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# *The Shofar*



**RUMMAGE SALE  
AUGUST 14**





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## *Paths of Torah*

נְתִיבוֹת תּוֹרָה

*(The Cantor's Message)*

### **A Great Gift**

***Sunday, June 5, we celebrated the first day of Shavuot, which commemorates the receiving of the Torah at Mount Sinai around 3300 years ago. Shavuot is seen as the day the covenant between God and Israel was sealed. The Torah – literally, “The Instruction” – is God’s gift to us on the day of our union. It is an infinite source of wisdom, teaching us how to live meaningful, healthy, joyous lives.***

***So, to what are we referring when we speak of “Torah”?***

***As I hear it used in Jewish communal circles these days, “Torah” means any wisdom that can be traced back to our primary literary sources, both written and oral. I’ve also heard statements on love, justice or any other Torah value referred to as “Torah,” as in “That was great Torah, Shifra.”***

***Torah is not like a story read once, the ending revealed and then back on the shelf. There is layer upon layer.***

***There’s a frequently-quoted Mishna from The Sayings of the Fathers, in which Ben Bag Bag (that name alone has produced endless giggles in Hebrew School students!) advises: “Turn it over, and [again] turn it over, for all is therein.”***

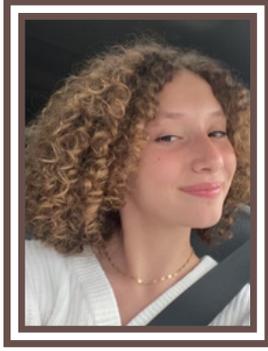
***In fact, every week, we return to a chapter we studied a year ago. How could a year of triumph, experience, loss, new questions and new learnings not produce different perspectives on the material?***

***One quote that keeps growing new interpretations is Deuteronomy 30:19: “Therefore choose life, that you may live.” It challenges us to live fully, bravely, richly, interestingly. I hear it as, “Choose curiosity, honesty, courage. Choose a life of intention and meaning.”***

***Once decided, we need to do the work of co-creating with Hashem happy, healthy lives, using every resource available to us. That includes our literature, but also the wisdom of our fellows - their Torah, too.***

***Wishing all a Happy Summer,  
Cantor Susanne Katchko***





## *Member Spotlight* *Elizabeth Sultan*

On June 11th, 2022, the Jewish Center of the Moriches celebrated the Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Sultan (her Hebrew name is Leah).

Some activities and events that Elizabeth participates in outside of the temple include: Chorus, Band, Jazz Band (she plays both french horn and trumpet), theatre/acting, many sports (soccer, basketball, and lacrosse, for starters), and community service projects. She is a young woman of many talents.

For her mitzvah project, she ran a lemonade stand to raise money for Birthday Boxes. This program creates special birthday boxes for kids in homeless shelters who are not able to have birthday parties. Elizabeth also helps to deliver them, bringing joy and smiles to many young faces!

At home she helps care for her four pet guinea pigs and hamsters.

Before her bat mitzvah, when asked if she there was anything special she would like to share with the congregation, she said, "I am super excited and nervous for my bat mitzvah. I am very excited for this special day in my life and hope that all the work I put in (which was a lot) will pay off! "

We are all so proud of her and so happy she will now be part of our weekly minyan!



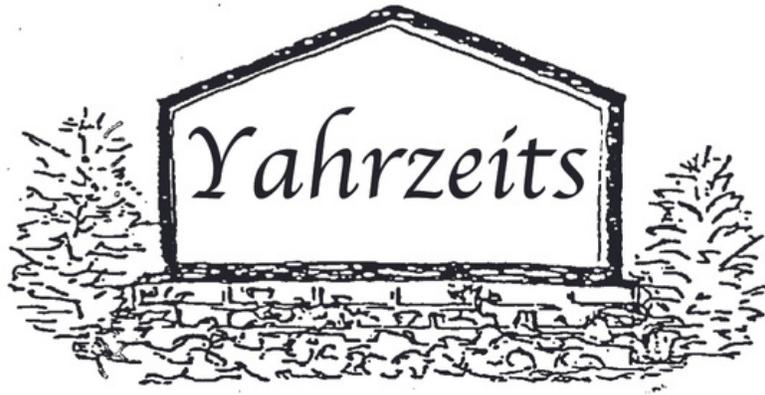
*Member Spotlight*  
*Jordan Eli Kolsin*

On July 9, 2022, Jordan Eli Kolsin (Hebrew name Simcha Bruchel) will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah at JCM.

In his spare time, Jordan enjoys playing the piano, playing basketball, singing in talent shows, acting in school plays, and gaming.

