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8:00 am - 4:00 pm M-Thursday
9:00 am - 2:30 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 - December

Saturday, December 1st

9:30 AM services

Thursday, December 6th

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, December 7th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, December 8th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, December 13th

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, December 14th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, December 15th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, December 20th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, December 21st

6:15 PM services

Saturday, December 22nd

9:30 AM services

Thursday, December 27th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, December 28th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, December 29th

9:30 AM service



ADULT EDUCATION CLASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th 10:30 am

The CSI Adult Education Committee is offering a class on the minor Jewish Holiday of Hanukkah. Hillel Kaplan, our librarian, will lead the discussion entitled “Hanukkah, Then and Now.” THEN refers to the rededication of the second temple by Judah Maccabee in 163 BCE.

Hillel was Bar Mitzvah-ed on Christmas Day in 1943 and he has been chanting the Hanukkah Haftorah at CSI since he arrived in Macon over 10 years ago.

SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Merle Feld

Poet, playwright, author and speaker

Friday evening, February 8th

Shabbat service followed by Shabbat dinner

Saturday, February 9th

Shabbat service followed by Kiddush lunch

Saturday evening there will be a

Havdallah service and wine, cheese and
dessert reception

At the home of Jan Lewis & Robert Fieldsteel



IT'S RABBI AARON'S 60TH BIRTHDAY!



JOIN THE CELEBRATION
SHABBAT DINNER

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
SERVICES 6:15
DINNER 7:30

Feel free to share your favorite
Rabbi Aaron story

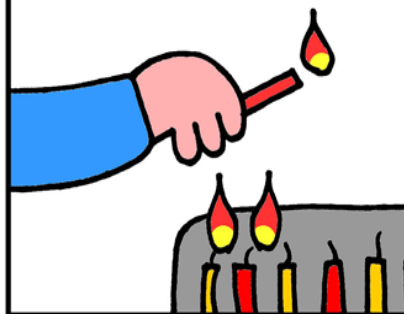
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*There is no charge for this meal but reservations are requested

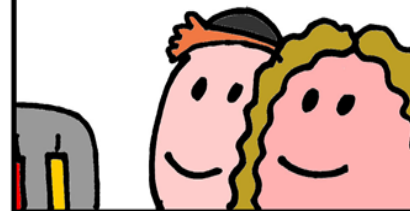
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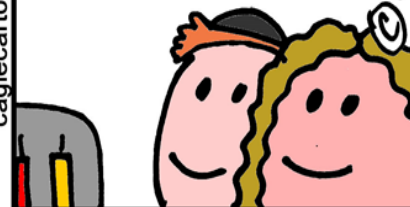


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WHAT'S COOKING SHELLEY D.?



SWEET & SAVORY KUGEL!

Sunday December 9th @11am

Come and join your friends in the CSI kitchen as Shelley Davidson shows us how to make this versatile dish that has been a Jewish staple for over 800 years!

Register by Monday December 3rd 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

Cost:\$10 to cover supplies and help our Adult Education Committee continue to offer exciting programming!

Checks should be sent or given to the CSI secretary



COME EAT, DRINK AND CHEER ON!

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

**IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd**

**What happens at the Tailgate
Stays at the Tailgate
More details to follow**

Annual Fundraiser for Congregation Sha'arey Israel



Join the Jewish conversation

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

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December 9th - Hanukkah class with Hillel Kaplan



SUNDAY SCHOOL

December 2nd
(Hanukkah activity)
December 9th
December 16th

HEBREW SCHOOL

Tuesday, December 4th
Wednesday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 11th
Wednesday, December 12th
Tuesday, December 18th
Wednesday, December 19th



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Hanukkah decorations, gift bags, toys

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(\$20.00 for box of 24 bags)

Small plastic dreidls .20cents each

Wooden dreidls - .40 cents each

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

For appointment Or Sundays during Sunday school



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



Reading this Picture as a Hanukkah Text

A picture is worth a thousand words.

Let's soak in this heartwarming Hanukkah moment from this Sunday morning, the eve of Hanukkah — our kids and their parents are in the holiday zone, crafting clay dreidels. There's a patrolman at our table, hands in the clay, sharing in the moment — there's an intimate sort of Norman Rockwell vibe, something rare and beautiful has been captured.

But our perspective in this photograph must be informed by context — he walked with our group from shul to the studio; he's part of our new normal. New normal—troubling phrase, that mocks us — what kind of a normal is this? A dark one, to be honest. The photograph documents our vulnerability.

'In those days and in our time' — this scene is also a Hanukkah Commentary. We — along with our allies and our protectors — rekindle the lights. We are all charged to keep the flame burning.

A message from our president

I hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving and is now having a Happy Chanukah.

We started off the month with the kids in Sunday School actually doing what is says in the song, “Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel, I made it out of Clay...”. They went to the *567 Center* and worked with potters to make individual dreidels. After dreidel making, they worked with ISJL Fellow Mackenzie Haunon for some really great Chanukah activities. I keep saying it, but these kids really are having opportunities to do some really cool things.

