



Congregation Children of Israel
Augusta's Oldest Jewish Congregation
April - May 2012 Iyar-Sivan 5772

Confirmation

Friday Evening, May 18, 2012, 7:30 PM

Ben Bruno	son of Askiel Bruno and Susan Salisbury
Amber Flicek	daughter of John and Pauline Flicek
Rachael Friedman	daughter of Michael and Dana Friedman
Rachel Helling	daughter of Eric and Sandy Helling
Danielle Kronowski	daughter of Kent and Elyse Kronowski
Blake Ledden	son of Ron and Jennifer Jensen
Hope Rock	daughter of Ellin Rock
Jennifer Rosenblum	daughter of William and Gwen Rosenblum
Jaclyn Zibman	daughter of Michael and Jamie Zibman

**Please join us for this important event
in the lives of our teenagers, their families, and the entire congregation.**

Don't miss the Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2012

***Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 PM Meeting at 7:00 PM**

*The main dish will be provided by the Temple. Please contact the Temple office, by Wednesday, May 30, to make a reservation for dinner and to let us know what non-dairy side dish or dessert you will bring: (706-736-3140 or office@cciaugusta.org).



Join Us

**at the annual Congregation Children of Israel
Sisterhood Donor Dinner**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 6:30 pm
The Grille at Jones Creek Golf Club**

**R.S.V.P. to the Temple Office with your contribution
check made payable to CCI Sisterhood**

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President's Message



We've had a great month at Congregation Children of Israel. Lots of positive things are happening at the Temple. The Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Helling on March 17 was wonderful, with over 130 in attendance. Mazel Tov to Lauren, her parents Sandra and Eric, and sister Rachel on a great simcha! Thanks to Rabbi Klensin for a fine service, Ila Abramovitz and all her helpers with the great food, and all Lauren's teachers in the Religious School. When the Helling's first came to CCI, Sandy Helling told me how much Lauren enjoyed coming to the school. Sandra volunteers with the Religious School oversight committee and sister Rachel helps as a Madrichim (or teacher assistant) as well. Eric serves our country as a surgeon in the US Army and recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan.

Purim celebration on March 8 was great with over 50 participants. Thanks again to Rabbi Klensin for a fun service, getting the kids going and doubling as a sound engineer; and to all the volunteers, including Steven Nathan of the Religious Practice Committee, and the Purim Players led by Carrie Collister. It was a fun evening for all. Carrie can really sing! A star is born!

While I was not in attendance and did not win in the drawing, I did hear from everyone that Casino Night was wonderful, with a good turnout as all tickets were sold. Special thanks to David and Meryl Alalof for enthusiastically leading our main fundraiser and all other volunteers who helped make this event a success. The silent auction was a winner as well, and attendees enjoyed the selection and excitement.

Thanks to Jeanie Brody for having the ventilation vents changed out and ducts cleaned. We discussed the need for that, among other tasks, at the March 18 Brotherhood Meeting—then walked around and realized they had been done! Jeanie and Karel Copenhaver have almost completed a great job renovating the women's bathroom with the support of the Sisterhood. The Brotherhood recently changed the light bulbs in the men's restroom (only one of four was working). Things are looking up.

At the Brotherhood meeting I was pleased that we again agreed to support a \$1000 college student scholarship. (See the Brotherhood article for details.)

Your Temple Board volunteers work harder than you can imagine; while I won't bore you with all the exciting details, we had a long three-hour meeting last Sunday night. Of course, those of us attending the Executive Board meeting were there for four hours. Morris Cohen presented a detailed budget that he and the Finance Committee obviously spent hours working on. Financial decisions must be made about everything from building maintenance, salaries and High Holy Day events down to holiday packages for college students are discussed and budgeted for. Elliot Price, Principal of the Religious School, headed up the nominating committee for new Board members for next year. You'll hear about all that and help make those final decisions at the Annual Meeting in May.

On a somber note I have just heard the terrible news about the Rabbi, his two young sons, and a young girl murdered outside a Jewish school in Toulouse, France. Our thoughts and prayers go to those who have tragically lost loved ones, friends, and a leader. I have written in previous articles about my travels and the security measures I have observed at Jewish Synagogues and schools in Europe and South America. My Aunt, Adrienne, is Principal of a Jewish school with over 600 students in London, England, that has 24-hour security—including a guardhouse that overlooks the playground. What can we at CCI do? We have security at nearly all events now, with officers from the Richmond County Marshal's office, not a private security firm. We all have to be more vigilant as well wherever we go. Of course, if you study history and read Torah, you know this isn't the first time.