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Jordan is working on building a small free library to possibly to put outside the synagogue or in front of his house. After his Bar Mitzvah, he will have a party, where he will be celebrating along with his mother Barri, father Tracy, and little sister Sophia.

When asked if there was anything special he would like to share with the congregation, he said, "I am excited to become a Bar Mitzvah and want to thank everyone who has helped prepare me for this big day."



*June, 2022*

*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:*

June 3	Florence Alperin Pearlman
June 10	Raye Glaser
June 17	Murray Stark
June 24	Gerson Helfant
June 24	Lillian Goldstein
June 24	ke Kaplan

*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”*



*July, 2022*

*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:*

July 1	Albert A. Nooger
July 1	Belle Bernstein
July 8	Freda Schwartz
July 8	Judith Diane Bennett Helfant
July 8	Anna Rebecca Kuhl
July 8	Esther Bley
July 15	David Stein
July 15	Barbara Heller Berkowitz
July 15	Lillian Rudnetsky
July 15	Leo Heller
July 22	Mildred Slifstein
July 22	Sara Konigsberg
July 22	Edward L. Bodow
July 22	Zelda Nooger
July 22	Lawrence A. Goldstein
July 22	Abraham Makransky
July 29	Augusta Jacobowitz
July 29	Mac Janis
July 29	Toni Forsch
July 29	Nathaniel Zabler
July 29	Fannie H. Cohn
July 29	Moses Helfant

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*August, 2022*

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August 5	Joseph Allen Ash
August 5	Rose Makransky
August 5	Louis Berkowitz
August 12	Minnie Cohen
August 12	Richard Isidore Bernstein
August 19	Louis Nooger
August 19	Solomon Simon
August 26	Gertrude Ash
August 26	Joseph Kirsch
August 26	Rose Shapiro
August 26	Mae Laube

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

On August 14 : Come on down and find that special little something at our annual rummage sale. WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS- drop-off before services or Friday, or contact Barbara Kiss or a board member to arrange alternate drop-off times.

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Familyhood book club will meet to discuss **Sweet Like Sugar** by Wayne Hoffman on Tuesday, August 16 at 7pm at Sherry Schwartz's house. Please contact Mara (mzonderman@gmail.com) to RSVP and for location and directions.

