



Shofar

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Jewish Center
of the Moriches



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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It's that time of year again.

Be sure to check the High Holiday Schedule for all important dates and times.

Please come by on Saturday 9/5 at 8:30PM for our Selichot Service.

**Don't forget Jordan and Justin Kornreich will have their B'nai-Mitzvah on Saturday, September 26th!
That's the last one for this year so don't miss it.**

See you there!

September is here and, once again, our season of return has arrived. It is time to return to ourselves, to return to our faith, to return to the values which we know are supreme but which, at times, we perhaps lose track of. As the year proceeds and fills up with all its details, both great and small, we may become distracted from the principle of perfecting ourselves. The High Holiday season comes around to remind us to stop, slow down, and reassess our lives and our behavior.

This period of self-reflection officially begins with Rosh Hodesh Elul, the New Hebrew month of Elul which is the final month before the arrival of Rosh Hashanah. Elul began on Aug. 15th and concludes on Sept. 13th, the eve of our New Year. This final month represents our opportunity to do all of those things we have been meaning to do; to give to certain charities, to call or visit friends or family members with whom we have not recently been in touch, and even to apologize to anyone we may have hurt in the past year, whether intentionally or by way of accident. It is understandable that these things sometimes become neglected, slipped through the cracks. It is hard, even impossible, to always do the right thing. That is why this season of teshuvah, returning or repentance, has been built into the structure of our year. Judaism is designed to help us become better people, so that we do not have to rely solely on ourselves to do what is best. Our religion reminds us, gives to us a method by which to improve. We are not alone in this process. The entire community is working together simultaneously, guided by our ancient traditions. All we need to do is embrace what is presented before us, take it in and let it help make us whole again, as we prepare for a joyous new year.

Here at the Jewish Center we have two events coming up, in addition, of course, to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, which are designed to help us prepare spiritually and emotionally for the upcoming penitential season. First, on Sat. night, Sept. 5th, we will be holding our Slichot service. The Slichot are a beautiful set of prayers which help us become ready for the New Year. Please join us at 8:30 that night for an uplifting experience filled with beautiful melodies and good food too. Also, on Sunday morning, Sept. 20th (this year between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) at 11:00 in the the morning, we will have our annual memorial service which takes place in our Jewish section of Mount Pleasant cemetery. This is a wonderful chance to connect with those who lived and passed away before us. We can seek their guidance and blessing, as we honor them in preparation for the taking on of a new year. Please consider attending both of these meaningful and spiritual events. I think you will find it very uplifting.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Jewish Center for the High Holidays. Shanah Tova and happy new year to everyone!

High Holidays Schedule of Services

Selichot	Sat	9/05	8:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Sun	9/13	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Mon	9/14	9:00 AM
Tashlich			1:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Eve	Mon	9/14	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Tue	9/15	9:00 AM
Shabbat Evening Service	Fri	9/18	7:45 PM
Cemetery Memorial Service	Sun	9/20	11:00AM
Kol Nidre	Tue	9/22	6:30 PM sharp
Yom Kippur	Wed	9/23	9:00 AM
Yizkor			11:00AM
Mincha			5:15 PM
Break the Fast			7:30 PM

For High Holiday Tickets contact Judy Hean @ 631-878-0466. Tickets are \$162 each for non-members;
Tickets are \$75 each for family members. Family packages can be offered.

Please make sure you have your annual 2015 dues paid prior, if you are planning to attend services. Tickets for Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur will not be mailed to anyone who is not current with their dues, unless you contact Treasurer Judy Hean to make special provisions. Following the holidays, if there are any extra Book of Remembrances and you are looking to have one mailed, for \$2.50 (cost of mailing), contact Judy Hean.

Children's Service

The Jewish Center of the Moriches is proud to announce that this year we will offer a special children's High Holiday Service, which will take place on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur from 10:30 until 12:00.

This service will be lead by Phyllis Sussman, wife of our Spiritual Leader, Cantor Zachary Konigsberg. Phyllis directs the Jewish studies department at the Hannah Senesh Community Day School in Brooklyn. She is a gifted and highly qualified educator and this program will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn prayers and customs of the High Holidays and to enjoy stories and snacks. Please join us! If you have any questions please contact Cantor Zachary.

**Contributions to the Jewish Center of the Moriches
Memorial Donation**

Donations	
Anne Kirsch	In memory of husband Charles Kirsch and mother Freda W Schwartz
Judy Hean	In memory of grandmother Fannie Cohn , Uncle Richie Bernstein , Grandmother Annie Bernstein , Aunt Mae Laube , Grandfather Louis Cohn . In honor of nephew Justin Bilski for his 40th Birthday
Maddy & Steve Alter	In memory of mother Minnie Cohen
Morton & Gwen Stark	In memory of sister Rhoda Harrison and Mother Charlotte Stark
Madeline & Kevin Sheren	In memory of Father Perry Sheren
Helene James	In memory of Rose Rudnelsky
Steven & Maddy Alter	In memory of Father Paul Alter

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

Sisterhood News

Dear Members & Friends

Happy birthday to all our September birthdays. As the New Year approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my board for all their continual help in doing this job as Pres.

