



# Shofar

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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 - September  
(non holidays)**

**Saturday, September 1st**

9:30 AM services

**Thursday, September 6th**

7:00 AM minyan

**Friday, September 7th**

6:15 PM services

**Saturday, September 8th**

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

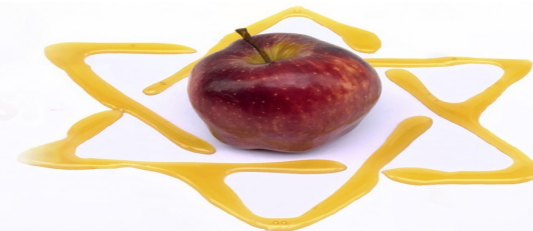
**Saturday, August 24th**

9:30 AM services

**Thursday, August 30th**

7:00 AM minyan

**Where Will You  
Be for the  
High Holidays?**



Sunday, September 9th	Erev Rosh HaShana	6:00 PM	
Monday, September 10th	Rosh HaShana Day 1	9:00 AM	
Monday, September 10th	Tashlich Service	5:00 PM	Spring Street
Tuesday, September 11th	Rosh HaShana Day 2	9:00 AM	
Sunday, September 16th	Cemetery Service	2:30 PM	Rose Hill New Section
Tuesday, September 18th	Kol Nidre Dinner	5:15 PM	reservations a MUST
Wednesday, September 18th	Kol Nidre Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:30 PM	
Tuesday, September 18th	Kol Nidre Musical Interlude	7:00 PM	
Wednesday, September 19th	Yom Kippur Service + yizkor	9:00 AM	
Wednesday, September 19th	Yom Kippur afternoon	6:00 PM	
Wednesday, September 19th	Break the Fast	8:20 PM	
Sunday, September 23rd	Supper in the Sukkah	5:30 PM	davenig after dinner
Monday, September 24th	Sukkot service Day 1	9:30 AM	
Tuesday, September 25h	Sukkot service Day 2	9:30 AM	
Thursday, September 27th	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:30 PM	home of Elmo & Marty Koplin
Friday, September 28th	Shabbat sukkot dinner	after service dinner at the Rubinsteins	
Saturday, September 29th	Warner Robins Sukkah Hop	5:30 PM	home of Lyn & Jay Freedman
Sunday, September 30th	Milledgeville Sukkah Hop	5:30 PM	Vicki Brown & William Richards
Monday, October 1st	Shemini Atzeret—Yizkor	9:30 AM	
Monday, October 1st	Erev Simchat Torah	5:30 pm	dinner - davening after dinner
Tuesday, October 2nd	Simchat Torah	9:30 AM	

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE BREAK THE FAST MEAL  
BUT RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST SO WE KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING  
PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 478-475-4571 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS



High Holidays

Family Services

Congregation Sha'arey Israel

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

Monday, September 10, at 10:00 am

CSI Chapel

\*\*\*Bring your Shofar\*\*\*

Yom Kippur Family Service

Wednesday, September 19, at 10:00 am

CSI Chapel

\*\*\*Kids and parents will be invited to participate in the service. We strongly encourage parents/grandparents to attend with their children. This is not a drop-off event. Question or concerns please contact

Louis Piassick: [lpiaassick@me.com](mailto:lpiaassick@me.com)\*\*\*\*



KOL NIDRE DINNER  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th  
5:15 PM

**Reservations a MUST by September 14th**

Adults - \$10.00 with prior reservations  
\$15.00 at the door  
Children 3 to 13 - \$7.00 with prior reservations  
\$10.00 at the door  
Children 3 and under - no charge

SUPPER IN THE SUKKAH  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd  
5:30 PM

**Reservations by September 21st**

Adults - \$10.00  
Children 3 to 13 - \$7.00  
Children 3 and under - no charge  
Call office 478-745-4571



EREV SIMCHAT TORAH  
COMMUNITY DINNER  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st  
5:30 dinner - davening 6:15  
CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL  
ADULTS - \$10.00  
CHILDREN 3-13 - \$7.00  
3 AND UNDER - no charge  
RESERVATIONS BY SEPTEMBER 26th  
Call office 478-745-4571



### SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 27th  
7:30 pm

At the home of  
Marty and Elmo Koplin

130 Woodmere Trail

Rsvp  
Call or text Marty  
478-718-7001  
martyk@me.com



### DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28th  
AFTER SHABBAT SERVICES

At the home of  
Rabbi Aaron & Sharona

994 Magnolia Street

Rsvp  
Call or text Sharona  
478-250-5586  
sharonadancer@gmail.com



### COOKOUT IN THE SUKKAH

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 29TH  
5:30 pm

At the home of  
Lynn and Jay Freedman

414 Wexford Circle  
Bonaire, GA 31005

Rsvp  
Call or text Jay  
478-335-1492  
jfreedman@aol.com



### DINNER IN THE SUKKAH

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30TH  
5:30 PM

At the home of  
Vickie and William Richards

129 Old Plantation Trail NW  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

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vickie richards129@gmail.com



