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*Purim Family Dinner
And Motown Purim Schpiel
February 28th
(details inside)*

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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 - January

Thursday, February 1st

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 2nd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 5:50 PM

Saturday, February 3rd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, February 8th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 9th

6:15 Service

Candle Lighting 5:57 PM

Rockin' Shabbat 5:30 PM

Saturday, February 10th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, February 15th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 16th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 6:03 PM

Saturday, February 17th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, February 22nd

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 23rd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 6:09 PM

Saturday, February 24th

9:30 AM Service

Wednesday, February 28th

Purim Family Dinner & Schpiel

5:30 pm dinner - schpiel 6:30 pm



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

**February 11th with afternoon Hebrew
Tots and Teens**

February 18th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOP

**February 25th with afternoon Hebrew
Tots and teens**

**CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MOVIE EVENT AND COVERED DISH SUPPER**



***Sunday, February 18th
4:00 PM***

***Women's Balcony
(Israel, 2016)***

**A bar-mitzvah mishap causes a major
rift in an orthodox community**

***At the home of
Marty and Elmo Koplin***

Please RSVP to Marty

Smartyk@cox.net or 478-718-7001

**Let her know what you will be
Bringing to this fabulous event**



Join the Jewish conversation
ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
LIMMUD - WRESTLING WITH THE TEXT
SUNDAY, February 11th
10:30 am to 11:30 am (note change of time)

Homelessness in Macon : Education Series

Jan 23rd: How does Macon supportively respond to homelessness?

Identify the issues
Meet the people helping
Learn how you can help

Feb 6th: How do other cities respond?

Charles Lesvesque, Exec. Dir. of Depaul USA
Hear about solutions used in other cities

Feb 22nd: How can I show solidarity?

Sleep outdoors in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness
Greater Macon Sleepout - fundraiser and homelessness solidarity event
Raise funds to support resource provider Daybreak

6:5:30 PM | Refreshments provided | Discussion encouraged
Daybreak, 174 Walnut St., Macon, GA | (478) 216-9119

Catch Facebook livestream:
@DepaulDaybreak

MOTOWN

Motor City Radio Flashbacks

*Purim Family Dinner
And Schpiel*

Wednesday, February 28th

5:30 dinner

6:30 schpiel

\$10.00 per adult

Children are free

*Come and doo-whop along with
Your fellow congregants*

Rsvp to office 478-745-4571

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Planting Seeds of Goodness

Greetings! While the temperature outside is still bouncing around, there already are budding hints of Spring and its hint of life and hope relentlessly pushing, insisting upon breaking through...

A Bunch of Stuff...

David Ilan presented an inspiring program about gardening with good bugs — an important reminder that each of makes choices that leave an impact on the environment, and that as we till and tend, we are the stewards for our world.

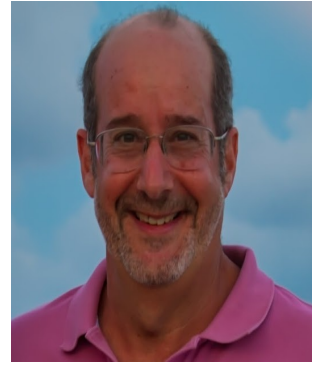
February 13th, President's Dining Room, Mercer, 7pm — an interfaith conversation about immigration. I'm honored to join the panel of speakers reflecting on our faith traditions and how they speak to this critically important topic. Please feel invited.

Erev Purim (2/28 Wednesday 5:30 dinner, 6:30 show). Motown! Impossible not to feel yourself moving to the beat! Members of TBI will be joining in our celebration. Let's make some joyful noise together!

Carly Abramson, ISJL fellow — here for the first weekend on February. Friday night shul dinner.

These are just a few of the upcoming shul happenings. Great, worthwhile stuff happens here in this little shul that could. Over the past couple of shabbatot I couldn't help reflecting upon Blaze Bernstein's tragic passing — I'm not noting this in order to bring more gloom into our world, but to mention the amazing focus of Blaze's parents as well as his community. Dogoodforblaze.com **check it out, please**. It's a much-needed reminder that the world needs kindness, that each of us can bring healing through acts small and large. The Hebrew month of Adar (with its awesome gift of Purim) is coming. The rabbis teach: when Adar enters, he increase our joy. Let's do just that, and while we're at it — let's increase kindness and compassion and love. These things are in our bones, they're part of our mission statement as human beings.

