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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein





Upcoming Services

Thursday, September 4 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, September 5 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 6 9:30 am Service

Thursday, September 11 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, September 12 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 13 9:00 am Service

Thursday, September 18 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, September 19 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 20 9:30 am Service

Thursday, September 25 7:00 am Minyan

Friday, September 26 6:15 pm Service

Saturday, September 27 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 - September 3, 10, 17 at 7 pm

Thursday Morning Minyan - September 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7 am

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - September 5, 12, 19, 26 at 6:15 pm

Saturday Morning Service - September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:30 am

See High Holiday Schedule below for service dates and times

CSI Office

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



A Word From the Rabbi

Days of Awe

Busy season, the High Holy Days — are coming soon. Special foods, special prayers and rituals, cooler weather, please? (That's included in my special prayers!) The Rabbis called the High Holy Days "Yamim Nora'im," (ימים נוראים) the Days of Awe. As I get older, I feel like I'm being slowly clued in to what these words evoke. One prayer in particular (some folks love it, others - not so much, not many people feeling neutral) brings our frailty and mortality into sharp focus. I'm referring to the medieval composition called "Untane Tokef (ונתנה תוקף); you know it — "...who shall live and who shall die?" — somber melody, heavy content. When we're younger, we are really not interested in pondering these questions at length. And for many of us, as we age, this topic feels too close for comfort. We brush up against mortality more often.

Growing up in a rabbinic household, I have warm memories of those melodies, of my dad typing sermons on his Olivetti typewriter, of stirring choral arrangements. But there's an awareness connected to the seasonal changes, something I certainly didn't articulate in my years immediately after college and grad school and seminary — maybe it's something like humility in the face of the bigger picture, a belief (and hope) that the fate of everyone and everything is "bidei shamayim" (בידי שמים), in God's hands. When I was younger, the expression "Let go and let God" simply did not speak to me. And now I hear and feel those words loud and clear. I appreciate the genius in the design of our calendar — a month overstuffed with sacred days which remind us of fragility. (Life is a shaky sukkah! Might as well share amazing food and drink with friends in your fragile hut under the stars!) and nurture our sense of gratitude for each and every day.)

So — people — grab it all if you can. Come learn uplifting Torah from a master weaver (Selichot September 13), come soak in some prayer amidst your tribe, visit with friends in the sukkah, catch Sh'mini Atzeret (Ask Melvin Kruger!), dance with Torahs on Simchat Torah. Open yourselves to the awe and gratitude of this sacred season. To everyone — Shanna Tova Umetuka, שנה טובה, a good, sweet, blessed new year!

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

Welcome to September, cooler weather, with hurricanes and associated storms, and the beginnings of our High Holy Days. As this season of rejoicing, remembering, and atoning approaches, we want to wish everyone a wonderful *Rosh Hashanah* and an easy fast on *Yom Kippur*. We also encourage everyone to take part in other events that are part of this season, including *Selichot* (see below), *Sukkot* and *Simchat Torah*. Check the dates and times for all services later in this bulletin.

A reminder to all:

For security purposes, if you are bringing family members or guests to any event, please let Stephanie know their names immediately. We will be checking names at the Plum Street entrance to the synagogue; you will not be able to enter the building from First Street, so please bear that in mind when arriving.

Be sure to RSVP for the *Selichot* celebration on Saturday evening, September 13th from 8:15 to 10pm. Rabbi Aaron has arranged for us to do a workshop with a local weaver. There will also be some nice snacks and beverages to accompany the evening's program.

As we enter this season, we recall that we have both lost and gained members of our community this past year. Some of blessed memory have passed, while we have added several new and renewing members to CSI, some of whom are already attending services and serving on committees. Thank you to everyone who has mourned with us and who has welcomed our new members to the CSI family.

In the midst of our feasting and our fasting, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur remind us that we are stronger when we are together. In our present world, so filled with uncertainty and division, CSI remains a place of welcome, nurture and hope. In and outside of the shul, reach out to friends and extend kindness to those who may be struggling. May this season inspire us to deepen our commitment to one another and to the values that define our faith and *Kehillah*.

