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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



## Upcoming Services

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**Friday, November 1**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, November 2**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, November 7**

7:00 am Minyan

**Saturday, November 16**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, November 21**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, November 22**

6:15 pm Service

**Friday, November 8**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, November 23**

9:30 am Service

**Saturday, November 9**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, November 28**

7:00 am Minyan

**Thursday, November 14**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, November 29**

6:15 pm Service

**Friday, November 15**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, November 30**

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.

**Important change: Going forward, we will now be using *one* link for ALL services. All services dealing with praying/davening and Torah Study will use the link below.**

<https://zoom.us/j/94484008047?pwd=NkN2eVNiOTIMc3kwakpwdFdJdVVPUT09>

**Passcode: 420674**

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

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

November Service Dates and Times:

**Wednesday Torah Study - November 6,13, 20, 27 @ 7 pm**

**Thursday Morning Minyan - November 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 am**

**Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:15 pm**

**Saturday Morning Service - November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 9:30 am**



## **A Word From the Rabbi**

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Fragility and Gratitude

The festival-filled month of Tishrei is over, and we'll sing in the new month of Cheshvan on the first Shabbat of November...during which we'll celebrate the bar mitzvah of Josh Hoffman! And — a quick Mazel Tov to Saybel Shuster and her family on the occasion of her bat mitzvah (the last Shabbat in October)!

I mention these personal family milestones because we all can easily relate to these moments as important occasions for gratitude. Also in the sphere of the personal: When we're in shul (physically present or on Zoom) we're well-accustomed to the ritual of reciting names on the Mi Shebeirach list (prayers for healing and recovery); we know that names come and go...which means that some people recover from illness, that a crisis has passed, or that someone has passed away. This corner-of-the-mind reality hits home when the successful recovery or the person's death is connected to us personally. A close friend of Marty Koplin just passed away, as did Anita Gouse, Joan Kent's sister. We pass along our condolences and love to Marty and to Joan on the occasion of the passing of people who were so important in their lives. I mention these two examples to drive home the fragile nature of our lives.

It's time for the sukkah to come down. Every year, when I put the sukkah up and when I take it down — each task of assembling or dismantling serves as a meditation upon the temporary dwelling which is our physical form; the temporary journeys which describe our lives. They go by quickly. There are the routines - football and track, plays, gymnastics, walking the dog, shopping, etc.

Out in the world beyond our homes, campaigns, voting, wars that occupy Page One, wars that linger off the headlines, grinding on.

And what do we make of it all, the personal, the other stuff? The writer of *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes) — the scroll we revisit each year on Sukkot — opens his discourse with the observation that the sum of all the coming and going is 'hevel havalim,' mere wind. It's here for a minute, it's gone. Yesterday's news. Temporary. He also says "there's nothing new under the sun." Maybe that's true as well. But I don't think that the take-home of *Kohelet* is that it's all meaningless. There's a better question than 'What does it all mean?' The real question is: What does it all mean *to you*? And the reason this is a more compelling question is — the meaning of a moment in a life or the accumulation of all the bits that make up our lives — is not something inherently there; the meaning has everything to do with *what we make of it all*, within the poignant framework of a fragile sukkah. As Tishrei fades away, as we sing in Cheshvan, the take-home of the fragility and the gratitude (for so many things large and small) is about how we stitch it all together into a tapestry of meaning. It really is in the eye of the beholder.

Potential bonus: If fragility is in one hand and gratitude is in the other, while we may feel stretched (beyond our cherished comfort zone), we might discover a cherished companion who can help us through tough moments. The companion's name is humility.



## A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENT

Dear Congregants,

We've made it! From Selichot through Simchat Torah, we davened, sang, fasted and ate (and ate, and ate!) due to the hard work and generosity of many in our *Kehilla*. *Yasher Koach* to all who participated in services over this past month of high holy days and festivals. Thank you to Rabbi Aaron and his family and to the many members of our congregation who helped to make these events so rewarding. Thanks to the Koplin, Wengier, Richards and Rubinstein families for hosting the delicious Sukkah Hops we've attended. And special thanks to Shelley Davidson, Dan Wengier and friends for preparing our Kol Nidre dinner and Break-the-Fast meals.

While we can rest from our celebrations for a few of the coming weeks, we welcome Thanksgiving at the end of November. I hope that yours will be most enjoyable. And then we will gear up for Hanukkah. CSI will hold our yearly Hanukkah Family Night in December; more information will follow in the coming days and weeks. You'll want to make reservations for this meal, once the date has been publicized.