Shalom, Robin Brigmon.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, May 4

Congregational Dinner 6:00PM
 Shabbat Service 7:00 PM
 Parshat Achare Mot—Kedoshim
 (Lev 16:1-20:27)
 Birthday Blessings

Saturday, May 5

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
 Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, May 11

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
 Parshat Emor (Lev 21:1-24:23)

Saturday, May 12

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
 Torah Study 10:00 AM

Friday, May 18

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
 With Confirmation
 Parshat Behar—Bechukotal
 (Lev 25:1-27:34)
 Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, May 19

9:30 AM Shabbat SVC
 10 AM Torah Study
 10 AM Tot Shabbat
 7:30 PM Havdalah

Friday, May 25

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM
 With Choir Singing
 Parshat Bamidbar
 (Num 1:1-4:20)

Saturday, May 26

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM
 Torah Study 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 27

Shavuot
 Morning Service 10:00 AM

Friday, June 1

Shabbat Service **6:15 PM**
 Congregational Dinner **7:30 PM**
 Parshat Naso (Num 4:21-7:89)
 Birthday Blessings

RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

I hope all of you enjoyed our Second Seder. From all the accounts I heard the service and meal were both wonderful. I would like to thank all those who helped our caterer (Donna Jannik) especially Ila Abramovitz and Pam Gottlieb who worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing the food in advance of the Seder. Ila and Pam were helped by Barbara Mintz, Twila Saitow, Bernice Schlifka, Sandi Nachman, and Marc Gottlieb. The Brotherhood (with help from the women) made all the delicious matzo balls. Jennifer Ross provided the beautiful flowers and Twila and Sandi helped with setting up the tables. Thanks also to Ben Davis and Terri Siegel-Weaver for helping coordinate the kitchen and serving during the Seder.

The next Family Shabbat Dinner is Friday, May 4th with dinner at 6 PM followed by an intergenerational service at 7 PM.

The Religious Practices recommended a new Food Policy that was accepted by the Board of Trustees. The new policy is listed elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Our May Havdalah service is scheduled for: Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 PM. Look for more details in the announcements.

Tot Shabbat will be Saturday May 19th.

Please help us fill the bins in the entrance area (just outside the office) with non-perishable goods. Just think what we can accomplish if we all bring one item each time we come to the temple.

I encourage all of you to contact me with any questions/suggestions you have or if you would like to participate on the Religious Practices Committee. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the Family Shabbat Dinners if you would like to help please contact me.

Steve Nathan

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Our monthly Havdalah service

is scheduled for:

May 19th

7:30 PM Dessert and Discussion

9:00 PM Havdalah

at the home of Pam and Marc Gottlieb
 3004 Park Ave, Augusta

RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



Blood transfusions, even surgery using blood transfusions,
may be excluded from your medical insurance!

And in the name of religious freedom!

But the question is, whose religious freedom would be protected? Not yours or mine. We have all heard about the controversy regarding whether or not Catholic institutions or other Catholic employers should be required to provide medical insurance which covers contraception. The argument has been made that this is not an issue of birth control, but rather of religious freedom. So what if you work for a Jehovah's Witness, whose religion prohibits the use of transfusions, just as strongly as the Pope prohibits artificial birth control. In fact, while reports indicate that some 98% of Catholic women in this country use birth control at some point, most Jehovah's Witnesses are very strict about avoiding transfusions. Let me be clear, I have not heard of any efforts by Jehovah's Witnesses to exclude transfusions from the medical insurance of their employees, but logically, if Catholic institutions and even individual Catholic employers, could exclude contraception from their employee's medical insurance, it follows that Jehovah's Witnesses could exclude transfusions. And if your employer is a Christian Scientist, you might not have any medical insurance from your job, except maybe coverage to see a Christian Science Practitioner.

Yes, the Catholic, the Jehovah's Witness and the Christian Scientist should have their religious freedom protected - we should fight for everyone's religious freedom. But that includes our own religious freedom. Our Judaism teaches that we should seek the care of medical doctors and, when medically appropriate, use blood transfusions to save a life or protect someone's health. Our Reform Judaism teaches that pregnancies should be planned and children should be born to parents who want them, and that sometimes terminating a pregnancy is a proper and ethical decision. Our religious freedom needs to be protected as well.

I think all sides agree that we want to lessen the number of abortions that take place each year, and the best way to do that is prevent unwanted pregnancies. While I understand that some consider birth control as bad as terminating a pregnancy, that clearly is not the teaching of our religion or of most other religions. For those who believe that the only acceptable form of birth control is abstinence, even for the married couple who does not want more children, I wish them well in following their beliefs. Our Judaism, on the other hand, teaches that an active and healthy sexual relationship, without concerns over unwanted pregnancies, is an important part of a marriage.

