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There is so much going on in the next few months.

Please join us for all of our events!

D'Var HaRav (The Cantor's Message) February 2019

Dear Chaverim,

With the frenzy of the winter holidays behind us, many find this time of year to now be a bit of a lull from the excitement and often chaotic tempo of Hanukkah and the New Year. One might even think: Now what? Many find the proceeding winter months directly following the New Year as a time of coldness, darkness, and a sort of hibernation period where one might just wait it out until the warmth and renewal of spring bring back light, life and the will to walk outdoors without anticipating the biting cold of midwinter. However, the approach that I take to these bone chilling, windy winter days is instead to think of these remaining winter months as a time of reflection, growth, and renewal. And, especially as a time to reset myself, both emotionally and consciously, for the spring period coming up, and for the two Jewish holidays soon to be upon us - Purim and Passover!

I use this time to reevaluate my goals for the year, and how I can achieve them. I start working on my "plan" as soon as the New Year is over. For example, spending more time with my family, and more time at the gym! And making sure that I do well in any classes that I may be taking this coming semester, by planning ahead and scheduling in study time. So, in effect, I really see this as a time of rebirth for me as well, and as a chance to reshape myself and make some much needed adjustments in the way I function and approach life. This mindset also prepares me for Purim and Passover - both holidays are about survival, a rebirth in a way, and about the celebration of life!

Purim, while we all know is the story of Esther, is really a celebration and reaffirmation that we are still here! We have survived and we are not going away! Despite all that may come against us, the Jewish people persevere, and always come back stronger than ever, and with more fortitude and determination to continue our way of life and our special relationship with God. Dressing up and celebrating with a carnival is the expression of this joy, in the purist form. Plus, it also gives a way to physically and emotionally connect with Esther, Mordecai and the Jews from this period - we celebrate this victory in a way that perhaps they did as well - by celebrating, having a party, and thanking God for our survival.

Then, soon after Purim, we have perhaps one of my favorite holidays - Passover! I love reading this in the Torah - it reads like an epic drama, and has so many wonderful characters, so to speak - Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Moses' Egyptian mother, the Pharaoh, and all of the drama of the plagues. Again, this is another story of survival - but even more so- it is a story of the birth of a nation - The Jewish People. For, it is in Parsha Yitro, that Moses, along with the help, of course, of God and his father in law, Yitro, that Moses first develops a formal system of Jewish Law and Jewish Courts. Our identity as a Jewish family and community really develops and solidifies here. So, this is truly a celebration of not only escaping from Egypt and finding freedom, but of the beginning of us as a Jewish People. Plus, who doesn't love all of the delicious Passover food!

So, these two holidays, to me, are the perfect reason for us to prepare and reset ourselves during these last winter months. We have so much to look forward to, and Purim and Passover ensure that we don't forget all that we should be grateful for, and give us a true purpose and serve as the light at the end of our winter days for all the great things to come in this year!

I hope to see you all at Shabbat, and especially for our Purim and Passover celebrations!

With warmth, appreciation, and joy, Cantor Rubin

Hebrew School News

We are already halfway through our Hebrew School year, and many of our new changes and updates have now been fully implemented. We are seeing great progress with our students, and a full well-rounded Hebrew School student is our end goal.

First, our new Hebrew Decoding books - Shalom Hebrew - are really being enjoyed by our students, and the books ensure that each student will learn how to decode and read Hebrew - without having to memorize or read purely by sight. Next, all of our students are now full swing into learning how to write Hebrew Script. All of our children love Havdalah in the morning now, and we are now at the point where many of them are able to come up and help me lead! Tefillah is moving along - we review and continuously learn all of our Friday Night prayers, and last week we started the Saturday Morning Shabbat service, which is the service that most of our children will lead for their bar or bat mitzvah.

We also are having the children learn and sing new Israeli and Jewish songs, during our music session at the end of the day. More music will be added, and the children are now used to singing in chorus style. We plan on including them in more services, and even some upcoming concerts/events.

Myself, Morah Renee, and Morah Julie are planning some more projects for our children, and we will keep you posted as they come about.

We also have some Bar Mitzvahs coming up later this year - in the months of May, June and August - that of **Robbie Scherter on May 4th, Devon Mott on June 22nd, and Jacob Besser on August 10th**. This is very exciting, and we encourage you to attend these Bar Mitzvahs - to support our Bar Mitzvah children, but also as a learning experience for your own child. In addition, just a reminder, to please attend our regular services with your children. This is part of their Jewish education, and the process to becoming a B'nai Mitzvah.

We do ask for all of you to please return the information sheets that we emailed to you a couple of months ago - as we need these to learn more about your children, in regards to personal learning styles and emergency information. If you need another copy, then please let us know.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday, Cantor Erica

Familyhood Greeting

We are please to introduce the Familyhood of the Jewish Center of the Moriches! Does this sound a lot like the Sisterhood? Well, it should. It's the same organization, but we're doing a little bit of rebranding so that we can be more inclusive and welcome both men and women who wish to be involved. The Familyhood will continue all the wonderful work the Sisterhood has been doing for so many years, but we're also going to start revitalizing and adding new events and opportunities for more individuals and families to participate. We'll be sending out more information about how you can join the Familyhood soon, but in the meantime, feel free to contact our co-Presidents, Jen Heitman (jng616@hotmail.com) and Janet Bossert (stuboss1@verizon.net) with any questions or ideas.

