



Shofar

July/August 2015
Tamuz and Av 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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The High Holidays are almost here.

Rosh Hashanah is September 14th and 15th.

Yom Kippur is September 23rd.

Full schedule in the August Shofar and on the website as soon as it's available.

The summer is a time to especially enjoy Shabbat. It can receive almost all of our focus. There are no other festivals during the summer, only the somber day of Tisha B'Av, and the time of mourning it is associated with. All of our positive and cheerful energy goes into Shabbat. We can enjoy the long full days of celebration, cherishing each aspect of the holy shabbat. There are many portions of shabbat to dwell upon. It all gets started with the lighting of the shabbat candles as the sun is setting on Friday night. We bring in Shabbat with Kabbalat, the receiving of Shabbat. Here in our Jewish Center this is probably the most appreciated aspect of shabbat, as we gather together every Friday evening to sing, pray, learn, and eat together. In the traditional structure of Shabbat, after Kabbalat Shabbat services in the Synagogue, family and community members gather together in the home for the festive Friday night Shabbat dinner. This meal consists of a lot more than just eating, though there certainly is plenty of that as well. It begins with the singing of Shalom Aleichem, which brings in Shabbat by welcoming the holy Angels to join us in our festivities. Then we sing Ashet Chayeel, a woman of valor, the hymn which honors and praises the woman, or the mother of the household. It explains how she is the one who is responsible for so much of the blessings, both physical and spiritual, which are enjoyed by the family. We cannot eat until the woman is shown this great appreciation. After this comes the turn of the children to receive their blessing. The great and ancient text of the priestly benediction is bestowed upon all the children in the family by their parents. We then arrive at Kiddush, the sanctification of Shabbat via the blessing over, and drinking of, a cup of wine. Next comes the ritual washing of the hands with its blessing, and then the meal can finally begin through recitation of motsie and the eating of the sacred loaves of challah dipped in salt. All this should be done with singing and great merriment.

After beginning to enjoy the delicious challah, other foods are gradually introduced to the meal. Often gifilte fish is the first to arrive. This may be followed by chicken soup. But wait, there is singing in between courses! As the soup arrives at the table everyone chants Kol m'kadash sh'vi'i, "all who make holy the seventh day"... After soup come the main courses; perhaps chicken, brisket, or other traditional family dishes. Potato kugel, nudel kugel, and vegetables. All is accompanied by more zemirot, traditional songs sung around the shabbat table. After eating desert the grace after meals is recited with its special, festive Sabbath additions. Following a good night's sleep the order of the Sabbath continues with Synagogue services in the morning. This is a lengthy set of prayers including many special features for Shabbat and a large portion of the Torah which is read as well. Many Jews spend 2, 3, or more hours in Synagogue every Shabbat morning. The rest of Shabbat day is filled with many customs and traditions as well. First, the celebratory Shabbat lunch. This meal, like the one the night before, also traditionally features many courses and much singing. At this point in the day one might choose between a nice nap or some deep learning of torah. Either option may be a fitting way of appreciating your shabbat.

As the day begins to ebb away, come the closing portions of shabbat. First, the third meal, a final occasion to recite motsie and eat challah and a small meal together. Then back to Synagogue for the Minchah service, afternoon prayers, during which the torah is read from once again. Finally it is time for havdalah, the mystical ceremony which concludes shabbat. Havdalah serves to separate Shabbat from the rest of the week, and it features a cup of wine, a spice box, and a beautiful woven candle. Blessings are recited over each item and the official ceremony is expanded with extra songs of celebration and a prayer for an excellent week to come.

Shabbat Shalom everyone! Enjoy all of these blessings which have been bestowed upon us.

2015 Rummage Sale!

Please donate to our 2015 Rummage Sale to be held on August 16th.

Clothing and other items can be dropped off at the Temple on Friday night when we have services.

Call Marilyn @ 874-4341
or Barbara Kiss @ 874-4928 for more information.

Volunteers to help setup on the 15th or to help sell and clean up on the 16th are welcome and appreciated.