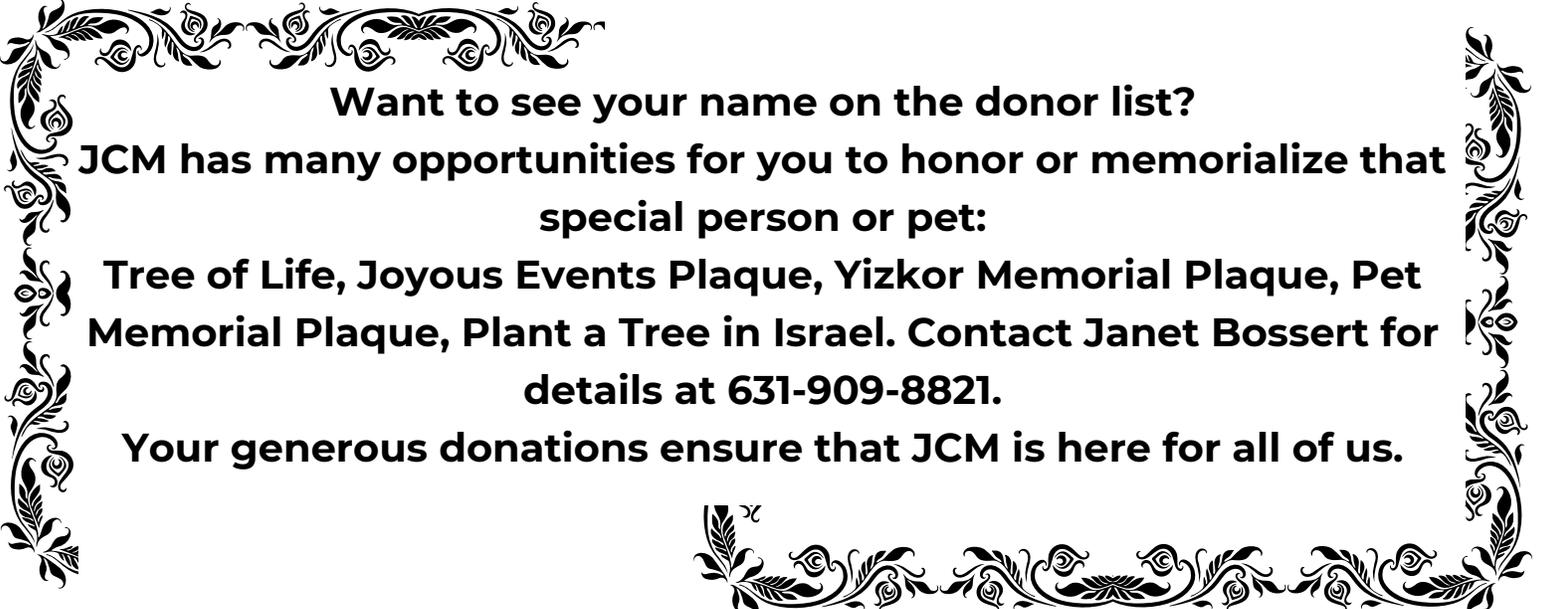


## ***Sponsor an Oneg!***

Want a nice way to celebrate a special birthday, an anniversary, or a graduation? Would you like to memorialize a loved one around the time of their yahrzeit? Consider sponsoring an erev Shabbat Friday night oneg. Challah, wine, grape juice and basic snacks are provided by the Jewish Center. You can add additional "special treats" (certified kosher, please), or flowers if you like. Leave a message at the general temple phone number, and Sherry Schwartz or another Familyhood member will get back to you.

## ***Thank You Donors!***

- Rabbi Jack & Beverly Post Shlachter in memory of Grandmother of Mara Zonderman and Grandfather of Jennifer Heitman
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- Stephen & Sherry Schwartz in memory of Uncle Joseph Loeb, Father Edward Loeb, Mother Thelma Loeb
- Judy Hean in memory of Grandfather Harry Bernstein, Aunt Fran Cohn, IHO "Farewell" to Rabbi Jack & Beverly, in honor "welcome" to Cantor Susanne Katchko
- The Sheren Family in memory of Mother Suellen Shakin, Father William Shakin
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- Anne Kirsch IMO Husband Charles Kirsch, Mother-in-law Ida Kirsch
- Donna Bruno-Marotta in memory of Grandmother Belle Bernstein
- David James in memory of Aunt Lillian Rudnetsky
- Cantor Susanne Katchko in memory of Mother, Rita Jean Epstein Katchko
- Elaine Bernstein in memory of Mother Belle Bernstein



**Want to see your name on the donor list?**

**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 at 631-909-8821.**

**Your generous donations ensure that JCM is here for all of us.**



**For Either Youth Choir or All-Ages Choir (depending on response)**

**We'll prepare either a Yiddish song or some other inspirational Hebrew/English Jewish song - either in unison or in harmony (depending on response). 3-4 rehearsals expected.**

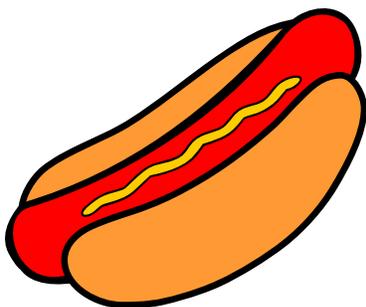
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Cantor Susanne  
via email: [susanne.katchko@gmail.com](mailto:susanne.katchko@gmail.com);  
or text: 347-997-2286.**

# Temple Events

- **JORDAN KOLSIN** helps lead Friday night services : July 8, 6:30PM
- **JORDAN KOLSIN BAR MITZVAH** : Sat., July 9, 9:30AM
- **HOT DOG BARBECUE** : Fri., JULY 15, 6:30 PM
- **SPEAKER EVENT**, Thurs., July 28, 7:00 PM: **DR. DAVID M. MILCH**, Philanthropist: "Tikkun Olam in a Changing World"
- **END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION**: Fri., August 26, 6:30 PM

See Doug Sherter for information.  
Payment due July 15, 2022 at Hot Dog  
BBQ

- **JEWISH HERITAGE NIGHT-DUCKS GAME**: Sun., AUGUST 28
- **ICE CREAM NIGHT**  
**WELCOME BACK TO HEBREW SCHOOL!**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 6:30 PM**



# Tikkun Olam In A Changing World

Free Event:

Thursday, July 28, 7:00 PM

Special Guest Speaker with Q&A

**Dr. David M. Milch,**  
Philanthropist and Physician

with Phyllis Lee, Executive Director,  
Dr. David M. Milch Foundation



Dr. David M. Milch is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and an entrepreneur, focusing on technology and the life sciences. In 2010, he established the Dr. David M. Milch Foundation to serve "Tikkun Olam" (healing the world) in two primary areas: Arts for Social Impact, which focuses on film, theater, and other modes of creativity, and Youth Mentoring, which helps foster leadership development and civic responsibility. He has executive-produced a number of acclaimed feature and documentary films, as well as Broadway shows, including Finian's Rainbow, for which he received a "Best Musical Revival" Tony Award nomination as producer. He is also President of MiLa Media, an independent media studio. Over the past 15 years, Dr. Milch has broadened his entrepreneurial focus to include early-stage biomedical companies based in Israel. A child of Holocaust survivors, Dr. Milch is a key supporter of efforts to fight antisemitism and intolerance of all kinds. He has served on the Board or as an advisor to a number of arts and advocacy organizations including The New Group, EnGarde Arts, ADL, ISGAP, AIFL, Middle East Forum, and others.

# A Warm Welcome



Dear JCM Community:

Thank you for a delightful beginning to the new story we are composing together. I appreciate all the ways you have already helped me feel at home.

Thoughtful cards and gifts from you have marked my arrival, my minor bout of COVID, the holiday of Pesach and my move from the Bronx to Manorville. While I was still commuting, and pre-car, some of you ferried me to apartment-rental appointments and made sure I had the food I needed. I remember how moved I was, the first night I slept over, to see the futon so carefully made up. You welcomed me into your long-standing Book Club - and you know how hard it is to get a spot in one of those!

When our Hebrew School students co-wrote and performed two plays, you were there to offer well-deserved applause! On Friday nights, our regulars continue to inspire me with their sincere prayer, challenging engagement with the Torah texts and spirited singing. On Family Service nights, we've come to expect moving, tuneful and fun participation by our students and families.

One of you was thoughtful enough to give me directions to the closest beach - Webby's Beach. Above is a photo of your newest Cantor and Spiritual Leader during one recent sundown there, experiencing Psalm 115:16 in real time!

**הַשָּׁמַיִם שִׁמְיָם לַיהוָה וְהָאָרֶץ נָתַן לַבְּנֵי־אָדָם:**

**The heavens belong to the LORD,  
but the earth He gave over to man.**

**Psalm 115:16**

My cousin, Cantor Leopold Szneer, z"l, quoted that sentence in the dvar Torah he gave on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Even after his own devastating Holocaust experiences, his message was for us to enjoy this world we live in. May all of us remember to treasure God's creations - the beauty all around us and in us. Thank you for sharing yours with me. I am looking forward to continuing to co-author this tale of The Little Shul That Could with all of you.

Kol tuv - All the best,  
Cantor Susanne Katchko

# Hebrew School Happenings

So much has happened the last few months! The Hebrew School put on a play for Purim, made Matzo, and recently made their own yads (Torah pointers).



# Hebrew School Yads!



# *Volunteer Opportunities at JCM*

*Our community thrives when we all pitch in to help!*

*An \* means that JCM is currently looking for volunteers to help with these tasks.*

## **\*Hebrew School**

Coordinate with teachers and parents to make sure Hebrew School runs smoothly.

## **\*Cemetery Committee**

The JCM owns cemetery plots in Mt Pleasant Cemetery. These plots are for sale and occasionally someone contacts us to sell back their plot. Selling back plots involves the owner mailing the deed back, and coordinating with JCM's treasurer to send a check to the plot seller. Buying or selling back plots are fairly rare occurrences; usually this comes up once a year.

## **\*Newsletter Team**

Create the "Shofar Newsletter", email it to the printer, pick it up from the printer, mail it. Newsletter format mostly stays the same with each issue. JCM is currently producing four newsletters per year, with one person acting as "editor" (collecting and/or writing newsletter content), another person doing graphic design, and a third person picking up the printed newsletter from the photocopy shop and mailing the newsletters.

## **\*Membership Liaison**

Talk to prospective members when they contact the Jewish Center with questions: explain our programs, services, Hebrew School, and member pricing. This person is the "welcoming contact" that interacts with prospective members.

## **\*Ritual Committee**

Works with the Spiritual Leader to integrate traditional Jewish practices, guidelines, and prayers into Shabbat and festival services, life cycle events, and other JCM activities. Endeavors to make JCM's religious atmosphere welcoming, inclusive, and accessible.

## **Sunshine Committee**

Contacts sick/hospitalized members and sends condolences on behalf of the JCM community.

## **\*Phone "Keep in Touch" Committee**

JCM is looking for a few additional people to join Judy Hean and Cantor Katchko in making "keep in touch" phone calls to community members. Each committee member will be given a list of people to contact on an occasional basis.

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## **\*Building and Grounds Committee**

When there is an issue at the JCM that needs fixing, such as the heat or electric, the Building and Ground committee arranges the repair.

## **\*Sanctuary Committee**

The sanctuary committee deal with any issues that are in the actual sanctuary, such as upkeep, renovations, new chairs, etc.

## **\*Correspondence Committee**

Responds to mail, sends thank you cards for donations.

## **\*Website**

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Full page: \$300

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Quarter page: \$25

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