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Upcoming Services

June

Thursday June 3

7:00 am Minyan

Friday June 4

6:15 pm Service

Saturday June 5

9:30 am Service

Thursday June 10

7:00 am Minyan

Friday June 11

Thursday June 17

7:00 am Minyan

Friday June 18

6:15 pm Service

Saturday June 19

9:30 am Service

Thursday June 24

7:00 am Minyan

Friday June 25

6:15 pm Service

6:15 pm Service

Saturday June 12

9:30 am Service

Saturday June 26

9:30 am Service

JULY

Thursday July 1

7:00 am Minyan

Friday July 16

6:15 pm Service

Friday July 2

6:15 pm Service

Saturday July 17

9:30 am Service

Saturday July 3

9:30 am Service

Thursday July 22

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday July 8

7:00 am Minyan

Friday July 23

6:15 pm Service

Friday July 9

6:15 pm Service

Saturday July 24

9:30 am Service

Saturday July 10

9:30 am Service

Thursday July 29

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday July 15

7:00 am Minyan

Friday July 30

6:15 pm Service

Saturday July 31

9:30 am 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:

Thursday Morning Minyan - June 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 7:00 am

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:00 am

<https://zoom.us/j/833494351?pwd=L1g0NC9jdG1qU21McWpINm11ZVICQT09>

Password: 354255

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 833 494 351 Password: 354255

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

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:25 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/320163484?pwd=UUUVtbVFwbzdPM3RFUDNPaEJiZXptZz09>

Password: 067783

By Phone: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 320 163 484 Password: 067783

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

July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 9:30 am

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A word from the Rabbi

...before we were so rudely interrupted...

Hello hello hello! Happy June & July! As the Grateful Dead sing: “Summer’s here, and the time is right for dancing in the street!” OK, I have to back up a minute — the falling covid mortality numbers and the rising vaccination rates (Hallelujah!) are certainly a cause for celebration. It’s also true that there’s so much about the last 14 months for each of us to process.

1. Jacob awoke after the ladder dream — yes, the magical scene captured on the curtains of the ark in our sanctuary; the word Israel - ישראל, the God-wrestler, emblazoned at the bottom. The angels ascend and descend the ladder, whose head reached the heavens. In the dream, God reassured Jacob in the dark night of his loneliness: *I’ll watch over you*. Jacob said: *God is in this place, and I didn’t know it!* For fifteen months, except for my amazing zoom crew, an empty shul, week in, week out. No, that’s not really correct. All of the 0’s and 1’s streaming from your phones, laptops, desktops, and tablets — bouncing off the satellites and descending the ladder — and we sang, read, listened, took in the Torah parading from the ark, lit candles, welcomed dogs, cats, lizards and chicks — from Massachusetts to

Next, there’s acknowledging a painful reality of loss - over six hundred thousand Americans, millions, worldwide. In our kehilla, we also note the names that have come and gone on the mi shebeirach lists that you’ve seen onscreen. Some people have returned to health, some have passed away. Among our regulars, Morris Cohen, Hillel Kaplan, Bess Cotton, Roz Adelstone. Rituals of mourning continue to be profoundly disrupted by Covid. Shiva minyans, hevre kaddisha — *we had to find a Plan B*. And nonetheless, there’s the traditional blessing that binds us — **Baruch Dayan HaEmet**, Praised is the True Judge. Our grief and sadness are also essential steps toward our solace and healing.

3. The last item I’ll name is **Love Your Neighbor as Yourself**. Well, these words are part of our daily mission statement, placed right before the daily morning blessings: *I hereby accept the obligation to fulfill my Creator’s mitzvah: Love your neighbor as yourself*. A vital touchstone to keep in our pocket. Throughout this pandemic, how have we translated this challenge into sacred daily living? For starters: the way we started to pay attention to hand-washing, to masks, to physical distance, to vaccination — all these point to our thinking about the power of our actions to affect the well-

Tennessee to Georgia to Florida to Arizona to Mexico to Canada — one kehilla held together; no less real than any other minyan in any other shul — *who knew?* God was in this place, and I didn't realize it! This past fifteen months wasn't a blip or an interruption. It is a paradigm shift, and the moment into which we're emerging (each at our own fumbling pace) is not the before-all-this reality of 2019. We are changed, as is our world.

