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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 - March

Thursday, March 1st

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, March 2nd

Rockin' Shabbat 5:30 PM

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 6:14 PM

Saturday, March 3rd

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, March 8th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, March 9th

6:15 Service

Candle Lighting 6:20 PM

Saturday, March 10th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, March 15th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, March 16th

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:25 PM

Saturday, March 17th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, March 22nd

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, March 23rd

6:15 PM Service

Candle Lighting 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 24th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, March 29th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, March 30th

6:15 PM service

Candle Lighting 7:35 PM

Saturday, March 31

9:30 AM Service



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

March 4th - Tots and Teens - Jr. Congregation

March 11th - Sunday school & afternoon Hebrew

March 18th - Tots and teens

March 25th - NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



Ian Altman, Pianist

Benefit Concert for

Congregation Sha'arey Israel

Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 4:00 pm

Fickling Recital Hall, Mercer University

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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

Please contact CSI office at 478-745-4571

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If unable to attend, contributions to CSI also gratefully accepted



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It's coming!

What's Cooking Fran K.?

Cheese Blintzes!

Pancakes of every kind with various fillings, called "palacsinta," are common in Hungary. "Blintzes" are what they're commonly called in America, which is their Yiddish name. Come and join your friends in the CSI kitchen as Fran shows us how to make this sumptuous delight!

Sunday March 25th

1:00pm in the CSI Kitchen

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

Register by Monday March 12th with Stephanie @ the CSI office by calling or emailing to ensure we have everything you need.

Space is limited so don't delay!

Non-members are also welcome to participate as space permits

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



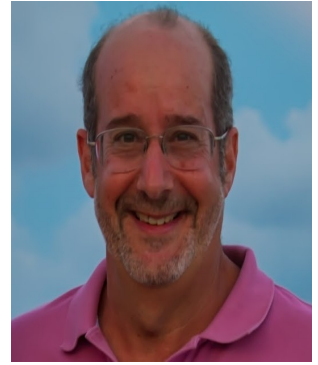
I Think I Can I Think I Can...

I graduated from JTS in NY back in 1991 and I have to say that my proudest holiday numbers are about Purim — the amount of folks reveling in the Purim vibe is up there with the numbers of davenners coming together on Yom Kippur. CSI is the little engine that could. Quite amazing to hoot & holler in a full sanctuary, graggers whirring, shpielers hamming it up. And to be live-streaming all this madcap brilliance, how cool is that?! Truth to tell, we need to livestream shabbat and every other significant community moment — because people in Atlanta and Milledgeville and places farther out want and need this powerful connection to our kehilla. Look at us, stumbling into the 21st century! Woohoo!

Our keenly observant sages made much the Yom Hakippurim — Purim connection. You might ask: how can these two entirely unrelated holidays have a meaningful connection?

So here it is — The classic Yom Kippur vibe is about personal accountability, about ‘approaching the throne’ painfully aware of our failings (Avinu Malkeinu, the repeated confession of transgressions). The mood is somber and sober. At the opposite pole of the calendar lies Purim, the holiday that acknowledges God as a hidden presence, a tip of the hat to the tables being turned on our foes, a flirtation with ‘our hearts made merry with wine,’ blurred lines between Haman and Mordechai in crazy world where our fate can turn on a roll of the dice. In strange way Yom Hakippurim and Purim end up balancing each other out. Truth to tell, they are equally powerful responses to the world in which we ride the currents of our fate.

A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



I cannot wait to see the Purim Spiel tomorrow evening. A lot of work has gone into the planning the Purim evening. Great work by all in putting this evening together. From everything I have heard, this will be one to remember!

Wonderful words this past Friday with Rabbi tying together the Purim story, weekly Parsha, and the work Daybreak does with the homeless in our community. Unseen heroes! Just as Esther was an unseen hero until the time arose for her to step up, Rabbi challenged us to think of who the unseen heroes are in our current times? It's tough to do justice to his exact words. I wish I had a recorder! Who knows, maybe we will get to streaming services at some point.

Much thanks to Ian Altman for volunteering to perform in concert for our annual fundraiser. Also, thanks to Anne and Theresa for handling all the details involved in putting this event together.

I am still amazed at all the varied programming which is put together for all our kids. I know we did not grow up with such great programs. Thanks to Jen and her committee for all their tireless work in providing these phenomenal experiences for our kids.

Recently after a Board of Governors meeting, the Board members had a discussion about what they see are priorities for the continued longevity of our Shul. This was a very good discussion which brought to light some thoughts and ideas which some of us have not thought of. While we have a lot of great things going on, we will continue to strive to improve to insure long term continuity of our Kehilla.

As we get to the end of March, it will be time for Seder. What are your favorite traditions and memories of Seder? Send them in and we will try and put some in April Bulletin!



We continue to be busy with our Religious School activities throughout February. Our Barton's Passover Candy Sale got underway the first part of February. Thank you to all who helped sell the candy, and to those of you who supported our school by purchasing candy. The candy will be arriving soon so be sure to check your emails for pick up arrangements.

