



# Shofar

February/March 2015  
Adar and Nisan 5775  
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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## Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) 2015

April 19<sup>th</sup> , 2PM at the Jewish Center of the Moriches

Join our Yom HaShoah commemorative service featuring a presentation by a  
Holocaust survivor.

I would like to wish a Happy New Year to everyone at the Jewish Center. As Jews, we certainly consider Jan. 1 to be the beginning of the secular New Year and a day to celebrate. However, it is only one of several New Year's celebrations, as there are many new years for us Jews. Rosh Hashanah, of course, is the official Jewish New Year. But it is actually only one of four occasions in the Jewish calendar which are considered to be a new year. Two of them are fairly obscure and not terribly relevant in Judaism today. These are the first day of the Hebrew month of Nissan (the month during which Passover takes place) and the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul (the last month before Rosh Hashanah.)

The final Jewish New Year is the holiday of Tu B'Shivat, or the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Shivat. This day is also known as the New Year or birthday of the trees. Tu B'Shivat this year coincides with the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the month of February. So, about a month after we celebrate the start of the year 2015, it is time to observe this festive and special day.

Tu B'Shivat is not a holiday with many strict rules or long services in the Synagogue. It is more of a casual and even light-hearted time. There are several fun traditions associated with it. One of them is to have a special meal known as a Seder. A Seder? But that is for Passover. Yes, of course, it is. But Passover is not the only holiday for which a Seder is held. A Seder is also traditional, though not required, for Tu B'Shivat. The word Seder literally means order. So a meal with a special order or structure to it is called a Seder. Just like at the Passover Seder, at the Tu B'Shivat Seder it is traditional to drink large amounts of wine, both red and white, as well as a mixture of both. For wine comes from fruit, which comes from trees or vines. It is also traditional to consume nuts and especially fruits at the Tu B'Shivat Seder. We are encouraged to eat exotic fruits which grow in the land of Israel and it is also customary to consume a fruit at the Tu B'Shivat Seder which you have not eaten in the past year. After eating this fruit the Shehecheyanu prayer is recited, thanking God for giving us the opportunity to experience something which we have not done in a long time.

The Tu B'Shivat Seder is a great excuse to gather with friends and family, sing fun songs together, eat delicious foods, and drink wine or fruit juices. I encourage you to give it a try. If you interested, you are in luck, for we will be holding a Tu B'Shivat seder right here at the Jewish Center. It will take place a few days before the actual holiday. Our seder will be on Friday, January 30th, following services which begin at 6:30. Please join us! While enjoying your fruit you may marvel at the wonders of nature, and feel grateful for the beautiful sights and delicious flavors which nature provides us with. Happy birthday to the splendid trees which enhance our lives every day!

It is also traditional to plant a tree on Tu B'Shivat. This may be difficult to do here in the cold winter of New York, but in Israel it is always possible. And even if you cannot actually be in Israel to plant that tree, you can sponsor the planting through an organization called the Jewish National Fund. We even have a program at the Jewish Center which will take care of all the details for you, if you would like to plant a tree in Israel. Look in this newsletter or contact the Jewish Center for more information.

Help to make Israel a greener place and have yourselves a happy Tu B'Shivat.

Happy new year to everyone! May the year of 2015 be filled with health and blessings for everyone.



## HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS



It is a very busy time for our Hebrew School. Purim is coming and, that means, so is Pesach! We will be preparing for these tremendous festivities in great earnest during the weeks to come. First, Purim, which we will be celebrating on Sunday, March 8th, at 10:00 AM. Please join us! The entire community is encouraged to attend, preferably in costume, and ready to make a lot of noise. We will fill the Sanctuary with energy. Also please join us for SHABBAT ACROSS AMERICA on Friday night, March 13th, at 6:30, followed by a very special and delicious kiddish. We also will be having services the following morning, March 14th, at 9:30. Please join us! Happy Purim everyone!



## Shabbat Across America

*Friday March 13, 2015 @ 6:30PM*

On Friday night, March 13, 2015 hundreds of synagogues across the continent will take part in an historic national Jewish event to celebrate what unifies all Jews — Shabbat! Everyone is invited... singles, couples, families — all ages.