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September 2nd - **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

September 9th - with Mini Congregation

September 16th - with Jr. Congregations

September 23rd

**HEBREW SCHOOL**

Tuesday, September 4th

Wednesday, September 5th

Tuesday, September 11th - no Hebrew school

Tuesday, September 18th - no Hebrew school

Wednesday, September 19th - no Hebrew school

Wednesday, September 26th



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

## What Makes for Meaning?

I'm reading 'Being Mortal' by Atul Gawande; a really beautiful book that asks serious questions and offers penetrating insights into living, aging, and dying. Beyond Gawande's words — certainly worthy of a drash or two — there's another layer of context provided by this season: the month of Elul, a hint of coolness in the early morning, the long summer days slowly yielding to earlier evenings.

Our tradition's teachings about Teshuva — returning — challenge us to take a personal inventory. The words in the machzor get straight to the point: What am I — מה אני? What is my life about — מה חיי? Personal bit of checking in: our daughter is far away, starting 11th grade in Israel, spending the holidays at another table. We're thrilled, of course. And we miss her. And it's a great comfort to have our son home for the holidays. When he comes home the dog and cat seem overwhelmed with excitement — or is that really just us projecting our emotions onto the four-legged animals in the family?

Paul Taylor, one of the giants in the world of modern dance, passed away today? Why do I know about him? I live with a modern dancer. Taylor visited to UCLA way back when Sharona studied there. His faded signature adorns a framed photo of the man. I notice the passing of favorite performers, poets, playwrights, statesmen. In a word: mortality.

The choir sings Leonard Cohen's 'Who By Fire,' an unsparing and arresting commentary on the traditional Untane Tokef — a lifetime ago, when I was a student in LA or New York, conversations about aging, about decrepitude (fancy term for 'falling apart')...all of this was a million miles away, frankly, alien territory. And now the words are all too real.

Turns out that perspective is everything.

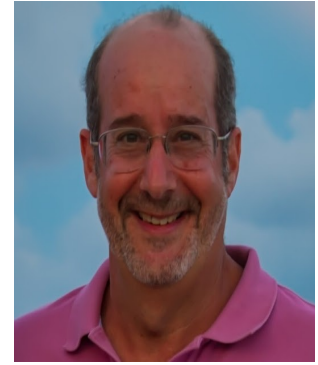
Years ago, during Rubinstein part 1, I started using the word kehilla a lot. That push was about the depth and power of intentional community. All these years later I still believe that the secret sauce that makes CSI special is the way people can strengthen each other in difficult times, in the way people celebrate together, in the possibilities of sharing spiritual journeys as an extended family.

Joni Mitchell, years ago, penned lyrics that captured an intense sense of being alone throughout a life — between the forceps and the stone. In a sense she is right, of course. No matter how close our friend or partner is, they can't 100% understand the moment we experience. But real kehilla encourages each of us to stretch beyond ourselves, to listen, to share, to learn. This is what has driven me since I came to Macon in 1993. And the power of these ideas is what continues to make our shul and our kehilla a sacred place, brimming with magic.

Shanna tova.



*A Message from our President, Evan "Elmo" Koplin*



As I type this we have just come off a couple of jam-packed days which show the health and strength of our Kehilla.

Last Wednesday night in addition to hearing our beautiful choir practicing, we had volunteers downstairs doing final cleanup in preparation for the start of Sunday School.

Thursday stickers were being put on the new Ad Books

Friday night we had the Consecration service for Lila Hutten and Micah Cornelius. The excitement from all the kids on hand during services and the wonderful Shabbat dinner that followed was totally energizing!

Also, cannot forget to mention the wonderful Torah from the Rabbi as he explained the relevance of a wonderful piece of art made by Laurel Robinson.

Saturday morning saw another wonderful service with an educational Torah discussion from Rabbi followed by excellent Kiddush lunch.

Sunday morning, the Religious School year started with 30 students. Opening ceremony was followed by Coffee, Lox and Bagels, and nosh. It proved to be a wonderful time for all the parents to catch up with each other. (Plans are in the works to make Coffee, Lox & Bagels, & Nosh a Sunday happening for all members. SCSZ coming)

Monday we all came together for a Shiva Minyan for Barry Freedman, brother of Jay Freedman. Jay, we are so sorry for the sudden loss of your younger brother. Your description of Barry helped us to all get insight into what a great person he was.

Seeing the series of all these events, all the kids, volunteers, and hard work of everyone makes this a very rewarding journey to be involved with.

