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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein





Upcoming Services

High Holiday Services Included

Friday, September 1

6:15 pm Service

Friday, September 22

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 2

9:30 am Service

Saturday, September 23

9:30 am Service

Thursday, September 7

7:00 am Minyan

Sunday, September 24

10:30 am Cemetery Service

Rose Hill Cemetery - New Section

5:15 pm Erev Yom Kippur Dinner

6:30 pm Kol Nidre - Mincha Service

6:45 pm Kol Nidre - Musical Interlude

7:00 pm Kol Nidre

Friday, September 8

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 9

9:30 am Service

8:30 pm Selichot Program

Monday, September 25

9:00 am Yom Kippur Service

6:00 pm Yom Kippur Evening Service

8:05 pm Break the Fast

Thursday, September 14

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, September 15

6 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 28

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, September 16

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Friday, September 29

6:15 pm Service & Supper in the Sukkah

Sunday, September 17

9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2

5:00 pm Tashlich Service

Saturday, September 30

9:30 am Sukkot Service Day 1

Thursday, September 21

7:00 am Minyan

****Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah
and other holiday dates will be listed in the
October bulletin.**



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 - No Torah Study for the month of September

<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 - September 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:00 am

<https://zoom.us>

[/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpqay9MZm42VGp0QT09](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 - September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6 or 6:15 pm

<https://zoom.us>

[/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcm9VZz09](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 - September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9 or 9:30 am

<https://zoom.us>

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Passcode: 420674

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 944 8400 8047 Password: 420674



A Word From the Rabbi

Who are We?

The new year 5784 will soon begin, and every time we head into this turn, I'm struck by how profoundly different the Jewish New Year celebrations are from the atmosphere surrounding December 31 giving way to January 1. The countdown, followed by an explosion of fireworks, the televised scenes of revelers worldwide could not be more different from the shofar cries, the custom of casting off our shortcomings and unwanted baggage weighing our lives down. To be sure, Rosh Hashanah is joyous — family and friends at the table, apples dipped in honey. The writers who shaped our prayer services sought to balance the austerity and trembling with the optimistic declaration that God will vindicate us by blessing the coming year. The emotional tenderness of *Avinu* — our Father — is tempering the strict courtroom justice of *Malkein* — our King.

So we're in shul — what is the purpose of our time in shul? Well, we're with fellow members of our tribe. We're bolstered by their presence, we touch base. But we're also

with ourselves, introspective, creating emotional and spiritual space to be with ourselves and take the measure of ourselves — that is not so easy. We might prefer to hide behind something, anything. We might sympathize with the trembling Adam and Eve who really feel exposed (no, it's not really about lack of clothing) and quite unprepared to account for themselves. That's why we plead before *Avinu Malkeinu* to be gracious, knowing that our own balance sheets are wanting.

God asked Adam a tough question — Where are You? That's also our Rosh Hashanah inquiry. Where are we going? The shofar (2nd day this year) calls to God and to us: Where's the path? Help us return to You, God. Help us reconcile with each other. Help us bind the wounds. Help us find the sweetness and the blessing. *Shana Tova Umetuka* — a good and sweet year!



A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENTS

The High Holidays are coming! Some of us say they have snuck up on us. If we were really truthful, we would say we just were not paying attention and time has gotten away from us. Sunday School and Hebrew School will be back in full swing beginning on the 10th! We want to offer a big thank you to all our volunteers who make that possible every year and to take a minute to brag about how great a job I think they do for our kids. Yasha koah to all of you!

Rabbi Rubinstein will be starting the Holiday season on September 9th with a great program for Selichot. There will be Havdalah and refreshments with a presentation by Alexis Gregg as a part of the continuing series we started many years ago around the poem *Like Clay in the Hands of the Potter* we recite each Yom Kipper during Kol Nidre evening liturgy. Times are located elsewhere in the bulletin. As mentioned in our last bulletin, we are going to have a Congregation-wide dinner at CSI prior to Kol Nidre. It will

be a meat meal, so reservations are a must. Details are included in this bulletin and deadlines for reservations will be firm so as to make sure we have food ready as needed for the dinner. There will be a small charge to help defray the cost.

Details will be forthcoming by a flyer soon. Times and other information for all the High Holiday services and programming are located elsewhere in the bulletin and on the weekly email. Other plans for meals for Sukkot and Simchat Torah will be in the October bulletin and by email. We plan to start the return to our fall schedule with a Shabbat dinner on October 20th.

As you can see, exciting things are coming to CSI. Please stay tuned as we plan for upcoming programming in the months to come. Be on the lookout for letters about our annual fund-raising drive. We know finances may be tight, but the shul would appreciate anything you can do to help pay expenses for the coming year.

We 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 and Jan



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the CSI Book Club is in October. Details will be sent out in the October bulletin.



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,

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Jami and Jimmy
Gaudet's daughter, Allison Yarrow,
on her new book entitled *Birth
Control: The Insidious Power of Men
Over Motherhood*.

She has appeared on MSNBC and
ABC News Live. The book is
available from Amazon and other
book publishers.

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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:

Ian Altman
Billy Singer

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.

2023-24 CSI Calendar/Directory is Coming Soon

Please contact Marty Koplin if
you want to make changes to
your ad book listing or ads. For
any changes in addresses,
cell/home numbers, contact
Marty at martyk@me.com.

