

Congregation Dor Tamid
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January 2017

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Message from the Rabbi



The Success of CDT

There are many ways to define "success." We live in an age of numbers so bottom lines and membership figures are important indicators of success. But before there were ever numbers there were people, and we, the Children of Israel, have defined and continue to define our "success" as the extent to which we deepen our relationship to God, Torah and Israel. A synagogue expresses these values by dividing its space into a sanctuary, a school and a social hall. So the synagogue becomes a house of prayer, a house of study and a house of meeting.

When I look back over the last months I am amazed at how successful CDT is when we define "success" in these basic Jewish ways. As a house of prayer we have excelled. The Musical Service had congregants singing and dancing. As a house of study we surpassed all expectations. Adult Ed's "Panel for Peace" brought over a 100 congregants to the Temple to hear spiritual leaders speak from the vantage point of the world's great religions, and the live Skype hook up to the one liberal Rabbi serving Spain delighted those who were learning about the history of Spanish Jewry. And over 300 attended the "Great Chanukah Happening" which taught, with great fanfare and fun, how to celebrate this joyous holiday. Finally, as a house of meeting we shined. The Art Auction was a wonderfully organized, well-attended, elegant evening. The Primetimers gathered for lovely dinners, and "Shabbat After Dark," (the oneg AFTER the Oneg,) saw adult service goers staying late into the night to enjoy each other's company with wine and cheese.

These were the successes of the congregation and all in the last two months!

The Success of a Member

There are many ways to define success for a member. In today's world we Jews simultaneously long for community and strive for personal meaning. We build institutions then try to make time in our weekly schedules to live a Jewish life.

But there are cynics who would pay their way, judge their synagogue from afar, and think that the success of the institution is the central issue. Others know better; they show up and bind themselves to the community. They come to join in prayer, in study and friendship. They sing solos that become a chorus. And they find their personal meaning when they strengthen the Children of Israel.

Jewish life is for the courageous, for those brave enough to recognize that history has a claim on them and that the responsibility for the survival of the people depends on each and every Jew, not on any institution and its calendar of events. The success of the member is determined by the degree to which he or she carries out the highest values of Jewish life in action and deed. This is how the success of the member is defined.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Katz

Schedule of Services

Friday 7:30 PM
Saturday

Torah Study 9:00-10:00 AM
No Torah Study January 11
Shabbat Service 10:30 AM

**January Birthday
Recognition Shabbat**
Friday January 6 7:30 PM

Musical Shabbat Service
Friday, January 13 7:30 PM

Shabbat Early Service
Friday, January 27 6:30 PM
Followed by 7:30 PM Service

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Rabbi Candidate Visit

The CDT Rabbi Search committee has been diligently working to find a permanent Rabbi to lead CDT into the future. We are please to let the congregation know that we have invited one of our finalist candidates to visit CDT.

The Rabbi will be here from Friday, January 6, 2017- Monday, January 9, 2017. Please mark your calendar for that weekend.

The Rabbi will be at **Friday night services** and will schmooze at the Oneg, will be leading **Torah Study** Saturday from 9-9:45 am-in the Sanctuary, and will be at a congregational **Meet & Greet** on Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 pm at CDT. Stay tuned, more details will follow regarding the schedule for that weekend!

Message from the President



Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!!!!

Shalom 2017!

I would like to thank each of you who has stepped up to make CDT what it is today, from the Religious School teachers and Madrichim to the staff and Clergy. I also want to thank all of you who volunteer countless hours attending meetings, ushering services, volunteering Moments, chairing committees and the worst part, sitting through endless phone calls from me. I would also like to thank Sam Frey. Sam built a fire pit and benches for CDT as part of an Eagle Scout project. Thanks you Sam for a job well done!

2017 is shaping to be a banner year for our CDT community.

Starting next week, we will be welcoming our first Rabbi Candidate to CDT. Look out for more information, but please plan on attending Friday night services to have a chance to meet and greet this exciting candidate. Later in the month, another candidate will be welcomed to CDT for the weekend.

Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about a CDT Congregational meeting later in the month. We will update the Rabbi search progress along with a financial update.

We still have a number of Committee Head and Board positions needing to be filled. We need a Social Chair, Social Action Chair, and Caring Committee Chair, among others. We also need help filling these committees. Please contact me at president@dortamid.com if you are willing to help out.

It is never the wrong time of year to donate to CDT. As you should be aware, we announced an ongoing fundraising campaign on Giving Tuesday. Please go to <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=e4f047> to donate. Not only is there a huge need for this by CDT, but your book keeper would also say this is a good thing to do... Many companies will match your donations and you may also make a donation using stocks. For more information, go to our website, dortamid.org, or call the CDT office.

