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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



## Upcoming Services

**Wednesday, October 1**

*Erev Yom Kippur*

7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

**Thursday, October 2**

9:00 am Yom Kippur/Yizkor Service

**Friday, October 3**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, October 4**

9:30 am Service

**Tuesday, October 7**

*Sukkot Day 1*

9:30 am Service

**Wednesday, October 8**

*Sukkot Day 2*

9:30 am Service

**Wednesday, October 15**

*Simchat Torah*

9:30 am Service

**Friday, October 17**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, October 18**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, October 23**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, October 24**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, October 25**

9:30 am Service

**Thursday, October 23**

7:00 am Minyan

**Friday, October 10**

6:15 pm Service

**Friday, October 31**

6:15 pm Service

**Saturday, October 11**

9:30 am Service

**Tuesday, October 14**

*Shemini Atzeret*

9:30 am Service with Yiskor

7:00 pm Erev Simchat Torah 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 - October 22, 29 at 7 pm**

**Thursday Morning Minyan - October 16, 23, 30 at 7 am**

**Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at 6:15 pm**

**Saturday Morning Service - October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 am**

**\*\*See High Holiday Schedule below for a full listing of service/event dates and times\*\***

Please note that the CSI office will be closed for Yom Kippur October 2, for Sukkot Oct. 6-8, for Shemini Atzeret Oct. 14 and for Simchat Torah Oct. 15.

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## **A Word From the Rabbi**

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### ***Rejoicing in the Festival***

In our tradition, the pilgrimage festivals have long been associated with rejoicing. The festival kiddush as well as the Amidah contain the phrase: z'man simchateinu (זמן שמחתינו), "the time of our rejoicing." God, in the Torah, explicitly commands us: v'samachta b'chagecha (ושמחת בחגך והיית אך שמח), "You shall rejoice on your festivals. You shall be joyous!" What is all this happiness about?

Think personally for a moment about a significant social gathering that you cherish. For me, I can remember (hazily?) more than a few Dead shows that drew me and my fellow dead-heads to various venues. Yes, we soaked in the great music, but, as you may know, it was a scene, people catching up with each other, sharing the vibe, you get the picture... For some of you, it's tailgating and cheering on your team, reveling with your buddies; it's even good when (Heaven forbid!) your team loses. We find our pilgrimages in concert venues, theaters, stadiums, galleries...

It's about community. One of my favorite Buddhist words is 'muditta,' which translates roughly into 'sympathetic joy.' It's the joy you express as you celebrate someone else's good fortune. This word beautifully captures what the Torah's command is about. Celebrating a pilgrimage festival in ancient Jerusalem must have been an amazing scene, an oceanic throng of our people visiting the Temple, admiring the city's beauty.

How do we express this joy? We visit each other in the sukkah (Macon, Milledgeville, Warner Robins/Shul, Koplin, Rubinstein, Vickie, Wengier) - and we catch up with each other. I repeatedly note that Chag (חג) is a sibling to Haj ; both words refer to pilgrimage. Jews recharged their spiritual batteries in Jerusalem; Catholics - in Rome; Muslims - in Mecca. These events — and the tailgating and the Dead Shows and various music festivals — are transformative for the same reason: we catch up with fellow travelers. We are energized by the event. Community is a beacon which lifts our spirits.

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

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## A WORD FROM CSI CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear CSI Congregants,

We hope that you enjoyed Rosh Hashana and that you will be inspired for a New Year during Yom Kippur. Don't forget to come to dinner in the Sukkah on 10/6 – RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST FOR THIS DINNER. And come to at least one of the Sukkah hops, in Macon, Milledgeville or Warner Robins; the list is in this Bulletin. Services for Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah will round out this month's observances. We hope that you'll be able to attend one of these joyful occasions.

At this time of the year, when we begin to read the Torah from its first parashas, our thoughts might be about cycles of renewal, about learning from, atoning for, and then making peace with the past and creating a spirit of hope for the future. As the trees shed their leaves, and the temperature drops (finally!), we can look deeply into our lives and the lives of our loved ones. What do we want that is better, stronger, more inspiring? How can we join with our families and friends to create that? It takes our community, all of us, to band together and bring healing to those who need it, opportunities to those who deserve them, and love to all who can use that most powerful force.