Last week, a South Carolina Senate panel approved a budget clause eliminating a woman's ability to get an abortion through the state health plan if she is a victim of rape or incest. If a woman wishes to carry to term a pregnancy which resulted from rape or incest, of course she should be able to do so. But for most women, whom our society was not able to protect from rape, to be forced to carry that pregnancy for nine months is, to me, incomprehensible cruelty. Instead of being able to work through the horrible sexual assault, she is to be reminded of it with every kick, with every contraction, with every time she looks at her own body. We are talking about proper medical care for the woman. And, of course, if the proponents of this bill, and other like minded individuals have their way, it would not just be a matter of insurance coverage, but the legal right to terminate the pregnancy. Increased prohibitions of safe and legal abortions will clearly lead to a return to the dangerous, and often deadly, back alley abortions.

In the last hours of this year's legislative session, the Georgia legislature passed HB 954, prohibiting abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy. This bill now awaits our governor's signature. The bill would only allow an abortion after 20 weeks in order to "avert the death of the pregnant woman or avert serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function of the pregnant woman." What if a woman is diagnosed with cancer in the 21st week of pregnancy? With proper treatment, say with chemo and radiation, it might well be that there would be no "serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function". The treatment might cause serious injuries to the fetus, but unless the pregnancy is diagnosed as medically futile, meaning the "unborn child" could not "sustain life after birth" an abortion would be illegal. It may not be clear if the diagnosis of cancer would justify termination of the pregnancy, but how many doctors would take the chance of one to ten years in prison. Can you imagine what it would be like if you, your wife, or daughter was in this situation, without having the option of a legal abortion? What if a very serious anomaly, which might allow the newborn to live for a month or two, was first discovered in week 21, and you had no option but to carry the pregnancy to term?

And what if the doctors determine that continuing the pregnancy will cause serious and permanent mental health problems for the woman? The law is clear: "No such condition (to allow for a legal abortion) shall be deemed to exist if it is based on a diagnosis or claim of a mental or emotional condition of the pregnant woman or that the pregnant woman will purposefully engage in conduct which she intends to result in her death or in substantial and irreversible physical impairment of a major bodily function." So if a psychiatrist determines that the woman is suicidal, extremely likely to kill herself because of the

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pregnancy, the State of Georgia would not allow the termination of the pregnancy! Unbelievable that politicians think they know what is the better choice than the psychiatrist, and the woman herself. What are they going to do, keep her in a straight jacket or padded cell for the rest of her pregnancy. Or drive her to take her own life or have an illegal unsafe abortion?

Anyone who has had to make the extremely difficult decision to terminate a pregnancy knows that, after proper medical care and advice, often including expert genetic counseling, this should remain a very private matter between the woman, her partner and doctor, and not be made by some politicians based on their own values and religious beliefs, while ignoring the religious teachings and freedom of others.

All this in the name of religious freedom and protecting the fetus over the pregnant women's own religious beliefs, her physical and mental health, and maybe even her life!

Years ago I served as chair of the Maryland Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights and today I am a member of the board of Planned Parenthood Southeast. I have been involved in these organizations because there are those who are actively working to deny us the right to follow the teachings of our religion in this most personal area of our lives.

I recently received the letter below from Planned Parenthood. For this couple, what happened to them may not have been an infringement on their religious freedom, but it clearly denied them proper health care, and the right to make their own decisions about their health and family. It is one very sad example of what is happening in this country and why we need to speak out before it is too late.

Rabbi Robert G. Klensin

Stop Arizona HB 2036, Georgia HB 954, and New Hampshire HB 1660

Dear Governors and Legislators,

My state was the first of a handful of states to enact a so-called "20 week abortion ban." I am from Grand Island, Nebraska, where I live with my husband Robb and our beautiful son.

Because lawmakers in my home state of Nebraska passed a sweeping abortion ban similar to legislation poised to pass in Arizona, Georgia, New Hampshire, and beyond, my family's personal loss a year and a half ago became a nightmare. You cannot imagine what we went through.

I implore you to read my story.

In August 2010, I was overjoyed to discover I was pregnant. My husband and I still wanted nothing more than to give my son a brother or sister. For weeks, my pregnancy was proceeding normally. But then 22 weeks into my pregnancy, it went terribly wrong.

On Saturday, November 27, my water broke and there was not enough amniotic fluid for my daughter to survive. This was heartbreaking. If there was anything we could have done to save her, we would have.

What happened next should have remained a very private decision between me and my family and my doctors. As the result of a law similar to a bill considered by your state's legislature, a decision that should have remained mine and my husband's at a very difficult time was decided for us -- and it was decided by politicians we'd never met.

My husband and I agonized over the decision about what was best for our family. After much careful thought, prayer, research and medical advice, my husband and I made the difficult decision that we wanted to induce labor and deliver my daughter as soon as possible.

We wanted to honor our daughter. We wanted to hold her and say goodbye. We wanted to preserve my health.

