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Upcoming Services

APRIL

Thursday, April 1

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 16

6:15 pm Service

Friday, April 2

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, April 17

9:30 am Service

Saturday, April 3

9:30 am Service

Thursday, April 22

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, April 8

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 23

6:15 pm Service

Friday, April 9

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, April 24

9:30 am Service

Saturday, April 10

9:30 am Service

Thursday, April 29

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, April 15

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 30

6:15 pm Service



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:

Weekly Torah Study - Wednesday, April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/94748985900?pwd=cmU3N1RUV0JYR25rTGRNZCtOaFBPUT09>

Passcode: 381362

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 947 4898 5900 Password: studytorah

Thursday Morning Minyan - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpgay9MZm42VGp0QT09>

Passcode: 695052

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435 Password: 695052

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6 pm

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

Passcode: 661400

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400

Saturday Morning - April 3, 10 17, 24 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

Taking a Measure

Jewishly speaking, we're in the thick of doing the numbers. As I write these words, we're heading into the finale of Passover. The Haggadah provided us with the wonderful who Knows One Song — the numbers are powerful shorthand for core ideas that we pass along. A six-digit figure that morphs along at blazing speed as you read this — somewhere between 550,000 and 600,000 — is shorthand for the Angel of Death; *not* slaying the butcher who is featured in *Had Gadya*, no — that's the mounting US death toll from a plague not mentioned in the Seder. Who can possibly know how to wrestle with this number? Undoubtedly, some will run from the number as quickly as possible, as in *too much, can't do it*. Understandable. I suspect that part of the journey forward, sooner or later, an unflinching reckoning will be unavoidable and essential.

Lighter note — Numbers considered in a more hopeful tone: there's a box full of details that will guide us back into our sacred space at Sha'arey Israel — properly spaced seating capacity. We're working on it, and, as the traditional words go: *bim'heira v'yameinu, v'nomar amen* — speedily in our day, and let us say **Amen!**

A few years ago, we started to count the omer on Fridays at Just Tap'd and after Pesach

I'm looking forward to some outdoor omer counting with friends (urgent plug: GET THE SHOT, PLEASE!) while enjoying one of many excellent beverages available for purchase. The idea began on a whim, something catchy to connect the counting of the omer with the joy of hanging out with each other. Just those words — *hanging out with each other* — bring up a flood of feelings about the incredible challenging year that has passed. It has exacted a terrible toll; it is not over. But people are venturing back into (judiciously, I hope) the world.

It should be clear that *this* present into the future — is not exactly the one which closed down in 2020. There are changes with which people must grapple in many aspects of our lives. I personally believe that there are positive, beneficial outcomes that are part of the emerging reality.

So, what does it mean to take a measure? Of course, there are numbers, technical discussions for folks with expertise in doing the numbers. But the title of this piece is also about resilience. Change — it might be subtle or drastic, gradual or sudden — is a part of life. It always has been. It's *not* shutting down change or outrunning it — those are efforts which will (sooner or later) fail. It's about how we adjust, how we grow into the changes which shape our lives.

This understanding makes the omer — the journey between Passover and Shavuot — much more interesting than whatever number is announced on a particular evening during the next six weeks.

The Rabbis reframed Shavuot into a spiritual engagement with receiving Torah. And the omer has also been refashioned into a corridor for taking measure and for preparation to celebrate what Torah means to each of us in our lives.

Metaphorically speaking (and *that* is certainly what I do 🤔), *so many numbers* race by the 'margin beneath our screens' — marketplace: what's up, what's down, world of sports: who won, who lost, science: how many vaccinated, percentages of efficacy, etc., etc... all the digits and bits that symbolize the lives we lead, what my Buddhist teachers call the Ten Thousand Joys and Sorrows.

So, the numbers are about *what it means* for us - personally, communally, globally — **what we decide to do with it all.**



A Message from the President

I hope everyone is having a great Pesach! I truly look forward to having Seder next year in person with family and friends. Speaking of being back together, as we are all aware, with the roll out of vaccines, we are getting closer to being able to have services together in person.

We are working to be sure our HVAC system meets all the requirements in the

We have for years talked about the importance of strengthening our building fund. I am very thankful for those who had the foresight to set up this fund. We are at the point that we will need to replace the main HVAC unit in the Social Hall and the Chapel. The cost of these systems will be covered by the building fund. Without these funds set aside, we would have to initiate a major fund drive. Thank you to all who have donated to this fund over the years in addition to the regular monthly payment that is part of your dues.

I want to make you aware of some work related to our Social Media presence. We

main sanctuary.

With the space and ability to social distance, we will start back having all services in the main sanctuary as opposed to the chapel when we return to having services in person.