A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



I recently read an article from my friend Marc Corsini which related to keys to success for 2018. Marc, from Macon is a very successful consultant now living in Birmingham who writes some excellent pieces which I find very inspiring for all facets of life and business. In this article he speaks of having an "**attitude of gratitude**". *"Be thankful for who you are and what you are able to do. Identify your own individual "gift package:" limit any negative thinking; and stop comparing yourself to others."*

Reading this made me think a lot about our synagogue. We are so very fortunate to have the talented Rabbi and great individuals to make a lot of great things happen in our shul! As a small group we do accomplish a lot.

Creative religious school for our kids, "Rockin Shabbat" services for our kids, Thursday morning minyans, Friday night and Saturday morning services with excellent Torah discussions, Shabbat dinners, engaging Adult Ed programs, cooking classes, fun holiday celebrations, Shiva minyans, meals of condolence, Annual Ad book, various fund raisers during the year and many more functions which I have probably left of the list.

Sure, we have our issues and areas that need improvement, who doesn't. I feel that it's important, when looking at our events, to focus on the positive. Limit negative thinking. If you are unhappy with a situation, I encourage you to communicate your concerns to myself, Rabbi, or a Board member as opposed to making comments to everyone around you. Keep in mind, we are all volunteers trying to give our best effort in being part of our Kehillah.

As far as comparing ourselves to others, as a shul for our size, we have a tremendous amount of energy and effort from great volunteers to make a lot of things happen. I do enjoy hearing ideas many of you gather from attending services at other shuls or hearing from friends and family of different functions about ideas seen at their shuls. Keep suggestions coming on how we can improve! (Recently heard a couple of great suggestions seen at other shuls we plan to soon implement)

Thanks to Rabbi and Sharona and all our phenomenal volunteers for sharing your individual "gifts" every day to make our Kehillah what it is!



We are back from Winter Break, back to school and back to shule! We eased back into Sunday School on January 7th with our Teen Class and Seedlings. Junior Congregation met on the 7th also.

Classroom lessons included a wide variety of topics. Our Teen Class is exploring world religions and discussing commonalities as well as differences with Judaism.

Our 4th-6th graders are discussing “Sh’mirat ha Tevah”, a Jewish value that has to do with protecting the environment. Discussions have included how Jewish traditions value nature and the natural beauty of the world, and how we can take care of the earth, using its resources responsibly. Mar Freedman gave each of the students a succulent plant to be responsible for and take care of. Our 4th-6th graders have also been engaged in an ISJL lesson that was focused on what it means when a Jewish baby is born – how the baby enters into a “brit” with God and the Jewish people with ceremony and blessings. It was also explained that while a baby’s parents are directly in charge of raising the baby, the community also has a role in influencing that baby’s life. The students learned what the saying: “It takes a village to raise a child” means. Our 1st-3rd grade class have been discussing Jewish symbols, what they mean, where to find them, and how to identify them. They have enjoyed playing the game, Pictionary, while drawing the symbols for each other to guess what they are. Our Seedlings were introduced to TuB’Shevat with crafts, stories, games, songs, planting, and yoga. All of our classes continue to collect tzedakah for their class projects.

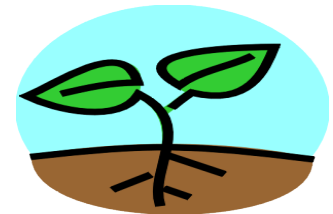
Thanks to Jenna Denisar who prepared our TuB’Shevat activity and snacks on January 28th. Our students learned that there are fruits you peel and eat the inside; that you eat the outside but not the inside; and those that you can eat the entire fruit. She provided discussion questions for the classes to learn more about TuB’Shevat.

Rockin’ Shabbat was held on January 19th.

Looking ahead, the Barton’s Passover Candy Sale will kick off in February so please continue to support our students and religious school with your orders!



