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CONGREGATION CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

Adult Ed: TWO Classes This Year!



Shalom, and Happy New Year!
It was wonderful being with so many of you in our new Sanctuary as we gathered together for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I hope that you feel energized and hopeful for the year ahead.

Speaking of, it's time to start our regularly scheduled Adult Education classes!

Due to the varying schedules of all of our congregants, I have gotten several requests to offer some classes in the evening. With this in mind, there will be two different topics for adults this year. The day class will be on Thursday mornings (on the second Thursday of each month, starting on 11/14), and the evening class will be on Thursday evenings (on the third Thursday of each month, starting 11/21). You are welcome to attend as many (or as few) of these as you would like, as each session will stand on its own.

The theme for the Thursday morning class will be: "Let's Talk About God" Starting with the Torah and then moving to midrash and modern interpretations, we will look at different ways that Judaism (and Jews) have conceived and thought about God.

The theme for the Thursday evening class will be: "Navigating the Talmud" with Rabbi Linder. We will start with an overview of the Talmud, and each class will look at a particular teaching/story/law that comes from a specific page in the Talmud.

—Rabbi Linder

Mazal Tov Carly Wender & Scott Merkle

Carly Wender's research was recently featured in an issue of *Uga Today*. Carly has used Virtual Reality (VR) to show that pain during high-intensity cycling can be decreased with the use of VR. Carly worked with over 90 participants for this study. You can find the article here: <https://news.uga.edu/virtual-reality-reduces-leg-muscle-pain-cycling/>.

Dr. Scott Merkle's idea voted most likely to make a lasting difference. Scott Merkle's idea; "How to restore threatened and endangered trees" was voted "Most Likely to Make a Lasting Difference" at the first annual Forest Innovation Reviews (FIRz). Scott was among ten different presenters during the event held on September 18. Please wish Scott *Mazal Tov*, and for more information on his research, here is a link: <https://www.usendowment.org/dr-scott-merkles-idea-voted-most-likely-to-make-a-lasting-difference/>



From the President

Dear CCI Congregants, Families, and Friends,

How exciting this past month has been, with the completion of the renovation, the *L'Chadesh* rededication, and the first High Holidays in our new sanctuary! It was great seeing so many of you at the temple over the past month.

I want to say a few words of praise for the Rabbi who ran "the show" so well, and who inspired profound thought with his beautifully crafted sermons. Particularly relevant to me were the ideas he shared about all of us "being a Messiah," and the fact that, try as we might, religious and moral action can't be separated from political action – which is not the same as partisan politics. That's an entirely different matter.

I also want to share again my appreciation for this year's recipient of the Eric Mendel Award, given to a deserving congregant on Rosh Hashanah, celebrating and honoring the volunteer efforts of

an individual who has gone above and beyond the call in serving our temple community faithfully.

There are many in our congregation who exemplify this spirit and this was never more true than this year during the work that enabled us to finish our beautiful new sanctuary. In that role, and in virtually every other aspect of temple life, one individual universally lauded for his tireless efforts - and equally for his kind and generous heart - is this year's recipient, Jack Rutan. Whether he's lugging furniture, fixing the plumbing, serving as board treasurer, or assisting with the BikExodus ride, there is no one who gives more, so gracefully and kindly. I also got to know Jack very well at a recent two-day URJ conference near Chicago earlier this year, and like me, everyone there was immediately taken by Jack's intelligence, goodness, and kindness. He was indeed a great representative of Congregation Children of Israel.

Thank you once again, Jack, for your dedication and hard work.

By the time you read this we will, I hope, have successfully completed our first-ever BikExodus fundraising ride. That has been another collaborative effort on the part of so many generous volunteers from our congregation.

As of this writing, BikExodus and the Jonny Bike raffle tickets have grossed more than \$7,000 for CCI.

You are all appreciated for Bike raffle and all of your work in sustaining our beloved and new congregational home.

Best regards,

—Ken Sherman,
Board President

Payments On-Line



Payments and donations to CCI can be made online using a credit card at ccisrael.org/donate. You can pay your dues, Donate to our BikExodus, your Religious School tuition, \$100 security fee, and a variety of our funds and programs. Please Note: *Sisterhood Dues cannot be paid online.*

Online payments will include a 2.9% + .30 transaction fee in the final cost. This charge will keep our bookkeeping correct and efficient. If you prefer to continue to mail or bring checks to the temple, you are more than welcome to do so.


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SISTERHOOD NOVEMBER NACHAS

CHANUKAH PERFORMERS WANTED LATKES & VARIETY SHOW PARTY

Yep, it's time to polish off the 'ol menorah again 'cuz at 6:00 pm on the 6th day of Chanukah, December 27, you will find many a NE GA Jew right here at CCI. Following an early and short Shabbat service, Sisterhood will host a dinner-time celebration, with a communal candle lighting.

