



## Congregation Children of Israel Augusta's Oldest Jewish Congregation

*December 2012*  
*Kislev/Tevet 5773*

### CHANUKAH

This year we kindle the first candle of Chanukah on Saturday night December 8  
and the eighth candle on Saturday night, December 15.

## Congregation Children of Israel Chanukah Dinner



Saturday night, December 15, at 6:00 PM



**Roast turkey with latkes, vegetables, and dessert**

If you have a Chanukah Menorah, please bring it, along with 9 candles.

Members: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child 5—12 years old

Nonmembers: will be charged at the normal Shabbat dinner rate of  
\$10 per adult and \$5/child.

No charge for children under 5

Reservations are required by December 10.

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**President's Message  
 Robin Brigmon**

We had a successful Clean-Up Day at Congregation Children of Israel (CCI) on November 18 and got a lot done. Thanks to Temple Board (BOT) Members Jeannie Brody, Marjorie Steiner, Sandra Freedman, and Steve Nathan for helping out. Elyse Kronowski was here helping as well as Suzanne Shapiro, John, Pauline, and Amber Flicek, Gary and Karen Aronson. You will notice on our hallway original letters from Presidents Franklin Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan congratulating CCI on our respective centennial and 140<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Thanks to David and Meryl Alalof who paid for the framing and George David for rearranging our wall and hanging the letters.

The recent CCI Joy Katzen-Guthrie concert & brunch was a success Thanks to CCI fundraising Chair Lauren Jolles. I learned a lot from Joy's lecture & loved the music. The Tri-Faith Service last week was very nice and well attended. Rabbi Klensin did a good job pulling it together. Everyone there enjoyed the lively 1-hour service. Next year it will be at the New Mosque.

"What does the CCI Board do?" I am often asked. You see us listed on the cover of the bulletin. Right now, unfortunately, we are dealing with some building plumbing problems that just cost around \$1500 and we have to spend another \$2000 to replace aging pipes. We also have to spend another \$1400 on a heating and air unit for our library. Besides some help in the kitchen on Shabbat and special occasions Rabbi Klensin (fulltime) & our administrator Elyse Kronowski (part time) are CCI's only employees. When Elyse had to recently deal with a plumber and was asked, "Who is your maintenance man?" she could only smile. Everyone else is a volunteer. Jeanie Brody of the BOT is in charge of house activities and keeps up on building issues. Jeanie also consults with Jeff Wolf when necessary, a local contractor and CCI Congregant. Jeff is a former BOT member and is always generous with his time and resources helping CCI.

A little information on our Executive Board that meets monthly, Morris Cohen our, BOT Treasurer, can usually be found on Friday mornings working with Elyse on CCI finances. The finance committee, which Morris heads up also has separate meetings where they work on dues and resources, bringing necessary items to the BOT. Finances, of course, are the lifeline of CCI, so we appreciate everyone's generosity and giving where they can. Morris, like most of us, has a day job and works as a Professor @ the Georgia Health Sciences University.

Sandra Freedman is our first Vice President and also in charge of our music committee as you know from her articles. Sandra works with

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## SHABBAT & HOLIDAY SERVICES

### Friday, November 30

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Parshat Vayishlach (Gen. 32:4-36:43)

### Saturday, December 1

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

### Friday, December 7

Shabbat Service 7:00 PM  
Parshat Vayeishev (Gen. 37:1-40:23)

### Saturday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 14

Shabbat Chanukah 7:30 PM  
Parshat Mikeitz - (Gen. 41:1-44:17)

### Saturday, December 15

Shabbat Service 9:30 AM  
Torah Study 10:00 AM  
Havdalah 6:00 PM

### Friday, December 21

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Parshat Vayigash (Gen. 44:18-47:27)

Anniversary Blessings

### Saturday, December 22

No Shabbat Service or Torah Study

### Friday, December 28

Shabbat Service 7:00 PM  
Parshat Va-y'chi (Gen. 47:28-50:26)

### Saturday, December 29

No Shabbat Service or Torah Study

### Friday, January 4

Shabbat Service 7:30 PM  
Parshat Sh'mot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)

### Saturday, January 5

Shabbat Service 10:00 AM  
Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Scharff

## RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

The Religious Practices Committee decided to increase the price of the Family Shabbat Dinners to offset the increase in costs for the food served. The new price structure will start in February. The prices, with reservations, will be \$12.50 for each adult (13 years and older), \$5 for children 6 through 12 years old, and no charge for children five and under. The prices without reservations will be \$15.00 for each adult (13 years and older), \$7 for children 6 through 12 years old, and no charge for children five and under. Reservations must be received by the Wednesday preceding the dinner.

