

# SHOFAR



## Jewish Center of The Moriches

December 2019 Kislev 5779



# The Jewish Center of the Moriches

## Temple Board and Spiritual Leader

The Rabbi 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 Rabbi or Board members.

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**Don't forget about the Chanukah Dinner on 12/20. Sign up now! This year we have a new caterer.**

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Dear JCM:

November coincides almost perfectly this year with the most popular of all the Jewish months from the perspective of most rabbis, namely Cheshvan. Why a favorite? Because there are NO Jewish holidays in Cheshvan!

Seriously, I hope you had a wonderful, meaningful, and fulfilling holiday season during the previous Jewish month, Tishrei, with Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah. It seems appropriate that we now have a bit of a lull when we can reflect back on the fall holidays.

To retain some of the spirit of the past holidays, even if you don't yet have a formal daily, spiritual practice, you might consider reciting the traditional prayer upon awakening each day. In Hebrew, it is "(for males - Modeh or for females - Modah) ani lifanekha melekh chai v'kayam shehechzarta bi nishmahti b'chemlah, rabah emunatekha." This means loosely "I thank you, G\_d, for returning my soul to me this morning." It's a wonderful thing to start each day by expressing our thanks for the gift of waking up, and it gives us the potential to make each day special. If you give this practice a try for even a week, please let me know if you sense any change in your daily outlook.

Our next holiday after this lull is of course Chanukah, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual celebration towards the end of December.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jack

## **A Message from the Familyhood....**

On October 20, 2019, the Familyhood hosted a bring-your-own picnic lunch at Kaler's Pond in Center Moriches. It was a beautiful sunny day that was made even better by a short and interesting teaching on Sukkot by Rabbi Jack. Equally wonderful was giving the children time to run free and be children, while the adults got to relax and catch up.

On November 17, 2019, the Familyhood hosted a thank you lunch in Laura's honor. It was a great turn out. Good food and good company was enjoyed by all. We are still looking for a replacement for Laura's position. If you know someone local who might be a good fit for the job, please contact Sherry Schwartz.

The next Book Club meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2019 at 9:30am at JCM. The book selection is "The Weight of Ink" by Rachel Kadish. Any questions, contact Mara Zonderman at [mzonderman@gmail.com](mailto:mzonderman@gmail.com).

The Familyhood will be planning a Family Movie Night for the beginning of 2020. Keep your eyes and ears open for the announcement. If you have family-friendly movie recommendations, contact Jennifer Heitman.

For 2020, we are exploring the possibility of a trip for the JCM Congregation to [The Jewish Children's Museum](#) in Brooklyn. We hear that it is an interesting museum for adults and children alike! Very soon, you will receive a survey via email. Please take a minute to fill it out.

Our next meeting will be December 15, 2019 at 10:45am at JCM. We would love to hear your ideas – join us at the next meeting, email, or call.

From Your Familyhood Co-Presidents,

Jennifer Heitman, (516) 818-8280, [jng616@hotmail.com](mailto:jng616@hotmail.com)

Janet Bossert, (631) 909-8821, [janboss23@verizon.net](mailto:janboss23@verizon.net)

## Pictures from Laura's Luncheon



**\*\*\*\*We are using a new caterer this year!\*\*\*\***

The Jewish Center of The Moriches

**2019 Chanukah Dinner**

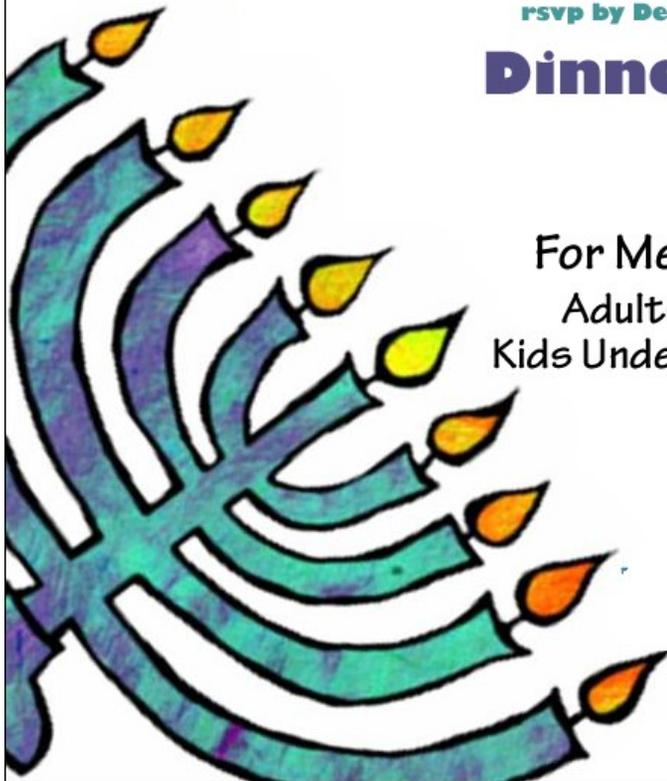
**Friday, December 20th 5:30pm**

rsvp by December 10th

**Dinner, Candle Lighting,  
Songs, Fun for the  
whole family**

For Members  
Adults: \$ 18  
Kids Under 13: \$ 12

For Non-Members  
Adults: \$ 25  
Kids Under 13: \$ 16



email [jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com](mailto:jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com)  
for more information

Reservations must be made by December 10th  
by sending your check made out to  
*The Jewish Center of The Moriches* to

Treasurer  
PO Box 127  
Center Moriches, NY 11934

### Reservation Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \$18\_\_\_\_ Children under 13 \$12\_\_\_\_

Non Member Adult \$25\_\_\_\_ Non Member Children \$16\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

## **Women In The IDF Presentation & Discussion**

Join us on **Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>** for a Shabbat Service followed by a discussion on **Women in the IDF** by a visiting Israeli. Services are at 6:30 followed by the presentation at 7:30pm. All are invited.