There is a tremendous amount of work done behind the scenes putting everything together for the upcoming series of holidays. Thank you to our Board and all the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to keeping things running.

We look forward to upcoming Selichot program this coming Saturday. Thanks to the Zarks Foundation for their funding of this program.

In addition to planning for the holidays, we have some other things in the works. We are planning a mixer for Middle GA College and Post-Graduate students so these young people can have an opportunity to meet each other. In addition to setting up above mentioned Sunday Coffee Schmooze Zone (SCSZ), we are working on some other items like developing guidelines and policies for electronic communications. We've put together team to work on evaluating the best ways to have consistent communication with all segments of our membership. Please give me feedback on any thoughts you may have related to this.

Marty and I wish all our members a Happy Healthy New Year.

Shana Tova!

Evan "Elmo" Koplin



Our new school year started off with a wonderful teacher planning session held on August 19th. The Board of Education and teachers, together with our ISJL fellow, Mackenzie Haun, met at CSI to prepare a year's worth of fun, educational material and activities for the 30 students who will be attending our Hebrew and Religious School. Thank you, Shelley Davidson, for preparing a delicious lunch for the attendees.

Sunday School began on August 26th and started with a meeting in the main sanctuary. Parents, teachers and students began the day with singing Havenu Shalom Aleichem, accompanied by accordion played by our talented musician/Rabbi Aaron. Students Jaden Adler, Jacob Cornelius, Lilah Hutten, Ethan Piassick and Sam Wilkinson spoke briefly of their experiences at camp this summer. Shaw Bullington did a Brain Gym activity to help us get rid of the summer cobwebs and get us ready for a new year of learning.

Teaching Hebrew this year (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) will be Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein, Rabbi Aaron Sataloff and Jay Freedman. Sunday School teachers for Kindergarten/1st grade are Jennifer Bernstein, Chrissy Crabtree and Emily Piassick. Teen aids are Amitai Ilan, Nichole Hill and Sophie Denisar (2nd generation - her mom, Jenna Kaplan Denisar started her CSI teaching career as a kindergarten aid.) 2nd and 4th grade teachers are Jenna Denisar and Lara Geller. 5th and 7th grade teachers are Pam Webster and Jay Freedman. We are looking forward to a wonderful year, full of exciting and educational events.

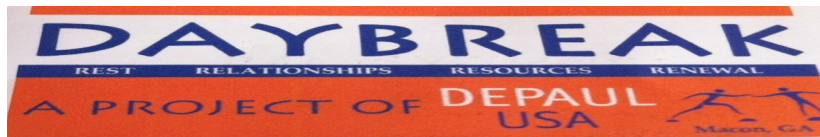
Jennifer Bernstein, Board of Education Chair.





### 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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### NEW FLAVORS

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<p>2 22 elul</p> <p>NO SUNCAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>3 23 elul</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>4 24 elul</p>	<p>5 25 elul</p>	<p>6 26 elul</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>7 27 elul </p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:32</p>	<p>8 28 elul </p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Nitzavim</i></p>
<p>9 29 elul </p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL MINI CONGREGATION SERVICES 6:00 PM</p> <p>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>10 1 tishri </p> <p>SERVICES 9:00 AM TASHLICH 5:00 PM</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>11 2 tishri</p> <p>SERVICES 9:00 AM</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>12 3 tishri</p> <p>FAST OF GEDALIAH</p>	<p>13 4 tishri</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>14 5 tishri </p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:23</p>	<p>15 6 tishri </p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Vayelech</i> SHABBAT SHUVA</p>
<p>16 7 tishri</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNIOR CONGREGATION CEMETARY SERVICE 2:30 NEW SECTION</p>	<p>17 8 tishri</p>	<p>18 9 tishri </p> <p>KOL NIDRE DINNER 5:15 PM SERVICES 7:30 PM</p> <p>KOL NIDRE</p>	<p>19 10 tishri</p> <p>SERVICES 9:00 PM BREAK THE FAST 8:00 PM</p> <p>YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR</p>	<p>20 11 tishri</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>21 12 tishri </p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:13</p>	<p>22 13 tishri </p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Ha'azin u</i></p>
<p>23 14 tishri </p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL EREV SUKKOT</p>	<p>24 15 tishri </p> <p>SERVICE 9:30 AM</p>	<p>25 16 tishri</p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p>	<p>26 17 tishri</p>	<p>27 18 tishri</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>28 19 tishri </p> <p>SERVICE 6:15 PM CANDLE LIGHTING 7:04</p>	<p>29 20 tishri</p> <p>SERVICE 9:30 AM</p>
<p>30 21 tishri </p> <p>HOSHANAH RABBAH</p>	<p>SUKKOT</p>	<p>SUKKOT</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>CHOL HAMOED</p>