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Rabbi Aaron Rubinstein



Upcoming Services

Saturday, February 1

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 6

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 7

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 8

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 13

7:00 am Minyan

Saturday, February 15

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 20

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 21

6:15 pm Service

Saturday, February 22

9:30 am Service

Thursday, February 27

7:00 am Minyan

Friday, February 14

6:15 pm Service

Friday, February 28

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 - February 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7 pm

Thursday Morning Minyan -February 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7 am

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat - February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 6:15 pm

Saturday Morning Service - February 1, 8, 15, 22 at 9:30 am



A Word From the Rabbi

One Day at a Time

As I write these words, the bone-chilling cold seems to have eased up. My cat, transfixed by a couple of birds visiting a hanging basket (noticeably worse for the wear), was making some funny chirpy noises I had not noticed before. (Note to self: time to nurture a few plants and soak in the beautiful light.)

Tu B'shvat, birthday of the trees, will come around in a couple of weeks. The birdsong is most comforting amidst the bare branches - the world invites us to look beyond ourselves.

Daybreak's Annual Sleep-out is coming. You all know that - thanks to the dedicated efforts of Laura and David Ilan (other shul folks who have regularly volunteered include Jo Huskey and Jeff Lehman. My apologies for leaving anyone out.) - our shul has maintained a connection to Daybreak's transformative and uplifting mission in Macon. Please visit this fundraising link and participate in a bit of local Tikkun Olam (mending the world):

<https://depaulusa.networkforgood.com/projects/244815-aaron-rubinstein-s-fundraiser>

There's plenty of strife and hurt out there, in zip codes near and far away. Some of the sadness is too painful for people to speak about. We find ourselves mute, overwhelmed. I hope we don't allow ourselves to become emotionally calloused. We can't fix everything, but we can do something, and no mitzvah is insignificant. Enough said.

Two calendar items to circle: (1) **Shul Super Bowl**: Fun stuff — in addition to the game. Worth your while! (2) **Purim**: Thursday Night, March 13. You know, dinner, shpiel, Megillah, shalach manot goodies. **Don't miss it!**

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

Dear Congregants,

As I write this, our landscaping and trees are covered in the cold, white, fluffy stuff that I remember fondly from my days as a child in New Jersey, when we used to go sledding on the hill outside our house and build snowmen on the front lawn. It's certainly a different look for Macon. I hope that none of our members was too inconvenienced by the storm and that everyone is safe and warm.

Did you know that Congregation Sha'arey Israel is now more than 120 years old? Our Board of Governors is launching a campaign, "CSI: Building the Next 120 Years," to take stock of all the good we already do as a congregation and to start planning for the future. Where do we want to go? Who do we want to be? As a first step, a planning committee is organizing a number of forums of different sizes in the next few months, culminating with one in May at the synagogue. Everyone will be invited to one of the forums, and I very much hope that when invited, you will come and share your ideas about what CSI can do to better serve your and others' needs.

Don't forget that CSI's annual Super Bowl Party and Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, February 9th in the CSI Social Hall. The Ways and Means Committee has decided to honor the location of the game – New Orleans! – by serving a New Orleans-style meal with, activities and appetizers starting at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6 pm, and kickoff is at 6:30. Purchase your tickets now by calling or emailing Stephanie in our office. Adults are \$70 and kids under 16 are free.

Please mark your calendar for Shabbat services the morning of February 1st. The kiddush luncheon afterward will be sponsored by the Fieldsteel/Lewis household to celebrate Jan's birthday.

Remember, everyone at CSI is encouraged to attend Friday night and/or Saturday morning services. We need you to make sure we have a minyan, especially so that those who need to say Kaddish can do so. We'd love to see you in person, but if you can't make it,

please join us on Zoom.

See you at shul, and have a great month!

Shalom,
Jan

Kiddush Lunch Sponsors

Jan Lewis & Robert Fieldsteel will sponsor Kiddush Lunch on February 1st in celebration of her birthday on that date.

Robert & Linda Blumenthal will sponsor Kiddush Lunch on February 8th in memory of Linda's mother, Hannah Ksyonjik Norman.

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!