On February 9th Rockin' Shabbat was held.

On February 11th the CSI first through tenth graders went on a fieldtrip to Forest Hills United Methodist Church to participate in the Backpack Ministries Program. Our students packed 417 bag of food (three school's worth) that will go to those students in need in the Bibb County Schools. These bags go home with these students over the weekend when they might not get the nourishment they get on school days. When there is a holiday break the students get bags that are filled even more, to hold them over until they return to school. We are very proud of our students for their participation in this program, and thanks to Pam Webster for making the arrangements. Backpack Ministries does accept donations, and at this time are in need of plastic grocery bags, peanut butter crackers, and cheese crackers.

On February 25th our Seedlings and First through Third Graders celebrated Purim with a Purim Carnival. Activities included lots of arts and crafts activities like making recycled robots, decorating Purim masks and crowns, musical Haman (instead of chairs), pin the cherry blossom on the topsy turvey tree, and making shalach manot bags. Everyone came dressed in costume and had a great time! Our 4th through 10th graders baked hamantaschen in the CSI kitchen with Marty Koplin.

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

March 2 Rockin' Shabbat at 5:30 and Congregational Shabbat Dinner

March 4th Sunday School with Seedlings and Teens, and afternoon Hebrew

March 2-4 Visit from our ISJL Education Fellow

March 11 Sunday School and Afternoon Hebrew

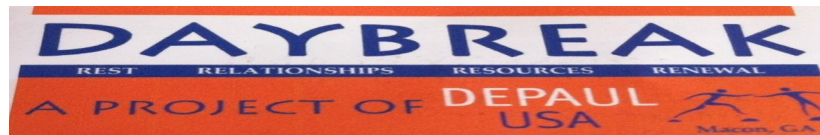
March 18 A special Passover program is planned for Sunday School, with Seedlings and Teens, and Afternoon Hebrew

March 25 NO Sunday School or Afternoon Hebrew



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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To schedule your appointment

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2018

In 1980, Gertie and Harry Haskins, longtime members of Congregation Sha'arey Israel (CSI) established a memorial fund to honor their son, Lawrence A. Haskins. A periodontist, born and raised in Macon, Dr. Haskins died at the age of 34, leaving a wife and two young daughters.

The purpose of the Haskins Memorial Trust, as endowed, is "to perpetuate and enhance Jewish education for CSI students." Given the ever-increasing cost of Jewish camp, education, travel and other activities, in 2010 the scholarship was increased to a one-time award of \$2,000 for applicants that are selected to receive this award.

It was the fondest hope of the benefactors that their generosity would further our young congregants' knowledge of Judaism, increase their awareness and understanding of Jewish culture and the Jewish people, and enhance their religious commitment.

The scholarship was created for young people between the ages of 10 and 20. Specifically, each recipient must be at least 10 years old and no older than 20 years old in the calendar year in which he or she is granted the award or uses the award money.

The award requirements are as follows:

1. An applicant must have attended religious school at Sha'arey Israel for at least one full year.
2. An applicant has achieved scholastic excellence
3. The process requires a brief application letter to include the following:
 - ◆ Applicants name and age
 - ◆ A brief statement of why the applicant believes he/she is worthy of the scholarship
 - ◆ The name of the program the applicant will attend, including the institution/camp's name, address, phone number, date(s) attending and cost.
 - ◆ A recommendation letter from a Sha'arey Israel congregant or religious school teacher familiar with the applicant's character and academic achievement

4. Nominations must be received by Monday, March 15th and should be e-mailed to Haskins Trust Chair, Jami Gaudet, at jfsgaudet@aol.com

5. Decisions will be made by Monday, March 25th. A scholarship award letter will be sent to each winner and the names(s) will be announced in the synagogue bulletin and on the bimah at services by the synagogue president.

Other pertinent information:

1. The Haskins Memorial Trust committee selects a recipient or recipients annually and must approve the use of the funds.
2. There is no limit to the number of recipients in a calendar year.

The scholarship can be used to defray the cost of:

- A. Travel to Israel through an approved program, not individual or family travel
- B. Attendance at a Jewish camp, conference, seminar or convention sponsored by a Jewish organization with which Sha'arey Israel is affiliated
- C. Recipients may use the award to attend a Jewish Studies course in the United States, Israel, or anywhere in the world at an accredited institution. The student/family must provide a course description, proof of enrollment and final course grade.\
- D. We prefer to send payment directly to the camp, school, program or travel organization. However, if a recipient's family has already paid for the program, payment will be sent to the parent(s) with proof of payment.
- E. Each recipient may be asked to speak briefly on his/her camp, travel or educational experience at opening religious school exercises in the fall and/or Shabbat service. Guidelines will be provided.

Parents and congregants, please encourage our young people to apply for this generous scholarship. If I can answer any questions about the fund or application process, please contact me.

Jami Gaudet
Haskins Memorial Trust Chair
jfsgaudet@aol.com

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