

Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

September 24 – October 1, 2009

6 Tishri – 13 Tishri 5770



Candle lighting time 7:10 pm
Friday September 25

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

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## PARASHAT HA'AZINU - SHABBAT SHUVAH

Annual: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:52 (Etz Hayim, p. 1185)

Triennial: Deuteronomy 32:1 – 32:52 (Etz Hayim, p. 1185)

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10; Joel 2:15 – 27; Micah 7:18 – 20 (Etz Hayim, p. 1235; 1236; 1239)



**We wish a Happy Birthday this week to:**

Barbara Altman, Evan Koplín, Allison Brody, Shane Purcel, Alan Burstein, Joe Finkelstein, Michael Chanin, Nathalie Goodrich and Paul Jahr

**Happy Anniversary this week to:**

Viola & Stuart Schwartz

**This week we remember the Yahrzeit of:**

Charles Levin, Leon Bennett, Abe Hyman Weinman, Emil Wohl, Samuel J. Glyck, Felix Happ, Martha Happ, Feigl Hirsh, Gitel Hirsh, Milton Hirsh, Rachel Hirsh, Solomon Hirsh, Moritz Kessler, Yitzchok Pollock, Raisel Pollock, David Phillip Levine

On Yom Kippur, when we return for the concluding service, Bess Cotton will be talking to the congregation about a very special life experience. Some of us have already heard it, and it is a terrific speech you will not want to miss.

**Calling all Yeladim (children-all ages) for the "Ceremony of Light" at the Ne'ilah Closing Service on Yom Kippur. Bring your Flashlights! (and come and get your own Shofar to blow too!!)**

To determine how much food should be prepared for Break-the-Fast on Yom Kippur, we would appreciate it if you would let us know if you are planning to attend. Please call the CSI office 745-4571 or email [secretary@csimacon.org](mailto:secretary@csimacon.org). Thank you.

**REMEMBER PROJECT ISAIAH  
PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD BAGS**

*Please be sure to pick up your CSI 2009-2010 Directory!  
They are in the foyer facing the courtyard.*

**HIGH HOLIDAY  
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
2009/5770**

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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Kol Nidre</b>                                 | <b>Candle lighting</b>                  | <b>7:07 p.m.</b> |
| Sunday evening, September 27 – Mincha            |                                         | 6:30 p.m.        |
| Sunday evening, September 27 – Musical Interlude |                                         | 6:45 p.m.        |
| Sunday evening, September 27 – Kol Nidre         |                                         | 7:00 p.m.        |
| <b>Yom Kippur/Yizkor</b>                         |                                         |                  |
| Monday morning, September 28                     |                                         | 9:00 a.m.        |
| Youth Service – Grades 2 & up (in Chapel)        |                                         | 10:00 a.m.       |
| <b>YIZKOR (During Torah Service)</b>             |                                         |                  |
| <b>Mincha</b>                                    |                                         | 6:00 p.m.        |
| <b>Ne'ilah/Ma'ariv</b>                           |                                         | 6:45 p.m.        |
| <b>Break-the-Fast</b>                            |                                         | 8:00 p.m.        |
| <b>Erev Sukkot</b>                               | <b>Candle lighting</b>                  | <b>7:01 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Erev Sukkot</b>                               |                                         |                  |
| Friday evening, October 2                        |                                         | 6:15 p.m.        |
| <i>Supper in the Sukkah</i>                      |                                         |                  |
| <b>Sukkot I</b>                                  | <b>Candle lighting</b>                  | <b>7:54 p.m.</b> |
| Saturday morning, October 3                      |                                         | 9:00 a.m.        |
| <b>Sukkot II</b>                                 |                                         |                  |
| Sunday morning, October 4                        |                                         | 9:00 a.m.        |
| <b>Hoshanah Rabbah</b>                           | <b>Candle lighting</b>                  | <b>6:52 p.m.</b> |
| Friday evening, October 9                        |                                         | 6:15 p.m.        |
| <b>Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor</b>                    |                                         |                  |
| Saturday morning, October 10                     |                                         | 9:00 a.m.        |
| <b>Simchat Torah</b>                             | <b>Candle lighting Saturday evening</b> | <b>7:45 p.m.</b> |
| Saturday evening, October 10                     |                                         | 6:15 p.m.        |
| Family Night Dinner and Ma'ariv Service          |                                         |                  |
| Sunday morning, October 11                       |                                         | 9:00 a.m.        |

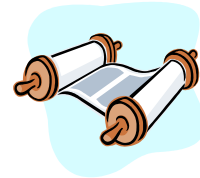
**Special Congregation Meeting**  
at the Synagogue  
**Sunday - October 25<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 P.M.**  
Topic: Rabbi's Contract Renewal

**Make your reservations NOW!!**



*Supper in the Sukkah*  
*Friday - October 2 - 6:15pm*

*Simchat Torah Family Dinner*  
*Saturday - October 10 - 6:15pm*



Adults - \$10, Children under 13 - \$7, Under 3 - Free  
Please call the CSI office 745-4571  
or email [secretary@csimacon.org](mailto:secretary@csimacon.org)