We should have been able to handle this with dignity with our doctor. The very best medical care should have been available to me. But as I said, Nebraska law interfered.

Even though I wasn't looking for an abortion, my doctor and his legal counsel felt their hands were tied. "If I could help you, I would," he said, looking me in my tear-filled eyes. "But I would go to jail."

The law, as you know, is black and white. Unfortunately, life just isn't. Though an infection was growing inside me, under the law I wasn't sick enough to warrant the induction my husband and I wanted.

Some have suggested my husband and I should have traveled to another state, but we didn't want to leave my doctor's care. And we didn't want to drive home with my daughter in a box.

So we waited. For days.

While we waited, we tried to pray, but we didn't know what to pray for. So we spent our days and nights telling our daughter how much we loved her, how sorry we were, and how we wished we could do something different.

Then on Wednesday, December 8, my daughter was born. My husband and I held Elizabeth as she gasped for air, and mere minutes later she was gone.

There are no words for how awful the 10 days were from the moment my water broke to the day my daughter died. There are no words for the heart-break that cut deeper every time she moved inside of me for those 10 days.

There are no words for the anger I felt when I learned after Elizabeth was born that my infection could have been analyzed, had my doctor been able to get to it sooner. With more information about what caused the problem, we might be able to have a subsequent healthy pregnancy and birth. But 10 days later, the infection was just too severe.

Women and doctors are faced with difficult and complicated pregnancies every day. But the political groups and politicians behind House Bills 2036, 954, and 1660 paint with a broad brush. Even when they concede to health exceptions in the law, women facing a range of pregnancy complications are prevented from necessary medical care. It happened to me. When asked about my circumstances, the author of Nebraska's law said it worked as intended.

This is not about politics, it's about leaving the practice of medicine up to doctors and most importantly, it's about trusting women to make the best decisions for themselves and their families. It's what Arizona and Georgia women deserve.

That my pregnancy ended, that choice was made by God. How to handle the end of my pregnancy, that should have been private.

Please right the wrong that Nebraska did to me and stop Arizona House Bill 2036, Georgia House Bill 954, and New Hampshire House Bill 1660. I want my daughter's life -- and the tragic circumstances surrounding her death -- to stand for something.

Thank you,

Danielle Deaver

Taking Things For Granted

Editorial by Marc Gottlieb



There was a beautiful service at the Temple on Thursday honoring Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day. The Rabbi was prepared, Joanne Greene had worked extremely hard on learning the new music involved in the service and she had asked her husband, a brilliant guitar player to assist her and there were Confirmands there to read and share in the service. There was even a couple there from Adas Yeshurun who had not seen this service before and was curious. It was a short and very relevant service that is actually in the expanded version of our Mishkan Tefilah Prayer Book. The smile on the Rabbi's face when the Confirmands walked in and made a minyan was worth my attending by itself.

What was missing from the sanctuary was a majority of the congregants who belong to the Temple. This led me to start thinking about what I take for granted in my religious life here.

I take for granted that there will be a Reform Temple in Augusta which I can attend for the rest of my days....bad Assumption. Demographics don't support it. I take for granted that there will be a Jewish Community here....again a bad assumption for the same reason. I take for granted that while I am attending services, these services will be meaningful and relevant to me....bad assumption. I love the traditional but I feel we need innovation in our services. This Yom HaAtzma'ut was indicative of the innovation we need but without the Rabbi pushing it and without attendance at the service, it becomes a dubious benefit to a population that takes most of our services for granted.

There are actually quite a few services that are held each year besides the "main" ones like Passover, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that have become important in my Jewish life that unfortunately I take for granted, Selichot, Sukkot, and Havdallahs are just a few. I dare say that the majority of the Jewish holidays are perceived by our Congregants that way.... taken for granted. But what if they were no longer available? What if Jewish Life in Augusta went the way of B'nai B'rith and Hadassah. What if there were no places to share in a minyan in an innovative service. What if there were services but they were services with little or no music....my, our, Jewish life and world would be very different.

I have often alluded to a trip that I took back to New Jersey in which I wanted to visit the Synagogue in which I had made my Bar Mitzvah. It was no longer a Synagogue. It was now a Church. A portion of my life and the other Jewish lives that crossed mine were nothing but memories. I had really wanted to attend services there that trip but it was not to be. My questions are, had those people taken their Services for granted and why did they not have the foresight to change with the demographics and make their services more relevant and meaningful.

I personally hope the Rabbi continues to organize innovative services. I also genuinely hope that CCI members, regardless of politics and other personal agendas and commitments, see the value in attending important but less "observed" services. I look forward to the day when a majority of our congregants are at services including those other than "main" ones.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to all our congregants and friends who helped to make this year's major fundraiser a great success.

