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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Upcoming Services

Thursday, January 4

9:30 am Service

Friday, January 5

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, January 6

9:30 am Service

Thursday, January 18

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, January 19

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, January 20

9:30 am Service

Thursday, January 11

6:15 pm Service

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, January 12

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, January 13

9:30 am Service

Thursday, January 25

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, January 26

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, January 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 - January 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 - January 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7 am

<https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpgay9MZm42VGp0QT09>

Passcode: 695052

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435 Password: 695052

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - January 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:15 pm

<https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=>

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Passcode: 661400

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400

Saturday Morning Service - January 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 am

<https://zoom.us/j/94484008047?pwd=>

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Passcode: 420674

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 944 8400 8047 Password: 420674



A Word From the Rabbi

Homework

Greetings from quarantine! It was 12/25 when the 2nd line quickly showed up on my test (Sharona also tested positive shortly thereafter), and one of the well-known lessons ... you know, the one about people making plans and God laughing... smacked me upside the head. Great line within Psalm 30, part of the daily prayers: "I had said, while at ease, nothing will shake my sense of security." I mean, I took each booster, I haven't exactly mixed and mingled amidst the throngs, so ... I just won't catch the crud. Hah! So, lots of tissue boxes later, no complaints, really. Paxlovid definitely leaves a pretty crummy metallic aftertaste, but it sure has helped mitigate the symptoms. I'm grateful. Also, many thanks to the CSI leadership that held down the fort.

A bit of actual torah as we finish Genesis and are now moving into Exodus. In yesterday's parasha, Jacob addresses his children just before he passes on. Sad to say - and not really surprising- Jacob is presented with a huge opportunity, and he fails. His children are gathered around his bed awaiting, hoping for a blessing from their father. The three oldest receive words of anger and doom. Did they deserve censure? Maybe so. Jacob settled scores and shared some crystal ball talk (cue Sinatra crooning 'I did it my way'), but think about it. Your vulnerable kids hang on your closing words. Is this the best you can do? Is it Always about you? Jacob would probably launch into another installment of 'these things always happen to me.' At a certain point it has to be about what you can do and say that will help another person cross the river, get through the day, mend the break.

Here's to 2024! Sure, 2023 was a raging storm. And what might each of us do to make 2024 better? Go to the pantry. The item you're searching for cannot be rush ordered or even located at any local shops. But you surely have it. It's an extra cup of kindness. You'll find it. It never goes bad. This is how we'll craft a compassionate, loving, blessed 2024.



A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENT

We hope everyone had a good winter break and enjoyed time off with their families. We want to wish a continued recovery to Rabbi Rubinstein who was under the weather this past week. Glad you are on the mend and hopefully feeling well soon. We also suffered a very sad loss to our Congregation with the passing of Elaine Dreizin. Although Elaine was not as active in the last few years, many of us fondly remember her from our childhood and growing up as well as longtime friendships. We will miss you Elaine and offer condolences to your daughters, Barbara, Lori, and Jill as well as extended family and friends. May her memory continue to be for a blessing. Thank you to all who came to help make a minyan for Shiva.

January plans to be a very busy month. Religious school and Hebrew will resume according to the schedule set forth in the calendar later in the bulletin. We are also looking forward to a Kehilla Shabbat Dinner on the 26th and a Havdalah program and entertainment on the 27th. We hope that those who are available will come and join us for a fun-filled weekend! More details will follow.

We want to thank all of you who have contributed this year to our annual fund drive. Every donation was important, and we appreciate whatever donations we received. Both of us also want to say thank you to all of you who contribute your time and energy to make our synagogue run so well throughout the year. The gift of your time and energy is priceless and always appreciated. For those of you who want to get involved and are not sure how, please call either Jeff Lehman, Michael Kruger, or Evan Koplin as well as the two of us. We will be happy to find a place for your talents!

Hope to see all of you in shul or on zoom!

Shalom!

Shelley and Jan



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet via



Please call Stephanie
at the synagogue office
478-745-4571 or email her at

zoom at 1 pm on Sunday, Jan. 21,
2024 to discuss *At the Hour
Between Dog and Wolf*, by Tara
Ison. All are welcome. Please
contact Jan Lewis for more
information at
janlewis73@gmail.com.



Upcoming **2024 Events** to mark
on your calendar:

Friday, January 26, 2024
CSI Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, January 27, 2024
CSI Havdalah event

February 10, 2024
Rivka, Sylvia, and Angie Brown's
B'not Mitzvah
(*More Details to Follow)

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.

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.

