



**Congregation Children of Israel**  
**Augusta's Oldest Jewish Congregation**  
*August 2012 Av-Elul 5772*

**Congregation Children of Israel Housekeeping Day!**  
**Sunday, August 26 from 10 AM to 3 PM**

Volunteers needed for inside work and outside tasks. We will be cleaning up the kitchen, school, windows, cupboards, closets, library, & "Anne Franks' Attic". Outside volunteers please bring gloves, rakes, leaf/bags, clippers, and trimmers. Power washers (with hoses and extension chords) and blowers are appreciated.



Teenagers are welcome to help,  
but we ask a parent to accompany them.

Everyone Invited-Food & Snacks for participants.  
Please Call Elyse Kronowski at the Temple Office  
(706-736-3140) to volunteer.



**Friday Evening Services**  
**Return to Regular Times**  
**on September 7**

Services will begin at 7:30 PM,  
except on the first Friday of each  
month, when we will have  
our Intergenerational Service  
beginning at 7:00 PM.

**SELICHOT SERVICE**

**Saturday Evening, September 8, 9:45 PM**

*Join us for what many have found to be the most  
meaningful and spiritually moving service  
of the year.*

7:30 A Movie will be shown and discussed  
with light desserts

- Changing Torah Covers for the High Holy Days
- A beautiful Havdalah Service ending Shabbat
- And our Selichot Service in preparation for the Days of Awe

**Rosh Hashanah 2012**

**Sunday Evening September 16, 8:00 PM**

**Monday, Sept 17**

Morning Service 10:00 AM  
Children's Service 3:00 PM

**High Holy Day Tot Shabbat**

Saturday, September 22 10:00 AM

**Yom Kippur 2012**

Tuesday, September 25 Kol Nidre 8:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 26**

Morning Service 10:00 AM  
Torah Study 1:15 PM  
Children's Service 2:00 PM  
Afternoon Service 3:30 PM  
Yizkor (Memorial) Service 5:30 PM  
Neilah (Concluding) service 6:30 PM  
Light Break Fast before going home to dinner 7:45 PM

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**President's Message Augusta 2012**

**Robin Brigmon**



Hope everyone is having a great summer. As usual, the summer months seem to fly by very fast. We have been having record high temperatures this year so please remember to stay cool and hydrated as much as you can. For a small congregation CCI always seems to have so many things going on it hard to keep track of. In July we had our annual Congregation Children of Israel (CCI) rummage sale, which was a great fundraiser thanks to Fundraising Chair Lauren Jolles who headed it up as well a number of hard-working volunteers. Thanks to all who helped out with contributing, setting up, working both days of the sale, and cleaning and packing up after the sale. I know I brought a load of stuff including a load of books for the sale and then bought a bunch more paperbacks!

I appreciate everyone who participated in our Annual Meeting in June and helped make it a success. For those who were not present we did go over the revised CCI Constitution and got some very useful feedback from Congregants. Marc Gottlieb is leading the Constitution Committee and we met again last month to work on congregants' comments, proposed changes, and amendments. We will have another open Constitution meeting later this year so stay tuned for details.

On August 26 CCI is having a housekeeping day from 10 AM to 3 PM and there is a flyer in this bulletin with more information. We will have two separate volunteer 'crews' for inside work and outside tasks. Inside we will be cleaning up the kitchen, school, windows, cupboards and closets, as well as upstairs in the library and "Anne Frank's Attic". For the outside crew we request that volunteers please bring their own gloves, rakes, leaf/bags, and trimmers. etc. If anyone has power washers (with hoses and extension chords) and blowers they can bring that day those are appreciated. Teenagers are of course welcome to help but we ask a parent to come work with them.

Our Temple has an ebb and flow of members as some leave the area due to jobs or military assignments and new Reform Jews move to Augusta. We have heard from a number of prospective members lately so most likely you will see some new faces at CCI soon. Marjorie Steiner, CCI Secretary and Membership Chair, has been working hard on updating our membership materials and arranging a welcoming dinner and other activities for new members with her committee. If you do see someone new at services or another CCI activity, please welcome them and introduce yourselves, as we are all CCI ambassadors. Remember, we were all once new at CCI too! I do encourage all members to participate in services and other activities including as dinners when you can. How else can you participate? If I am in town I always make it to Torah Study on Saturdays at CCI. If you want to learn or enjoy Torah discussion on please come and join us even if you have never read it before. It's better to learn together.