Whether you bought and/or sold tickets, attended the function, solicited for and/or purchased from our Silent Auction, and volunteered to help with the event, we sincerely appreciate your efforts. We hope that everyone enjoyed the evening while supporting Congregation Children of Israel.

**With sincere thanks,
Meryl and David Alalof**

CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FOOD POLICY

Background

While not observing kosher laws as done in Orthodox or Conservative Judaism, Congregation Children of Israel for as long as anyone remembers observed the Biblical Kosher requirements of not serving pork (or any pork products) or shellfish (actually any fish or animals that live in the water and do not have fins and scales). In 2004, while Andy Rosenkranz was serving the congregation as student rabbi, the practice was instituted to not serve meat, including chicken and turkey, at the same meal when milk or any dairy products are served.

While we are not strict in our observance of kashrut, we are very strict in following traditional rules of hospitality. We want all those who visit to feel comfortable in our synagogue. All those who will be here for a meal should be able to share in what is served. Just as we would try to meet special dietary needs of individuals who come to our homes, we should do the same when people come to our temple home. If someone is coming to our home for a meal who is allergic to nuts, we would tell them if anything we are serving contains nuts. If we think people are coming to our homes have diabetes, when we can, we should provide desserts low in sugar. If they are vegetarians, we should ask what kind of vegetarians they are (do they eat eggs? dairy products? fish?), and then serve them something they can eat. If observant Muslims are coming to our home, we would not serve them pork; if observant Hindus are coming to our home, we would probably not serve them meat at all, and especially not beef; if someone who is coming to our home only eats kosher meat, we should serve a vegetarian meal, or possibly buy kosher meat to serve him or her. In the same way, we want to show proper hospitality, to the degree we can, to all who come to eat at Congregation Children of Israel.

Policy

Pork, or animals living in the water that do not have fins and scales, are not to be served or brought into our Temple buildings.

For the sake of simplicity, and to avoid confusion, it is preferred that meat and milk products not be served at the same meal. As an alternative, if meat and milk products are served at the same meal, they shall not be combined in one dish. (However, individuals who choose not to separate milk and meat, may, of course, combine the two on their own plates.) Also, foods that are served shall be labeled if they contain meat or milk, so that those who observe kashrut in that way, and those who are vegetarians, will be able to make appropriate choices. An attempt should be made to label dishes that have nuts, contain other ingredients to which people may be allergic, are sugar free, or gluten free, so that everyone can enjoy sharing a meal with us. We should try to ensure that someone who has special dietary requirements, such as being a vegetarian, or who does not combine meat and milk can have a full meal. This policy applies to food which is prepared at the temple, catered, or brought into the building.

Again, while our observance of traditional kashrut is not strict, we are very strict in following Jewish teachings of hospitality, just as we would in our own homes.



TOT SHABBAT
May 19, 2012 10 AM

ADULT EDUCATION

A Tuesday Evening Series

Modern Jewish Thought and Practices

Whether you have been learning about Judaism and Jewish life since you were a child or have only recently begin to you study of Judaism, join us on Tuesday evenings to explore Jewish ideas and practices, both ancient and modern, traditional and creative. Contact Rabbi Klensin for more information (rabbi@cciaugusta.org or 706-736-3140)

First Friday at Congregation Children of Israel

The 1st Friday of each month

Shabbat Dinner and Intergenerational Service

Fridays, June 1, July 6, & Aug. 3

Note summer time change :

Shabbat dinner

will follow the service

5:45 PM Pre-Service Nosh

6:15 PM Intergenerational Service

7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner

Make your reservation for Shabbat dinners
by contacting the Temple office:

706-736-3140 or office@cciaugusta.org

& receive a discount: only \$10 per person or \$25 per family
(without reservations, the cost will be:

\$15 per person or \$35 per family).

We ask those attending the dinner
to please bring a non dairy dessert.

Early Summer Services

June, July, and August

Shabbat Evening Services

will begin at 6:15 PM

in the Platzblatt Lounge

Throughout the summer months we will have early services. Instead of rushing through dinner to get to services, we come to the service early and then are able to go home for a leisurely Shabbat dinner.

Join us at 5:45 PM

for a Pre-Service Nosh.*

**Nosh: Yiddish for Snack*

SHAVUOT

Sunday Morning, May 27

When we think about important Jewish holidays, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Passover, Chanukah, and Shabbat immediately come to mind. Few of us would probably think to add Shavuot to the list. Historically, Shavuot is a very significant holiday, but today it is not particularly well known or understood.

Shavuot, which comes seven weeks after Passover, in late spring celebrates the harvest of the first fruits of the season. However, like other Jewish holidays which have their beginnings in the events of nature and agriculture, Shavuot has important historic meaning. Moses told Pharaoh, in God's name, "Let My people go that they may serve me." The service of God refers not only to the sacrifices, but also to the following God's Mitzvot, the commandments. We left Egypt and after crossing the Sea of Reeds into safety, we arrived at Mt. Sinai, where Moses received the Ten Commandments, or according to tradition, the Torah. Shavuot is referred to in the Siddur as the "Z'man Matan Torateinu - the time of the giving of the Torah."

Join us for our Shavuot morning service on Sunday, May 27, 10:00 AM.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS Steve Nathan, Brotherhood President Pro Tem



We are approaching the time for electing Brotherhood Officers for next year. If you are interested in joining us as a member please contact me.

Brotherhood and Sisterhood held their joint Shabbat on Friday, March 23rd. The two organizations sponsored the Oneg Shabbat and the Kiddush after Torah Study Saturday morning. I would like to express my thanks to the Sisterhood and to the Brotherhood members who helped make the joint Shabbat Service a meaningful event for everyone.

The proposed slate of Brotherhood Officers for 2012-2013 is:

President	Arthur Miller
Vice President	Steven Nathan
Secretary	John Flicek
Treasurer	George David

The upcoming events of our Brotherhood include:

- Sunday, May 20 Brotherhood Membership Drive Dinner Meeting / Elections of Officers for next year
- Sunday, June 17 Father's Day Canoe Trip with AYS Men's Club

Are you thinking of making any donations? Think of the Ralph Abramovitz Fund and Josh's Place.

All the money raised in the Abramovitz Fund goes to support our youth activities. Is there any better investment than the youth of our community? Monies donated to Josh's Place are used to maintain and improve Josh's Place which is located outside the Bart D. Wittenberg Religious School.

*Please mail contributions to
George David
C/o Congregation Children of Israel
3005 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30909*

Attend our meetings.

We need to know what you, our members want and expect from the Brotherhood

Steve Nathan
Brotherhood President, Pro Tem



SPRING SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood has had an extremely successful sale of tickets for this year's restaurant raffle. The tickets are \$25 and the winner receives five(5) gift certificates for \$60 each to Calvert's, Frog Hollow, Bonefish, Chop House, and Bistro 491. Since the annual meeting has been changed to June 3, 2012, the drawing

will also occur on that night. We hope that there will be many more sales like we have had already.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood jointly performed the Shabbat service on March 23, 2012, followed by our Oneg Shabbat. Both organizations had members participate both in the service and prepare for the Oneg Shabbat.

Our pre-Passover sale in the Judaica Collection on March 18, 2012, had a moderate amount of participation. Remember the shop when looking for gifts for all occasions. Sisterhood Donor dinner will occur on May 16, 2012, at the Grille at Jones Creek Golf Club at 6:30 p.m. following dinner, we will have Jack Steinberg, a longtime congregant of CCI, speak to us about Jewish history in Augusta, Georgia. We will also have an award ceremony.

As our year comes to a close, Sisterhood will be making some donations to local charities as we have always done in the past.

Jeanie Brody, Chairperson



***Calling all volunteers
with or without Recipes...***

Be a part of history and help create a
Congregation Cookbook.

Join me for an informal planning meeting on
Wednesday May 23rd, 2012 at 7:00pm at the
Temple. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP if you are planning on attending or call with any questions.
Contact Lauren Jolles at (706)421-9646 or ljbpremiums@aol.com

\$1000.00 College Scholarship

Congregation Children of Israel Brotherhood

Sponsored by Contributions to the Ralph Abramovitz Youth Fund

Requirements / information

This scholarship is for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Scholarship is open only to Jewish college students, (graduate or undergraduate) whose parents are members in good standing of Congregation Children of Israel

Scholarship recipient agrees to speak at a Congregation Children of Israel Brotherhood meeting during or following the academic year of the scholarship about their Jewish campus life and the impact of their Jewish upbringing on their college experience.

Applications for the scholarship must be received by May 15, 2012.

Decisions will be made by June 15, 2012 and presentation will be made at a subsequent Friday night service.

Application must contain all the following:

Proof of College admission (unofficial transcript or admission letter)

Activity in campus Jewish life (e.g. Hillel @ College, attending services)

Freshmen must document anticipated involvement in campus Jewish life

Upperclassmen must document involvement in campus Jewish life during previous academic year.

Youth Group, Camp, Temple activities

One page essay with the following key points:

A brief personal introduction and biography

Description of Jewish upbringing and education and their impact on the student's life

Long-term career and/or life goals

(Please send all applications to the Temple Office c/o The Brotherhood)

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Around The Congregation



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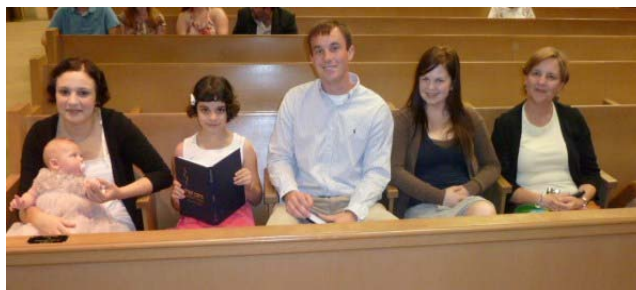
We will miss Leon Meyer as he is leaving the area to join his wife Anita. He has worked long and hard for our Congregation Children of Israel.



Passover 2012



Baby naming– Vanessa and baby Brighton Ari’el



2012 Silent Auction Donors

Our sincere thanks to the businesses and individuals listed below who contributed to the silent auction for this year's Casino Night. We encourage you to support those who support our Congregation.

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**Special thanks to Meryl & David Alalof for all their work to make this year's
Casino Night a success.**

**Thanks also goes to everyone who assisted by selling & buying tickets, getting items for
the silent auction, and working the night of the event.**



Shalom,

We are in week 26 of 28 with our trip to 'Splash in the Boro' as our 29th week. Hard to believe how fast the year is going. Lauren Fredman did a wonderful job supporting our student's Jewish learning. I want to thank all the teachers for their extra effort in staffing our learning centers. Check out the fun below:

May 13 – Closing Celebration

May 20th with June 3rd as an alternative – School Trip to 'Splash in the Boro' – water park in Statesboro, GA

For those that did not see our AJCSS highlighted on the news after our AJCC Purim performance enjoy this:

<http://www.wfxg.com/story/17082774/members-of-augusta-jewish-community-celebrate-purim>

L'hitraot – until later,

Elliot Price

AJCSS Principal



The Annual Rummage Sale will take place July 15th and July 22nd 2013.

Remember your trash is somebody's treasure!

It is not too early to start bringing in items that you wish to donate to the rummage sale.

Items can be dropped off at the temple Mon-Fri from 9am to 12pm.

For more information please contact Elyse in the temple office or Lauren Jolles at 706-421-9646.

We are also looking for volunteers to help organize and price items before sale as well as volunteers to work rummage sale. Again please contact Lauren Jolles if you are interested.

CONGREGATION NEWS

**Congregation Children of Israel would like to
extend a warm welcome to our newest members:**

*Karin Aaronson
David Leopold & Alisha Heitz
Lisa Raphaela*

**Not a member yet? Consider the year round benefits and
the sense of Jewish community that membership brings.**

May Birthdays

May 1: Jackie Shapiro, Susan Wilson
 May 2: Cathy Goldenberg
 May 3: Alaine Handfinger
 May 4: Maya Leshnov, Yolanda Snapperman
 May 5: Adam Deaner
 May 6: David Neches
 May 8: Jack Feldman
 May 11: Blake Ledden
 May 12: Paula Schwartz, Harold Shapiro
 May 13: Edith Walter
 May 14: Gus Etersque, Amy Marie Smith
 May 15: Jennifer Jensen, Doris Simon
 May 16: Tristan Henderson
 May 17: Sarah Bobrow-Williams, Alanna Punshon,
 Steve Sorkin
 May 23: Ben Bashinski, Karel Copenhaver
 May 24: Ruth Neck, Bernice Schlifka
 May 26: Julia Budenstein
 May 27: George Punshon
 May 30: Jack Ginsburg
 May 31: Laura Newman

Condolences

*When cherished ties are broken,
our burden of sadness is made lighter
by the sympathy and comfort of friends.*

The Congregation extends it's sympathy
to the families of:

William Beardsley

Uncle of Marjorie Steiner
March 1, 2012

Freda Rosenwasser

Cousin of Arthur Miller
March 19, 2012

Jerry Saul

Husband of Susie Saul
April 21, 2012

May Anniversaries

May 2: Lionel & Diane Solursh
 May 6: Robert & Helen Bissell
 May 8: Jack & Cathy Goldenberg
 May 13: Cantine Jones & Leslie Lambert-Jones
 May 14: Isaac & Myra Jolles
 May 16: Rudy & Heather Altman
 May 21: David Neches & Karin Gillespie
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In order for acknowledgements to be sent in a timely manner, please send your minimum donation of \$10 to the listed chairperson.

