#### FEBRUARY 2024 SHEVAT-ADAR I 5784

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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein





# **Upcoming Services**

**Thursday, February 1** 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 2 6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, February 3** 9:30 am Service

**Thursday, February 15** 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 16 6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, February 17** 9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 8

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 9

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 10

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 22

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 23

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 24

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 29

7:00 am Minyan



### **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 7, 14, 21, 28 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 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 am

https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=

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**Passcode: 695052** 

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435 Password: 695052

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - February 2, 9, 16, 23 at 6:15 pm

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

Passcode: 661400

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400

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Saturday Morning Service - February 3, 10, 17, 24 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

### What's Happening in Shul these Days?

Well, this past Shabbat evening featured a tasty dinner! **Shlepping down from Americus** — **Laurel and two wonderful students**. We ushered out Shabbat with a havdallah and a thought-provoking film, *Golda*. Those events unfolded for me as a yeshiva lad in 9th grade. Seen through a post-October 7 lens, those events are so hauntingly relevant fifty years later.

This coming Shabbat (I'm writing these words as January closes) we'll chant the **Ten Commandments**. What do those words mean to us today, now? What is the meaning of our covenant with God? Fast forward a bit to a wonderful **B'not Mitzvah Shabbat** as **Angie**, **Sylvia and Rivka** will all come to the Torah and celebrate this milestone! **The Super-bow!** Yay! Wonderful fundraiser and overall fun day!

**Daybreak's sleep-out** is on the last night of February. I'm raising money for them — closing in on a \$2000 goal. On that subject, **would you like a bottle of Rabbi Aaron's** 

Hot Sauce? Good for whatever ails you! Lemme know. You all know how important Daybreak's work has been for this city. Excellent local mitzvah opportunity. Quick shoutout to Shul leadership and volunteers that help out regularly at Daybreak, yasher koach!

Choir and Hebrew schoolers are learning the bits that will be a **Mel Brooks Purim** (March 23-24). We are blessed with joyous moments, opportunities to celebrate and express gratitude for the blessings in our lives. What else to tell?

Israel. Where to begin? Her people need our assistance: pray for Israel when you can. Do you want to contribute and assist in other ways? There are so many. Products you can buy. Assistance that could go to farms. You probably know this: American Jews are going to Israel - a week, sometimes longer. Helping on farms. Going to a shiva minyan. Meeting people. Doing tikun olam. So many hearts to mend and ways to make a difference. True confession: I don't know when, but I know I have to go there sometime soon. I have to help; I urgently need to recharge my own Israel batteries. Bottom line — many gestures large and small that can make a difference.

Shalom.



### A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENTS

January is supposed to be a quiet month for activities, but not at CSI! We have had a busy start to 2024. This past weekend was wonderful with a great Friday night service followed by a Shabbat dinner. Both were well attended, as was the service on Saturday morning and our Havdalah and a movie on Saturday night featuring *Golda*.

February will be another busy month with wonderful programing featuring our Super Bowl fundraiser coming up on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Michael Kruger and his committee for all your hard work! Please call the office if you do not have your tickets yet! We will also be celebrating a triple simcha with the Brown family. Both Sylvia and Rivka are being called to the Torah for the first time as well as their mom Angie celebrating her own Bat Mitzvah. This is the first ever triple Bat Mitzvah at CSI that was not a group adult B'nai Mitzvot coming up on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please check your calendar for more exciting events upcoming like Purim and some traveling Friday Shabbat services. Details will be upcoming.

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

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Shalom!

Shelley and Jan



### THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 25 at 1 pm via Zoom to discuss *The Heaven* and Earth Grocery Store, by James McBride. All are welcome. Please contact Jan Lewis for more information at

janlewis73@gmail.com.



February 10, 2024

B'not Mitzvah for Rivka, Sylvia, & Angie Brown



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.

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.

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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.





