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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Upcoming Services

Sunday, June 1

7:30 pm Erev Shavuot Service

Monday, June 2

9:30 am Shavuot Day 1 Service

Tuesday, June 3

9:30 am Shavuot Day 2 Service

Thursday, June 5

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, June 14

9:30 am Service

Thursday, June 19

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, June 20

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, June 21

9:30 am Service

Friday, June 6

6:00 pm Service

Thursday, June 26

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, June 7

9:30 am Service

Friday, June 27

6:15 pm Service

Thursday, June 12

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, June 28

9:30 am Service

Friday, June 13

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. We are 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

Service Dates and Times:

Wednesday Torah Study - June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7 pm

Thursday Morning Minyan - June 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7 am

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 6:15 pm

Saturday Morning Service - June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:30 am



A Word From the Rabbi

A Handful of Summer Camp Thoughts

In the American Jewish Calendar, summer camp season is almost upon us. For staff up at Camp Ramah, Shavuot — the celebration of Torah at Sinai — kicks it all off. I don't view that as a calendrical coincidence. Camp is one of the most powerful investments in Jewish

continuity that we can make. Over a year ago, I was having a very Jewish Driveway Moment listening to NPR; an extended piece about the importance of summer camping for the American Jewish community. To my amazement, I was hearing a snippet of audio from Camp Massad (in the Poconos) in the mid 1960's — I was a camper there a few years later!

Jewish Camp was a critical shaper of my identity, along with the identities of my wife and children. The same holds true for many children and grownups who are a part of this Kehillah. Beyond the nostalgia that summer camp evokes is something that belongs high on the community agenda (here and elsewhere): Jewish summer camping *must* be available to any family that wants to make that investment in our future.

To all our 2025 campers — I hope you have a terrific experience with your friends and counselors, and I look forward to hearing some camp Torah from you!

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



A WORD FROM CSI PRESIDENT

As I write this at the end of May, the sky is black and rain is pouring down. They say May showers bring June flowers. I hope that is true for you and yours. Most days coming up should be warm and pleasant – time for backyard celebrations of all kinds. Speaking of celebrations, congratulations to all the Spring graduates. We're proud of you.

Important Note: For all congregants who were planning to attend the June 8th forum – Building the Next 120 Years – please note that we have changed that in-person meeting at

CSI to an All-Congregation Zoom meeting on Thursday evening, June 12th at 7:00 pm. We will use the same Zoom link that we use for Zoom attendance at services:

<https://csimacon.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c8e9cc4363cedf96445952587&id=c96c6779ad&e=05eaf84292>

Also, I want to invite all CSI members to think about our upcoming elections and to consider if there is a committee that you'd like to be part of. We need our members to step forward and help us run the synagogue. I know that people can be intimidated by the idea of working on a committee, thinking that this will require a lot of time. With a few exceptions, we're talking about a commitment of a few hours a month. I've listed the various committees here, and if there is one that interests you, please contact me:

Adult Education; Board of Education; Cemetery; Gifts and Memorials; House; Kitchen; Leadership Development; Library Committee; Long-Range Planning; Marketing and Communication; Membership; Ritual; Security; Social Action, and Ways and Means.

As I did last month, I've listed our summer events below so that you can put them into your calendars. Please try to attend as many as possible. I want to draw particular attention to our Annual Congregational Meeting in late June at which we will review the past year, discuss plans for the coming year, and elect new officers and a new Board of Governors. Don't miss this important meeting.

Sunday June 1st is Erev Shavuot. There is afternoon programming for kids and adults followed by dinner – reservations for these events were due in May. After dinner is a short service followed by Torah activities; these are open to all.

On **Thursday June 12th**, we will hold our All-Congregation Forum: CSI - Building the Next 120 Years, AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM <https://csimacon.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c8e9cc4363cedf96445952587&id=c96c6779ad&e=05eaf84292>. If you haven't already attended one of these meetings, please plan to attend this one. These meetings are where we offer our thoughts about what is working best at CSI and what we need to consider as we grow. Your input is vital!

Sunday, June 22nd at 4 pm is CSI's Annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall. Our Board of Governors will give their yearly reports and we will hold elections for officers and board members. Please join us!

