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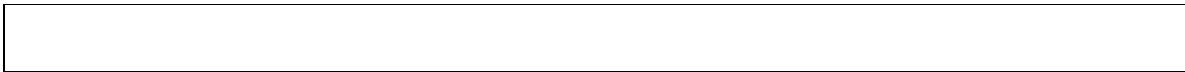
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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein





Upcoming Services

Friday, August 1

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, August 2

9:30 am Service

9:15 pm Havdallah

Thursday, August 7

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, August 8

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, August 9

9:00 am Service

Thursday, August 14

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, August 15

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, August 16

9:30 am Service

Thursday, August 21

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, August 22

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, August 23

9:30 am Service

Thursday, August 28

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, August 29

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, August 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.

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 - August 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7 pm

Thursday Morning Minyan - August 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 am

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

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

***(Saturday Morning Service - August 9 at 9:00 am)**

Saturday Evening Havdallah - August 2 at 9:15 pm

CSI Office

Please note that the CSI secretary will be out of the office
September 5-15, 2025.



A Word From the Rabbi

From Mourning into Consolation

As August begins, we observe Tisha B'av (Saturday evening, August 2 until Sunday evening, August 3), commemorating the destruction of the ancient holy Temples, along with a host of tragic events. And then — a dramatic shift unfolds right after the Fast day ends. Brady Kruger's bar mitzvah haftarah (Saturday, August 9) opens with words of consolation: *Nachamu, nachamu ami, yomar Eloheychem* — "Take comfort, take comfort, My people, says your God."

Short rabbinic tangent: I had the privilege of officiating at the bar mitzvah of Brady's dad, Michael — 30 (!) years ago. My cup (of rejoicing) is full to the brim.

This prophetic selection is the first of seven, taking us to the threshold of a new year. Cumulatively, the tone is all about reconciliation. God will never abandon us. We share an eternal bond. The prophets assured our ancestors of God's abiding love and care. Through the darkness and the sadness — we hold fast to hope and renewal. We remind ourselves and each other that we possess the power to plant seeds of blessing, to take the next step forward. Joy and light aren't too far away. Take comfort!

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



A WORD FROM CSI CO-PRESIDENTS

It's August, which means Summer is still in full effect, but many people are getting ready to go back to a normal schedule. Kids will soon be heading back to school, and we will soon look forward to preparing for the High Holidays.

On a personal note, this month will be one of the highlights of my life as my first-born son will be called to the Torah 30 years after I did the same (on the same bimah with the same rabbi!). This is one of those moments parents think about; the minute their child is born and watching them grow up and prepare for this moment is something special, not just for the parents but all those in the community who have been able to witness this transformation.

The following month will be the time for High Holidays, beginning with Selichot which is only about 6 weeks away. More announcements are to come regarding the holidays. We hope to see everyone at shul for all the coming events.

Here are some dates this month to note:

Saturday, August 2: The Fast of Tisha b 'Av. We will have a Havdalah service that night at 9:15 PM followed by the chanting of Lamentations.

Saturday, August 9: Brady Kruger's Bar Mitzvah. The congregation is invited to the service with a wonderful Kiddush luncheon to follow hosted by Steve & Shelley Kruger. We will have many visitors in town for the event so please give them all a warm welcome to Macon. Also, please note we will be starting the service at 9AM, which is a little earlier than the typical Saturday morning service.

Sunday, August 17: We will be welcoming Neil Rabinowitz to conduct a Situational Awareness & Countering Active Threats Training. With today's political climate and the continual news of anti-Semitic incidents, we feel that it's very important that we all be vigilant and prepared for anything. Please plan to attend this important event.

September Dates to Remember:

- **September 13** – Selichot
- **September 22** – Erev Rosh Hashanah
- **September 23 & 24** – Rosh Hashanah Services

Hope everyone is having a great summer!

Shalom,

Michael & Jan

Welcome to Our Newest CSI Member - Harris Kent

I grew up in Macon. I went to Sunday School at CSI from my youth until my Bar Mitzvah by Rabbi Rubinstein. I graduated from high school in Macon in the spring of 2004. Next, I graduated from Hofstra University on Long Island in 2009 and lived in NYC thereafter. I moved back to Georgia in my mid 20s. I currently run a digital education business with my younger brother. We sell various types of content, education, and test prep to universities, hospital systems, and medical providers in the US. I enjoy traveling, golfing, reading, having fun, laughing, my family, etc. While I have not been a regular at a synagogue in many years, my Jewish identity has always been very important to me. I look forward to reconnecting with the synagogue I grew up in and helping establish a stronger Jewish community in Macon.

