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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 - September

Thursday, September 5th

7:00 AM minyan

Friday, September 6th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, September 7th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, September 12th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, September 13th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, September 14th

9:30 AM services

Thursday, September 19th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, September 20th

6:15 PM services

Saturday, September 21st

9:30 AM service

Thursday, September 26th

7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, September 27th

6:15 PM Services

Saturday, September 28th

9:30 AM Services

Sunday, September 29th

6:00 PM Erev Rosh HaShana

Monday, September 30th

9:00 AM Rosh HaShana day 1



Date	Who	Activity	Time	Location
	CSI	Selichot Program	8:00 PM	CSI
29-Sep	CSI	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:00 PM	CSI
30-Sep	CSI	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	9:00 AM	CSI
30-Sep	CSI	Tashlich Service	5:00 PM	CSI -TBD
1-Oct	CSI	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	9:00 AM	CSI
6-Oct	CSI	Cemetery Service	2:30 PM	Rose Hill NewSection
8-Oct	CSI	Erev Yom Kippur Dinner(RSVP Mandatory)	5:15 PM	CSI
8-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre- Mincha Service	6:30 PM	CSI
8-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre- Musical Interlude	6:45 PM	CSI
8-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	Yom Kippur Service	9:00 AM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	Yom Kippur Minchah Service	5:45 PM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	Neilah Service	6:30 PM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	Ma'ariv Service	7:30 PM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	"Ceremony" of Lights and Havdala	7:50 PM	CSI
10-Oct	CSI	Shofar Blowing	8:00 PM	CSI
9-Oct	CSI	Break the Fast	8:01 PM	CSI
13-Oct	CSI	Supper in the Sukkah	6:30 PM	CSI
18-Oct	CSI	Shabbat Sukkot Dinner	7:30 PM	Home of Rubinstein
17-Oct	CSI	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:00 PM	Elmo & Marty Koplin House
14-Oct	CSI	Sukkot Service Day 1	9:30 AM	CSI
15-Oct	CSI	Sukkot Service Day 2	9:30 AM	CSI
TBD	CSI	Sukkot Hop Milledgeville		
TBD	CSI	Sukkot Hop Warner Robins		
21-Oct	CSI	Shemini Atzeret- Yiskor	9:30 AM	CSI
21-Oct		Erev Simchat Torah	7:00 PM	CSI
21-Oct	CSI	Simchat Torah Dinner	6:00 PM	CSI
22-Oct	CSI	Simchat Torah	9:30 AM	CSI



“Sleepers, Awake!”

Last Monday was Labor Day, one last gift of Summer, an extra day, a last hurrah. Hints of Fall here and there — the bright red lycoris blooming in a few spots downtown at this time along with a touch of cool breeze. The new month of Elul was born this past Shabbat — the weekday morning of Elul end with exclamation point of the shofar blast. Elul sends us an urgent message: ‘Wake Up!’

In order to shake off a few cobwebs I listened to the Modern Jazz Quartet’s cool and reverent cover of Bach’s ‘Sleepers, Awake’ and I could’ve sworn I heard my dad whisper a phrase from Maimonides’ Laws of Repentance (הלכות תשובה), chapter three — Sleepers, awaken from your slumber! My dad was calling it up in Hebrew, as is his wont: עורו ישנים משנתכם.

So of course there’s the globe icon just to the left of the microphone, which is just to the left of the space bar as I type this to you. The globe key gets me over to Hebrew so I can type in עורו ישנים משנתכם and see what the Google might algorithmically yield up. There’s a Yeshiva rabbi in Israel urging me into the spiritual battle of Rosh Hashanah, the Shofar blasts delivered in a calculated volley to confuse the cunning Accuser (שטן) and to somehow move the cosmic needle from Justice to Mercy. A sort of ‘once more, into the breach!’ After a few dense paragraphs in the trenches with the rabbi I thought: Let’s see what else this phrase from Maimonides has inspired. And there is 929.bina.org.il, a most incredible global Torah study portal (Hebrew and English versions). The writer cleverly punned on Maimonides (Yes! Someone has to muster the courage the courage to mess with the Master...) — **don’t** read Maimonides’ exhortation as “Wake up from your **slumber** (sheina ,שנה; rather, read his charge as “Wake up from your (old) **year** (shana ,שנה; kamatz vowel under the shin .ש).

