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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 - September

Friday, September 1st

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:45 PM

Saturday, September 2nd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, September 7th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, September 8th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:35 PM

Saturday, September 9th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, September 14th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, September 15th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:26th

Saturday, September 16th

9:30 AM Service

Selichot Service 8:00 PM

Wednesday, September 20th

Erev Rosh HaShana 6:15 PM

Thursday, September 21st

Rosh HaShanah Day 1 - 9:00 AM

Friday, September 22nd

Rosh HaShana Day 2 - 9:00 AM

6:15 PM

Candle Lighting 7:16 PM

Saturday, September 23rd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, September 28th

7:00 Am Minyan

Friday, September 29th - kol nidre

Mincha ma'ariv 6:30 PM

Musical interlude 7:00 PM

Kol Nidre - 7:30 PM sharp

Saturday, September 30th

Yom Kippur Service 9:00 PM

Yiskor after Torah Service and Sermon



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

First day of Sunday & Hebrew School

September 10th - Tots and Teens

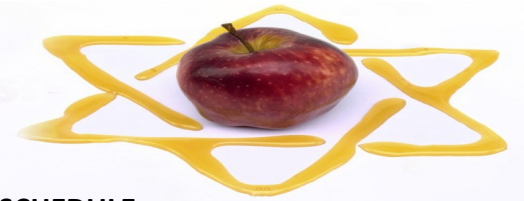
Parents, please plan to attend opening day activities at 9:30 am

Hebrew school for 3rd to 7th grade will begin on

Sunday, September 10th from 12:30 - 2:15

September 17th and 24th 12:30 - 2:15

**Where Will You
Be for the
High Holidays?**



HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

Selichot - Saturday, September 16th at 8:00 PM

Erev Rosh HaShanah - Wednesday, September 20th at 5:30 PM

Rosh HaShanah Day 1 - Thursday, September 21st at 9:00 AM

Rosh HaShanah Day 2 - Friday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM

Kol Nidre with dinner - Friday, September 29th at 5:15 PM

Mincha Ma'ariv at 6:30 PM followed by Musical Interlude

Kol Nidre service begins 7:30 PM Sharp after Mincha/Ma'ariv

Yom Kippur - Saturday, September 30th at 9:00 AM

Yiskor service after Torah Service and Rabbi's sermon

Yom Kippur afternoon service begins at 6:00 PM

**A FLYER WILL BE
SENT OUT WITH
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
FOR OCTOBER**



KOL NIDRE DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

5:15 PM

ADULTS \$10.00

CHILDREN 3 TO 12 - \$5.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 3 - FREE

RESERVATIONS MANDATORY

Call the CSI office 745-4571 to make your reservations

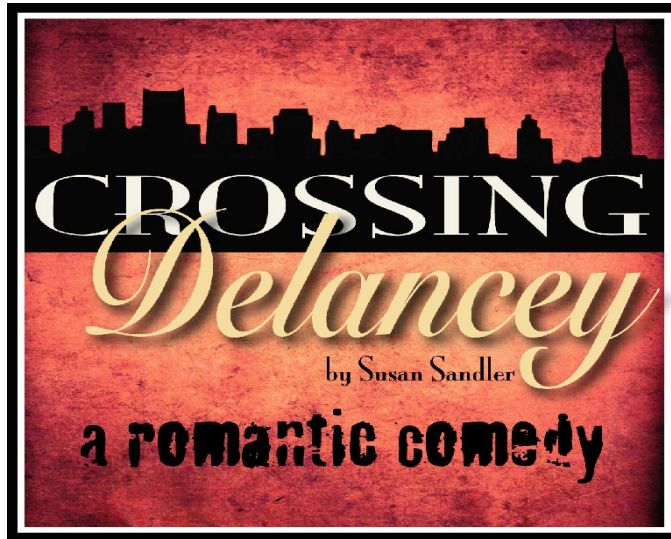


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people going. Otherwise, we will carpool. Details to follow.
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CEMETERY SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th
3:00 PM
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A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein

Totality

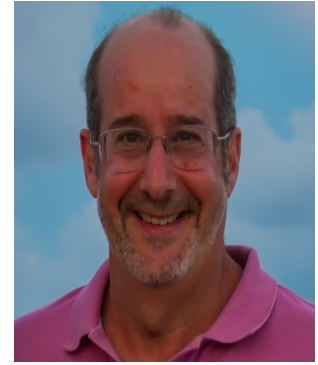
As I write this words, it's a couple days after the Big Eclipse. Caught up in all the excitement, I hit the road, headed for the zone of totality. What a cool, nerdy term: zone of totality...the place where It happens, 100%, the mind/blowing holy grail. Yes, I have a tale to tell, a much-needed road trip, ending up in Blairsville, GA — saving the details for Rosh HaShannah.

It's funny how the hype and the shpiel play out: t-shirts (of course I got one!), breathless Super bowl flavored TV coverage, the search for the absolute best spot. On one level the building excitement took me back several years to a week of silent meditation up in Spirit Rock in Marin, California. When the moon rose in the early evening it looked like a sunrise painted in luminescent silver; definitely beyond adequate verbal description. My teacher, Sylvia Boorstein, shared some remarks (the teachers speak from time to time, the students maintain silence) that night. She joked about how each of us can conjure up our favorite flavor or shape of the moon or fill-in-the-blank, and that we easily fall into the habit of chasing down that perfect ideal — forgetting to be present to the miraculous present moment.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, of blessed memory, coined the term 'radical amazement,' the awed awareness of the world in which we live. I was chasing the hype of totality. But the night before the eclipse, I looked up, utterly silenced by the milky way and countless shimmering jewels. And I thanked God for the gifts — beyond number — evening, morning, noon — a universe of miracles awaiting our opened eyes and opened hearts. In our heads we know that wonders surround us each and every day. But our routines usually distract us from the totality all around us. Sometimes we just have to get out of town, put away our stuff, and pay attention. If an eclipse entices us to chase the moment, that's just fine. But even without the hype, without the search for the ultimate seat at the ultimate show — we can - and should - slow down and open up to the totality of the moment. Life flies by ever so quickly.