Kiddush Lunch Sponsor

Robert & Linda Blumenthal are sponsoring Kiddush lunch September 6th in honor of Linda's birthday.

**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

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

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High Holiday Schedule

2025

Date	Who	Activity	Time	Location
13-Sep	CSI	Selichot Program	8:15 PM	CSI
22-Sep	CSI	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:00 PM	CSI
23-Sep	CSI	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	9:00 AM	CSI
23-Sep	CSI	Tashlikh - Wesleyan College	5:00 PM	
24-Sep	CSI	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	9:00 AM	CSI
28-Sep	CSI	Cemetery Service	10:30 AM	Rose Hill New Section
1-Oct	CSI	Erev Yom Kippur Dinner	5:15 PM	CSI
1-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre- Mincha Service	6:30 PM	CSI
1-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre- Musical Interlude	6:45 PM	CSI
1-Oct	CSI	Kol Nidre	7:00 PM	CSI
2-Oct	CSI	Yom Kippur Service	9:00 AM	CSI
2-Jan	CSI	Yom Kippur Afternoon Service	5:30 PM	CSI
2-Oct	CSI	Break the Fast	7:45 PM	CSI
6-Oct	CSI	Supper in the Sukkah	6:15 PM	CSI
7-Oct	CSI	Sukkot Service Day 1	9:30 AM	CSI
8-Oct	CSI	Sukkot Service Day 2	9:30 AM	CSI
7-Oct	CSI	Sukkot Hop Warner Robins	TBD	Wengier's House
8-Oct	CSI	Scotch in the Sukkah	7:00 PM	Elmo/Marty's House
9-Oct		Sukkot Hop Milledgeville	TBD	Vickie's House
10-Oct	CSI	Shabbat Dinner Rubinstein House	7:30 AM	Rubinstein's House
14-Oct	CSI	Shemini Atzeret- Yizkor	9:30 AM	CSI
14-Oct	CSI	Erev Simchat Torah	7:00 PM	CSI
15-Oct	CSI	Simchat Torah	9:30 AM	CSI



THE CSI BOOK CLUB



The CSI Book Club will not meet in August. The next Book Club meeting is September 7th.

The book for September is *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom. All are welcome. Please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com for more information.

TODA RABAH TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Todah Rabah to:
Jonathan Atzmon and Markus Hill
for their hard work in repairing our CSI building, the parsonage, and the sukkah.
Gary Simson for finishing his stint as Chair of Leadership Development.

Save the Date

You are encouraged to mark your calendars and attend this important event!

EVENT:

Countering Active Threats Training (CATT)

& Situational Awareness Presentation

WHERE:

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
Synagogue Main Sanctuary
611 First Street / Macon, Georgia
(use Plum Street entrance)

WHEN:

Sunday, August 17, 2025
at 1:30 pm
(arrive 10-15 minutes early to get signed in)

PRESENTER:

Neil Rabinovitz
Regional Director, Southeast /
Secure Community Network
in collaboration with CSI Security Committee

RSVP required with attendee name(s) & contact info (email/ phone) by August 12, 2025 for admittance to secretary@csimacon.org.



Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman
Mark Bresler
Henry Koplin
Miriam & Kive Wengier
David Frolich



High Holiday Honors

Please get in touch with Evan Koplin at kopline@mac.com if you wish to secure an honor, which is another important fundraiser for the shul.

Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur Maftir
\$300.00

Kohen Aliyah for all services
\$300.00

Levi Aliyah \$300.00

All other Aliyot \$300.00

For all other honors (such as English readings), donations of any amount are always welcome. Don't hesitate to contact Evan Koplin to secure an honor.

Hagbah/G'lilah

P'ticha (opening Ark curtain)

SAVE THESE DATES
EVENTS at CSI

7/25 6PM	Family Shabbat Koplin's Pool
9/13	Selichot Program
10/1	Kol Nidre Dinner
10/5	Sukkah Decorating @ CSI
10/6	Supper In The Sukkah
10/10	Supper @ Rubinstein's Sukkah
10/24	Family Shabbat @ CSI
12/14	Chaukah Family Night & Menorah Lighting Downtown Macon
2/6/26	Family Shabbat
3/2/26	Purim Shpiel
4/12/26	Yom HaShoah Program @ CSI
5/8/26	Family Shabbat

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We Are Putting Together All The Pieces Of The 2025-26 CSI Adbook

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

- Step One** Check Your Listing in the Directory Section of the Adbook
- Step Two** Check Your Birthday & Anniversary Listings (if you haven't bought any, let us help you with that)
- Step Three** Check Your Personal Ad (if you haven't bought one, let us help you with that)
- Step Four** Tell Us About Businesses You'd Like to See Advertise in Our Adbook

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



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.



