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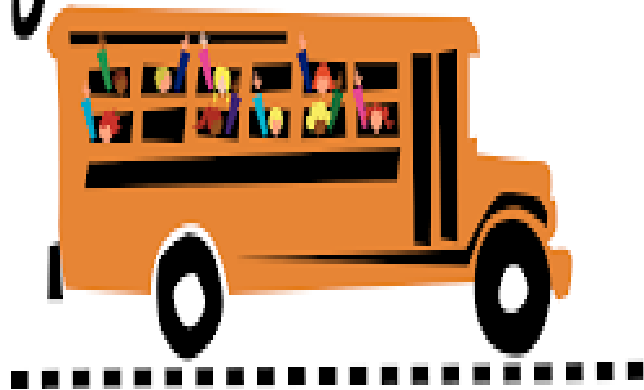
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***** OFFICE HOURS *****

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 - August

Thursday, August 3rd

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, August 4th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:11 PM

Saturday, August 5th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, August 10th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, August 11th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 8:05 PM

Saturday, August 12th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, August 17th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, August 18th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:57PM

Saturday, August 19th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, August 24th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, August 25th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:49 PM

Saturday, August 26th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, August 31st

7:00 Am Minyan



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

School will resume in September

September 10th - Tots and Teens - first day

Parents, please plan to attend opening day

activities at 9:30 am

(Hebrew school details in September bulletin)



It's Calendar-Directory time again!

If you have any personal info that needs updating in the Membership Directory Section such as address, email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. please let us know by August 16th. We want to ensure that the upcoming edition accurately reflects your current details.

The Calendar-Directory "Ad Book" is packed full with useful content and is also one of our main fundraising projects each year to help create a solid financial base for the synagogue's operational expenses. If you haven't already, please consider participating in our optional Birthday and Anniversary Section for \$5.00 per listing. And finally, the success of this effort is dependent on ads from both congregants and Macon-Bibb area businesses. Please consider purchasing a Personal, Business or Remembrance Ad that can be customized for you.

The 2017-2018 Calendar-Directory Ad Prices are as follows:

\$45	One Fourth Page
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\$235	One Full Prestige Page Plus (only 3 when available -inside cover, inside and outside back cover)

Payment (check, cash, credit card) must be received by CSI in advance for your listing(s) and/or ads to be included in the upcoming edition.

Please contact Stephanie Johnson (CSI Office), Theresa Rosengart (Editor) or Anne Bayme (Ways and Means Chair).

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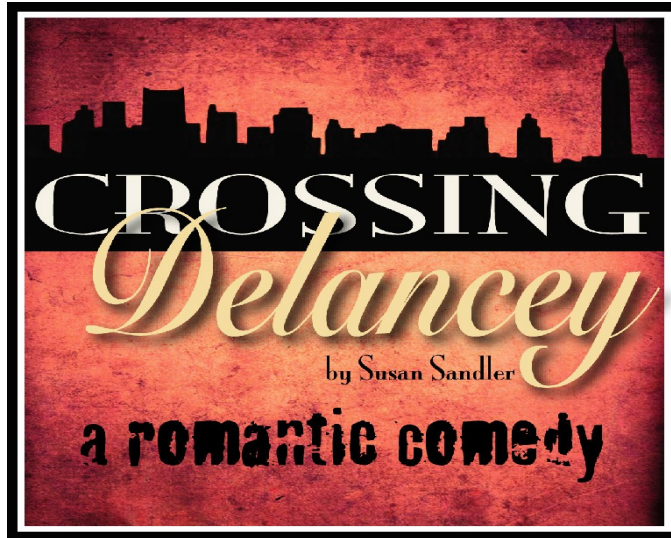


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A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein

Heading into the Turn

This coming Shabbat we begin chanting from Devarim — Deuteronomy, or Words/Things. The title of the book which comes from the Greek translation (Septuagint) highlights the second (deutero) appearance of the Ten Commandments (nomos - Law) within the Torah, while the Hebrew title simply scoops up the first 'significant' (as opposed to nondescript) word in the first verse of the text. Clearly, the ancient Greeks made much more out of a title than the ancient Hebrews. Whichever title you pick, Book #5 feels different from the rest. It's something of a memoir, and we feel the poignancy of a leader who will not quite check all the boxes in terms of his greatest desire — entry into the promised land. It's for this reason that I lean toward the Hebrew title, Devarim **דברים**. Here is Moshe reflecting upon the triumphs and failures along his journey. Devarim — words, things. Memories that stay with us long after the event has unfolded...that is the stuff of Book #5.