A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



As we start the month of Elul, we start the process of preparing for the High Holidays.

Along with reflecting on the past year, for many of us this time of year coincides with many other functions at our Kehilla. One of the most important of these, educating our kids, gets started this time of year.

A tremendous amount of work goes into planning the religious school. Thanks to Jen Bernstein and her committee for working out all the details for what we are sure will be an excellent school year.

One of the other important functions is our Annual Fund Drive. While ambitious, we are working towards doubling the amount raised during our Annual Fund Drive last year. To make that happen, it is important that we have participation of all our members.

Keep in mind that we have a limited number of individuals to fund the operations of our Kehilla. Although there are many worthwhile charitable organizations, those other organizations have hundreds and thousands of individuals to help fund their operations. We basically draw our funding from about 100 families.

If you gave to the annual fund last year, please consider doubling the amount you gave. If you did not participate in our Annual Fund Drive last year, we ask that you contribute what you are capable of giving.

We look forward to this time of year when we get to spend time with all our families who come celebrate the High Holidays with us.

Marty and I along with Amanda, Rachael, and Jessica wish everybody and Happy Healthy New Year as we move into 5778!





Our 2017-18 CSI Religious School year is about to begin! We have already had our Teacher Planning Day this past August 13th. There was a great turn out of our teachers, and we welcomed our new ISJL Education Fellow, Carly Abramson. Thank you, Jennifer, for leading a great meeting that was packed with a ton of information!

The first day of CSI Sunday School will be September 10th, 9:30-12:30. This first day is for all students, Seedlings through Teen Class. Parents, teachers, and students will attend an all school meeting at 9:30. The CSI afternoon Hebrew School, for students in third through seventh grades, will also begin on September 10th, from 12:30 -2:15. If you have not already sent in your registration form for your child for Sunday School and/or Hebrew school, please do so.

A huge thank you is due to our wonderful teaching staff. Every one of our teachers works towards making Jewish education fun, engaging, and meaningful for our students. Our teacher lineup is as follows: Anne Bayme and Chrissy Crabtree with the Seedling Class; Jenna Denisar and Lara Geller with our First-Third graders; Pam Webster and Jay Freedman with our Fourth-Sixth Graders; and Jennifer Bernstein and Emily Piassick with our Teen Class. Our class aides are: Isaac Crabtree, Jack Finkelstein, Nicole Hill, and Amita Ilan. We love that these post confirmation teens will still be involved with our Sunday School! Our Hebrew teachers are Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein, Isaac Crabtree, Jay Freedman, and we welcome TBI's Rabbi Aaron Sataloff. We have an incredible team on staff, and know we have incredible parents to partner with us! Looking forward to a great year!

Mark your calendar for Friday evening, September 15th, at 6:15 p.m., to attend the Consecration of our new Hebrew students. Join us to celebrate Graham Bullington, Ethan Piassick, and Sam Wilkinson as they begin their formal Hebrew journey.

We look forward to seeing you all 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 Street



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- ☛ White wine vinegar with lemon balm, garlic, tarragon & whole cloves
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Proceeds benefit Neve Michael and Tikkun Olam Nicaragua



NEW FLAVORS

Champaign vinegar with parsley, basil and garlic

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 ^{10 elul} 	2 ^{11 elul} 
					SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:45	SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Ki Tetze</i>
3 ^{12 elul}	4 ^{13 elul}	5 ^{14 elul}	6 ^{15 elul}	7 ^{16 elul}	8 ^{17 elul} 	9 ^{18 elul} 
	LABOR DAY			MINYAN 7:00 AM	SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:35	SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Ki Tavo</i>
10 ^{19 elul}	11 ^{20 elul}	12 ^{21 elul}	13 ^{22 elul}	14 ^{23 elul}	15 ^{24 elul} 	16 ^{25 elul} 
FIRST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30-12:30 TOTS AND TEENS HEBREW SCHOOL 12:30-2:15				MINYAN 7:00 AM	SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:26 CONSECRATION OF NEW STUDENTS	SERVICES 9:30 AM SELICHOT 8:00 PM <i>Nitzavim-Vayeledch</i> SELICHOT
17 ^{26 elul}	18 ^{27 elul}	19 ^{28 elul}	20 ^{29 elul} 	21 ^{1 tishri} 	22 ^{2 tishri} 	23 ^{3 tishri} 
SUNDAY SCHOOL SEEDLINGS & TEENS AFTERNOON HEBREW ADULT ED/LIMMUD			SERVICES 5:30 PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH	ROSH HASHANA DAY 1 9:00 AM ROSH HASHANAH	ROSH HASHANA DAY 2 9:00 AM SHABBAT SERVICE 6:15 CANDLE LIGHTING 7:16 FALL BEGINS ROSH HASHANAH	SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Ha'azinu</i> SHABBAT SHUVAH
24 ^{4 tishri}	25 ^{5 tishri}	26 ^{6 tishri}	27 ^{7 tishri}	28 ^{8 tishri}	29 ^{9 tishri} 	30 ^{10 tishri}
SUNDAY SCHOOL AFTERNOON HEBREW ADULT ED/LIMMUD CEMETERY SERVICE FAST OF GEDALIAH OBSERVED				MINYAN 7:00 AM	DINNER AT 5:15 PM KOL NIDRE 7:00 PM KOL NIDRE	YOM KIPPUR SERV ICE 9:00 AM YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR