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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 - June

Thursday, June 1st

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 2nd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:20 PM

Saturday, June 3rd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, June 8th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 9th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:24 PM

Saturday, June 10th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, June 15th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 16th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:26 PM

Saturday, June 17th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, June 22nd

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 23rd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:28 PM

Saturday, June 24th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, June 29th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 30th

6:15 PM

Candle Lighting 8:28 PM

Services at a Glance - July

Saturday, July 1st

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, July 6th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 7th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:27 PM

Saturday, July 8th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, July 13th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 14th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:25 PM

Saturday, July 15th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, July 20th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 21st

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:22 PM

Saturday, July 22nd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, July 27th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 28th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:17 PM

Saturday, July 29th

9:30 AM Service

Monday, July 31st

Erev Tisha B'Av

Details on service to follow



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Friday evenings at 6:15
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Saturday mornings at
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ROCKIN' SHABBAT ACTIVITIES
 KID FRIENDLY SERVICES, STORIES, DANCING
 SHABBAT DINNER FOLLOWING SERVICES FOR KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES
 LOOK OUT FOR FUTURE DATES

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Aaron Lights the Lamps

There are moments when — if you're paying attention — you realize that the Torah portion of the week is speaking to you personally as well as to the kehilla of Central Georgia. This coming shabbat (June 10) we chant From Beha'alotecha (Numbers, chapter 8:1 through 12:16). As this portion opens, God tells Moses to instruct his brother, Aaron: When you ascend the steps to the lamps, let the seven lamps give light at the front of the Menorah.

Among Aaron's daily tasks was to tend to the daily lighting of the menorah. And then the Torah gives us a seemingly throw-away phrase: Aaron did so. So ordinary, why write it? What does this teach us?

Here's a gem from the Vilna Gaon (1720-1797, Poland and Vilnius) — day after day, year after year, Aaron's attitude never changed. His work never became routine or boring. He approached each day with the same sense of reverence he brought to his first day.

As I write these words, a new rav is assuming the pulpit at Temple Beth Israel. And as fate would have it, both of Macon's shuls are being served right now by a rav named Aaron. I'm thinking that's a rare harmonic convergence, and I sense a positive ripple in the Force 🙄

The Torah's opening words tell us — Macon's rabbis — that our daily project is about bringing light to our Jewish community, as well as to our Abrahamic brothers and sisters. And the great sage, Hillel, the Elder (110BCE - 10 CE, Babylonia and Jerusalem) teaches us that Aaron loved peace and pursued peace, loved people and drew them close to Torah.

My personal prayer: may the brother of Moses continue to guide both rabbis Aaron, and may each of us aspire to light the lamps, to draw people close, to share Torah, and to tend the paths of peace with our brothers and sisters in Abraham.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Rabbi Schlesinger and his family. May God continue to bless the works of your hands.

A Message from our President, Elmo Koplin

Hope everybody is starting off with a great summer.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the congregation for the coming two years. I was speaking with somebody recently and told them I had previously served as president a couple of years ago. Did not realize it had been 15 years!

Getting back involved, it is very exciting to see the energy and tremendous work many volunteers put in to keep all of our programs moving. It takes the dedication of many volunteers to keep our Kehilla running.

A big thank you to Theresa Rosengart for serving as President these past two years. She has done an excellent job and handled many things which go beyond the duties as President! Thank You.

Also a big thank you to the past board for all your work and the work by the various committee members and volunteers.

In the next couple of years, there will be a focus on two main topics.

Appointment of a Long Range Planning Committee to develop plans to assure the long term financial stability of our shul and to develop plans for the continual development of future leadership for our shul.

I am pleased to announce that Steve Kruger has agreed to chair this committee. In addition to serving as a past President, Steve has a good bit of experience being involved with long range planning with other non-profit organizations.

Another focus will be to assess the changing demographics of our Jewish community to be sure that we are delivering the “product” needed for our Jewish community. We will setup some informal meeting to discuss what individuals are looking for in their vision of what a Kehilla looks like to them in 2017. Steve Schwartz has agreed to serve as facilitator at these informal meetings. Steve has had experience in these types of meeting over the years in the business world and also in working with volunteering with other non-profits. From there we will work to adjust the delivery of a “product” that fits the needs of our community. Until these meetings are set, feel free to reach out to me or any members of the board with constructive suggestions.

As mentioned at the annual meeting in the financial report, in order to get to a breakeven annual budget, we will need to increase dues and work with members to further increase their total annual financial commitment. At the writing of this article, the new finance committee has yet to meet. Once they meet and confirm new dues rates, we will get a separate letter out to all members.

I am excited with the many great things we have going on at CSI. I look forward to working with everybody over the next two years.



TBT
President Elmo Koplin
Waiting to take over the helm



This past year has been a blast!! You should know that it is all because of you. Thank you to our Board of Education, teachers, students, parents, Donnell, Stephanie, and the entire congregation, for all of the support and participation over this past school year. We definitely felt the love!

Rockin' Shabbat happened at the beginning of the month with a Lag B'Omer theme. Thanks to the Crabtrees for an incredible cave in the Social Hall, in which the kids enjoyed a story, music, and services with Miss Sharona and Rabbi Aaron. That was topped off with hot chocolate in mugs that the children decorated. Also thanks to the Huttens for a delicious Cinco de Mayo Shabbat dinner!

The weekend of May 12-14 we had our third visit from Rachel Fraade, our ISJL Education Fellow. She participated in Friday night and Saturday morning services, as well as shared some Lag B'Omer stories and crafts with the students in Sunday School. Thanks to the Frolichs and Piassicks for hosting and entertaining Rachel.

