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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 - August

Thursday, August 2nd

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, August 3rd

6:15 PM services

Saturday, August 4th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, August 9th

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, August 10th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, August 11th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, August 16th

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, August 17th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, August 18th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, August 23rd

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, August 24th

6:15 PM services

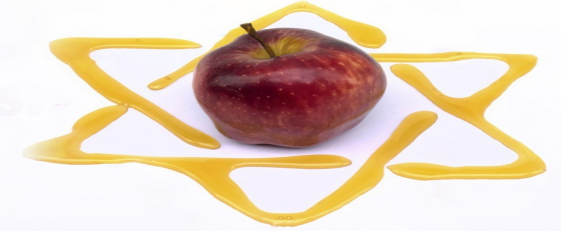
Saturday, August 24th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, August 30th

7:00 AM minyan

Where Will You Be for the High Holidays?



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| September 1st | selichot program | 8:45 PM | more details to follow |
| September 9th | Erev Rosh HaShana | 6:00 PM | |
| September 10th | Rosh HaShana Day 1 | 9:00 AM | |
| September 10th | Tashlich Service | 5:00 PM | place TBD |
| September 11th | Rosh HaShana Day 2 | 9:00 AM | |
| September 16th | Cemetery Service | 2:30 PM | Rose Hill New Section reservations a MUST |
| September 18th | Kol Nidre Dinner | 5:15 PM | |
| September 18th | Kol Nidre Mincha/Ma'ariv | 6:30 PM | |
| September 18th | Kol Nidre Musical Interlude | 7:00 PM | |
| September 18th | Kol Nidre | 7:30 PM | sharp |
| September 19th | Yom Kippur Service + yizkor | 9:00 AM | |
| September 19th | Yom Kippur afternoon | 6:00 PM | |
| September 19th | Break the Fast | 8:00 PM | |
| September 23rd | Supper in the Sukkah | 6:30 PM | |
| September 29th | Shabbat sukkot dinner | 7:30 PM | home of the Rubinsteins |
| TBD | Scotch in the Sukkah | 7:00 PM | home of Elmo & Marty Koplin |
| September 24th | Sukkot service Day 1 | 9:30 AM | |
| September 25h | Sukkot service Day 2 | 9:30 AM | |
| TBD | Sukkah hop Milledgeville | | |
| TBD | Sukkah hop Warner Robins | | |
| October 1st | Shemini Atzeret—Yizkor | 9:30 AM | |
| October 1st | Erev Simchat Torah | 7:00 PM | community dinner with TBI |
| October 2nd | Simchat Torah | 9:30 AM | |

Times and details subject to change

More information to follow

Information on holiday meals will be forthcoming





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Look out for fall dates



Rabbi Aaron is available
to meet with congregants
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
And by appointment.
Please call the office
478-745-4571
To schedule your appointment

GIFT SHOP

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Transition of the CSI Gift Shop

Like many other synagogues, we have come to the realization that in this day of online shopping, combined with other habits of consumers, it is time to make some changes to the operations of our Gift Shop. The Board of Governors voted at the July 2018 meeting to downsize the Gift Shop. Over the next several months, we will transition to carry only ritual Judaica items, such as Shabbat candlesticks and candles, Yahrzeit candles, Mezuzot with kosher parchments, menorahs and chanukkah candles, chanukkah items (in stock only - (we will not be re-ordering any merchandise)

We would like to thank Terri Frolich and Deborah Adler for the phenomenal job they have done in running the Gift Shop over the past several years. We appreciate the many hours of their work and dedication invested in our synagogue.



All non-judaica merchandise

Close out sale

Everything at 40% off

Gifts, jewelry, books, toys

While inventory lasts

Call Deborah (474-0505) or Terri (477-8597)

For appointment

Or Sundays during Sunday school

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Dear Members,

The holidays are rapidly approaching. Please note the part of the constitution covering membership in other than good standing. *“any member of the Congregation in arrears equal to six months dues shall not be entitled to privileges of full membership.”* This is to remind you of the following rules adopted by the Ritual Committee and the Board concerning members in need of additional seats:

“any member of the congregation who has guests for the High Holidays, including married children who live outside the Macon-Middle Georgia area, shall be admitted at no charge. Students and US Military personnel shall be admitted at no charge. Members of Temple Beth Israel also will not be charged. Macon-Middle Georgia residents not affiliated as a member of either our synagogue or the Temple, who wish to attend any or all services may for a fee of \$250.00. However, this cost may be applied toward CSI membership if within same fiscal year.

For security reasons, it is important that we know if you are bringing guests to services (Erev Rosh HaShanah, Rosh HaShana Day I and II, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur). Please notify Deborah Adler at 478-474-0505 or deborahtravel27@gmail.com OR the synagogue office to verify we have the correct names on the list if different from last year. Also, be aware that the security officers are complying with their job we are paying them for when they ask for your name before you enter the building or ensure a safe environment. Names must be on the list to ensure building entry.

The High Holidays Honors are listed below. Please call Evan Koplin (478-474-5477) if you wish to secure an honor, which is another important fund raiser for the shul

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| <i>Rosh HaShana/Yom Kippur Maftir</i> | <i>\$300.00</i> |
| <i>Kohen Aliyah for all services</i> | <i>\$300.00</i> |
| <i>Levi Aliyah</i> | <i>\$300.00</i> |
| <i>All other Aliyot</i> | <i>\$300.00</i> |
| <i>Hagbah/G'lilah</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> |
| <i>Holding the Torah during Kol Nidre</i> | <i>\$50.00</i> |
| <i>P'ticha (opening Ark curtains)</i> | <i>\$35.00</i> |

For all other honors, (English readings, etc.) donations of any amount are always welcomed. Please contact Evan Koplin to secure an honor.

Again, we are making arrangements to have baby sitters available during services for Rosh HaShana (Day 1), Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur. Please contact the synagogue if you are planning on using this service. Snacks will be provided. **Please do not bring your own snacks.** We ask that when you bring your child (ren) to the nursery, introduce yourself to the sitters. They will write your child's name on a label. Please leave the nursery area once your child is registered. If you feel you need a break, please go outside rather than to the nursery.

Parking passes will be mailed to you. Please park in our lot. **DO NOT** park in doctors' office lots or other businesses in the area. Place the pass on your dashboard.

IMPORTANT: Please do not enter the sanctuary while the Ark doors are open or when the rabbi is giving his sermon.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at shul.

Congregation Sha'arey Israel Ritual Committee

Shul as a Comfort and as a Refuge

I write these words as we bid farewell to Shabbat Nachamu, the Shabbat of Consolation. This special name derives from Today's Haftarah, which opens with Isaiah preaching: 'Be comforted, my people!' says your God. The calamities of the 9th of Av are followed by seven shabbatot, whose prophetic readings are all about consolation and healing. This past Friday night I asked folks at shul where, as Jews, they find their spiritual source of comfort? And they offered a thoughtful and interesting range of responses.

Right now, as we pivot toward the coming new year, I'm focusing on Shul, the space we gather in for prayer, for learning, for holiday celebration and for marking milestones like Consecrations, b'nai mitzvah, Confirmations, and weddings, the place where we share yizkor and kaddish — Shul.

When we gather in shul, we're a family. And our family's spiritual home is Shul. So I need to speak urgently to you about Shalom Bayit, peace in the house, domestic tranquility. Shalom Bayit is the vitally important social glue that holds so many individuals in this sacred family relationship.

In so many articles these days, across the media, pervading our culture, I sense a lot of tension — spoken and unspoken — around politics. When it's shul time — whether it's a time for prayer or socializing — please, please, please — let's **not** talk politics. Argue about religion? Yes, by all means! Shul is a refuge from the shrill culture wars.

