

# SHOFAR



## Jewish Center of The Moriches

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# Shana Tova

# 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!***

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

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I first want to express to you all how thrilled I am to be here at the Jewish Center of the Moriches. I truly feel blessed and beyond lucky to now be serving as your spiritual leader and cantor. Finally having a true home as a spiritual leader and cantor and being able to serve my own congregation has made me realize even more that this is exactly where I should be and what I should be doing. Everyone so far has made me feel beyond welcome and I really feel that I'm already developing a true connection with all of the Jewish Center of the Moriches community members. I am looking forward to sharing with you all of your important life events and celebrations and experiences and especially to praying and singing with you every week and continuing to become a part of your lives.

I have so many ideas in terms of how to continue the great work that Cantor Zachary laid down as a foundation, and how to add new and exciting components to our congregation, especially in terms of our services, our Hebrew school and community events and special occasions. I've met so many of you already, and if you haven't met me yet I can't wait to meet you in person !

On that note, let me introduce myself and tell you a little about my background:

I grew up in Rockland County, New York, and now split my time between Rockland and Long Island. I bring along with me many people: I am a mom to two rambunctious boys, Isaac 10 years old, and Noah 4 years old. Jonathan, my other half, has two beautiful girls, Alexa, also 10, and Samantha, 8 years old. I'm sure you will be seeing all of them quite often, as well as the rest of my family, my parents Howard and Nancy, my sisters, nephews, cousins, and Jon's family as well, especially his parents, brother and sister-in-law and kids as well! So be on the lookout for all of them, and they will all happily sing, and join us in prayer at our services, and definitely be a part of our special events!

I am a teacher, a musician and opera singer, a film festival coordinator, and of course a Cantor. I graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University, magna cum laude, with a BA in Anthropology and minor in Music, Saint John's University with a Masters of Education and I am currently studying at the Academy for Jewish Religion, Cantorial Program and Jewish Studies. I sang professionally in the US and in Europe, especially Italy, for the past 15 years performing such roles as the Queen of the Night from the Magic Flute and Madame Mao from Nixon in China. I still plan on singing, and plan to do many concerts throughout the year - so I will keep you all posted about that. I also help Jonathan, a teacher and a filmmaker, with his film festival, The Big Apple Film Festival. So, you'll often hear about that a lot as well.

As the cousin of the great Cantor Pierre Pinchik, I am thrilled to continue my family's tradition of serving the Jewish community as a spiritual leader and chazzan. I've served at various congregations, including B'nai Israel in Wilmington, North Carolina, Shomrei Torah in Wayne, New Jersey, congregation B'nai Israel in Fleischmanns, NY and Temple Beth El in Oneonta, NY. I've also served as a Jewish Educator at WTA in New Rochelle, NY, Greenburgh Hebrew Center in Dobbs Ferry, NY, Riverdale Temple, in Riverdale, NY, and at Congregation Sons Of Israel in Nyack, NY.

I am now excited to continue my journey as a spiritual leader with all of you, and know that this will be a time of great growth, for both myself and for all of you. You all are now a part of my family, and serving you will be a joy and tremendous honor.

If there is anything else you want to know about me, please always feel free to ask. I will always be within easy reach if you should ever need me, just to chat or for anything else. You can always shoot me an email, a phone call or a text. Please share with me any ideas, concerns, etc that you may have - I am always open to discussion and working together. See below for my contact info. I will be reaching out to all of you to keep you posted of each week's services, events, etc, so look out for my automated phone calls, emails, facebook postings, and other postings on our website. Please use my info below to stay connected with me, but I especially hope to see every one of you at our services and events. If I haven't met you yet, please come up and introduce yourself. I promise to have all names memorized soon too!

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and see you in shul.

With warmth and sincere appreciation, Cantor Erica

My email: [elsoprano@gmail.com](mailto:elsoprano@gmail.com) My Cell: 646-662-6048

## Hebrew School News

Summer is soon coming to an end, and Hebrew school will soon be here! I am so excited to meet all of our students and I know this will be a year of great learning and growth. Myself, Morah Renee, and Morah Julie are eagerly planning and preparing for the upcoming school year, with the first day of school starting right after the High Holidays. The exact date and the school calendar will be coming soon.