There will be no dinner in December because the Congregation Chanukah dinner is the following week. There will be no dinner in January because the Scharff Bar Mitzvah is the first weekend.

The Interfaith Thanksgiving Service was held at CCI on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30 PM. Religious Practices coordinated refreshments. Many thanks to those who provided refreshments and helped set up. The people who volunteered and prepared refreshments were Ila Abramovitz, Barbara Mintz, Francine Klensin, Jan Bledsoe, Bonnie Price, Jackie and Arthur Miller, Bernice Schlifka, and Lauren Jolles. Those who volunteered and helped to setup and decorate the tables were Twila Saitow, Sandy Nachman, Kathy Rafoth, and Karen Aaronson.

Purim is Saturday evening, February 24, 2013 (Adult Spiel) and Sunday, February 25, 2013 (Family Service). Watch future Bulletins for more information

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## Havdalah

*A short, but beautiful service bidding farewell to Shabbat*



Saturday, December 15, 6:00 PM  
Before the Congregational Chanukah Dinner

Saturday, January 19 7:30 PM  
Hosted by Rob and Jan Bledsoe



## Tot Shabbat Saturday 10 AM

*Our special Shabbat & holiday experiences for young children and their families*

Chanukah Tot Shabbat Saturday, December 8, 10:00 AM

Saturday, January 19, 10:00 AM

## RABBINIC REFLECTIONS

As I began to write my article for this newsletter, I intended to talk about the importance of giving thanks in our Jewish prayers and rituals. While we often pay more attention to the things we are unhappy with or the things we want, there is so much for which we have to give thanks. As Jews we are taught to express our thanks, not just once a year near the end of November, or weekly on Shabbat. There are specific prayers of thanksgiving which are traditionally recited in our evening, morning, and afternoon prayers, in addition to the thanks we offer before and after eating.

I had also planned to talk about our Tri-Faith Service of Thanksgiving, which we have held for the past several years together with Church of our Savior (Episcopal) and the Islamic Society of Augusta. The location of the service has rotated annually from the church, to the mosque, to our synagogue, where it was held this year.

As the date for this service approached, and the conflict intensified between Israel and Gaza, I became concerned that the tensions in the Middle East might be reflected in our sanctuary. I felt I could not ignore what was taking place between Jews and Muslims, but did not want the event to become political or for any mention of the conflict to divide, rather than unite, those at the service.



Father John West, Jr., Imam Jamal Daoudi, and Rabbi Robert Klensin



The service, which was well attended by members of all three congregations, turned out to be a very positive unifying experience as Jews, Muslims, and Christians prayed together in our sanctuary and then socialized with each other over refreshments in the social hall. In addition to words of thanksgiving, I expressed sadness over the lives being lost and our hopes and prayers that the fighting would not intensify and that the rocket attacks and bombings would soon come to an end. Neither Father West nor Imam Daoudi specifically mentioned the conflict, although clearly it was very much on all of our minds.

A few days after our Tri-Faith Service of Thanksgiving, the leaders of Israel and Gaza agreed to the cease fire. As of this writing, the cease fire has basically held. However, it was soon followed, unfortunately, by the United Nations General Assembly voting overwhelmingly to upgrade Palestine to a non-member observer state.

The situation is far from simple. It seems like it may take a miracle to achieve a meaningful peace, but we are now approaching Chanukah when we celebrate, as the letters on the *sivivon* (the dreidel), remind us, long ago “a great miracle happened there.” And in the second blessing we will recite as we light the candles for eight nights in our Chanukah menorahs, we praise God for “doing miracles for our ancestors in those days at this season”. The end of that blessing can also be translated, “in those days and in these days”. The establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, almost 2000 years after we were exiled by the Romans, was itself a miracle. So we pray for a modern miracle, if that is what it will take, that the of the State of Israel, the Palestinians, and the surrounding countries will one day soon take the necessary steps to achieve peace and security for Israel and all people in the region.

And, as we celebrate Chanukah, let us not forget the Chanukah miracle, which took place five years ago at Congregation Children of Israel during Chanukah, when a young pilot named Ronnie Baker III, flying over Augusta, lost engine power, but instead of crashing into homes or cars on the road, attempted to land in our parking lot across Martin Lane. As the plane skipped across Martin Lane, it was clear it was going to hit our building. While Ronnie Baker lost his own life in the crash, he saved the lives of those making latkes in the kitchen and saved our building from near total destruction by directing the plane so that it crashed into the side of our building near the ground.