The Temple Board, Rabbi Klensin, Administrator Elyse Kronowski, and dedicated volunteers have all been organizing and planning for this next year. Of course the High Holydays are coming and Rabbi Klensin, Music Director Mark Dickens, soloist Joanne Green, and the CCI Choir have been planning and rehearsing weekly in preparation. Both CCI Sisterhood and Brotherhood are committed to serving and supporting the Temple with numerous activities so see the calendar in the bulletin as well as our CCI website for details <http://cciaugusta.org>. Our website is graciously maintained by congregant George David.

Congratulations to Ben Bruno, son of Askiel Bruno & Susan Salisbury, who received the \$1000.00 Brotherhood College Scholarship last week. I've seen Ben often at services with his family, working in the religious school, and he did a fine job acting in the Purim play! He's also an excellent student as well. University of Alabama got a good catch with Ben.

I was honored this summer as a member of the Augusta Jewish Leadership Council to be on the organizing committee for the first Annual Augusta Jewish Film Festival. We were thrilled at the community's response and turnout so that there will definitely be another festival next year. Thanks to all of you at CCI who came out and supported the festival. The movies were really outstanding and I can honestly say "I laughed, and I cried..." You had to be there.

Shalom, Robin Lewis Brigmon, President

**SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES**

Friday, August 3

Shabbat Service 6:15 PM  
Parshat Vaetchanan (Deut 3:25-7:11)

Birthdays Blessings

Saturday, August 4

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

Friday, August 10

Shabbat Service 6:15 PM  
Parshat Ekev (Deut 7:12-11:25)

Saturday, August 11

Shabbat Service 10:00 AM  
Bat Mitzvah Emily Beatrice Ross

Friday, August 17

Shabbat Service 6:15 PM  
Parshat Re'eh (Deut. 11:26-16:17 Num 28:9-15)

Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, August 18

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM  
Torah Study 10:00 AM  
Havdalah 7:30 PM

Friday, August 24

Shabbat Service 6:15 PM  
With Choir Singing  
Parshat Shoftim (Deut. 16:18-21:9)

Saturday, August 25

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

Friday, August 31

Shabbat Service 6:15 PM  
Parshat Ki Tetze (Deut. 21:10-25:19)

Saturday, September 1

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

**Board Host Schedule**

Fri. Aug. 03	Elliot Price
Fri. Aug. 10	Michael Zibman
Fri. Aug. 17	Matt Bronson
Fri. Aug. 24	Morris Cohen
Fri. Aug. 31	Rachel Ray
Fri. Sept. 07	Marc Gottlieb
Fri. Sept. 14	Meryl Alalof
Fri. Sept. 21	Arthur Miller
Fri. Sept. 28	Lou Scharff

**RELIGIOUS PRACTICES**

**Religious Practices**

Remember that we are on the summer schedule for Friday Night Services. The Service starts at 6:15 PM preceded by a light nosh.

**The next Family Shabbat Dinner is Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> with the Service at 6:00 PM followed by the service at 7:00 PM.**

**The Selichot Service will be Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.** The format will be a movie with time for discussion of the themes and ideas presented, followed by Havdalah and then the Selichot Service. I encourage all to attend this beautiful and meaningful Selichot Service.

The Board of Trustees adopted a Kashrut Policy that includes the labeling of dairy products that are served at meat meals. At the Congregation Annual Meeting in June there were several dairy desserts that were placed without labels. The Religious Practices Committee is concerned with this lack of adherence to the adopted Kashrut Policy. If the policy continues to be ignored, it may be necessary to adopt a more stringent policy. The current policy is an attempt to balance the trends in the Reform Movement with wishes of some congregants.

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 if you would like to participate on the Religious Practices Committee or with any questions/suggestions you have.

Steve Nathan

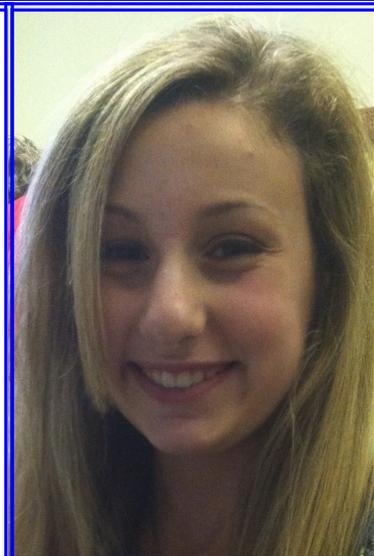
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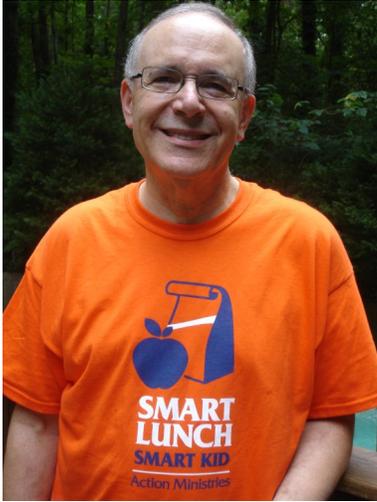
Please join us on Saturday,  
August 11 at 10:00 AM  
for our Shabbat morning Service  
when