I myself am a Jewish educator and teacher as well, so I plan on utilizing these skills to make our Hebrew school stronger and more comprehensive for all students. I plan on continuing Cantor Zachary's excellent curriculum, but also will be adding new elements and exciting components to the school day to make Hebrew school even more enriching and of course fun. Please feel free to share with me any ideas that you may have regarding the new hebrew school year, and I will gladly listen and take all into consideration.

I look forward to meeting you all soon, and to teaching all of your children, celebrating bar and bat mitzvahs, and welcoming new families into our warm and vibrant jewish community.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and see you soon!

## 2018 High Holiday Schedule

Selichot & Shabbat Evg.Service	Fri.....	9/07.....	8:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah Eve.....	Sun .....	9/09.....	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day.....	Mon .....	9/10.....	9:00 AM
Tashlich.....			1:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Eve .....	Mon .....	9/10.....	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day .....	Tue .....	9/11.....	9:00 AM
Shabbat Evening Service.....	Fri.....	9/14.....	7:30 PM
Memorial Service, Mt. Pleasant Cem.	Sun 9/16 .....		11:00 AM
Kol Nidre.....	Tue .	9/18 .....	<b>6:30 PM sharp</b>
Yom Kippur .....	Wed.....	9/19.....	9:00 AM
Yizkor .....			11:00 AM
Mincha .....			5:15 PM
Break the Fast .....			7:30 PM

## 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



## Contributions to The Jewish Center of the Moriches

Anne Kirsch	in memory of Charles Kirsch
Gwen & Morton Stark	in memory of Father Murray Stark
Judy Hean	in memory of Mother Belle Bernstein, in honor of Cantor Zack
Armand & Rita Karyo	in memory of the Karyos and the Fogelhuts
Harriet Matysko	in memory of mother Anna Rebecca Kuhl
Madeleine & Steve Alter	in memory of Mother, Minnie Cohen
Donna Ash	in memory of Mother-in-law Gertrude Ash, husband Joseph
Elaine Bernstein	in memory of Mother Belle Bernstein
Judy Hean	in memory of nephew Chris Marotta, Grandmother Fannie Cohn
Judy Hean	In honor of Jon & Judith Hean's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Elaine Bernstein	in memory of Fannie Cohn & Richard Bernstein

## 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](mailto:ss12@optonline.net); 631-878-4880) or Cantor Zach ([cantorzkonigsberg@gmail.com](mailto: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 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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*August, 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:*

August 3	Louis Nooger
August 3	Solomon Simon
August 3	Gertrude Ash
August 10	Joseph Kirsch
August 10	Rose Shapiro
August 10	Mae Laube
August 10	Nathan Bley
August 17	Perry Sheren
August 17	Rose Rudnetsky
August 24	Annie Bernstein
August 24	Charlotte Stark
August 31	Isidore Jacobowitz
August 31	Donald Berger
August 31	Louis Cohn
August 31	Paul Alter
August 31	Augustus H. Bergmann

*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.*

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September 7	Charlotte Ober
September 7	Rhoda Harrison
September 7	Annette Pribut Smith
September 7	Benjamin Fingaroot
September 7	Howard Pribut
September 7	Helen Kronman
September 14	Fay Janis
September 14	Benjamin Shapiro
September 21	Celia Safier
September 21	Sam Bernstein
September 21	Morris Kronman
September 21	Frances Kvaes
September 21	Jacob Kronman
September 28	Theresa Kronman

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# Upcoming Schedule

## September

Friday 9/7 - Selichot & Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM  
Sunday 9/9 - Rosh Hashanah Eve 8PM  
Monday 9/10 - Rosh Hashanah First Day 9AM  
Monday 9/10 - Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day Eve 8PM  
Tuesday 9/11 - Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day 9AM  
Friday 9/14 - Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM  
Sunday 9/16 - Memorial Service, Mt. Pleasant Cem 11AM  
Tuesday 9/18 - Kol Nidre 6:30PM  
Wednesday 9/19 - Yom Kippur 9AM

Friday 9/21 - Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM  
Sunday 9/23 - **Hebrew School First Day** 9AM  
Friday 9/28 - Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM  
Saturday 9/29 - **Shabbat Morning** service 9:30AM  
Sunday 9/30 - Hebrew School 9AM

## October

Sunday 10/7 - Hebrew School 9AM  
Sunday 10/14 - Hebrew School 9AM  
Saturday 10/20 – Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Isaacson  
Sunday 10/21 - Hebrew School 9AM  
Sunday 10/27- Bat Mitzvah of Lindsey Rusakow  
Sunday 10/28 - Hebrew School 9AM

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