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Upcoming Services

May Services

Thursday, May 5

7 a.m. Minyan

Friday, May 6

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 7

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 12

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 13

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 14

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 19

7:00 am Service

Friday, May 20

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 21

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 26

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 27

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 28

9:30 am Service



Zoom Davening

All services can be viewed via Zoom. You can access these either via

Here are the links you will need to attend services.

Wednesday Torah Study - May 4, 11, 18, 25 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 - May 5, 12, 19, 26 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 - May 6, 13, 20, 27 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

Saturday Morning - May 7, 14, 21, 28 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

While We Pivot, What to Remember, What to Forget?

The weathers warming up, some of us have ditched the masks, other people are trying to figure out if/when/where the masks are needed — and it's confusing. We might have imagined some clear and definitive statement, like an old war ending with a surrender ceremony or a parade. No such luck — opinions about covid are as plentiful as ice cream flavors. So many people have simply moved on or tuned out. During the past couple of years there was some interesting writing about what kinds of lessons we might take to heart from this once-in-a-century upheaval. *Personal question for each of us:* Has this experience taught you anything about yourself or the people around you? Are there any changes in your outlook that come from living through all of this?

I think it's worth asking because — in many ways — the world has changed. Shortly before the devastating final plague visited upon Egypt, when our ancestors were about to leave — and the Torah makes a startling move: the text asks — And tomorrow when your children ask, 'what does it all mean?' What will you explain, how will you construct meaning from all the things that have happened?

As I write this — covid numbers, thankfully, seem to be fading from page 1. And yet, there's staggering loss with which our world will reckon for a long time to come. People we know struggle with long covid illness. Doctors poke and prod and scan and are stuck trying to unravel the mysteries. Page 1 now features a grinding war with atrocities that call to mind the ravages and cruelties from World War Two. Same haunting questions — What have we learned from the not so distant dark past? Federation and many other excellent organizations have stepped the breach. The refugees keep running from destruction and death. Another term with which, unfortunately, we're familiar — compassion fatigue. The story gets old. The camera crew is ready to chase the next Big Breaking Story. But the war continues. Our world is very broken in places near and far. And the mending is slow and painstaking even as new bombs fall, new lies are spread.

our sages put this recitation into our daily prayer, morning and evening? Because we're trying to leave Mitzrayim, the place of narrow-minded darkness — every day. And every day we realize: why are we still here? As we said at the Seder - we're still slaves! That's a tough pill to swallow, but it's true. So, every morning and every evening — God is urging us: Get out of Mitzrayim! Leave the narrow-minded darkness. Think hard about what we should learn, how we might change in light of the huge upheavals that continue to shape our lives. If the best we can come up with is — Forget all that! Now where were we before we were so rudely interrupted? — then, my friends, we're still in Egypt.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I guess the old adage about April showers bringing May flowers is true. I hope we all take time to enjoy all the beautiful flowers and trees all over Macon and especially at our own CSI. Aren't they just beautiful! The daffodils planted by the Ilans are just beginning to peek out and should be another addition to our beautiful yard! This past Sunday was a beautiful and memorable Yom HaShoah program. I hope you were able to participate either in person or on zoom.

May will be a busy month with everyone winding down both Hebrew and Religious school for this school year. A notice will be going out soon for our annual Congregational meeting in June. Believe it or not, this time in 2013, we had just hired a new secretary to take the place of our secretary who was moving away. Stephanie Johnson has been with me during my last term as president as well as this one. Thank you for all you do. I know I don't say it enough, and it takes a lot to make everyone here happy, and you do it so well.

In that same vein, the weather is still a bit unusual for this time of year, and the pollen count is extremely high, so be sure and take extra precautions to avoid springtime colds, allergies, and any remaining flu or COVID still hanging around. Please make good use of handwashing and antiseptic. While masking is no longer required, please feel free to wear

to attend services, etc. The Board of Governors will be reviewing our policy again to make sure we are consistent and up to date with the current state of COVID in our area. Depending on the COVID numbers, we will be looking to resume regular food service for Saturday kiddish lunch and Friday night dinners. We also hope to reinstitute pre-Kol Nidre dinner this fall. I am looking for volunteers as there are many tasks involved to accomplish these dinners. Please call or email me if you are interested in helping.

Hope all of you have a great month! See all of you in shul!

Shalom!

Shelley



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet on
Sunday, June 5th at 1 p.m.
via Zoom to finish our discussion
of Philip Roth's THE HUMAN
STAIN. Please contact Jan Lewis
with any questions at
janlewis73@gmail.com.



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at the synagogue office
478-745-4571 or email her at
secretary@csimacon.org
for donations to all funds
Except The Wall of Jerusalem
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478-474-0060.

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

congregants by appointment.
You can call him at 478-250-5952
to schedule an appointment.