July 25th is our second Family Shabbat followed by dinner. Held poolside at Marty and Elmo Koplin's home, with a 45-minute Shabbat service, this should be a lot of fun.

Have a great month. See you in shul.

Shalom,

Jan

PLEASE NOTE: To prevent congregants from having to give up another Sunday in June, the forum scheduled for June 8th has been moved to a Zoom meeting on the evening of Thursday, June 12th, as follows.

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CSI - Building the Next 120 Years, **AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM.**

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*See flyer below

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Recognition:

- Sponsorship announced in our weekly congregational email
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Contact our office to arrange your Kiddush lunch sponsorship today!

Phone: 478-745-4571

Email: secretary@csimacon.org

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

Congregation Sha'arey Israel

611 First Street

Macon, Georgia 31210



June 1st is Erev Shavuot at CSI.
Please plan to join us for the
following:

4:00 Laurel Robinson will teach
adults how to make Yads. This
workshop is limited to 20
participants; reservations
required. Sharona Rubinstein will
do a movement workshop with
kids.

6:15 Dairy dinner in the Social
Hall

7:30 Erev Shavuot service, led
by Rabbi Aaron

Discussion and Torah activities to



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

follow dinner.

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Shavuot Day 1 Service

Monday, June 2nd @ 9:30 a.m.

Shavuot Day 2 Service

Tuesday, June 3rd @ 9:30 a.m.

Both services are via Zoom using the usual service link.

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:

Ian Altman

Mark Bresler

Henry Koplin

Miriam & Kive Wengier

David Frolich



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI book club will meet via
Zoom at 1 PM
on Sunday, June 22 to
discuss *Tablets Shattered: The
End of an American Jewish
Century and the Future of Jewish
Life* by Joshua Leifer.

All are welcome.

Please contact Jan Lewis at
janlewis73@gmail.com for more
information.



TODA RABAH TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Elmo and Marty Koplin
for preparing the food for the
May 2nd Family Shabbat.



Please join us on Thursday,
June 12th via zoom at 7:00 pm
for CSI's

All-Congregation Forum:
Building the Next 120 Years.
CSI is 120 years old this year!

At this meeting, we will
discuss where we've been,
where we are, and where we're
going. Everyone's input is
important to us.

Zoom link:

<https://csimacon.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c8e9cc4363cedf96445952587&id=c96c6779ad&e=05eaf84292>

The Krugers for cleaning up after
the May 2nd Family Shabbat.

Dan Wengier for cooking up some
delicious lunches and dinners.



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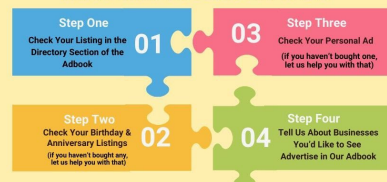
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Here's What We'd Like You To Do:



We could also use more help with this fundraiser
so if you can lend a hand, please let us know ♥



June Birthdays

2 - Jack Kent
2 - Theodore Kent
3 - James Gaudet
3 - Emma Hoffman
3 - Alwin Lopez
5 - Bonnie Cornelius
5 - Merrill Sanden
6 - Sharona Rubinstein
6 - Pam Toland
8 - David Krapf
8 - Sabrina Wengier
10 - Elizabeth Perkel
10 - Ken Wulwick
12 - Shaw Bullington
12 - Marquise Heard
13 - Ina Chanin
13 - Eva Cogar
13 - Sydney Jackson
14 - Jacob Keenum
16 - Ellen Goodrich
17 - Ashley Bernstein
18 - Eileen Crabtree
18 - Douglas Katz
20 - Lauren Edwards
20 - Sofia Heard
20 - Shannon Hirsh
20 - Marc Rosengart
21 - Benjamin Perkel
24 - Richard Singer
28 - Joan Kent
29 - Diane Jahr



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved mother, Barbara Boylan
Pam Hill

