

## High Holiday Message – 5775

Dear friends and family from the MFJC community,  
The message below is my contribution to the Greater MetroWest community in the 'From the Rabbis' section of the NJ Jewish News. It's a message that applies to you as it applies to our fellow Jews in the area. But, please take my call to action more seriously than someone else might. As community and rabbi, we have a special bond and I pray that we will grow closer and stronger together this coming year...

If you intentionally opened the 'From the Rabbis' High Holiday messages in the NJ Jewish News, looking for an inspiring message for 5775, you are probably not the person I am trying to reach. To save you time, please jump to the signature line below. You are one of the lucky ones! Nothing I write can compare to the blessings and fortunes you already experience from connection to Judaism and affiliation with the Jewish community. Jewish people everywhere owe you a debt of gratitude for your contribution to the survival and the unfolding destiny of the Jewish people.

If, however, you are a searcher or if you accidentally stumbled upon this page, PLEASE DON'T GO...WE NEED YOU!!! Where have you been? This only sounds desperate because it is! Friend, our community is falling apart; Jews all over the world are disenchanted; our connection to Israel is tenuous and ambivalent; the intellectual nobility of Torah study is tarnished; souls that used to soar from prayer are bored and weary; our frenetic lives make acts of loving-kindness burdensome.

Things for 5774 years were grim...until now; I know that the year 5775 will be different. Everything will change or begin to change. This year is a New Year and this year we are filled with hope. The year 5775 will be different, a banner year for the Jewish people, because of...You.

Shana Tova; a healthy, sweet and meaningful year for you and your entire family...

With great love,  
Rabbi Menashe East