Thank you to Barbara, Sherry, Roberta, Janet, Judy. My thoughts and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all congregants and their family. I look forward to seeing all of you at the JC for the High Holidays.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo

A special thank you from Marilyn Zoilo:

I would like to thank Barbara Kiss for all her hard work & dedication in organizing & working so hard at fundraising for the Sisterhood with the knitting classes & especially the rummage sale. We would never have a rummage sale without you. Thank you.

Fall Session: **Knitting Classes** for all levels!



Learn to knit, improve your skills or just come and enjoy knitting with us!

Tuesdays November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, December 1st

7 pm to 9 pm

at

The Jewish Center of the Moriches

227 Main Street, Center Moriches

Cost: \$18.00 for all 5 sessions (includes yarn, needles and instructions)

For more information and to register,

please call Barbara at 631-874-4928

Hosted by the Deborah Sisterhood of the Jewish Center of the Moriches

Member News September/October

September birthdays: Larry Kiss 9/7; Arthur Miller 9/7; Abigail Konigsberg 9/15; Farra Isaacson 9/16; Doug Sherter 9/17; Preston Mott 9/22; Gwen Stark 9/23;

October birthdays: Jordan and Justin Kornreich 10/2; Elaine Bernstein 10/12; Mark Isaacson 10/12; Adam Mottola 10/13; Benjamin Isaacson 10/22; Cantor Zach 10/26; Lorna Leselrod 10/29.

Jordan and Justin Kornreich have a B'nai-Mitzvah on September 26th!

Happy 40th to my nephew Justin Bilski out in Las Vegas! (from Aunt Judy)

As always, if you wish to see your happy occasion listed in our Shofar, e-mail to Michael Leselrod, mleselrod@yahoo.com or send a message through our website 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.

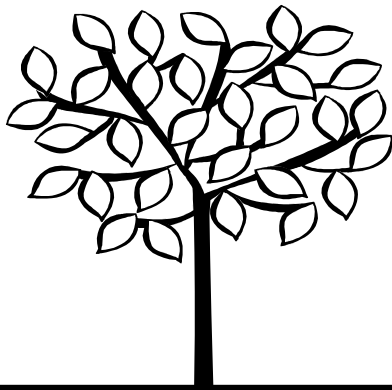
Friday Night Shabbat Services. In an effort to keep the services from ending too late at night, and thus to make attending services more attractive to families with children, we will be starting services **promptly at 7:45 pm**. The building will be open from about 7:30 onwards to allow socializing before 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 . 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 persons 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.
eejcc.com

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



September, 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:

September 4	Isidore Jacobowitz
September 4	Donald Berger
September 4	Louis Cohn
September 4	Paul Alter
September 4	Augustus H. Bergmann
September 11	Charlotte Ober
September 11	Rhoda Harrison
September 11	Annette Pribut Smith
September 11	Benjamin Fingaroot
September 11	Howard Pribut
September 11	Helen Kronman
September 18	Fay Janis
September 18	Benjamin Shapiro
September 25	Celia Safier
September 25	Sam Bernstein
September 25	Morris Kronman
September 25	Frances Kvaes
September 25	Jacob Kronman

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”



October, 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:

October 2	Theresa Kronman
October 9	Katie Helfant
October 9	William Ringe
October 9	Edith Berkowitz
October 16	Philip Rudnetsky
October 16	Morris Messinger
October 16	Alfred S. Schwartz
October 23	Sylvia Swire
October 23	Herbert Schwartz
October 23	Eve Anne Helfant
October 23	David Cohen
October 23	Sidney Schlansky
October 23	Joseph Harris
October 30	Benjamin Laube

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Selichot 8:30PM
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12 Rosh Hashana Eve 8PM
13	14 Rosh Hashanah 1st Day 9AM Tashlich 1:30PM Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Eve 8PM	15 Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day 9AM	16	17	18 Shabbat Evening Service 7:45PM	19
20 Cemetery Memorial Service 11AM First Day of Hebrew School	21	22 Kol Nidre 6:30PM	23 Break the fast 7:30PM! Mincha 5:15PM Yizkor 11AM Yom Kippur 9AM	24	25	26 Kornreich B'nai Mitzvah
27 Hebrew School – Sukkah Building	28	29	30			

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Shabbat/ Sukkot/ Simchat Family service 6:30PM	3
4 Hoshanah Rabbah Service 10AM	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 No Hebrew School	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hebrew School	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Hebrew School	26	27	28	29	30	31

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