



# Shofar

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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



## Upcoming Services

### December Services

**Thursday, December 2**  
6:15 pm Service

**Friday, December 17**  
6:15 pm Service

**Friday, December 3**

**Saturday, December 18**

6:15 pm Service

9:30 am Service

**Saturday, December 4**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, December 23**

7:00 am Minyan

**Thursday, December 9**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, December 24**

6:15 pm Service

**Friday, December 10**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, December 25**

9:30 am Service

**Saturday, December 11**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, December 30**

7:00 am Minyan

**Thursday, December 16**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, December 31**

6:15 pm Service



## **Zoom Davening**

**In- person service has resumed, but our services continue to 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:**

**Wednesday Torah Study - December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/94748985900?pwd=cmU3N1RUUV0JYR25rTGRNZCtOaFBPUT09>

**Passcode: 381362**

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

**Meeting ID: 947 4898 5900    \*\*Password: studytorah**

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**Thursday Morning Minyan - December 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**

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**Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:15 pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/320163484?pwd=UUVtbVFwbzdPM3RFUDNPaEJiZXptZz09>

**Password: 067783**

**By Phone: 1-646-558-8656**

**Meeting ID: 320 163 484 Password: 067783**

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**Saturday Morning - December 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 am**

<https://zoom.us/j/145509092?pwd=Y0h3RXhvSU1ZQXMra3pZQWN6S0FHUT09>

**Password: 019738**

**By Phone: 1-646-558-8656**

**Meeting ID: 145 509 092 Password: 019738**

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## A word from the Rabbi

### **Lights in the Window - Assorted Bits of Nostalgia and Whatnot to Ponder during this wonderful Festival**

Hanukkah (work the spelling out amongst yourselves, people) will always have a special place in my heart because I was born on the closing day of the festival (back in 1958). Until last year's (covid) Shabbat of Hanukkah, Hillel Kaplan (who shared the same bar mitzvah haftarah with me) chanted *Roni v'Simchi*, the haftarah from Zechariah which mentions the beauty of the ancient Temple Menorah. This coming Shabbat, I will especially feel Hillel's

passing as I chant “my” haftarah.

**Food...** Did anybody else put cranberry sauce on the latkes? Just a few years back during Thanksgiving-a-kah (that once in Forever harmonic convergence), I tried the cranberry-latkes combo. It’s the way to do it, people, just saying. In a recent phone conversation Lettie Kaplan mentioned her latke - corned beef - cabbage Hanukkah menu. 😊 I haven’t tried that, but that does sound Really good.

**What does the festival mean?** Loaded question, actually. A few days ago, the Washington Post featured a very good piece about what Hanukkah *isn’t*. The writers (who produce the highly acclaimed *unorthodox* podcast) didn’t exactly break new ground, but they basically reminded everyone that Hanukkah is not a Jewish Christmas, and that we don’t really need a hyper-commercialized Hanukkah. OK - so it’s not a Jewish Christmas. What is it? Last Sunday, the Sunday school lesson took a Kwanza-like approach to Hanukkah by assigning a different Jewish value to each night. That’s not bad except that it doesn’t really answer the question. For starters, there’s the complex story (not easily boiled down for Sunday schoolers) about the Maccabees doing battle with the Seleucid Greeks *and* their fellow Jews — who were attracted to Hellenism. And there’s the ever-popular oil miracle, which really is shorthand for believing that God can come through and deliver the improbable or even the impossible. Finally — title of the festival offers plenty of food for thought.

**Hanukkah means dedication.** Personal question for each of us: to what ideals and projects should we dedicate our efforts? There’s no shortage of meaningful options —

- 1) There’s plenty to learn. Film, books, podcasts?
- 2) There’s a world to mend — hungry people near and far, desperate refugees seeking safety, girls and women in search of schooling, fleeing violence, a planet under extraordinary stress. Isn’t it amazing that we can’t hear a planet that is screaming — *People! You’re killing me! Stop! Please!* Shameful, actually. Our children and their children won’t especially appreciate the hot mess we’re handing them.

Everything I noted in item #2— too much? Sure it is, but Rabbi Tarfon, one of my favorite 2nd century teachers, said: It’s not up to us to complete the task, but neither are we free to walk away from it.

**Dedication.** That word alone offers us plenty to consider. Pick something. Local tikkun olam options: Contribute to Daybreak. Find out about and support the Women’s Interfaith Alliance. Mister Rogers said, “Look for the Helpers.” All this and more. That’s what the candles in the window are about.