One of the first new programs we'll be doing as a Familyhood is starting a book club! Our resident librarian, Mara Zonderman (mzonderman@gmail.com), will lead a discussion group, starting with our first meeting on Sunday, March 3rd at 10am. In addition to dicussing our first book, My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew by Abigail Pogrebin, we'll talk about how we want to the book club to be run (where, when, and how often do we want to meet, what kinds of books dop we want to read, etc.). If you're interested in joining the book club, let Mara know.

Purim: Sunday, 3/24/2018

Don't miss our Purim celebration on **Sunday, 3/24**.

The **service** starts at **10AM** followed by a **carnival** from 11AM to Noon with Shalach Manos for the kids.

Dress up in a costume and have some fun!



Saturday Shabbat Torah Service

FAQ on our Torah Service



Question: How often do we have one?

Answer: Only on Saturdays and typically once a month.

Question: I get bored easily and can't handle a long service. How long is it?

Answer: It's only 1.5 hours! You can do it.

Question: Do you really need me at the service?

Answer: Yes! Unless we have a minyan of at least 10 Jewish Adults, we don't read from the Torah.

Question: You convinced me. When is the next service?

Answer: You are in luck! There is one on **Sat. March. 30th** at **9:30am**. See you there!

Rabbi Karol: Biblical and Jewish References in Bob Dylan's Lyrics



Friday March 15th following services

Services start at 6:30

Based on Seth Rogovoy's Bob Dylan: Prophet, Mystic, Poet, and other resources, this talk involves discussing some of Dylan's lyrics that contain Biblical and Jewish references

Included are well-known songs such as "Blowin' in the Wind," "Forever Young," "All Along the Watchtower," and "The Times They Are A-Changin'."

Also discussed will be his Jewish upbringing and knowledge of his heritage as explained by Rogovoy and other authors.



Passover 2nd Night

Saturday April 20th, 2019



The Jewish Center will be hosting a Passover dinner on **Saturday, April 20th** at 5:30pm.

For members: Adults are \$26.00 and children 5 to 12 are \$16, under 5, no charge.

For non-members and guests: Adults are \$36.00, children 5-12 \$18.00, under 5, no charge.

For information email jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com

Reservations must be made by **April 3rd** by sending your check made out to the Jewish Center of the Moriches to:

Jewish Center of the Moriches
Att: Farra Isaacson
PO Box 127
Center Moriches NY 11934.

Reservation Form:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Adults \$25.00 _____ Children up to age 12 \$15.00 _____

Non Member Adult \$33.00 _____ Non Member Children \$18.00 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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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
424 N. Midland Pond Ct., Moriches, 11955



Don't wait for Rosh Hashanah to see the Torah

We have a Saturday Morning Torah Service about once a month. Our Saturday crowd is typically different from our Friday night crowd. Why not come to one of our Saturday services and try something new if you haven't already? You don't have to wait until Rosh Hashanah to see the Torah again.

Would you like to make a donation?

Donations have always been welcomed and are greatly appreciated. We keep our dues as low as possible and thrive through the generous donations of our congregants.

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

Have an announcement for the Shofar Newsletter?

As always, if you wish to see your happy occasion listed in our Shofar, send an e-mail to jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com or use the contact form on our website at www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com.

Correspondence Secretary

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 631-395-3346 or e-mail desj1975@hotmail.com. This will allow all information to be distributed to the right board member or committee.

Sponsor an Oneg on Shabbat

Sponsoring an Oneg can be a great way to celebrate simchas such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other commemorations. Interested in sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat through the Deborah Sisterhood? Call :Sherry Schwartz @ 631-878-4880

Would you like to Participate in a Service?

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 (cantorkonigsberg@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

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 7:30 pm**. The building will be open from about 7:15 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.



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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March, 2019

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:

March 1	Adelaide B. Bodow
March 1	Irna Seides
March 1	Paul Hegeman
March 8	Joel Bergmann
March 8	Rosette Mark
March 8	Hattie Simon
March 15	Maybelle Michaels
March 15	Reyna Heller

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”



April, 2019

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:

April 5	Abraham Heller
April 5	Kate Olewach
April 5	Lillian Reiss
April 12	Eugene Forsch
April 12	Isadore Swire
April 12	Rosiland Edel
April 12	Norman Stein
April 19	Joseph Stein
April 26	Florence Hirschenfang
April 26	Suellen Shakin
April 26	Saul Bell
April 26	William Glazer
April 26	Alexander Weiss
April 26	Edward H. Loeb

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Upcoming Schedule

March

Sunday 3/3 - Hebrew School 9AM

Sunday 3/10 - Hebrew School 9AM

Friday 3/15 – Early Service & Discussion by Rabbi Karol

Biblical and Jewish references in Bob Dylan’s lyrics

Sunday 3/17 - Hebrew School 9AM

Sunday 3/24 – Purim Service and Carnival 10AM

Saturday 3/30 – Saturday Morning Shabbat Service 9:30AM

Sunday 3/31 - Hebrew School 9AM

April

Sunday 4/7 - Hebrew School 9AM

Sunday 4/14 - Hebrew School 9AM

Saturday 4/20 – 2nd night of Passover Seder. 5:30

Sunday 4/21 – **NO Hebrew School**

Sunday 4/28 - Hebrew School 9AM

B’nai Mitzvah

We are lucky to have 3 B’nai Mitzvah scheduled in the coming months.

Please join these families on the Friday night and Saturday service.

Robbie Sherter on May 4th

Devon Mott on June 22nd

Jacob Besser on August 10th



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