Francine joins me in wishing you a very happy Chanukah. We hope to see you at the Chanukah dinner on December 15.

*Rabbi Robert Klensin*



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Rabbi Klensin and our Music Director Mark Dickens on the music arrangements. She also organizes funding for our CCI music which includes bringing in vocalists and instrumentalist for the high holidays. I met with Rabbi Klensin one Monday night and as I left at 8 PM Sandra was practicing with our outstanding choir. Yes Sandra practices what she preaches. I always hear compliments on our CCI music & choir.

Rachel Ray is second Vice President and while just being a member of CCI for a few years she has really jumped in and made a major positive impact with her leadership skills and energy. As a lawyer Rachel is extremely good at helping us sort out issues in policies and documents like proposed changes to our CCI Constitution. She is also good at resolving interpersonal issues that require her excellent negotiating ability. Rachel is also a fulltime mom to young Calvin.

Marjorie Steiner, our BOT Secretary, also Chairs the Membership Committee. Marjorie is very efficient and also helps wherever she can. She is currently organizing and cataloging the CCI BOT meeting minutes and records like never before. You will often see Marjorie helping out in the kitchen where necessary. Marjorie has put her Savannah River Site engineering experience to work at on projects like clean up/assessment of the CCI roof last year. CCI is fortunate to have such a good team & I am proud to say that I work with them.

Hanukah is coming up so please plan to attend our CCI Hanukah Party. The winter holidays and New Years are coming up so everyone please take time relax with friends and family. If you plan on traveling, please be safe!

Sincerely,

Robin Lewis Brigmon, President

*Michael and Robin Scharff  
invite you to share  
a proud and special moment  
as we celebrate with joy  
the Bar Mitzvah of our son  
Joshua Frederick  
on Saturday, January 5, 2013  
at 10:00 in the morning*

*Congregation Children of Israel  
3005 Walton Way  
Augusta, Georgia*

*Luncheon to follow*



## ADULT EDUCATION

Beginning the second week in January, we will continue our adult education program on Tuesday evenings. Using the book, ***The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic***, an anthology of diverse essays on Jewish dietary practices, we will begin by reviewing traditional rules of keeping kosher and if and how kashrut can be meaningful for some Reform Jews. We will then go on to discuss what else our Judaism says about what we eat. We will explore such topics as the ethics of eating food when animals or farm workers have been mistreated, Jewish vegetarianism, fasting, and high tech science and our food - issues that some refer to as Ethical Kashrut.

We are also planning adult education discussions to be led by Rabbi Klensin on Comparative Judaism and Comparative Religion. First we will learn about the differences in, not only practice, but idololgy and theology, of the different movements in Judaism. Then we will explore differences and similarities between Judaism and other religions, going well beyond the simple stereotypes that we hear so often.

Watch for more information in the January newsletter.

## ***Board Member Monthly “Menschen of Mention” Gail Erlitz***



Gail Erlitz was born in Brooklyn and raised in Elmhurst, Queens (New York City). After graduating from Hunter College-Bellevue School of Nursing with a BS in Nursing, and working 2 years at NYU Medical Center, she joined the Army Nurse Corps and moved to San Francisco. Military assignments took her to Ft. Lee, Virginia where she met and married David St. Martin, then San Antonio (TX), Frankfurt (Germany) where the twins, Ethan & Jonathan were born, and then finally Ft. Gordon. Gail earned a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree in Nursing Administration from University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, and a Master of Arts (MA) in Health Services Management from Webster University while she was on active duty. She retired from the military service in 1998 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Upon

retirement, Gail started working at University Hospital as a Informatics Nurse working on the electronic health record. She plans on retiring from University in early 2013 and plans on doing Healthcare Information Technology consulting.

Gail and Dave celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Their twins grew up at CCI, attending religious school from kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade, culminating with their Bnai Mitzvah in November 2002. Ethan is now in Oklahoma City working for Raytheon after graduating in Dec 2011 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Jonathan is attending Augusta State University and expects to graduate May 2013 with a BA in English Literature.

In the past, Gail served as the Sisterhood 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President and was the buyer/manager for the temple gift shop. She was the recipient of the Sisterhood's Woman of the Year in 2010.

