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## Monthly Newsletter

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## Upcoming Services

### September

**Thursday, September 3**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, September 4**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, September 5**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, September 10**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, September 11**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, September 12**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, September 17**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, September 18**

6:15 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

**Saturday, September 19**

9:30 am Rosh Hashanah-Day 1

**Sunday, September 20**

9:30 am Rosh Hashanah-Day 2

**Thursday, September 24**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, September 25**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, September 26**

9:30 am Service

**Sunday, September 27**

6:30 pm Kol Nidre Service

**Monday, September 28**

9:30 am Yom Kippur Service/Yizkor

6:00 pm Mincha-Ne'ilah



## **Zoom Davening**

**While we are adhering to social distancing recommendations, our services will be conducted via Zoom. You can access these either via computer, smart phone or call in and listen to services with any phone.**

**Here are the links you will need to 'attend' services:**

**Thursday Morning Minyan - September 3, 10, 17, 24 at 7:00 am**

<https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpqay9MZm42VGp0QT09>

**Passcode: 695052**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435 Password: 695052**

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**Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - September 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:15 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcm9VZz09>

**Passcode: 661400**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400**

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**Saturday Morning - September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 9:30 am**

<https://zoom.us/j/94484008047?pwd=NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09>

**Passcode: 420674**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 944 8400 8047 Password: 420674**



## A word from the Rabbi

### **Faith and Uncertainty**

September is here, and before too long we'll be wishing each other a sweet new year. The coming High Holy Days will, undoubtedly, feel unusual. Just as zoom has found its way to so many aspects of our lives — that will be true for Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur. Last week, Sharona, Zohar and I took the laptop and microphone into the big sanctuary. We connected one of Ian Altman's cameras, along with another microphone, into the new space, and we're hoping to somehow capture the feeling of our shul's beautiful sanctuary. And what does this description of equipment have to do with the title of this article?

I'll tell you. When I'm not timing and noting the duration of prayers, listening to pre-recorded sections of Torah chanting, or wrestling with the necessary and draconian edits to a traditional High Holy Day service — I'm struggling with issues that loom larger than the minutiae that consume my preparations. I know that each family in our congregation is navigating an altered landscape in which our work lives, schooling, and leisure have been upended. Our relationships are tested by this upheaval. Do people have

wedding, funeral, and shiva on zoom or some other online platform. A tougher question: Is zoom up to all this?

I've been looking at recent remarks from Rabbi Jonathan Sacks labeled #Elul. He launches into the topic of doubt — I'm thinking that is because of the approach of the Days of Awe, the notions of Judgement, meditating upon our fragility, resolving to do the inner work of teshuva. Here's what he says: "The place of doubt in Judaism is very interesting because most people define faith as certainty. I define faith as the courage to live with uncertainty. The truth is that you can look at the world and find it meaningless; you can look at the world and find it meaningful. If you're looking for a life without doubt, without risk, and without uncertainty, stop living because you cannot really live without taking risks."

There's plenty to chew on here, especially in these times of global as well as personal upheaval. To be blunt, Rabbi Sacks essentially writes off certainty as a fantasy. In our real world, doubt and risk come with the blessings and perils of real life. Elul — this time of taking stock — is also about embracing the doubts and the hardships, trusting that there is a way forward. These words help me rally my

the time or emotional bandwidth to explore their spiritual lives in the midst of all this? Six months into this pandemic — many of us have shared in a bar mitzvah,

spirit, and I pray that the days ahead can be a path of renewal and resolve for all of us.



## **A Message from the President**

It is kind of hard to believe we are at the end of August. As we move into September, we have the High Holidays coming. Yeah, I agree it is too hot to think of the High Holidays. Looks like it will cool down a little over the next couple of weeks.

Rabbi and his team (Zohar and Sharona) have been putting a lot of work into preparing for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services online. Services will be streamed from the main sanctuary. Many of you have already sent recordings of the readings of your Torah portions to the Rabbi. Thank you!! While we strive to make this the best experience possible, please keep in mind we are using technology which at times can have a mind of its own. We all saw in the news this past week how Zoom had servers go down for a substantial amount of time. While we hope this will not happen during services, we are in the process of looking at backup options in the event this does occur.