**Emily Beatrice Ross**  
daughter of Scott and Jennifer Ross  
will be called to the Torah as a  
Bat Mitzvah.

This is a Congregational event.  
All are welcome  
& encouraged to attend



# RABBINIC REFLECTIONS



## Smart Lunch Smart Kid

Children in Richmond County are returning to school. In addition to their classes, many are also returning to subsidized or free lunches they receive at school. This summer, here and in many other communities throughout Georgia, instead of missing lunch, many of these children received bag lunches through the Smart Lunch, Smart Kid program established by Action Ministries. As most of you know, each Monday morning, many of us from Congregation Children of Israel, adults and teenagers, went to New Destiny Triumph Ministries on Wrightsboro Road near 14th Street to make and pack bag lunches for this program. This was a very meaningful way of expressing our Jewish values through action, doing a little more L'taken Ha-olam, to repair our world. My thanks to all those who helped. I hope even more of our Temple members will participate in this program next summer .

*Rabbi Robert Klensin*





Our monthly Havdalah service  
is scheduled for:  
August 18th  
7:30 PM Dessert and Discussion  
9:00 PM Havdalah

At the home of  
Rabbi Robert & Francine Klensin  
705 Woodgate Court, Augusta



*First Friday at Congregation Children of Israel*  
The 1st Friday of each month  
Shabbat Dinner and Intergenerational Service  
Friday, September 7th  
6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner

Make your reservation for dinner by contacting the Temple office:  
706-736-3140 or office@cciaugusta.org  
\$10 per person or \$25 per family  
(\$15 per person or \$35 per family without a reservation)  
We ask those attending the dinner to please bring a dessert



## Editorial by Marc Gottlieb

### Assimilation vs. Acculturation (Phew !!!)

Most of Congregation Children of Israel's members do not partake of a wonderful and meaningful service that is held on the third Saturday of each month, namely the Havdalah service. The service is a means of getting together and talking of life's personal lessons and then collectively joining together to end the Shabbat and look forward to another week.

This past Havdalah a discussion ensued about what it was like to be a Jew in Augusta during the 1920's to 1940's. I made the statement that the Jewish Community had made a concerted effort to assimilate into the larger culture here in Augusta. There was, in fact, a long period where no Bar Mitzvahs took place and the Hymnal looked more like one you would see in a Christian service.

Rabbi Klensin countered that he did not think it was a matter of assimilation but rather one of acculturation. I stated at the time that his response was a matter of semantics. Assimilation is the actual merging of cultural traits from previously distinct groups whereas acculturation was the adopting the cultural traits or social patterns of another group. The latter implication being that you keep your own identity while "borrowing" traits of another culture.

The discussion begs the question, were Jews of that era not proud and confident enough to declare their Jewish identity. By that time Congregation Children of Israel was already over ninety years old and the average family was that of merchants, some professionals and working class individuals. We were somewhat welcomed into the area but it seems that we were not totally accepted in it. That would have to wait until after the hospital industry expanded here and the development of Plant Vogle when more Jewish families moved into town. Even now we have to express our Judaism against a majority that has very little first hand knowledge of who we are.

In hindsight I have to agree with Rabbi Klensin, it was acculturation rather than assimilation. We Jews that still practice our religion are in fact very proud of it while still fitting in to the larger non-Jewish community and the studies that were done twenty years ago concluding that there would be no Jewish Community by now were wrong. All the disparate Jewish groups are well represented here.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention the pride that we all felt as Jewish Americans when we saw Aly Raisman do her floor exercises at the Olympics to the tune of Hava Nagillah. It had just been a few days earlier that the Wall Street Journal had run a story on the lack of enthusiasm of young Jews to accept the continued use of the song at weddings and Bar Mitzvahs. Miss Raisman chose to make a statement in the most public of venues. She and her family obviously have "acculturated" by fitting in to main stream American life while keeping their Judaism alive. Thank you Aly!



