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9:00 am - 5:00 pm M-Thursday
9:00 am - 3:30 pm Friday
Lunch 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Friday Evening Shabbat Services are held at 6:15 PM.

Saturday Shabbat services are at 9:30 AM.

Thursday morning minyan at 7:00 AM

Please check the calendar each month for any special times.

Services at a Glance - May

Thursday, May 4th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 5th

6:15 PM Service

Rockin' Shabbat 5:30 pm

Candle Lighting 8:01 PM

Saturday, May 6th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 11th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 12th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:06 PM

Saturday, May 13th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 18th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 19th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:11 PM

Saturday, May 20th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 25th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 26th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:16 PM

Saturday, May 27th

9:30 AM Service

Wednesday, May 31st

9:30 AM Shavuot Service

Thursday, June 1st

9:30 AM Shavuot Service/Yiskor



Sunday school - 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

May 7th Teens & Jr. Congregation

May 14th - Tots and Teens - ISJL VISIT

May 21st - Last day of Sunday School

Tatnall Square Park

Hebrew School

Wednesday, May 3rd, 10th, 17th (last day)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



**Sunday, May 21st, 2017
4:00 PM**

Voting in a New Board

**Annual officer
committee reports**



ISJL VISIT - WEEKEND OF MAY 12-14

**OUR ISJL FELLOW, WILL BE AT FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES
SATURDAY MORNING SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL**



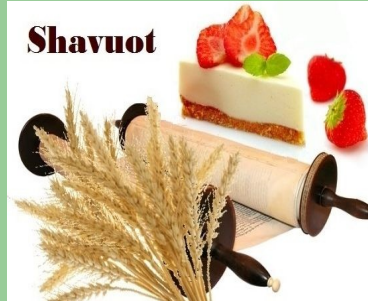
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Shavuot



SHAVUOT SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st
9:30 am
THURSDAY, JUNE 1st
9:30 am
YISKOR

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein

Thinking About Books



As I write these words Yom HaShoah has just passed, we're in our third week of counting the omer, and school is winding down. Before the schoolbooks are put away, it's worth thinking aloud about just how powerful and important books are.

My daughter just read Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*, and I remember Zohar reading that book not so long ago. 451 degrees Fahrenheit is the temperature at which books burn — hence, the title for Bradbury's dystopian novel. Dial back to 1244 in Paris, and the Talmud was burned publicly in Paris. It's an old gesture: the authorities condemn a book as heretical or indecent, and the burning is a powerful way of declaring that book to be out of bounds. Fast forward to December 2015: Israeli author Dorit Rabinyan's novel, *All the Rivers*, is banned by Israel's Education ministry. Naftali Bennet, who presides over the ministry, **has never read the book**. No matter. The sin of the author — writing about a Jewish-Arab love affair. The affair takes place in Manhattan, not Israel. No matter. The taboo within the novel renders the book unacceptable.

Full disclosure: I haven't read the novel. I can't say whether it's well written or trashy. But banning books, in a democracy, in the 21st century — because why? To protect citizens from dangerous ideas?

If Passover speaks of Freedom and Shavuot speaks of Law, then the weeks of counting the omer should focus us on the ways in which law and liberty interact. It's a complex conversation, to be sure. But whenever a film or a book or a song (remember Peter Gabriel's *Biko* being banned in South Africa?) is struck down by a censor, if you love freedom passionately — you should be more than concerned. Books by uplift us and they may annoy us or even stir outrage. But freedom challenges us to fiercely protect speech.

When I was a teenager, Alice Cooper penned a wonderfully silly anthem perfectly suited to summer vacation: *school's out for summer...* the singer revels in the moment that the dreaded schoolbooks are put away. The song is bit of a timepiece, a souvenir of teenagers expressing weariness with the school grind.

But seriously folks — we let censors ban books or any art (great, mediocre, awful - doesn't matter) at our peril.

As we journey toward Shavuot, let's give some serious thought to the interplay between freedom and law.

A Message from our President, Theresa Rosengart

May is here! Another new month and another new edition of the bulletin. For a “smaller” shul, the calendar of events at CSI is always full! April had Passover services, a beautifully appropriate and meaningful Yom HaShoah service, two student Confirmations at the last Friday night service and another well attended film night this past Sunday graciously hosted by congregants Jami and Jimmy Gaudet. In May, students, parents and teachers can look forward to a fun last day of Religious School with certificates, awards and activities. Also in May elections are held for new Officers and some Committee Chairs who officially begin their terms June 1st. All throughout the year, the collaborative efforts of dedicated volunteers and employees make each month unique with services and special events. Whether it is a visit from a Scholar in Residence, a field trip to the Alliance Theatre, a Hanukkah Family night dinner or any number of other occasions, the effort is made to enrich your spiritual experience while being mindful of financial considerations and other factors. It's a process that doesn't take a “vacation” during the summer. Believe it or not, the very first efforts at planning the calendar for next year's Religious School have already begun as well as looking ahead to begin organizing for next season's Directory fundraiser!

I will have more thoughts to share as outgoing President at the Annual Congregational Meeting. But as I write my last bulletin article in this capacity, I want to say what an honor it has been to have experienced this leadership position for the past two years. There have been joys and challenges and a multitude of cherished moments along the way. I have observed first hand the dedication and loyal support from congregants, the rabbi, and others, that make CSI the enduring place that it is for our collective spiritual enhancement, education and fellowship. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Best regards,

Theresa





Our Religious School has moved through April with our usual schedule of wonderful things happening. We resumed our Sunday School and Wednesday Hebrew School schedules after the March Spring Break.