While it's a little further out, we will be celebrating Sukkot. With us not all being able to meet together in person, I highly recommend you consider building your own Sukkot, particularly those of you with

Rabbi and I have had several discussions on how to increase the feel of community in the Covid-19 era. We have been working on an idea of having weekly or bi-weekly Zoom meeting "rooms" on various topics of interest to our congregants. Here are some examples: Parsha Discussion each Thursday evening; gardening one week, cooking the next week, knitting another time; CSI alumni under 40 every other week on a topic of their choice; monthly joke telling session (need Alan Goldman to lead this!); etc. Please give us your feedback on the kinds of discussion groups you would like to see. We feel this is an opportunity to create a stronger sense of community in the Covid-19 environment and beyond.

With the limitations that we face because of Covid-19, we will be challenged this year with our normal fund-raising activities. For those of you that can, please consider doubling your Annual Fund commitment from last year. While many of our expenses are down, we still have the fixed cost of salaries and building upkeep that must be paid. We need your help.

As I write this article, I am sad with the news of the passing of Morris Cohen.


kids. It is not that hard and is a lot of fun. Let's see how many sukkots we can put up in our community this year. If you need help with design or how to do this, please call me. Also, if you are interested in having your own Lulav and Etrog, you need to get your order in ASAP to the CSI secretary, Stephanie.

Morris has been a dedicated member for many years to CSI, and we will all miss him.

With Rosh Hashanah just around the corner, Marty and I wish everyone a Healthy, Happy, Safe New Year.

I really appreciate everyone's participation in the online annual meeting. I mentioned a list of projects that we will be working on over the coming year. To move these projects along, it is very important that our committee structure works properly. While many of these items are not urgent, they are extremely important, and we'll need your help in handling these tasks.

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*We express our  
deepest  
condolences*

**We note with sadness the passing of**

***Morris Cohen***

*May God comfort all who mourn.*

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**Make this a special Sukkot!**





Order your own Lulav & Etrog to be shipped  
directly to you from

<https://www.zionetrogim.co/>

There are various styles & payment options to  
choose from and shipping cost will depend  
upon the weight of the product at the time.



**Congratulations to Ross Vogel for being  
named a finalist in the Rising Stars in the  
home industry in Atlanta.**

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**Congratulations to Steve and Priscilla Cohen  
on the birth of their grandson, John Knox  
Edwards (Jack Edwards) in May, as well as to  
the parents, Martha and John Edwards.**



## September Anniversaries

- 1-** Matt Garrett & Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 5** - Evan & Marty Koplin
- 7-** Robert & Renee Schwartz
- 9** - David & Beth Cohen
- 14** - Robert Fieldsteel & Jan Lewis
- 20** - Richard & Sandra Singer



## September Birthdays

- 1** - Blythe Koplin
- 2** - Sharon Elowitz
- 5** - Rebecca Purcel
- 5** - Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 6** - Chip Koplin
- 12** - Riley Bernstein
- 13** - Robyn Kranick
- 14** - Jack Lipson
- 16** - Peggy Feldman
- 22** - Gloria Brody
- 23** - Marty Koplin
- 23** - Pam Webster



**Due to the High Holidays,  
the CSI Book Club will not  
meet in September. We  
will resume in October,  
meeting via Zoom on  
Sunday, October 18th at 1  
pm to discuss Michael  
Chabon's book, THE  
YIDDISH POLICEMEN'S  
UNION. If you wish to be  
added to the list of Book  
Club participants, please  
contact Jan Lewis at  
[janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com). We  
would love to have you!**

**CSI Book Club**



## **Mi Sheberach**

Congregation Sha'arey Israel  
extends Get Well Wishes  
to the following:

**25 - Barbara Altman**  
**25 - Evan Koplin**  
**26 - Allison Brody**  
**27 - Alan Burstein**  
**28 - Joe Finkelstein**  
**28 - Louis Piassick**  
**30 - Nathalie Goodrich**

Although Rabbi Aaron is not able  
to physically meet  
with congregants, he can be  
reached by phone if needed. You  
can call him at 478-250-5952.



Please call Stephanie  
at the synagogue office  
478-745-4571 or email her at  
[secretary@csimacon.org](mailto:secretary@csimacon.org)  
for donations to all funds  
Except The Wall of Jerusalem  
and Noah's Ark Funds.

For donations to the  
Wall of Jerusalem Fund,  
please call Shelley Kruger at  
478-474-0060.

For donations to the  
Noah's Ark Fund,  
please call Anne Bayme at  
478-474-0063.