Later that evening had a wonderful Chanukah Family Night. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this happen.

As we go into the rest of the month, we look forward to the cooking class with Shelley Davidson and a class on Chanukah led by Hillel Kaplan this coming Sunday, December 9th. Thanks to both for their efforts and time for putting these programs on.

We also look forward to a Shabbat/Dinner Birthday celebration for Rabbi Rubinstein coming up on December 14th.
Happy Birthday Rabbi!

As we had mentioned previously, our gift shop will be downsizing to sell only ritual Judaica items. Please touch base with Deborah Adler as we try to clear out our non-ritual items. We are pushing hard to clear out this inventory by end of December.

We need your help with our Annual Fund. If you have not yet made a contribution, please do so by end of December. This is a very important part of our annual budget.

As we move into the coming months, we have several events on the horizon.

Super Bowl Fundraiser Party- February 3rd

Scholar-In-Residence Weekend of February 8th – 10th with Merle Feld

Ian Altman Fundraiser, March 3rd

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events.



CSI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL HAPPENING

NOVEMBER 4th AT THE ANNUAL BOOK FAIR
SPECIAL GUEST DYLAN DICKSON
WHO READ HER BOOK
"WHY CAN'T I READ"

THANK YOU, ANNE BAYME FOR CONTINUING
TO BRING JEWISH BOOKS OF INTEREST
TO CSI



Dr. Lawrence A. Haskins Memorial Trust – 2019

In 1980 Gertie and Harry Haskins, longtime members of Congregation Sha'arey Israel (CSI), established a memorial trust to honor their son Lawrence. 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 recipients.

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.

Haskins Trust Guidelines

1. Recipients must be between the ages of 10 and 20, which, for the purposes of the scholarship means to *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.*
2. An applicant must have attended religious school at Sha'arey Israel for at least one full year.
3. An applicant has “achieved scholastic excellence.” This is a vague tenet of the scholarship, but is contained in the original document.
4. The process requires a brief application letter to the committee which should include the following information:
 - a. Applicant's name
 - b. Age
 - c. A brief statement of why the applicant believes he/she is worthy of the scholarship
 - d. The name of program and organization or institution, including the address, phone number, date(s) attending and cost
5. A recommendation letter from a Sha'arey Israel congregant or religious school teacher familiar with the applicant's character and academic achievement
6. 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 or class 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 before payment is made.
 - 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 a Shabbat service. Guidelines will be provided.
7. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 1, 2019 and should be emailed to Haskins Trust Chair, Jami Gaudet, at jfsgaudet@aol.com.
8. Decisions will be made by Monday, March 11, 2019.
9. A scholarship award letter will be sent to each winner and the student's name(s) will be announced in the synagogue bulletin and on the bimah at services by the synagogue president.
10. The Haskins Memorial Trust committee selects a recipient or recipients annually and approves the use of the funds. There is no cap on the number of recipients in a calendar year.
11. The amount of the award varies according to the number of recipients in a year and the funds available in the trust. The duration of the trust is 50 years. 2019 is year 39.

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



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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Minimum donation for a plaque is \$36.00 and \$250.00 for adopting an animal.

These donations make a great newborn baby gift, Bar/bat mitzvah, graduation gift or special recognition of a CSI member's child.

Donations go to the Educational Resource Fund.

Call Anne Bayme 478-474-0063 to make your donation.



SAVE THE DATE

**IAN ALTMAN IN CONCERT
SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019
FICKLING HALL
MERCER UNIVERSITY
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

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Mulato, Chipotle, Arbol, Cascabel, Morita, Serrano, Jalapeño, and Habanero peppers. Get yourself some great stuff. To rephrase a famous lyric by the Young Rascals - *if you got the fever, I got the cure!*



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

Check with Rabbi Aaron for current flavors
And availability



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<p>2  24 Kislev</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>FAMILY DINNER 5:00 PM</p> <p>EREV HANUKKAH</p>	<p>3  25 Kislev</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>4  26 Kislev</p> <p>HEBREW SCHOOL</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>5  27 Kislev</p> <p>HEBREW SCHOOL</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>6  28 Kislev</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>7  29 Kislev</p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM</p> <p>CANDLE LIGHTING 5:10</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>8  30 Kislev</p> <p>SERVICES 9:30</p> <p>TBI HANUKKAH 6:00 PM</p> <p><i>Miketz</i></p> <p>ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH</p>
<p>9  1 tevet</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>MINI CONGREGATION</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH</p>	<p>10 2 tevet</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>11 3 tevet</p> <p>HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p>12 4 tevet</p> <p>HEBREW SCHOOL</p>	<p>13 5 tevet</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>14  6 tevet</p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM</p> <p>CANDLE LIGHTING 5:11</p>	<p>15  7 tevet</p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Vayigash</i></p>
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<p>30 22 tevet</p>	<p>31 23 tevet</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p>				<p><i>Shemot</i></p>

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