

# SHOFAR



## Jewish Center of The Moriches

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# The Jewish Center of the Moriches

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*Please join us for our Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> night Seder on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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## PURIM (a silly little poem, as if that needs to be said...)

We celebrate with ease, on this day of reverse.

Upside down it goes, like its cousin, Hanukah; twirling dreidels all about, never knowing on which side they may land.

Purim manifests the backwardness, gives life to flipping over;

Restoring our universe as if back to the chaotic state in which it dwelled previous to the Divine act of creation.

At that time a mass of *tohu va vohuh* chaos was.

Echo factor in for purim, as we confuse even good from evil with our statement of Baruch Haman.

That's right, we may even bless the villain Haman on the Purim factor day.

Flip flop, never know when to stop,

Should not we incline ourselves to bless Ester and Mordachai,

Most especially hidden hero Harvonah, the prophet Infinite!

But to bless Haman, why even no side of the spinning dreidel could land on HIM!

Or could it?

We know when the spin says *shin* that we have lost the imaginary game, so we bless a curse and Haman rises, through the customary drunkinn stupor we see a vision of ultimate forgetfulness forgivingness, allowing the foe to become a nothing, as we boo its name with glee, and chew chew devour the magic cookie flavor of the *oznei* Haman, three cornered Hamentaschen Haman hats.

Filled with flavors of choice desire; jam, more jam, chocolate or jam.

Jimmy jelly and swirls of treat treats, tasty little morsels of marmalade, prune, poppy-seed filled pastry sweet treats;

Succulent, savory, savior cookies because they are inspiring to eat.

Torah in edible form, like the great round matzahs of sedernight mysteries, these Jew-Jewish foods do what they are designed to do.

Do Jewish? Don't say it that way!

They don't really keep us Jewish, they keep us happy.

The flavors remind us of the sweetness of torah in a most pleasing way.

Eat your Haman Hats! And your Matzah sheets. Spin a dreidel all year long,

As if Purim were on Hanukah, and Hanukah were one day long.

What do you think?

Is this a poem about eating Jewish foods?

I thought it was supposed to be about Purim!

## Hebrew School News

We are even more busy than usual at Hebrew School this time of year. We had a great time preparing for our Purim carnival, which we expect to see many children attend with all kinds of interesting costumes and noise makers. As soon as the Purim celebrations have concluded it will be time for Passover preparations to begin. We will learn all about the story of the enslavement of our people in ancient Egypt; how God saved us with the help of Moses and the power of the ten plagues. We will also learn the prayers and songs of Seder night. In particular, we will work on Mah Nishtanah, the four questions which our children will recite at our community second night seder, here at the Jewish Center. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, we are thrilled and excited to be celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Glick on Saturday morning, March 25, at 10:30. Mazel Tov to the entire Glick family. We hope to see many members of our community at the Bat Mitzvah. Everyone is welcome! Happy Purim and happy Pesach!





## Purim 2017



### **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





# Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Night

## Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017



The Jewish Center will be hosting a Passover dinner on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com)

Reservations must be made by April 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### 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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Sherry & Stephen Schwartz	IMO uncle Joseph Loeb, father Edward Loeb, mother Thelma Loeb
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Correction: 6/27/16 Elaine Bernstein's donation was incorrectly listed. Was IMO for her mother, Belle Bernstein. 8/31/16 Elaine Bernstein's donation IMO Shirley Bergmann and Evelyn Kalish was left out. We regret the errors.	

## 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

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



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[eejcc.com](http://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](mailto:ss12@optonline.net); 631-878-4880) or Cantor Zach ([cantorzkonigsberg@gmail.com](mailto: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





April, 2017

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 7	Norman Stein
April 7	Joseph Stein
April 14	Florence Hirschenfang
April 14	Suellen Shakin
April 14	Saul Bell
April 21	William Glazer
April 21	Alexander Weiss
April 21	Edward H. Loeb
April 21	Abraham Bernstein
April 21	Honey Runge
April 28	Ben Berkowitz
April 28	David Makransky
April 28	Ida Kirsch

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"*



May, 2017

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:

May 5	Edith Weiss
May 5	Tulie Scharf
May 5	Selma Kiss
May 5	Hyman S. Goldstein
May 5	Meyer Reiss
May 12	Abraham Levine
May 12	Charles Kirsch
May 12	Ida Michaels
May 19	Elsa Bonvillian
May 19	Morris Weissman
May 19	Solomon Levine
May 19	Loyal Witt
May 19	Thekla Loeb
May 19	Herbert Kronman
May 26	Ben Kiss
May 26	Florence Pearlman

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## Upcoming Schedule

### April

Sun. April 2: Religious School- 9:00

Sun. April 2: Adult Education - 12:00

Sun. April 9: No School (Passover and Spring break)

Tue. April 11: Passover Seder

Sun. April 16: No School (Passover and Spring break)

Sun. April 23: Religious School

Sun. April 23: Yom Hashoah Event at Temple Israel in Riverhead

Sat. April 29: Shabbat morning service- 9:30

Sun. April 30: Religious School

### May

Sun. May 7: Religious School- 9:00

Sun. May 14: No School (Mother's Day)

Fri. May 19: Special Family Service- 6:30

Sun. May 21: Religious School- 9:00

Sun. May 28: No School (Memorial Day)

Sun. June 4: Religious School- 9:00 (Last Day of school Celebration)

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