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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 - January

Thursday, January 4th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, January 5th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:24 PM

Saturday, January 6th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, January 11th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, January 12th

6:15 Service

Candle Lighting 5:30 PM

Saturday, January 13th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, January 19th

Rockin' Shabbat 5:30 PM

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:37 PM

Saturday, January 20th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, January 26th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:43 PM

Saturday, January 27th

9:30 AM Service

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

January 7th Tots and Teens & Jr. Congregation

January 14th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 17th - Regular Sunday school

January 28th - Tots and Teens

Afternoon Hebrew School

January 7th, 21st, 28th



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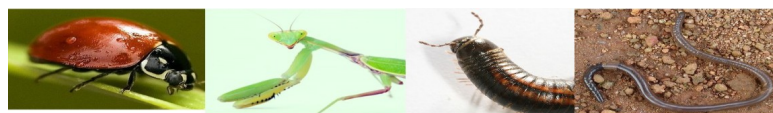
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10:30 am to 11:30 am (note change of time)



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Tu B'Shvat Event

Join us for a talk by our own
Dr. David Ilan
Gardening with "friendly" bugs
Sunday, January 28th
4:00 PM

Holiday appropriate refreshments (as always)
Rsvp to office 745-4571

What's Cooking Shelley K.?



Bourekas!

Time to whip out those home chef skills and join your friends at CSI as
 our own Shelley Kruger guides us through this delicious traditional

Sephardic recipe

Sunday January 21st

11:00 am In the CSI Kitchen

Happy to accommodate for late arrivals; just let us know when you
 register!

A small \$10 donation will instantly reserve your spot and help our Adult
 Education Committee continue to offer exciting programming!

Register by Sunday January 7th with Stephanie @ the CSI office by calling
 or emailing to ensure we have everything you need to make these
 heavenly little parcels. Space is limited so don't delay!

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Kosher — What Does it Mean?

You could say this piece is about a common Hebrew word with more than one important meaning.

Actually, it's about more than that — it's a plea for us to think about the relationship between rituals and Ethics.

Food

The word 'kosher' is most often associated with food. Our Torah (in Leviticus and other sources) discusses animals which may (or may not) be consumed, and the Rabbis constructed a far more elaborate structure of kashrut.

Ritual Objects

Lulav, Etrog, Sukkah, Tzitzit, Mezuzah parchment — all these things (and some others) figure into Rabbinic evaluations regarding something being acceptable (or unacceptable) for ritual use. A few examples: If the shriveled, hardened *pitam* has fallen off an etrog, it isn't kosher. If a sukkah's height exceeds a certain maximum or falls short of a certain minimum (stated in the Talmud) it's not kosher. You get the idea — 'kosher' can be described as 'proper'.

An idea

In the scroll of Esther, after the wicked Haman has been hanged, Esther and Mordecai still must enlist the king's help in averting an impending massacre of the Jews throughout the kingdom. Esther pleads with king to issue a new edict which supersedes the original. The Hebrew of Chapter 8:5 is instructive. As Esther proposes her idea, she says this: If the idea is proper in the King's eyes

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If we opted for a slightly slangy translation, we might say: If His Majesty thinks the plan is *kosher*....

The point of this exploration is this — kosher isn't only about menu items or even ritually prescribed dimensions. *It's about propriety; right and wrong.*

So now let's get zoom in on someone in the news. His name is Shalom Rubashkin, former CEO of Agriprocessors.

What this article is **NOT** about is the recent commutation of Rubashkin's sentence.

What the article **IS** about is what kosher really means.

Rubashkin's rap sheet is remarkable: numerous safety violations on the slaughtering floor, knowingly hiring underage undocumented workers, — Mr. Rubashkin was proven guilty of a big boxful of serious offenses. In terms of Jewish law, he earned the dubious distinction of becoming the face of an Orthodox Jew flagrantly ignoring the ethical demands made of law-abiding citizens.

Sadder still — those who cheer his release know the sorry details of his behavior well enough. And his desecration of God's name through these acts doesn't seem to give his followers much pause.

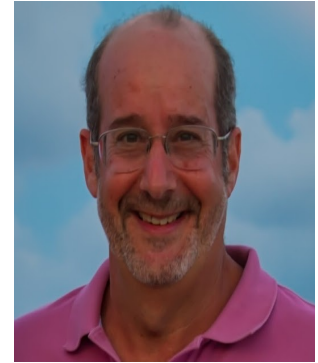
Some real questions about what kosher means

Assume for the moment that you diligently try to keep the laws of kashrut. You're eating at a kosher restaurant. Terrific food. You find out that the boss harasses the waitress who served your meal, or that he cheats workers out of their wages — shouldn't that uncomfortable knowledge taint your enjoyment of your meal? If the ethical behavior of the CEO of a kosher meat processing plant is irrelevant, how can the kosher certification of that plant possess any spiritual worth?

Years ago Sharona and I were purchasing food up in Atlanta before Passover in a store which I won't name. To our horror and embarrassment, the owner berated and humiliated his African American employees publicly — we thought we had stepped into a movie from a bygone era. We took our full grocery carts to the cashier and mumbled our apologies to the African American cashier — whose pained expression stays with me. *And to my lasting shame we did not leave the store and those shopping carts behind while those racist rantings were happening.* How can the certification found on the products in the carts make that food kosher — **proper** — for consumption if we or any other buyers could disconnect the ethical bankruptcy of the store owner from the merchandise?