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
611 First Street
Macon, Georgia 31210



THE CSI BOOK CLUB

The CSI Book Club will meet via Zoom at 1 PM Sunday, February 16, 2025 to discuss *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. All are welcome. Please contact Jan Lewis at Janlewis73@gmail.com for details.



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 CSI funds through our website:

www.csimacon.org

It's easy and quick!



Movie Night in the Social Hall

Saturday, Feb. 15; Havdalah at 7:15 PM; Movie at 7:30 PM

We will screen "Footnote" — a 2011 Israeli film that won nine Ophir awards (the Israeli Oscars) and in the U.S. was nominated for Best Foreign Film.

It's the story of a father and son, both Talmud scholars at Hebrew University. The father is an old-school purist; the son is an ambitious newcomer. Each is disdainful of the other's approach. Things come to a head when the son is chosen for a prestigious award, and the person designated to let him know of the honor accidentally calls the father instead. The film focuses on the dilemma of what to do and the family dynamics that come into play. It's both thought-provoking and funny!

We'll have a discussion afterward for anyone who would like to stay for it.

Sponsored by Adult-Ed

You can designate which fund to honor your loved ones.



**Daybreak/DePaul USA
12th Annual Sleepout
Thursday, Feb. 27, 2025**

Please continue to help and support the great work that Daybreak is providing in Macon to end homelessness by supporting the annual Sleepout. Follow the link below to Rabbi Rubinstein's Sleepout donation page to make a contribution.

[https://depaulusa.
networkforgood.com/projects/
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fundraiser](https://depaulusa.networkforgood.com/projects/244815-aaron-rubinstein-s-fundraiser)

LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER
SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER PARTY
 CONGREGATION SHA'AREY ISRAEL
Celebrate New Orleans Style!

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2025
 611 FIRST STREET MACON, GA
 MARDI GRAS PREGAME CARNIVAL STARTS AT 5:00 PM

CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES
 MARDI GRAS MASK MAKING STATION
 PHOTO BOOTH
 CORNHOLE
 LIVE MUSIC



ADULT TICKETS: \$70
 KIDS UNDER 16: FREE

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This event has been postponed until April 25, 2025
 Join us for a New Member Shabbat Dinner


Services start at 6:15 pm and Dinner to Follow Services



An evening of warmth, community, and connection awaits

Come share a delightful meal, connect with fellow members of our community, and celebrate the joy of Shabbat together.

There will be no charge for members who RSVP by April 21st. Charge after that date will be \$20.00 per person.



SYNAGOGUE & MAZEL TOV FUND DONATIONS

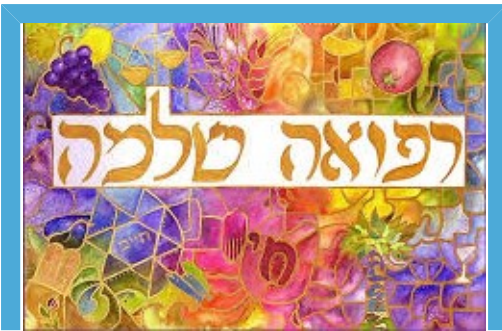
In memory of my beloved mother, Florence Oscherwitz
 Diane Vogel

In memory of my beloved mother, Beverly Kruger
 Steve Kruger

In memory of my beloved father, Olaf Vergil Norman
 Linda Blumenthal

In memory of my beloved brother, Bobby Planer
 Fran Kirsh

In memory of my beloved



Mi Sheberach

Congregation Sha'arey Israel
extends Get Well Wishes to:

Ian Altman

Mark Bresler

Henry Koplin

Miriam & Kive Wengier



יום הולדת שמח!