### Mi Sheberach

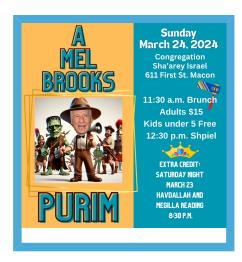
Congregation Sha'arey Israel extends Get Well Wishes to:

lan Altman Billy Singer Henry Koplin Miriam Wengier David Frolich



### February <u>Birthdays</u>

- 1 Jan Lewis
- 1 David Mier y Teran
- 3 Hershene Goldman
- 3 Jonathan Carter
- 4 Molly Bayme
- 5 Carol Bashuk
- 5 Graham Bullington
- 10 Charles Brown





### Religious School Schedule

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.

- 11 Morris Purcel
- 17 David Frolich
- 17 Catherine Jackson
- 23 Robert Rosengart
- 26 Drew Jahr



### February Anniversaries

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



### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Anne Bayme for camp scholarships Bill & Pam Webster



### Kruger Torah Fund

Happy Birthday to Jack Krapf





# SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved mother, Mildred Simson Gary Simson

In memory of my beloved mother, Hannah Ksyonjik Norman

Linda Blumenthal

In memory of my beloved aunt, Pauline Singer

William Singer

In memory of my beloved father, Harvey Rosengart

Robert Rosengart

### In memory of Elaine Dreizin

Morris Purcel
Susan Spier Chapman
Robin Feldman & Chuck
Edelberg
Lewis & Alice Gold & Family
Robin C. Stevens

Alan & Fran Kirsh

Happy Birthday to Steve Kruger

Alan & Fran Kirsh

Happy Birthday to Al Bayme

Alan & Fran Kirsh

Happy birthday to Fran Kirsh

David & Terri Frolich

Happy anniversary to Michael & Blair Kruger

Alan & Fran Kirsh

Get well soon to Fabianne Perofsky

David & Terri Frolich

In memory of Elaine Pollock
Dreizin

David & Terri Frolich

In memory of Kay Morrison Israel

> Speedy recovery for Renee Schwartz

Alan & Hershene Goldman



Bible and Prayer
Book Fund

In memory of Elaine Dreizin
Robert & Carol Chanin



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 <a href="https://depaulusa.org/programs/macon/">https://depaulusa.org/programs/macon/</a>. 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

plastic spoons

lawn bags - 33 gallon

large sturdy back packs

Bio freeze

Claritin

daytime cold medicine-no alcohol

eye drops

insect repellant

hydrocortisone cream

reader glasses - 2.00/higher

Benadryl

ponchos

disinfectant spray

men & women's underwear



## February 2024 Yahrzeits

### Evening of February 2nd/3rd-February 9th

Lillian Rudnick
Victor Hyman Dayan
Hyman Marshall\*
Daniel E. Nathan\*
Eleanor Schwartz
Charles R. Sussman\*

### <u>Evening of</u> <u>February 9th/10th-February 16th</u>

Rodolph Richards
Barbara Jelks Crider
Carol Besser
Cantor Joseph Schwartzman

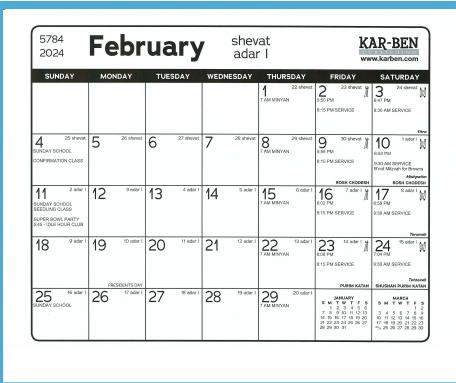
# Evening of February 16th/17th-February 23rd

Marcia K. Singer\*
Norma Potosky
Philip Epstein\*
William Mark
Susan Rogler
Rosalind Adelstone

# Evening of February 23rd/24th-March 1st Sonia Segal Cohen\*

Seymour L. Cohen
Marian Kaufman
Adele Meddin Schneider
Louis Winer
Anne B. Bayme
Norman Alan Cohen\*
Elaine Hirsh\*

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates names listed on a plaque in the main sanctuary.



### <u>2023-2025</u>

#### **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 Atzmon
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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