



Shofar

June 2016
Iyar – Sivan, 5776
Jewish Center
of the Moriches

Shavuot



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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Our Temple Building is turning 50!!! Save the date!

August 21st at 2PM. Don't miss the celebration!

Though the spring officially begins in late March, May is the month 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 Saturday night, June 11th. The Torah instructs us that we must count these 49 days, thereby connecting the spring festival of Pesach with the early summer festival of Shavuot. It is a sort of a sacred 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 Veteran's Day,) and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day,) which all occur in May this year. The festive, outdoorsy holiday of Lag ba'Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer) also takes place during the counting, this year falling on Thursday, May 26th. In honor of this fun day it is traditional to spend time outside; enjoying nature, playing sports, and celebrating with a barbecue or bonfire.

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, cheese cake, and ice cream.

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. Happy spring time everyone!

Jewish Center of the Moriches 50th Anniversary Sunday 8/21 at 2PM!

The 50th Anniversary of the Jewish Center synagogue is coming up this summer.

We will have a ceremony/celebration including songs, speeches and the opening of the time capsule, sealed 50 years ago.

**If you would like to help plan or contribute to this event, contact Larry Kiss
874-4928 the3kisses@optonline.net**



Shavuot and Early Service June 17th, early service



On Friday night, **June 17th**, we will be having a special evening at the Jewish Center. After services, which will begin at **6:30**, there will be a special festive kiddush from around **7:30-8:00**, featuring delicious dairy treats, such as cheese cake, blintzes, and ice cream. All these foods are in honor of the Festival of Shavuot.

Then, starting at **8:00**, we will have a learning session also in honor of Shavuot, as it a great tradition to learn Torah for this Holiday. We will continue to enjoy cheese cake and other treats as we learn Torah until around 9:00. Please join us for this unique evening, and spread the word to your friends and neighbors. See you on June 6th at 6:30!

OUR 2ND SUMMER BBQ!



Friday 7/15/2016 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

2016 Rummage Sale!

Please donate to our 2016 Rummage Sale to be held on August 7th 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 6th or to help sell and clean up on the 7th are welcome and appreciated.



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 Aug 7th.

631-874-4570 shardou@optonline.net

Sunday August 28th
Bethpage Ballpark
\$13 per ticket
RSVP by Aug 7th



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 at PO Box 12, Moriches, NY 11955.



Contributions to the Jewish Center of the Moriches

Donations	
Madeline Shakin	In memory of Suellen Shakin, Mother
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Sherry & Steven Schwartz	In memory of Uncle Joseph Loeb, Mother Thelma Loeb, Father Edward Loeb
Elaine Bernstein	In memory of Uncle Murray Bernstein
Kathryn Hegeman	In memory of Son Paul Hegeman
Joel Bodow	In memory of Mother Adelaide Bodow
Harriet Matysko	In memory of Phiip Kuhl
Judy Hean	In memory of Grandfather Harry Bernstein

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

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

Spring time is a very busy season for our Hebrew School students. It began a few weeks ago with the festival of Pesach. Our students had a very active role at our Synagogue Seder. They recited the four questions beautifully, participated in discussions, and, of course, stole the afikoman and received special prizes. Soon after Passover, they are taking part in the community Holocaust Remembrance ceremony. They will be singing several songs at this important annual event. Meanwhile, we will be learning about upcoming Holidays including Yom Ha'atzmaut, (Israel's Independence Day) Lag Ba'omer, and Shavuot. It is hard to believe that summer is almost here. We only have a few sessions left before the long break. I would like to wish a wonderful summer to all of the families in our rapidly growing Hebrew School. We are so glad to have so many new students and look forward to more great learning together next year.



Dear members & friends

Happy birthday to all our spring & summer celebrants. Our upcoming Sisterhood events for the summer are our **annual Sisterhood luncheon** to be held at **Zans Deli** in the back of the SmithHaven Mall **on July 7th at 12PM**. Please RSVP by July 1st so I can tell them how many. Also, don't forget our annual Rummage sale on Aug. 7th. Please notify either me or Barbara Kiss @8744928. if you can help with working that day or setting up before.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Marilyn Zoilo

Member News:

May: Michael Mott 5/3; Alex Serrano 5/7; Selma Sherter 5/10; Bennett Leselrod 5/16; Allison Mottola 5/21
July: Ron Honig 7/2; Brandon Mott 7/21; John Gray 7/28; Lorraine Serrano 7/22; Shari Sherter 7/1; Meredith Wolff 7/10; Gail Miller 7/21; Dorothy Rose 7/23; Judy Hean 7/26; Anniver: Jon & Judy Hean 7/7; Cantor Zach and Phyllis Konigsberg 7/28; Mark & Barbara Wolff 7/31.

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



May, 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:

May 6	Abe M. Bernstein
May 6	Honey Ringe
May 6	Ben Berkowitz
May 6	David Makransky
May 13	Ida Kirsch
May 13	Edith Weiss
May 13	Tillie Scharf
May 13	Selma Kiss
May 13	Hyman S. Goldstein
May 20	Meyer Reiss
May 20	Abraham Levine
May 27	Charles Kirsch
May 27	Ida Michaels
May 27	Elsa Bonvillain
May 27	Morris Weissman
May 27	Solomon Levine
May 27	Loyal Witt

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”



June, 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:

June 3	Thelma Loeb
June 3	Ben Kiss
June 3	Florence Alperin Pearlman
June 17	Raye Glaser
June 24	Murray Stark

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July, 2016

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July 1	Gerson Helfant
July 1	Lillian Goldstein
July 1	Ike Kaplan
July 1	Albert A. Nooger
July 8	Belle Bernstein
July 15	Freda Schwartz
July 15	Judith Diane Bennett Helfant
July 15	Anna Rebecca Kuhl
July 15	Esther Bley
July 22	David Stein
July 22	Barbara Heller Berkowitz
July 22	Lillian Rudnetsky
July 22	Leo Heller
July 22	Sara Konigsberg
July 29	Edward L. Bodow
July 29	Zelda Nooger
July 29	Lawrence A. Goldstein
July 29	Abraham Makransky

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June 2016							July 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	
5 Last Day of Hebrew School Adult Torah Study	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12	13	14	15	16	17 Shavuot & Early Family Service 6:30pm	18	
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	Notes:		

◀ June 2016	July 2016						August 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1	2	
3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15 Shabbat BBQ & Early Service	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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And in August:
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 Sunday 8/28: Ducks Game

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