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

In memory of my beloved father, Herbert Krapf
Jack & Gail Krapf

In memory of my beloved mother, Leah Frolich
David Frolich

In memory of my beloved father, Marvin Simson
Gary Simson

In memory of my beloved father, Henry K. Pieniek
Miriam Wengier

In loving memory of my father, Dennis Beall
Margaret & Jeffrey Cohen

In loving memory of Michael Goodrich
Nathalie Goodrich

In loving memory of my mother, Lena Singer
William Singer

In loving memory of my husband, Larry Elowitz
Sharon Elowitz

In loving memory of my

June
Anniversaries

2 - David & Bonnie Cornelius
22 - Louis Schlesinger &
Ina Chanin
24 - Ian & Barbara Altman
27 - Daniel & Pamela Toland
27 - Jennifer & Jonathan
Hoffman

mother, Sonja Greasley
Sharon Elowitz

In loving memory of my friend,
Anne Bayme
Carol B. Lanier

In memory of Kay Morrison
Israel

Donation to the
synagogue fund
Jamie Marks

Wishing a speedy recovery for
David & Terri Frolich
Alan & Hershele Goldman

Capital Fund

In loving memory of
David Arogeti
Robert & Carol Chanin

Happy birthday to Alan Kirsh
Robert & Carol Chanin



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is CSI's Annual Congregational
Meeting in the Social Hall. Our
Board of Governors will give their
yearly reports and we will hold
elections for officers and board
members. Please join us!



WALL OF JERUSALEM

To honor the 80th birthday of



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



June 2025 Yahrzeits

Evening of

June 6th/7th-June 13th

Blanche Krugman Rosenberg
Harry Chanin*
Esther Harris
Murray Eckstein

Evening of

June 13th/14th-June 20th

Dorothy Mark Pross
Avrom Roobin
Fannie Zailen Mark

Evening of

June 20th/21st-June 27th

Rebecca Freedman*
Louis Elliott Goldman*
Paul Stein
Leni Wertheimer
Morris Besser

Evening of

June 27th/28th-July 4th

Annette Dotson
William Estroff
Florence E. Schwartz*
Susan Baker

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5 sivan 4 PM WORKSHOPS 6:15 PM DINNER 7:30 PM EREV SHAVUOT SERVICE EREV SHAVUOT	2 6 sivan SHAVUOT DAY 1 9:30 AM ZOOM SERVICE SHAVUOT	3 7 sivan SHAVUOT DAY 2 9:30 AM ZOOM SERVICE SHAVUOT	4 8 sivan	5 9 sivan 7 AM MINYAN	6 10 sivan 8:22 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	7 11 sivan 9:24 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Nasso</i>
8 12 sivan	9 13 sivan	10 14 sivan	11 15 sivan	12 16 sivan 7 AM MINYAN	13 17 sivan 8:25 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	14 18 sivan 9:27 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Beha'alotecha</i> FLAG DAY
15 19 sivan FATHER'S DAY	16 20 sivan	17 21 sivan	18 22 sivan	19 23 sivan 7 AM MINYAN JUNETEENTH	20 24 sivan 8:27 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE SUMMER BEGINS	21 25 sivan 9:29 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Sh'fach</i>
22 26 sivan 4 PM CSI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IN THE SOCIAL HALL	23 27 sivan	24 28 sivan	25 29 sivan	26 30 sivan 7 AM MINYAN ROSH CHODESH	27 1 tamuz 8:28 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE ROSH CHODESH	28 2 tamuz 9:30 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Kerach</i>
29 3 tamuz	30 4 tamuz	MAY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	JULY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31			

2023-2025

Executive Committee

President - Jan Lewis
 Vice Presidents - Michael Kruger & Lara Geller
 Treasurer - Evan Koplin
 Recording Secretary - Pam Hill
 Corresponding Secretary - Allison Bloodworth
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 Parliamentarian/Security - Theresa Rosengart

2023-2025 Board Chairs

Adult Education - Rosalind Simson
 Board of Education - Jennifer Bernstein
 Cemetery - Marty Koplin
 Gifts & Memorials - Markus Hill
 Membership - Pam Webster
 House - Jonathan Atzmon
 Ways and Means - Michael Kruger & Lara Geller
 Ritual - Jeff Lehman
 Special Projects - Gary Simson
 Long-Range Planning - Sabrina Wengier
 Marketing/Communications - Chip Koplin



Secretary - Stephanie Johnson

Office Hours

8 am - 4 pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

8 am - 12 pm Friday

Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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