

Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

August 6 – August 13, 2009

16 Av – 23 Av 5769



Candle lighting time 8:10 pm
Friday August 7

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Services begin at 6:15 pm
Saturday morning Shabbat Services begin at 9:30 am

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**PARASHAT EKEV** (Commentary on Page 2)

Annual: Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25 (Etz Hayim, p. 1037)

Triennial: Deuteronomy 9:4 – 10:11 (Etz Hayim, p. 1042)

Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3 (Etz Hayim, p. 1056)

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Mazel Tov!

To Ashley Goodrich for receiving the "Teacher of Promise Award" from the Clarke County Foundation of Excellence in Public Education. This award is presented to a teacher with less than five years of experience who demonstrates excellence in the classroom.

We wish a Happy Birthday this week to:

Ian Altman and Elaine Dreizin

And Happy Anniversary to:

Debbie & Henry Oliner

This week we remember the Yahrzeit of:

Russel Blum, Isaac Cohen, Bess Lutsky Wohl, Leon Dolinsky, Aline Simmons, Joshua Adelstone, Julie Schwartz, Margie Macey Becker, Katherine Goldstein, Fanny Kahn

This year, in conjunction with Yizkor Services during Yom Kippur, we will again publish a Book of Remembrance. It will have an alphabetical listing of past family members at no charge to our members.

In addition to this alphabetical list, there will be a separate section in the booklet for families to group all of their loved ones together. This allows families to quickly find all of their loved ones without having to page through the whole list. There will be a charge of \$10.00 for each memorialized individual in this special section.

The deadline to submit the form to the CSI office is August 21, 2009.

PLEASE NOTE: If your loved ones were listed in the Special Section last year, they will be listed again this year unless you advise us that you do not want to participate.



Family Shabbat Dinner

Friday - August 28th

Services begin at 6:15 pm with dinner to follow

Adults - \$10 Children - \$7 Kids under 3 – free

***Please call 745-4571 or email:
secretary@csimacon.org to make a reservation***

Marc & Meredith Lipson invite you to join them for the
simcha of their daughter Anna's Bat Mitzvah

Friday – September 4 – 6:15 pm

Saturday – September 5 – 9:30 am

CSI 5770 Campaign

Next month we start the Jewish New Year 5770. It is a time of reflection and recommitment to our heritage and faith. Our synagogue has been the center of this Jewish community for over 100 years and has prospered from the commitment of many during those years. We ask you to join them in that commitment by making a generous donation to our 5770 Campaign.

Parashat Ekev

This week's commentary is by Dvora Weisberg who is Associate Professor of Rabbinics and Director of the Beit Midrash at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles.

Through Weakness And Strength - In times of success and prosperity we must remember those who have assisted us in the past.

The Israelites are about to experience a great transformation. After 40 years in the wilderness, they are to enter "a good land, a land with streams and springs and fountains...of wheat and barley, of vines, figs, and pomegranates...where [they] will lack nothing" (Deuteronomy 8:7ff.). On the east bank of the Jordan, Moses instructs them, "When you have eaten your fill give thanks to...God" (Deuteronomy 8:10).

Is the reminder necessary? Could the Israelites, eating from the bounty of the land, forget who enabled them to enjoy it?

Moses fears that the Israelites will indeed quickly forget the lessons of the Exodus and the wilderness. The land, which should serve as a constant reminder of God's goodness to them, may soon be regarded as the spoils of war. God does not begrudge the Israelites the fine houses, the abundant herds and harvests, the gold and silver of their new land.

The parasha does not denounce the Israelites' acquisition of wealth. Rather it cautions them, "Beware lest you forget...God... and you say to yourselves, 'My own power and the might of my own hand have won this wealth for me'" (8:14ff.). Wealth is dangerous when it leads its possessors to become self-absorbed and self-congratulatory.

It is easy to acknowledge our need for others when we are living in a wilderness, when survival is only possible through cooperation. When we find ourselves in possession of wealth, when we are capable of meeting our needs, we are eager to deny the uncertainty and dependency of the past.

The Israelites who will enter Canaan are reminded that their survival in the desert and their possession of the land are inescapably linked. Just as they acknowledged the power of God when they were weakest, so must they remember God's role in their continuing success.

For other commentaries on this week's Torah portion check out these sites:

Aish.com

ISJL Taste of Torah

JTS

MyJewishLearning.com

USCJ Torah Sparks

We're starting off our Adult Education programs this year with a
Movie Night on Sunday, August 23 at 4:30pm.

David and Terri Frolich have graciously volunteered their home.

The movie we will be watching is **Defiance** directed by Daniel Zwick. It is an epic tale of family, honor, vengeance and salvation in WWII. Daniel Craig, Liev Schreiber and Jamie Bell star as brothers who turn a primitive struggle to survive into a way to avenge the deaths of their loved ones by saving thousands of others. **It is a GREAT movie!**

Bring a covered dish and let's start off our year with a great film, wonderful food and good friends!

Please RSVP to Stephanie Kross, skross@cox.net. Look forward to seeing you.

Don't forget the CSI Gift Shop for all your gift needs.

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Birthdays - Anniversaries - B'nai Mitzvahs

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Rosh Hashanah Gift Items
& Rosh Hashanah Toys
thru the Holidays**



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Congregation Sha'arey Israel can make a little extra money...**

1. visit www.goodsearch.com for your online searches. This won't cost you anything but CSI makes a penny each time you search.

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2. for all your online shopping needs go to csimacon.org and click on our Amazon.com link.

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- [CSI Macon Online](#)
- [United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism \(USCJ\)](#)
- [JTS Podcast - this week's Parsha](#)
- [Audio Siddur](#)
- [Jewish Telegraphic Agency \(JTA\)](#)
- [Israeli News Broadcast – in English](#)
- [The Jewish Ethicist](#)
- [Synagogue 3000](#)
- [Learn through USCJ online](#)
- [The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum](#)
- [United Jewish Communities \(UJC\)](#)
- [American Jewish University](#)

For the children (or the young at heart):

- [Torah Portion Coloring Pages](#)
- [Babaganews Torah Parasha of the week movie](#)

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