YAHREZEITS APRIL MAY 2012

April 7: Henrietta M. Friedman, Pearl O. Schrameck, Marvin S. Schuster, Edna Brigmon, Frieda H. Cohen, Ruth Davis

April 13: Nathan Bronson, Jack Marks, Bart David Wittenberg, Morton Silverstein, Herman Dessauer, Mina Lee Rubenstein, Harry L. Davis, Hedwig L. Goldenberg, James Mark Orr, Renee Brody Phares, Rhode Cohen, Ruth H. Hammer, Arthur Zenville Singer, Ann L. Simowitz, Harry Winer, Rachel S. Friedman, Louis Greenberg, William Orville Wright

April 20: Helen Lipsitz, Ilse Blanck, I. H. Cohen, Phillip Cohen, Israel Rubenstein, Israel Kolonel, Lucille B. Steine, Morris Wittenberg, Joseph S. Goldberg, Leopold Ira Cohen, Herman Goldenberg, Bernard Maxwell Gottlieb, Estelle Sinsheimer, Cecil Steine, Anna Cohen, Bobby Wayne Gray, Sr., Mo Haas

April 27: Anna B. Selwyn, Moses Asher, W. Ralph Eisenmayer, Sadye Shapiro, Gershon Ginsburg, Isaac Simmons, Frank David Low, Charles Silbert, Bess Simowitz, John Strock

May 4: Ira Goldberg, Anna Hammer, Sarah K. Schuster, Joseph J. Lutin, Mary Friedman Bellino, Lyle Parr, Hanny Schwarz, Benjamin A. Brahin, Jack Burnstein, Helen Klensin, Morris Marks, Lees Cole, Rae G. Needleman

May 11: Joyce Agress, Sophye L. Pintchuck Cohen, Claire Freedman, Phyllis Cumins, Herman L. Rubenstein, Bonnie Sullivan, Henry Brooks, Jerome R. Cumins, Millie Soloway, Adeline Cohen, Jacob H. Levy, Robert Bruce Miller, Isaac I. Selwyn, Rose Sapowitz Etersque, Seymour S. Harris, Grace Newton, Jennie Makai, Yetta Stadiem, Leo Jack Straus

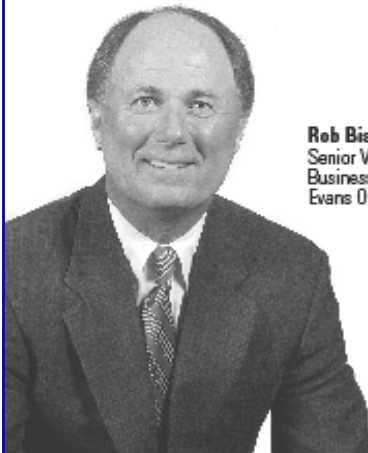
May 18: Helen Rattner, William H. Blanck, Dorothy L. Brett, Walter Nevegold, Sidney B. Brody, William Copenhaver, David Glickman, Nan Melcher, Clara Etersque Tyson, Joseph Bart Addante, Jr., Adele R. Honig, Ida K. Itzkow, Mildred R. Walsh,

May 25: Gertrude R. Diamant, Rubin Lipsitz, Heinrich Mueller, Jacob A. Rosenbaum, Morris Davis, Agnes C. Pearlstein, Jay Shapiro, Sam Goodrich, Sylvia Neches, Mascot Steinau, Nathan Jolles, Herman Tison, Elizabeth W. Korn

June 1: Estelle A. Brooks, Julius Lowenstein, Philip Neches, Michael Prisant, Sam Goodrich, Mary Nevegold Rudolph, Hannah Simowitz, Mae Lerman Simowitz, Paul Budenstein, Benjamin Friedman, Tina Wolach

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April 29	30	May 1 7 PM Adult Education: Modern Jewish Thought & Practices	2	3 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew 7 PM Temple Teens	4 6 PM Shabbat Dinner 7 PM Shabbat Services	5 9:30 AM Shabbat Serv. 10 AM Torah Study
6 10 AM AJCSS at AYS 3 PM Temple Teens 7 PM Board Meeting	7 7:30 PM Choir	8 7 PM Adult Education: Modern Jewish Thought & Practices	9 5 PM Weekday Hebrew	10 Lag Ba'omer 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	11 7:30 Shabbat Services	12 9:30 AM Shabbat Services 10 AM Torah Study
13 10 AM AJCSS at AYS	14 7:30 PM Choir	15 7 PM Adult Education: Modern Jewish Thought & Practices	16 5 PM Weekday Hebrew 6:30 PM Sisterhood Donor	17 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	18 7:30 Shabbat Service with Confirmation	19 9:30 AM Shabbat SVC 10 AM Torah Study 10 AM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Havdalah
20 AJCSS trip Brotherhood Membership Drive Dinner Meeting	21 7:30 PM Choir	22 7 PM Adult Education: Modern Jewish Thought & Practices	23 7:00 PM Cookbook Planning Meeting	24 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	25 7:30 Shabbat Service with Choir Singing	26 9:30 AM Shabbat SVC 10 AM Torah Study
27 SHAVUOT 10:00 AM Shavuot Service	28	29 7 PM Adult Education: Modern Jewish Thought & Practices	30	31 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	June 1 6:15 PM Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner	2 9:30 AM Shabbat Serv. 10 AM Torah Study