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The Shofar



The Festival of Lights

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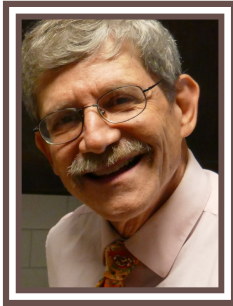
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D'Var HaRav (The Rabbi's Message)

A promotional pitch for Friday night services

One of the most novel concepts expressed in the Five Books of Moses is that of a day of rest once a week. The Sabbath (Shabbat) has persisted as a component of Jewish practice for thousands of years, and here at the Jewish Center of the Moriches, we routinely inaugurate the weekly holiday with a (now-online) service.

The Friday evening service consists of a half dozen Psalms (representing the six days of the just-completed workweek) followed by a medieval poem to welcome the Sabbath, metaphorically referred to as the Sabbath Bride. This text, *Lecha Dodi* (Come, my Beloved), was composed in the 16th century by Jewish mystics in the city of Safed in Israel. Next comes Psalm 92, known as the Sabbath Psalm, and then finally our formal service begins with the call to worship. This introduces the segment of the service known as the recitation of the Sh'ma whose most familiar passage is from Deuteronomy and is called the declaration of faith in Judaism. Shortly after, we have an opportunity for silent prayer during the Amidah (standing), the series of blessings, recited while standing, which are at the heart of every worship service. Finally we close with a prayer called Aleynu (it is our duty) which recognizes the One who "who spread forth the heavens and established the earth." Various forms of the Kaddish serve as punctuation throughout the service.

One variant is the Mourner's Kaddish at the very end which provides those who have recently lost a relative or who are observing the anniversary of the death of a relative an opportunity to reaffirm their faith despite their sorrow.

Start to finish, the whole of a Friday evening service can be conducted in under half an hour, but yours truly tends to drag it out with the inclusion of stories and explanatory comments – nonetheless we usually finish in ~45 minutes, typically starting at 8 PM after a child-friendly story at 7:45. We welcome you to continue joining us if you are a regular attendee or to give us a try if you're not used to attending. I find it is a way to begin a 24-hour opportunity to put the cares of the world aside and acknowledge all the many things for which I am thankful.

B'shalom, Rabbi Jack



Member Spotlight

Aaron Isaacson

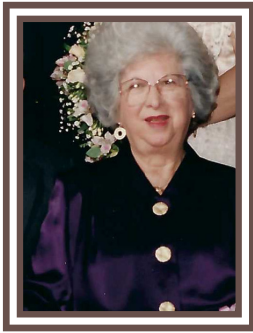
Aaron Isaacson, the younger son of Farra and Mark, reached the age of bar-mitzvah in September. Proud family members include grandparents Harold and Elaine Isaacson, grandparents Mark and Joyce Schweibish, and aunt and uncle Lorna and Mike Leseslrod. Big brother Benjamin celebrated his bar mitzvah at JCM several years ago.

The Isaacsons live in Manorville, and Aaron is an eighth-grader at Eastport South Manor Junior/Senior High School. Due to the ongoing pandemic, school is looking a little different these days. "I prefer the old way," says Aaron, "sometimes it's hard to pay attention on the online days." Classes are split between two in-person days every week, and 2 ½ online class days. In-person meetings are limited to 12 students, with the teens physically spread out as much as possible.

Since fourth grade, Aaron has been playing the French Horn. Aaron's musical skill benefitted the Jewish Center during this year's Zoomed High Holiday services, as Aaron was our capable shofar-blower. For the last several years, Aaron has been part of Suffolk County Music Educators' Association's All-County Band and All-County Orchestra, as well as the Hamptons Music Educators' Association band. Aaron has also dabbled in music composition. Last year, his favorite school club was being part of the school play, the Wizard of Oz. He's an animal lover, enjoying the family's four cats, all of whom were adopted as strays.

Memorable vacations from the pre-Covid-19 era were a cruise with cousins and grandparents to the Bahamas, and a family trip to the Grand Canyon. What about a favorite Jewish food?

"My mom makes really epic hamantashen!" Aaron's bar-mitzvah celebration will be re-scheduled, hopefully to take place in 2021. When asked if he's keeping positive with the pandemic, Aaron answered with an upbeat, "I'm trying to!"



