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The Jewish Discovery Center (JDC) will provide high holiday services for the months of September and October. Upcoming holidays being celebrated are Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and others. Celebrations will include praying, singing, dancing, eating, and classes to learn about each of the holidays. Events will be held at 757 Hopkins Road, Williamsville, NY 14221 on September 8 through October 12. The high holidays are the most important time of the year for the Jewish people. The Jewish people pray for forgiveness from g-d for any harm they may have caused other people and the world during the high holidays; it is a time devoted to reflecting over the ending year, and making plans on how to better oneself over the upcoming new year.

Rabbi Laizer Labkovski, rabbi of the JDC, is planning events throughout the four weeks to help all Jewish members of the Buffalo suburbs be prepared for the holidays. Starting with Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 8, Rabbi Labkovski will be contacting Jewish members to come pray in a non-denominational congregation. Labkovski says, "Here at the JDC, we don't believe in labels for Jews. We believe that reform Jews, conservative Jews, orthodox Jews, reconstructionist Jews do not exist, it doesn't matter what kind of Jew a person identifies as, if you're Jewish, then we hope you'll come to our shul. A Jew is a Jew, and that's the whole discussion."

Community members interested in more details can find Rabbi Labkovski at the JDC every Friday evening for services welcoming the Sabbath. Details about the high holiday prayer times, as well as information about the holidays themselves, can also be found on the shul website at www.JewishTomorrow.com.

The staff at the JDC work year round to ensure Jews living in the suburbs of Buffalo are familiar with and comfortable for each of the Jewish holidays. Rabbi Labkovski visits local hospitals and retirements homes every week and works at then JDC Hebrew School teaching Jewish children about their history and ancestors.

The JDC is a project of the Chabad-Lubavitch community, headquartered in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, NY. Influenced by the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the Chabad rabbis and rebbetzins work hard to bring both the mystical and the simple teachings of Judaism into the lives of Jews all around the world. Founded over 300 years ago in eastern Europe, the Lubavitch movement works with rabbis in over 300 countries today, reaching out to local communities to find and teach Jews who have lost their Jewish identity.

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