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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Upcoming Services

Thursday, November 3

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, November 4

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, November 5

9:30 am Service

Thursday, November 10

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, November 17

7:00 am Service

Friday, November 18

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, November 19

9:30 am Service

Thursday, November 24

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, November 11

6:15 pm Service

Friday, November 25

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, November 12

9:30 am Service

Saturday, November 26

9:30 am 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 - November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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 - November 3, 10, 17, 24 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

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - November 4, 11, 18, 25 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

Saturday Morning - November 5, 12, 19, 26 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

What's in a Name?

As I write these words the holiday season has passed and the Jewish calendar rocks along with the work week and Shabbat for a while. While this month is called Heshvan there's an old tradition of calling this month Mar-

etymologically adventurous sleuth-nerds among you (yes, you know who you are...), check out Wikipedia; it's cool.

Speaking of cool, my Berkeley sister, Judy, just taught me something new (as she is wont to do) about Heshvan. In her Jewish circles, people don't say

Heshvan, which literally means “bitter Heshvan” — not a very nice thing to call this month! What did Heshvan do to deserve this tribal disrespect?

The quick Rabbinic take is that Heshvan feels empty; there are no holidays in it. Imagine Heshvan being the nondescript next-door neighbor to Tishrei, that month which is overflowing with Festivals! If you were plain old Heshvan, how would you feel?

OK, let’s step back from this cute explanation for a minute. For starters (speaking as a Jewish professional), Tishrei is both delightful and exhausting. Yes, there are interesting reasons behind Tishrei serving as a kind of spiritual charging station but still — most folks are spent after the crowded Tishrei experience. Are rabbis and cantors and teachers feeling bitter about Heshvan? Um, no.

Mar (bitter) Heshvan; let’s face it, that particular drash feels spent. Instead, they reverse the letters of Mar (מר), opting for Ram (meaning “powerful!”) Heshvan. Tishrei and all of its holy days did indeed charge my batteries, but I must admit that as I look around, I see so many broken pieces within the world around me — a heavy cultural malaise, normalized violence, normalized hatred, grinding wars, political paralysis, disenfranchisement — it is an exhausting and dispiriting list of brokenness. So, I reach out and hope and pray for strength. We need strength to fix the world, to make things better for each other. Taking a cue from the Berkeley Jews, I’m pitching this name to you — Ram Heshvan, a Heshvan of strength and resolve. A time to forcefully call out those who spew bigotry toward Jews and toward all the other folks who have been bullied and ridiculed and mocked and attacked for so long. A time to call out folks who use news of violence as

A quick foray into Wikipedia yields up some interesting arcana about Hebrew's long extinct Near-Eastern cousins and how the construction of MarHeshvan (one word) came to be (no, it's not at all about an embittered covetous month). I'm not entering the linguistic weeds with you, but, for the

a punchline or a meme.

A Ram Heshvan to you all! Ram (רמ) — strength, time to stand up and march forward.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The High Holidays are behind us as well as Sukkot and Simchat Torah. We also were able to celebrate a wonderful simcha with the Hutten family at Lilah's Bat Mitzvah. It truly was an enchanted evening. I want to offer a big thank you to the Rabbi, Sharona, Zohar, and all of the volunteers who helped make our holidays happen. I especially want to thank everyone who helped get all our meals put together so that the holidays began to approach normal for everyone at CSI. Jeff,

Thank you for all you do! Speaking of volunteers..., we need you! Please call, email, or text me about availability to help with a possible Chanukah Family night. If I do not get some committed help, it may not be possible as those latkes do not make themselves. I look forward to hearing from some of you soon.

Remember, our National holiday of Thanksgiving is this month. Please take the time and think of all the things we are

Theresa, Ellen, Fran, Valerie, Twanna, Sharona, Deborah, Brian, and Elmo. All of you helped make our in-person and Zoom services warm, inclusive, and almost as good as for those congregants and friends who Zoomed to feel as if they were all together with the rest of us and in person. Yasha koah to all of you!