Yahrtzeit donations should be  
mailed directly to synagogue.



Larry Elowitz



**SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV  
FUND DONATIONS**

*In loving memory of my mother,*

*Frances Kamensky*

Carol Chanin

*In loving memory of my husband,*

*Marshall Hutten*

Susan Hutten

*In loving memory of my father,*

*Meyer Mendelson Schneider*

Ellen Goodrich

*In loving memory of my uncle,*

*Abby Hirsch*

Anne & Scott Bayme

**In memory of Kay Morrison**

Israel

**In memory of Bess Cotton**

Leah Chanin

Rosalind & Gary Simson

Steve Chanin

Glenn & Christina Rosen

Spyros & Amelia Dermatas

Belinda Denn & Scott F. Chanin

Morris Purcel

Brenda Turetsky

Carol's Linens

Bruce & Melissa Jones

James L. Cassidy

James & Sue Bass

Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic of

Coffee County

John Richard Johnson

Bonnie Cohn

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Please note that you can also  
make donations to the various  
CSI funds through our website:

[www.csimacon.org](http://www.csimacon.org)

It's easy and quick!  
You can designate which fund to  
honor your loved ones.



**DONATIONS TO THE TORAH  
FUND**

**In memory of Jerry Mendel**

Jack & Gail Krapf

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Help our shul raise funds  
the easy way!

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and choose our shul to receive  
a portion of what you spend.

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**In memory of Morris Cohen**

Jay &amp; Lynn Freedman

Ina &amp; Louis Schlesinger

**Happy anniversary to David &  
Terri Frolich**

Alan &amp; Hershele Goldman

**Happy birthday to Sig Dayan**

Ellen Cohen &amp; Billy Singer

**Happy birthday to Bobby  
Schwartz**

Ellen Cohen &amp; Billy Singer

General contribution

**Carol B. Besser Fund****DONATIONS TO THE WALL OF  
JERUSALEM****To honor the life of Bess  
Cotton**

by friends

**To honor the 99th Birthday of  
Amalie Proskauer**

by friends

**To honor the life of Bess  
Cotton**

by friends

**In memory of Bess Cotton**

Betty &amp; Gary Meadors

Pat &amp; Lisa Patton

Candy &amp; Ed Meyerson

Cathy, Alan, Lauren, Abby,

Daniel &amp; Ethan Rovick

Robin &amp; Tom Stevens

Lana &amp; Steve Royal

Terri &amp; Mark Lipman

Jay &amp; Arlene Rovick

Barbara Brown

**DONATIONS TO  
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE  
FUND****In Memory of Bess Cotton**

Friends at Covington Place

Diane &amp; Barry Blondheim

Rabbi Marc &amp; Linda Wilson

Rhonda Koplin

Robert, Theresa &amp; Marc

Rosengart

Rhonda &amp; Ivan Nossokoff

Elizabeth &amp; Joe Robinson

Edward &amp; Diane Vogel

Diane &amp; Don Budman

Myra &amp; Marc Howard and Jeffrey

**DONATIONS TO THE SARAH**

& Natasha Howard  
 Bob Poydasheff  
 Judy & Jimmy Rotenstreich  
 Milton Hirsch  
 Andy Watson

### **KOPLIN LIBRARY FUND**

**In memory of Morris Cohen**  
 Michael Eorio



### **DONATIONS TO THE GIFTS & MEMORIALS FUND**

In memory of Violet Montrose  
 Jacobs



### **DONATIONS TO RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**Cara & Susan Sugg**

**Steve & Priscilla Cohen**  
 In honor of their new grandson,  
 John Knox Edwards



**Daybreak also needs volunteers.** If you are at least 18 years old and can commit to at least 2 hours, 1 day a week, you can make a difference to someone in need. Daybreak meets all recommended safety guidelines. For more information, contact [Tyia.Sprinkle@depaul.usa.org](mailto:Tyia.Sprinkle@depaul.usa.org).

