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Jewish Center of The Moriches

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PASSOVER



The Jewish Center of the Moriches

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There is so much going on in the next few months.
Please join us for all of our events!

D'Var HaRav *(The Cantor's Message) March 2018*

Holiday season is approaching yet again. Thankfully, as Jews, the festivities are never very far off. Built into the fabric of our calendar is a structure of celebrations; meticulously timed to enhance our lives with stimulation, spirituality, and joy. What holiday are we anticipating next? The unique and splendid day of Purim. On this day all order as we know it is generally turned upside down. We rock our world with noise, silliness, carnivals, costumes, and splendor. The plans of Hamas to destroy us were turned around and, in the end, it was we, the Jews, who gained power and influence in the land of Shushan. Hamans plans were foiled. Indeed, not only were our people not massacred and wiped from existence, but instead it was Haman and his followers who were brought down low to destruction. In honor of that unpredictable turn of events, we turn the day of Purim on its head, creating an atmosphere unmatched throughout the year. When else do we scream and shout in our sanctuary? Disguise ourselves and intoxicate our realities! This is the madness of Purim, a phenomenon for all, a festivity of festivities!!

What is the only limitation of Purim? The only factor that may appear to diminish it? Aside from the fact that it does not carry most of the prohibitions which apply to shabbat and many other holidays, what makes Purim a little different from the majority of our other holy occasions? It is only one day long!

Have no despair, though, over the shortness of its longevity, because, indeed, but one month later arrives the astounding time of Pesach, Passover, the season of our freedom. If we are feeling at all cheated by the only one day of Purim, we know, of course, that the holy holiday of Matzah is a full eight days long. And, if we are to include the days of preparation and anticipation, we can suggest that the feeling of Passover lasts even longer, additionally being followed oh so suddenly by the count down to Shavuot, the festival of weeks. Passover is all about redemption. And we possess eight long days and nights to savor its delicious flavor. Whether we particularly always love the taste of Matzah or not, we can feel the warmth of freedom and appreciate the blessings which have been bestowed upon us. Redemption from Egypt, the warmth of the spring time, and the inspiration of our great Prophet, Moses our teacher; all Divine gifts for us to love and cherish.

In conclusion, though we may be left with some few days of cold and quiet, we know that the special times are approaching once again. Happy Purim, and then, Happy Pesach! See you at the Jewish center for all of the celebrations.

Hebrew School News

What a carnival we have prepared! Purim may be the most exciting day of the school year for our Hebrew school students. They have the opportunity to indulge in making lots of noise in the sanctuary, dressing up in outrageous costumes of all kinds, enjoying carnival fun, games, and prizes, and eating all sorts of treats including, of course, hamantachen! What are hamantachen? They are Haman's gift to us for the holiday. Instead of destroying us, as he had planned, we mock him by consuming special delicious cookies named in his honor. Only on the crazy and upside down day of Purim would we name the official food of the holiday after the villain of the story. But such is Purim. Please join us and our Hebrew school students for all of the festivities. Happy Purim everyone!



Passover 2nd Night

Saturday March 31st, 2018



The Jewish Center will be hosting a Passover dinner on Saturday, March 31st at 5:30pm.

For members: Adults are \$26.00 and children 5 to 12 are \$16, under 5, no charge.

For non-members and guests: Adults are \$36.00, children 5-12 \$18.00, under 5, no charge.

For information email jewishcenterofthemoriches@gmail.com

Reservations must be made by **March 15th** by sending your check made out to the Jewish Center of the Moriches to:

Jewish Center of the Moriches
Att: Farra Isaacson
PO Box 127
Center Moriches NY 11934.

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 \$ _____



We have 3 B'nai-Mitzvah in April

Saturday April 14th at 9:30

Edward Leselrod

Saturday April 21st at 9:30

Gavin and Brooke Melcher

**Please join us the Friday night before and for the Saturday morning
Shabbat services**

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



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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.

In the next few months we have Saturday services on 3/10, 4/14, 4/21 and 5/12.

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 or use the contact form on our website at 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. 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 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

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.

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.



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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Sisterhood News

Dear Members & Friends

Happy Birthday to all our March & April celebrants;

This year we find the need for food donations more immediate for our community, so this year for the month of March, we will be collecting non-perish-able food and supplies in our library. Please be as generous as you can.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo



March, 2018

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 2	Jack Eskell
March 2	Max Stekelman
March 2	Rose Weissman
March 2	Philip Kuhl
March 9	Adelaide Bodow
March 9	Irma Seides
March 9	Paul Hegeman
March 16	Abraham Heller
March 16	Kate Olewach
March 16	Lillian Reiss
March 23	Eugene Forsch
March 23	Isadore Swire
March 23	Rosalind Edel
March 23	Norman Stein
March 30	Joseph Stein

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”



April, 2018

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:

April 6	Florence Hirschenfang
April 6	Suellen Shakin
April 6	Saul Bell
April 6	William Glazer
April 6	Alexander Weiss
April 6	Edward H. Loeb
April 13	Abraham Bernstein
April 13	Honey Ringe
April 13	Ben Berkowitz
April 13	David Makransky
April 20	Ida Kirsch
April 20	Edith Weiss
April 20	Tillie Scharf
April 20	Selma Kiss
April 20	Hyman S. Goldstein
April 27	Meyer Reiss
April 27	Abraham Levine

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Upcoming Schedule

March

Sun. March 4: Purim service and carnival- 10:00

Sat. March 10: Shabbat morning service- 9:30

Sun. March 11: Religious School- 9:30

Fri. March 16: Special Family Service- 6:30

Sun. March 18: Religious School- 9:00

Sun. March 25: Religious School- 9:00

April

Sun. April 1: No School (Passover and Spring break)

Sun. April 8: No School (Passover and Spring break)

Fri. April 13: Special Family Service- 6:30

Sat. April 14: Shabbat morning service- 9:30 (Bar Mitzvah of Edward Leselrod)

Sun. April 15: Religious School

Sat. April 21: Shabbat morning service- 9:30 (B'nai Mitzvah of Gavin and Brooke Meltcher)

Sun. April 22: Religious School

Sun. April 29: Religious School

May

Sun. May 6: Religious School- 9:00

Sat. May 12: Shabbat morning service- 9:30

Sun. May 13: No School (Mother's Day)

Fri. May 18: Special Family Service- 6:30 (followed by Shavuot celebration)

Sun. May 20: No School (Shavuot)

Sun. May 27: No School (Memorial Day)

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