Be on the lookout for upcoming Gala information. Tickets will be available later this month. The Gala will be held March 18th!!!!

Looking forward to an exciting 2017!

This is your CDT!

B'shalom,

Rob

Rob Lederman
President

Donations

General Fund

Beverly and Tom Mahone in memory of Marvin Finkelstein
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ללמוד תמיד Adult Education

The highlights from December were Dr. Linda Bloomberg speaking on Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers) and Ruthie Cohen speaking on the Jews of Spain. Ruthie's talk included a live skype call with Rabbi Stephen Berkowitz, the current leading liberal rabbi in Spain, during which we were able to ask questions about the current status of Jews in Spain.



Please join us when we resume in January with a talk on the 8th by Leah Berkowitz of the American Jewish Committee on "The Changing Face of Anti-Semitism". On the 22nd and 31st, we will have the first two sessions of a three-part mini-series on Life after Death. For the mini-series, the first session will be on Sunday morning at Parsons Run, while the following two will be on Tuesday evenings at CDT—stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, January 8 at 10:00 AM

The Changing Face of Anti-Semitism" with Leah Berkowitz from AJC

Sunday, January 22 at 10:00 AM

Life After Death, Part 1



Tuesday, January 31 at 7:30 PM

Life After Death, Part 2

Tuesday, February 7 at 7:30 PM

Life After Death, Part 3

January 2017 at CDT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 CDT Offices Closed	3 7:00 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	4 11:00 AM Torah Study 7:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	5	6 7:30 PM Shabbat Service with recognition of January birthdays	7 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service <i>B'not Mitzvah Service of Gianna de Graaff & Sloane Borsuk</i>
8 9:15 AM Religious School Grades PreK-5 10:00 AM L'Imod Tamid (Adult Learning) 1:00 PM CDTTY Board Meeting 2:00 PM Rabbi Candidate Meet & Greet 5:30 PM Religious School Grades 6-8 Derech Tamid Grades 9-10	9 7:00 PM Sisterhood Board Meeting	10 7:30 PM Engagement Committee Meeting	11 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class	12 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class	13 7:30 PM Musical Shabbat Service  <div>NFTY Winter Kallah through Jan 16</div>	14 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service <i>Bat Mitzvah Service of Samantha Lederman</i>
15 <div>NFTY Winter Kallah through Jan 16</div>	16 CDT Offices Closed	17 7:30 PM Budget & Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Fundraising Committee Meeting	18 11:00 AM Torah Study 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 6:30 PM Education Committee Meeting 7:30 PM Board Meeting	19 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class	20 6:30 PM Religious School Teacher Appreciation Dinner 7:30 PM Shabbat Service	21 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service <i>Bar Mitzvah Service of Kolin Brandeis</i>
22 9:15 AM Religious School Grades PreK-5 10:00 AM L'Imod Tamid (Adult Learning) 5:00 PM Grades 8-12 Screening of "Screenagers" Temple Sinai 5:30 PM Religious School Grades 6-7	23	24 7:00 PM Sisterhood Mah Jongg Night	25 11:00 AM Torah Study 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:15 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	26 5:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Class	27 6:30 PM Shabbat Early Service  7:30 PM Sisterhood Shabbat Service 	28 9:00 AM Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service <i>Bat Mitzvah Service of Sarah Hunter</i> 5:00 PM CDTTY Israel Event
29 9:15 AM Religious School Grades PreK-5 12:30 PM Grade 2 JYG Bowling 1:00 PM CDTTY Board Meeting 5:30 PM Religious School Grades 6-8 Derech Tamid Grades 9-12	30	31 7:30 PM L'Imod Tamid (Adult Learning)				

Musical Shabbat Service with a band!



Friday, January 13
7:30 pm



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Join us in song
as we celebrate Shabbat!

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy new year! We are looking forward to a variety of fun and educational activities in 2017. If you haven't joined Sisterhood now is the time!

January Events

Mah Jongg Night

Tuesday, January 24
7:00 – 10:00PM at CDT

Table available for beginner & intermediate/
advanced level players

For more information and to sign up visit the
CDT website.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT Friday, JANUARY 27

We'd love for our members to participate in this
service. Contact sisterhood@dortamid.org
for more information.

Sisterhood was busy last month celebrating **Chanukah!**

Our annual **Chanukah Party** was held at Pasta Vino. We enjoyed
a delicious dinner followed by a white elephant gift exchange.



We were also happy to participate in the **Pre-Chanukah Happening** and coordinated a successful
Chanukah Bazaar. Thanks to Molly Peled for Coordinating an amazing event!



We had a great visit to the **Cohen home** and sharing the Chanukah spirit.



