

Shofar

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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Upcoming Services

Thursday, May 4

Thursday, May 18

7:00 am Minyan

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 5
6:15 pm Service

Friday, May 19
6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 6
9:30 am Service

Saturday, May 20
9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 11
7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, May 25
7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 12
6:15 pm Service

Friday, May 26
6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 13
9:30 am Service

Saturday, May 27
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 - May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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 4, 11, 18, 25 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 - May 5, 12, 19, 26 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 Service - May 6, 13, 20, 27 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

Counting Days, Taking Note

Just a few days ago, we passed the half-way point between Passover and Shavuot. There's a 49-day bridge connecting these important holidays. In ancient Temple times, the Omer rituals expressed the gratitude of the farmer who brought a measure of barley for the Kohen, who would wave this offering before God. All of that symbolism melted away in the year 70 CE, the year the Romans destroyed the Second Temple. Still, as you know, we count the Omer with a blessing acknowledging this mitzvah of counting. So, what might it mean to us now?

There's another text in the Torah (Exodus chapter 16) which mentions Omer in connection with the manna, that miraculous food from heaven which fed our ancestors during the wilderness trek. In addition to sustaining the people, God was teaching them what trust is all about. Each person had just enough for their daily needs. Because manna had no shelf-life, God warned the people not to store any manna from one day to the next. The Israelites who ignored the warning found rotten, inedible manna awaiting them the next morning.

There's a powerful lesson here for us today. We hoard things, we become obsessive about acquiring stuff. We struggle with the notion of trusting each other, of trusting God. Trusting acknowledges something much bigger than ourselves. The seven-week gesture of pausing to count can be a powerful way of slowing down and hitting the pause button, considering who we are, where we're going, what we're doing — some basic inventory in the midst of time flying by all too quickly.

If Passover is about liberation and Shavuot is about Covenant, these 49 days can become a vehicle for mindfulness: What is the "Egypt, the *Mitzrayim*", the narrowness within my mind with

which I struggle to break free? What do I think about a Covenant with my fellow Jews, with God, with humanity, with the life that surrounds me? What sort of commitments bind me, hold me to account as a person who is journeying through a life, assembling bits and pieces to make meaning, to do something more than breathing in and out, something more than chasing after stuff, something more...

When my kids were little, we added Omer-counting into the nightly Sh'ma ritual. The years have flown by. And here we are, in the midst of counting. Pause: What are the things that count? The journey is much more than right foot, left foot, over and over. What are the days in between all about? What opportunities might I be overlooking? Count tonight and the next and the next. Seize the Day. Engage.



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. A special thank you to Laura and David Ilan for the beautiful daffodil bed gracing our corner of First and Plum! Aren't they just beautiful!

Just a heads up for everyone. May will be a busy month with everyone winding down both Hebrew and Religious school for this school year. We will also have

an excellent program later this month. Hershel Greenblatt will be joining us May 21st at 2 pm to tell us about his experiences during the Holocaust. Please plan to attend as our opportunities to hear live accounts by actual survivors begin to dwindle as they age and pass on. Details to follow. A notice will be going out soon for our Annual Congregational meeting in June. Please let Stephanie know about any of our CSI family members graduating so that we may honor them in our next bulletin. We do not want to leave anyone out.

Can you believe it has been 10 years since our very own Stephanie Johnson joined our CSI family as our secretary extraordinaire. Stephanie 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.

Although Spring is here, 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 the springtime colds, allergies and any remaining flu or COVID still hanging around by staying home if you are ill and frequently washing your hands. Please make good use of antiseptic hand cleaners and use Kleenex when you sneeze.

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

Shalom!

Shelley

CSI SPECIAL SERVICES DATES & TIMES IN MAY

***There will be no Torah Study May 10th or 24th.**

***Sunday, May 21st @ 2 pm - Hershel Greenblatt Program** (see flyer below) will be available on zoom using the Saturday morning link.

***Thursday, May 25th @ 7 p.m. - Erev Shavuot Service** will be *zoom only* using the Torah Study link.

***Friday, May 26th @ 9:30 am - Shavuot Day 1 Service** will be in person and on zoom using the Saturday morning link. There is no change in the Friday evening service zoom information.

***Saturday, Shavuot Day 2 Service with Yiskor @ 9:30 am.** Use the same Saturday zoom link as usual.

(All links can be found in your weekly announcements)



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the CSI Book Club will take place via Zoom on Sunday, June 4th at 1pm. The book will be *LOVE AND WAR IN THE JEWISH QUARTER*, by Dora Levy Mossanen. All are welcome! For questions or for the zoom link, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com.



HERSHEL GREENBLAT A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR TELLS HIS STORY



May 21, 2023 at 2pm

Refreshments served following the program
Congregation Sha'arey Israel
611 First Street Macon, GA 31201
The Event is Free of Charge
For more information
please contact Rosalind Simson
simson_rs@mercer.edu



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



Mi Sheberach

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

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.

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.

Yahrzeit 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.

Larry Elowitz
Ellen Goodrich
Ian Altman
Linda Blumenthal



May Anniversaries

- 15 - Peggy & Ben Feldman
- 23 - Joan & David Kent
- 24 - Shelley Davidson & Jeff
Lehman
- 25 - Janice & James Bailey
- 26 - Trudy Posner & Mark Bresler
- 26 - Kristy & Joel Yashinski



יום הולדת שמח!

May Birthdays

- 4 - Reeda Katz
- 6 - Erica Wilkinson
- 6 - Rhonda Koplin
- 7 - Theresa Rosengart



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CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL ALUMNI AND ONLINE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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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?