OK — you've all known me long enough for some of you to be saying: is *this* the same Rubinstein as the rabbi who has strongly opined politically in the sermons of years past? Yes. Because while I'm sure that there are times that call for a rabbi to speak up, I have to — all shul leaders have to — think about safeguarding the shul as a space of refuge from the all the 24/7 political noise. I'm urging us all to tend to Shalom Bayit, to leave partisan politics at the door. Our Shul is a loving and sacred space, a much-needed haven.

Wrap up: I can see this bulletin message clearly calls for a quick Bob Dylan chorus...

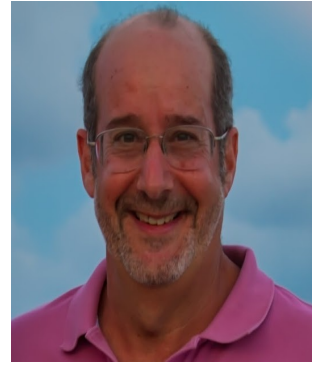
I've heard newborn babies wailin' like a mournin' dove
And old men with broken teeth stranded without love
Do I understand your question, man, is it hopeless and forlorn
Come in, she said
I'll give you shelter from the storm

Thanks, Bob. We needed that. The new year of 5779 is coming. The choir is tuning up. Davening will be sweet. As we turn our hearts toward the new year, may we be there for each other, with each other, sustaining each other, listening to each other, sheltering with each other.

Shalom,
Rav Aaron



A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin



With the holidays coming early this year, planning for the holidays starts a little early. You will see lots of information related to the holidays in this issue of bulletin. Erev Rosh Hashanah is in early September, so we felt it was best to get most of our information about the holidays in this bulletin.

Take a look at the information related to Aliyahs and other honors for the holidays in this bulletin. Please let me know if you have an interest in having an Aliyah or honor during these coming holidays.

Our Board of Education has been hard at work planning for the coming school year. Thanks to Jen Bernstein and her committee for all their hard work in laying out calendar for the students for the coming year!

Robert Blumenthal and the Ritual Committee have been hard at work clarifying all the details and responsibilities related to services for the holidays. We appreciate all the work and energy put forth by this committee.

As you will also see in this bulletin, we have made a decision to downsize the Gift Shop. Thanks to Deborah Adler and Terri Frolich for their dedication and hard work over the years in keeping our Gift Shop running.

In a recent Board meeting we spent time reviewing information from USCJ on Relational Judaism. We have always felt we are a warm and welcoming Kehilla. During the discussion, it was interesting to hear different experiences that people had when they arrived in our community. It was clear we have some work to do. I challenge each of you in the coming year to step outside your comfort zone and make a point to get to know fellow members you may not know. When you see somebody you do not know, introduce yourself. More to come on some fun activities to get to know your fellow members.

As we move into Elul and the holiday season, I hope we all find meaningful time for reflection and think about how to improve in the coming year!



We are very excited about the upcoming CSI Religious School year! The CSI Board of Education has met several times this summer to organize and plan. Our wonderful teachers are onboard, and we want to express our appreciation to them for their dedication to the Jewish education of our children.

We were very well represented at the ISJL Education Conference this past June. Jennifer Bernstein, Chrissy Crabtree, Trish Hutten, and Lara Geller made the trip to Jackson, Mississippi, and enjoyed connecting with other Jewish communities, and attended programs and activities. The keynote speaker was Rabbi David Stern. Some of the programs presented included Teaching Southern Yiddishkeit, Engaging Teens, Teaching Hebrew Through Music, and Teaching Text Through Theater. We have a new ISJL Education Fellow, Mackenzie Haun. You will have the opportunity to meet her at Friday night services on August 17th. Come and say hello!

Our teacher's planning day is Sunday, August 19th at CSI, and the first day of Sunday School is August 26th. Parents, students, teachers, and Board of Education members are all invited to attend the opening program on the 26th. We are back to weekday Hebrew School, and those first days are August 28th for those attending on Tuesdays, and August 29th for those attending on Wednesdays.

We look forward to seeing everyone and having a great year!

**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL!**



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)

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Red wine vinegar with marjoram and rosemary

Apple cider vinegar with shallots and tarragon

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