At this time, we will still continue to require mask and social distancing according to CDC guidelines. You will be required to adhere to these rules even if you have had both vaccinations.

The Board of Governors at our last meeting did vote to continue with having online services along with in-person services. We have many out-of-town members who are able to participate and be part of our service with our online delivery. We feel it's very important to be able to continue to include our out-of-town members and guests in our services. Doing meetings online has also offered the chance to include input from out-of-town members who resided in Middle Georgia in the past. I have really appreciated the input from Jay Freedman, Chip Koplin, and Louis Schlesinger on the various projects we have been working on.

have recently developed policies for our Facebook pages, updated our website, and set up an Instagram page. We are asking that our members share any pictures or movies related to our Kehilla that are relevant and appropriate to this email address:

CSI.Media.Macon@gmail.com

for the CSI marketing committee to review and post.

Gary Simson has been doing an excellent job of working with Long Range Planning with a focus on governance structure.

There will be more to come on this shortly. Thank you to all the hard work on this project, Gary.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers as we have worked through online Hebrew and Religious school. We realize this has been a tough year. Thank you for all your work and patience.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Sharona, Zohar, and the Rabbi for all they do with the online services. Yosher Koah!

Evan Koplin

Dr. Lawrence A. Haskins Memorial Trust 2021

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." The Trust, now in its 41st year, sunsets in 2030,

5. The scholarship can be used to defray the cost of:

a. Travel to Israel through an *approved* program, not individual or family travel.

b. Attendance at a Jewish camp, conference, seminar or convention sponsored by a Jewish organization with which Sha'arey Israel is affiliated.

c. A Jewish studies course or class in the United States, Israel, or anywhere in the world at an

so the committee's challenge is to present scholarships to as many young congregants as possible within this time frame. Given the cancellation of most summer camps in 2020, 2020 Haskins Trust recipients may use the funds this summer without reapplying for the award. Simply contact me to utilize the funds. If you are a new applicant, please read the guidelines, process, and deadline below.

Haskins Trust Guidelines and Process

1. A recipient 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 Sha'arey's religious school 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 to include the following information:

a. Applicant's name

b. Age

c. Brief statement of why the applicant believes he/she is worthy of the scholarship

d. Name of program and organization or institution, including the address, phone number, date(s) attending, and cost.

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

accredited institution. The student/family must provide a course description, proof of enrollment, and final course grade before payment is made.

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.

Each recipient may be asked to speak briefly on his/her camp, travel or educational experience at a Shabbat service. Guidelines will be provided.

6. Nominations or applications must be received by Monday, May 10, 2021 and should be emailed to Haskins Trust Chair, Jamie Gaudet, at jfsgaudet@aol.com.

7. Decisions will be made by Monday, May 24, 2021.

8. A scholarship award 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.

9. 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.

10. Each year, the amount of the award varies according to the number of recipients and funds remaining in the trust. The duration of the trust is 50 years. 2021 is year 41.

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.

Best regards-



April Anniversaries

- 1 - Jenna & Drew Denisar
- 9 - Mary & Richard Katz
- 9 - Tracey & Steve Schwartz
- 14 - Lise & Sig Dayan
- 14 - Jonathan Atzmon & Lauren
Albert
- 15 - Fabianne & Howard
Perofsky



April Birthdays

- 2 - Sarah Koplin
- 3- Jaden Adler
- 3 - Rosalind Simson
- 4 - Addie Denisar
- 5 - Aaron Brown
- 5 - Greg Ziesenhene
- 6 - Debbie Ziesenhene
- 7 - Trudy Posner
- 7 - Brian Bloodworth
- 9 - William Singer
- 10 - Leslie Bashuk
- 10 - Taylor Bashuk
- 11 - Debbie Mayville
- 12 - Shelley Davidson
- 17 - Laurel Robinson
- 17 - Daniel Toland
- 19 - Vickie Richards
- 20 - Jacob Cornelius
- 20 - Benjamin Kruger
- 23 - Alex Goodrich
- 24 - Jenna Denisar
- 24 - Cohen Bloodworth
- 28 - Bill Hirsh
- 29 - Sophie Denisar
- 30 - Melvin Kruger



The CSI Book Club will meet via Zoom on Thursday evening, April 1st at 7 pm, to finish discussing the book *DIVIDE ME BY ZERO* by Lara Vapnyar. Any questions, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com.