## Spring 2015 Knitting Classes

For all levels

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

Tuesdays: April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>,

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

7 to 9pm

Cost \$18 for all 5 weeks (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



## Purim: Sunday, 3/8/2015

Don't miss our Purim celebration on Sunday, 3/8. The service starts at 10AM followed by a carnival from 11AM to Noon with Shalach Manos for the kids.



## ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IN MARCH

The sisterhood is holding its annual food drive for the entire month of March.

Please leave all donations of non-perishable food stuffs and/or paper goods in our library.

If you need pickup, call Marilyn at 874-4341.



## Matzah Making at the Chai Center

On 3/29 at 10am, instead of regular Hebrew School, we will be going to the Chai Center in Dix Hills to make Matzah.

Children up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade are invited.

The cost is \$7 per child.

Contact Cantor Zach if you have any questions. 917-696-0749





# Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015



The Jewish Center will be hosting a Passover dinner on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

For members: Adults are \$25.00 and children 5 to 12 are \$15, under 5, no charge.

For non-members and guests: Adults are \$33.00, children 5-12 \$18.00, under 5, no charge.

For information call Judy Hean—878-0466.

Reservations must be made by March 16<sup>th</sup> by sending your check made out to the Jewish Center of the Moriches to:

Jewish Center of the Moriches  
Att: Judy Hean  
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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Contributions to the Jewish Center of the Moriches Memorial Donation

## Kol Nidre Donations

<b>Barbara &amp; Larry Kiss</b>	<b>Mark &amp; Barbara Wolff</b>
<b>Judith Berey</b>	<b>Gertrude Moscowitz</b>
<b>The Honig Family</b>	<b>Judy Hean</b>
<b>Elaine Bernstein</b>	<b>Anne Kirsch</b>

## Donations

<b>Steven &amp; Sherry Schwartz</b>	In memory of <b>Uncle Joseph Loeb, Mother &amp; Father Edward &amp; Thelma Loeb</b>
<b>Judy Hean</b>	In memory of <b>Cousin, Jerry Lehrfeld, Uncle Murray &amp; Aunt Sylvia Bernstein</b>
<b>Andrea Spilka</b>	general donation
<b>Helene James</b>	In memory of <b>Father, Jacob Rudnetsky</b>
<b>Morton &amp; Gwen Stark</b>	In memory of <b>Brother Bennett Stark, Mother Lillian Levine</b>
<b>Augusta Jacobowitz</b>	In memory of <b>Mother Bella Jean Weissman</b>
<b>Judith Steinberg</b>	In memory of <b>Husband Bruce</b>
<b>Steve &amp; Madelon Alter</b>	In memory of <b>Mother Minnie Cohen</b>
<b>The Hean Family</b>	In memory of <b>Zelda Nooger</b>
<b>Martin Edel</b>	In memory of <b>his father</b>
<b>Joan Kronman</b>	In memory of <b>her father</b>
<b>Judy Minkin</b>	In memory of <b>Grandmother Rosa Erdos</b>
<b>Ruth Scharf</b>	In memory of her <b>Father</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Barbara Wolff</b>	In honor of their <b>daughter Samantha's engagement to Jason Forman</b>
<b>Helene James</b>	In memory of <b>Grandmother &amp; Grandfather</b>
<b>Madeline &amp; Kevin Sheren</b>	In memory of <b>Mother/Grandmother Emilie Sheren</b>
<b>Donna Ash</b>	In memory of <b>Father-in-law Eugene Ash</b>
<b>Madelon &amp; Steven Alter</b>	In memory of <b>Father David Cohen</b>
<b>Helene James</b>	In memory of <b>Sister Lillian Rudnetsy</b>
<b>Gwen &amp; Morton Stark</b>	In memory of <b>Mother Lillian Levine</b>
<b>Stuart &amp; Hope Ringe</b>	In memory of <b>Father William Ringe</b>
<b>Anne Kirsch</b>	In memory of <b>Father Herbert N. Schwartz</b>

### 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 Judy, 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 Feb & March celebrants. The sisterhood is holding its annual food drive for the entire month of March. Please leave all donations of non-perishable food stuffs and/or paper goods in our library. If you need a pick-up please do not hesitate to call me at 874-4341. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution.

