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Upcoming Services

Thursday, May 2

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 3

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 4

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 9

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 10

6:15 pm Service

Friday, May 17

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 18

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 23

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 24

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, May 25

9:30 am Service

Saturday, May 11

9:30 am Service

Thursday, May 30

7:00 am Minyan

Thursday, May 16

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, May 31

6:15 pm 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 - May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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 - May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7 am

[https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/94233255435?pwd=NDg2bE5jejFOcVpqay9MZm42VGp0QT09)

[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 - May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:15 pm

[https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=](https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUF11TnYvcm9VZz09)

[RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUF11TnYvcm9VZz09](https://zoom.us/j/93760006426?pwd=RERBMU5KQ1cwR0RRUF11TnYvcm9VZz09)

Passcode: 661400

By Phone: 1-929-436-2866

Meeting ID: 937 6000 6426 Password: 661400

Saturday Morning Service - May 4, 11, 18, 25 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



A Word From the Rabbi

Making Each Day Count

May is already here! The opening weekend features our scholar-in-residence, Janice Friebaum. Many thanks to Jami Gaudet, to Roz Simson, to our shul leaders who made this special weekend come together. If you're in town I hope you make the most of these opportunities!

Changing gears for a moment - whether it's the ongoing misery and suffering of the grinding war in Gaza, the reverberations on college campuses near and far — the dystopian scenes of Jewish students being barred from attending classes, the chilling authoritarian rhetoric which is spewed by various politicians (here and elsewhere) — words which hardly elicit a response (!) from a polarized and thoroughly worn out public... It's not hard to understand why folks tune it all out. History is no longer lightly tapping each of us on the shoulder. This is dangerous terrain. Our looking away and seeking distraction will not make our very real challenges disappear.

We're in the season of counting the days between Passover and Shavuot. The daily count preserves a memory of an ancient barley harvest...how does this daily count speak to us? Like other rituals, it's an opportunity to focus, to pay attention, to notice something each day, to make meaning of our journey. Our sages refashioned the ancient early summer 'first fruits' (bikkurim) into a celebration of the Torah, renewal of our passion for Torah. When a Kehilla brings a scholar to town, its members are dedicating themselves to learning and to celebrating community. Personally — all of this takes me back three decades (!) - bringing to mind a wide array of talented, thought-provoking teachers who have enriched us, entertained us, challenged us to think deeply.

Each day counts. Let's take notice, let's learn together, let's celebrate community, let's grow and find ways to really make a difference!



A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENTS

Everyone has heard the old adage about April showers bringing May flowers. It is true! Please take time to enjoy all the beautiful flowers and trees all over Macon and especially at our own CSI. It is hard to believe that a little more than ten years ago we were getting ready to welcome back Rabbi Rubinstein to our Congregation. Thank you for all you do to make our Kehilla warm and spiritual! We also want to acknowledge the 11th anniversary for our secretary extraordinaire, Stephanie Johnson. She has been a great help making sure our synagogue is up and running each and every day!

May will be a busy month with guests and programming abounding. Our first weekend in May will be a wonderful Scholar-in-Residence /Yom HaShoah Weekend with our speaker, Janice Friebaum. She will give a short D'Var Torah at the Friday night service, followed by a Shabbat dinner. The weekend continues on Saturday morning with our regular Saturday morning service, followed by kiddush lunch. On Saturday evening, there is additional programming and a Havdalah service at the home of Jami and Jimmy Gaudet. On Sunday, our weekend will conclude with the Yom HaShoah program, and Ms. Friebaum will be our featured speaker. More details can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

A notice will be going out soon for our annual Congregational meeting in June. Please let Stephanie know about any of our CSI family members graduating so that we may honor them in our next bulletin. We do not want to leave anyone out. Although Spring is here, the weather is still a bit unusual for this time of year, and the pollen count is extremely high, so be sure and take extra precautions to avoid the springtime colds, allergies, and any remaining flu or COVID still hanging around by staying home if you are ill and frequently washing your hands. Please make good use of antiseptic hand cleaners and use Kleenex when you sneeze.

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

Shalom!

Shelley and Jan



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet at 1 pm on Sunday, May 12th via Zoom to discuss *On God: An Uncommon Conversation*, by Norman Mailer. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com.



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, 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.

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

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)

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)

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."