Gail enjoys traveling and cruising! She and Dave have sailed to Alaska, the Caribbean and will be going on a Panama Canal cruise in December! Her other fun activities include, taking a weekly adult ballet class, taking spinning, Zumba and other fitness classes, and spending time in Hilton Head. Gail also cur-

## ***Youth Group Advisor—Victoria Resnick***



Shalom,

My name is Victoria S. Resnick and I am currently the new advisor for CITY youth group. I have always had a strong connection to Judaism, being raised acknowledging holidays and of course learning Hebrew. I was raised in Roanoke, VA along with my sister, Ana, who is 22 years old, and my brother Eddie, who just recently turned 20. While I attended high school, I was the vice president of my youth group and received my confirmation as a junior. As my senior year quickly approached, I made a life changing decision. I had applied to a couple of different universities in the state of Virginia, but after long consideration of my options, I thought I would benefit more from joining the United States Navy. My parents and relatives were very surprised by this decision, but after explaining to them my reasoning for this decision, they all supported me full-heartedly. At the end of my senior year, I traveled to Poland to view the concentration camps and observe Yom Hashoah, on a program called, March of the Living. We spent a week in Warsaw and then flew to Tel Aviv and spent the following week traveling throughout Israel. During that week, I celebrated Yom Haatzmaut with thousands of Jewish kids my age. After that trip, I realized how important it was to stay connected to my Jewish faith and teach it to younger generations. After my high school graduation, I prepared for my

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commitment to join the US Navy. While in the Navy, I was stationed in Norfolk, VA and served on-board the USS Ross, DDG-71 and served a deployment, making port stops in Bahrain, Spain, and France. While I was stationed in Norfolk, I volunteered as a Hebrew school teacher at a nearby temple and took some college courses. Education has always been a priority in my life, so after the first two years of my Navy career, I changed direction and decided to go to Monterey, CA to study Modern Standard Arabic. After numerous tests, I passed and received orders to Monterey. I spent two years learning Arabic while volunteering at the local reform temple, along with my other responsibilities as a Petty Officer. Currently, I am attending Augusta State University and live in Grovetown. I enjoy spending time with my boyfriend, Glenn, and my one year old puppy, Mason. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Congregation Children of Israel and look forward to getting to know you all.

# Brotherhood Fund Raiser

## Deli Night



Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 6:30 PM

Entertainment provided by Joanne Greene and George Westafer  
Deli Sandwiches with Choice of Filling (Corned Beef, Pastrami, Turkey)  
and Bread (Rye or Gluten Free)

Garlic Dill Pickles, Half Sour Pickles, Sour Tomatoes,  
Cole Slaw, Potato Salad

Beverages (Dr. Brown's Soda – Regular or Diet, and Iced Tea)

Cost \$30 per person

Reservations Required by January 17, 2013

### PUBLIX PARTNERS CARD

Thank you for using your Publix Partners Card when shopping.

Since joining the program, in May, the Temple has earned \$107.12.

Please continue to give your Publix Card to the cashier when shopping.

Additional cards are available. Pick one up from the table in the Platzblatt Lounge  
or let us know if you need one.

## BROTHERHOOD NEWS Arthur Miller, President



### WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP WHAT PROGRAMS ARE INTERESTING TO YOU?

Our aim is to have as short a business meeting as possible. This will give us the time to enjoy each others company. I would like to know if you would like us to have any specific program

The brotherhood service held on October 20<sup>th</sup> was very successful we wish to thank every one of the participants. Those brotherhood members who did not attend missed a very spiritual service.

REMEMBER OUR MEETINGS ARE ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. STARTING TIME IS 10:15 AM.

Coming events planned by the brotherhood are:

Deli night - entertainment by Joanne Greene, Kosher deli

Movie nite - We will get a movie with a Jewish theme for the spring of 2013. Let us know if you have any suggestions

Talk on immigration - Robin Brigmon has suggested that his daughter (a legal immigration attorney )will bring us up to date on the subject. We will advise you further as plans begin to gel

We are asking for volunteers to help us make potato latkes for Chanukah on the evening of December 12, 2012. Contact me to put you on our list of participants.

We wish to thank George David, Marc Gottlieb, Gary Aaronson, John Flicek Nat Kruskol, Steve Nathan and Arthur Miller for putting up and taking down the Sukkah.

Payment of your dues is always in order. Please send your check to the Temple office today.

Basic	\$ 36.00
Maccabee	\$ 54.00
Aaron	\$ 72.00
David	\$ 90.00
Moses	\$108.00

Remember You may also pay your Brotherhood dues line by simply going to:

<http://www.cciaugusta.org/BHoodMembership.htm>



## SISTERHOOD NEWS Jeanie Brody, President

The Judaica collection has some exquisite new items that you need to come and see. We have had two open houses but remember that Chanukah begins on Saturday evening, December 8, 2012, and ends on Saturday, December 15, 2012. So be sure to

come to the Judaica collection to buy your gifts as well as your necessities.

