



# Shofar

February 2015  
Shevat – Adar 1, 5776  
Jewish Center  
of the Moriches



# Happy Purim!

# The Jewish Center of the Moriches Temple Board and Spiritual Leader

The Cantor and Officers invite members of the Congregation to contact any of them with ideas, opinions, questions, complaints (hopefully accompanied by a helpful suggestion!), and offers of support or just to talk of your concerns. Members of the Congregation are always welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings and participate in discussions. E-mail addresses and phone numbers are listed for those who also like to correspond directly with the Cantor or Board members.

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The winter felt late this year, but it wasn't long until the deep snow arrived on the ground. I hope all of you are keeping warm during this winter season. Last month we experienced warmth together, as we celebrated the festival of lights, Hanukah, by lighting our Menorah as a community at the Jewish Center. It was a wonderful way to begin this season. Now that winter is deeply upon us we continue the journey with other dates of note. We observed Martin Luther King Day on January 18. You probably know that many Jews worked along with this great man, as he struggled to fix the world through the movement of civil rights. Jewish organizers and Rabbis, including the esteemed Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, marched with Dr. King. It is very important for us as Jews to honor his legacy and remember him.

Getting back to ritually Jewish Holidays, a week after MLK Day comes Tu b'Shvat, the Jewish Birthday of the trees, celebrated this year on January 25. On this holiday we celebrate and honor trees and all plant life in nature. We appreciate the natural beauty surrounding us and we remember that trees give us the essential things in life. Without them we really could not even exist. Tu b'Shvat is also observed by having a seder, a special meal featuring much wine, fruit, and nuts. It has, fortunately, become an annual tradition here at the Jewish Center to celebrate Tu b'Shvat with a seder of our own.

The literal meaning of Tu b'Shvat is the 15th day of the hebrew month of Shvat. After Shvat comes the hebrew month of Adar. It is during this month that we celebrate the day of Purim. However, this year we have to wait a little longer for Purim to arrive. That is because we are observing a leap year, when an additional, 13th month is added to the calendar. A Jewish leap year occurs in a cycle of 7 times out of every 19 years. This complicated calendar system was devised by the rabbis in ancient times in order to ensure that the Jewish holidays would always remain in their same seasons, not constantly shifting through different times of the year. It is amazing to think about how the rabbis were able to come up with this concept such a very long time ago, and how it continues to work rather perfectly for us today. So, we wait, because this year there are two months of Adar, known as Adar Aleph, the first Adar, and Adar bet, the second Adar. Purim will not take place until the 14th day of the second month of Adar, which corresponds this year to March 24th. The wait will give us plenty of time to get ready for our costumes, carnivals, and celebrations.

Happy winter everyone. See you at the Jewish Center!

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### **DONATIONS AND HOW TO DO SO-**

Donations have always been welcomed and are greatly appreciated. Other than membership dues your donations have also helped in the continual financial welfare of the Jewish Center of the Moriches. To properly designate your donation please write on your check or attach a note to where you might want the fund deposited, such as Kol Nidre, Memorial, Sanctuary, General or specific fund raising accounts and so on. By doing this it will enable Farra, our treasurer to correctly distribute all monies.

Thank-you all for such tremendous donations and contributions that help benefit the future of our Jewish Center

## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

As usual, it has been a very busy time for our rapidly growing Hebrew school. We have several new students this year and they have been having a great time getting to know each other.

Meanwhile, we continue to focus our time working on Hebrew skills, prayers, Torah study, and fun projects reflecting the time of the year. After we return from president's week vacation, our focus will turn to the unique holiday of Purim. We will be learning the story of the great Queen Esther and designing our own masks to wear at our Purim celebration which will take place on March 20th at 10:00. The entire community is encouraged to join us for this great occasion. Also, please join us for scout shabbat on Saturday morning, February 27th. Come to see and learn more about all of our wonderful Hebrew school students.



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IN MARCH

The sisterhood is holding its annual food drive for the entire month of March.

Please leave all donations of non-perishable food stuffs and/or paper goods in our library.

If you need pickup, call Marilyn at 874-4341.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scout Shabbat: Saturday, 2/27/2016

This special service is not just for scouts,  
so please attend ☺.



## Hebrew School Bowling

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, we are having a bowling day with the Hebrew School kids. See Mike for details.



## Purim: Sunday, 3/20/2016

Don't miss our Purim celebration on Sunday, 3/20. The service starts at 10AM followed by a carnival from 11AM to Noon with Shalach Manos for the kids.

**This year we are having ice cream too!**



## The Jewish Center of The Moriches Annual Sisterhood Dinner

with services to follow

Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6pm

Contact Marilyn at 878-0466 or [home\\_cooks@yahoo.com](mailto:home_cooks@yahoo.com) for more information

Reservations must be made by March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Mail checks made out to the Deborah Sisterhood to:

Sherry Schwartz, 12 Mallard Dr, Center Moriches NY 11934.

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### Reservation Form:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Children up to age 13 \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

As always, if you wish to see your happy occasion listed in our Shofar, e-mail to Michael Leselrod, [mleselrod@yahoo.com](mailto:mleselrod@yahoo.com) or send a message through our website [www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com](http://www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com). Also, **we need your e-mail address!** This will enable us to send you important Temple updates, cancellations, new and spontaneous activities placed in our calendar, etc., etc. So, please e-mail these to Mike as well. THANK YOU !!

Reminder to anyone who might make any purchases from the **Deborah Sisterhood**, please remember to make your check payable to the "Deborah Sisterhood". Thank you for your donations.

