

SHOFAR



Jewish Center of The Moriches

June 2017 Sivan – Tamuz, 5777



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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Join us on June 4th for Bagels and Temple Cleanup.

Don't forget to bring in donations for this summer's Rummage Sale.

Make your reservation for the Jewish Heritage Day with The Ducks!

Though the spring officially begins in late March, May and June are the months when we finally feel that the warmth has actually arrived. Trees have turned green, flowers are in bloom, and a feeling of rebirth overwhelms us. The winter was long and cold, perhaps harsh and challenging for many of us. I hope that with the arrival of the warmer months will come a sensation of easy living. It is so important that we have the time and energy to appreciate the simple and beautiful things in life. A sunny day, a blue sky, a glimpse into heaven...

In Judaism, this is the time of year when we count the Omer. The Omer is a period of seven weeks which begins on the second night of Passover and concludes with the festival of Shavuot, which this year begins on May 30th. The Torah instructs us that we must count these 49 days, thereby connecting the spring festival of Pesach, and the early summer festival of Shavuot. It is a sort of countdown, building anticipation as one holiday ends and the other approaches.

During the period of the Omer several other occasions and holidays are observed as well. These include Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day,) Yom HaZikaron (Israel Remembrance Day, which is similar in spirit to America's Memorial Day,) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day,) which all occur in May this year. The festive, out-door holiday of Lag ba'Omer also takes place during the counting, this year falling on Sunday, May 14th.

Finally the holiday of Shavuot will arrive. This grand celebration observes the time of our receiving the Torah from God on Mount Sinai. We recall joyfully how Moses went up and brought down the teachings of our religion to our ancestors, who passed down the message of Torah for many generations, all the way up to us in the present time.

It is traditional to stay up all night learning Torah on the first night of this festival, demonstrating our love and passion for absorbing Torah. It is also traditional to enjoy dairy foods for Shavuot, in particular blintzes and cheese cake.

So, to all of you I wish a chag Samayach and a very joyous Shavuot. Enjoy the glories of our torah, and make sure to eat some delicious dairy products as well. Even ice cream is allowed!

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

It is very hard to believe that Hebrew school is almost over for this year. We only have one more session left on June 4th. This year has been filled with so much excitement and activity. We currently have more students and teachers in our school than we have had in many years. On the other hand, we are still small enough to be able to create a very intimate experience for each student. I feel lucky to know all of our Hebrew school students very well, and to have had the opportunity to work with each one of them during this past school year. It is very fulfilling to see each child learn and grow as a person. I hope that the lessons and activities they experienced throughout the year will carry over into a great summer for everyone. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall. However, we have many services and events during the summer and it would be wonderful to see you at the Jewish center all year round. Keep in mind Saturday morning services coming up on June 10 at 9:30. Shabbat morning is fun and delicious at the Jewish center. Join us! And happy summer to everyone!





The Jewish Center of The Moriches Annual Sisterhood Dinner

with services to follow

Friday June 16th, 2017 at 6pm

Contact Marilyn at 878-0466 or zoilomarilyn494@gmail.com for more information

Reservations must be made by June 5th

Mail checks made out to the Deborah Sisterhood to:

Sherry Schwartz, 12 Mallard Dr, Center Moriches NY 11934.

Reservation Form:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Adults \$20.00 _____ Children up to age 13 \$15 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Jewish Heritage Day with the Ducks!

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

If you are interested in attending please contact Doug Sherter by July 31st.

631-874-4570 shardou@optonline.net

Sunday August 20th
Bethpage Ballpark
\$13 per ticket
RSVP by July 31st



THERE ARE 2 SUMMER SHABBAT BBQs!!!



Enjoy twice the hotdogs with 2 BBQs!

Friday 7/21/2017 at 6pm.

Friday 8/25/2017 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

2017 Rummage Sale!

Please donate to our 2017 Rummage Sale to be held on August 13th at 9AM

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 12th or to help sell and clean up on the 13th are welcome and appreciated.



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



Please join us on Sunday June 4th at 9am for bagels and to help tidy up the grounds with a Spring cleanup!

Dear Members & Friends

Happy B-Day to all our June & July celebrants. I would like to thank all who contributed to our annual food drive.

Our annual Sisterhood Shabbat dinner & service will be held on June 16th at 6pm. Look for reservation form in this Shofar. Now that spring has finally sprung, don't forget to keep in mind our annual rummage sale which will be held this year on Aug 13th.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo



Contributions to The Jewish Center of the Moriches

Donations	
Joel Bodow	IMO mother Adelaide Bodow
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Judy Hean	IMO Abe Bernstien, father, and Ann Foster, Aunt
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Jill Bastable	Yom Hashoah
Stuart Ringe	IMO Mother, Honey Ringe
Morton & Gwen Stark	IMO father Murray Stark
Larry & Barbara Kiss	IMO father Ben
Lynne Quinn	IMO Mother, father, brother, and husband. On April 27th, 2017, Paul Francis Quinn was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.... Commander Paul Francis Quinn, retired U. S. Navy

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

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



June, 2017

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 2	Raye Glaser
June 16	Murray Stark
June 16	Gerson Helfant
June 16	Lillian Goldstein
June 23	Ike Kaplan
June 23	Albert Nooger
June 30	Belle Bernstein
June 30	Freda Schwartz
June 30	Judith Diane Bennett Helfant
June 30	Anna Rebecca Kuhl

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, 2017

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 7	Esther Bley
July 7	David Stein
July 7	Barbara Heller Berkowitz
July 7	Lillian Rudnitsky
July 14	Leo Heller
July 14	Mildred Stifstein
July 14	Sara Kongsberg
July 14	Edward L. Bodow
July 14	Zelda Nooger
July 21	Lawrence A. Goldstein
July 21	Abraham Makransky
July 21	Mae Janis
July 21	Tom Forsch
July 28	Nathaniel Zoblér
July 28	Fannie H. Cohn
July 28	Moses Helfant
July 28	Joseph Allen Ash
July 28	Rose Makransky

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Upcoming Schedule

June

Sun. June 4: Last Day Of Hebrew School - 9:00

Sun. June 4: Temple Cleanup and Bagels - 9:00

Sat. June 10: Shabbat Morning Service – 9:30

Fri. June 16: Sisterhood Dinner – 6:00

Fri. June 23: Special Family Service – 6:30

July

Fri. July 21: Early Service and Hot Dog BBQ Shabbat - 6:00

August

Sun. August 13: Rummage Sale!

Sun. August 20: Early Ducks Game for Jewish Heritage Day!

Fri. August 25: Early Service and Hot Dog BBQ Shabbat - 6:00

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