Jeff and I want to offer condolences to the Ziesenhene Family on the passing of Debbie's beloved mother, Lenore Polk. Lenore was a former congregant along with her husband Ira of blessed memory. Our thoughts and prayers are with Debbie and Greg and the entire family. May her memory continue to be for a blessing.

I also want to congratulate the BOE on resuming Sunday and Religious school. I have been hearing great things and am so happy we are in person again as it is great for students and teachers alike.

thankful for. Ask yourself if you can do something to make this holiday special for some less fortunate than us. It is a busy time for the food bank. Please try to be cognizant of the fact that there are many people in our community who do not have the resources to have a special meal at Thanksgiving. If you have the ability to, drop of some can goods or send in some Kroger, Publix, or other gift cards to help the Food Bank get the resources they need either when you come for services or you can check with Stephanie to make sure she is here to be able to drop it by. Your participation is appreciated. Please try to do so before Monday, November 21,2022, so that we can get them to the Food Bank. Being thankful, it is the reason for the season!

Hope to see all of you in shul!

Shalom!
Shelley



CSI extends sincere condolences to the Ziesenhene family on the passing of Lenore Polk, Debbie's mother and a former member of our shul.



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.

HaMakom Yenachem
May God comfort all who mourn.



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI book club will next meet on Sunday, December 4th at 1 p.m. The book will be *Crooked Lines* by Jenna Zark. The author, who lives in the Minneapolis area, is willing to join the discussion. All are welcome. Please contact Jan Lewis (janlewis73@gmail.com) for more information and for the zoom link.

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, Nov. 17th @ 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon. If you can volunteer or have any questions about any of the 2022 dates on the third Thursday of each month, please contact David Ilan, CSI Social Action Chair, at ilanclan@gmail.com.

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 the CSI secretary. 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.

CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL ALUMNI AND ONLINE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

KNOW PEOPLE WHO USED TO BE CSI MEMBERS BUT MOVED AWAY?

CSI ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR THEM!
THIS MEMBERSHIP WILL BE OFFERED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE MIDDLE GEORGIA GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND WHO LIVED IN MACON IN THE PAST AND WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OR STUDENTS AT CSI.

Do you have family or Jewish friends who would enjoy our service online and being a part of our Kehila online?

Online Membership
This membership is for individuals who would like to participate as an Online Member.

TO LEARN MORE
CALL CSI AT 478-745-4571 OR EMAIL
SECRETARY@CSIMACON.ORG

Fee for CSI Alumni/Online membership will be a minimum contribution to the Annual Fund of \$180 per year. This can be paid annually or \$15.00 per month.



SCHOLARSTREAM

A PARTNERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE MOVEMENT

The Rabbinical Assembly's ScholarStream Series 2: "What's Your Burning Question? (Faculty discuss the burning topics frequently on their minds) continues on Wednesdays November 2, 9, 16 at 8 PM ET / 5 PM PT. If you have not registered for the series, see the info below:

****Registration Link & Info:**

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

****Coupon Code:** Macon5783



Mi Sheberach

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

- Larry Elowitz
- Ellen Goodrich
- Ian Altman
- Linda Blumenthal



LET'S CELEBRATE

DEPAUL/DAYBREAK'S

10th Anniversary

Tuesday, November 15th
from 9 am-11 a.m.
174 Walnut St.

DayBreak has served over 10,000 clients experiencing homelessness since opening.

You're invited to join the celebration with refreshments and speakers honoring Daybreak and its decade of service to the Macon community.

Register at

<https://depaulusa.dm.networkforgood.com/forms/daybreak-10th-anniversary>

Shop at Temple Beth Israel's Sisterhood Judaica Shop for ALL your gift giving needs including: Shabbat, Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Chanukah, Birthdays, Passover, Anniversaries, Housewarming & more.

Call Lise Dayan at 478-361-2328.