Jewish Heritage Day at Citi Field

Are you ready for a fun day with your friends from the Jewish Center?

The game begins at 1:00 and Jewish themed events will be taking place around the stadium before and during the game.

The cost for this event is \$29 per ticket, which is a discounted rate for our Synagogue group.

If you are interested in attending please contact Cantor Zachary by July 26th.

Feel free also to call with any questions, 917-696-0749. See you at the ball game!



Mets vs The Pirates
Sunday August 16th
Citi Field in Queens
\$29 per ticket
RSVP by July 25th

OUR FIRST SUMMER BBQ!



Friday 8/21/2015 at 6pm.

Enjoy a BBQ at the Jewish Center followed by Friday Night Services

If you are planning to attend email jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com or call Mike Leselrod @ 631-786-0763

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James Reiss	In memory of father
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Judy Hean	In memory of mother, Belle Bernstein
Elaine Bernstein	In memory of mother , Belle Bernstein
Helene James	In memory of father's mother, Lillian
Harriet Matysko	In memory of mother Anna Kuhl

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 July celebrants.

Our annual rummage sale is Sunday, 8/16/15 from 9-3. Please call me to pick up your donations or drop them off in the classrooms on Friday nights when you join us for services. Also, if you can help work the event at anytime, please call me at 874-4341, or Barbara Kiss at 874-4928.

Thank you in advance for your help with our biggest fundraiser.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo

Member News July / August

July Birthdays: Shari Sherter 7/01; Meredith Wolff 7/10; Gail Mller 7/21; Brandon Mott 7/21; Lorraine Serrano 7/22; Dorothy Rose 7/23; Judy Hean 7/26; John Gray 7/28;

July Anniversaries: Jon & Judy Hean 7/7; Phyllis and Cantor Zach 7/28; Mark & Barbara Wolff 7/31;

August birthdays: Barbara Kiss 8/02; Michele Honig 8/12; Halley Gray 8/16; Aaron Isaacson 8/30;

August Anniversaries: Mark & Joyce Schweibish 8/14; Mark & Farra Isaacson 8/16; Mike & Lorna Leselrod 8/22; Stuart & Janet Bossert 8/25.

Happy 40th to my nephew Justin Bilski out in Las Vegas! (from Aunt Judy)

As always, if you wish to see your happy occasion listed in our Shofar, e-mail to Michael Leselrod, mleselrod@yahoo.com or send a message through our website 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 !!

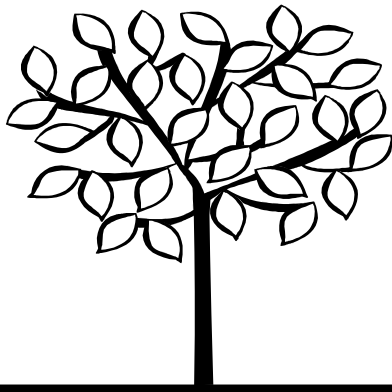
Reminder to anyone who might make any purchases from the **Deborah Sisterhood**, please remember to make your check payable to the "Deborah Sisterhood". Thank you for your donations.

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. 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



July, 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:

July 3	David Stein
July 3	Anna Rebecca Kuhl
July 3	Barbara Heller Berkowitz
July 3	Lillian Rudnetsky
July 3	Leo Heller
July 3	Sara Konigsberg
July 10	Edward L. Bodow
July 10	Lawrence A. Goldstein
July 10	Abraham Makransky
July 17	Mac Janis
July 17	Toni Forsch
July 17	Nathaniel Zabler
July 17	Fannie H. Cohn
July 17	Moses Helfant
July 24	Rose Makransky
July 24	Louis Berkowitz
July 31	Minnie Cohen
July 31	Richard 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”



August, 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:

August 7	Louis Nooger
August 7	Solomon Simon
August 14	Joseph Kirsch
August 14	Rose Shapiro
August 14	Mae Laube
August 14	Nathan Bley
August 21	Perry Sheren
August 21	Rose Rudnetsky
August 28	Annie Bernstein
August 28	Charlotte Stark

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