

SHOFAR



Jewish Center of The Moriches

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The Jewish Center of the Moriches

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Find our high holiday schedule in this issue.

As we reach near the mid-point of summer we begin to read the last of the five books of the Torah; Devarim, or Deuteronomy in English. This book is known as Moses's farewell speech to the Israelites, as they prepare to enter into the land without him, their fearless and everlasting human leader. Though Moses is forbidden by Divine decree to enter into the land with his fellows, he certainly does have the opportunity and obligation to prepare them as best as he can for their arrival at their ultimate destination.

He does not necessarily do this by preaching military strategy or explaining how they will conquer and settle the land of Israel. Rather, he looks back. He reviews and retells the story of all that has occurred since the Exodus from Egypt. He reminds the people of their triumphs and victories. He praises them for the great faith they showed in God and their willingness to enter into the strange and frightening wilderness. Yet at the same time he admonishes them for all of their shortcomings, of which there are many. He criticizes them for the instances in which they lost faith, complained to Moses, and complained even to God. He reminds the people of how small and petty they were at times, how they did not have trust, and how they even strangely yearned to return to Egyptian bondage at a certain point in their journey. And yet again Moses emphasizes the moments of glory; how the people crossed the red sea, sang songs of praise to God Almighty, and even merited the ultimate gift; the giving of our precious and eternal Torah at Mount Sinai.

It is this Torah, Moses tells the people, which will lead them into the land of Israel. They will not conquer or settle by means of military might alone, but only through the process of learning and adhering to the laws, codes, and commandments of our holy Torah. And so, though Moses would not be able to lead the people into the promised land, (this would be done by Joshua, the newly appointed leader) truly it would be God's Torah itself which would lead the people.

The Torah would show the way into the land of Israel, just as the Torah continues to show the way to us Jews, all of these centuries later.

Meanwhile, as we read of the preparations of our ancient people to enter into the land, we prepare ourselves for the journey of the High Holidays, which are not so far off anymore.

These precious days give us the opportunity to renew ourselves and enter into our new state of enhanced holiness and sanctity. So let it be His will that this is so! Happy new year in advance to everyone.

HIGH HOLY DAYS



Selichot & Shabbat.....	Fri.....	9/15	7:30 PM
Memorial Service, Mt. Pleasant Cem. Sun	9/17	11:00 AM	
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Wed.....	9/20	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Thu	9/21	9:00 AM
Tashlich.....			1:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Eve	Thu	9/21	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Fri.....	9/22	9:00 AM
Shabbat Evening Service	Fri.....	9/22	7:30 PM
Kol Nidre.....	Fri... 9/29	6:30 PM sharp	
Yom Kippur	Sat	9/30	9:00 AM
Yizkor			11:00 AM
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.

ROSH HASHANAH GREETINGS

There are several ways to wish your Jewish friends a happy new year. A few of the more common greetings include:

- **L'Shana Tova:** Wishing your Jewish friends happy new year is as easy as saying *L'Shana Tova*, which means "For a good year" in Hebrew.
- **Shanah Tovah Umetukah:** If you want to express the same sentiment but more elaborately, this phrase means "A good and sweet year."
- **L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu V'taihatem:** A Rosh Hashana greeting used by the devout, this one means "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year."

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

As we continue to enjoy the long, sunny days of summer it is not too early to think about the new year of Hebrew School which will be getting started in September. There will be much activity in our large and growing school, and even some Bar/Bat Mitzvahs on the horizon. Stay tuned for more news to come and please spread the word to your friends and neighbors that our Hebrew School is the place to be for fun, meaningful, and progressive Jewish education. Happy summer everyone!



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
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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](mailto: jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com) or use the contact form on our website at www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com.

Corresponding 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 (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

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.



September, 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:

September 1	Rose Rudnitsky
September 1	Annie Bernstein
September 8	Charlotte Stark
September 8	Isidore Jacobowitz
September 8	Donald Berger
September 15	Louis Cohn
September 15	Paul Alter
September 15	Augustus H. Bergmann
September 15	Charlotte Ober
September 15	Rhoda Harrison
September 15	Annette Pitout Smith
September 22	Benjamin Fingaroot
September 22	Howard Pitout
September 22	Helen Kromman
September 22	Fay Janis
September 29	Benjamin Shapiro
September 29	Celia Safter
September 29	Sam Bernstein

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, 2017

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October 6	Morris Kromman
October 6	Frances Krates
October 6	Jacob Kromman
October 13	Theresa Kromman
October 13	Katie Helfant
October 20	William Runge
October 20	Edith Berkowitz
October 20	Philip Rudnitsky
October 27	Morris Mesinger
October 27	Alfred S. Schwartz
October 27	Sylvia Swire
October 27	Herbert Schwartz
October 27	Eve Anne Helfant
October 27	David Cohen
October 27	Sidney Schlansky

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Upcoming Schedule

September

Sun Sept. 10- 1st day of heb. school

Fri Sept. 15- Friday night Shabbat / Slichot service (7:30)

Sun Sept. 17- Heb. school

Sun Sept. 17- Memorial service at Mt. Pleasant (11:00)

Sun Sept. 24- Heb. School

October

Sunday Oct. 1- Heb. school (Sukkah building day)

Friday Oct. 6- Family service (6:30) Sukkoth/ Simchat Torah celebration

Sun Oct. 8- Heb. school (Sukkoth celebration)

Sun Oct. 15- Heb. school

Sun Oct. 22- Heb. school

Sun Oct. 29- Heb. school

Sat Nov. 4- Shabbat morning service (9:30)



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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