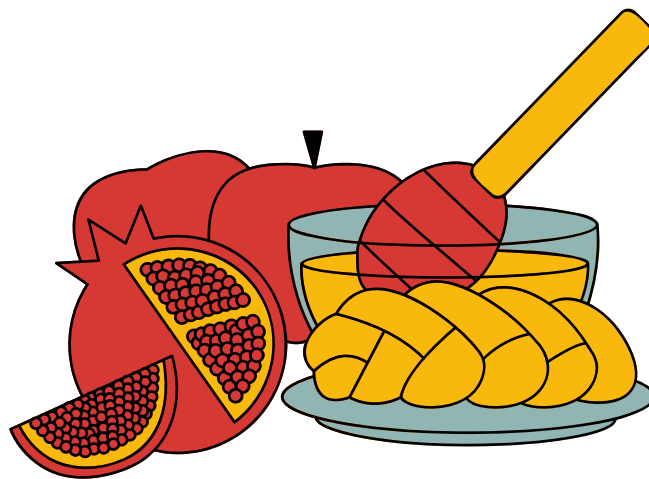



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# *The Shofar*





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Cantor Katchko and officers invite members of the congregation to contact them with ideas, opinions, questions, concerns, and offers of help. Please join us at the monthly board meetings—we'd love your input! Currently, board meetings are being held via Zoom.

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## *Paths of Torah* נְתִיבוֹת תּוֹרָה

*(The Cantor's Message)*

### Three Meanings of Teshuva

Dear Friends:

The Holidays are here, and with them, our thoughts turn to a primary theme of repentance, תשובה / teshuva. Prof. David Lambert of University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) writes on TheTorah.com – a wonderful website for Torah learning – that the meaning of this word evolves throughout our biblical literature.

The main component of the word תשובה / teshuva is שׁוּב , which means “turn.” Early prophets of the eighth century B.C.E. (Amos, Hosea, Isaiah) spoke of “turning to Hashem (G-d)” as in appealing to Hashem for help, asking for forgiveness and remedy.

The next evolution is in Jeremiah, late 7<sup>th</sup> and early 6<sup>th</sup> centuries B.C.E., where Israel is referred to as either a faithless wife or a disobedient child. There, we are asked to be more faithful and committed to the relationship with Hashem: to “re-turn” to the bond with Hashem.

The latest step in this teshuva journey involves nothing less than a total transformation of the nation of Israel and her citizens to become people for whom it is natural and enjoyable to do Hashem’s will. In Kings, Ezekiel, Jonah and late segments of Jeremiah, “turning away” from a sinful life is encouraged. This is not a correction of one incident, but an assumption of a new identity.

Deuteronomy 30:6 – considered part of a later editorial layer of the book – described this journey to a new dimension of being as a circumcision of the heart:

וּמַלֵּה

אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֶת־לִבְּךָ וְאֶת־לִבְּבָנֶיךָ לְאֹהֲבָה אֶת־ה' בְּכָל־לִבְּךָ וּבְכָל־נַפְשְׁךָ לְמַעַן חַיֶּיךָ:

Then your God will [open up\*] your heart and the hearts of your offspring—to love your God יהוה with all your heart and soul, in order that you may live. (Source: Sefaria.org)

\*open up Others: “circumcise.”

Literally, our hearts can be circumcised, their pure natures revealed, as now-unnecessary coverings are removed.

This New Year, 5783, may we allow Hashem to remove the barriers to holiness that give us the illusion of safety. Let us allow the love in our hearts to connect us to each other, for help and support. The word “courage” is derived from the French “coeur”/“heart.” Let us continue to grow our power and our bravery through what the Talmud refers to as “the highest form of wisdom” – kindness – beginning with ourselves and radiating outward to all we meet.

Shana Tova,  
Cantor Susanne Katchko

# What keeps JCM alive and strong? You do!



*A message from Farra Isaacson, Treasurer*

With the High Holidays on our doorstep, I'd like to share a few thoughts with you. When I joined this shul over a decade ago, I was amazed at how such a small synagogue survived. I grew up as one of some 3000 members (by my best recollection) of Commack Jewish Center. That institution, sadly, is now defunct.

But Commack Jewish Center had a whole huge staff – office workers, secretaries, custodians – you name it. Perhaps that overhead is why it could not sustain itself.

We do not have the same situation.

Jewish Center of the Moriches has us. You. Me.

We make it happen, or it doesn't happen; you and I are why JCM is still here – any and all of us are its staff and its caretakers.

My appeal to you, which extends not only from me but also from the rest of the board and involved membership, is that whatever your talents, your time constraints, your comforts – join us, and help us in any way you can. Your contribution of time and participation is critical, as we do not have resources to hire administrative staff.

We essentially operate on an austerity budget. We intentionally keep our dues low, and we have repairs, bills, and clergy and teaching employees just like any other religious organization. Our financial support is from your donations and dues.

**We probably have some of the lowest membership dues of any synagogue in the area, and we try to be accessible to all people (members or not), irrespective of their financial situation.**

I know the following words sound clichéd, but, truly, we can't keep JCM going without **YOU**.

If you're not already, become a member – fill out the membership form on our website, [www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com](http://www.jewishcenterofthemoriches.com) and pay your dues. Purchase a memorial plaque, sponsor an oneg (for whatever occasion or remembrance that you choose), donate in honor or memory of a loved one, or place an ad in our newsletter (see last page for details). And of course, join us for services!

