

### MARCH 2023 ADAR-NISAN 5783

### A Publication of Congregation Sha'arey Israel

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# **Upcoming Services**

Thursday, March 2 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, March 3 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 4 9:30 am Service

Thursday, March 9 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, March 10

Friday, March 17 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 18 9:30 am Service

**Thursday, March 23** 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, March 24 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 25

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, March 11 9:30 am Service

**Thursday, March 16** 7:00 am Minyan 9:30 am Service

Saturday, March 30 9:30 am Service

Saturday, March 31 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 - March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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 - March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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 - March, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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 - March 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

Leading into Purim...But seriously, folks...

As I write these words, Purim is just a few days ahead. The choir has run through the shpiel, the festive Erev Purim meal is being prepared by our wonderful kitchen crew, the social hall and sanctuary will be decorated — big fun for all. And, in case we needed any fresh reminders, the villain (Haman!) who makes his big splash in chapter 3 of the the scroll of Esther remains frighteningly relevant. Neo-Nazis and Klan members — yes, they're very much alive and kicking and distributing hate-filled flyers and vandalizing and terrorizing — publicized a National Day of Hate against Jews just a few days ago. The vile ancient scourge has been normalized in places far and near. Celebrities, Politicians, Athletes — hatred spewing from their mouths. What I would've once considered the stuff of fevered dystopian rantings is now front and center. The Scroll of Esther, in its dark and foreboding glory, is talking to us.

Not for a moment would I minimize the cute child-centered presentation of Purim. But it must be acknowledged aloud — this festival's unfiltered grownup message would be brushed off at our peril. Haman struts in public, unembarrassed, spewing hatred. He's done hiding in the shadows. He has been normalized. More than a few onlookers, not just in Shushan, but our country, in our state, not many zip codes away — there are folks who nod approvingly. Pay attention.

Mordechai takes counsel with Esther and reminds her that she became Queen for a reason, that it's her now-or-never moment —and she bravely fashions a plan. God's hidden hand animates the scroll — the insomniac king, the wine banquets. The heroes step up and the crisis is averted. Joy and light in Shushan, a narrowly averted calamity. The stuff of fairy tales? I used to think so. We should all know better by now. Purim is also for grownups. Beyond the chuckles and the one-liners, Purim is telling us to Pay Attention. Seriously, folks.



# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Purim is just around the corner and do we have a special program and meal planned for you! Our Purim family night will start off with dinner celebrating various counties of POLKA dancing and music cuisine. Our fun will not end there since the Purim Sphiel is sure to entertain and have everyone laughing as well as our Religious school/ Hebrew students are busy learning their parts to help make this Purim celebration fun and festive. Don't forget to wear your best costume to help make everything even more fun and exciting!

The weather sure seems to be following tradition, and March is roaring in like a lion! People may be still sick at shul, so please make good use of the antiseptic dispensers around the building. Wash hands frequently and use Kleenex when you sneeze. I also want to thank all of you who have pitched in to get this Purim menu set as well as those who will be helping this weekend and Monday to get everything ready for dinner before the Sphiel! Teamwork really makes our Kehilla strong and great.

Thanks to everyone for the great Congregational meeting last Sunday. It was orderly and everyone had a chance to say what they wanted. I and my team will be busy negotiating the new contract with the Rabbi so that we can enjoy the next five years on his tenure.

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

Shalom!

Shelley







### THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the CSI Book Club will be on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm on Zoom. We

will read *The Last Night of Ballyhoo*, a play by Alfred Uhry. All are welcome. For more information and the zoom link, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com. Please call Stephanie at the synagogue office 478-745-4571 or email her at secretary@csimacon.org for donations to all funds <u>Except</u> 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.

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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 great- grandmother Leah Chanin on the birth of Daniel Aaron Shear born Feb. 3, 2023 to Lila Chanin & Ethan Shear.

## TBI Sisterhood Hamentashen Sale

Pick up your hamentashen orders 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 info. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### 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.