Deets: Latkes are provided, but we request that guests bring a vegetarian or dairy side-dish to feed twelve. (Sisterhood provides desert.)

Adults: \$5.00, Children: \$3.00. Please RSVP by **Friday, December 20th** to Sisterhood Board member Susan Schaffer susan_schaffer@hotmail.com text OR call her at 706-254-8882.

Do a Mitzvah! Get involved!

Variety Show: If you are interested in performing, please send your idea for an act that is *under 3 minutes* and that has relevance to Chanukah to Sisterhood President Lizzie Z. Saltz lizziesaltz@gmail.com. Young and old alike may apply!

Ess: Latke Crew men are a CCI tradition, so guys, join in! Or, if you want to lend a hand with decorations, potluck set-up, food prep or clean-up, email Sisterhood Board member Susan Schaffer susan_schaffer@hotmail.com text or call her at 706-254-8882.



Acts should be ~3 minutes & have some relevance to Chanukah.
Apply to Sisterhood President Lizzie Z. Saltz at: lizziesaltz@gmail.com
Young & old alike may apply!

Raffle: YES there will be a Sisterhood Raffle again; look for your envelope in the mail by the end of November; it will contain 10 tickets and a return-addressed envelope. They are 1 for \$3 or 10 for \$25. (The grand prize will be announced in the December issue of *Temple Times*.) This a great way to support Sisterhood and have a chance to win something cool—just mail them back with a check or drop them off with Cyndee in the CCI office.

Gift donations: This year we welcome items for the Athens Area Homeless Shelter at the party; see below for more on children's Board Books and cleaning supplies.



SISTERHOOD WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT ED

Our series continues, exploring different aspects of the Jewish experience. Held from 5:35 to 6:25, 15 to 20 minutes of open discussion is included. As the sessions are held during Religious School on selected Wednesdays, parents of religious school students are encouraged to drop off the children and come find us in the lobby. We will be holding a sign with a Sisterhood Adult Ed logo on it. (RSVP not needed.)

Fall presentations remaining:

10/30 - rusti klein: Therapy and Jewish Values
11/20 - Jerry Gale: How Meditation & Improvisation Skills foster Social Action: A response to the Rabbi's Rosh Hashanah sermon
12/11 - David Saltz: Theater and the Holocaust

BOARD BOOK DRIVE

The drive for Board books for the younger children living at the Athens Homeless Shelter continues. The box for your donations is in the hall near the library. They most need board books that teach colors, numbers, letters and animals. (The books remain at the shelter.)

BOOK AND A NOSH

On Nov. 17th. at NOON we will discuss *The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List*, edited by Alana Newhouse (the author and editor of *Tablet*, the Jewish online magazine.) "It is a list of the most significant foods culturally and historically to the Jewish people, explored deeply with essays, recipes, stories, and context... The entire list is up for debate, which is what makes this book so much fun. Many of the foods are delicious (such as babka and shakshuka). Others make us wonder how they've survived as long as they have. We will once again enjoy a potluck lunch, but this time with the twist that your contribution must be from or inspired by this book. We will meet at the marvelous home of Barbette Houser; please RSVP by emailing her at barbettehh@gmail.com.

HELP MILLY THE MITZVAH MOP!

The Athens Area Homeless Shelter really needs cleaning supplies for families moving into their first-time homes.

Please bring your donations in a bucket and deliver to the temple whenever it is open—ask Cyndee in the main office to tell you where the appropriate place is to store these items (away from our attractive new lobby areas!). If you have questions about Sisterhood's initiatives to serve the shelter, please email Sisterhood Board member rusti klein at: rusti.klein@gmail.com.





Q. Who made the L'Chadesh tallit that Sisterhood gave to Rabbi Linder?

A. **ELITE TALLIT!**

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**ATHENS AREA
HOMELESS SHELTER**

REMINDER - **The Homeless Shelter** for women and children is always in need of toiletries and cleaning supplies. Anything you can bring to CCI when you come would be helpful. I periodically come by and take them over to the shelter I thank you in advance for your ongoing support and act of chesed.

—rusti klein



Kesher is here for you...
If you find yourself – or know of a fellow congregant – in need of support during a challenging time, please notify the Rabbi, the Temple Office, or a member of the Kesher Team. We're here to coordinate our congregation's support during illness, loss of a loved one, birth of baby – or any other event – where a helping hand, a word or support, or even a meal would lighten the load.

Kesher Committee:

Barbara Michalove
Chinami Goodie
Ellen Klein
Elliot Gootman
Emily Mouilso Linder
Ira Goldman
Janet Martin
Janine Aronson
Julie Range
Kim Ripps

Member DIRECTORY

By now you should have received a link to the on-line directory of our members. This will be constantly updated; as soon as the office is made aware of any changes, It will immediately be reflected in this directory.