In short, we're always looking for help (a list of positions is listed at the back of this newsletter; contact any board member for details).

My sincerest welcome to all new members, and may it be a good year for us all!!

Shanah Tovah,  
Farra Isaacson, DDS  
Treasurer



*September, 2022*

*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:*

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

*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, 2022*

*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:*

October 7	Celia Safier
October 7	Sam Bernstein
October 7	Morris Sidney Kronman
October 7	Frances Kvares
October 14	Jacob Kronman
October 14	Theresa Kronman
October 21	Katie Helfant
October 21	William Ringe
October 28	Edith Berkowitz
October 28	Philip Rudnetsky

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*November, 2022*

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

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Upcoming  
Events

**BOOK CLUB**

On Sunday, November 20th, the Book Club will meet at 10am in the JCM Library to discuss **The Lost Shtetl** by Max Gross. Please RSVP to Mara at [mzonderman@gmail.com](mailto:mzonderman@gmail.com).



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A Fundraiser hosted by the Familyhood  
of the Jewish Center of the Moriches



*Sponsor an Oneg!*

Want a nice way to celebrate a special birthday, an anniversary, or a graduation? Would you like to memorialize a loved one around the time of their yahrzeit? Consider sponsoring an erev Shabbat Friday night oneg. Challah, wine, grape juice and basic snacks are provided by the Jewish Center. You can add additional "special treats" (certified kosher, please), or flowers if you like. Leave a message at the general temple phone number, and Sherry Schwartz or another Familyhood member will get back to you.



## *Thank You, Donors!*

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- Dorothy Rose in honor of Judy Hean's 80th Birthday
- Judy Hean in memory of Uncle Richard Bernstein, Grandmother Fannie Cohn
- Maddy & Steve Alter in memory of Paul Alter
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- Judy Hean in memory of Aunt Mae Laube, Grandmother Annie Bernstein, Grandfather Louis Cohen
- Marlene Bieler in memory of Mother Frances Kuares
- Rabbi Jack & Beverly Shlachter Wishing all our JCM friends a healthy, joyous new year 5783
- Jeffrey Pribut in memory of Mother Annete Pribut-Smith, Father Howard Pribut

### **Want to see your name on the donor list?**

**JCM has many opportunities for you to honor or memorialize that special person or pet:**

**Tree of Life, Joyous Events Plaque, Yizkor Memorial Plaque, Pet Memorial Plaque, Plant a Tree in Israel. Contact Janet Bossert for details at 631-909-8821.**

**Your generous donations ensure that JCM is here for all of us.**

# High Holy Days Schedule 2022

## 5783

### THE JEWISH CENTER OF THE MORICHES

Selichot & Shabbat Evg. Service	Fri	9/16	7:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah Eve	Sun	9/25	7:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah 1st Day	Mon	9/26	9:00 AM
Tashlich, Neville Park			1:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day	Tue	9/27	9:00 AM
Shabbat Evening Service	Fri	9/30	7:00 PM
Memorial Service, Mt. Pleasant Cem.	Sun	10/02	11:00 AM
Kol Nidre	Tue	10/04	6:15 PM sharp
Yom Kippur	Wed	10/05	9:00 AM
Yizkor			11:30 AM
Mincha			5:15 PM
Break the Fast			7:30 PM

# *Volunteer Opportunities at JCM*

*Our community thrives when we all pitch in to help!*

*An \* means that JCM is currently looking for volunteers to help with these tasks.*

## **\*Hebrew School**

Coordinate with teachers and parents to make sure Hebrew School runs smoothly.

## **\*Cemetery Committee**

The JCM owns cemetery plots in Mt Pleasant Cemetery. These plots are for sale and occasionally someone contacts us to sell back their plot. Selling back plots involves the owner mailing the deed back, and coordinating with JCM's treasurer to send a check to the plot seller. Buying or selling back plots are fairly rare occurrences; usually this comes up once a year.

## **\*Newsletter Team**

Create the "Shofar Newsletter", email it to the printer, pick it up from the printer, mail it. Newsletter format mostly stays the same with each issue. JCM is currently producing four newsletters per year, with one person acting as "editor" (collecting and/or writing newsletter content), another person doing graphic design, and a third person picking up the printed newsletter from the photocopy shop and mailing the newsletters.

## **\*Membership Liaison**

Talk to prospective members when they contact the Jewish Center with questions: explain our programs, services, Hebrew School, and member pricing. This person is the "welcoming contact" that interacts with prospective members.

## **\*Ritual Committee**

Works with the Spiritual Leader to integrate traditional Jewish practices, guidelines, and prayers into Shabbat and festival services, life cycle events, and other JCM activities. Endeavors to make JCM's religious atmosphere welcoming, inclusive, and accessible.

## **Sunshine Committee**

Contacts sick/hospitalized members and sends condolences on behalf of the JCM community.

## **\*Phone "Keep in Touch" Committee**

JCM is looking for a few additional people to join Judy Hean and Cantor Katchko in making "keep in touch" phone calls to community members. Each committee member will be given a list of people to contact on an occasional basis.

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## **\*Building and Grounds Committee**

When there is an issue at the JCM that needs fixing, such as the heat or electric, the Building and Ground committee arranges the repair.

## **\*Sanctuary Committee**

The sanctuary committee deal with any issues that are in the actual sanctuary, such as upkeep, renovations, new chairs, etc.

## **\*Correspondence Committee**

Responds to mail, sends thank you cards for donations.

## **\*Website**

Manages the JCM website.

## **\*General Board Members**

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