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## **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=cmU3N1RUUV0JYR25rTGRNZCtOaFBPUT09>

**Passcode: 381362**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 947 4898 5900    \*\*Password: studytorah**

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**Thursday Morning Minyan - February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7 am**

[https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpgay9MZm42VGp0QT09)

[NDg2bE5jejFOcVpgay9MZm42VGp0QT09](https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpgay9MZm42VGp0QT09)

**Passcode: 695052**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 942 3325 5435    Password: 695052**

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

[https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcm9VZz09)

[RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcm9VZz09](https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUFI1TnYvcm9VZz09)

**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=](https://zoom.us/j/94484008047?pwd=NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09)

[NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09](https://zoom.us/j/94484008047?pwd=NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09)

**Passcode: 420674**

**By Phone: 1-929-436-2866**

**Meeting ID: 944 8400 8047 Password: 420674**

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## **A Word From the Rabbi**

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### **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-bowl!** 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 shout-out 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 programming 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!

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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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Please note that you can also make donations to the various CSI funds through our website:

[www.csimacon.org](http://www.csimacon.org)

It's easy and quick!  
You can designate which fund to honor your loved ones.



CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL PRESENTS  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY**

February 11, 2024 5:45 pm  
 Tickets \$70/person Kids \$15  
**IDLE HOUR COUNTRY CLUB**  
 251 Idle Hour Drive Macon

Buffet Dinner - Cash Bar  
 Football Pool Picks \$10 each

RSVP by Jan 30 478-745-4571 secretary@csimacon.org



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**PURIM**

**Sunday  
March 24, 2024**  
 Congregation  
 Sha'arey Israel  
 611 First St. Macon

**11:30 a.m. Brunch**  
 Adults \$15  
 Kids under 5 Free  
**12:30 p.m. Shpiel**

**EXTRA CREDIT:  
 SATURDAY NIGHT  
 MARCH 23  
 HAVDALLAH AND  
 MEGILLA READING  
 8:30 P.M.**



**Mi Sheberach**

Congregation Sha'arey Israel  
 extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman  
 Billy Singer  
 Henry Koplin  
 Miriam Wengier  
 David Frolich

**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**

**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.



**יום הולדת שמח!**

**February Birthdays**

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

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**



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## **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 & Hershele 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 <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  
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

vinegar	air freshner	
bleach	hand/foot towels	men's
T-shirts (white, size lg, XL, 2X)	\$10 gift cards	
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\*

### **Evening of**

#### **February 16th/17th-February 23rd**

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

### **Evening of**

#### **February 9th/10th-February 16th**

Rodolph Richards  
 Barbara Jelks Crider  
 Carol Besser  
 Cantor Joseph Schwartzman

### **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\*

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 22 shevat 7 AM MINYAN	2 23 shevat 5:50 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	3 24 shevat 6:47 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
4 25 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS	5 26 shevat	6 27 shevat	7 28 shevat	8 29 shevat 7 AM MINYAN	9 30 shevat 5:55 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	10 1 adar I 6:53 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE B'not Mitzvah for Browns
11 2 adar I SUNDAY SCHOOL SEEDLING CLASS SUPER BOWL PARTY 5:45 - IDLE HOUR CLUB	12 3 adar I	13 4 adar I	14 5 adar I	15 6 adar I 7 AM MINYAN	16 7 adar I 6:02 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	17 8 adar I 6:59 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
18 9 adar I	19 10 adar I	20 11 adar I	21 12 adar I	22 13 adar I 7 AM MINYAN	23 14 adar I 6:08 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	24 15 adar I 7:04 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
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## 2023-2025

### Executive Committee

Co-President - Shelley Davidson  
Co- President - Jan Lewis  
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## 2023-2025 Board Chairs

Adult Education - Rosalind Simson  
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Membership - Pam Webster  
House - Jonathan Atzman  
Ways and Means - Michael Kruger  
Ritual - Jeff Lehman  
Special Projects - Gary Simson



**Secretary - Stephanie Johnson**

**Office Hours**

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8 am - 12 pm Friday

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