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HAPPY PASSOVER



Upcoming Services

Thursday, April 4
7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 5
6:15 pm Service

Saturday, April 6
9:30 am Service

Thursday, April 11
7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, April 18
7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 19
6:15 pm Service

Saturday, April 20
9:30 am Service

Thursday, April 25
7:00 am Minyan

Friday, April 12
6:15 pm Service

Friday, April 26
6:15 pm Service

Saturday, April 13
9:30 am Service

Saturday, April 27
9:30 am Service

Passover Dates & Services

1st Seder - Monday, April 22nd
1st Day - Tuesday, April 23rd - 9:30 a.m. Service
2nd Day - Wednesday, April 24th - 9:30 a.m. Service
7th Day - Monday, April 29th - 9:30 a.m. Service
8th Day (with Yizkor) - Tuesday, April 30th - 9:30 a.m. Service

*Service links will be emailed closer to the service dates.



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 - April 3, 10, 17, 24 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 - April 4, 11, 18, 25 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 - April 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 - April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 am

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

[NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09](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

With a Little Help from my Friends

So, Purim...Mel Brooks fans — I hope you enjoyed the tidbits of silliness! Always great to see the kids, to hear the enthusiasm, some awesome costumes! Kudos to Dan Wengier and his dedicated kitchen crew: Shushan was well-fed :) Also, hats off to the choir folks who miraculously pulled off the crazy shpiel!

Passover (there...I said it.) will be here soon. Admittedly, my mind is taken up with other matters. I want to say something about community and the title of this bulletin piece. From time to time, life reminds us of just how important friendship is, just how vital community and connection are in our lives.

Recall the pivotal moment in the Megillah of Esther when Mordechai implores Esther to plead with Achashverosh on behalf of the Jews. Esther, mindful of the risks she'll be taking, tells Mordechai to instruct the Jewish community: *Fast for me*. Her faith guides her to pray to God, but, no less important, she's appealing to her community. Pray on my behalf, I need you all. And while we - the readers - intuit God's backstage presence, we also notice the writer's decision to omit any explicit mention of God in the entire story. It's not that God is unimportant; it's that we absolutely need each other to make it through the darkness and the struggle.

Many of us know people who struggle with a range of illnesses. We add those names to lists in shuls, churches, and mosques. Why? Because, like Esther, we think that prayers make a difference in our lives. Of course, we hope and pray that surgeries and medication and various therapies will 'do the trick,' but we all know that it goes deeper than this. The love and concern that is shared within a community cannot be synthesized by a pharmacist. Of course, the medicine is vital. But so is the love. Love guides us through the narrow places. In the final analysis, it is the essence, the strength of the community. Love is what heals us.



A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENTS

Hard to believe that March is winding down already. Passover is on its way. Do not let it sneak up on you in case you want to go to Atlanta or elsewhere for your Passover food. It can sell out fast! By the way, if you need a place to go for Passover Sedar, please contact Stephanie in the office and she will pass it on to get you settled somewhere.

One thing for sure, our little Kehilla was certainly very busy this past month here at CSI. I am sure all the “kids” big and small enjoyed the Mel Brooks Purim skit and the wonderful pastrami and turkey sandwiches, as well as the parve tuna melts with all the trimmings! The homemade hamantaschen, pies and sweet rolls were a particular favorite this year. The attendance was fabulous, and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all who made it happen with special thanks to Daniel Wengier, Sabrina Wengier, Jeff Lehman, Marty and Elmo Koplín, Ellen Finkelstein, Theresa Rosengart, and Maddie Johnson. If we left anyone out, we appreciate you and your contribution as well.

Just a short word to keep open the weekend of May 3rd - 5th. It is our Scholar in Residence program that is jam-packed with lots of activities beginning with our usual Friday evening service with our speaker, Janice Friebaum, giving a short presentation and a Shabbat Dinner to follow. Saturday, we have the usual Shabbat service with Ms. Friebaum giving a D'var Torah and luncheon to follow. There are also plans for Saturday evening and ending with Ms. Friebaum speaking at our Yom HaShoah program Sunday afternoon.

The whole weekend should be a wonderful experience for all. More details can be found elsewhere in the bulletin. All meals are no charge to Congregation members, but reservations are required to have a headcount to assure enough food for everyone. We will begin taking reservations on April 22nd and ask everyone to call or email in by May 1st. You will see reminders along the way!

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

Shalom!

