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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 - November

Thursday, November 2nd

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, November 3rd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 6:23 PM

Saturday, November 4th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, November 9th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, November 10th

6:15 PM Service

Shabbat dinner & Rockin' Shabbat

Candle Lighting 5:17 PM

Saturday, November 11th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, November 16th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, November 17th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:13 PM

Saturday, November 18th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, November 23rd

9:00 AM Minyan

Friday, November 24th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:11 PM

Saturday, November 26th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, November 30th

7:00 AM Minyan



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

November 5th - Tots, Teens - Book Fair

Junior Congregation

Afternoon Hebrew School

November 12th - Tots, Teens - Book Fair

Afternoon Hebrew School

November 19th - No Sunday/Hebrew School

November 26th - No Sunday/Hebrew School



JOIN YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

5:30 PM WITH SERVICES TO FOLLOW

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ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
LIMMUD - WRESTLING WITH THE TEXT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 & NOVEMBER 19
10:30 am to 11:30 am (note change of time)



**NOVEMBER
IS
JEWISH BOOK MONTH**

**TRAVEL AROUND THE JEWISH YEAR
WITH
"SHIRA"**

**Atlanta Children's Author, Galia Sabbag,
is coming back to CSI to share stories,
experiences, and inspirations from her students.**

CSI Sunday School, November 5, 2017

***Students, pack a bag with a blanket or pillow or
stuffed animal or whatever you like
to snuggle with to read!***

**Students will get to shop the Book Fair.
Schedule details will follow.**

**The CSI Jewish Book Fair will be open Sunday,
November 5 through Sunday, November 12.
Books for ALL ages!
(Come support this CSI School Fundraiser
and service to our Jewish community.)**



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING



A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein

As you most probably already know, I took a quick trip to Phoenix to join my family at the funeral of my father in law, Leroy Paller. The officiating Rabbi was quite solicitous as well as professional — and he was quite ready to have me co-officiate along with him. And I quickly realized that I needed to be among the mourners as a member of the family, not as a pastor. Some rabbis may differ, but I don't think you can mindfully be both a comforting rabbinic guide as well as a grieving son in law. So I quickly communicated my desire to have my colleague be in charge.

Leroy passed away on Thursday and Sharona flew out that day. Zohar and Maya followed suit on Friday. Over Shabbat, I was focused on the joyous occasions within our kehilla — Jan's Bat Mitzvah and Marla and Ben's wedding. While there were plenty of things rolling around in my mind; How are Sharona and the kids holding up in the midst of a powerful emotional and spiritual milestone? How am I doing as I begin processing the life and the loss of my father in law? How can I contribute at my best for all the family, guests and participants in the weekend festivities?

Here's the best shorthand I know in terms of the Torah that guided me through the weekend: **Be Here Now**. Those words come from a Jewish guy who had his Hindu awakening several decades ago. The idea can be found in the wisdom of several faith traditions. It's about mindfully attending the moment you're in. My Polish bubbe would opine that your tuchas can't dance at two weddings at the same time.

So, for example, when it was time to enjoy wonderful davening and the Torah shared at the Bat Mitzvah, that was the focus worthy of 100% of my energy (or as close as possible to that level of focus.) And just before it was time to pack a quick suitcase, I remembered Facebook — a complicated place for me. I've railed against the superficiality as well as the vitriolic sludge that plagues Facebook. And I've enjoyed the way people can connect in loving ways across great distances. I posted a short notice about Leroy's passing. There has been a tremendous outpouring of condolence from people from so many places. And because I could quickly share these expressions with Sharona, Maya and Zohar, they took a measure of solace, courtesy of Facebook. And something else: I noticed how much my children matured between my dad's passing and this most recent loss. In this little blurb I chose to focus on their names — almost leaving out mentioning them as my kids. I remembered how they comforted me a few years ago and I saw how they stepped up to be there for their grandma, Faye.

Okay, the wrap-up. As a rabbi, I'm reminded of just what a terrific little shul I'm privileged to serve. As a mourner, I'm reminded of just how healing ritual is, and just vital a caring pastoral presence is for a family in the midst of an emotionally challenging moment.

It's been an exhausting and exhilarating and complicated few days. And it's good to be home.