# Mi Sheberach

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

> Larry Elowitz Ellen Goodrich Ian Altman Linda Blumenthal Anne Bayme

Grandparents are Scott Chanin & Brenda Denn of Houston, TX.



The Rabbincal Assembly ScholarStream Series 6 *Living Our Values: Social Justice and Social Action* Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 8 PM ET / 5 PM PT.

If you have any questions, please email Christine Aucoin at <u>caucoin@rabbinicalassembly.org</u>.



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



# March <u>Anniversaries</u>

- 5 Carol & Michael Bashuk
- 5 Francie & Gerald Marshall
- 13 Faye & Steve Mizrahi
- 28 Angie & Charles Brown



# March <u>Birthdays</u>

- 1 Lance Simon
- 2 Dorothy Haskins
- 3 David Cornelius
- 4 Henry Koplin
- 4 Muriel Nathan
- 8 Jonathan Atzmon
- 10 James Bernstein
- 12 Allison Bloodworth
- 13 Isaac Crabtree
- 14 Stephen Chanin
- 14 Landon Paul Kruger
- 16 Jacob Redd
- 18 Lenore Polk
- 18 Gary Simson

schedule an appointment.



### SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved nother, Chava Wengier Kive & Miriam Wengier

In memory of my beloved wife, Marcia K. Singer Billy Singer

> In memory of Samuel Michael Halprin Muriel Nathan

In memory of my beloved father, Rodolph Richards Theresa & Robert Rosengart

In memory of my beloved father-in-law Lois Winer Chana D. Winer

In memory of Kay Morrison Israel

Happy 80th birthday to David Frolich Steve & Shelley Kruger Doug & Reeda Katz Sharon Hall Richard & Sandra Singer

- 19 Joseph Brody
- 19 Terri Frolich
- 20 Matt Garrett
- 22 Amanda Koplin
- 25 Beth Cohen
- 27 Ellen Cohen
- 28 Debbie Oliner
- 29 Brenda Katz
- 30 Nicole Hill
- 31 Chana Dayne-Winer



## **Bible & Prayer Book Fund**

In honor of David Frolich's 80th birthday Robert & Carol Chanin

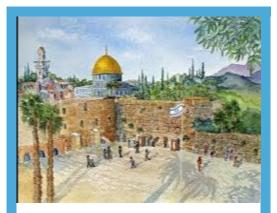


## Kruger Torah Fund

In memory of Susan Perkel David & Terri Frolich

Happy Birthday to Hershene Goldman David & Terri Frolich

Happy birthday to David Frolich Robert & Theresa Rosengart



Wall of Jerusalem

To honor the 80th birthday of David Frolich

By Friends



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!!!



# March 2023 Yahrzeits

<u>Evening of</u> <u>March 3rd/4th-March 10th</u> Norma Potosky Philip Epstein\* William Mark Susan Rogler Rosalind Adlestone Sonia Segal Cohen\*

## Evening of March 17th/18th-March 24th Mary Pollock\* Leah Avrunin\* Barnett Chanin Harold Goodrich\* Dorothy Jampole Norman Nathan Kaplan\*

Bessie Klein\* Seymour L. Cohen Marian Kaufman Adele Meddin Schneider Louis Winer

### Evening of March 10th/11th-March 17th

Sarah Warshauer Schwartzman Norman Alan Cohen\* Sarah Hirsh\* Melvin Haskins\* Elaine Hirsh\* Edward Bashuk Tess Wilner Bashuk Herbert S. Posner Cynthia Wulwick Beulah Bresler Louis Oxlander David Rosen

### Evening of March 24th/25th-March 31st

Harry Frolich\* Betty Kruger Myron Koplin\* Theresa Adler Popper Marc Winer

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

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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

#### **Board Chairs**

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Office Hours 8 am - 4 pm Monday & Wednesday 8 am - 12 pm Friday Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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