And it takes thanks. So, if we've not said it before, or if we've not said it enough, we your Co-Presidents want to say "thank you" to everyone who works with us, from our Rabbinic family, Board members, committee chairs, and committee members, to all our fellow congregants, no matter how rarely or how often we get to see you. Thank you for being a part of CSI in this season of renewal and hope. Thanks for helping to sustain CSI through good times and bad. Thanks for being here.

Shalom,

Jan and Michael

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## ***Strategic Plan***

### **Strategic Plan Completed – Thank You!**

We are excited to share that CSI's **Strategic Plan 2025–2030** has been completed. Thank you to everyone who contributed time, ideas, and energy to this important effort. The plan focuses on strengthening Jewish education for all ages, deepening congregational engagement, enhancing financial sustainability, building CSI's identity, and increasing acts of *chesed* within both our congregation and the wider Middle Georgia community.

#### **. Highlights of the Plan:**

- **Strengthen Jewish Experience for All Ages** – Expand education for children, teens, and adults, deepen Jewish literacy, and foster a stronger relationship with Israel.

- **Deepen Engagement** – Build connections across generations through meaningful Shabbat experiences, small groups, and regular outreach.
- **Enhance Financial Sustainability** – Grow endowment, launch creative fundraising efforts, and make strategic use of our facilities.
- **Build CSI's Identity** – Strengthen communications, redesign our website and logo, and create welcoming pathways for new and interfaith families.
- **Increase Chesed & Community Impact** – Expand partnerships, interfaith initiatives, and hands-on mitzvah projects that connect CSI to Middle Georgia and beyond.

If you would like to see a copy of the new CSI Strategic Plan, please contact Jan Lewis.

### ■ Free Books for Our Congregation ■

Last year, we cleared out the bookroom and found many prayer books and other books no longer needed. We plan to donate them to Friends of the Library for their annual book sale. But before doing so, we'd love to offer them to our congregation members — free of charge!

■ Two tables will be set up at the back of the Social Hall near the stage. Please browse and take home any books you'd like to add to your home library.

*Share in the gift of learning — bring a book home today!*

## 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!**

Congregation Sha'arey Israel  
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## **2025** **High Holiday Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
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	7:00 PM	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

**Join Us for Family  
Shabbat Service and  
Dinner  
October 24<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm**



Kid Friendly – 45 Minute Service  
Followed by Shabbat Dinner  
There is no charge for dinner for those that RSVP by October 17<sup>th</sup>

**RSVP- Family Shabbat Dinner**



**The CSI Book Club** will next meet via Zoom at 1 pm on Sunday, October 19 to discuss *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel.

All are welcome. For more information, please contact Jan Lewis at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com).

**COMING  
SOON**

**Adult Beginning Hebrew  
Reading Class**

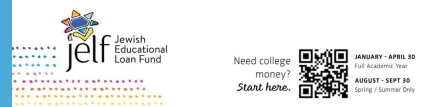
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Diane and Ed Vogel  
are celebrating their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
with an Oneg Shabbat at  
Congregation Etz Chaim. The  
address is 1190 Indian Hills  
Parkway NE, Marietta, GA  
30068. The date is Saturday  
November 29, 2025.

*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

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The **Adult Beginning Hebrew Reading Class** is full. There is a waiting list for anyone still interested in attending. Contact Jan Lewis at [janlewis73@gmail.com](mailto:janlewis73@gmail.com) to be placed on the waiting list.

The class meets for 10 Monday evenings, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Our instructor is Zohar Rubinstein.

The fee is \$100. The first class meeting is the evening of October 20th. There will be a two-week hiatus, and then the class will resume on November 3rd and continue for 8 weeks after that.

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.

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



### SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

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

*In memory of my beloved  
mother, Frances Kamensky*  
Carol K. Chanin

*In memory of Robert Schwartz*  
Ellen Cohen & Billy Singer



### **October Birthdays**

1 - Rivka Brown  
1 - Paul Jahr

3 - Hart Eidelman  
 8 - Ilana Edwards  
 8- Joanna Huskey  
 9 - Mamie Dayan  
 9 - Ben Katz  
 10 - Jamie Gaudet  
 15 - Aidan Scott Brody  
 15 - Lilah Hutten  
 16 - Elijah Keenum  
 16 - Ethan Piassick  
 17 - Eirie Mier y Teran  
 18 - Harris Kent  
 19 - Alan Goldman  
 19 - Natalie Oliner  
 19 - Hannah Toland  
 20 - Isaac Wengier  
 21 - Blair Kruger  
 26 - Ben Hampton  
 26 - Deborah Kruger  
 26 - Howard Perofsky  
 27 - Steve Vogel  
 29 - Joshua Hoffman  
 31 - Sabrina Adler  
 31 - Louis Schlesinger