Is *kosher* **just** about some logos or about pots and pans or about the delicate dried out end of an etrog or about how many strings are on the tzitzit or about the lettering on a mezuzah parchment — or does *kosher* point a larger picture of our interpersonal relationships? Food for thought...

A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



We have some pretty great things going on at our Shul. One of the more impressive things was Sunday School activity where the students all put together a "Chanukah Bible Rap" ***Shine Your Light!*** What a neat, fun experience for all the kids! Thanks to all who helped make this happen!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCQKHBc_aYA

Click on link above to see the finished product! It's really impressive.

We also enjoyed an excellent community celebration of Chanukah that was held at Temple Beth Israel. Thanks to Rabbi Sataloff and all the TBI volunteers along with Middle Ga. Federation of Jewish Charities for putting together the wonderful event. Yasher Koach!

As we move into a New Year, we often look back to reflect on all the events in our lives over this past year. Wait a minute! Didn't we just do that? Having a Jewish New Year in addition to our calendar New Year we all have a chance to reflect twice on the various events in our lives.

While with the Jewish New Year we all seem to reflect on spiritual improvement, for the calendar New Year we all seem to reflect on health, relationships, and other goals.

January can seem to be a slow time for many but much is going on in our Shul. In addition to our regular services and Sunday School we have a couple of new programs coming up in January.

Before jumping into new events, a little word about our services.

Thursday Morning Minyan 7:00 am- Yes this is early. This is a quick service with short Torah reading, when we do have a minyan. We saw our first double minyan this past week. 21 attendees! (Thanks to the USYers' sleep over in the Shul) We are usually done and out by 8:00 am. Often the Minyan crew goes out for breakfast at a local restaurant.

Friday Night Shabbat Services- 6:15 pm While services start at 6:15, a new tradition has been started - meeting at 5:00 pm around the corner from Shul at Just Tapped for a beer, glass of wine, root beer or whatever you enjoy to bring an end to our week and move into Shabbat! Services are usually over around 7:15 and we move into the foyer for a quick Kiddush. We have setup to have community Shabbat dinners at various times during the year. Check the dates in the bulletin. We are also trying to do Shabbat dinners in congregants' homes. If you would like to host a Shabbat Community Dinner, please let me know.

Saturday Morning Services 9:30 am Come join us for Saturday services with Torah discussion and Kiddush lunch. Rabbi Aaron always has interesting discussions on the weekly Parsha. With the crew that shows up, you can always count on a lively discussion. Service usually ends around 12:00 pm followed by Kiddush lunch, more discussion and kibbutzing with fellow congregants.

Hopefully as we start the New Year, you can work one of these services into your schedule on a regular basis as one of your other goals. As mentioned, we have a couple new upcoming events.

We will have the first of what will hopefully be regular cooking classes. First class will be:

What's Cooking with Shelley K? Bourekas!! Hmmm. YUM! Class will be Jan. 21st 11:00 am. Register by Jan. 7th. \$10 Donation required in advance.

We will also have an **Adult Ed Tu B'Shevat Program** on Sunday 4:00pm January 28th. David Ilan will be discussing **Gardening with Friendly Bugs**. For those of you into organic gardening, this should be a lot of fun learning about the *good* critters that keep the *bad* critters under control.

In closing, I hope everybody has a Healthy Happy New Year!

And of course. GO DAWGS!!!



The beat goes on as we come to the end of 2017. December, while filled with holidays and breaks, was also filled with a busy school schedule.

On December 3rd, our celebration of Chanukah included Bible Raps Matt Bar's return visit to CSI from Philadelphia, PA. He shared his knowledge and talent of putting religious themes to rap. He worked with our 4th-6th graders as they wrote rap depicting the story of Chanukah. Meanwhile, Matt's friend, OriSalzberg, worked with all of the classes as they sang, danced, and acted out the Chanukah story. Ori directed and filmed everyone, and ultimately edited our wonderful Chanukah video. You should have received an email with the video to see the great performance of our CSI Maccabees. Our students and teachers had an incredible experience with costumes and props, and working with Matt and Ori. May you all continue to "shine your light!"

Our Seedling Class continued to meet twice this month, on the 3rd and 10th; and our Teens met on the 3rd and 17th. Rockin' Shabbat was held on the 8th and Junior Congregation was held on the 17th.

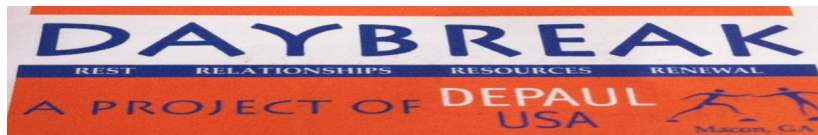
Please continue to support our students' class tzedakah projects displayed in the social hall. In addition to our students bringing their own tzedakah money towards their projects, they are learning about TikkunOlam and how they can be a part of making the world a better place.

Happy Secular New Year! Wishing you all a wonderful 2018! See you January 7th, Seedlings and Teens, too!



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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*Thank
you*

Our family was touched by the outpouring of love and regard shown to Ruth Farber's memory after her death this fall. She left Macon and Congregation Sha'arey Israel physically fifteen years ago, but she always held a strong caring emotional attachment to the Shul and its members. Michael and I were comforted to feel that it was mutual. Thank you.

People that truly knew Ruth Farber knew that there were two important driving forces in her life- her love of Judaism/Israel and her family. Your donations to CSI were certainly a tribute to her love and dedication to the work of the Shul. I want to share with you that two months after her death, her granddaughter Leiba Friedman gave birth to a baby girl and named her Rachel Malka (Ruth's Hebrew name).

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