**Save these dates!!**

***Warner Robins Sukkah Hop - Tuesday, October 6 - 6:00 PM***  
***Home of Lynn & Jay Freedman in Bonaire***

Food All Kosher: Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, veggie-burgers, salmon, cole-slaw, salads and drinks. If you really want to bring something, please call Lynn (923-0765) to coordinate drinks, fruit salad, veggie salad, etc. (Parve contents only, please!) We'll have plenty of food available, so please bring yourselves...and YES, we will be enjoying SLIVOVITZ to celebrate life. Please simply come and enjoy. - Lynn & Jay Freedman

***Macon Sukkah Hop - Wednesday, October 7 - 6:30 PM***  
***Home of Anne & Scott Bayme***

Dairy Covered Dish Dinner and Dessert  
RSVP to Anne 474-0063 or [abayme5@gmail.com](mailto:abayme5@gmail.com)

***Milledgeville Sukkah Hop - Thursday, October 8 - 6:30 PM***  
***Home of Vickie Brown***

RSVP to Vickie: 478-968-7094 or [vickiebrown@windstream.net](mailto:vickiebrown@windstream.net)

***CSI 5770 Campaign***

There are still some members who have not made a commitment to the CSI Campaign. This synagogue belongs to all of us and we encourage everyone to be a part of this campaign in whatever way you are able

The Jewish Federation of Macon and Middle Georgia is sponsoring an educational program on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 P.M. at the Cox Capital Theater.

**We will have pizza and beer followed by special speaker Micah Halpern. Mr. Halpern is an expert on terrorism and has insights you have not thought about. He will speak on "Making Sense of the Muddy Middle East." More information will follow in a separate flyer.**

**We hope you can attend. You can make a reservation with David Frolich or Harriette Carter.**

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**Please complete the End of Life Questionnaire  
and return them to the CSI office. Thank you!**  
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***Important Notes ~***

Yahrzeit Notices – We will continue to mail out reminders for parents, siblings, spouses and children. If you wish to receive a Yahrzeit notice for any other relative, you will have to contact the CSI office.

You may now pay your Synagogue bill with a credit card and there will be a section on your statement for you to submit your credit card information or you may call it in to the CSI office.

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& Rosh Hashanah Toys  
thru the Holidays**



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## **Parashat Ha'azinu**

**A Life of Vision:** We who are engaged in building Jewish communities must simultaneously look to the past and the future.

*This week's commentary is by Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky, executive director of the Jewish Outreach Institute and the author of numerous books about Jewish spirituality.*

This week's portion, which nearly completes the annual reading of the entire Torah, reflects on the past as it simultaneously offers a powerful vision for the future. As a result, the subtlety of this portion and the myth that has been perpetuated through its common retelling yearns for further exploration.

Moses will not be allowed into the Promised Land. The primary reason offered is his disobedience: he angrily struck the rock for water when he was merely supposed to touch it with his staff, gently coaxing the water from its source (see Numbers 20: 2-13.) Many read this as the explanation for his punishment.

Yet Moses is taken to Mount Nebo at the end of his life and allowed to gaze into the future, a privilege none of us are given. Can this really be considered a punishment or is it simply a recognition that the past generation--and its slave mentality--has to remain in the desert?

The past must not be forgotten but it cannot be recreated. Nor can it be brought into the future. With the help of God, Moses is able to see the fruits of his labors, the dénouement of the journey of the people in the desert. He gazes across into the Land and is given the ability to see.

We have witnessed Moses' ability to see so many times in the past, such as when he witnessed the presence of God in the midst of a burning bush that was not consumed, but the vision described in this portion seems to be an entirely new phenomenon. It seems odd that it is introduced at the end of Moses' life and at the end of the Torah.

Before she passed away I asked my grandmother, my *bubbe*, the last of the Russian generation in our family, about her life in Russia. She used whatever strength was left in her 5 foot frame and told me quite clearly, almost stridently, "We left Russia because it was terrible. I have forgotten about it. You must forget about it too."

The nostalgic past is never as good as we would like to remember it to be. But it is a means of getting us to this place. Had she not journeyed to these shores, my family might never have experienced its freedom.

Moses has dedicated his life to a vision. He led the people out of Egypt into the desert so that they might commune with God before entering the land of promise. Perhaps his goal was the eventual destination: arriving in the land. But the Torah would not have spent so much time telling the story of the journey were it also not important.

We who are engaged in creating a new form of Jewish community should take heed of Moses' lesson. We should give ear (literally, *haazinu*, the name of this portion) and pay attention to the lesson he is offering to those who will listen. The lessons of inclusion may be found in our past, but our vision for an inclusive Jewish community is part of our vision for the future.

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

[Aish.com](http://Aish.com)

[ISJL Taste of Torah](http://ISJL.TasteofTorah)

[JTS](http://JTS)

[MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com)

[USCJ Torah Sparks](http://USCJ.TorahSparks)

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

1. visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://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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- [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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