יום הולדת שמח!

August Birthdays

- 4 - Solomon Hirsh
- 5 - Stephanie Johnson
- 7 - Ian Altman
- 10 - Zohar Rubinstein
- 13 - Elijah Bloodworth
- 15 - Edward Vogel
- 16 - Jeffrey Lehman
- 17 - Laura Lucy Ilan
- 19 - Seth Hirsh
- 21 - Ronnie Wulwick
- 22 - Sigfried Dayan
- 23 - Richard Bullington
- 28 - Sylvia Bayme
- 30 - Chrissy Crabtree
- 30 - Joshua Cohen



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.



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved father,
Leon Singer
Richard Singer
Billy Singer

In memory of my beloved father,
Raymond Arogeti
Shelley Kruger

In memory of my beloved father,
Henry Vogel
Ed Vogel

In memory of my beloved sister,
Katherine Eidex
Richard Singer

In memory of Robert Schwartz
Alan & Hershene Goldman
Pam & Markus Hill
Elly Jennings
Kay Greer
George E. Youmans
Louis Chanin & Ina Schlesinger
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Goldman

August
Anniversaries

9 - Henry & Debbie Oliner
15 - Gary & Rosalind Simson
16 - Burt & Dorothy Haskins
17- Bill & Pam Webster
20 - David & Terri Frolich
20 - Steve & Shelley Kruger
22 - Al & Cara Bayme
28 - Douglas & Reeda Katz



KRUGER TORAH FUND

*In memory of my beloved son, Jeff
Kirsh*

Alan & Fran Kirsh

In memory of Jeff Kirsh
David & Terri Frolich

Claire Balser

ANNUAL FUND DONATIONS

Israel

In memory of Robert Schwartz

Brad Proctor

DR. PIERCE ANNES
EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE
FUND

In memory of Robert Schwartz

Mr. & Mrs. Barry Schulman



RABBI'S
DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Bobby Schwartz

Scott Sell

Dr. Russell G. O'Neal

*Generous thanks for the
Rabbi's time and stories*
Abra Greenspan



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		



August 2025 Yahrzeits

Evening of August 1st/2nd-August 8th

Bess Cotton*
Anna Vogel
Evelyn Weiner Chanin*
John Jennings*
Marvin Kirsh

Evening of August 8th/9th-August 15th

Irma Dansky

Evening of August 15th/16th-August 22nd

Fanny Kahn
Marshall Hutten
Morris Potosky
Alan I. Stencel

Evening of August 22nd/23rd-August 29th

Joseph Oliner
Frances Kamensky
Alma Dykman

Evening of August 29th/30th-September 5th

Morris Cohen
Gladys Rosen
Meyer Mendelson Schneider
Barry Freedman*
Abby Hirsch
Carmen Gaudet
Elissa Lois Geller
Bea Marshall*

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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24 30 av ROSH CHODESH 31 7 elul	25 1 elul ROSH CHODESH	26 2 elul	27 3 elul	28 4 elul 7 AM MINYAN	29 5 elul 7:44 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	30 6 elul 8:39 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE <i>Re'eh</i> <i>Shofetim</i>

2025-2026

Executive Committee

Co-Presidents - Jan Lewis, Michael Kruger
 Vice President - Lara Geller
 Treasurer - Evan Koplin
 Recording Secretary - Pamela Hill
 Corresponding Secretary - Allison Bloodworth
 Ex-Officio - Shelley Davidson
 Rabbi - Aaron Rubinstein

2025-2026

Committee Chairs

Adult Education - Rosalind Simson
 Board Of Education - Jennifer Bernstein, Shalom Keenum
 Cemetery - Marty Koplin
 Gifts and Memorials - TBA
 House - Jonathan Atzmon, Markus Hill
 Kitchen - Shelley Davidson
 Long-Range Planning - Sabrina Wengier
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 Membership - Pamela Webster
 Ritual - Jeff Lehman
 Security/Parliamentarian - Theresa Rosengart
 Social Action - Bonnie Cornelius
 Special Projects - Gary Simson



Secretary - Stephanie Johnson

Office Hours

8 am - 4 pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

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