A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin

One would think with the holidays over with, things would slow down a little. It seems the month of October has flown by and there are a lot of good things still going on.

That was the same as the first paragraph for my article for the Bulletin November 2002.

The second paragraph of that same article as follows:

"We started off the month of October with a Shabbat service honoring Ruth Farber. It was great hearing Ruth's comments and memories of her years here in Macon. Ruth has been an inspiration to all of the community of Middle Georgia, not just our shul. We all wish her well in her move and we hope she will come back to visit frequently."

As many of you are aware, Ruth passed away this past month. While there may be many of our members who have joined in the past 15 years that did not have the opportunity to meet and get to know Ruth, she was a very strong influence with so many of our members. Our thoughts and prayers are with Trudy, Michael, and all of Ruth's family.

Yasher Koach to both Rabbi Rubinstein and TBI's Rabbi Sataloff for putting together a great Simchat Torah celebration. This joint program with Temple Beth Israel was also sponsored by Zarks Foundation and was a tremendous success. We look forward a joint Chanukah program coming up in December so watch for more about that soon.

We enjoyed a packed Friday night service with the consecration of Graham Bullington, Ethan Piassick and Sam Wilkinson. Mazel Tov to all the families!

Mazel Tov to Jan Lewis on her Bat Mitzvah. Being called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah is always a special accomplishment but there is an even bigger level of commitment for an adult to take on this challenge. The entire Kehilla is very proud of you! Well done!

Mazel Tov to Marla Kaplan and Ben Hampton on their wedding. We love celebrating simchas but it's especially sweet to celebrate those involving congregant who grew up in this synagogue.

From time to time I hear comments from people who have not been to shul in a while, "Who are all these people?" We have been blessed with new members to our shul in recent months and they have become active members. Please introduce yourself and get to know them – I promise they will not bite.





“Out of the mouths of babes (and sucklings)” – we have all heard that expression.

The expression is defined as when a young child says something surprisingly wise and insightful beyond his or her young years. I learned this expression actually has Jewish roots in Psalms 8:2. I bring this up is because during our last Seedling Class we were discussing several topics throughout the morning, including the seven days of Creation and Shabbat, collecting tzedakah for the Israel Guide Dog Center and, learning about different kinds of service dogs, as well as how mitzvot, helping others, is so important. As our class was stretched out on pillows on the floor of Ha Gan (the Garden) in our classroom, I hear this sweet voice say, “We are lucky to be Jewish.” I didn’t even know who said it. All I could do was choke out that “YES, we are very lucky to be Jewish.” “Out of the mouths of babes” is this stunning revelation of why we do what we do for our children, and why we all put such energy and effort into making our religious school wonderful. “We ARE lucky to be Jewish.”

And here is why: We celebrated Sukkot on Sunday, October 1st with our annual Pajama Day and Cereal in the Sukkah. On Friday, October 20th, we celebrated Graham Bullington, Ethan Piassick, and Sam Wilkinson as they were consecrated. That same weekend, October 20-22, we had a visit from our ISJL Education Fellow, Carly Abramson. She planned activities with our students that covered the days of Creation, a Hebrew scavenger hunt, and discussions of what is just and unjust.

We completed our class tzedakah project displays, so please take a look at them in the social hall, and consider contributing. The Seedling Class’ project is the Israel Guide Dog Center; the First –Third Grades’ project is The Bibb County Mentor’s Program; and both the Fourth – Sixth Grades’ and the Teen Class’ project is the Children’s Hospital of Middle Georgia.

And there is more to come in November: Sunday, November 5th will begin our 2017 CSI Jewish Book Fair. The Book Fair will run through November 12th. Come and shop! We look forward to hosting Atlanta Children’s author, Galia Sabbag on the 5th. Galia teaches Hebrew at the Davis Academy, and is the author of the “Shira Series.” In her books she shares true experiences of her students through a little girl named Shira. Galia will organize some readings and activities for our students. Students are asked to please bring a pillow or blanket to use to sit on the floor during the readings.

Our Seedling Class and our Teen Class will meet on November 5th and 12th. Rockin’ Shabbat will happen on Friday night, November 10th.

And, Turkey Day is right around the corner!



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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- ☛ Champaign vinegar with lemon balm

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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