Yours in Sisterhood,  
Marilyn Zoilo

## Member News February / March

**February:** Eliezer Konigsberg, Feb. 8 (1 years old!), Barbara Wolff 2/9 & Randi Mott 2/22

**March:** Jane Blum, 3/01; Morton Stark, 3/04; Stanley Blum, 3/24; Spencer Kornreich, 3/10; Mark Wolff, 3/12; Samantha Wolff, 3/17; Andrea Mottola, 3/19; Mike Leselrod, 3/22; Ron & Judy Honig, Anni., 3/27; Edward Leselrod, 3/29

**April:** Leia Konigsberg, 4/3; Beverly Lobb, 4/5; Robbie Sherter, 4/6; Gert Moscovitz, 4/10; Judith Steinberg, 4/23; Bertha Batemen (Lobb), 4/25; Janna Bilski (Bernstein), 4/27; Sidney Sherter, 4/30;

### Mark Your Calendars!

Jumping to April 19, we will be hosting Yom Hashoah, so place this very important & special date on your calendars.

On May 9, we will be celebrating the adult Bar Mitzvah of Melvyn Lobb. Melvyn has worked very hard to reach this plateau. Please come to honor Melvyn

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 !!

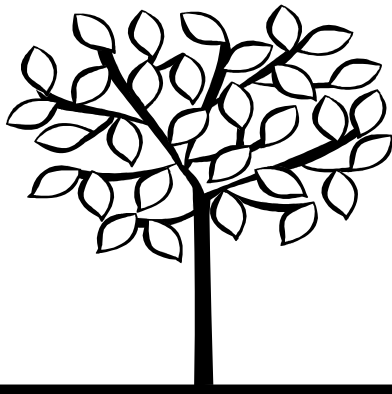
Reminder to anyone who might make any purchases from the **Deborah Sisterhood**, please remember to make your check payable to the "Deborah Sisterhood". Thank you for your donations.

**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**



## 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 or Shirley Bergman at 878-1053.

### *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.

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## *Participation in Services*

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 (cantorkonigsberg@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





*February, 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:*

February 6	Theresa Anna Hartstein
February 6	David Bley
February 13	Yetta Weinstein
February 13	Rachelle Nooger Ellis
February 13	Becky Fingaroot
February 13	Joseph Foster
February 20	Joel Bergmann
February 20	Rosette Mark
February 20	Harry Bernstein
February 20	Hattie Simon
February 27	Clara Nooger
February 27	Joseph Loeb
February 27	Benjamin Witt
February 27	Victor Berkowitz
February 27	Maybelle Michaels
February 27	Regina Heller

*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”*



*March, 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:*

March 6	Jack Eskell
March 6	Max Stekelman
March 6	Rose Weissman
March 13	Philip Kuhl
March 13	Adelaide Bodow
March 13	Irma Seides
March 13	Paul Hegeman
March 20	Abraham Heller
March 20	Kate Olewach
March 20	Lillian Reiss
March 27	Eugene Forsch
March 27	Isadore Swire
March 27	Rosalind Edel
March 27	Norman Stein

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# March 2015 Adar – Nissan, 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Hebrew School	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Purim Service 10am Carnival 11-noon	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Across America/Family Service 6:30pm	14 Saturday Morning Shabbat Service
15 Hebrew School	16	17	18	19	20 Regular Shabbat Service	21
22 Hebrew School	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Matzah Making 10am to 11am Chai Center in Dix Hills	30	31				

# April 2015 Nissan – Iyar, 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Passover. No Services	4 Passover 2 <sup>nd</sup> night Seder at Jewish Center. 5:30pm
5 No Hebrew School	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 No Hebrew School	13	14 Knitting Class	15	16	17	18
19 Holocaust Remembrance Day Hebrew School	20	21 Knitting Class	22	23	24	25 Shabbat Morning Service 9:30am
26 Hebrew School	27	28 Knitting Class	29	30		

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