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## Upcoming Services

**Thursday, September 1**  
7 a.m. Minyan

**Friday, September 16**  
6:15 pm Service

**Friday, September 2**  
6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, September 17**  
9:30 am Service

**Saturday, September 3**

**Thursday, September 22**

9:30 am Service

7:00 am Minyan

**Thursday, September 8**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, September 23**

6:15 pm Service

**Friday, September 9**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, September 24**

9:30 am Service

**Saturday, September 10**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, September 29**

7:00 am Service

**Thursday, September 15**

7:00 am Service

**Friday, September 30**

6:15 pm Service



## Zoom Davening

All services can be viewed 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 - September 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**

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

<https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpqay9MZm42VGp0QT09>

**Passcode: 695052**

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435 Password: 695052

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Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 6:15 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcn9VZz09>

Passcode: 661400

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400

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Saturday Morning - September 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

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## **A Word From the Rabbi**

### **Today**

The word I want to share and dig into with you is *Today*. On the surface, all the word conveys is the unfolding conversation or scene that is occurring in the present — So, I'll tell you that as I write these words, it's a cool (72 degrees!) Thursday morning, and I'm gratefully soaking in this respite from the baking heat — it's

No changing Yesterday. Tomorrow is filled with conjecture. We all have learned that we can't take anything about Tomorrow for granted. Memo from the Universe: Subject to Change. So, it's about Today. If we care about making the world a better place, Today is your word. No time to waste; the meter urgently ticks. If it's about our spiritual path — who are we, what are we doing, what do we want, where are going — Today is our Torah. Sure, we will

temporary, isn't everything?  
— but Today tells us much more than  
that.

Last night at zoom Torah study, we read a great snippet of Torah noting that Deuteronomy (the book in which we currently find ourselves) is showered with over seventy mentions of the word Today. That means that either God or Moses is speaking to the people and focusing their attention on something really important. Today is not only about those ancient moments in the Torah. Today is someone tapping **us** on the shoulder (hopefully, gently) and saying: Listen up! The world is telling you to pay attention to Now. Yesterday's ink is already dry and entered into the record. Try as you might,

confess our past failings and dream and hope about Tomorrow, but Today urgently beckons. If it's about reaching out to a friend who's ailing or suffering, or lonely, if it's about mending a relationship — Today is your key word. What are you possibly going to do with Yesterday, which has already disappeared from the rear-view mirror? Tomorrow? Don't bank on it. The water's rising, the needs are urgent, life passes quickly. Ram Dass (if his name isn't familiar, look him up. Jewish guy, Hindu awakening several decades ago) nailed it: Be Here Now.  
Today, my friends, today.



## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems that summer was just starting and now the High Holidays are coming! All of this in a blink of the eye! We are all looking forward to in-person services for the High Holidays, but zoom will also be available for those not able to attend in person for whatever reason. I just am happy that this year we can share the season together however works best for each of us individually. Sunday school and Hebrew school will also be starting soon in person as well. I want to offer a big thank you to all our volunteers who make that possible every year and to take a minute to brag on how great a job I think they do for our kids. Yasha koah to all of you!

We plan to start the return to our fall schedule with a Shabbat dinner September 16th. Details will be forthcoming by a flyer. In addition, Rabbi Rubenstein will be starting the

Holiday season on September 17th with an amazing Selichot program with Erev Rosh Hashanah following on September 25th, Rosh Hashanah Day I & II to follow, and then the week to follow with Yom Kippur. Times and other information for all the High Holiday services and programming are located elsewhere in the bulletin and on the weekly email. As of the time of this article, we are planning to have our annual pre-Kol Nidre dinner. Details are to be out soon. Please make plans and reservations early as there will be a limited number of reservations to make sure we are able to spread out enough to have adequate social distancing. Other plans for meals for Sukkot and Simchat Torah will be in the October bulletin and by email.