Sisterhood will be contributing \$200 toward the Chanukah dinner along with Brotherhood. Brotherhood once again will be making the latkes as usual.

Sisterhood will once again sell raffle tickets for the Restaurant Raffle in March, after Casino Night, for \$25 each with the drawing for the winner being at the annual meeting.

I encourage any ladies who have not joined Sisterhood to please do so.

JEANIE BRODY, PRESIDENT



## CHANUKAH BLESSINGS

This year we kindle the first candle of Chanukah on Saturday night December 8  
and the eighth candle on Saturday night, December 15.

The candles are added to the Hanukkiah from right to left but are *kindled from left to right*. The newest candle is lit first. (On the Shabbat of Hanukkah, kindle the Hanukkah candles first and then the Shabbat candles) Light the Shamash – the helper candle set higher or lower than all the rest of the candles – first using it to kindle the rest of the Hanukkah lights; say or sing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנוּכָּה

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Hanukkah.  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם,  
בְּזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, she-asah nisim la'avoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only we add:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
שֶׁהֵחַיָּנוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.  
Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

## MUSIC AT CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

A very large THANK YOU goes to Mark Dickens, our Choir Director, Joanne Greene, our Cantorial soloist, and our volunteer choir for the beautiful music for our High Holiday services.

Mark Dickens did a wonderful job working with Rabbi Klensin to select and organize all of our music. He organized and conducted our choir rehearsals throughout the summer to get our choir prepared for the holidays. Mark is an excellent choir director and superb organist and we are extremely fortunate to have Mark with us.

Joanne Greene enhanced our services with her beautiful voice, singing the Cantorial solo parts of our High Holiday music. Joanne is an extremely talented soprano and we are very appreciative of her involvement with our Temple and our music.

Our dedicated and very talented volunteer choir worked very hard all summer to provide the beautiful music for our services. We thank them for the tremendous amount of time and effort they give to enhance our services through music. The choir will continue to sing at one of our Friday evening services each month.

THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!

Mark Dickens will continue to conduct our choir rehearsals each Monday evening from 7:30p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We plan to be working on some new music for our Shabbat services which Joanne acquired at the Jewish music conference which she attended this summer. If you would like to join our choir group, please come to the rehearsals or call Sandra Freedman at 706-736-0288.

Sandra Freedman  
Music Committee Chairman

Save the date

## Congregation Children of Israel's Annual Casino Night

Saturday Evening, March 16, 2013



Your Augusta Jewish Community Sunday School (AJCSS) has been extremely busy! Each class is being inspired by dedicated teachers, caring rabbis, and supportive Madrichim (aides). We have had an Open House, and Parent's Meeting with Nettie Albrecht talking about the importance of the Jewish community. Here are some other highlights by class.

**Bagels and Blox** Our next class will be December 2nd and we hope everyone can join us. You can look forward to crafts, music, and storytelling.

It is a chance for the parent and child to experience the beginning of fun Jewish learning. I think the parents enjoyed the stories as much as the kids. Kara Deaner and Jennifer Shoenholz – teacher, Savannah Moreno and Mathew Guy – Madrichim (alternating)

**PreK and K** This semester we have been talking how the creation of the world. We also learned all about Shabbat such as a full service to include prayers, and customs. Several of the bible stories have been discussed. Our students have begun learning Hebrew. Jacob Scharff – teacher and Rachel Helling – Madricha

**1<sup>st</sup>** We started the year learning a deeper understanding of Judaism. We are reading a lot of stories to learn about the holidays including Shabbat. The students in our class enjoy art and crafts and really enjoyed making edible Sukkoths. Alexandra Osborn – teacher and Dani Kronowski – Madricha

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>** We learned about the fall Holidays including Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Our class made Happy Birthday cards to the world and apples with seeds that contained our New Year's Resolutions. A class on Genesis taught us about creation of the world. A model was completed and we learned about the seven days of creation. Jan Bledsoe – teacher and Jaclyn Zibman – Madricha

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** We are studying about cities and landmarks in Israel. Some of the things we are studying is differing customs and religions. So far we have remotely traveled to Haifa, Tel Aviv, the Dead Sea, Masada, and New Jerusalem. Michael Scharff – teacher and Michael Bruno – Madrich

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** This semester we have learned about the holidays and some of the special prayers for each holiday. In our Tanach lessons, we learned about nation building and leadership, as we followed the Israelites from the dessert and settling in their new land. When possible, we bring in current events like discussions about what makes a good leader. We try to have fun while learning, and performed a short play for Sukkoth called Ushpizin. Judi Giri – teacher and Sarabeth Budenstein – Madricha.