February Birthdays

- 1 - Jan Lewis
- 1 - David Mier y Teran
- 3 - Hershene Goldman
- 3 - Jonathan Carter
- 5 - Carol Bashuk
- 5 - Graham Bullington
- 7 - Sabrina Yashinsky
- 10 - Charles Brown
- 11 - Morris Purcel
- 17 - David Frolich
- 17 - Catherine Jackson
- 23 - Robert Rosengart
- 26 - Drew Jahr

father, Mike Planer

Fran Kirsh

In memory of Kay Morrison

Israel

In memory of Bernard Lee

Nathalie Goodrich

In memory of Sam Levy

Nathalie Goodrich

In memory of Ida Davidson,

Miriam Lehman and Libby

Cohen

Shelley Davidson & Jeff Lehman

**Donation to the
synagogue fund**

Ms. Jamie Marks

CAPITAL FUND

In memory of Dr. Butch Frank

Robert & Carol Chanin



KRUGER TORAH FUND

In memory of Lynn Freedman

Jack & Gail Krapf

Speedy recovery to

Hershene Goldman

Terri & David Frolich

Speedy recovery to

Gloria Brody

Terri & David Frolich



February Anniversaries

14 - Markus & Pam Hill
20 - Ethan & Trish Hutten
23 - Brian & Allison Bloodworth



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
applesauce
breakfast bars (soft)
sandwich cookie packs
powered lemonade/tea
coffee creamer
instant grits
sugar
brown paper snack bags
plastic spoons
lawn bags - 33 gallon
vinegar
bleach
men's T-shirts (white, size lg, XL, 2X)

large sturdy back packs
Bio freeze
Claritin
daytime cold medicine-no alcohol
eye drops
insect repellent
hydrocortisone cream
reader glasses - 2.00/higher
Benadryl
ponchos
disinfectant spray
air freshner
hand/foot towels
\$10 gift cards



February 2025 Yahrzeits

Evening of
January 31st/February 1st-February 7th

Louis Chanin*
Jadwiga Pieniek
Violet Jacobs
Floyd Bob Chaite*
Isaac Wengier*
Jack Adler*
Yetta Kirsh
Izzie Chanin
Hannah Ksyonjik Norman
Sol Tavor*
Rose Rosenberg Bayme*
Renee Saroff Oliner*
Mildred Simson

Evening of
February 7th/8th-February 14th

Paul Kruger*
Ann Chanin Donner*
Chava Wengier
Celia R. Farb

Evening of
February 14th/15th-February 21st

Jack Bresler
Louis Avrunin*
Samuel Michael Halprin*
David Thaler

Evening of
February 21st/22nd-February 28th

Lillian Rudnick
Victor Hyman Dayan
Hyman Marshall*
Daniel E. Nathan*
Eleanor Schwartz
Charles R. Sussman*

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

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February shevat

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JANUARY 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</p>	<p>MARCH 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^{su} 24^{su} 25 26 27 28 29</p>					<p>1 3 shevat 6:46 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE</p>
<p>2 4 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>3 5 shevat</p>	<p>4 6 shevat</p>	<p>5 7 shevat</p>	<p>6 8 shevat 7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>7 9 shevat 5:55 PM 6:15 SERVICE</p>	<p>8 10 shevat 6:52 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Bo</i></p>
<p>9 11 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL TUBSHEVAT ACTIVITY SUPER BOWL PARTY- DOORS OPEN @ 5 PM GAME BEGINS @ 6:30PM</p>	<p>10 12 shevat</p>	<p>11 13 shevat</p>	<p>12 14 shevat</p>	<p>13 15 shevat 7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>14 16 shevat 6:01 PM 6:15 SERVICE</p>	<p>15 17 shevat 6:58 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Beahalach</i> SHABBAT SHIRAH</p>
<p>16 18 shevat</p>	<p>17 19 shevat</p>	<p>18 20 shevat</p>	<p>19 21 shevat</p>	<p>20 22 shevat 7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>21 23 shevat 6:07 PM 6:15 SERVICE</p>	<p>22 24 shevat 7:03 PM 9:30 AM SERVICE</p> <p><i>Yitro</i></p>
<p>23 25 shevat SUNDAY SCHOOL</p>	<p>24 26 shevat PRESIDENTS DAY</p>	<p>25 27 shevat</p>	<p>26 28 shevat</p>	<p>27 29 shevat 7 AM MINYAN</p>	<p>28 30 shevat 6:13 PM 6:15 SERVICE</p>	<p><i>Mishpatim</i></p>
					<p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	

2023-2025

Executive Committee

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Secretary - Stephanie Johnson

Office Hours

8 am - 4 pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

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