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**"Passover affirms the great truth that liberty is the inalienable right of every human being...!!!"**

**- Morris Joseph**

Lots of activities going on this month.  
Please read the bulletin cover to cover

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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 - February

### **Thursday, April 4th**

7:00 AM minyan

### **Friday, April 5th**

6:15 PM services

### **Saturday, April 6th**

9:30 AM services

### **Thursday, April 11th**

7:00 AM Minyan

### **Friday, April 12th**

6:15 PM services

### **Saturday, April 13th**

9:30 AM services

### **Thursday, April 18th**

7:00 AM Minyan

### **Friday, April 19th**

6:15 PM services

### **Saturday, April 20th**

9:30 AM service

### **Thursday, April 25th**

7:00 AM Minyan

### **Friday, April 26th**

6:15 PM Services

### **Saturday, April 27th**

9:30 AM Services



## A Message from our Rabbi

### A Few Thoughts on Anti-Semitism and Passover

It's a hot topic these days, for good reason. There's the shooting at the shul in Squirrel Hill, of course. There's the anti-Semitic remarks offered in the halls of Congress. There are the reckless and cynical charges portraying the Democratic Party as anti-Jewish. Uncomfortable old truths — lawmakers, celebrities, pundits across the political spectrum have said lots of things that are deeply hurtful to Jews; as for the motives behind those utterances — not always obvious. Ignorance, political calculation, good old-fashioned bigotry; hard to say.

When we use the term anti-Semitism we usually have Jews in mind. But as we're well aware, many Muslims are Semites, and when we pay serious attention (and we should) we'll notice that American Muslims are being lashed fiercely with a special brand of anti-Semitism especially tailored to slam them. Again — a range of motives. Our nation (not unique in this regard) has a long history of prejudices against folks deemed to be outsiders. We know. Been there, done that.

Passover quickly approaches. In light of the Haggadah's discussion of oppression visited upon our ancestors — is it okay for Jews to care deeply about one flavor of bigotry (the hateful garbage that is dumped upon our tribe, sometimes in crude terms, other times on coded language) while averting our gaze from other flavors of hatred — the ugly words and violent gestures directed toward other groups deemed to be dirty or dangerous or threatening to the moral fabric or just plain outsiders?

This is not a new question. Part of the genius of the Haggadah is about the tension between the parochial and the universal. Our tradition challenges us by embracing both. The Torah's regulations about the Paschal meal definitely draw a line between included family and excluded alien (בן נכר). And yet, we say: **All** who hunger, let them come and eat. The language of redemption speaks to oppressed people everywhere across the centuries. Contemporary seders and Haggadot explicitly reach beyond our own tribe. That's one more big reason I'm proud to be Jewish.

MLK was killed shortly before he could attend the seder of his friend and colleague, Rabbi Heschel. In trying to offer an answer to the question I posed earlier I'll go back to one of his teachings: as long as some of us remain in bondage, none of us are truly free. As we say at our seder: today we are still enslaved; tomorrow may we be free - השתא עבדי לשנה הבאה בני חורין. If we take these words seriously, then we must not normalize or accept the marginalizing of others. We are supposed to know better. Our own liberation depends on it.



## A Message from our President

Wow!!! What can you say? I think we saw a Purim event which tops all that we have ever seen!

The amount of work of all the volunteers to make such an event happen is something we should all be proud of.

There are so many that if I tried to thank everybody individually, it would fill all the allotted space for my article. Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to make Purim such a wonderful evening! We are truly blessed with some great volunteers who give it their all to make such an event happen!!!

Speaking of volunteers, seeing all the pictures from our Sunday School Purim event was amazing. I think many of the adults are like me in the fact that they are jealous that they did not have similar experiences when they were coming up through Sunday School. Thanks to Jen and all the members of the Board of Education who consistently put together such great programming for our kids.

We are having Coffee, Lox, Bagels for all members on the first Sunday morning of each month. This is not only for Sunday School parents, but for all members to have a chance to come together to get to know each other and schmooze a little. Come join us!

As we move into April, we are starting to prepare for Pesach. What are those favorite family traditions you continue to carry forward at Pesach? Matzah balls with Meat? Shot of tequila prior to starting the Seder? Orange on the Seder Plate? Farfel in the soup? Favorite Songs? What is your favorite food during Pesach? When is the last time you updated your Haggadah? Ah, so many things to think about.

When you combine ideas from Purim and Pesach, we have some pretty important things to think about. From Purim, we must work to “blot out Amalek/Hatred” in any form. Rabbi’s Friday message recently, **Remember! Blot it Out! Don’t forget** was excellent. Please go back and read this one if you missed it. With Passover, we must always remember we were once slaves. Treat the stranger in our midst with respect and dignity.

You’ll find information in this bulletin, about our upcoming Adult Ed Movie night in Milledgeville on April 7<sup>th</sup> and our community observance of Yom Hashoah on April 28<sup>th</sup> at Stratford Academy.