We are grateful for each and every one of you. May this new year bring health, happiness and peace to everyone in our *Kehillah* and to Jewish people everywhere.

Shalom.

Jan and Michael

Welcome to Our Newest CSI Member - Hart Eidelman

My name is Hart Eidelman. I'm in my late 20s, and originally from the New England region. I grew up going to a conservative shul in Holliston, Massachusetts, went to USY youth group in high school, and then stayed in the Massachusetts area for college and then subsequently during the pandemic, where I lived in Providence, Rhode Island for 3.5+ years. After that, I became immersed in grad school in Cincinnati, OH for 2 years, where I learned how to be a Community Planner - now I work for the Planning and

Zoning Commission of Macon-Bibb County! Yes, I moved here for the job, but it was also (in my opinion) just the right time for a change of scenery. Now, I've been enjoying the opportunities to explore the city, eat out at restaurants, cook at home for myself and others, and read books. (I got a Middle Georgia Regional library card already, and am looking to read more in Spanish, which is my second language!) I live downtown, too, only three blocks from CSI! This has made it easy for me to attend Saturday morning services. Feel free to say hi whenever you see me next! Looking forward to being a part of CSI.

Kiddush Lunch Sponsors

Many thanks to Kiddush lunch sponsors:

Sabrina & Daniel Wengier for sponsoring the August 30th kiddush in honor of Robert Blumenthal, Jonathan Atzmon & Hart Eidelman - for a beautiful Shabbat on August 23rd.

Robert & Linda Blumenthal for sponsoring the September 6th kiddush 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

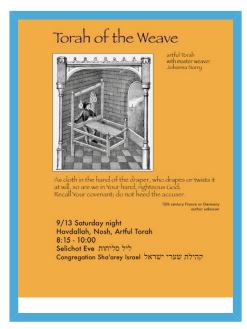
Join us in this mitzvah and create lasting memories for our community!

<u>2025</u> <u>High Holiday Schedule</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	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	Tashlich - 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-Oct	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 PM	Rubinstein's House		
14-Oct	CSI	Shemini Atzeret- Yiskor	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 will next meet via Zoom at 1 pm on Sunday, September 7 to discuss Tuesdays with Morrie, by Mitch Albom. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jan Lewis at janlewis73@gmail.com.



RSVP for Selicht



The Annual Cemetery Service will be Sunday, September 28 at 2:00 pm in the New section of the Congregation Sha'arey Israel cemetery.





RSVP for Kol Nide Dinner



Adult Beginning Hebrew Reading Class

Some Good News! CSI will be



TODA RABAH TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Todah Rabah to:

offering an Adult Beginning
Hebrew Reading class after the
Holidays. This class will be ten
sessions long, will cost \$100.00
per person, and will be taught by
our very own Zohar Rubinstein.

This class is not for children.

The purpose of the class is for adults to become familiar enough with Hebrew to be able to read from our prayerbook without using transliteration.

Anyone interested should contact

Jan Lewis at

janlewis73@gmail.com.

More details will follow in the days to come.



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

Theresa for setting up the event on countering active threats

Elmo and Markus for making the shul look great

Thanks
so much to
Shelley and Steve Kruger
for a beautiful bar mitzvah
kiddush lunch on August 9th.



Mi Sheberach

CSI congratulates
Vickie Richards,
who married Milledgeville
native Steve Pierce on
August 7, 2025!
Our best wishes for many
happy years together.

Diane and Ed Vogel are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary P'ticha (opening Ark curtain)



with an Oneg Shabbat at Congregation Etz Chaim. The address is 1190 Indian Hills Parkway NE, Marietta, GA 30068. The date is Saturday November 29, 2025.

Congregation Sha'arey Israel will always be a part of our family, and we would like to invite members to join us for this occasion. Please let us know if you will be able to attend. Our email addresses and cell numbers are in the directory so email or text us.

