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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Happy Tu B'Shvat



Upcoming Services

Thursday, February 2

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, February 16

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 3

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 4

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 9

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 10

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 11

9:30 am Service

Friday, February 17

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 18

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 23

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 24

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 25

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 - February 1, 8, 15, 22 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 - February 2, 9, 16, 23 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 - February 3, 10, 17, 24 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 - February 4, 11, 18, 25 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

A Minor Holiday that Really is Important



This coming Monday marks the fifteenth day of Sh'vat, new year of the trees. We learn this from Talmud — this day is one of four different new-year markings. The Torah contains several laws relating to the produce of Eretz Yisrael, and for farmers as well as consumers in Israel, these laws are relevant. For the longest time — for everyone living outside Israel, Tu B'shvat didn't garner much attention.

Many of us have some familiarity with a Tu B'shvat Seder, whose roots — pun intended — go back to the 16th century mystics living in Tsfat. How did this esoteric custom make its way into the consciousness of Jews living four centuries later? Two game-changing events unfolded in the 20th century — the first one was the birth of Israel as a modern sovereign state (1948), and the second was the founding of Earth Day on March 21, 1970, at a UNESCO meeting in San Francisco.

At this point, there is a generalized awareness of the importance of taking responsibility for the stewardship of our planet. And for many Jews, Earth Day and Tu B'shvat have some overlap in terms of the take-home. My childhood memories of blue JNF tzedaka boxes had a focus on Jews in Israel 'reclaiming the wilderness.' And this point, I think we've enlarged our vision to include gratitude for our relationship to the environment. That means many things, including an honest grappling with climate change, a critical evaluation of the carbon footprint of the way we do business, the way we live. It's also about celebrating our ability to grow food, flowers, trees. Little things that matter — parsley and horseradish in our gardens that could play a starring role in the

Passover Seder.

Think of the tiny seeds that miraculously transform. Tu B'shvat may seem small but its significance is huge. We celebrate nature in Israel and all over the world, we embrace our role as guardians of the earth, planting seeds for those who come after us.



A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the year 2023 is off to a busy start. Last month, we were able to celebrate Micah's Bar Mitzvah with the entire Cornelius family and friends. Micah did a wonderful job! February will be another busy month with this weekend coming up and the Religious School learning about Tu B'Shevat. Take the time to help commemorate this day with your children, grandchildren, or a friend's child and show them the importance of planting new trees, shrubs, or flowers to renew our planet. It helps the environment as well as beautifies our world.

We are getting a nice little minyan in person and on zoom on Saturdays. We would like to get more of our congregants with special occasions to come to Saturday morning services to participate and receive an honor to commemorate their special day. When the Rabbi or

Jeff calls you, please say yes and let us help you to celebrate that birthday or anniversary. Don't be shy!

We are all looking forward to our Super Bowl fundraiser. Thank you to Jan Lewis and her committee for all your hard work!

Try and stay well during this crazy weather we are having. Hope to see all of you in shul!

Shalom!

Shelley



**Have a very
Happy Valentine's Day.**



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet
Sunday, February 5, 2023 at
1 p.m. to discuss the novel
*MOTHER DAUGHTER
TRAITOR SPY* by Susan Elia
MacNeal on Zoom. All are



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 the CSI secretary.
Yahrtzeit donations should be
mailed directly to synagogue.

Please note that you can also

welcome. Please contact Jan Lewis (janlewis73@gmail.com) for more information and for the zoom link.

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.



GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!
Tickets for children
12 and under: \$20



**The Rabbinical Assembly
ScholarStream Series 5**
*How the Conservative Movement's
Law Committee Impacts
our Lives Today*
will stream on Wednesdays,
February 8, 15, 22 and March 1 at 8
PM ET / 5 PM PT Wednesday. If you
have any questions, please email
Christine Aucoin at
caucoin@rabbinicalassembly.org.

**Temple Beth Israel Sisterhood
Judaica Gift Shop**

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

Call Lise Dayan at 478-361-2328 for
information and appointments.

**TBI Sisterhood Fundraisers
Hamentashen Sale**



**SAVE THE DATE:
10th ANNUAL DAYBREAK
SLEEPOUT
FEB. 23, 2023
5:30-9 p.m.**

For one night in Macon, guests
sleep outside to show solidarity

(Apricot, raspberry, poppy seed,
prune, chocolate, date)

Order deadline: Friday, Feb. 24th

Pick up at Temple Beth Israel on
Friday, March 3 from 5-7:30 p.m.

***Purim Carnival & Sisterhood
Souper Lunch***

Sunday, March 5 from 12-4 p.m.