The directory contains name, email address and phone number. It will only be accessible by the link that will be sent, and not viewable from any public web page. If you would prefer not to be listed in this directory, please let Cyndee know at athenstemple@gmail.com or 706-654-4192.



Thank you Jack Rutan, Courtney Ferriter, Jonny Perry and Stu Posner for creating such a wonderful Sukkah this year!



PJ Library Families

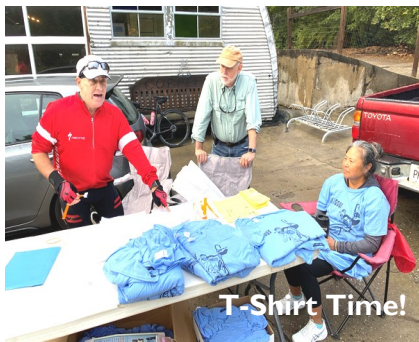
October was a busy month for the Athens PJ Library Program. Several families attended a Shabbat hike at the UGA Botanical Gardens, led by PJ parent, CCI member, and outdoor adventurer, Dr. Melanie Reber. After the hike and a snack, the kids got to play in the new Alice H. Richards Children's Garden. On Sunday October 13, UGA Hillel invited us to help decorate their sukkah and to enjoy sundaes in the sukkah—delicious and fun. Our biggest event this month was a pizza-in-the-sukkah-party in conjunction with the CCI Religious School which was attended by about 70 people.



We are appreciative of a generous grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation as well as donations from CCI Sisterhood, the Rabbi's fund, and individual donors who support many of our wonderful programs. PJ Library is open to children with a Jewish parent or grandparent from birth to age 9. (www.pjlibrary.org) PJ Our Way is open to those who are ages 9-12 (www.pjourway.org). Each month participants receive a book/cd in the mail at no charge. These mailings are underwritten by grants from the Grinspoon Foundation, Etra Foundation, the Alliance Foundation, and local donors. With much appreciation,

—Marilyn Gootman

Greatest Hits of the 1st Annual BikExodus



Congratulations! BikExodus Raffle Winners

Grand Prize, Stationary Bike - Renée Brown
 Google Mini - Scott & Roberta Merkle
 Jabra Headphones - Sandy & Larry Baumwald
 Signed & Framed Poster - Richard & Barbara Schuster
 Mexican Silver Dollar - Rabbi Eric & Emily Linder
 \$25 Condor Gift Card - Sandy & Larry Baumwald
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 \$25 Jittery Joe's Gift Card - Dot Sparer
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 \$25 Mama's Boy Gift Card - Lizzie & David Saltz
 \$25 Mama's Boy Gift Card - Renee Feldman
 \$25 Siri Thai Gift Card - Ira & Regina Goldman
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Services at a Glance

Friday 11/1, 6:45 PM Shabbat Service, led by Lizz Bernstein & Ira Goldman

Friday 11/8, 6:45 PM Shabbat Service

Saturday 11/9, 7:00 PM, Holy Cohen Havdallah

Friday 11/15, 6:45 PM, Shabbat Service with Choir led by Janie Ripps. Commemoration of Kristallnacht

Saturday 11/16, 10:30 AM, Shabbat Bat Mitzvah Service of Janie Ripps

Friday 11/22, 6:00 PM (Please note special time), Shabbat Learner's Service w/ Shirah Chadashah

Friday 11/29, 6:00 PM, Shabbat Service

Shabbat Learner's Service Friday Nov. 22 at 6:00 PM

(Please note special time!)

During this Shabbat service, Rabbi Linder and Jonah Berkowitz will provide short teachings surrounding our Shabbat prayers and songs. Jonah Berkowitz will deliver the D'var Torah, and all of our Religious School students are expected to attend. Everyone is invited, especially anyone that wants to learn some of "the basics" of the Friday night Shabbat service.



AFTY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our High Holy Days food drive benefitting the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia! As a group, CCI collected 1,275 POUNDS of canned food and nonperishable items. The Food Bank was so grateful for our contribution, and AFTY appreciates your support for this year's Project Isaiah.!



Sisterhood Members

Sisterhood Reading to Kids at the Homeless Shelter

email cci.sisterhood@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving a sign-up genius email for the next round of reading opportunities!