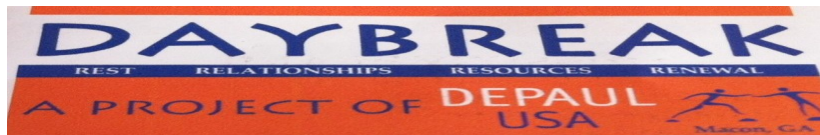
SEEDLINGS
LEARNING ABOUT
PLANTING
FOR
TU'B'SHEVAT





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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JEFF GOLDMAN SPEAKER AT THE FEDERATION SHABBAT DINNER CONGREGATION

SHA'AREY ISRAEL • FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

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Jeff Scott Goldman is an Emmy award winning Producer and Reporter for CBS News and the PBS NewsHour. Until recently, Jeff worked at the White House covering 8 Presidents over the past 34 years. In that role he traveled the world aboard Air Force One with Presidents Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama and the beginning of the Donald Trump Presidency.

Mr. Goldman has been an eyewitness to the major historical events. He has covered 6 wars and military conflicts. In the Middle East, he covered both Gulf Wars. He lived in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia for many months during both military interventions. Jeff has also traveled to Israel and other countries in the region multiple times with several Presidents. After witnessing the historic White House hand-shake between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Mr. Goldman was immediately dispatched to the region. He produced exclusive interviews with key regional leaders to look at the future of the Israeli PLO conflict. Those interviews were with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Egypt, King Hussein in Amman Jordan and then Israeli President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem.

Jeff has also traveled around the globe with Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice and General Colin Powell. At the PBS NewsHour, Mr. Goldman produced numerous long form documentaries on a wide range of topics he witnessed overseas included the breakup of the former Soviet Union. He was the first to interview Mikhail Gorbachev after his meeting with Ronald Reagan as Russia opened up to the world. At CBS News, Mr. Goldman also covered every domestic Presidential election since 1996.

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Ian Altman, Pianist

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IAN ALTMAN

Associate Professor of Piano

Ian Altman's concerts have taken him from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada. His wide repertoire ranges from Scarlatti and Mozart to Stravinsky, Schoenberg, Prokofiev, and other 20th Century masters including contemporary composers. He appears as a recitalist, soloist, and chamber player and is highly regarded in the romantic virtuoso repertory. He holds both a Bachelor of Music and a Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music. He earned a Doctorate of Music from the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Among his teachers are the renowned American pianist Eugene List and Israeli pianist David Bar-Ilan, as well as Frank Weinstock and Jeanne Dowis. Altman has performed regularly with his wife, cellist Barbara Altman, and with chamber ensembles including The American String Quartet and The Trans-Atlantic Horn Quartet.

The program for Sha'arey Israel concert will include works by Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Schumann, and Liszt. Ian Altman has been a member of Congregation Sha'arey Israel for thirty-five years.

Tickets \$30 each

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<p>4 19 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>5 20 shevat</p>	<p>6 21 shevat</p>	<p>7 22 shevat</p>	<p>8 23 shevat MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>9 24 shevat SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 5:57 ROCKIN' SHABBAT 5:30</p>	<p>10 25 shevat SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Mishpatim</i> SHABBAT SHEKALIM</p>
<p>11 26 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTS/TEENS JR. CONGREGATION ADULT ED</p>	<p>12 27 shevat</p>	<p>13 28 shevat</p>	<p>14 29 shevat</p>	<p>15 30 shevat MINYAN 7:00 AM ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>16 1 adar SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 6:03 ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>17 2 adar SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Terumah</i></p>
<p>18 3 adar NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>19 4 adar PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>20 5 adar</p>	<p>21 6 adar</p>	<p>22 7 adar MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>23 8 adar SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 6:09</p>	<p>24 9 adar SERVICES 9:30 AM <i>Tetzaveh</i> SHABBAT ZACHOR</p>
<p>25 10 adar SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTS/TEENS PURIM ACTIVITIES</p>	<p>26 11 adar</p>	<p>27 12 adar</p>	<p>28 13 adar PURIM FAMILY DINNER PURIM MOTOWN SPIEL FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING</p>	<p>MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31</p>		