**Friday Night Shabbat Services.** In an effort to keep the services from ending too late at night, and thus to make attending services more attractive to families with children, we will be starting services **promptly at 7:45 pm**. The building will be open from about 7:30 onwards to allow socializing before the services. Please make every effort to arrive promptly. Thank you for your cooperation. Steve Schwartz, for the ritual committee

Almost every Friday night people attend services specifically to say Kaddish. In order to recite the Kaddish, a Minyan (minimum of ten adults) is required. Unfortunately there are times when fewer than ten people attend services. This is very upsetting to those who are denied the opportunity to say Kaddish. Friday night services only last about an hour and a half. Please try to attend as often as possible so we have a Minyan.

If there is anyone interested in coming to Friday night service or a function at the Temple and you **need transportation** then please call Cantor Konigsberg 917-696-0749 and leave a message with your name, phone number and the date you are looking to attend. Cantor will return your call with the member's name that will be more than willing to assist you. Please send all birth announcements, deaths, change of address or all other **imperative information** for the Jewish Center to **Donna Ash**, our Corresponding Secretary at 395-3346 or e-mail [desj1975@hotmail.com](mailto:desj1975@hotmail.com). This will allow all information to be distributed to the right board member or committee.

Interested in sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat through the Deborah Sisterhood? Call :Sherry Schwartz @ 878-4880



## Tree of Life or Memorial Plaques

Engrave a joyous memory such as an anniversary, birth, wedding or Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The cost for a leaf on the Tree of Life is \$150.00.

Preserve an everlasting name in the Sanctuary with a Memorial plaque for \$175.00 or \$350.00 for non-members.

For further information, please contact Janet Bossert 848-7192.

## Plant a tree in Israel

Anyone who would like to plant a tree in Israel in honor or memory of someone, please call Stuart Bossert at 848-7192.

The person should have the name of the person that they want honored, and the person's name and address that you want the certificate for the tree sent to.

The donation for this honorarium is \$18.00 and the check made out to sisterhood. Please mail your check to Stuart Bossert at PO Box 12, Moriches, NY 11955.





East End Jewish Community Council

East End Jewish Community Council was formed to unite Jewish people, synagogues and organizations on the East End of L.I. for their mutual benefit & to promote Jewish cultural & religious identity.

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As members of the Jewish Center know, we welcome participation of members of the Congregation and guests to participate in the service to the extent of their capabilities and desires. We are fortunate to have several members of the Congregation who contribute by leading the singing of some of our most familiar prayers. Others contribute by reading the Haftarah. Another contributes by blowing the Shofar. Many contribute by leading English readings or by opening the Ark. Still others help by greeting Congregants and guests and by assisting with the proceedings on the Bimah. But we can always benefit from more participation.

Perhaps there is a role you would like to play and are just waiting to be invited. We invite you to let us know what you would like to do and we will make every effort to accommodate you. Please contact Steve Schwartz, chair of the Ritual Committee (ss12@optonline.net; 631-878-4880) or Cantor Zach (cantorzkonigsberg@gmail.com; 917-696-0749) and let us know how you would like to participate. Looking forward to seeing you all at Services.

Steve Schwartz

## Jewish Center of the Moriches 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Jewish Center synagogue is coming up this summer.

We will have a ceremony/celebration including songs, speeches and the opening of the time capsule, sealed 50 years ago.

**If you would like to help plan or contribute to this event, contact Larry Kiss  
874-4928 the3kisses@optonline.net**







*November, 2015*

*The following are names of individuals whose yahrzeits are memorialized by plaques in the sanctuary and the dates of the Friday evening services on which their yahrzeits will be observed and Kaddish recited in their memory:*

November 6	Isidore Hirschenfang
November 13	Ilene Ellis
November 13	Sidney Edel
November 13	Lillian Rudnetsky
November 13	Leo Moscovitz
November 20	Celia Pick Juskowitz
November 20	Lynda Zelda Boker
November 20	Dr. Philip Willner
November 27	Isidore Scharf
November 27	Ray Levine Schulman

*Worshippers who are observing a yahrzeit and who would like any additional name mentioned at the time of Kaddish are asked to present that name in writing to the Cantor prior to the service.*

*“The memory of the righteous is a Blessing”*



*December, 2015*

*The following are names of individuals whose yahrzeits are memorialized by plaques in the sanctuary and the dates of the Friday evening services on which their yahrzeits will be observed and Kaddish recited in their memory:*

December 4	Lillian Levine
December 4	Murray Bernstein
December 11	Roza B. Erdos
December 11	Gussie Steiner Abeloff
December 11	Gusta Lipsman
December 11	Rueben M. Kvares
December 18	Joan Gottlieb
December 18	Alex M. Safier
December 18	Ellen Jane Freund Schwartz
December 18	Eugene Ash
December 25	Yetta Zion
December 25	Katie Stark
December 25	Belle Weissman
December 25	Sigmond Lantz
December 25	David Zion
December 25	Emilie Sheren

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◀ January 2016						March 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Hebrew School	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 No Hebrew School	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 No Hebrew School	22	23	24	25	26	27 Scout Shabbat 9:30am
28 Hebrew School	29	<b>Notes:</b> Please join us for Scout Shabbat on Feb 27 <sup>th</sup> .				

March 2016						
◀ February 2016						April 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Hebrew School	7	8	9	10	11 Sisterhood Dinner 6pm	12
13 Hebrew School Hebrew School Bowling	14	15	16	17	18 Come hear Ivana Slifstein talk about her experience in Israel	19
20 Purim!	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Hebrew School	28	29	30	31	<b>Notes:</b> Please join us for our Purim Carnival and service on 3/20. Saturday April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Service	

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