We Remember Gloria Fingerhut

Gloria (nee Berkowitz) Fingerhut, November 1, 1923-August 31, 2020

Long-time JCM member Gloria Fingerhut passed away at the end of August. She leaves behind husband Jack, of 71 years, as well as her two children, Francine and Richard, and Rich's wife Martha. Other family include great-, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Gloria grew up in Lawrence (Nassau County), and married Jack in 1949 on the front lawn of the East Moriches house they later lived in. The house had been in Gloria's family since 1927, originally as a summer home. From the 1950s to 1970 Jack and Gloria ran a poultry and egg farm from the home. Jack continues to live in the house they shared.

Gloria, gifted with a beautiful operatic voice, sang with the USO (United Service Organizations for National Defense) during the second World War, and in the local Choral Society. She enjoyed gardening, dachshunds, and most importantly, her extended family. A true "Jewish cook", Gloria was known for her chicken soup, cabbage, latkes, and her cookies—including Purim hamantaschen. She was a dynamo when it came to gathering items for JCM's annual rummage sale. Gloria and Jack joined the Jewish Center in 1957; at one time Jack served at JCM's Vice-President.

Gloria was buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at a socially-distanced outdoor funeral.

Zoom Chanukah Celebration



Who: all of us, in our homes

When: Saturday night, December 12th, 6:30-7:30 pm

What: Havdalah for the conclusion of Shabbat, followed by lighting of chanukkiot (Chanukah menorahs)

Where: via Zoom (find the link on the JCM website, contact the temple for the passcode) **REMEMBER**, You can call in to Zoom events from **ANY TELEPHONE** if you don't have computer access.

This year, we celebrate Chanukah from Thursday evening, December 10th through Friday, Dec. 14th. When we gather together via Zoom on Saturday evening, we'll light three candles plus the *shamash* to mark the third night of Chanukah.

Check your email/watch for a robocall for details. JCM will be collecting photos and video of community members lighting candles and displaying homemade Chanukah menorahs. We'll also feature our own JCM players in a short, humorous skit based on the Chanukkah story, and we'll close with a few traditional songs and an opportunity to share our own memorable Chanukkah experiences, past and present.

Annual Temple Board Meeting

SUNDAY JANUARY 10th at 10AM ALL ARE INVITED ON ZOOM

If you are interested in attending please email jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com and request the link. Proposed New Board For 2021 President: Michael Leselrod Vice President: Sam Schneider

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November, 2020

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 20	Karen Foster
November 20	Sidney Edel
November 20	Lillian Rudnetsky
November 20	Leo Moscovitz
November 20	Celia Juskowitz
November 27	Lynda Zelda Boker
November 27	Dr. Philip Willner

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 Rabbi prior to the service.

“The memory of the righteous is a Blessing”



December, 2020

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

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January, 2021

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January 1	David Zion
January 1	Emilie Sheren
January 1	Florence Cooper
January 1	Yetta Heller
January 8	Bennett Steiner
January 8	Regina Lantz
January 8	Hyman Lipsman
January 8	Seymour Steiner
January 15	Michael Fisher
January 15	Bennett J. Stark
January 15	Rose Miller
January 15	Ann Foster
January 15	Sam Silfen
January 15	Bruce Matthew Steinberg
January 15	William Goldstein
January 15	Herman Isadore Heller
January 15	Fanny Taub
January 15	Louis Taub
January 22	Jacob Rudnetsky
January 22	Frank Weissman
January 22	Harry Stark
January 22	Juliette Robinson
January 22	Eva Kaplan
January 22	Louis Rose
January 22	Martin Yellin
January 29	Theresa Anna Hartstein
January 29	David Bley
January 29	Yetta Weinstein

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February, 2021

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February 5	Rachelle Nooger Ellis
February 5	Becky Fingaroot
February 5	Joseph Foster
February 5	Joel Bergmann
February 12	Rosette Mark
February 12	Harry Bernstein
February 12	Hattie Simon
February 19	Clara Nooger
February 19	Joseph Loeb
February 19	Benjamin Witt
February 19	Victor Berkowitz
February 19	Maybelle Michaels
February 26	Regina Heller
February 26	Jack Eskell
February 26	Max Stekelman
February 26	Rose Weissman

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THANK YOU TO ALL RUMMAGERS!!