Religious School Schedule



January 7, 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 25
March 3, 10, 17
April 14, 21

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

Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman
Billy Singer
Henry Koplin
Miriam Wengier
David Frolich

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SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV
FUND DONATIONS

January Birthdays

1 - Marla Hampton
2 - Jenna Ziesenhene
5 - Maya Rubinstein
7 - Pam Hill
8 - Eli Mizrahi
12 - Burt Haskins
13 - Elise Krapf
16 - Ben Feldman
19 - Alvin Bayme
21 - Fran Kirsh
23 - Sarah Hirsh
25 - Ethan Hutten
25 - Emily Piassick
28 - Faye Mizrahi
28 - Henry Oliner
30 - Ellen Finkelstein
30 - Jack Krapf
31 - Steve Kruger
31 - Israel



January Anniversaries

2 - Jami & Jimmy Gaudet
17 - Blair & Michael Kruger
29 - Chrissy & Brian Crabtree

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Ida J. Fishman**
Diane Jahr

**In memory of my beloved father,
Robert H. Jahr**
Paul Jahr

**n memory of my beloved
brother, Marvin Kirsh**
Alan Kirsh

**In memory of my beloved
mother, Beverly Kruger**
Steve Kruger

**In memory of my beloved father,
Olaf Vergil Norman**
Linda Blumenthal

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

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

In memory of Elaine Dreizin
Alan & Fran Kirsh

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

**Happy anniversary to Alan &
Fran Kirsh**
Alan & Hershene Goldman
Billy Singer & Ellen Cohen

**Happy birthday to
Sandra Singer**
Billy Singer & Ellen Cohen

Speedy recovery for



Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Contribution to the
Mikvah Project**
Thomas Fakour

Many thanks
Christopher DeRose

Bobby Schwartz

Alan & Hershele Goldman

Donation to the synagogue fund
Benjamin Huebner

Donation to the synagogue fund
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Goldman



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
applesauce
breakfast bars (soft)
sandwich cookie packs
powered lemonade/tea
coffee creamer
instant grits
sugar
brown paper snack bags

large sturdy back packs
Bio freeze
Claritin
daytime cold medicine-no alcohol
eye drops
insect repellant
hydrocortisone cream
reader glasses - 2.00/higher
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		



January 2024 Yahrzeits

Evening of

December 29th/30th-January 5th

Frances Paller
 Rosalie Klein
 Libby Cohen*
 Ida R. Davidson*
 Emil Montrose
 Charles Rosen

Evening of

January 5th/6th-January 12th

Milton Morris Marshall*
 David Mizrahi
 Miriam Dreizin Chanin*
 Gus Kaufman
 Pearl Hutten
 Miriam Lehman*

Evening of

January 12th/13th-January 19th

Louis Chanin*
 Jadwiga Pieniek
 Violet Jacobs

Evening of

January 12th/13th-January 19th

Jack Adler*
 Yetta Kirsh
 Izzie Chanin
 Hannah Ksyonjik Norman
 Sol Tavor*
 Rose Rosenberg Bayme*
 Renee Saroff Oliner*
 Mildred Simson

Evening of

January 19th/20th-January 26th

Paul Kruger*
 Elsa Kessler*
 Ann Chanin Donner*
 Chava Wengier
 Celia R. Farb

Evening of

January 26th/27th-Feb. 3rd

Jack Bresler
 Paul Lowin

Floyd Bob Chaite*

Hillel Kaplan

Isaac Wengier

Louis Avrunin*

Samuel Michael Halprin*

David Thaler

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 20 tevet	2 21 tevet	3 22 tevet	4 23 tevet	5 24 tevet	6 25 tevet
	NEW YEAR'S DAY					Shemot
7 26 tevet	8 27 tevet	9 28 tevet	10 29 tevet	11 1 shevat	12 2 shevat	13 3 shevat
				ROSH CHODESH		Vinters
14 4 shevat	15 5 shevat	16 6 shevat	17 7 shevat	18 8 shevat	19 9 shevat	20 10 shevat
	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY					Bo
21 11 shevat	22 12 shevat	23 13 shevat	24 14 shevat	25 15 shevat	26 16 shevat	27 17 shevat
				TU B'SHEVAT		Beeshalach SHABBAT SHIRAH
28 18 shevat	29 19 shevat	30 20 shevat	31 21 shevat	DECEMBER 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	FEBRUARY 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	

2023-2025

Executive Committee

Co-President - Shelley Davidson

Co- President - Jan Lewis

Vice President - Michael Kruger

Treasurer - Evan Koplin

Recording Secretary - Pam Hill

Corresponding Secretary - Lara Geller

Parliamentarian/Security - Theresa
Rosengart

2023-2025 Board Chairs

Adult Education - Rosalind Simson

Board of Education - Jennifer Bernstein &

Allison Bloodworth

Cemetery - Ellen Finkelstein

Gifts & Memorials - Michael Kruger

Membership - Pam Webster

House - Jonathan Atzman

Ways and Means - Michael Kruger

Ritual - Jeff Lehman

Special Projects - Gary Simson



Secretary - Stephanie Johnson

Office Hours

8 am - 4 pm Monday & Wednesday

8 am - 12 pm Friday

Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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