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a good holiday of Thanksgiving this past month. I know that the time away from Macon gave me a chance to take the time to think of all the things I was thankful for. I am thankful for my family, friends, my family's health, and all that I have and am able to do, but I am also thankful for our Congregation here at CSI. We are very fortunate to have such a caring and giving group of people that are there in times of trouble to help each other get through whatever is the problem at the time. If any of you are ever in need, please feel free to speak to anyone on our Board or Rabbi Rubinstein. If one of us cannot help, we can try to find a solution to the problem. You will never know until you ask.

As November has drawn to a close and December is here, we are looking forward to a very early Hannukah! The rest of the month is also going to be busy with the Bat Mitzvah for Kimarra Heard on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The service will be available via in person and on zoom. Look at your weekly service email for more details. The rest of the month, Rabbi Rubinstein and Jeff Lehman will be conducting services.

I want to thank all of you who have contributed this year to our annual fund drive. As our tax year is coming to a close, I wanted to remind all of you who have not contributed to think of making a donation to CSI before year end. Those deductions can really add up when looking at getting your paperwork together to file your taxes, and we would really appreciate any of you remembering CSI on your list of donations before year end. Of course, if you have already given, we appreciate what you have already donated and will welcome any additional amount you are able to give.

As January is just around the corner, Jeff and I want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2022!

Hope to see all of you in shul or on zoom!

Shalom!  
Shelley





The CSI Book Club will meet on Sunday, December 26th at 1 pm to discuss selections from A TREASURY OF YIDDISH STORIES, edited by Irving Howe and Eliezer Greenberg. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Lewis at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com).

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.



Kimarra Heard will be

### Special Virtual Event:

The Jewish National Fund-USA and the Jewish Federation of Macon & Middle Georgia invite you to *Fulfilling A Special Need* 7-8 PM Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021. Register at [jnf.org/fulfilling](http://jnf.org/fulfilling) to receive the zoom link.

### Adult Education

Join us on Sunday, December 12 from 2 - 3:30 for a cooking class with Dan Wengier via Zoom. The link will be forthcoming.



The 2021-2022 CSI directory/adbooks are ready. You can pick up your copy from the shul. Call or email the CSI secretary to make arrangements.

**WELCOME**

called to the Torah as a  
Bat Mitzvah  
December 11, 2021

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Sephora Wengier will be  
called to the Torah as a  
Bat Mitzvah  
Dec. 18, 2021 in New York

CSI extends a warm welcome  
to our newest members:

*Jessica Koplin  
Jacob Redd & Lance Simon  
Drs. Jonathan & Jennifer Hoffman  
and children, Emma and Josh*



## Mi Sheberach

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

Larry Elowitz  
Ellen Goodrich



Mazel Tov to  
Lance Simon and Jacob Redd  
and  
Teva & Rachel Ilan  
on their recent nuptials



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



## December Birthdays

- 4 - David Ilan
- 4 - Meredith Lipson
- 5 - Teva Ilan
- 8 - Gerald Marshall
- 9 - Jennifer Hoffman
- 14 - Drew Denisar
- 14 - Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein
- 18 - Ryan Burke
- 18 - Deborah Adler
- 18 - Priscilla Danheiser
- 20 - Paul Fleming
- 21 - Brian Crabtree
- 23 - Josh Bresler
- 25 - Sandra Singer
- 26 - Miriam Wengier
- 27 - Michael Kruger
- 27 - Trish Hutten
- 29 - Joseph Hirsh
- 29 - Francie Marshall
- 30 - Steven Kent

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.

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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.



### SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

*In loving memory of Alvin G.  
Hirsh*

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Minsk

*In loving memory of my mother,*

*Beverly Kruger*

Gail & Jack Krapf

*In loving memory of my mother,*

*Beverly Kruger*

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the easy way!