This year our Annual Rummage Sale was held over Labor Day Weekend. Although we had to make some adjustments to account for social distancing, it was a huge success! A big heartfelt thank you goes out to our fearless Rummage Sale leaders, Barbara and Larry Kiss. And more thanks to Stu Bossert for joining the Kisses and Jenn Heitman in delivering the Rummage Sale leftovers to Savers Store. We somehow managed to stuff about 1,300 pounds of soft goods into our cars! Savers Store runs a FUNDrive program that is a fundraiser for not-for-profit organizations.

It is a perfect fit for our rummage leftovers. Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who cleaned out their closets or collected from friends, and donated merchandise to support our sale.

It is never too early to start saving your rummage for next year!

Upcoming Events

FIRST RESPONDER THANK YOU BAGS

Last year on Christmas Eve, JCM prepared and delivered gift bags containing pre-packaged goodies and snacks to local police, fire, and ambulance workers. We are hoping to do this again this year. Most of these first responders are at work even though it is their holiday; on behalf of the Jewish community, this is our way of showing that we appreciate their service. We need volunteers to make deliveries on December 24th and we need donations of pre-packaged, individual-portioned snacks. If you would like to volunteer your time to make deliveries or make a donation of pre-packaged, individual-portioned snacks, please contact Jennifer Heitman at jng616@hotmail.com or call 516-818-8280.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be Sunday January 10, 2021 at 10am and we'll discuss The Book of V by Anna Solomon. Any questions, email Mara Zonderman at mzonderman@gmail.com.

FAMILYHOOD MEETING

Our next Familyhood meeting will be via Zoom on Sunday February 7, 2021 at 9:30a.m. For the Zoom meeting ID and Passcode, contact Jennifer Heitman at jng616@hotmail.com or call 516-818-8280.

Save the Dates

Tikkun Olam - Beach Clean Up - This event is through the NY Marine Rescue Center. Select Sunday, December 20, 2020 from 10am to 12noon - Fire Island Wilderness Visitors Center at Smith Point Park. Must sign up ASAP at The New York Marine Rescue Center: Pick It Up Beach Clean Up (signupgenius.com)

"Cake Decorating Contest" - Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

"In-Home Scavenger Hunt" - Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.

"Nature Walk" - Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 12pm (location to be announced).

Welcome to our newest members!

The following have recently joined the Jewish Center of the Moriches:

Michael Schondorf

Lisa Randall

Gershon & Patricia Bergwerk

Nan Rachel & John Peel

Heidi & David Greenberger, and children Emma & Jacob

Be Part of Our Temple Family!

Thank you to all our temple members! The temple is here for us year-round, whenever we need it, because of our membership dues and donations. Annual membership in JCM is only \$450 for an individual, or \$645 for a family. Membership dues include High Holiday tickets and Hebrew school.

Announcements

Do you need help accessing JCM's Zoom services and events?

Please contact Joel Heitman, 610-529-3211 (text or leave a message). Joel can explain how to use Zoom on your computer, or how to dial in from your telephone. Thank you, Joel!

Are you missing out on late-breaking JCM news and events? Make sure you're on the Jewish Center's email and robocall lists! Contact the temple to be added to one or both lists.

Advertise in the Shofar! Starting next issue, you can advertise your business or service in the quarterly Shofar newsletter.

Purchase a business ad or send a community greeting...while supporting JCM and our printed newsletter. Stay tuned for details.

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- Stuart & Hope Ringe
- Elaine Bernstein In memory of Cousin Karen Foster, Uncle Murray Bernstein
- Nan and John Peel In honor of Rabbi Jack Shlachter for his kindness
- Sherry & Stephen Schwartz In memory of Father Alfred Schwartz, Mother Ellen Jane Freund Schwartz

Want to see your name listed?

JCM has many opportunities for you to honor or memorialize that special person or pet: Tree of Life Joyous Events Plaque; Yizkor Memorial Plaque; Pet Memorial Plaque; Plant a Tree in Israel. Contact Janet Bossert for details, 631-909-8821
Your generous donations ensure that JCM is here for all of us.

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Good News



Congratulations to long-time JCM member Steve Schwartz. Steve recently received the 2020 International Aerosol Fellow Award, a prestigious science award, for his decades-long work studying tiny particles in the earth's atmosphere.

***We could all use some good
news and some smiles!***

Let's share our happy tidings with the community. New grandchild?
Work accomplishment or award? Or another reason to applaud?

Please contact Beverly Shlachter 917-957-7254

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included in the Shofar.

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