**NATIONAL  
MARROW  
DONOR  
PROGRAM**

I am delighted our Board of Trustees has given me the approval and opportunity to spear head an event about my passion—BE THE MATCH—The National Bone Marrow Registry. I have done research on this topic and kept thinking what a mitzvah this could be. Having been a recipient of 2 transplants and seeing the need for more donors to be added to the registry, I have become an advocate of this cause.

I was fortunate to be able to use my own stem cells the first time and on the second transplant, my youngest brother was my donor. It is so sad seeing others who don't have siblings (who, by the way, don't always provide a match), await a match from somebody somewhere and pray there will be one. It is truly devastating.

Blood cancers can occur out of the blue – I am a perfect example of that. I was as healthy as could be one day (having never missed a day of work due to illness in 30+ years) and diagnosed with Stage III T Cell Lymphoma the next. One just doesn't know.

I am ever so grateful for where I am today and have made myself a promise that, while I could, I would do something to help others who are fighting these horrible blood cancers. Please search your hearts and help us help others by sponsoring a BE THE MATCH drive. It only takes one match to save a life.

Please watch for further information--

**Sept. 23 (Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur)**  
**for the Be The Match registry drive.**

Suzanne Shapiro  
[www.BeTheMatch.org](http://www.BeTheMatch.org)

## **Save The Date**

Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00pm

Join us for a wonderful evening with  
*Composer-Lyricist & Concert Artist*

*Joy Katzen-Guthrie*

*A Celebration of Music!*

Coffee and dessert will be served immediately following concert

## **Also, Don't Miss**

Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Breakfast and lecture with

*Joy Katzen-Guthrie*

*“Silk Road to Shanghai: China's Jewish Connection”*

*A discussion and photographic Presentation of the Jews in China*

## BROTHERHOOD NEWS    Arthur Miller, President



We are starting our second generation of the rebirth of our temple brotherhood. About twenty years ago Ralph Abramowitz saw the need that the temple should have and must have an organization that would unite the men of the temple. The mission of the organization was to initiate programs that would interest all the men and help educate our young in effects and culture of Judaism.

Today the Brotherhood has established a youth fund that will subsidize youth activities. We have an award that offers a maximum of \$1000.00 to the student that excels in scholarship. Other activities that we support or have supported are

THE MOTHERS' DAY BREAKFAST,  
A FATHER'S DAY CANOE TRIP,  
GOLF TOURNAMENT,  
A BASE BALL TEAM,  
PROGRAMMING WITH THE SISTERHOOD,  
BAR/BAT MTZVZAH GIFT  
USHERING AT ALL SERVICES.

We also hope to have a brotherhood weekend and provide a stipend to the children of congregants that will be going to camp/convention.

We require your help, both financial and volunteerism to continue and enlarge our activities. We ask you to be on or chair only one of the planned activities. You can do this by contacting any of the officers of the brotherhood.

Our bill for membership will reach you shortly.

We are looking forward to your help by joining in our effort.

## MUSIC AT CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

**Mifgash Musicale** was a wonderful experience! I want to thank the music committee, the Rabbi and our whole congregation for making it possible for me to attend. It was four days of very intense study with a group of people whose goal is to make the Shabbat Services both beautiful and meaningful. I learned so much and hope to pass on what I learned to the choir and to the congregation. I worked with some terrific people and found that I had something to share with them not only musically but spiritually just as they shared with me. Many times during services (we had a morning and afternoon service as well as "mock Shabbat" services we had to plan ourselves) I thought of our congregation: the smiling faces, the kind remarks about the music, our small but valiant and talented choir, and our wonderful choir director and organist/pianist. I got to work in small groups with two terrific cantors, Ellen Dreskin and Danny Maseng (who is also a composer and performer). After the High Holy Days, I want to share some new and very sing able tunes for Shabbat. I hope you realize how important it is to me that you sing with me during the service. At the end of the last evening some of us shared pieces that we particularly love. And...the learning goes on! I am now on Facebook with all the members of the 2012 Mifgash and we are all ready sharing ideas and music over the internet. Thank you!

Joanne Greene



## SISTERHOOD 2012-2013

As Sisterhood begins a new year, we are excited about receiving dues from old and new members as well as them bringing baked goods and sending money for our annual Oneg Yom Tov and weekly Oneg Shabbats.

