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Jewish Center of The Moriches

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The Jewish Center of the Moriches

Temple Board and Spiritual Leader

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Please join us for Selichot on Saturday September 24th at 8:30. It's a short service that starts off the High Holidays

It is now September and that means the High Holidays are here. What a very special time of year for every Synagogues this is. It is the time when we can expect to see all of our fellow congregants filling the seats of our Sanctuary, singing and praying with great passion. We make our Synagogue look extra beautiful and we make sure everything is in order for these sacred days.

We also try to perfect ourselves. We reflect back upon the past year and think about what we might have done differently, how we could have improved our behavior. This is not always easy. We may have experienced hardship during these past twelve months and we may feel that we acted admirably. Even so, at this time of year it is important to carefully inspect our behavior just as while preparing for Pesach we are careful to inspect our homes for chametz or bread. We humble ourselves before the Holy One and apologize for any misdeeds.

Of course, we also must feel apologetic to our fellow human beings. Some people go so far as to actually say they are sorry in person to many of their friends and relatives. This can be done symbolically, but ideally it is done by someone who sincerely feels the need to atone for any mistreatment which he or she placed upon another. Perhaps even with specific wrongs in mind this person says to his or her family member or friend, "I am sorry for all of the things which I did to you in the past year which were not nice, not kind, not generous. Please forgive me so that we can start anew and I will try to do better this coming year."

These weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah are also a joyous time. We can eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new year, with all of its blessed food and music. Apples and honey, large round challahs, and the mystical mysterious melodies which our ears have grown accustomed to hearing at this momentous time of the year.

The first service of the High Holiday season is actually slichot, which occurs on Sat. evening, Sept. 24th, one week before Rosh Hashanah begins. Attending this service is a very old and important custom. It gives us the opportunity to get spiritually and musically ready for the days to come. I encourage all of you to join us. It will be a wonderful evening at the Jewish Center of the Moriches. Until then, Shanah tova and happy new year to everyone.

Hebrew School News

It is a very exciting time for our Hebrew School here at the Jewish Center of the Moriches. Over the past few years our school has been growing and growing. This year we will have more than 20 children enrolled in our educational program. This is exciting for teachers, parents and students alike. Due to our larger size this year we will actually be having three teachers working with our children. This will give us the opportunity to see to each child's needs, and continue to have a great ratio of students to teachers.

As usual, the year begins in busy fashion, as we jump right into learning about all of the upcoming fall holidays; Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkoth, and Simchat Torah. The students will have the chance to experience all of the fascinating and exciting rituals and celebrations of these great occasions. We will also be busy learning Hebrew language, Jewish history, and many other subjects. We are truly excited to get started with all of this on our first day of Hebrew School, Sunday, September 11th. Until then, enjoy the end of summer everyone!



50th Anniversary

We had a very successful 50th Anniversary celebration last month.
For those who missed it, here are a few pictures.



High Holiday Schedule 2016

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| Selichot..... | Sat | 09/24 | 8:30 PM |
| Memorial Service, Mt. Pleasant Cem. | Sun | 09/25 | 11:00 AM |
| Rosh Hashanah Eve | Sun | 10/02 | 8:00 PM |
| Rosh Hashanah 1st Day | Mon | 10/03 | 9:00 AM |
| Tashlich..... | | | 1:30 PM |
| Rosh Hashanah 2nd Eve | Mon | 10/03 | 8:00 PM |
| Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day | Tue | 10/04 | 9:00 AM |
| Shabbat Evening Service | Fri | 10/07 | 7:45 PM |
| Kol Nidre | Tue . | 10/11 | 6:30 PM sharp |
| Yom Kippur | Wed | 10/12 | 9:00 AM |
| Yizkor | | | 11:00 AM |
| Mincha | | | 5:15 PM |
| Break the Fast | | | 7:30 PM |

For High Holiday Tickets contact Judy Hean @ 631-878-0466. Tickets are \$162 each for non-members;

Tickets are \$75 each for family members. Family packages can be offered.

Please make sure you have your annual 2015 dues paid prior, if you are planning to attend services. Tickets for Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur will not be mailed to anyone who is not current with their dues, unless you contact Treasurer Judy Hean to make special provisions. Following the holidays, if there are any extra Book of Remembrances and you are looking to have one mailed, for \$2.50 (cost of mailing), contact Judy Hean.

Children's Service

The Jewish Center of the Moriches is proud to announce that this year we will offer a special children's High Holiday Service, which will take place on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur from 10:30 until 12:00.

This service will be lead by Phyllis Sussman, wife of our Spiritual Leader, Cantor Zachary Konigsberg. Phyllis directs the Jewish studies department at the Hannah Senesh Community Day School in Brooklyn.

She is a gifted and highly qualified educator and this program will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn prayers and customs of the High Holidays and to enjoy stories and snacks.

Please join us! If you have any questions please contact Cantor Zachary.

