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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 - May

Thursday, May 3rd

Lag Ba'omer
7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 4th

Rockin' Sabbat 5:30 PM
6:15 PM Service - confirmation
Dinner following services
Candle Lighting 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 5th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 10th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 11th

6:15 Service
Candle Lighting 8:06 PM

Saturday, May 12th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 17th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 18th

Milledgeville location

Candle Lighting 8:11 PM

Saturday, May 19th

9:30 AM Service
Erev Shavuot Service 6:15 PM

Sunday, May 20th

Shavuot Service 9:30 AM

Monday, May 21st

Shavuot service with Yizkor 9:30 AM

Thursday, May 24th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, May 25th

6:15 PM Service
Candle Lighting 8:15 PM

Saturday, May 26th

9:30 AM Service

Thursday, May 31st

7:00 AM minyan



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

**May 6th - Sunday School & afternoon Hebrew
Tots, Teens & Jr. Congregation**

**May 13th - Sunday School & Afternoon Hebrew
Tots and Teens**

**May 20th - last day of Sunday School
No afternoon Hebrew**



SHAVUOT SERVICES

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 19th AT 6:15 PM

(SHORT SERVICE)

FOLLOWED BY A DELICIOUS DAIRY MEAL

SUNDAY, MAY 20th AT 9:30 AM

MONDAY, MAY 21st at 9:30 AM with YIZKOR



**Gift shop sale
All Jewelry 40% off**

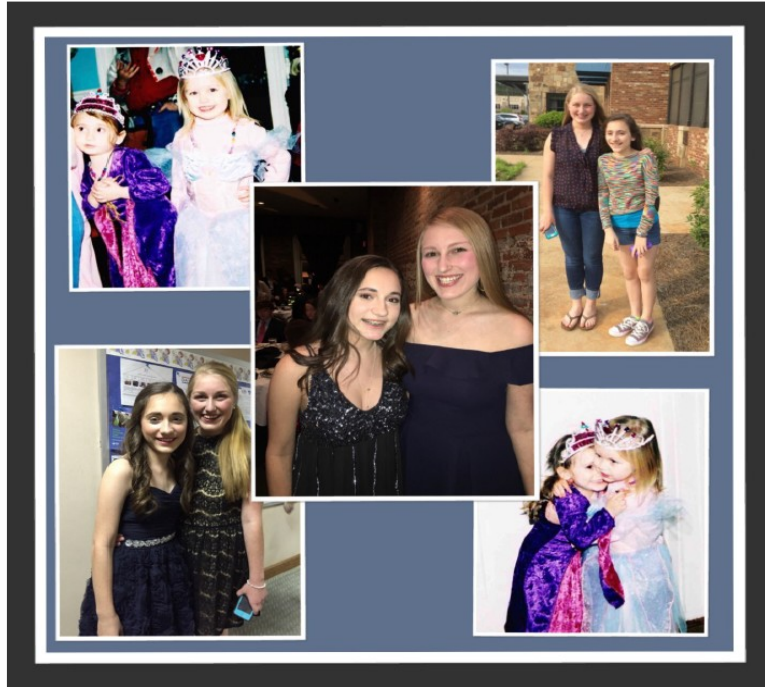
All non Judaica serving pieces 20% off

(excluding Arthur Court and Aram)

Call Terri Frolich 478-477-8597

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Announcing
the
CONFIRMATION
of
Maya Rubinstein and Sophie Denisar
May 4, 2018
Friday Evening Service 6:15
Shabbat Dinner to follow



Please RSVP to the CSI Office (478-745-4571) by May 1st for Dinner

Shabbat Dinner
following the Service
to honor Confirmation students
Maya Rubinstein and Sophie Denisar
featuring
Tacos & more!