2. What are the spiritual responses? **Let's open the box...**

First, there's gratitude, an occasion for a chorus of *shehechyanu* שהחיינו. My teacher, Danny Siegel, reminds me that a gift which can be purposed or directed to benefit others should call forth these words: Praised are You, God, who is Good and who causes good. So, let's add that — **Baruch HaTov**

v'Hameitiv ברוך הטוב והמטיב.

being of people around us. Back in Genesis, Cain defiantly asked God: *Am I my brother's keeper, as in — Why should I care?* And that question must be answered by each of us. *Why should we care, and if we must care about other people, how might we express it?* Some suggested supplies (we mustn't run out) include respect, inclusiveness, compassion, generosity, and a warm welcome. Everyone who came through this journey is personally working through what it means to re-engage socially. We need an extra cup of kindness on hand for fellow travelers who are in need. If you really want it boiled down to one handy word, it's V'ahavta ואהבת, **you shall love**. Omitting none. If we're continually restocking these spiritual basics, we'll flourish. And as the Grateful Dead also wrote: All I want to know is — Are you Kind? Amen. Amen.



A message from the President

In writing my final article as Shul President, I looked back at my first bulletin article from 2017 and thought about all the changes we have seen in the last 4 years.

If back in 2017 I would have predicted that we would have as we saw this past Friday night participants in services from Mexico, New Jersey, and Phoenix, the board probably would have insisted that I go in for a drug screen or mental counseling! As we are about to move back to in-person services, I feel we are at a point where we will all re-think what truly

defines being a Kehilla.

Four years ago in my article, I spoke of the amount of young energy with new members, financial long-range planning to ensure long term stability, and to assess the changing demographics of our Jewish community to be sure that we are delivering the “product” needed for our Jewish community.

I still feel our future is extremely bright with the “young energy” of the next generation of members. We have an obligation to understand their needs and help develop them as our future leaders. We must be open to new ideas and not have a mindset of “that is not the way it is done” when a younger member moving into leadership wants to attempt something which may seem totally different from the way we have handled things in the past.

We have made progress with having a balanced operating budget over the last couple of years. That said, we still have a good bit of work to do in this area to assure our long-term financial stability.

I feel prior to the start of the pandemic, we had made very good progress with delivery of a mix of “products,” services/programming to meet our diverse membership. With what we have learned during the pandemic, we need to re-think the variety of ways to include online participation in our services and programming. Online participation offers us great opportunity to grow the participation of our out-of-town members and potentially new members that may reside anywhere in the world.

I want to thank my Board for the last 2 years who have had to re-learn on the fly how to coordinate the variety of duties required in handling the task of running a Shul while not meeting in person.

I especially thank you Aaron, Sharona, and Zohar for going above and beyond to transition in handling the services online and their involvement and assistance with religious school. They found ways to make our programs and weekly services interesting and engaging to all our members. None of what occurred over the last year and a half would have been possible without you!!

Lastly, thank you to my wife and family during the last 4 years as I served as President. Thank you for your patience and feedback and always being there.

Evan “Elmo” Koplin



*We express our
deepest
condolences*



To Vickie Brown on the passing of her father, Daniel Mixon

Services are 4 p.m. Saturday, June 5th, at Williams funeral home in Milledgeville.

Visitation is 3-4. pm. Reception will follow at Vickie and William's home.

May God comfort all who mourn.



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personal ad?
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Congratulations to all 2021 graduates!



The CSI Book Club will meet next on Sunday, June 27, at 1 pm via Zoom to discuss Alice Hoffman's **THE WORLD THAT WE KNEW**. The Zoom link will be sent out during the week prior to the meeting.

Any questions, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com.



יום הולדת שמח!