## **Annual Temple Board Meeting**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> at 10AM ALL ARE INVITED**

### **Proposed New Board For 2019**

President: **Michael Leselrod**

Vice President: **Sam Schneider**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: **Tracy Kolsin**

Treasurer: **Farra Isaacson**

Recording Secretary: **Cara Sulton**

Corresponding Secretary: **Donna Ash**

Trustees: **Sherry Schwartz, Larry Kiss, Doug Sherter, Randi Mott**



**COME FOR THE BAGELS, STAY FOR THE BOARD MEETING**

## **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  
424 N. Midland Pond Ct., Moriches, 11955



## **Pet Memorial Plaque**

Looking for a way to honor your beloved pet's memory?

For a donation of \$36 per name, your pet's name will be added to our beautiful new Pet Memorial Plaque that hangs in the JCM hallway.

Please contact Janet Bossert for details.  
[janboss23@verizon.net](mailto:janboss23@verizon.net)





## Contributions to The Jewish Center of the Moriches

Stewart Ringe	in memory of father William Ringe
Maddy & Steve Alter,	in memory of father David Cohen, father Paul Alter
Judy Hean	in memory of Uncle Sam Bernstein
Elaine Bernstein	in memory of Fannie H. Cohn, grandmother; Richard Isidore Bernstein, uncle; Mae Bernstein Laube, aunt; Annie Bernstein, grandmother; Louis Cohn, grandfather
David James	in memory of Grandmother
Jeffrey Pribut	in memory of father Howard Pribut and mother Annette Pribut
Barbara Jacobowitz	in memory of Father William Jacobowitz
Morton & Gwen Stark	in memory of mother Charlotte Stark
Steve & Maddy Alter	in memory of mother Irene Alter, mother Minnie Cohen
The Sheren family	in memory of father/grandfather Perry Sheren
Morton & Gwen Stark	in memory of sister Rhoda Harrison
Judy Hean	in memory of Grandmother, Fannie Cohen and Uncle Richard Bernstein
Donna Ash	in memory of Joseph Ash and Gertrude Ash

<b>Kol Nidre Donations</b>	
Andrea Spilka	Jill Bastable
Judy Hean	Stuart and Janet Bossert
Judy & Andrew Lempert	Morty and Gwen Stark
William Paness	Alan and Sylvia Covey
Judie Greenspan	Andrea Mottola
Steve & Sherry Schwartz	Ina Ferrara
Charles Gingold	Moskowitz
Marc & Michele Sheeger	Judy Hean
Jeff & Merrill Kussoy	Kevin and Madeline Sherin
Barry & Phyllis Cohen	Lewis Kusnitz
Gayle Osman-Lopata	Jeffrey Pribut
Alan Powers	Mark and Barbara Wolff
Scott & Susan Nathanson	Arnold Hochhauser & Robin Boshnack
Martin and Pamela Edel	Michael and Lorna Leselrod
Stanley and Jane Blum	

## Don't wait for Rosh Hashanah to see the Torah

We have a Saturday Morning Torah Service about once a month. Our Saturday crowd is typically different from our Friday night crowd. Why not come to one of our Saturday services and try something new if you haven't already? You don't have to wait until Rosh Hashanah to see the Torah again.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 Rabbi Jack Shlachter (physicsrabbi@gmail.com) 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.



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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*December, 2019*

*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:*

December 6	Celia Juskowitz
December 6	Lynda Zelda Boker
December 6	Dr. Philip Willner
December 13	Isadore Scharf
December 13	Ray Levine Schulman
December 20	Lillian Levine
December 20	Murray Bernstein
December 27	Roza B. Erdos
December 27	Gussie Steiner Abeloff
December 27	Gusta Lipsman
December 27	Rueben Kwares

*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”*



*January, 2020*

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January 3	Joan Gottlieb
January 3	Alex M. Safier
January 3	Ellen Jane Freund Schwartz
January 3	Eugene Ash
January 10	Yetta Zion
January 10	Katie Stark
January 10	Belle Weissman
January 10	Sigmond Lantz
January 10	David Zion
January 10	Emilie Sheren
January 17	Florence Cooper
January 17	Yetta Heller
January 17	Bennett Steiner
January 17	Regina Lantz
January 17	Hyman Lipsman
January 17	Seymour Steiner
January 24	Michael Fisher
January 24	Bennett J. Stark
January 24	Rose Miller
January 24	Ann Foster
January 24	Sam Silfen
January 31	Bruce Matthew Steinberg
January 31	William Goldstein
January 31	Herman Isadore Heller
January 31	Fanny Taub
January 31	Louis Taub
January 31	Jacob Rudnetsky
January 31	Frank Weissman
January 31	Harry Stark
January 31	Juliette Robinson
January 31	Eva Kaplan

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# Upcoming Schedule

## December

Sunday 12/01 – **No** Hebrew School

Sunday 12/08 – Hebrew School 9am

Sunday 12/14 – Saturday Morning Service 9:30m

Sunday 12/15 – Hebrew School 9am

Friday 12/20 – **Chanukah Dinner and Service 5:30pm**

Sunday 12/22 – **No** Hebrew School

Sunday 12/29 – **No** Hebrew School

## Early Notice for January

Friday 1/31 – Services at 6:30 followed by a presentation on women in the IDF by an Israeli.

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