Friday, May 4, 2018
Congregation Sha'arey Israel Social Hall
Adults - \$10
Children ages 4-13 - \$3
Children 3 & under - free

Please RSVP to the CSI Office by May 1st
478-745-4571



Join the Jewish conversation

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
LIMMUD - WRESTLING WITH THE TEXT
SUNDAY, May 6th, and May 13th
10:30 am to 11:30 am (note change of time)



MICHAEL FARBER AND
 TRUDY FARBER FERGUSON
 CORDIALLY INVITE THE KEHILLA
 TO A MEMORIAL SERVICE
 IN MEMORY OF THEIR MOTHER

RUTH FARBER

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING
 MAY 2nd at 7:30 PM

AND THE UNVEILING OF THE GRAVSTONE
 OF THEIR FATHER

MANNY FARBER

ON THURSDAY, MAY 3rd
 10:00 AM
 ROSE HILL CEMETERY (OLD SECTION)



Friday Evening, May 18th, 2018 at 6:15 PM
 At the home of
 Gail and Jack Krapf
 236 Old Plantation Trail
 Milledgeville, GA
 478-968-5383
 Rsvp: jack.krapf@ff.net

NOTE: There will be no services at CSI Macon that evening.
 We will leave from CSI (caravan) at 5:00 PM

For information and interesting reading about
 What's happening in Middle Georgia Jewish Community
 Visit the Middle Ga. Federation home page
<http://jewishmacon.org>

Date to remember
 Annual congregation meeting
 Sunday, June 10th at 4:00 pm

A word of Torah From Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein

Complicated

I found an old button (not the kind that closed or opens a shirt, but the kind that has a printed slogan and attaches to your clothing with a pin) from college. On its face it reads

— **אני אוהב ישראל** which means 'I love Israel'; simple phrase, right? Actually, not simple. If we're going to engage in a grownup conversation, loving a country — any country — is quite a complex web of feelings. A country means so many different things to a person, and the words on the button can serve to push a lot of different buttons, if you get my drift. Back in the summer of 1967 I was a 9 year old camper at Camp Massad (it no longer exists) in the Poconos. The breaking news of the war was riveting. When I came home from camp, a map of Israel and a portrait of Moshe Dayan with his iconic eye patch adorned my wall.

Fast forward just under 50 years (!) to this past **יום העצמאות** (Israeli Independence Day). My 59 year old self turned to a nostalgic soundtrack provided by several of Israel's celebrated pop stars, and I remembered my days as a volunteer on Kibbutz Sa'ad back in 1982, as well as the Jerusalem apartment Sharona and I lived in back in '87-'89. Memories of old friends, people we miss when their name comes up or when they post on Facebook. And there's much more to all of it; demonstrations protesting the war in Lebanon, struggling with all sorts of complex issues surrounding Israel.

Being an American and loving a faraway country whose ancient name can be found on almost any page in my prayer book — I cannot pretend that such love is a simple matter. I'm not the 9 year old idolizing a war hero, and Israeli society was evolved in so many ways since over the last five decades.

One of my teachers who had a wonderful impact on me as a student at the University of Judaism (now called American Jewish University) in Los Angeles moved to Israel and wrote several influential books. I still remember with terribly conflicting emotions the moment I hit the Unsubscribe button when I could no longer read the words he sent out in his pronouncements about American Jewish college students who voiced their criticisms of Israel. How could I part ways with my teacher over his words? It's complicated. I didn't feel terrific when I decided that I could no longer read his political writings. I felt sadness but I also felt a strange sense of relief. Life: People sometimes part ways over big issues.

News item: Natalie Portman decided not to accept a prestigious Israel prize. Her decision has galvanized folks both left and right. And Ms. Portman, born in Israel, is a highly visible American celebrity. You can find writers celebrating or vilifying her decision. It's complicated.

My own reticence to publicly opine in matters related to Israel is not so unusual; many of my colleagues share this stance. Because Israel has become — especially, over the last decade — so intensely politicized, many of us view such conversations as the equivalent of 'the third rail,' something you just don't touch. How ironic (and sad) that a country whose name adorns most of my prayer book has become nearly taboo. Of course we love Israel! Get in a spirited conversation about Israeli politics? Are you kidding?!

The words on the old button will always evoke many feelings, bitter and sweet. It's complicated.



A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



Recently a friend from a small South Georgia congregation shared a great article that talked about the differences you see growing up Jewish in a small town as opposed to a town the size of Atlanta. In smaller towns we all feel a responsibility to be involved. When you are in a congregation in a large city with numerous members and very large staffs, you do not see the involvement and a sense of obligation we see in smaller Jewish community.