June Birthdays

- 3 - Jimmy Gaudet
- 5 - Bonnie Cornelius
- 6 - Pamela Toland
- 6 - Sharona Rubinstein
- 8 - David Scott Krapf
- 10 - Ken Wulwick
- 12 - Shaw Bullington
- 12 - Marquise Heard
- 13 - Ina Chanin
- 13 - Eva Cogar
- 13 - Tracy Schwartz
- 13 - Sydney Jackson
- 16 - Ellen Goodrich
- 17 - Renee Schwartz
- 17 - Ashlyn Bernstein
- 18 - Doug Katz
- 20 - Shannon Hirsh
- 20 - Lauren Atzmon
- 20 - Marc Rosengart



Anniversaries

June

- 2- David & Bonnie Cornelius
- 20 - David & Susan Perkel
- 22 - Louis Schlesinger & Ina Chanin
- 23 - Sofia & Marquise Heard
- 24 - Ian & Barbara Altman
- 27 - Daniel & Pamela Toland
- 28 - Richard & Shaw Bullington
- 29 - Miriam & Kive Wengier

July

- 6 - Sabrina & Daniel Wengier
- 11 - Jay & Lynn Freedman
- 11 - Ken & Ronnie Wulwick
- 15 - Jack & Gail Krapf
- 24 - Robert & Carol Chanin
- 30 - Robert & Janice Donner



Mi Sheberach

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

- 20 - Sofia Heard
- 24 - Richard Singer
- 25 - Todd Kaplan
- 28 - Joan Kent
- 28 - Sabrina Wengier
- 29 - Diane Jahr



July Birthdays

- 1 - Robert Chanin
- 2 - Jennifer Bernstein
- 2 - Sylvia Brown
- 6 - Christopher Jackson
- 8 - Fabianne Perofsky
- 11 - Steve Cohen
- 12 - Sivia Lipson
- 13 - David Cohen
- 13 - Sam Wilkinson
- 14 - Shelley Kruger
- 15 - Jennifer Baxley
- 15 - Brady Kruger
- 19 - Markus Hill
- 21 - William Richards
- 23 - Carol Chanin
- 23 - Robert Fieldsteel
- 24 - Amy Cohen

Although Rabbi Aaron is not able
to physically meet

Larry Elowitz

with congregants, he can be reached by phone if needed. You can call him at 478-250-5952.



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FUND DONATIONS**

In loving memory of my father,

Charles A. Harris

Joan & David Kent

In loving memory of my mother,

Esther Harris

Joan & David Kent

In loving memory of my father,

Harry Chanin

Brenda Turetsky

In loving memory of my father,

Harry Chanin

Steve Chanin

In loving memory of my father,

Louis Oscherwitz

Diane Vogel

In loving memory of my father

Herbert Krapf

Jack Krapf

In loving memory of my father,

Marvin Simson

Gary Simson

In loving memory of my brother,

Lee

Joan & David Kent



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!
You can designate which fund to honor your loved ones.

In loving memory of Sol Kent

Joan & David Kent

In loving memory of Kay

Morrison

Israel

In loving memory of y mother.

Annie S. Levy

Nathalie Goodrich

Happy birthday Alan Kirsh

Anne & Scott Bayme & Family

Happy birthday Linda Haskins

Anne & Scott Bayme & Family

Happy birthday to

Theresa Rosengart

Anne & Scott Bayme & Family

Mazel Tov to Marc Rosengart

on earning his

Masters in Public

Administration

from Kennesaw State

Evan & Marty Koplin



DONATIONS TO THE TORAH
FUND

Happy birthday Linda Haskins

Terri & David Frolich

Happy birthday Alan Kirsh

Terri & David Frolich

Happy birthday Scott Bayme

Terri & David Frolich

Happy birthday Bobby Donner

Terri & David Frolich

Happy anniversary to Shelley

Davidson & Jeff Lehman

Terri & David Frolich



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In honor of our new home

Sabrina & Daniel Wengier

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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:

Continued Financial Support

Disinfectant wipes, cleaners, pine cleaners

Home-made masks

Bug Spray/insect repellent

Medicated foot powder

Anti-fungal cream

Sturdy backpacks

Solar-powered flashlights

Umbrellas/Rain Ponchos

Canned fruit, cereal, instant grits

Condiment packets

You can donate to Daybreak by calling (478) 216-9119 or by dropping off items at their Macon location at

174 Walnut Street. You can also ship directly from Amazon!!!



June/July 2021 Yahrzeits

Evening of
May 28th/29th-June 4th - update

Evening of
June 25th/26th-July 2nd

ELI LEHMAN*
SOL SCHWARTZ*
DIANA EISINGER
LEE CARTER
RHONDA MARLENE COHEN*
IDA GORDON CHANIN*
HENRY KOPLIN*
ANNIE S. LEVY
MYAR NIRENSTEIN
BLANCHE KRUGMAN ROSENBERG
HARRY CHANIN*
ESTHER HARRIS

Evening of
June 4th/5th-June 11th

MURRAY ECKSTEIN
BEATRICE HOLTZ
ISRAEL MEYER ROOBIN*
RUTH BRAHN KARSON
EDYTHE FRANK COHEN
LINDA LAMB*
ANNIE BECKER MARSHALL*
MAX NATHAN*
HERMINA STERN SPIELBERGER*
HYMAN DAVID KAPLAN*
MARK ZARKS*
DOROTHY MARK PROSS
SHELBY STARNER
FANNIE ZAILEN MARK
ZELIG WOLF*

Evening of
June 4th/5th-June 11th

GEORGE BRAHN
OSCAR KLEIN*
MAX TURNER*
SAMUEL POLLOCK*
LAURETTE VAUGHN*
ALFRED MARVIN WEISS*
REBECCA FREEDMAN*
LOUIS ELLIOTT GOLDMAN*
MAYMIE T. SCHWARTZ*
SIMON BOLNICK*
WILL LASKY
EDWARD ARTHUR STERN*
PAUL STEIN

JOSEPH PHILLIP COHEN*
BRENDA SLIVKA
HENRY VOGEL
MAX WEINSTEIN*
LESLIE JAMPOLE
SOPHIE COOLIK
MOLLIE WALL*
JULIUS DAVIDSON*
IRENE HIRSH*
ROSE LEVINE*

Evening of
July 2nd/3rd-July 9th

RAYMOND AROGETI
FLORENCE BESSER
NORA KOPLIN
MORRIS ROSEN*
GERALD STRAUS
RABBI CHARLES GLYCK*
ISAAC KESSLER
ARTHUR SCHWARTZ
KATHERINE S. EIDEX
HYMAN KATZ
JERRY RUDNICK
MORRIS BACKER*
JEFFERY KIRSH*
ISAAC SAMUEL RUBIN
SOLOMON TINSKY*

Evening of
July 9th/10th-July 16th

SARAH D. AVRUNIN*
ELI FREEDMAN*
ABRAHAM A. WINER*
SCHEIWA GRANEK
HELEN FRANK CHANIN*
ABRAHAM LOUIS COHEN
MORRIS L. RUBINSTEIN
MICHAEL YARDENI*
MOSE CHANIN*
NORMAN SLIVKA
SHEILA WEGER
SEEMAN SHIER*