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

YOM HASHOAH
Holocaust Remembrance Day

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
Sunday, May 5 - 3:00 pm

**Transgenerational Trauma:
Holocaust Survivors & Their Descendants.**
Yom Hashoah & its call "to remember."
Speaker - Janice Friebaum

CSI & TBI members are welcome to invite guests, but for security, names must be submitted to secretary@csimacon.org or (478) 745-4571 by Wednesday, May 1

Need college money? Start here. JANUARY - APRIL 30 Full Academic Year
AUGUST - SEPT 30 Spring / Summer Only

Higher Ed is expensive!
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JELF provides interest-free loans for college, graduate and vocational programs to Jewish students with demonstrated financial need. Our gift is in the savings!

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**May
Anniversaries**

- 15 - Peggy & Ben Feldman
- 23 - Joan & David Kent
- 24 - Shelley Davidson & Jeff Lehman



Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman
Billy Singer
Henry Koplin
Miriam Wengier
David Frolich

15 - James & Janice Bailey
19 - Shalom & Jacob Keenum
26 - Mark Bresler & Trudy Posner
26 - Joel & Kristy Yashinsky



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

**In memory of my beloved
father, James A. Huskey**
Joanna Huskey

In memory of Beulah Bresler
Mark Bresler

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

**Wishing Laurel Robinson a
happy birthday**
Jay & Lynn Freedman



יום הולדת שמח!

May **Birthdays**

4 - Reeda Katz
6 - Rhonda Koplin
7 - Theresa Rosengart
7 - Brian Bloodworth
8 - Carol Kaplan
11 - Ricky Katz
12 - Joel Yashinsky
13 - Alex Koplin
14 - Alan Kirsh
15 - Barbara Chaite
17 - Martha Galindo

17 - Jack Finkelstein
18 - Lara Geller
19 - Jessica Koplin
20 - Lise Dayan
23 - Jay Freedman
24 - Fran Hirsh
24 - Joshua Perkel
25 - Will Finkelstein
28 - Scott Bayme
28 - Robert Donner
28 - Gail Krapf



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 repellent
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 freshener
bleach	hand/foot towels
men's T-shirts (white, size lg, XL, 2X)	\$10 gift cards
men & women's underwear	



May 2024 Yahrzeits

May 3rd/4th-May 10th

Seymour Brown*
Harvey Leff
Nathias Adler
Lena M. Singer
Mark David Turetsky
Leigh Brody*
Sarah Montrose

Evening of

May 10th/11th-May 17th

Rabbi Emanuel Popper
David Lipson

Evening of

May 17th/18th-May 24th

Sarah Lee Haskins*
Barbara Boylin*
Freida Goodrich

Mae Z. Robinson
Michael L. Goodrich*
Stuart Schwartz*

Evening of

May 24th/25th-May 31st

Samuel Melvin Goodrich
Marvin Simson
Mary Divinsky
Ann Goldman*
Dolph Proskauer*
David Van Ollefen
Walter Bailey
Ida Schwartz
Leah Frolich*
Larry Elowitz*
Stewart Klein

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>APRIL</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 3 4 5 6 7 8</p> <p>9 10 11 12 13 14 15</p> <p>16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p> <p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29</p>		<p>1 23 nisan</p> <p>DEADLINE TO RSVP FOR FRIDAY DINNER</p>	<p>2 24 nisan</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>3 25 nisan</p> <p>8:00 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE & SHABBAT DINNER</p> <p>SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND</p>	<p>4 26 nisan</p> <p>8:59 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE & KIDDUSH LUNCH</p> <p>9 PM HAVDALAH & REFRESHMENTS</p> <p><i>Achrei Mot</i></p>
<p>5 27 nisan</p> <p>3 PM YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p>6 28 nisan</p> <p>YOM HASHOAH</p>	<p>7 29 nisan</p>	<p>8 30 nisan</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>9 1 iyar</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>10 2 iyar</p> <p>8:06 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>11 3 iyar</p> <p>9:05 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Kedoshim</i></p>
<p>12 4 iyar</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>13 5 iyar</p> <p>YOM HAZIKARON</p>	<p>14 6 iyar</p> <p>YOM HA'ATZMAUT</p>	<p>15 7 iyar</p>	<p>16 8 iyar</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>17 9 iyar</p> <p>8:11 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>18 10 iyar</p> <p>9:10 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Emor</i></p>
<p>19 11 iyar</p>	<p>20 12 iyar</p> <p>VICTORIA DAY CANADA</p>	<p>21 13 iyar</p>	<p>22 14 iyar</p>	<p>23 15 iyar</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>24 16 iyar</p> <p>8:15 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>25 17 iyar</p> <p>9:16 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Behar</i></p>
<p>26 18 iyar</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	<p>27 19 iyar</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28 20 iyar</p>	<p>29 21 iyar</p>	<p>30 22 iyar</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>31 23 iyar</p> <p>8:20 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	

2023-2025

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