As you can see, exciting things are coming to CSI. Please stay tuned as we plan for upcoming programming in the months to come. We hope to be instituting some new policies in the near future to continue to do what is recommended to keep everyone healthy and safe in the months to come. Be on the lookout for letters about our annual fundraising drive. I know finances may be tight, but the shul would appreciate anything you can do to help pay expenses for the coming year.

I look forward to seeing everyone on zoom or in person at services and programming. Good Yom Tov to all and may you all be signed into the Book of Life for another Year! Please be safe and well.

Shalom,

Shelley



### **THE CSI BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the CSI Book Club will take place on Sunday, October 23 at 1 p.m. via Zoom. The reading has not yet been selected. Please contact Jan Lewis with any questions at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com).



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 Wall of Jerusalem Fund,

***Request for two CSI Macon  
Outreach volunteers***

to serve a cafeteria-style lunch with two TBI volunteers to those in need at Mulberry Methodist on Thursday, Sept. 15th @ 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon. If you can volunteer or have any questions for any of the 2022 dates on the third Thursday of each month (Sept. 15th, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15th), please contact David Ilan, CSI Social Action Chair, at [ilanclan@gmail.com](mailto:ilanclan@gmail.com).

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Call Lise Dayan at 478-361-2328.

**Rabbi Aaron is meeting with congregants by appointment. You can call him at 478-250-5952 to schedule an appointment.**



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.



**SCHOLARSTREAM**  
A PARTNERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

The Rabbinical Assembly is offering a full year of ScholarStream learning in 5783. The Conservative Movement seminaries and institutions are partnering to offer seven series that will bring you face-to-face with the brightest and most engaging scholars the movement has to offer. The classes in September are:

**Sept. 7th @12 pm ET - Was Adam the First Ba'al Teshuvah (repentant sinner)? From the Apocrypha to the Midrash**

# Mi Sheberach

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

Larry Elowitz  
Ellen Goodrich  
Ian Altman  
Linda Blumenthal

Sept. 14th @ 8pm ET - The  
Light of Repentance: Horned  
Altars, Glittering Priests, and  
Illuminated Souls

Sept. 21st @ 8 pm ET - Sin and  
Repentance in Judaism and  
Christianity: It All Depends on  
How You Understand Human  
Beings in the First Place

**\*\*Registration Link & Info:**

[http:// https://www.  
rabbinicalassembly.org/  
civicrm/event/register?id=  
1545&reset=1](http://https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/civicrm/event/register?id=1545&reset=1)

**\*\*Coupon Code:** Macon5783

You must enter  
this coupon code on the  
registration page under "Event  
Fees," then click "Apply." That  
will allow you to register for each  
of the series at no cost. Please  
note that the coupon code is  
case sensitive. **Every  
congregant who plans to  
participate in a series must  
register for that series.**

Registrants will receive the Zoom  
link for each series in a reminder  
email sent about a week before  
the start of each series and again  
on the morning of each session.

The deadline to register for a  
given session is 10 am ET on the  
morning of the session.



## September Birthdays

- 1 - Blythe Koplin
- 2 - Sharon Elowitz
- 4 - Kristy Yashinsky
- 5 - Lori Dreizin-Garrett
- 5 - Rebecca Purcel
- 6 - Chip Koplin
- 12 - Riley Bernstein
- 13 - Robyn Kranick
- 14 - Jack Lipson
- 16 - Peggy Feldman
- 17 - Susan Perkel
- 22 - Gloria Brody
- 23 - Marty Koplin
- 23 - Pam Webster
- 25 - Barbara Altman
- 25 - Evan Koplin
- 26 - Allison Brody
- 27 - Alan Burstein
- 28 - Joe Finkelstein



28 - Louis Piassick  
30 - Nathalie Goodrich



**SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV  
FUND DONATIONS**

**In memory of Kay Morrison**  
Israel

**In memory of William Richards**  
Diane & Ed Vogel

**Happy birthday to Amalie  
Proskauer**  
Hershene & Alan Goldman

**In memory of my beloved  
grandmother,  
Schewia Granek**  
Sharon Elowitz

**In memory of my father,  
Norman Slivka**  
Rosalind Simson

**In memory of my beloved  
mother,  
Helen Frank Chanin**  
Brenda Turetsky

**September  
Anniversaries**

- 1- Matt Garrett & Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 5 - Evan & Marty Koplin
- 7 - Robert & Renee Schwartz
- 9 - David & Beth Cohen
- 14 - Robert Fieldsteel & Jan Lewis
- 20 - Richard & Sandra Singer



