Eve until now.

Secondly, we had the holiday known as Yom Kippur. It is a day for fasting and praying; *Leviticus 16:1-34, 18:1-30, Numbers 29:7-11, and Matthew 25:31-46*. It is also known as the Day of Atonement. This is a day that Gods' followers are to use exclusively to seek God and ask his forgiveness for all our sins (known and unknown) for the year that has just passed. Also on this date we are instructed to deal with our sins for the preceding year in relation to others. We are instructed to correct our faults in relation to our fellowman to whom we may have acted incorrectly or unrighteously during the preceding year. Reference is made to this day in *Leviticus 22:26-23:44, Numbers 29:12-16, Zachariah 14:1-12, Luke 2:1-2, John 7:1-10 and John 7:31-43*.

Thirdly, we have the holiday of Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles. It started at sundown September 23rd and lasted for 8 days. We are instructed to dwell in tents (temporary dwellings) for 8 days and remember how our ancestors lived in the heat of the sunny desert for forty years. This Holiday is very good at getting us out of our comfort zone just as with our ancestors many years ago.

Through our obedience to His instruction to us, we hope to affirm with our actions to Him and to the entire universe that He is our God whom we have chosen; to whom we are committed, to obey, love and to follow for the rest of our existence on this plant called earth.

In Messiah's love we hope that you, my dear reader will find his path and direction to your life's future.

Shalom to you.

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