Mi Sheberach

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

Larry Elowitz
Ellen Goodrich
Ian Altman
David Frolich
Linda Blumenthal

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.



Mazel tov to all graduates
during this graduation season.

***"Go into the world and do well.
More importantly, go into the
world and do good."***

Minor Myers Jr.



May Birthdays



8 - Carol Kaplan
8 - Brenda Turetsky
11 - Ricky Katz
14 - Alan Kirsh
15 - Barbara Chaite
17 - Jack Finkelstein
18 - Lara Geller
19 - Jessica Koplin
20 - Lise Dayan
23 - Jay Freedman
24 - Fran Hirsh
24 - Joshua Perkel
25 - Will Finkelstein
28 - Scott Bayme
28 - Robert Donner
28 - Gail Krapf

Anniversaries

2 - Vickie & William Richards
15 - Peggy & Ben Feldman
23 - Joan & David Kent
24 - Shelley Davidson &
Jeff Lehman
26 - Mark Bresler & Trudy Posner



Kruger Torah Fund

Happy birthday to Billy Singer
David & Terri Frolich

**Happy birthday to Melvin
Kruger**
Alan & Fran Kirsh



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

**In memory of my brother,
Lee Abe Harris**
Joan & David Kent

**In memory of my mother,
Lena Singer**
Billy Singer
Richard Singer

**In memory of my father,
Seymour Brown**
Anne Bayme

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Goodrich Brown

Anne Bayme

In memory of my grandmother,

Rhoda Bergman Goodrich

Anne Bayme

Happy birthday to Laurel

Robinson

Dan Rosenberg



a daytime safe 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.

They also receive access to the following services:

Housing and housing replacement

Case management

Breakfast and snacks

Laundry facilities

Showers

Free health clinic

Access to phones and computers

Transportation assistance

Identification and documentation

About 100 homeless people visit Daybreak for various levels of assistance each day. More information on Daybreak can be found by calling (478) 216-9119 or visit <https://depaulusa.org/programs/macon/>. You can also drop off donated items at their Macon location at 174 Walnut Street.

You can also ship directly from Amazon!!!



May 2022 Yahrzeits

Evening of
April 29th/30th-May 6th

Sonja Greasley

Leigh Brody*

Sarah Montrose

Howard Albrecht*

Joseph Shuman*

Rabbi Emanuel Popper

Ida Schwartz

Leah Frolich*

Joseph M. Schwartz*

Hyman Adler

Stewart Klein

Nathan Klein

May 6th/7th-May 13th

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

Evening of
May 13th-14th-May 20th

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

Evening of
May 20th-21st-May 27th

Mary Divinsky
Ann Goldman*
Dolph Proskauer*
Bert Rubel*
David Van Ollefen

Norma Koplin Oliner*
Gladys Annes*
Samuel Barnett*
Edith Theresa Becker*
Rebecca Dreizin*
Ellis Goodrich
Sol M. Kent
Rosalie Torch*

Evening of
May 27th-28th-June 3rd

Lillian Haskins Katz*
Rose Levin*
Jack Zablow
Arthur Besser
Kevy Kahn
Martin Ellis Kahn
Herbert Ronald Krapf*
Sylvia Wolf*
Blossom Macey Avrunin*
Morris Burg*
Reva Kalinsky
Max Moore
Reuben Max Reiffler*
Glenn David Tudzin
Dorothy Hebert
Kate Cohn Moore*
Eda Yardeni Tavor*
Rose Barnett Weiss*
Rose Graber
Charles A. Harris

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 30 nisan ROSH CHODESH	2 1 Iyar ROSH CHODESH	3 2 Iyar	4 3 Iyar	5 4 Iyar 7 AM MINYAN YOM HA'ATZMAUT	6 5 Iyar 8:02 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	7 6 Iyar 9:01 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Kedoshim</i>
8 7 Iyar MOTHER'S DAY	9 8 Iyar	10 9 Iyar	11 10 Iyar	12 11 Iyar 7 AM MINYAN	13 12 Iyar 8:07 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	14 13 Iyar 9:07 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Emor</i>
15 14 Iyar	16 15 Iyar	17 16 Iyar	18 17 Iyar	19 18 Iyar 7 AM MINYAN LAG BA'OMER	20 19 Iyar 8:12 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	21 20 Iyar 9:13 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Behar</i>
22 21 Iyar	23 22 Iyar VICTORIA DAY CANADA	24 23 Iyar	25 24 Iyar	26 25 Iyar 7 AM MINYAN	27 26 Iyar 8:17 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	28 27 Iyar 9:18 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Bechukotai</i>
29 28 Iyar YOM YERUSHALYIM	30 29 Iyar MEMORIAL DAY	31 1 Sivan ROSH CHODESH			APRIL 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	JUNE 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

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Secretary Stephanie Johnson

9 am - 4:30pm Monday - Thursday

9 am - 2:30pm Friday

Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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