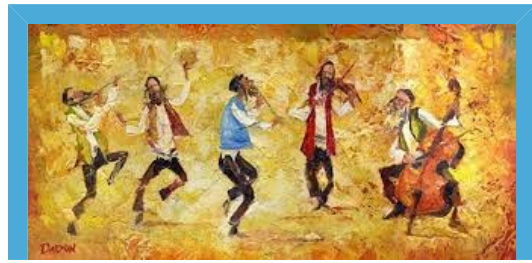
Online Membership
This membership is for individuals who would like to participate as an Online Member.

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.

8 - Carol Kaplan
8 - Brenda Turetsky
11 - Ricky Katz
12 - Joel Yashinsky
13 - Alex Koplin
14 - Alan Kirsh
15 - Barbara Chaite
17 - Martha Galindo
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



Wall of Jerusalem

***To Honor the Life of
Anne Bayme***

Terri & David Frolich



Bible & Prayer Book Fund

**In honor of Joe Finkelstein's
warm, Southern Hospitality**
Marcia Leifer & Teri Siskind

**In honor of Evan & Marty
Koplin's kindness**
Marcia Leifer & Teri Siskind



Kruger Torah Fund

**In memory of our beloved
brother, Martin Ellis Kahn**
Terri & David Frolich

**Belated birthday wishes to
Billy Singer**
Terri & David Frolich

**Belated birthday wishes
to Melvin Kruger**
Terri & David Frolich

**A speedy recovery to Henry
Koplin**

SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

**In memory of Myron & Ethel
Koplin**
Evan & Marty Koplin

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Lena M. Singer**
Richard Singer

**In memory of my beloved
husband, Mark David Turetsky**
Brenda Turetsky

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

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Sonja Greasley**
Sharon & Larry Elowitz

**In memory of my beloved
husband, Harold Goodrich**
Nathalie Goodrich

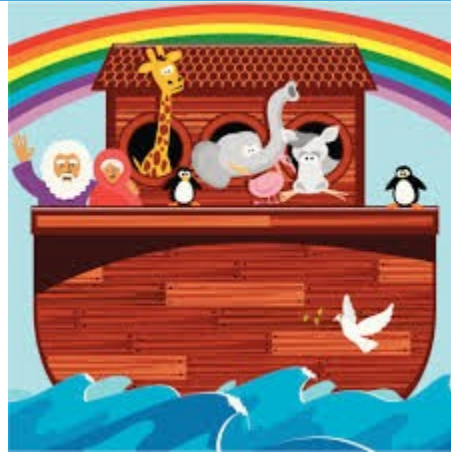
In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

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

(Endowment Fund)
Henry Koplin speedy recovery
Robert & Carol Chanin

Gail & Jack Krapf

In honor of Juan Lleras
Robert & Linda Blumenthal



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Cindy Bernat & Doug Crowell
Katherine Ann Jones



Dr. Lawrence Haskins
Memorial Trust Fund

In Memory of Anne Bayme

Jami & James Gaudet



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**In honor of the friendly &
haimish kehila of CSI**

Judith Massarano

In memory of Anne Bayme

Howard Hyman

**In honor of Amitai Ilan's
graduation from
Kennesaw State University &
award as College of Business
Outstanding Student**

Jay & Lynn Freedman

**In honor of Nicole Hill's
graduation from
Kennesaw State University in
Nursing**

Jay & Lynn Freedman



**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

DAYBREAK is currently looking for volunteers. Last year, 122 volunteers provided 3,550 hours of service. April and May they are celebrating volunteers and hoping that in 2023 to have 175 volunteers. If interested in volunteering or more information on Daybreak, call (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 2023 Yahrzeits

Evening of

May 5th/6th-May 12th

Michael L. Goodrich*

Stuart Schwartz

Samuel Melvin Goodrich

Marvin Simson

Evening of

May 19th/20th-May 26th

Eda Yardeni Tavor*

Charles A. Harris

Louis Oscherwitz

Mary Divinsky
Ann Goldman*
Dolph Proskauer*
David Van Ollefen
Ida Schwartz

Evening of
May 12th/13th-May 19th

Leah Frolich*
Stewart Klein
Norma Koplin Oliner*
Rebecca Dreizin*
Ellis Goodrich
Sol M. Kent
Lillian Haskins Katz*
Arthur Besser
Kevy Kahn
Martin Ellis Kahn
Herbert Ronald Krapf*

Evening of
May 26th/27th-June 2nd

Eli Lehman*
Sol Schwartz*
Myron Koplin*
Annie S. Levy
Blanche Krugman Rosenberg
Harry Chanin*
Esther Harris



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

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May iyar
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 10 iyar | 2 11 iyar | 3 12 iyar | 4 13 iyar 7 AM MINYAN | 5 14 iyar 8:01 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE | 6 15 iyar 9:00 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE |
| 7 16 iyar | 8 17 iyar | 9 18 iyar | 10 19 iyar | 11 20 iyar 7 AM MINYAN | 12 21 iyar 8:06 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE | 13 22 iyar 9:06 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE |
| 14 23 iyar | 15 24 iyar | 16 25 iyar LAG BA'OMER | 17 26 iyar | 18 27 iyar 7 AM MINYAN | 19 28 iyar 8:11 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE | 20 29 iyar 9:12 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE |
| 21 1 sivan MOTHER'S DAY | 22 2 sivan | 23 3 sivan | 24 4 sivan | 25 5 sivan 7 AM MINYAN | 26 6 sivan 8:16 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE | 27 7 sivan 9:17 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE |
| 28 8 sivan ROSH CHODESH | 29 9 sivan VICTORIA DAY CANADA | 30 10 sivan | 31 11 sivan | EREV SHAVUOT | SHAVUOT | YIZKOR SHAVUOT |
| | MEMORIAL DAY | | | | 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 | 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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