Contact Lise Dayan,
478-361-2328, sigdayan@aol.com
for more info and to place orders

with the homeless. Funds raised support Daybreak Day Resource Center. Daybreak eases the worry of day-to-day survival for those living homeless in Macon. Bring your tent and your friends to experience one night sleeping rough under the stars, one night of community building around fire circles, and one night of solidarity to support the homeless men and women Daybreak serves. Donate or sleepout to support this event.



Mi Sheberach

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

Larry Elowitz
Ellen Goodrich
Ian Altman
Linda Blumenthal
Anne Bayme

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.

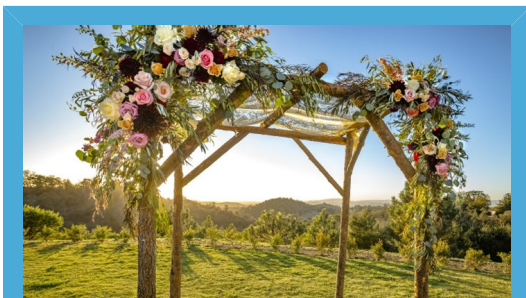
**Do you have family or Jewish friends
who would enjoy our service online and
being a part of our Kehila online?**

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.

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



February Anniversaries

14 - Markus & Pam Hill
20 - Ethan & Trish Hutten
23 - Brian & Allison Bloodworth



יום הולדת שמח!

February Birthdays

1 - Jan Lewis
3 - Hershene Goldman
5 - Carol Bashuk
5 - Graham Bullington
10 - Charles Brown
11 - Morris Purcel
17 - David Frolich
17 - Catherine Jackson
23 - Robert Rosengart
23 - Drew Jahr



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

**In memory of my beloved aunt,
Pauline Singer**
William Singer
Richard Singer

**In memory of my beloved Isaac
Wengier**
Kive Wengier

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Jadwiga Pieniek**
Miriam Wengier

**In memory of my
beloved Floyd Bob Chaite**
Barbara W. Chaite

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Florence Oscherwitz**
Diane Vogel

**In memory of my beloved
sister, Leah Davidson**
Sharon Elowitz

**In memory of my beloved
grandfather, Charles Granek**
Sharon Elowitz

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Florence Elowitz**
Larry Elowitz

**In memory of my beloved
sister, Elaine Dribbon**

Kruger Torah Fund

In memory of Cookie Frank
Jack & Gail Krapf

**In memory of my beloved
grandfather, Nathan Oxlander**
David & Terri Frolich

**Happy Birthday to
Fran Kirsh**
David & Terri Frolich

**Happy belated anniversary to
Fran & Alan Kirsh**
David & Terri Frolich

**Happy belated anniversary to
Anne & Scott Bayme**
David & Terri Frolich

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Hannah Ksyonjik
Norman**
Linda Blumenthal

Larry Elowitz

**In memory of my beloved Renee
Oliner**
Henry Oliner

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Mildred Simson**
Gary J. Simson

In memory of Cookie Frank
Deborah Adler
Burt & Dorothy Haskins

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

***Happy birthday to
Jack Krapf***
Alan & Fran Kirsh

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



In honor of the
Bar Mitzvah
of
Micah Cornelius
Allan Levin



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**In honor of Marty & Elmo
Koplin for their contributions
of time and energy
to the community and beyond.**
Lee Notowich



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!!!



February 2023 Yahrzeits

Evening of

February 3rd/4th-February 10th

Jayne Faibicher*
Celia R. Farb

Evening of

February 10th/11th-February 17th

Jack Bresler
Paul Lowin
Louis Avrunin*
Samuel Michael Halprin*
David Thaler

Evening of

February 17th/18th-February 24th

Lillian Rudnick
Viola Schwartz
Victor Hyman Dayan

Hyman Marshall*

Daniel E. Nathan*

Eleanor Schwartz

Charles R. Sussman*

Abraham Davidson*

Rodolph Richards

Barbara Jelks Crider

Evening of

February 24th/25th-March 3rd

Rita Govern

Carol Besser

Max Pollock*

Cantor Joseph Schwartzman

Pearl Brooks

Eric Lipson

Marcia K. Singer*

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

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February shevat adar

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Executive Committee

President - Shelley Davidson
 Vice President - Jan Lewis
 Treasurer/Ex Officio - Evan Koplin
 Recording Secretary - Pam Hill
 Corresponding Secretary - Lara Geller
 Parliamentarian/Member-at-
 Large/Security - Theresa Rosengart

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 Cemetery - Ellen Finkelstein
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 Social Action - David Ilan
 Ways and Means - Jan Lewis
 Ritual - Jeff Lehman
 Special Projects - Gary Simson



Secretary - Stephanie Johnson

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8 am - 12 pm Friday

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