Our AJCSS is fortunate to have such dedicated teachers along with a creative Hebrew support in Victoria Resnick and Sara Sirull. Rabbi David Sirull (1<sup>st</sup> semester music director) and Rabbi Robert Klensin add the right connection back to each congregation and provide the knowledge to challenge our students. Hope Goad has also been extremely helpful in the organization of our school. Our goal is to make Jewish learning fun and rewarding.

Shalom,  
Elliot Price  
AJCSS Principal  
706 339-3798



## Jewish Community News

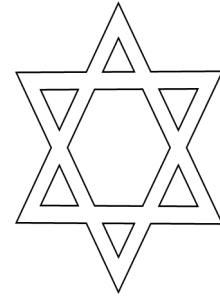
### ANNUAL JEWISH COMMUNITY CHANUKAH LATKE & SALMON DINNER

SUNDAY • December 9th • 6:00 PM  
Augusta Jewish Community Center  
898 Weinberger Way • Evans, GA

MUST RSVP TO THE AJCC

AT 706.228.3636 by Dec. 4th

Members:  
\$12 Adults;  
\$6 Children,  
Ages 4-12;  
Under 3 - Free;  
\$35 Family max



Guests:  
\$15 Adults;  
\$8 Children,  
Ages 4-12;  
Under 3 - Free;  
\$50 Family max

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## Children of Israel Temple Youth—Rachel Helling , CITY President



"[A Guide to Youth Group Lingo](#)" is found at the bottom of the section

In September, \*CITY attended \*NFTY-SAR's leadership training convention. Those of us who went learned many useful leadership techniques, met tons of new friends, and created memories we will never forget. CITYites will also attend the NFTY SAR Fall Kallah in Atlanta in November and have a blast:)

So far, CITY has held two "official" meetings, but don't worry, more meetings are still to come:) Along with the famous "\*moviefests" we often have, going out for lunch after Sunday School helps the group bond even more and gives us opportunities to come up with new, fun ideas for events and fundraisers.

Speaking of fundraisers, CITY is planning to host a bake sale when Sunday School returns to the Temple. Many yummy goodies will be sold the Sunday before Valentine's Day (Feb 10). And look out lucky parents- a babysitting night is headed your way! A date is still to be decided, but soon you will find yourself relaxing in the movie theater, watching the movie YOU picked out-without the little ones asking questions every four minutes. Our big fundraiser will come later with the selling of our "\*JEWICY" sweatpants. We are thinking that they are going to be very popular. Stayed tuned for more fundraiser ideas, you never know what these young Jews can create! \*We are also accepting donations\*

With the money we earn, CITY hopes to send some CITYites to the NFTY CONVENTION in California. This is where Jewish teens from all around the country, and the world, can get together and share their culture and Jewish faith with one another. We want to provide significant assistance or even full registration for our teens who want to go. This money will also be used for fun/community service outings like visiting Jewish events out of town, or helping at an animal shelter.

A new thing we are doing this year is welcoming of Bar or Bat Mitzvahs into our youth group a year ahead of time so they can check out what we do. Usually, the time to enter a \*TYG would be 9th grade, but we want to show the new kiddos how fun and meaningful our youth group can be. If anyone is in 8th grade, or high school and new to the area, please contact me or Victoria Resnick, our advisor, to become part of our little family. We will take good care of you. Scouts Honor.

Thank you all for supporting CITY, we really do appreciate everything the temple and its members have done for us!

Rachel Helling  
CITY President

### [A Guide to Youth Group Lingo](#)

NFTY- North American Federation of Temple Youth- for Reform Jews

NFTY SAR- (see above) Southern Area Region- for us Georgian and other southern Jews

TYG- Temple Youth Group

CITY- Children of Israel Temple Youth- Yay, go us! (we are a TYG)

"Moviefests"- Eating junk food and acting like normal teenagers while watching movies back to back

JEWICY- um, Juicy? Smartest playoff ever, if I do say so myself



**CONGREGATION NEWS****YAHREZEITS November/ December****November/December Birthdays**

November 2:	Robert Bissell
November 3:	Alice Rosenthal, David Silver
November 4:	Emily Friedman
November 5:	Josh Smith
November 7:	Jaclyn Zibman
November 12:	Jeff Wolf
November 14:	Franklin Williams
November 17:	Cantine Jones
November 19:	Noah Rigg
November 20:	Lauren Helling
November 21:	Robert Bledsoe
November 23:	Susan Simowitz
November 24:	Amanda Kunkel
November 25:	Gail Erlitz, Barbara Feldman, Marc Gottlieb, Jon Simowitz
November 27:	Risa Gay, Paige Newman
December 1:	Corinne Bobrow-Williams
December 5:	Liz Haynie
December 6:	Sara Bledsoe, Robert Klensin
December 7:	Sydney Epter
December 8:	Trevor Sorkin
December 9:	Cliff Kirvan
December 13:	Isaac Jolles
December 14:	Joshua Scharff
December 15:	Danielle Rigg, Shayna Sorkin
December 16:	Sue Richardson, Heather Schwartz, Ethan St. Martin, Jonathan St. Martin
December 18:	Dana Friedman, Melody Scharff
December 19:	Patty Ginsburg
December 22:	Skyler Abazary, SaraBeth Budenstein
December 23:	Susan Salisbury
December 24:	Lisa Montarbo
December 25:	Brighton Abazary, Steven Nathan, Michael Prisant
December 27:	Helen Bissell, Alexander Korn
December 28:	Milton Snapperman, Michael Zibman
December 29:	Sandy Helling, Ron Jensen, Jessica Punshon

**November/December Anniversaries**

November 6:	June & Burt Kunkel
November 29:	Robert & Francine Klensin
December 13:	Sandy & Eric Helling
December 21:	Jeff & Jessica Punshon
December 25:	David & Meryl Alalof, Louis & Dot Scharff
December 28:	Mort & Boots Wittenberg

November 2: Sidney J. Kwass, George Sullivan, Ralph Abramovitz, Harry Brice, Sr., Ida D. Davis, Helen Gorman, Ruby Jewel Gray, Belle E. Fine, Solomon Friedman, Jack Lipson, George Schneider, Maurice Cohen, Stanley Feldman, Natalie Jolles Miller, David Rubenstein, Sadie Rose Entin

November 9: Louis Brooks, George Gorman, Roslyn Levinson, Harry Robin, Louis Cohen, Harry Stark, Robert Thornton Bledsoe, Rhea Dolin, Frances Greenberg, Merle Markowitz, Leopold Mothner, Betty G. Padilla, Germaine Schlifka Quatrevaux, John Franklin Ray, Harry Stepakof, Rose Trincher, Steven W. Patch, Harriett M. Schneider, Micah Z. Baird

November 16: Dorothy Feinberg, Herman Selwyn, Esther Gottlieb, Charles Entin, Rose S. Harkins, Sadoc Avzaradel, Manuel Krugman, Dora Burns, Elsie Ocuin, Margaret Wittenberg, David Rubin, Edith Steinberg

November 23: Bernard Friedman, Harvey Haas, Abram Pomerance, Rhea Siegel, Florence Stavins, Charles A. Freedman, Rae B. Silbert, Hyman Stadiem, Harry Feldman, Barbara Steiner, Lillian Hillis, Alex Shapiro, Dorothy Shapiro, Sophie Halbersberg, Helen Juanita Lepianka

November 30: Harry Horowitz, Sam Simowitz, Belle Siegel, Helen Ruby Brigmon, Rosina P. Benjamin, Mildred Greenberg, Morris Tad Siegel, Louis Simowitz

December 7: Julia Epstein, Elliot C. Serotta, Benjamin Hammer, Nathan M. Needleman, Henry Milton Simowitz, Simon Brown, Louis Shapiro, Walter Lee Brandenburg, Leon Entin

December 14: Ronnie Baker III, Risa Schneider Dreilanger, Stephen Nachman, Allan Silver, Martin Michael Prisant, Carolyn Bolton, Leonard Goldstein, Joseph Silver, Dora W. Prisant, Esther Baris, Paul Copenhaver, Ray C. Fuerth

December 21: Isadore Brown, Adolph Lesser, Frederick Nevegold, Doris G. Shlaer, Sylvia Aronow, Ethel W. Lutin, Edward Siegelson, Fannie Brooks, Mitchell Barrett Gross, Helen Dolinsky Rifkin, Shirley Shapiro Arenstein

December 28: William Melcher, Thaddeus Joseph Stiffel, Jr., John Erlitz, Louis Pintchuck, Leah Schrameck, Frances C. Land, Jerome Goldsmith, Moses Slusky, Rose Shapiro, Rose Kraft, Dorothy Brown

January 4: Rodney Brody, Jeanette Goldberg, Helen Gottlieb, Ida Gordon Margolis, Dorothy Jolles Robin, Henri Leon Schlifka, Frances Schulman, Doris Burnstein, Sara B. Dessauer, Milton Prisant, David Feldman, Mose M. Darling, Dorothy Haas, David Wetherhorn

January 11: Mildred Krasnoff, Lil Sapowitz, Coleman Bernard Solursh, Alan Rosenthal, Donnie April, Isadore Scheer, Joseph Kunkel, Martha Anderson, Jack Klensin, Milton Kramer, Leon R. Nathan, Jill Estroff Young, Kittie Friedmann, Jeannette Miller, Sabet Rubenstein, Milton Fine, Abraham Pearlstein, Irwin Price, Max Simon

## Mazel Tov

Congratulations to **Robin & Leila Brigmon**

on the marriage of their daughter,

**Jessica, to Jesse Siebeck**

October 5, 2012

## Condolences

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

### **Haldi Stepakof**

Mother of Sandy Helling

October 31, 2012

### **Marvin Rifkin**

Father of Lynn & Laura Rifkin

November 9, 2012

### **Alvin Werner**

Cousin of Arthur Miller

November 5, 2012

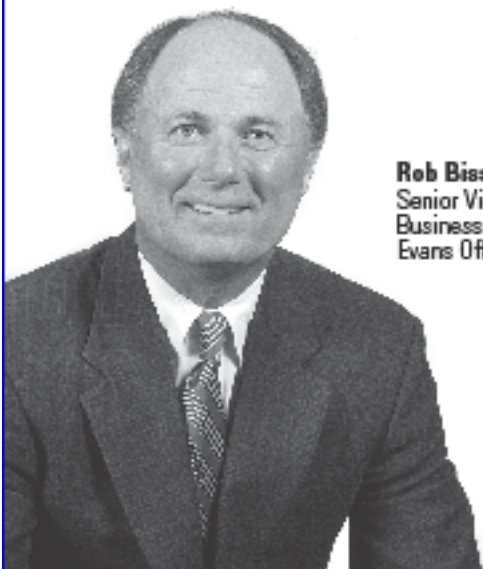
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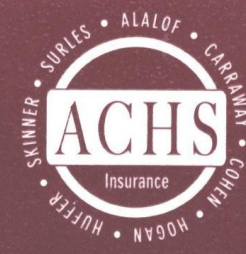
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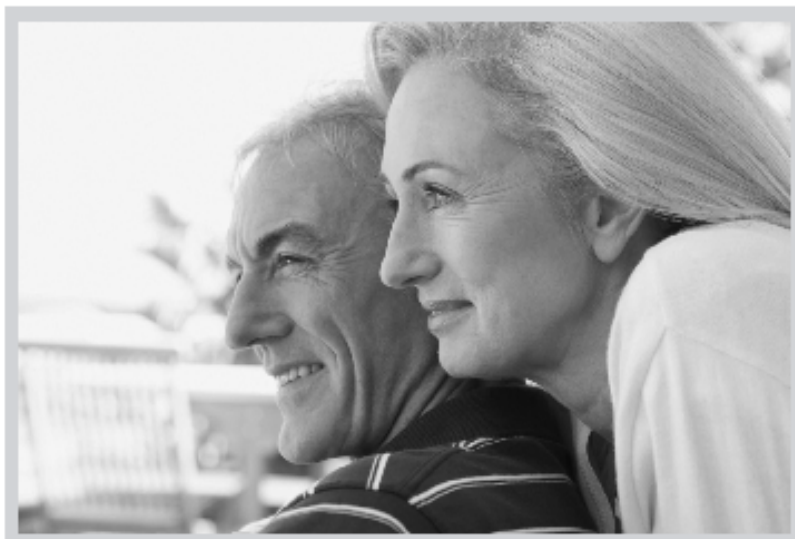


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16 AJCSS Columbia Trip & Pajama Party	17 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	18	19 5:00 PM Weekday Hebrew	20 10:30 AM Adult Hebrew	21 Shabbat Service 7:30 PM	22 No Shabbat Service or Torah Study
23	24 Office closed	25 Office closed	26 Office closed	27 Office closed	28 Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Office closed	29 No Shabbat Service or Torah Study
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