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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 - June & July

Saturday, June 1st

9:30 AM services

Thursday, June 6th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 7th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, June 8th

9:30 AM services

Sunday, June 9th -Shavuot

9:30 AM

Monday, June 10th

9:30 AM Shavuot service with Yizkor

Thursday, June 13

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 14th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, June 15th

9:30 AM service

Thursday, June 20th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 21st

6:15 PM Services

Saturday, June 22nd

9:30 AM Services

Thursday, 27th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, June 28th

6:15 PM Services

Saturday, June 29th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, July 4th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 5th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, July 6th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, July 11th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 12th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, July 13th

9:30 AM service

Thursday, July 18th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 19th

6:15 PM Services

Saturday, July 20th

9:30 AM Services

Thursday, July 25th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, July 26th

6:15 PM Services

Saturday, July 27th

9:30 AM services



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A WORD OF TORAH FROM THE RABBI

Your people Shall Be My People

The custom of reading the Scroll of Ruth on Shavuot — beginning on Saturday night, June 8th — goes back a great many centuries. A Moabite women was embraced by kindness and love, and she would become King David's great grandmother. Faith and perseverance and Hope, sweet redemption. Here at shul we'll bring in



Shavuot a few hours early, with a quick mincha/ma'ariv & (tradition!!) cheesecake 🥰. On a personal note of welcome — Katalyn Raz, Jeff Zablow's wife, is scheduled to complete her journey to Judaism a couple of days before Shavuot. It's my honor and pleasure to invite you all to celebrate this festival of Torah with the newest member of our family, mazal tov to Katalin, whose very first aliyah will be in the shadow of Shavuot, z'man matan Torateinu, the Time of the Giving of Torah



A Message from our President

As I write this article, the month of May is winding down. School year is ending, graduation occurs for many families, vacation plans being made, planning for upcoming year at the Shul are just some of the many events which are occurring.

I have said it before. The kids in our religious school have great opportunities for Jewish education in Middle Georgia. While I am sure there is a different experience in communities with larger Jewish populations, the “hands on” experiences these kids encounter, outshines in many ways what you will see in a larger Jewish community. The building of community amongst Jewish kids in a smaller community is so important. Thanks to Jen Bernstein, her committee, and teachers for all their work and dedication during the year in putting together the wonderful programming and experiences for these kids in their Jewish education.

Congratulations to all the families with kids celebrating graduations; those graduating high school and college and moving on to your next journeys in life. Speaking with a couple of them in recent weeks, I know we will see great things to come from all of them. Mazel Tov on your graduations and best of luck as you move forward!

Planning is underway for all the upcoming holidays, adult ed programming, fundraising and building improvements and maintenance. We cannot do what we need to keep this Kehilla going without participation from all of our members as dedicated volunteers.

We will be working to further divide some of the volunteer duties required to make us successful. We need everybody's help in splitting up the various duties. I realize everybody is busy and your time is valuable.

We need your help and will be making some adjustments to our planning process and communication for events. We hope these adjustments will bring clarity for all involved and make things easier for all volunteers. Please, when called on to help, keep in mind we have a limited number of volunteers to draw from. If we keep relying on the same volunteers, we will eventually encounter “burn out” and will not have the institutional knowledge from those involved needed to keep things going.

In winding down my current term as President, there are many people I need to thank. I especially want to thank Anne Bayme and Theresa Rosengart. While, I may have served as the President for these past two years, it has really been a team effort between all three of us. Thank you for all your continued work in supporting me and our Shul.



Dear Members of Congregation Sha'arey Israel,

I am writing concerning an idea that has surfaced at recent meetings of the Board of Governors. This concerns the weekly Shabbat morning service. As you may know, this service generally runs from 9:30 until 12:00 or slightly thereafter. It has been suggested that there might be some interest in having the shul occasionally offer a shorter alternative service, which would be held in addition to, not instead of, the current service.

I have been tasked by the Board to assess the level of interest in this idea. To that end, I would very much appreciate your input with regard to the following questions:

1. Would you be interested in an occasional shorter alternative service on Shabbat morning? 2. How often might you attend such a service? 3. What is your preferred starting time for such a service? 4. What is your preferred length for such a service?

Please describe the type of service that you might be interested in attending. For example:

5. Apart from length, how might it differ from the current service? 6. *What elements of the current service would you like to see omitted?* 7. *What elements that are not a part of the current service would you like to see included?* 8. *Please describe in as much detail as you care to the type of service (its structure and content) you would be most likely to attend.*

If it turns out there is interest in an occasional shorter alternative service, we will need some folks to step forward to lead such a service. To that end, I would appreciate your responses to the following questions:

9. Would you be interested in leading a shorter alternative Shabbat morning service? 10. *If so, please describe, in as much detail as you wish, the structure and content of the type*
of alternative service you might be interested in leading.

Please respond in whatever manner works best for you. You might choose to answer question by question or, if you prefer, you might choose to write a paragraph or two discussing various aspects of these questions.

Please send your responses to me by return e-mail to robert.blumenthal@gcsu.edu or by snail mail to my address above.

I look forward to your responses and to learning from you what type of Shabbat morning service would be most meaningful for you.

Best regards,

Robert Blumenthal

Ritual Committee Chair



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Do something
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Something to justify your existence
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To be dressed in your skin in your body
Learn to walk and to laugh
Because it would be too senseless
After all
For so many to have died
While you live
Doing nothing with your life

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Sunday, 9:30 AM — 12:30 PM



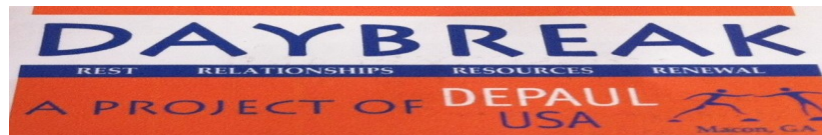
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Congregation Sha'arey Israel is a partner with DAYBREAK, a daytime haven for members of our community who are either homeless or are in need of a place to spend a day with people; a place where they can shower, get a light snack, and feel part of a 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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<p>9 6 sivan </p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p>SHAVUOT</p>	<p>10 7 sivan</p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p>YIZKOR SHAVUOT</p>	<p>11 8 sivan</p>	<p>12 9 sivan</p>	<p>13 10 sivan</p> <p>MINYAN 7:00 AM</p>	<p>14 11 sivan </p> <p>SERVICES 6:15 PM CANDLELIGHTING 8:25</p> <p>FLAG DAY</p>	<p>15 12 sivan </p> <p>SERVICES 9:30 AM</p> <p><i>Nasoo</i></p>
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7 <div>4 tamuz</div>	8 <div>5 tamuz</div>	9 <div>6 tamuz</div>	10 <div>7 tamuz</div>	11 <div>8 tamuz</div> <div>MINYAN 7:00 AM</div>	12 <div>9 tamuz</div> <div>SERVICES 6:15 PM</div> <div>CANDLE LIGHTING 8:26</div>	13 <div>10 tamuz</div> <div>SERVICES 9:30 AM</div> <div>Chukat</div>
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