Rabbi Aaron is meeting with

Anne Bayme

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



November Anniversaries

- 6 - Lance Simon & Jacob Redd
- 10 - Louis & Emily Piassick
- 20 - Rabbi Aaron & Sharona Rubinstein
- 22 - Paul & Diane Jahr
- 22 - Robert & Theresa Rosengart
- 23 - Alan & Hershene Goldman
- 25 - Robert & Linda Blumenthal
- 26 - Greg & Debbie Ziesenhene
- 30 - Edward & Diane Vogel
- 30 - Joe & Ellen Finkelstein



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

In loving memory of
Lorraine Posner
Mark Bresler

In memory of my beloved
mother, Kitty Planer
Fran Kirsh

In memory of my beloved
mother, Frances Kamensky
Carol Chanin

In memory of my beloved
mother, Anna Vogel
Ed Vogel

Renee Schwartz speedy
recovery
Hershene & Alan Goldman



יום הולדת שמח!

November Birthdays

- 1 - Diane Vogel
- 3 - Mark Bresler
- 3 - Kive Wengier

- 4 - Ellen Ziesenhene
- 7 - Isaiah Heard
- 9 - Jonathan Hoffman
- 10 - Michael Bashuk
- 11 - Micah Cornelius
- 11 - Aaron Perkel
- 12 - Sephorah Wengier
- 13 - David Kent
- 17 - Cameron Bullington
- 17 - Porter Bullington
- 18 - Steve Mizrahi
- 18 - Amitai Ilan
- 21 - Rachael Koplin
- 22 - Daniel Wengier
- 23 - Allison Krapf
- 27 - Marc Lipson
- 29 - Anne Bayme
- 29 - Leah Chanin
- 29 - Juan Lleras
- 29 - David Perkel



Kruger Torah Fund

In loving memory of my father,

Samuel Kahn

David & Terri Frolich

Happy belated birthday to

Gloria Brody

David & Terri Frolich

Happy belated birthday to

Nathalie Goodrich

David & Terri Frolich



Wall of Jerusalem

To honor the 85th birthday of

Alan Goldman

By friends

To honor the 85th birthday of

Alan Goldman

By Brodys-Mizrahis-Schwartz

To honor the 85th birthday of

Alan Goldman



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Lenore Polk

Jay & Lynn Freedman

amazonsmile

By friends

Help our shul raise funds
the easy way!
Shop Amazon Smile
and choose our shul to receive
a portion of what you spend.
<http://smile.amazon.com>



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!!!



November 2022 Yahrzeits

Evening of

November 4th/5th-November 11th

Walter David Kessler
Sarah Nirenstein
Rose Esther Weiner
Melvin Blumenthal
Harry Kamensky
Linda Haskins*
Irvin Ira Leslie*
Nathan Albert*
Rachel Bennett*
Amalie Kessler
Bessie Haskins*
Pearl Kahn
Louis Montrose*

Evening of

November 11th/12th-November 18th

Sandra Bemis
Isaac "Ike" Dreizin
Lawrence Kahn
Sylvia Lipman*
Flora Cohen Backer*
Elaine Dribbon
Rubin Kalman*
Fillmore Krieger*
Arnold E. Dayan
Elsie S. Kruger*
Manuel Krugman
Sarah Berezdivin
Bessie Simmons*
Israel Simmons*
Izzy Udinsky

Harry Max Cohen*
Rabbi Hyman Fishman*
Sidney Backer*
Hannah Katz Brody*
Leon Kaplan*
Alvin Koplín

Evening of
November 18th/19th-November 25th

Aaron Torch*
Maurice Dayan
Sadie Schwartz Gerson
Samuel Chanin*
Morris Cohen*
Flor Alba Schiffert
Helen Cohen*
Rena Cain Cohen*
Florence Elowitz
Irving Wolf
Irving Levin

Evening of
November 25th/26th-December 2nd

Louis Haskins*
Helen Lewis
Ira Nathaniel Polk
Mark Donner
Charles Granek
Morris Barnett*
David S. Kruger*
Nat Kessler*
Renee Lasky
Morton Weinstein*
Sarah Schwaber

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

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Executive Committee

President - Shelley Davidson
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 Recording Secretary - Pam Hill
 Corresponding Secretary - Lara Geller
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 Large/Security - Theresa Rosengart

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