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

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## December

Steve Kruger

In loving memory of Kay

Morrison

Israel

In loving memory of my father, Ira

Polk

Debbie & Greg Ziesenhene

In loving memory of my sister,

Leah Davidson

Sharon Elowitz

In loving memory of my  
grandfather, Charles Granek

Sharon Elowitz

In loving memory of my father,

Mike Planer

Fran Kirsh

In loving memory of my brother,

Bobby Planer

Fran Kirsh

In loving memory of my aunt,

Anna Neal

Allison Bloodworth

In loving memory of my father,

Alvin "Poncho" Bayme

Scott & Anne Bayme

**In Memory of Linda Young  
Haskins**

Lynn & Michael Spector

Ina & Louis Schlesinger

Judith B. Greenberg

Mark & Debi Mehlman

Ronald & Barbara Light

Sandy Cohen

Jan & Warren Schultz

**Happy birthday to Anne Bayme**

## Anniversaries

8 - Scott & Anne Bayme

12 - Scott & Cat Jackson

19 - Steve Cohen &

Priscilla Danheiser

20 - Paul & Jill Fleming

21 - James & Jennifer Bernstein

26 - Larry & Sharon Elowitz

28 - Juan Lleras &

Martha Galindo

30 - Alan & Fran Kirsh



### Bible & Prayerbook Fund

**Prayerbooks have been  
plated**

#### In Memory of Linda Haskins

Mr. & Mrs. Burt Haskins

Dr. & Mrs. Scott Karlin

Mr. & Mrs. Brett Kublin



### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Alan & Fran Kirsh  
Hershene & Alan Goldman

**Happy anniversary to  
Alan & Hershene Goldman**

Alan & Fran Kirsh  
Scott & Anne Bayme

**Happy anniversary to  
Rabbi Aaron & Sharona  
Rubinstein**

Alan & Fran Kirsh

**Happy anniversary to  
Edward & Diane Vogel**

Alan & Fran Kirsh

**Happy anniversary to  
Joe & Ellen Finkelstein**

Alan & Fran Kirsh

**In memory of Linda Young  
Haskins**

Dr. & Mrs. David Kalish



**Educational Resource Fund**

**Happy birthday to Anne Bayme**

Nathalie Goodrich



**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!!!



## December 2021 Yahrzeits

**Evening of**  
**Dec. 3rd/4th-Dec. 10th**

Eliezer Kruger  
Sydney L. Rotter  
Howard Govern  
Anna Chaves Halprin\*  
Adolf Schwartz  
Arlene Schwartz\*  
Malcolm S. Nirenstein  
Rhoda Topper  
Joe Levine\*  
Julius Mayeroff  
Estelle Nirenstein  
Mollie Epstein\*  
Robert H. Jahr\*  
Adam Geller  
Sam Levy  
Max Schwartz\*  
Lillie Torch  
Israel Benn  
Robert Richard Planer\*

**Evening of**  
**Dec. 17th/18th-Dec. 24th**

Sidney Geller  
Sam J. Arnovitz  
John Joseph Del Gallo\*  
Sadie Lesser Gerson\*  
Joanie Fox Manganiello  
Pauline Singer  
Rosalie Klein  
Libby Cohen\*  
Sadie Jacobowitz\*  
Joseph W. Levine\*

**Evening of**  
**Dec. 24th/25th-Dec. 31st**

Ida R. Davidson  
Sadie Glyck Winer\*  
Rabbi Louis Katz\*  
Emil Montrose  
Charles Rosen  
Mose Scharfman\*

Jacob Scharfman\*

Louis Snyder\*

Sarah Chanin Bernstein\*

**Evening of**

Harvey Cole

**Dec. 10th/11th-Dec. 17th**

Sarah Gordon\*

Israel Peter Cohen\*

Milton Morris Marshall\*

Alfred M. Kessler

David Mizrahi

Nathan Oxlander

Miriam Dreizin Chanin\*

Pierce G. Annes\*

Bessie R. Cotton\*

Tillie Benn

Gus Kaufman

Esther G. Galkin\*

Frieda Zablow

James Greasley

Bessie Satlof\*

Frances Shapiro

Stella Backer\*

Milton Abrams Schlesinger

Stanley Martin Gerson\*

Rae Shier

Ingeborg Schwartz

Julia Kell Chanin\*

Rachel Zarks\*

Florence Oscherwitz

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

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# December

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| <p>12 8 tevet</p> <p>2-3:30 PM COOKING CLASS/ADULT ED</p>                                                                                                | <p>13 9 tevet</p>                                                                                                                           | <p>14 10 tevet</p> <p>FAST OF 10TH OF TEVET</p> | <p>15 11 tevet</p>                              | <p>16 12 tevet</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>                              | <p>17 13 tevet</p> <p>5:12 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>                              | <p>18 14 tevet</p> <p>6:11 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Vayechi</i></p>                                                          |
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| <p>26 22 tevet</p>                                                                                                                                       | <p>27 23 tevet</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>28 24 tevet</p>                              | <p>29 25 tevet</p>                              | <p>30 26 tevet</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>                              | <p>31 27 tevet</p> <p>5:20 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>                              |                                                                                                                                         |

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