#### **Here is a list of their greatest needs:**

Financial donations  
 Gloves - latex free gloves and food service gloves  
 Disinfectant sprays/wipes/cleaners- Spic-n-Span, Pine Sol (make sure it is antibacterial), Clorox  
 Lotions  
 Large hand sanitizers  
 Gatorade  
 Water bottles

Cold cereal  
 Wet wipes/baby wipes  
 New men and women's underwear  
 Men's belts  
 Hairbrushes/combs  
 Batteries (AAA)  
 Rain ponchos  
**Medical clinic:**  
 Cough drops  
 Prodigy Diabetic glucose test strips  
 1cc insulin syringes  
 Canes  
 Bio freeze  
 Saline eye drops  
 Dulcolax  
 Zyrtec  
 1% cortisone cream  
 Naproxen  
 Knee support sleeves: one size fits all  
**Secondary list:**  
 Patio furniture  
 Umbrellas  
 Sturdy Backpacks  
 Men's Extra-large scrubs

Thank you for all you do to help serve our community.

**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.**



## **September 2020 Yahrzeits**

### **Evening of** **September 4th/5th-September 11th**

EMIL HIRSCH  
 FANNIE KORROS\*  
 LEON NIRENSTEIN  
 SAM CHANIN\*  
 JACOB FRANK  
 DORA TINSKY\*

### **Evening of** **September 25th/26th-October 2nd**

LEON BENNETT\*  
 ABE HYMAN WEINMAN  
 SIMCHA ATZMON  
 EMIL WOHL\*  
 RUTH FARBER  
 SAMUEL J. GLYCK\*

HANNAH SCHARFMAN\*  
 CHARLOTTE SHEPARD  
 ELIZABETH ANNIE VAN OLLEFEN  
 BOB FIELDSTEEL, SR.  
 ANNIE GOLDBLATT FRANK

**Evening of**  
**September 11th/12th-September 18th**

JACOB COTTON  
 HYMAN OLINER\*  
 MINDEL OXLANDER  
 TILLIE TINSKY REIFLER\*  
 SONIA KATZ\*  
 BESS SAFER\*  
 SHIRLEY HUSKEY  
 IDA FIXEL DAVIDSON\*  
 ESTHER BERKMAN KAPLAN\*  
 ANNE TUCKER COLE  
 BERNHARDT GODLGAR\*

**Evening of**  
**September 18th/19th-September 25th**

JOSEPH MAX MACEY\*  
 EVA C. WOLF  
 JULIA GLYCK SNYDER\*  
 SALLY MASSELL  
 GEORGE LEVIN\*  
 CHARLES LEVIN\*

FELIX HAPP\*  
 MARTHA HAPP\*  
 FEIGL HIRSH\*  
 GITEL HIRSH\*  
 LIFSHA HIRSH\*  
 MILTON HIRSH\*  
 RACHEL HIRSH\*  
 SOLOMON HIRSH\*  
 MORITZ KESSLER  
 YITCHOK POLLOCK  
 RAISEL POLLOCK\*  
 BESS BARNETT\*  
 JEAN ARNOVITZ ISAACSON  
 DAVID PHILLIP LEVINE\*  
 JAMES HENIGMAN  
 ELISSA LOIS GELLER  
 BEA MARSHALL\*  
 SAMUEL KAHN\*  
 LENA DIVINSKY STRUMAR  
 SHIRLEY ALTMAN  
 GOLDIE ECKSTEIN



*\* Indicates names listed on a plaque in the main sanctuary.*

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6 17 elul	7 18 elul LABOR DAY	8 19 elul	9 20 elul	10 21 elul MINYAN 7 AM	11 22 elul 7:27 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	12 23 elul SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Ki Tavo</i> <i>Nitzavim/Vayelech</i> SELICHOT	
13 24 elul	14 25 elul	15 26 elul	16 27 elul	17 28 elul MINYAN 7 AM	18 29 elul 7:18 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM EREV ROSH HASHANAH	19 1 tishri DAY 1 SERVICE 9:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH	
20 2 tishri DAY 2 SERVICE 9:30 AM ROSH HASHANAH	21 3 tishri FAST OF GEDALIAH	22 4 tishri FALL BEGINS	23 5 tishri	24 6 tishri MINYAN 7 AM	25 7 tishri 7:08 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	26 8 tishri SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Ha'azinu</i> SHABBAT SHUVAH	
27 9 tishri SERVICE 6:30 PM KOL NIDRE	28 10 tishri SERVICE 9:30 AM MINCHA-NE'ILAH 6:30PM YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR	29 11 tishri	30 12 tishri			OCTOBER S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

**Executive Committee**

President - Evan Koplin  
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Secretary Stephanie Johnson

**Office Hours**

Due to Covid-19, the office is not open daily,  
 however, the secretary is in on Thursdays.  
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 or feel free to leave a voicemail.

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