Don't forget the Annual Fund! Many thanks to those who have contributed to our Fund Drive over the course of the past few months. We still need to hear from the rest of you, so please, please remember Sha'arey Israel as you make your gifts this season to all the non-profits on your list. We are depending on everyone in the CSI family to help us meet our goal for the year. Please give as much as you can, and remember: no amount is too small.

For another way to support CSI, think about sponsoring a Shabbat lunch in memory of a loved one who has passed or to honor a living family member or friend. These donations begin at \$36.00 and will be listed in this bulletin and announced from the bimah.

Now that summer has finally left us and we can enjoy the (slowly!) cooling weather, I wish everyone the best of health and happiness in the months to come.

L'Shanah Tova,

Jan

# **Sponsor a Kiddush Lunch at Congregation Sha'arey Israel**

*Honor a Loved One, Celebrate a Milestone, or Remember Someone Special*

Congregation Sha'arey Israel invites you to sponsor a Kiddush lunch, a meaningful way to mark important occasions while supporting our community.

## **Why Sponsor a Kiddush Lunch?**

- Commemorate a special event
- Honor a friend or family member
- Remember a loved one
- Support our congregation

## **Sponsorship Details:**

- Minimum sponsorship: \$36
- Your sponsorship helps defray the costs of our complimentary Kiddush Lunches

## **Recognition:**

- Sponsorship announced in our weekly congregational email
- Acknowledged during Friday and Saturday announcements from the Bima

## **How to Sponsor:**

Contact our office to arrange your Kiddush lunch sponsorship today!

Phone: 478-745-4571

Email: [secretary@csimacon.org](mailto:secretary@csimacon.org)

**Join us in this mitzvah and create lasting memories for our community!**

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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.

**SEEKING NEW COMMITTEE**  
**MEMBERS AND CHAIR**

We have a committee that needs  
new leadership: Social Action. If you



### **THE CSI BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will meet on Sunday, November 17 at 1 pm via Zoom to discuss *From Here: Lessons in Love and Loss from 9/11*, by Felice Zaslau. The author will join us for the second half of the session. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Jan Lewis at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com).

### **ADULT-ED SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

#### **Movie Night on a large screen in the social hall!**

Saturday, November 16

Havdalah at 7:15 pm

Movie at 7:30 pm

The movie will be "Menashe" — a very moving true story about the struggles of a Hassidic man in Boro Park, Brooklyn to convince the members of his community to allow him custody of his ten-year-old son after his wife dies. The movie is in Yiddish with subtitles.

Refreshments will be provided. Following the screening, we'll have a discussion of the movie for anyone who wants to stay.

think you might want to chair this committee, please contact Jan Lewis at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com).

Also - CSI invites all members to serve on one or more committees. What are your interests? How could they fit in with one of our working groups? The list of committees is below:

Adult Education and Cultural Affairs

Board of Education

Cemetery

Gifts and Memorials

House

Kitchen

Marketing/Communication

Membership

Ritual

Security

Social Action/Military Affairs

Special Projects

We want your input and we need your help in running CSI, so please feel free to volunteer. Contact Jan Lewis and she will answer your questions.

Rabbi Aaron will be out of town November 9-10.

He is meeting with congregants by appointment.

You can call him at 478-250-5952 to schedule an appointment.



***Mazel tov to  
Joshua Hoffman***

on his Bar Mitzvah.

He will be leading out on  
the Saturday Morning  
Service November 2nd. The  
celebration will be followed by  
kiddush lunch in the auditorium.



**Hanukkah Family  
Night**

CSI is planning a Hanukkah  
Family Night on a Sunday in  
December. More details and a  
date are forthcoming.



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**In memory of my beloved  
mother, Shirley Huskey**  
Joanna Huskey

**In memory of my beloved  
mother, Eva C. Wolf**  
Sandra W. Singer

**In memory of my beloved  
Henrick Pieniek**  
Miriam Wengier

**In memory of Kay Morrison**  
Israel

**To a happy, sweet and safe  
new year to the entire**



# Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel  
extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman  
Henry Koplin  
Miriam Wengier