Henry Koplin
Miriam Wengier



September Birthdays

- 1 - Blythe Koplin
- 2 - Sharon Elowitz
- 4 - Kristy Yashinsky
- 5 - Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 6 - Chip Koplin
- 6 - Linda Blumenthal
- 12 - Riley Bernstein
- 13 - Robyn Kranick
- 14 - Jack Lipson
- 16 - Peggy Feldman
- 18 - Olivia Bayme
- 18 - Janice Bailey
- 19 - Cara Bayme
- 22 - Gloria Brody
- 23 - Marty Koplin
- 23 - Pam Webster
- 24 - Robert Blumenthal
- 25 - Barbara Altman
- 25 - Evan Koplin
- 26 - Allison Brody
- 28 - Joe Finkelstein
- 28 - Louis Piassick
- 30 - Nathalie Goodrich



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CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL ALUMNI AND ONLINE MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CSI Alumni
This membership will be offered to any individual who lives outside the Middle Georgia geographic area but who lived in Macon in the past and was an active member or a student at CSI.

Online Membership
This membership will be for individuals who would like to participate as an Online member. Approval for online membership will be handled by Rabbi, Membership Chair, and President.

Benefits for Alumni Membership and Online membership include:

- Online participation in all services offered online by CSI
- Online participation in all CSI classes & programs offered online
- Attendance in-person for any services at CSI, including High Holidays
- Listing in Alumni/Online Membership section of the Annual Ad-book (starting with the 2023-24 book)
- Online Counseling sessions with Rabbi as needed
- Participation in social functions in their community if enough CSI members exist in their community

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.

To have full membership privileges including voting at meetings, individual can apply for standard membership/standard dues structure.

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



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

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



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

**In memory of my beloved
mom, Carmen Gaudet**
Jami & Jimmy Gaudet

**In memory of my beloved aunt,
Fannie Korros**
David & Terri Frolich

**In memory of my beloved
husband, William Richards**
Vickie Richards

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

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

***Happy anniversary to
Steve & Shelley Kruger***
Fran & Alan Kirsh

***Happy anniversary to
Al & Cara Bayme***
Fran & Alan Kirsh

***Happy Anniversary to
Richard Singer***
Sandra Singer

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Sandra Singer***
Richard Singer



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. DAYBREAK needs volunteers. If interested, 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.

Daybreak's current needs are:

canned or fresh fruit	large sturdy back packs
applesauce	Bio freeze
breakfast bars (soft)	Claritin
sandwich cookie packs	daytime cold medicine-no alcohol
powered lemonade/tea	eye drops
coffee creamer	insect repellant
instant grits	hydrocortisone cream
sugar	reader glasses - 2.00/higher
brown paper snack bags	Benadryl
plastic spoons	ponchos
lawn bags - 33 gallon	disinfectant spray
vinegar	air freshner
bleach	hand/foot towels
men's T-shirts (white, size lg, XL, 2X)	\$10 gift cards
men & women's underwear	



September 2023 Yahrzeits

Evening of

September 1st/2nd-September 8th

Emil Hirsch
Fannie Korros*
Sam Chanin*
Charlotte Shepard
Elizabeth Annie Van Ollefen
Bob Fieldsteel, Sr.

Evening of

September 8th/9th-September 15th

Mindel Oxlander
Bess Safer*
Shirley Huskey
Esther Berkman Kaplan*

Evening of

September 15th/16th-September 22nd

Eva C. Wolf

Evening of

September 22nd/23rd-September 29th

Simcha Atzmon
Felix Happ*
Martha Happ*
Milton Hirsh*
Moritz Kessler
Yitzchok Pollock
Raisel Pollock*
Bess Barnett*
Jean Arnovitz Isaacson

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

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<p>AUGUST</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>				<p>1 15 elul</p>	<p>2 16 elul</p>
<p>3 17 elul</p>	<p>4 18 elul</p>	<p>5 19 elul</p>	<p>6 20 elul</p>	<p>7 21 elul</p>	<p>8 22 elul</p>	<p>9 23 elul</p> <p>Ki Tavo</p>
<p>10 24 elul</p>	<p>11 25 elul</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>12 26 elul</p>	<p>13 27 elul</p>	<p>14 28 elul</p>	<p>15 29 elul</p>	<p>16 1 tishri</p> <p>Nitzavim-Vayelech SELICHOT</p>
<p>17 2 tishri</p>	<p>18 3 tishri</p>	<p>19 4 tishri</p>	<p>20 5 tishri</p>	<p>21 6 tishri</p>	<p>22 7 tishri</p> <p>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>23 8 tishri</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p>
<p>24 9 tishri</p> <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>25 10 tishri</p> <p>FAST OF GEDALIAH</p>	<p>26 11 tishri</p>	<p>27 12 tishri</p>	<p>28 13 tishri</p>	<p>29 14 tishri</p>	<p>30 15 tishri</p> <p>FALL BEGINS Ha'azinu SHABBAT SHUVAH</p>
<p>KOL NIDRE</p>	<p>YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR</p>				<p>EREV SUKKOT</p>	<p>SUKKOT</p>

2023-2025

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