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LOOK AT AND TAKE PLEASURE FROM A TREE

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*** OFFICE HOURS ***
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  Monday - Thursday
8:00 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 - February

Saturday, February 1st
9:30 AM services

Thursday, February 6th
7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 7th
6:15 PM

Saturday, February 8th
9:30 AM

Thursday, February 13th
7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 14th
6:15 PM Services

Saturday, February 15th
9:30 AM Services

Thursday, February 20th
7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 21st
6:15 PM Service

Saturday, February 22nd
9:30 AM Service

Thursday, February 27th
7:00 AM Minyan

Friday, February 28th
6:15 PM Service

Saturday, February 29th
9:30 AM Service

Monday March 9

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Hello, y’all
I want to pull together a few bits of Torah from the parasha, Bo, as well as a piece of beautiful (sadly, overlooked) prayer, and finally, a personal thought —

1 **Listen** to the opening of the portion: God said to Moshe, ‘go to Pharaoh; I’ve hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants — in order to show My signs in the midst of Egypt. Speak it in the ear of your children and of your grandchildren...”

Amazing. A crucial part of our people’s redemption is about our teaching the Story of who we are to our children. Our community’s commitment to teach our children is sacred — the young students are the future, our future unfolding before our eyes —

2 That is what informs the rabbinic conversation that slipped into the Shabbat morning prayers, just before the rousing Ein Kelohenu — אין כלאהינו
Rabbi Elazar taught in the name of Rabbi Hanina: Students of the Sages multiply peace in the world. This idea draws from a slice of text in Isaiah: ‘When all the children are taught of God, great will be the peace of your children.’

**Great Rabbinic Pun**
The Hebrew word for ‘your children’ is Banayich בנים. Our teachers ‘reread’ the prophet — instead of ‘great will be the peace of your children’ read: great will be the peace of your builders — of our children are the builders — of the future.

Meeting my grand nephew in Brooklyn

One the highlights of our last weekend in NYC was meeting a handsome three week old lad named Emmett; his Hebrew name is Emet אמת which means Truth. And how totally cool is that? Well, for me — soaking in his face gave me a glimpse of my family’s future.

One more bit from the Weekend
So I joined 44 rabbinic colleagues and basked in the love of community as we received our degrees conferred upon by JTS. It was a celebration of rabbinic leadership, a beautiful sharing of Torah — which takes us back to the quote about students of Sages bringing shalom into the world — and each of us in within the kehillot in which we serve, strives to embody that text from Isaiah — and when we revisit this week’s Torah, we see just how important it is to teach — the magic of the teacher, the parent handing traditions into the future. Our children are our builders בנים.
ADULT EDUCATION CLASS
FEBRUARY 16th—1:00 PM
SOCIAL HALL AT CSI - BRING YOUR OWN FOOD (parve)
THE KITCHEN WILL NOT BE PREPARING ANYTHING

AMERICAN JUDAISM, A HISTORY, By JONATHAN SARNA
READ THE INTRODUCTION AND FIRST 2 CHAPTERS (PAGE 61)
WE WILL BE DISCUSSING DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS
janlewis73@gmail.com.

GIFT SHOP IS OFFICIALLY OUT OF BUSINESS

TERRI AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF THE CONGREGANTS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US OVER THE YEARS.
IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE OFFERING OUR CONGREGATION THIS SERVICE AND HOPE YOU CAN FIND EVERYTHING YOU WANT/NEED ON AMAZON.
DON’T FORGET TO USE AMAZON SMILE!

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
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

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of

Violet Montrose Jacobs

Congregation Sha’arey Israel extends its’ deepest sympathy to Ellen Cohen and family.

May her memory forever be for a blessing

Ha’makom Y’enachem

May God comfort all who mourn

Sharing the good news that

Marc Rosengart is a 2019 Graduate of
Kennesaw State University
Bachelor of Arts
International Affairs
with a minor in Geography

Graduate studies began Spring Semester 2020 as Marc pursues a Masters of Public Administration degree
Dr. Lawrence A. Haskins Memorial Trust – 2020

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
   e. A recommendation letter from a Sha’arey Israel congregant or religious school teacher familiar with the applicant’s character and academic achievement

5. The scholarship can be used to defray the cost of:
   a. Travel to Israel through an approved program
   b. Not individual or family travel.
   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 Monday, March 2, 2030 and should be emailed to Haskins Trust Chair, Jami Gaudet, at jfgaudet@aol.com.

8. Decisions will be made by Monday, March 9, 2020.

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. Please note that the amount of the award varies according to the number of recipients in a year and the funds remaining in the trust. The duration of the trust is 50 years. 2020 is year 40.

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.

Sincerely yours –
Jami Gaudet
Haskins Memorial Trust Chair
jfgaudet@aol.com
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**Notes:**
- Service: 9:30 AM
- Minyan: 7 AM
- Service: 6:15 PM
- Shabbat Shekalim
- Rosh Chodesh