Karel Copenhaver and Cathy Goldenberg are in charge of the Oneg Yom Tov on September 16, 2012, with Kathy Rafoth making the flower arrangements. Sisterhood will join with Brotherhood again this year to do High Holy Day Babysitting as well as Break Fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

Sisterhood will have dinner and a movie in August followed by their opening meeting in September which will be a Paid Up Membership affair with dinner and a speaker. We will notify you regarding further plans for activities and meetings. Please join us by being a member of Sisterhood so we will have many new ideas and volunteers along with establishing new friendships.

We are very excited about the exquisite new silk flower arrangements that Sisterhood donated to the Temple from the Jane Mothner Floral Fund. Kathy Rafoth and Karel Copenhaver were in charge of this project and did a fabulous job.

Bonnie Price, Twila Saitow, and myself went to the Gift Show in Atlanta to purchase new merchandise for the Judaica Collection. We have already received some of the items and hope you will come in to shop as the Judaica Collection is part of Sisterhood which makes donations to the Temple.

Jeanie Brody, Sisterhood President

## BABYSITTING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be providing babysitting for Erev Rosh Hashanah and the morning of Rosh Hashanah as well as Kol Nidre and the morning of Yom Kippur. The charge will be \$5.00/child. A reservation must be made in advance with the deadline being September 7, 2012. Check should be payable to CCI Brotherhood or CCI Sisterhood. Please bring snack for your child if needed.

Call Jeanie Brody at 706-738-8661 or Elyse at the Temple Office at 706-736-3140 for reservations or information. If you bring your child to Babysitting without a reservation, we may not be able to accommodate you.

Dear Congregants and Friends,

An important part of the High Holy Day ritual and spirit is the remembrance of those whom death has taken from us. The Yizkor (Memorial) Service on Yom Kippur is a special time set aside for remembrance by family, but also by the entire congregation.

Again this year, a Congregation Children of Israel Memorial Book will be compiled as a means of honoring our loved ones whom we have lost. The book will be distributed during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon.

As in the past, those who died during the last year, and all former members or loved ones who are remembered with Yahrzeit plaques, will automatically, without charge, be included in an alphabetical listing.

In addition to the alphabetical listing of names on the plaques, our Memorial Book includes a section with personalized listings, showing names of our beloved departed, followed by the names of the family members who are remembering them. A sample page is enclosed. For each name of a departed loved one listed in this new section, please send a minimum contribution of \$20 per name. Your generosity is most appreciated.

Names which are not on Yahrzeit plaques, but were included in last year's book, will not automatically appear in the personalized listing section of this year's book. If you wish to have them listed again, please fill in the form and return it, in the enclosed envelope, to the Temple office.

Please PRINT or type your entry on the enclosed form and send it to the office as soon as possible.

Since we have a printer's deadline, it is imperative that all names be submitted, with a check (payable to CCI) representing your heartfelt donation per name, to Congregation Children of Israel, 3005 Walton Way, Augusta, GA, 30909 by AUGUST 17. We appreciate your cooperation by returning the form on time. Unfortunately, we will not be able to add any names after Friday, August 24.

Sincerely,

*Steven Nathan*

Steven Nathan

Memorial Book Chair

Every few years the Temple informs its membership how they may purchase Yahrzeit plaques in memory of their loved ones. What a wonderful way to remember and honor their names in perpetuity. Not only will their names be remembered on the anniversary of their passing (as is done now), but also during the Yom Kippur Yizkor service. Their names will be included in the annual Yizkor Book at no additional charge.

For further information, please call the Temple office or me, Suzanne Shapiro, 706-733-7579. Thanks for giving this some consideration.

# Memorial Book

Yom Kippur 5773

September 26, 2012

As in the past, those who died during the past year and all those who are remembered with Yahrzeit plaques shall automatically, without charge, be included in an alphabetical listing in our Memorial Book.

**To add a personal listing as shown to the left, please complete and return this form.**

Please type or **PRINT** on the lines below the names of your loved ones exactly as you want them to be remembered in our Memorial Book. It is customary to use each individual's given name without title.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my contribution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Minimum requested contribution, \$20 per name listed above)  
as a donation to the Temple in memory of our loved ones.

Payable to CCI

Lovingly remembered by

(Please **PRINT** your name(s) as you want it printed in the Memorial Book.)

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**DETACH AND MAIL, IN ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, TO:**

Congregation Children of Israel  
3005 Walton Way, AUGUSTA, GA 30909

*Sample listings:*

*Personalized section from the 2011 Yizkor (Memorial) Book*

<p><b>RALPH ABRAMOVITZ</b> <i>Lovingly Remembered by</i> Ila Abramovitz Barbara Mintz &amp; David Abramovitz</p>	<p><b>JACK KLENSIN</b> <b>HELEN KLENSIN</b> <i>Lovingly Remembered by</i> Robert &amp; Francine Klensin Jacob, Hannah &amp; Todd, Rachel &amp; Jared</p>	<p><b>HARRIET NATHAN</b> <i>Lovingly Remembered by</i> Steven Nathan and Children</p>
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## Tot Shabbat

Join us for our monthly Shabbat Experience for young children and their families



### August Tot Shabbat

Saturday  
August 18  
at 10:00 AM



### High Holy Day Tot Shabbat

Saturday,  
September 22  
at 10:00 AM

### Opinion by Lauren Bachmann Jolles as sent to Lilith Magazine

#### As Jews should we reward bad behavior?

#### Lisa Brown Silenced on Michigan house Floor for saying the word Vagina. Below is her speech from June 13, 2012

*"I'm Jewish. I keep kosher in my home. Judaism believes that therapeutic abortion, namely abortions performed in order to preserve the life of the mother are not only permissible but mandatory. The stage of pregnancy does not matter. Wherever there is a question of the life of the mother or that of the unborn child, Jewish law rules in favor of preserving the life of the mother. The status of the fetus as human life does not equal that of the mother. I have not asked for you to adopt and adhere to my religious beliefs. Why are you asking me to adopt yours? And finally, Mr. Speaker I am flattered that you're all so interested in my vagina. "*

As Jews should we reward bad behavior? Lisa Brown, Michigan State Representative is being praised for her speech to the Michigan State House during an abortion bill debate. She has also been made a martyr after being banned from speaking on the house floor for saying the word vagina. I think we have come a long way since Roe v. Wade. Whether you agree or disagree with the bill there is a way to fight your fight. While I have no problem with the word vagina I do take offense to Lisa Brown's statement. I am also Jewish. I do not keep a kosher home and do not agree with the statement that Judaism believes that therapeutic abortions are not only permissible but mandatory. In the first place what does keeping a kosher home have to do with anything? Are you a better Jew or human being because you do not eat pork? I believe what is in your heart is more important than what is in your stomach. In the second place as an involved member of a Reform congregation I feel that my belief in a women's choice is a personal belief not a religious one. I do not think we can be so judgmental and I believe at least for me that this would be a much more difficult decision. I was blessed with a healthy pregnancy and a beautiful healthy little girl. I pray I will never be faced with such a heart wrenching decision. I do not agree with Lisa Brown's view or interpretation of the Talmud or Jewish Bible. Was there even such a thing as an abortion or a therapeutic abortion back in biblical times? I believe how we interpret the Talmud and The Jewish Bible is open for discussion and I have a real problem with Lisa Brown speaking for all Jews. Last time I checked this is America and we have religious freedom. Isn't that what you Ms. Brown were trying to stand behind? Religious freedom means having the right to believe what we want and that we do not have to believe everything that our clergy and leaders tell us. The third thing I would like to point out, and this is not only directed at Ms. Brown but others on the left and right that make irresponsible and antagonistic statements as well. Whatever happened to a simple thing called respect. Respect for yourself and for others. I would hope Ms. Brown's intention's when she ran for office and took an oath to serve was to practice Tikkun Olam, a Hebrew phrase that means to repair the world or heal the world. When are we going to stop attacking each other and making statements simply to incite hatred and rage or simply to put us in the public eye? Again, I have no problem with the word vagina but simply have a problem in the way that it was used and in what the intended result was when using it. Let us all start listening, agree to disagree and be respectful. Maybe then we can work together and get things accomplished.

Lauren Bachmann Jolles  
Augusta, GA



**Jump aboard!** Your Augusta Jewish Community Sunday School (AJCSS) has begun the journey for the 2012-2013 school year. The destination is an exploration into our students' Jewish heritage in a warm and nurturing pluralistic Jewish setting. On August 12<sup>th</sup> we will have our Open House. Our focus this year is of course our student's Jewish education but also parent involvement and communications, and involving our student aides called Madrichim in the teaching process. We will be getting a new fellow this year from the Goldring Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) and will have a workshop with our teachers before the school year begins.

How lucky we are to partner with an organization that promotes a fun-learning experience for our future Jewish leaders. As described by the ISJL, the key content areas include Community, Culture and Symbols, God, Hebrew and Prayer, Israel, Jewish History, Jewish Holidays, Jewish Lifecycle Events, Mitzvot and Jewish Values, and Tanach (Torah, Prophets, and Writings). The curriculum provides an age-appropriate lesson plan.