Diane and Ed Vogel



September Birthdays

- 1 Blythe Koplin
- 2 Sharon Elowitz
- 4 Kristy Yashinsky
- 5 Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 6 Chip Koplin
- 6 Linda Blumenthal
- 9 Benjamin Toland
- 12 Riley Bernstein
- 12 Milo Gilbert
- 13 Robyn Kranick
- 14 Jack Lipson
- 15 Benjamin Altman
- 16 Peggy Feldman
- 17 Olivia Bayme
- 17 William Harris Kent
- 18 Janice Bailey
- 19 Cara Bayme
- 20 Brittany Mier y Teran
- 21 Sheryl Albert





- 22 Gloria Brody
- 23 Marty Koplin
- 23 Pam Webster
- 24 Robert Blumenthal
- 24 Margaret Cohen
- 25 Barbara Altman
- 25 Evan Koplin
- 26 Allison Brody
- 26 Amanda Kent
- 28 Joe Finkelstein
- 28 Louis Piassick
- 29 Michael Chanin
- 29 Michael Chariin
- 30 Nathalie Goodrich



September Anniversaries

- 1 Matt Garrett & Lori Dreizen-Garrett
- 5 Evan & Marty Koplin
- 9 David & Beth Cohen
- 14 Robert Fieldsteel & Jan Lewis
- 20 Richard & Sandra Singer



KRUGER TORAH FUND

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brady Kruger

By Mimi Renee F. Arogeti & Family

In memory of Bobby Schwartz
Steve & Shelley Kruger

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.



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

In memory of my beloved mother, Anna Vogel Ed Vogel

In memory of my beloved grandmother, Sally Granek Sharon Elowitz

In memory of my beloved father, Norman Slivka
Rosalind Simson

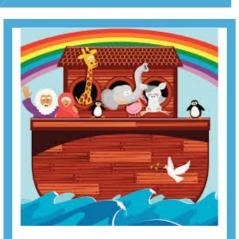
In memory of Robert Schwartz

Steve & Shelley Kruger
David & Beth Cohen
Gerald & Frances Marshall
Alan & Fran Kirsh

Sunday School

Happy anniversary to Terri & David Frolich

Steve & Shelley Kruger

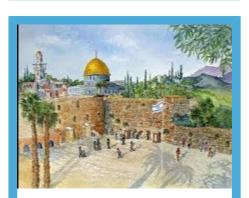


NOAH'S ARK

In honor of

Micah Cornelius' Bar Mitzvah

Bonnie & David Cornelius



WALL OF JERUSALEM

To honor the life of Dr. Bobby Schwartz By The Krapf Family

In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Brady Kruger

By Mimi Renee Arogeti & Family

In memory of Robert Schwartz

Steve & Priscilla Cohen
Martha Cohen Edwards

Capital Fund
In memory of Robert Schwartz
Rhonda Koplin

In honor of all our family and friends at the Congregation

Renee Arogeti & Family Diane & Ed Vogel

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# Dr. Pierce Annes Educational Resource Fund In honor of Sig Dayan's 90th birthday

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Strauss



# RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Julian Willis &
Michael Jeffcoat and
in appreciation to
Jay Freedman & Rabbi
Rubinstein

Maria G. Farley

A special thank you Renee Arogeti & Family



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 <a href="https://depaulusa.org/programs/macon/">https://depaulusa.org/programs/macon/</a>. 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



## **September 2025 Yahrzeits**

Evening of

September 5th/6th-September 12th

Samuel Kahn\*

Lena Divinsky Strumar

Shirley Altman Goldie Eckstein

Shirley Kemper Roobin

Juliet Dayan
Eugene L. Mendel
Emil Hirsch
Fannie Korros\*

Sam Chainin\*

**Evening of** 

September 19th/20th-September 26th

Esther Berkman Kaplan\*

Eva C. Wolf

**Evening of** 

September 26th/27th-October 3rd

Simcha Atzmon Milton Hirsh\* Yitzchok Pollock Raisel Pollock\*

#### Evening of

#### September 12th/13th-September 19th

Charlotte Shepard

Mindel Oxlander

Edwina Beall

Sonia Katz\*

Bess Safer\*

Shirley Huskey

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

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Kruger

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Rabbi - Aaron Rubinstein

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Rosengart

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