**Scholar-in-Residence & Yom HaShoah
Speaker - Janice Friebaum
Friday - Sunday, May 3, 4, 5**

Friday Evening Service 6:15
MY JEWISH JOURNEY (15 min.)
 Janice briefly charts the development of her Jewish identity and life path. Throughout the weekend she'll share her expertise, drawing on her education & intriguing career. Shabbat dinner following services - RSVP required (NO CHARGE)

THE EARLY POST-WAR YEARS: A LESSER TOLD STORY OF HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN THE U.S. (15 min.)
 Janice briefly discusses the book she's writing about her father's life, from his liberation on a death march to his emigration to the U.S. & the challenges survivors faced when rebuilding their lives. Kiddush Lunch following services - RSVP required (NO CHARGE)

Saturday Morning Service 9:30

WALK, INFORMAL/INTERACTIVE SESSION, HAVDALAH & REFRESHMENTS
HOME OF JAMI & JIMMY GAUDET (171 Covington Dr.)
 • Join Janice on a walk through the Wesleyan College Arboretum.
 • Afterwards, she'll share creative works related to her life as the child of a Holocaust survivor, incorporating poetry & music. (8:15 pm)
 • Havdalah & Refreshments (9:00pm)

Saturday Evening Starting at 7:30

TRANSGENERATIONAL TRAUMA: HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS & THEIR DESCENDANTS
 Janice explains how the intergenerational transfer of trauma applies to genocide and the Holocaust using personal experience to tie her talk to Yom HaShoah and its call "to remember."

Sunday Afternoon 3:00 CSI

**Dr. Lawrence Haskins
Memorial Trust - 2024**

Applications for the Dr. Lawrence Haskins Memorial Trust is open. Recipients must be at least 10 years old and no older than 20 years old in the calendar year in which he or she is granted the award or use the award money. The applicant must have attended CSI religious school for one full year. Nominations and applications must be received by Monday, April 22, 2024. Decisions will be made by Monday, May 6, 2024. Send nominations and applications to Jami Gaudet at jfsgaudet@aol.com. The full guidelines will be sent by email.

Religious School Schedule

April 14
 April 21- Last day of Sunday School/Pool Party

Mazel Tov

to Jaden Adler, son of Jordana Adler and grandson of Deborah Adler, for being selected **the 2024 Bibb County FLEX Competition Winner!** The region awarded his business \$5000 in start-up funds. Along with his partners, Rick Canosa and Finn Wakefield, all students at Howard High School, they will move forward to the Georgia FLEX Competition with a chance to earn an additional \$10,000 in start-up funds. Jaden, a 16 year-old-junior, started his window washing business, Window Magic, in August of 2023.

**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.

Congregation Sha'arey Israel

April 1, 2024

This agreement certifies that Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein is selling all Chametz (foodstuffs, dishes, housewares) that belong to the members of Congregation Sha'arey Israel - located at any CSI member properties (offices, homes, vacation residences, etc.) to Stephanie Johnson for the price of \$1.


Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein, seller


Stephanie Johnson, buyer

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Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman
Billy Singer
Henry Koplin
Miriam Wengier
David Frolich

Do you know a Jewish teen who wants to change the world?

Moving Traditions is now accepting applications for two teen changemaker programs: the **Meyer-Gottesman Kol Koleinu Teen Feminist Fellowship**, and **Kumi: Foundation**. Visit the website, [Teen Changemakers](https://connect.movingtraditions.org/e/1040033/forms-openhouse/m5s1/118787385/h/552QsPN6jWWOEtFO7X3R8HV_OZnDOUZf3rJbZctqveU), for more information. Both programs are for Jewish teens in high school who are interested in social action and want to make our world a better place by embracing their own identities and what matters most to them. Applications are open through April 21.

To register and attend an Open House on April 10th, go to https://connect.movingtraditions.org/e/1040033/forms-openhouse/m5s1/118787385/h/552QsPN6jWWOEtFO7X3R8HV_OZnDOUZf3rJbZctqveU.

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



April Birthdays

- 2 - Sarah Koplin
- 3 - Jaden Adler
- 3 - Rosalind Simson
- 4 - Addie Denisar
- 5 - Aaron Brown
- 5 - Greg Ziesenhene
- 6 - Debbie Ziesenhene
- 7 - Trudy Posner
- 7 - Brian Bloodworth
- 9 - William Singer
- 10 - Leslie Bashuk
- 10 - Taylor Bashuk
- 11 - Debbie Mayville
- 12 - Shelley Davidson
- 17 - Daniel Toland
- 17 - Laurel Robinson
- 17 - Brian Bloodworth
- 19 - Vickie Richards
- 20 - Jacob Cornelius
- 20 - Benjamin Kruger
- 21 - Jamie Lee Downing
- 24 - Jenna Denisar
- 24 - Cohen Bloodworth
- 28 - Bill Hirsh
- 29 - Sophie Denisar
- 30 - Melvin Kruer