Evening of
July 16th/17th-July 23rd

MORRIS BESSER
OSCAR DREIZEN*
LENI WERTHEIMER
MORRIS YOUNG

Evening of
June 11th-12th-June 18th

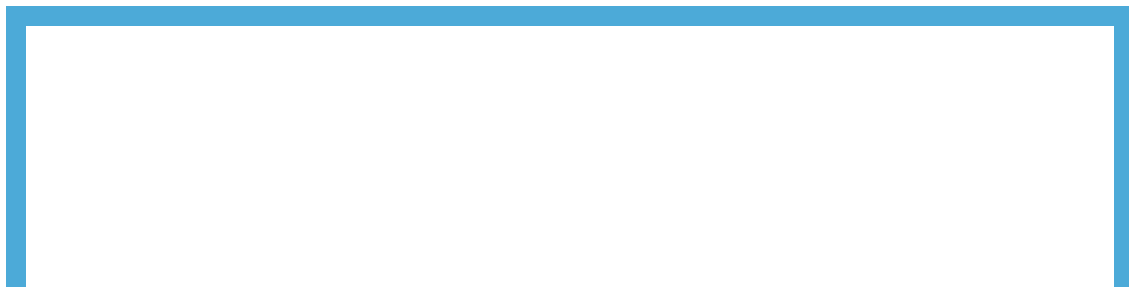
AARON BACKER*
SIMON MOORE*
ANNETTE DOTSON
WILLIAM ESTROFF
ROBERT ZARKS*
SUSAN BAKER
FLORENCE E. SCHWARTZ*
JACOB TURNER*
SARA ZELDIN

Evening of
June 18th/19th-June 25th
SAMUEL EGDAL
ESTHER PESSIE MENDEL*
ELEANOR WINER
SOLOMON AVRUNIN*
LESLIE BAUM
MIRIAM TURNER DEITCH*
SARAH MENDEL KOPLIN*
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ISIDOR GOLDMAN*
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HELEN RUBIN
MARY COHEN*
ESTELLE COHEN DWECK*
NATHAN TOPER

FANNY BURG*
BESS COTTON*
JOE GOLDMAN*
HARRY BENN
ARLENE SACHS LIPSON
ANNA VOGEL
EVA GORDON CHANIN*
EVELYN WEINER CHANIN*
JOHN JENNINGS*
MARVIN KIRSH
PEARL KAPLAN LAVINE

Evening of
July 23rd/24th-July 31st
CHARLES GOLDSTEIN
HARRIS SAUL POLLOCK*
SARAH GREENBERG TURNER*
RUSSEL BLUM
ISAAC COHEN*
BESS LUTSKY WOHL*
LEON DOLINSKY*
ALINE SIMMONS*
JOSHUA ADLESTONE
MARGIE MACEY BECKER*
KATHERINE GOLDSTEIN
MARSHALL HUTTEN
FANNIE KAHN

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



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7 15 sivan	8 16 sivan	9 17 sivan	10 18 sivan	11 19 sivan MINYAN 7 AM	12 20 sivan 8:25 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	13 21 sivan SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Beha'olotecha</i>
14 22 sivan FLAG DAY	15 23 sivan	16 24 sivan	17 25 sivan	18 26 sivan MINYAN 7 AM	19 27 sivan 8:27 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	20 28 sivan SERVICE 9:30 AM SUMMER BEGINS <i>Shelach</i>
21 29 sivan FATHER'S DAY	22 30 sivan ROSH CHODESH	23 1 tamuz ROSH CHODESH	24 2 tamuz	25 3 tamuz MINYAN 7 AM	26 4 tamuz 8:28 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	27 5 tamuz SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Korach</i>
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5 13 tamuz	6 14 tamuz	7 15 tamuz	8 16 tamuz	9 17 tamuz MINYAN 7 AM	10 18 tamuz 8:27 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	11 19 tamuz SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Pinchas</i>
12 20 tamuz	13 21 tamuz	14 22 tamuz	15 23 tamuz	16 24 tamuz MINYAN 7 AM	17 25 tamuz 8:24 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	18 26 tamuz SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Matot-Massei</i>
19 27 tamuz	20 28 tamuz	21 29 tamuz	22 1 av ROSH CHODESH	23 2 av MINYAN 7 AM	24 3 av 8:20 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	25 4 av SERVICE 9:30 AM <i>Devarim</i> SHABBAT CHAZON
26 5 av	27 6 av	28 7 av	29 8 av EREV TISH'A B'AV	30 9 av MINYAN 7 AM TISH'A B'AV	31 10 av 8:15 PM SERVICE 6:15 PM	

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