Location: [Athens Area Homeless Shelter](#)
620 Barber St. Athens, GA 30601



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Schedules change frequently. Always check for updates online at ccisrael.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Key: RS = Religious School HS = Hebrew School					1 6:45 Shabbat Service Led by: Lizz Bernstein & Ira Goldman	2
3 9:30-12 Religious School	4 7-8:30 Choir Practice	5 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone 7-8:30 Board Meeting - Library	6 5:30-6:30 Religious School	7 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga w/Mel	8 6:45 Shabbat Service	9 7-8:30 Holy Cohen Havdallah
10 9:30-12 Religious School	11 7-8:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone	13 5:30-6:30 Religious School	14 10:30-11:30 Lets Talk about God 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga w/Mel	15 6:45 Shabbat Service with Choir, Commemoration of Kristallnacht	16 10:30 Janie Ripps Bat Mitzvah
17 9:30-12 Religious School	18	19 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone	20 5:30-6:30 Religious School	21 4-5:30 Cemetery Committee 5:45-6:45 Slow Flow Yoga w/Mel 7-8 Navigating the Talmud	22 6:00 Shabbat Learners Service w/ Shirah Chadashah	23
24 No Religious School 4-5:30 ICPGA Thanksgiving	25	26 11:30-12:30 Yoga for Everyone	27 No Religious School	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed 	29 6:00 Shabbat Service	30

Thank
you



September 15 – October 15

General Fund

Eric Kardon in memory of his father, Warren Kardon
Eric Kardon in memory of his grandmother, Pearl Kardon
Arthur Meyerson in loving memory of his father,
Isadore Meyerson
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Moshea ben Baruch Zohar

Synagogue Renovation

Evan Fliegel towards the new garden
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Eva Jeanne Damato in memory of her sister,
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PJ Library

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Wording can be arranged any way you like, and can combine English and Hebrew.

Some plaque layouts can memorialize more than one person and can accommodate additional lines of text.

For a donation of \$500, members can display a standard plaque measuring 2x10 inches. Double plaques measuring 4x10 inches are available for \$1,000.

Nonmembers please contact the office for pricing and availability.

Order by sending the correct wording, spelling and dates to the CCI office *in writing for accuracy*, by **email** or mail, and sending your check to the temple office.



November Yahrzeits



Yahrzeits November 01

Regina Brown	Grandmother of Eric Kardon
Rabbi Phillip Fried	Father of Tammy Gerson
Dene Hartmann	Grandmother of Jill Hartmann-Roberts
Norman Karp	Brother of Cindy Karp
*Moe M. Levy, Sr.	
*Harry Loef	Father of Terry Blumberg
Samuel Meltz	Husband of Vicki Cohen-Crumpton
Erwin Neter	Brother of John Neter
Bernice Randall	Aunt of Lynn Elmore
Henry S. Tropp	Father of Iris Tropp

Yahrzeits November 08

*Evelyn Abrams	
Rose Brodsky	Mother of Arlene Weiner
*Sarah Goldwasser Brooks	
Murray Fogelman	Husband of Francine Fogelman
Jerry Goldman	Father of Ira Goldman
*Irwin Harvey	
*Henrietta Joel	
Pearl Kardon	Grandmother of Eric Kardon
Herbert Karp	Father of Cindy Karp
*Harriette Segall Miller	Mother of Helene Schwartz
Rose "Billie" Schwartz	Mother of Susan Goldner
Louis Zimmerman	Father of Barry Zimmerman

Yahrzeits November 15

Welma Bloss	Mother of Pamela Bloss Zohar
Dorothy Feinstein	Mother of Kenneth Feinstein
	Grandmother of Rachel Murthy
Amram Grundstein	Father of Andrew Grundstein
Karen Kaplan	Sister of Ray Matthew Kaplan
Abraham G. Link	Father-in-law of Edmund Feldman
Marvin Mirisch	Grandfather of Jill Hartmann-Roberts
*Hyman Nathan	

Yahrzeits November 15 - Continued

Barbara Nugent	Mother of Steven Nugent
*Meyer Rosenthal	
*Dr. Henry B. Sachs	Father of Dot Sparer
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Yahrzeits November 22

Irene Altholtz	Mother of Barbara Altholtz Spivack
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Yahrzeits November 29

Judge Samuel Eisenstadt	Father of Marilyn Gootman
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Saul Shore	Father of Gary Shore
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*Rubin Wexler	

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Congregation Children of Israel (CCI) is a reform congregation in Athens, Georgia. CCI brings the Athens Jewish community together to live joyously rich Jewish lives. We strive to bridge tradition and modernity, as worship links our precious history with fresh approaches to spirituality. We are dedicated to each other, and to learning from the gifts that each of our families brings to our congregation.

The Torah teaches 'love your neighbor as yourself.' In keeping with this central teaching, Congregation Children of Israel strives to be inclusive and accommodating, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all who come to us in peace. We provide a home to members of the Jewish community of all races, ethnicities, national origins, sexual orientations, and gender identities.

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