AJCSS classes start August 19, 2012 during normal hours of 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The first Parents' Meeting will be August 26, 2012 from 10:15 am to 10:45 am.

There is still a seat for your child in our Sunday school. Please call me at 706 339-3798 if you have questions or have an interest in joining. I look forward to hearing from you.

Shalom,  
 Elliot Price  
 AJCSS Principal  
 706 339-3798



## *The 2012 Rummage Sale was a big success!*

After expenses we made approximately \$1,381.

This is just the beginning of a profitable fundraising year!

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the book at ccicookies@yahoo.com***

***By September 1, 2012***

JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS

**Sisterhood Mah-Jongg Tournament**



**DATE:** Sunday, October 14, 2012

**TIME:** 1:30pm - 6:00pm

**PLACE:** Adas Yeshurun Synagogue—935 Johns Road,  
Augusta

**Pre-registration prior to August 15th:** \$20.00 (per person)

**Registration after August 15<sup>th</sup> and at the door:** \$25.00 (per person)

**Make checks to Adas Yeshurun Synagogue  
(tax-deductible)**

Any questions, call Vera Frohman (706-736-1250-store,  
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Email Debbie Katcoff [dogseeze2@aol.com](mailto:dogseeze2@aol.com) or

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### **Birthdays August**

August 1: Emily Ross, Bobby Wilson  
 August 2: Nat Kruskol  
 August 3: Kaylee Friedman  
 August 5: Jill Korn  
 August 6: Jan Bledsoe, Lea Silver  
 August 7: Jack Steinberg  
 August 10: Sam Budenstein, Scott Ross  
 August 11: Ronald Brunner, Richard Melcher  
 August 12: Karin Aaronson  
 August 15: Linda Korn  
 August 16: Haiden Henderson  
 August 20: Twila Saitow  
 August 24: Jan Hillman, Nathan Jolles  
 August 25: Francine Klensin, Michael Mann  
 August 26: Evan Friedman, Joshua Kunkel  
 August 27: Andrew Leshnov  
 August 29: John Flicek, Abbey Haynie  
 August 30: Ila Abramovitz, Rachael Friedman  
 August 31: Jenny Rosenblum

### **August Anniversaries**

August 5: Harriet & Martin Dolin  
 August 9: Jackie & Arthur Miller  
 August 10: Linda & Jack Korn  
 August 19: Jane & Paul Schwartz  
 August 22: Lisa & Morris Cohen  
 August 25: Marjorie & William Phillips  
 August 26: Joanne & Gus Etersque

### **Financial Commitment Forms**

Thank you to those who have returned the financial commitment form for the 2012-13 fiscal year. If you haven't returned the information yet it would be greatly appreciated if you could get that to the office in order to allow us to maintain accurate financial records and provide you with correct financial statements. If you need a new form please contact the office.

### **Reform Judaism on the Web**

#### **URJ.org**

Check out the Reform Movement's web site at URJ.org. (URJ is the Union for Reform Judaism.) By clicking on the various links, you will find a wealth of information about Judaism in general and Reform Judaism in specific.

### **Social Justice**

For information about concerns and positions of the Union for Reform Judaism and the Central Conference of American Rabbis regarding Social Justice issues, see the webpage of the Religious Action Center: RAC.org

### **Jewish News**

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## YAHREITS AUGUST

August 3: Stanley H. Goldstein, Morris Harris, Harry Rattner, Heline Cohen Siskin, Ricki Rose Shaw, Sylvia Leah Allen, Rudy D. Blanck, Gwen Metzger, Jacob Schneider, Samuel Wolf,

August 10: Evelyn Wolf, Maurice Dunn, Abram Korn, Larry Feiler, Julia Pashkin, Theda Davis, Rosalie Harris

August 17: Joseph Pomper, Alice Coopersmith Wittenberg, Sarah N. Alalof, Max Rubenstein, Corrine S. Mothner, Stanley Rosenthal, Charlotte Schlifka, Sidney I. Wiesner, Emma Blanck, Maurice B. Sinsheimer, Myrna Stepansky, Perry Abelman, Leo M. Alalof, Jacob Smith