**CSI congregation**  
Eleanor Jennings & Faye Mizrahi

**In honor of Alan Goldman  
with wishes for a  
good new year  
Laurel Robinson**

**Kiddush lunch sponsored in  
honor of Melvin Blumenthal**  
The Blumenthal Family



## ENDOWMENT DONATION

**In honor of Melvin Kruger  
with love and admiration**  
By Renee F. Arogeti and Family



## November Birthdays

- 1 - Diane Vogel  
3 - Mark Bresler  
3 - Kive Wengier  
4 - Ellen Ziesenhene  
6 - Hezekiah Keenum  
7- Isaiah Heard  
9 - Jonathan Hoffman  
10 - Michael Bashuk  
11 - Aaron Perkel  
11 - Micah Cornelius  
12 - Sephorah Wengier  
13 - David Kent  
17 - Cameron Bullington

17 - Porter Bullington  
18 - Amitai Ilan  
19 - Jonathan Hoffman  
21 - Rachael Koplin  
22 - Daniel Wengier  
23 - Allison Krapf  
27 - Marc Lipson  
28 - James Bailey  
29 - Leah Chanin  
29 - Juan Lleras



### **November**

### **Anniversaries**

6 - Lance Simon & Jacob Redd  
10 - Louis & Emily Piassick  
20 - Rabbi Aaron & Sharona  
Rubinstein  
22 - Paul & Diane Jahr  
22 - Robert & Theresa Rosengart  
23 - Alan & Hershene Goldman  
25 - Robert & Linda Blumenthal  
26 - Greg & Debbie Ziesenhene  
30 - Edward & Diane Vogel  
30 - Joe & Ellen Finkelstein



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



## **November 2024 Yahrzeits**

**Evening of**  
**November 1st/2nd-November 8th**

Julius Klein  
James H. Sharp

Elaine Dribbon  
Fillmore Krieger\*  
Arnold E. Dayan

Irene Sharp  
Leroy Paller  
Isadore Kirsh

**Evening of**  
**November 8th/9th-November 15th**

Marvin L. Weger  
Saul H. Dayan  
Roslyn Betty Schwartz\*  
Marilyn Silber  
Rose Esther Weiner  
Melvin Blumenthal  
Harry Kamensky

**Evening of**  
**November 15th/16th-November 22nd**

Pearly Kahn  
Louis Montrose\*  
Isaac "Ike" Dreizin\*  
Lawrence Kahn  
Norman Cohen

Elsie S. Kruger\*  
Manuel Krugman

**Evening of**  
**November 22nd/23th-November 29th**

Izzy Udinsky  
Rabbi Hyman Fishman\*  
Leon Kaplan\*  
Maurice Dayan  
Morris Cohen\*

**Evening of**  
**November 29th/30th-December 6th**

Helen Cohen\*  
Florence Elowitz  
Irving Wolf  
Louis Haskins\*  
Helen Lewis  
Ira Nathaniel Polk  
Mark Donner

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>			<p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>1 30 tishri</p> <p>6:24 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH</b></p>	<p>2 1 cheshvan</p> <p>7:20 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p>JOSH HOFFMAN BAR MITZVAH</p> <p><b>Noach</b></p> <p><b>ROSH CHODESH</b></p>
<p>3 2 cheshvan</p>	<p>4 3 cheshvan</p>	<p>5 4 cheshvan</p>	<p>6 5 cheshvan</p>	<p>7 6 cheshvan</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>8 7 cheshvan</p> <p>5:19 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>9 8 cheshvan</p> <p>6:15 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><b>Lech Lecha</b></p>
<p>10 9 cheshvan</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>11 10 cheshvan</p> <p>CANADIAN REMEMBRANCE DAY</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12 11 cheshvan</p>	<p>13 12 cheshvan</p>	<p>14 13 cheshvan</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>15 14 cheshvan</p> <p>5:14 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>16 15 cheshvan</p> <p>6:11 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><b>Vayera</b></p>
<p>17 16 cheshvan</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>18 17 cheshvan</p>	<p>19 18 cheshvan</p>	<p>20 19 cheshvan</p>	<p>21 20 cheshvan</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>22 21 cheshvan</p> <p>5:11 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>23 22 cheshvan</p> <p>6:09 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><b>Chaye Sarah</b></p>
<p>24 23 cheshvan</p>	<p>25 24 cheshvan</p>	<p>26 25 cheshvan</p>	<p>27 26 cheshvan</p>	<p>28 27 cheshvan</p> <p>7 AM MINYAN</p> <p>THANKSGIVING</p>	<p>29 28 cheshvan</p> <p>5:10 PM</p> <p>6:15 PM SERVICE</p>	<p>30 29 cheshvan</p> <p>6:08 PM</p> <p>9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><b>Toldot</b></p> <p><b>SIGD</b></p>

## 2023-2025

### Executive Committee

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Geller

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