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SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved father, Rodolph Richards
Theresa & Robert Rosengart

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

Wishing a speedy recovery to Ellen Cohen
Alan & Hershene Goldman

Happy birthday to Henry Koplin
Alan & Hershene Goldman

Happy birthday to Terri Frolich



April Anniversaries

9 - Mary & Richard Katz
14 - Lise & Sig Dayan
15 - Fabianne & Howard
Perofsky



Kruger Torah Fund

**In memory of Laura Ilan's
father, Nicholas Robert Lucy**
David & Terri Frolich

**Wishing a happy birthday
and speedy recovery to
Ellen Cohen**
David & Terri Frolich

Billy Singer & Ellen Cohen
Alan & Fran Kirsh

Happy birthday to Ellen Cohen
Alan & Fran Kirsh

Happy birthday to Beth Cohen
Alan & Fran Kirsh

**Mazel tov to the Bashuks on the
engagement of their daughter,
Leslie, to Adam**
Alan & Fran Kirsh

**Donation to CSI building fund in
honor of the life of
Anne Bayme**
Alan & Fran Kirsh

In memory of Anne Bayme
Karen Yoshida

Donation to the Annual Fund
Jacob Keenum

**In honor of Renee Arogeti,'s
birthday and
in honor of Melvin Kruger
and Steve & Shelley Kruger**
Jack & Fran Arogeti & Family

**In memory of Laura Ilan's father,
Nicholas Robert Lucy**
Jack & Gail Krapf

In memory of Elaine P. Dreizin
Barbara Dreizin Friedenberg, Lori
Dreizin-Garrett & Jill Dreizin Levine
Becky Burgess



Noah's Ark

**In honor of Evan Koplín and in
appreciation for his help**

Leah 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

large sturdy back packs

Bio freeze

Claritin

daytime cold medicine-no alcohol

eye drops

insect repellent

hydrocortisone cream

reader glasses - 2.00/higher

Benadryl

ponchos

lawn bags - 33 gallon

vinegar

bleach

T-shirts (white, size lg, XL, 2X)

men & women's underwear

disinfectant spray

air freshner

hand/foot towels

\$10 gift cards

men's



April 2024 Yahrzeits

Evening of

April 5th/6th-April 12th

Leah Avrunin*

Dorothy Jampole

Beulah Bresler

Louis Oxlander

David Rosen

Anna Klein

Ida Divinsky

James A. Huskey

Irene Krieger*

Sylvia Goodrich Brown*

David Michael Montrose*

Hyman Goodman Safer*

Evening of

April 12th/13th-April 19th

Harry Frolich*

Betty Kruger

Myron Koplin*

Theresa Adler Popper

Marc Winer

Evening of

April 26th/27th-May 3rd

Pauline Bailey

Harold Levin*

Lee Abe Harris

Rhoda Bergman Goodrich*

Rosa Goldman Haskins*

Evening of

April 19th/20th-April 26th

Baris Goodrich*

Ethel Koplin*

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>22 adar II</small>	2 <small>23 adar II</small>	3 <small>24 adar II</small>	4 <small>25 adar II</small> 7 AM MINYAN	5 <small>26 adar II</small> 7:40 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	6 <small>27 adar II</small> 8:36 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Shemini</i>
7 <small>28 adar II</small>	8 <small>29 adar II</small>	9 <small>1 nisan</small>	10 <small>2 nisan</small>	11 <small>3 nisan</small> 7 AM MINYAN	12 <small>4 nisan</small> 7:45 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	13 <small>5 nisan</small> 8:41 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Tazria</i>
14 <small>6 nisan</small> SUNDAY SCHOOL	15 <small>7 nisan</small>	16 <small>8 nisan</small> <i>ROSH CHODESH</i>	17 <small>9 nisan</small>	18 <small>10 nisan</small> 7 AM MINYAN	19 <small>11 nisan</small> 7:50 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	20 <small>12 nisan</small> 8:47 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Metzora</i>
21 <small>13 nisan</small> SEEDLING CLASS CONFIRMATION CLASS LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/POOL PARTY SEARCH FOR CHAMETZ	22 <small>14 nisan</small> 7:52 PM <i>FIRST SEDER</i>	23 <small>15 nisan</small> 8:50 PM <i>PASSOVER</i>	24 <small>16 nisan</small> 8:50 PM <i>PASSOVER</i>	25 <small>17 nisan</small> 7 AM MINYAN <i>INTERMEDIATE DAY</i> PASSOVER	26 <small>18 nisan</small> 7:55 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE <i>INTERMEDIATE DAY</i> PASSOVER	27 <small>19 nisan</small> 8:53 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>INTERMEDIATE DAY</i> PASSOVER
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