Contributions to the Jewish Center of the Moriches

| Donations | |
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| Stuart & Hope Ringe | |
| James Reiss | In memory of father |
| Ruth Scharf | In memory of mother |
| Lynne Quinne | In memory of parents Lawrence & Lillian Goldstein and brother Lester Gerard |
| Morton & Gwen Stark | In memory of Father Murray Stark |
| Sherry & Steve Schwartz | In memory of Herb Kronman |
| Mark & Barbara Wolff | In memory of Phillip Katz |
| Judy Hean | In honor of children who participated in the Yom Hashoah event @ the Riverhead Synagogue |
| Judy Hean | In memory of Mother Belle Bernstein and Herb Kronman |
| Gwen & Morty Stark | In memory of Herb Kronman |
| Elaine Bernstein | In memory of mother Anna Rebecca Kuhl |
| Anne Kirsch | In memory of mother Freda W Schwartz |
| Sherry Schwartz | In memory of Philip Kuhl (Harriet's brother) |
| Donna Ash | In memory of Philip Kuhl (Harriet's brother) |
| Donna Ash | In memory of husband Joseph Ash, mother-in-law Gertrude Ash |
| Sherry/Steve Schwartz | In memory of Millie Slifstein |
| Sherry/Steve Schwartz | In memory of Augusta Jacobowitz |
| Sherry & Steve Schwartz | In memory of Shirley Bergmann |
| Merle & Barry Erlich | In memory of Millie Slifstein |
| Judy Hean | In memory of Richard Bernstein, Grandmother FAnnie Cohen, Millie Slifstein, and Harriet Matysko's brother |
| Freda & Stephen Lehrer | In memory of Millie Slifstein |
| Helene James | In memory of Rose Rudnetsky |
| Judie Greenspan | in honor of our 50th anniversary celebration |

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 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

Dear members & friends

Happy birthday to all our Fall celebrants. We had a great summer. Our annual rummage sale was a big success. Thanks to all who participated.

Looking forward, a Happy New Year from the sisterhood to all of the Jewish Center friends and family.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo

Member News:

September birthdays: Larry Kiss 9/7; Arthur Miller 9/7; Abigail Konigsberg 9/15; Farra Isaacson 9/16; Doug Sherter 9/17; Preston Mott 9/22; Gwen Stark 9/23;

October birthdays: Jordan and Justin Kornreich 10/2; Elaine Bernstein 10/12; Mark Isaacson 10/12; Adam Mottola 10/13; Benjamin Isaacson 10/22; Cantor Zach 10/26; Lorna Leselrod 10/29.

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



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 (cantorzkonigsberg@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

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



Upcoming Schedule

September

11th Sunday – *First day of Hebrew School*

16th Friday – *Special Family Service at 6:30*

18th Sunday – *Hebrew School*

24th Saturday - *Selichot Service at 8:30. Please join us for this special service*

25th Sunday – *Hebrew School*

October (see the Rosh Hashanah schedule on an earlier page)

2nd Sunday – *No Hebrew School, Rosh Hashanah Eve*
Please join us for service at 8pm in the evening.

9th Sunday - *No Hebrew School*

16th Sunday - *Hebrew School Sukkah building party. Parents invited to help build our Sukkah*

21st Friday – *Shabbat/Sukkot/Simchat Torah family service and dancing with Torahs at 6:30pm*
(A fun, joyous, unique event for students and parents)

23rd Sunday - *Hoshanah Rabbah services 10AM. A special Sukkot celebration and service featuring lulav and etrog for students and parents*

30th Sunday – *Hebrew School*



September, 2016

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:

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| September 2 | Joseph Kirsch |
| September 2 | Rose Shapiro |
| September 2 | Mae Laube |
| September 2 | Nathan Bley |
| September 9 | Perry Sheren |
| September 9 | Rose Rudnetsky |
| September 16 | Annie Bernstein |
| September 16 | Charlotte Stark |
| September 23 | Isidore Jacobowitz |
| September 23 | Donald Berger |
| September 23 | Louis Cohn |
| September 23 | Paul Alter |
| September 23 | Augustus H. Bergmann |
| September 30 | Charlotte Ober |
| September 30 | Rhoda Harrison |
| September 30 | Annette Susan Pribut-Smith |
| September 30 | Benjamin Fingaroot |
| September 30 | Howard Robert Pribut |
| September 30 | Helen Kronman |

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”



October, 2016

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:

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| October 7 | Fay Janis |
| October 7 | Benjamin Shapiro |
| October 14 | Celia Safier |
| October 14 | Sam Bernstein |
| October 14 | Morris Sidney Kronman |
| October 14 | Frances Kvares |
| October 14 | Jacob Kronman |
| October 21 | Theresa Kronman |
| October 28 | Katie Helfant |
| October 28 | William Ringe |
| October 28 | Edith Berkowitz |

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November, 2016

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| November 4 | Philip Rudnetsky |
| November 4 | Morris Messinger |
| November 4 | Alfred S. Schwartz |
| November 11 | Sylvia Swire |
| November 11 | Herbert Norman Schwartz |
| November 11 | Eve Anne Helfant |
| November 11 | David Cohen |
| November 11 | Sidney Schlansky |
| November 11 | Joseph Harris |
| November 18 | Benjamin Laube |
| November 25 | Isidore Hirschenfang |

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