We wrapped up Wednesday Hebrew School with a small feast and a frank discussion about the pros and cons of Hebrew School - what we are doing right, and what we can improve on. These wonderful young minds had some pretty interesting and constructive suggestions to be considered for next year!

Our last day of Sunday School included an awards and recognition program, and a morning filled with family fun games and team building activities. The following attendance awards were given: Jaden and Eileen received Gold medals for perfect attendance; Ashlyn, Addie, Lilah, Rivka, Morgan, and Pipa received Silver medals for only one absence; and Norah, Sylvia, Graham, Porter, Sophie, and Brady received Bronze medals for only two absences. The remainder of the morning was filled with games like The Human Knot, Ping Pong Shake, Mini Marshmallow Throw, The Lava Pit, and Crazy Ball. It was a fun way to end our school year!

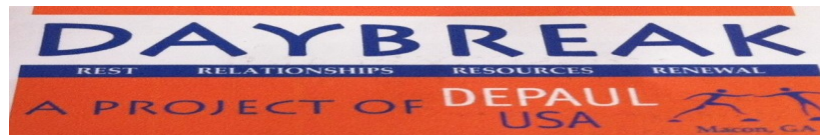
"Parting is such sweet sorrow," but look forward to seeing you again in August!

Have fun on vacation, at summer camp, and around town! Wishing you a safe and wonderful summer!



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.



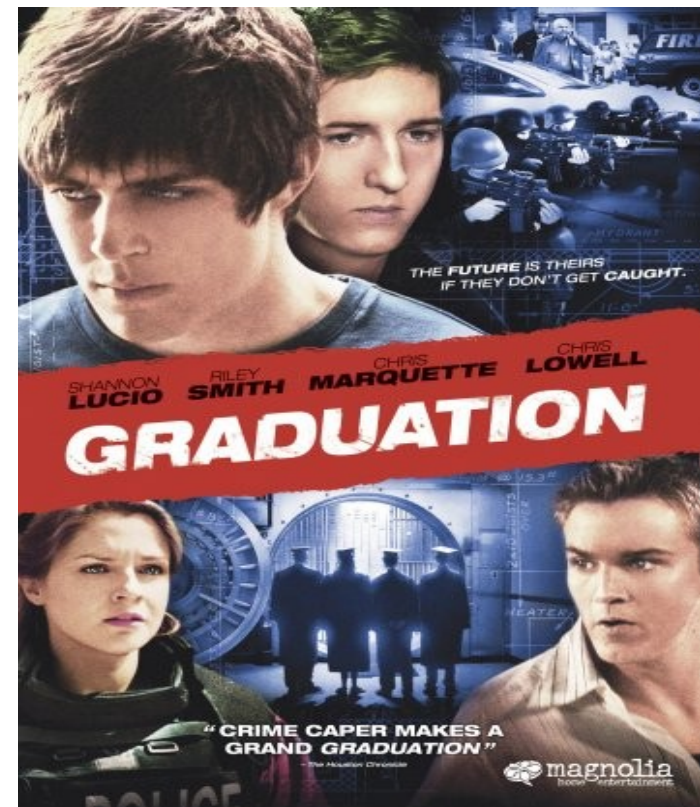
Congregation Sha'arey Israel is a partner with DAYBREAK, a daytime haven for members of our community who are either homeless or are in need of a place to spend a day with people; a place where they can shower, get a light snack, and feel part of a community.

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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NEW FLAVORS

Champaign vinegar with parsley, basil and garlic

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4 10 sivan	5 11 sivan	6 12 sivan	7 13 sivan	8 14 sivan MINYAN 7:00 AM	9 15 sivan SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:24	10 16 sivan SERVICES 9:30 AM Beha'alotecha
11 17 sivan	12 18 sivan	13 19 sivan	14 20 sivan FLAG DAY	15 21 sivan MINYAN 7:00 AM	16 22 sivan SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:26	17 23 sivan SERVICES 9:30 AM Shela ch
18 24 sivan FATHERS DAY	19 25 sivan	20 26 sivan	21 27 sivan SUMMER BEGINS	22 28 sivan MINYAN 7:00 AM	23 29 sivan SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:28	24 30 sivan SERVICES 9:30 AM Korach ROSH CHODESH
25 1 tammuz ROSH CHODESH	26 2 tammuz	27 3 tammuz	28 4 tammuz	29 5 tammuz MINYAN 7:00 AM	30 6 tammuz SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:28	

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						1 7 tammuz  SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Chukat</i> CANADA DAY
2 8 tammuz	3 9 tammuz	4 10 tammuz INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 11 tammuz	6 12 tammuz MINYAN 7:00 AM	7 13 tammuz  SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:27	8 14 tammuz  SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Balak</i>
9 15 tammuz	10 16 tammuz	11 17 tammuz	12 18 tammuz	13 19 tammuz MINYAN 7:00 AM	14 20 tammuz  SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:25	15 21 tammuz  SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Pinchas</i>
16 22 tammuz	17 23 tammuz	18 24 tammuz	19 25 tammuz	20 26 tammuz MINYAN 7:00 AM	21 27 tammuz  SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:22	22 28 tammuz  SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Matot-Masei</i>
23 29 tammuz	24 1 av ROSH CHODESH	25 2 av	26 3 av	27 4 av MINYAN 7:00 AM	28 5 av  SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 8:17	29 6 av  SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Devarim</i> SHABBAT CHAZON
30	31 SERVICES TBA EREV TISHA B'AV					

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