As I finish my first year of this term, I truly see the commitment, obligation, and energy of our Kehilla in numerous ways. Seeing this energy and dedication, in my opinion is mirroring what we are seeing in a re-birth of downtown Macon. At CSI we are seeing tremendous amounts of involvement by numerous individuals with a focus on making our Kehilla thrive and grow. It is exciting!

Speaking of thriving and growing, Mazel Tov to all our graduates! We have High School, College, and Master Program graduates in our CSI Family. We wish you all the best and look forward hearing about your new journeys!

I have spoken at times about our need to make sure our kehillah is delivering the correct "product" in the way of services. Please give us your input and suggestions as to what you want to see in the way of services, events, programs and functions. We will be trying one of these ideas this month. On May 18th we will have Friday night services at the Krapf's House located at 236 Old Planation Trail NW Milledgeville, GA. at 6:15pm. There will be a dairy covered dish dinner following services.

Later this summer, we will be holding a Friday night service at place to be determined in Warner Robins. More to come on this.

With the High Holiday services coming early this year, we will start working on planning very soon. Also, as we wind down another religious school year, it will be time to get to work on planning next year's. Please feel free to share ideas and thoughts you have seen from other congregations that you feel will help us to continue to be a vibrant Kehilla and deliver experiences that will make others look at our Kehilla and say, "you know, there is a lot of great things Jewishly happening in Macon!"



We were back from Spring Break April 8th with a regularly scheduled Religious School day. Each class participated in their own age appropriate activity for Yom HaShoah, conducted in their classrooms with their teachers. Also, the Teens took a field trip to Mercer to meet two Jewish students who took them on a guided tour of the University, and talked to them about life on campus and an Israel program they have started. The teens had a great time and learned a lot about what possibilities to look for in different colleges.

The Seedling Class had a morning filled with Jewish Super Heroes from the Torah. They explored the lives of Abraham and Sarah, Noah, Joseph, and Moses and Miriam through storytelling and books. They learned about the lessons they brought us like being welcoming and hospitable, having faith in God, being a good and righteous person, being able to forgive, and being a leader. Everyone went home with their own Jewish Super Hero Book.

Rockin' Shabbat happened on April 13th.

Upcoming Religious School Dates to Finish out the Year:

Friday, May 4, 2018 – Rockin' Shabbat and Confirmation of Maya Rubinstein and Sophie Denisar
Shabbat Dinner to follow the service

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – Sunday School and Afternoon Hebrew, Teens, Seedlings and Junior Congregation

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – Sunday School and Afternoon Hebrew, Teens, Seedlings



CSI is so proud of our amazing young adults and all of their hard work. Back in December members of MUSYC (Macon United Synagogue Youth Chapter) broke ground and planted about 100 daffodil bulbs in an effort to support Am Yisrael Chai's Daffodil Project in their worldwide efforts to plant 1.5 million daffodils in memory of the 1.5 million children who perished in the Holocaust. There are daffodil project installations all over the world today including several in Atlanta and one in Milledgeville reminding communities to support Holocaust education and also support children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.

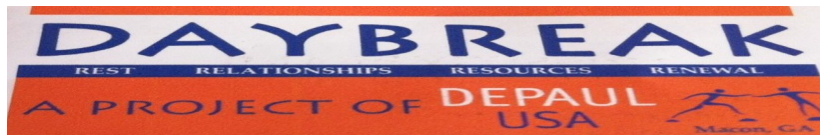
MUSYC Co-Presidents Nicole Hill and Maya Rubinstein along with past Co-Presidents Isaac Crabtree and Jack Finkelstein would like to thank CSI's social action committee and R. Aaron Rubinstein for their assistance in the installation and dedication of the project. The plaque installation took place 4/12/18 and was led by MUSYC members. Co-President Maya Rubinstein read a moving poem, Former Co-President Isaac Crabtree installed the commemorative plaque and all those present along with the assistance of R. Rubinstein recited Kaddish.





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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3 NEW VINEGAR FLAVORS!

- ☛ Red wine vinegar with dill, marjoram, basil, bay leaves & black peppercorn
- ☛ White wine vinegar with lemon balm, garlic, tarragon & whole cloves
- ☛ 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)

Sherry vinegar with parsley, thyme and rosemary

Red wine vinegar with marjoram and rosemary

Apple cider vinegar with shallots and tarragon

Only 4 of each left!
\$10.00 each @ the CSI gift shop



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