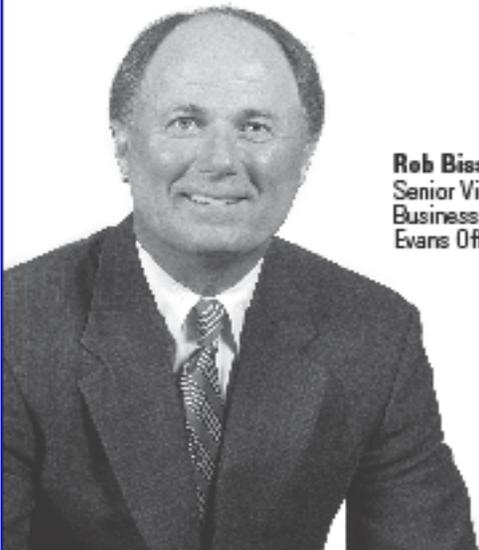
August 24: Martin Rubin, Shirley Handfinger, Carole Frank Pechersky, Solomon Dunn, David Ledden, Otto B. Schwarz, Leonard Gottlieb, Blanche D. Selwyn

August 31: Saul Bluman, Edward S. Forrester, Michael Kalisky, Florence Renich Mathias, Sarah Steinberg, Rebecca Stepakof, Pena Asher Brown, Solomon Brown, Lewis J. Schaul, Jennie Nevegold, Mary Vardas, Elizabeth Williams, Thelma Dauer Ginsburg, Thomas A. Feiertag

September 7: Isaac Marks, William Benjamin, Ruth Haas, Abram Levy, Nathan Lesowitz, Liam Vilensky

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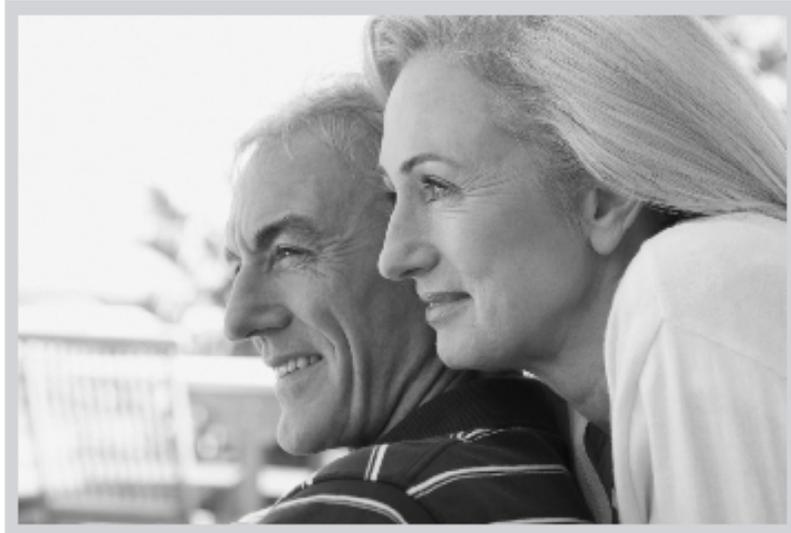
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*August 2012*

*Av-Elul 5772*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Aug 1 7PM Sisterhood Board	2 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	3 6:15 PM Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner	4 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Torah Study
5	6 7:30 PM Choir	7 7 PM Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Thought & Practice	8	9 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew 5:00 PM Lifelong Jewish Learning Meeting	10 6:15 PM Shabbat Services	11 10:00 AM Shabbat Service Bat Mitzvah Emily Ross
12 10:00 AM AJCSS Open House at AYS	13 7:30 PM Choir	14 7 PM Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Thought & Practice	15 Sisterhood Movie Night	16 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew 7:00 PM Religious Practices Mtg	17 6:15 PM Shabbat Service	18 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Torah Study 10 AM Tot Shabbat 7:30 PM Havdalah at the Klensins
19 10:00 AM AJCSS at AYS 10:15 AM Brotherhood 7:00 PM Board of Trustees Meeting	20 7:30 PM Choir	21 7 PM Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Thought & Practice	22	23 10:30 AM Adv Hebrew	24 6:15 PM Shabbat Service	25 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Torah Study
26 10:00 AM Temple Cleanup 10:00 AM AJCSS at AYS	27 7:30 PM Choir	28 7 PM Adult Ed: Modern Jewish Thought & Practice	29	30	31 NFTY Leadership Training 6:15 PM Shabbat Service	<b>September 1</b> NFTY Leadership Training 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Torah Study
2	3 <b>Labor Day</b> Temple office closed	4	5 7PM Sisterhood Board	6 7:00 PM Religious Practices Meeting	7 6:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Intergenerational Shabbat Service	8 9:30 AM Shabbat Service 10 AM Torah Study 7:30 Selichot