We have to shed the old skin in order to enter the new year. It’s too easy to keep the old skin on, after all — we’re so used to it. This letting go, this slithering free, this leap into a not-yet-written future...this is what Maimonides is getting at. Each day our waking is fairly mechanical. We don’t give it much thought. Our bodies know what to do. But awaking from the past year is another matter entirely. Such a move requires discernment, taking a real accounting, considering who and where we are, and who we could be, who we might muster the courage to become.

So there you go. Quick thank you to J.S. Bach, the Modern Jazz Quartet, dad (my greatest teacher), the handy globe icon key, and, yes, Google. May the month Elul be the corridor that prepares us to shed the old skin and boldly grow anew into 5780.



A Message from our President

How do we harness positive energy? That was the question the Rabbi and I discussed after our Adult Ed Meeting during the month of August. There were so many great ideas which came up.

We see similar positive energy with our Board of Education meetings. Great ideas that will provide our kids outstanding educational experiences.

One of the biggest challenges to harnessing all this energy is time from dedicated volunteers. We are all so busy in our day to day lives and time with family and loved ones is a precious commodity. We realize this and ask that when you have time or if there is a particular project you would like to assist with, let us know. We can always use help.

Speaking of using help, our Annual Fund Drive is now underway. This is one of our most important fundraisers during the year to help pay the bills. As stated before, there are many worthwhile charitable causes to give to. We only have our members to depend on for our fundraising. We ask that you please give preference to our Shul when deciding which charitable organizations you will support.

Thanks to the Ritual Committee for all their meeting and planning for the upcoming High Holidays. We will be making a few minor tweaks to our services which we hope will help things flow more smoothly and make our services very meaningful.

Marty and I would like to wish everybody a Happy Healthy New Year.





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478-745-4571
To schedule your appointment

WHAT'S COOKING Katalin?



Mixed Fruit Challah!



Sunday September 15th

Class time 11:30am – 3:30pm **with a lunchbreak**

from 12:30 to 2:00pm

With Rosh Hashanah just around the corner let's Mix it up a little! Join us as Katalin shows us how to make a delicious challah that's perfect for a sweet new year!

Register by Thursday September 12th 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



Join the Jewish conversation

BIBLE STORIES for ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 8TH AT 10:00 AM

There are a lot of Bible stories that our kids hear in Sunday school. Some of them are not in the Bible. They are what we call MIDRASH. One of the earliest ones that I remember was about Abraham, when he was a young boy and was still called Abram. His father worked with clay and was in the idol making business. Abram was left in charge of the business when his father would make a delivery. Abraham did not believe in idols. He was beginning to believe that there was but one God. So he picked up a big stick and smashed the legs of the biggest clay idol. And then he smashed the legs of the next biggest and the next. Then he took the stick and put it in the hands of the smallest idol, and started to laugh. The little guy beat up all the big kids. Needless to say, he stopped laughing when his father got back to the store.

Three questions:-

What explanation did he offer ?

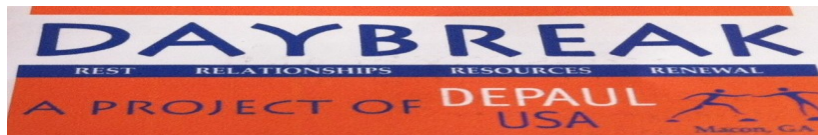
How would your Sunday School Teacher have finished the story ?

How would you finish the story if you were telling it to an adult ?

Hillel Kaplan, the CSI Librarian will lead a discussion about the adult Bible story found in 1 Samuel Chapter 1, on Sunday September 8th at 10:00. This story is generally entitled, "And Hannah Wept."



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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



NOAH'S ARK DONATION WALL

Honor the children of CSI with a plaque acknowledging their important milestones and achievements up to age 18.

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.

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