The calendar adds another layer to our communal soundtrack. The Ninth of Av (this year: Monday evening 7/31), the date which commemorates the destruction of the First Temple (by the Babylonians in 586 BCE, just over 2600 years ago) and the Second Temple (by the Roman in 70 CE), always falls shortly after we begin chanting Book #5. This coming Shabbat is called Shabbat Hazon, the Shabbat of the vision of Isaiah. It takes its name from the opening words of the Haftarah. Isaiah shares a dire warning of destruction. Three haftarot, three weeks running - we've chanted words of warning, and then the Fast itself. On the heels of this fast, there will be seven Haftarot, seven weeks graced with words of comfort. The prophet reassures the people that life will continue, that the people will rebuild, the phoenix will arise from the ashes. The darkness of the months of Tammuz and Av yields to the introspection of Elul, a personal and communal opportunity to take inventory, to think about who we are, and where we're heading.

And that journey takes us to the threshold of a new year.

This Shabbat, Moshe Rabbeinu, Moses, our teacher takes the long view, putting his own thoughts and feelings on the table. We're still in the heat of it, the long, steamy summer days. It's hard to imagine the leaves turning and falling, the cool nights returning — but all of that is not so far away. It will be time for us to take the measure of things, to consider our own journey, all the Devarim, the words and the things.



A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



I hope this article finds everybody having a great summer.

While on the outside there may not appear to be a lot going on, on the inside things are extremely busy.

The Education Committee, Ritual Committee and Finance Committee have all be hard at work getting thing in order for this coming year.

While many of the committees have been set for the coming year, we are still doing some adjusting to the committees in effort to include more of our members in the process of running our Kehilla. Some of our committees are a little too large and some are a little too small. It would be great to get all members involved in at least one of our committees. Let me know if you have a particular interest. We will do our best to get you involved in the ways that fit your interest.

If you have not attended services in some time, we hope you will attend sometime soon. Friday Night and Saturday morning services each have their different “flavors”. Friday night services are usually about an hour long with a short, inspiring drash by the Rabbi. Saturday morning service are usually about 2 ½ hours with a more in-depth Torah study among rabbi and our congregants. Come celebrate Shabbat with us. Some really great things are happening!

In an effort to meet the needs of our congregants, we are making some minor changes. First off, Rabbi Rubinstein is focusing on keeping Friday night's service to no longer than one hour. With this in mind, services will start promptly at 6:15. Additionally, in effort to make easier for individuals to meet with the Rabbi, regular office hours for the Rabbi will be Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 2:00pm. If these time are not convenient for you, please contact the Rabbi to schedule time on Wednesday or Friday up until noon.

In winding up my article for this month, I think of a drash the rabbi gave one Friday night recently. He spoke about Jewish glasses. We all have our lenses in which we view the world. Our lenses are somewhat enhanced by our Jewish education. It is exciting to hear how many of the kids in our shul were able to have their lenses enhanced by the experience of Jewish camp this summer! Seeing Willy Wonka performed in Hebrew will slightly alter your view of how a play can be done! Hope to see you soon and hopefully your Jewish experiences in our Kehilla will help you bring things into focus through your Jewish glasses.



Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer! It's amazing how quickly time flies! The CSI Board of Education has been meeting over the summer, organizing and making plans for a great school year. The CSI Board of Education includes: Jennifer Bernstein-Chair, Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein, Elmo Koplín, Anne Bayme, Theresa Rosengart, Chrissy Crabtree, Terri Frolich, Shelley Davidson, Jeff Lehman, and Emily Piassick. We appreciate all they have done over the summer.

This past June, CSI sent Lara Geller, Chrissy Crabtree, and Isaac Crabtree to the ISJL Education Conference in Jackson, MS. They came back with lots of new ideas and will be sharing their experience with the Board of Education, teachers, and religious school families; the Board of Governors, and with the congregation during a future Shabbat. Plan to come and here what they have to say.

On August 13th, 2017, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., CSI will hold its Teacher Planning Day. We want to welcome our new ISJL Education Fellow, Carly Abramson. Carly is a recent graduate of the University of Texas in Austin, where she earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts with a major in Jewish Studies. She will be attending the Teacher Planning Day on Sunday, August 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This Teacher Planning Day includes our teachers, aides, and Board of Education. Carly will be returning to Macon in the Fall over the October 20-22, 2017 weekend, and in the Spring over the March 2-4, 2018 weekend. ISJL is a resource for our entire congregation, not just our religious school. Carly will be participating in Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services and Sunday School. Mark your calendars to come and meet her!

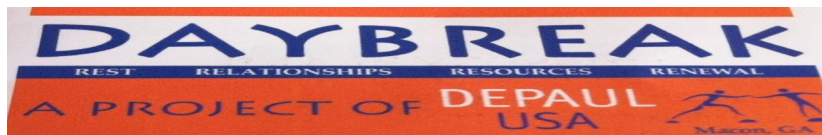
CSI Religious School will hold its first day on Sunday, September 10th. This includes the Teens and the Seedling classes. Parents are asked to attend our "back to shule" program beginning at 9:30. More information will be following about school plans. Please be sure to send your registration forms to Jennifer Bernstein as soon as possible.

Continue to enjoy the last few weeks of summer! Looking forward to seeing everyone!



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**

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