On April 9th the entire Sunday School participated in Model Seders. Our three older classes enjoyed a Chocolate Seder. Students from kindergarten through tenth grade participated at the Seder, complete with chocolate spread for matzah chocolate chip charoses, strawberries dipped in chocolate, and four cups of chocolate milk! Our Seedling/Tot Class enjoyed their own Model Seder, with both traditional and chocolate Seder items. They especially enjoyed finding the Afikomen, and eating it as dessert!

Also on the 9th, students and teachers participated in bedikat chametz, as they cleaned the chametz out of their classrooms. Students took home bedikat chametz kits, complete with a candle, wooden spoon, and feather, to help remove the chametz in each of their homes before Passover.

Rockin' Shabbat happened on Friday evening, April 21st. A wonderful crowd attended and enjoyed a story, music and Shabbat prayers and blessings. Thanks to Miss Sharona and Rabbi Aaron for leading Rockin' Shabbat. Also, thanks to Jennifer and James Bernstein for the delicious Shabbat dinner.

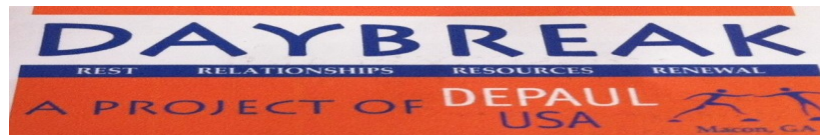
On April 28th Nicole Hill and Amitai Ilan were confirmed. We wish Nicole and Amitai and their families mazel tov!

Next month we look forward to a visit from our ISJL Education Fellow, Rachel Fraade, the weekend of the 12th-14th. Please plan to join her at Friday night and/or Saturday morning services. She will be doing some programming with our students on Sunday morning. Hope to see you there!



Macon Outreach Needs Your Support

Please everyone, remember to bring food donations for the Macon Outreach Food Pantry. Our donations will serve many families in the Middle Georgia area who are in need of help. Items such as canned fish and beans, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, applesauce, canned fruits and vegetables, rice and pastas are all especially helpful. Please help contribute to Tikkun Olam by bringing a can with you on your way to services and/or religious school.



Congregation Sha'arey Israel is a partner with DAYBREAK, a daytime haven for members of our community who are either homeless or are in need of a place to spend a day with people; a place where they can shower, get a light snack, and feel part of a community.

Donations are needed for the following supplies: **shampoo/body wash; body lotion; paper towels; toilet tissue; 13 gallon trash bags; HE laundry detergent; bleach; disposable food service gloves; disposable razors; washcloths; spray deodorant; dish detergent; coffee; coffee creamers; coffee stirrers; sugar bags; powdered lemonade; canned fruit cocktails; crew and boot socks; tea bags; air disinfectant spray**

Daybreak has opened a boutique of gently used clothing. The store is called WEAR, and is located at 466 First Street. All donated items must be clean. Hangers are appreciated, but not required. Clothes for all members of the family are welcomed. All profits from the sale of the clothing will go to support Daybreak. You can drop off your donations at DAYBREAK, 174 Walnut



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- ☛ Champaign vinegar with lemon balm

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NEW FLAVORS

Champaign vinegar with parsley, basil and garlic

White wine vinegar with arbol peppers and oregano (yummy & hot)

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Red wine vinegar with marjoram and rosemary

Apple cider vinegar with shallots and tarragon

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ^{5 Iyar} YOM HAZIKARON	2 ^{6 Iyar} YOM HAATZMA'UT	3 ^{7 Iyar} HEBREW SCHOOL 4:00	4 ^{8 Iyar} MINYAN 7:00 AM	5 ^{9 Iyar} SERVICES 6:15 PM ROCKIN SHABBAT 5:30 CANDLE LIGHTING 8:01	6 ^{10 Iyar} SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Acharei Mot-Kedoshim</i>
7 ^{11 Iyar} SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 JR. CONGREGATION TEEN CLASS ADULT ED 10:15 AM	8 ^{12 Iyar}	9 ^{13 Iyar}	10 ^{14 Iyar} HEBREW SCHOOL 4:00	11 ^{15 Iyar} MINYAN 7:00 AM	12 ^{16 Iyar} SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:06	13 ^{17 Iyar} SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Emor</i>
14 ^{18 Iyar} SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 TOTS AND TEEN CLASS MOTHER'S DAY LAG BA'OMER	15 ^{19 Iyar}	16 ^{20 Iyar}	17 ^{21 Iyar} HEBREW SCHOOL LAST DAY	18 ^{22 Iyar} MINYAN 7:00 AM	19 ^{23 Iyar} SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:11	20 ^{24 Iyar} SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Behar-Bechukotai</i>
21 ^{25 Iyar} LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS TOTS AND TEEN CLASS CONGREGATION MEETING 4:00 PM	22 ^{26 Iyar} VICTORIA DAY CANADA	23 ^{27 Iyar}	24 ^{28 Iyar} YOM YERUSHALAYIM	25 ^{29 Iyar} MINYAN 7:00 AM	26 ^{1 Sivan} SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:16 ROSH CHODESH	27 ^{2 Sivan} SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Benidbar</i>
28 ^{3 Sivan} ADULT ED 10:15 AM	29 ^{4 Sivan} MEMORIAL DAY	30 ^{5 Sivan} EREV SHAVUOT	31 ^{6 Sivan} SERVICES 9:30 AM SHAVUOT			

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