***Happy birthday to Gloria Brody***  
 Hershene & Alan Goldman

***In honor of***  
***Sharona Rubinstein***  
 Letty Kaplan

**ANNUAL FUND**  
 Carol Besser Fund

**CAPITAL FUND**  
***In honor of***  
***Dr. Bobby Schwartz***  
 Sidney Middlebrooks Sr.



**KRUGER TORAH FUND**

***Happy anniversary to***  
***Doug & Reeda Katz***  
 Terri & David Frolich

***Happy anniversary to***  
***Steve & Shelley Kruger***  
 Terri & David Frolich



**October**  
**Anniversaries**

8 - Henry & Blythe Koplin  
 12 - Frank Jeffrey & Margaret  
 Cohen  
 16 - Sol & Fran Hirsh  
 28 - Marla Kaplan & Ben  
 Hampton



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		



## **October 2025 Yahrzeits**

### **Evening of**

#### **October 3rd/4th-October 10th**

Jean Arnovitz Isaacson

Alvin J. Hirsh

Fannie Estroff Rosen

### **Evening of**

#### **October 10th/11th-October 17th**

Sam Wulwick

Roslyn Hirsch Dayan\*

A.C. Farb

Henrik Pieniek

Billy Cornelius

Pearl Mizrahi

Kathleen Planer

**Evening of****October 17th/18th-October 24th**

Bernardo Lleras  
 Arnold Bogan  
 Sol Altman  
 Lorraine T. Posner  
 Julius Klein  
 James H. Sharp

**Evening of****October 24th/25th-October 30th**

Irene Sharp  
 Leroy Paller  
 Isadore Kirsh  
 Marvin L. Weger

**Evening of****October 30th/31st-November 7th**

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

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

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SEPTEMBER 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			1 9 tishrei 5:15 PM EREV YOM KIPPUR DINNER 6:30 PM MINCHA SVC 7 PM KOL NIDRE SERVICE	2 10 tishrei 9 AM SERVICE 5:30 PM SERVICE 7:45 PM BREAK FAST	3 11 tishrei 6:58 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	4 12 tishrei 7:51 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
5 13 tishrei	6 14 tishrei 6:15 PM SUPPER IN THE SUKKAH	7 15 tishrei 9:30 AM DAY 1 SERVICE SUKKAH HOP AT WENGIERS' HOME	8 16 tishrei 9:30 AM DAY 2 SERVICE 7 PM SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH/KOPLINS' HOME	9 17 tishrei 7 AM MINYAN SUKKAH HOP AT VICKIE'S HOME IN MILLEDGEVILLE	10 18 tishrei 6:49 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE 7:30 PM SHABBAT PINNED AT	11 19 tishrei 7:43 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
12 20 tishrei INTERMEDIATE DAY	13 21 tishrei EREV SUKKOT CANADIAN THANKSGIVING COLUMBUS DAY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	14 22 tishrei SUKKOT SHEMINI ATZERET	15 23 tishrei SUKKOT SIMCHAT TORAH	16 24 tishrei INTERMEDIATE DAY 7 AM MINYAN	17 25 tishrei INTERMEDIATE DAY 6:40 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	18 26 tishrei INTERMEDIATE DAY 7:35 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
19 27 tishrei SUNDAY SCHOOL	20 28 tishrei	21 29 tishrei	22 30 tishrei TORAH STUDY - 7 PM	23 1 cheshvan 7 AM MINYAN	24 2 cheshvan 6:33 PM 6:15 PM SERVICE	25 3 cheshvan 7:27 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE
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**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  
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 Cemetery - Marty Koplin  
 Gifts and Memorials - TBA  
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Ritual - Jeff Lehman  
Security/Parliamentarian - Theresa  
Rosengart  
Social Action - Bonnie Cornelius  
Special Projects - Gary Simson

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**Secretary - Stephanie Johnson**

**Office Hours**

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