**Kruger Torah Fund**

**In loving memory of my  
beloved grandmother,  
Fanny Kahn**  
David & Terri Frolich

**In loving memory of my  
beloved father,  
Samuel Kahn**  
David & Terri Frolich

**In memory of a best friend,  
Paul Kruger**  
Fran & Alan Kirsh

**In memory of William Richards**  
Gail & Jack Krapf

**Happy anniversary to  
David & Terri Frolich**  
Steve & Shelley Kruger

**Happy anniversary to**



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a portion of what you spend.

<http://smile.amazon.com>

**Shelley & Steve Kruger**

David & Terri Frolich

**Happy anniversary to**

**Reeda & Doug Katz**

David & Terri Frolich

**Happy birthday to Amalie**

**Proskauer**

David & Terri Frolich

Fran & Alan Kirsh

**Get well to Joe Finkelstein**

David & Terri Frolich

**Get well to Jeff Lehman**

David & Terri Frolich

**Get well to David Kent**

David & Terri Frolich

**Get well to Ellen Cohen**

David & Terri Frolich



**Congregation Sha'arey Israel is a partner with DAYBREAK,  
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!!!



## September 2022 Yahrzeits

### Evening of

#### September 2nd/3rd-September 9th

Morris Cohen  
Gladys Rosen  
Shirley Abromowitz  
Hyman Bennett\*  
Ralph Bobo\*  
Barry Freedman\*  
Meyer Mendelson Schneider  
Sam Slotchiver  
Marshall Hutten  
Renee Benn  
Joseph Klein\*  
Carmen Gaudet  
Abby Hirsch  
Elissa Lois Geller  
Bea Marshall\*  
Samuel Kahn\*  
Lena Divinsky Strumar

Leon Nirenstein

Sam Chanin\*

Jacob Frank

Dora Tinsky\*

Hannah Scharfman\*

Charlotte Shephard

Elizabeth Annie Van Ollefen

### Evening of

#### September 16th/17th-September 23rd

Bob Fieldsteel Sr.  
Annie Goldblatt Frank  
Jacob Cotton  
Hyman Oliner\*  
Mindel Oxlander  
Tillie Tinsky Reifler\*  
Sonia Katz\*  
Bess Safer\*  
Shirley Huskey

### Evening of

#### September 9th-10th-September 16th

### Evening of

#### September 23rd/24th-September 30th

Shirley Altman  
 Goldie Eckstein  
 Shirley Kemper Roobin  
 Juliet Dayan  
 Eugene L. Mendel  
 Richard M. Sonshine  
 Reuben Weiss\*  
 Emil Hirsch  
 Fannie Korros\*

Ida Fixel Davidson\*  
 Esther Berkman Kaplan\*  
 Anne Tucker Cote  
 Bernhardt Goldgar\*  
 Joseph Max Macey\*  
 Eva C. Wolf  
 Julia Glyck Snyer\*  
 Sally Massell  
 George Levin\*

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



**Executive Committee**

President - Shelley Davidson  
 Vice President - Jan Lewis  
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 Recording Secretary - Pam Hill

**Board Chairs**

Adult Education - Rosalind Simson  
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 Cemetery - Ellen Finkelstein  
 Gifts & Memorials - Michael Kruger  
 Membership - Pam Webster

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Parliamentarian/Member-at-  
Large/Security - Theresa Rosengart

House - Brian Crabtree  
Social Action - David Ilan  
Ways and Means - Jan Lewis  
Ritual - Jeff Lehman  
Special Projects - Gary Simson



**Secretary - Stephanie Johnson**

**Office Hours**

8 am - 4 pm Monday & Wednesday

8 am - 12 pm Friday

Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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