Please mark your calendar that we will be moving our May 17<sup>th</sup> Friday night service to Milledgeville to the Home of Gail and Jack Krapf.

Seeing the amount of past members/former congregants tuned into Facebook for our Purim shpiel, reminded us that we want to put together an “CSI Alumni” database. Please email me contact information of any “alumni” who would like to receive our emails and other communication from us on a regular basis.

I hope everybody has fluffy Matzah balls and a wonderful Passover! ITS SO FLUFFFYYYYYY!!!!





THE MACON FILM GUILD  
 PRESENTS  
 THE DOCUMENTARY  
 WHO WILL TELL OUR HISTORY  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 23rd  
 7:30 PM  
 DOUGLASS THEATER

Who will Write Our History (USA, documentary, 95 min., unrated) During World War II, a clandestine group of Jewish journalists, scholars, and community leaders in the Warsaw Ghetto vowed to defeat Nazi lies and propoganda not with weapons but with pen and paper. Led by historian Emanuel Ringelblum, they chronicled their daily lives as a testament of survival, then as an indictment of wartime atrocities. "Using newsreels, voice-overs and re-enactments, the documentary paints a comprehensive portrait of the times and of the risks taken by Ringelblum and his group. The staged scenes are well-acted, while readings from diaries and letters are heart-breaking." – New York Times



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 DIRECTED BY SYLVIA HAYNIE

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**Thursday, April 18 - 11:30 am**

# GUESS WHO'S COMING TO LUNCH

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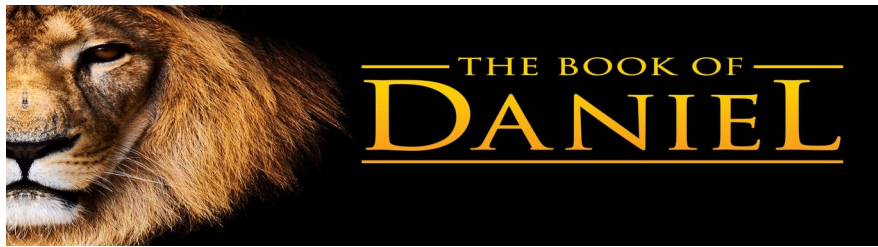


**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 April 7th—Jr. Congregation  
 April 14th  
 April 21st - no school  
 April 28th - mini cong.

**HEBREW SCHOOL**  
 Tuesday, April 2nd  
 Wednesday, April 3rd  
 Tuesday, April 9th  
 Wednesday, April 10th  
 Tuesday, April 16th  
 Wednesday, April 17th  
 Tuesday, April 23rd  
 Wednesday, April 24th  
 Tuesday, April 30th



Rabbi Aaron is available  
 to meet with congregants  
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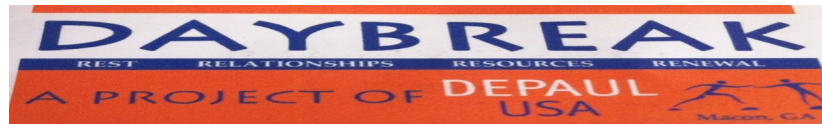


There will be a discussion of the Book of Daniel on Sunday, April 14, at 10:30 am. It will be led by our Librarian, Hillel Kaplan who believes that the stories at the end of the Tanach are just as good as those at the beginning.

Daniel was composed during the wars of the Hasmoneans with bad King Antiochus. The Greek King wanted Hellenism to replace the worship of Hashem. And he placed Greek idols in the Jerusalem Temple. He wanted the Jews to stop Shabbat, the day of rest and eat ham sandwiches.

It was a desperate fight and the Jewish Soldiers needed support. Daniel was written to fortify them in their struggle. The author made up a story of how, long ago, in the days of the Exile, Daniel and his Jewish friends stood firm against the demands of an idolatrous king and by their patience and fortitude prevailed.

We will take a look at how G-D protected Daniel (IN THE DEN OF LIONS) and his friends, the three Hebrew Children (in the fiery furnace) and other Miracle rescues that found their way to parchment or papayrus, in the day preceding the destruction of Herod's Temple.



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

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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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## HERBAL VINEGARS & HOT PEPPER SAUCE



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>21 16 nisan</p> <p>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</p> <p>EASTER PASSOVER</p>	<p>22 17 nisan</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>23 18 nisan</p> <p>hebrew school</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>24 19 nisan</p> <p>Hebrew school</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>25 20 nisan</p> <p>minyan 7:00 am</p> <p>INTERMEDIATE DAY</p>	<p>26 21 nisan</p> <p>services 6:15 pm candlelighting 7:56 pm</p> <p>PASSOVER</p>	<p>27 22 nisan</p> <p>services 9:30 am</p> <p>YIZKOR PASSOVER</p>
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