Kruger Torah Fund

In loving memory of my uncle,

Louis Oxlander

Terri & David Frolich

In loving memory of my father,

Harry Frolich

Terri & David Frolich

Happy Anniversary

Francie & Gerald Marshall

Terri & David Frolich

Happy Birthday

Ellen Cohen

Terri & David Frolich

**More wishes for a speedy
recovery to Amalie Proskauer**

Terri & David Frolich



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In loving memory of my mother,

Beulah Bresler

Mark Bresler

In loving memory of my father,

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
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.

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

www.csimacon.org

It's easy and quick!

Herbert Posner

Trudy Posner

In loving memory of my husband,

Harold Goodrich

Nathalie Goodrich

In loving memory of my
grandfather, Baris Goodrich

Anne Bayme

In loving memory of my mother,

Sylvia Goodrich Brown

Anne Bayme

In loving memory of my father,

Seymour Brown

Anne Bayme

In loving memory of my
grandmother, Rhoda Goodrich

Anne Bayme

In loving memory of my great
aunt, Ida Divinsky

Pam Hill

In loving memory of my father,

James A. Huskey

Joanna Huskey

In loving memory of my husband,

Mark Turetsky

Brenda C. Turetsky

In loving memory of my mother,

Lena M. Singer

Billy Singer

Happy birthday to Terri Frolich

Hershene & Alan Goldman

Happy birthday to Ellen Cohen

Alan & Hershene Goldman

**Bobby Schwartz speedy
recovery**

Alan & Hershene Goldman

In Memory of Kay Morrison

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You can designate which fund to
honor your loved ones.

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Help our shul raise funds
the easy way!

Shop Amazon Smile
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<http://smile.amazon.com>



Mi Sheberach

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

Larry Elowitz

Scott Bayme



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.

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.**



April 2021 Yahrzeits

Evening of

April 2nd/3rd-April 9th

Abraham Max Cohen*
Rebecca Glyck*
Lee Abe Harris
Harry Haskins*
Rhoda Bergman Goodrich*
Rosa Goldman Haskins*
David S. Spielberger*
Bertha Schwartz
Rooky Gaudet
Dena Lehman*
Isadore Robinson
Cecile Ruth Ginsberg Schlesinger
Anna Gordon Brahn*
Seymour Brown*
Florence Oliner*
Fruma Winer Scharfman*

Evening of

April 9th/10th-April 16th

Nathias Adler
Lena M. Singer
Mark David Turetsky
Sonja Greasley
Leigh Brody*
Sarah Montrose
Howard Albrecht*
Joseph Shuman*

Evening of

April 16th/17th-April 23rd

Rabbi Emanuel Popper
David Lipson
Harry Miller*
Sarah Lee Haskins*
Celia Medvin*
Doris Rabinowitz*
May Baum
Barbara Boylin*

Evening of

April 23rd/24th-April 30th

Freida Goodrich
Annie Karesh*
Samuel Schwaber
Philip Carter
Mae Z. Robinson
Michael L. Goodrich*
Stuart Schwartz
Ida Gold
Arthur Reifler*
Samuel Melvin Goodrich

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

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<p>4 22 nisan</p> <p>EASTER YIZKOR PASSOVER</p>	<p>5 23 nisan</p>	<p>6 24 nisan</p>	<p>7 25 nisan</p>	<p>8 26 nisan</p> <p>MINYAN 7 AM</p> <p>YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p>9 27 nisan</p> <p>7:43 PM</p> <p>SERVICE 6:15 PM</p>	<p>10 28 nisan</p> <p>SERVICE 9:30 AM</p> <p>Shemini</p>
<p>11 29 nisan</p>	<p>12 30 nisan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>13 1 iyar</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>14 2 iyar</p> <p>YOM HAZIKARON</p>	<p>15 3 iyar</p> <p>MINYAN 7 AM</p> <p>YOM HA'ATZMA'UT</p>	<p>16 4 iyar</p> <p>7:48 PM</p> <p>SERVICE 6:15 PM</p>	<p>17 5 iyar</p> <p>SERVICE 9:30 AM</p> <p>Tazria-Metzora</p>
<p>18 6 iyar</p>	<p>19 7 iyar</p>	<p>20 8 iyar</p>	<p>21 9 iyar</p>	<p>22 10 iyar</p> <p>MINYAN 7 AM</p>	<p>23 11 iyar</p> <p>7:53 PM</p> <p>SERVICE 6:15 PM</p>	<p>24 12 iyar</p> <p>SERVICE 9:30 AM</p> <p>Achrei Mot/Kedoshim</p>
<p>25 13 iyar</p>	<p>26 14 iyar</p>	<p>27 15 iyar</p>	<p>28 16 iyar</p>	<p>29 17 iyar</p> <p>MINYAN 7 AM</p>	<p>30 18 iyar</p> <p>7:58 PM</p> <p>SERVICE 6:15 PM</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	

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