Don't forget to email sisterhood@dortamid.com with any comments, questions or suggestions for activities.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Michele

Michele Lederman
Sisterhood President



NEXT FOOD COLLECTION DATE

SUNDAY – JANUARY 29, 2017

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP
AND GET YOUR HOMES AGAINST HUNGER
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Thank you so much to Ethel Rubenstein and Ellen Salowitz for chairing our Pot Luck Chanukah Dinner and Gift Exchange. There were about 30 participants who had a fantastic time. The food was great, the conversation was amazing, and the gift exchange was a lot of fun.



Our next event will be a Pot Luck Dinner and a Movie on Saturday, February 4th at 6:30 held at CDT. This event is being chaired by Ron and Bonnie Harvey. Please bring a dish to share. If your last name begins with A-H, please bring a dessert, I-Q, please bring a side dish, and R-Z, please bring a main dish. After dinner, we will be watching the movie **Remember** starring Christopher Plummer and Martin Landau. This movie is about two friends who make a pact to hunt down and take revenge on a Nazi commander who was responsible for slaughtering their families during World War II. Please RSVP to the Harveys at bonnieharvey1@yahoo.com.

All primetimer events are opened to any CDT member **55** years old or older. Please join us.



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The Sisterhood of
Congregation
Dor Tamid



MAH JONGG NIGHT

IT'S GOING TO BE A "BAMTASTIC TIME!!!"

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 7:00—10:00 pm

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Winners will receive raffle tickets for prizes



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Non-CDT Members Welcome.....\$10.00

RSVP BY JANUARY 12TH online at

www.dortamid.com or mail back the form below
with your payment

The Mah Jongg Maven & Susie Sparkles will be at CDT starting at 6:30 pm with Mah Jongg supplies,
designer inspired jewelry and handbags for purchase. 10% of sales will be donated back to CDT
Sisterhood!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THIS SISTERHOOD "FUN" DRAISING EVENT!

Name: _____ Level: ☐ Beginner ☐ Intermediate/Advanced
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and play Mah Jongg (total of \$41.00 due)
____\$10.00 I am not a CDT member

Join CDT for Shabbat Early Service

Directed towards grades K-2
...but everyone is welcome! 😊



Bring your family Kiddush cup,
Shabbat candlesticks & candles



Friday, January 27
at 6:30 PM

Followed by Sisterhood Shabbat Service at 7:30 PM

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DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT



*Dor Tamid Primetimers
Pot Luck Dinner
and a Movie*

Date: Saturday, February 4th

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Congregation Dor Tamid

RSVP by January 28th to bonnieharvey1@yahoo.com

Please bring a dish to share.

If your last name begins with I-Q —please bring a side dish

If your last name begins with R-Z—please bring a main dish

If your last name begins with A-H—please bring a dessert

The movie we will be watching is called Remember
starring Christopher Plummer and Martin Landau.



B'nai Mitzvah



Jack Scala
December 3, 2016

Jack is a 7th grade student at Autrey Mill Middle School in Johns Creek. In addition to focusing on his school work, Jack enjoys spending time with friends, playing basketball, boating, fishing, sketching and anything related to luxury sports cars. His favorite times, however, are when he visits Florida and gets to spend time with his grandparents, aunt, uncle and good friends.

Jack has a special place in his heart for dogs, which is why he chose to volunteer with Clover Run Rescue for his *tikkun olam*/social action project. For almost a year now, Jack has volunteered on weekends when the Clover Run staff bring the rescue dogs to the Johns Creek Pet Supermarket for adoption. Jack helps with whatever is needed, including walking, showing and cleaning up after the dogs. Jack's involvement with Clover Run has been such a great experience for him. He has worked hard and always comes home happy after spending time with the dogs and helping to find them new homes. Jack plans to continue volunteering and greatly appreciates the donations many of you made to Clover Run in his honor.

Justin Perlman
December 10, 2016



Zachary Rosenthal
December 17, 2016

Zach is a 7th grade student at Lanier Middle School in Sugar Hill. In addition to being a part of the TWIST team (Project Based Learning) at Lanier, Zach enjoys spending time with his friends gaming on the computer, as well as coding. Zach loves vacationing with his Nana and Pop-Pop when they are in Ohio or Florida, as well as with his aunts, uncles, and cousins

across the nation — North Carolina, New Hampshire, South Carolina, and California. Without a doubt, Zach is dedicated to his family, home, and his new puppy, Livvy. Most of all, Zach is wholeheartedly devoted to his brother, Ben. Their bond is amazing and truly sets the example for "brotherly love!"

For Zach's *tikkun olam*/ social action project, he chose to raise money and volunteer at the CCC (Creating Connected Communities) carnival for kids who participated in summer learning programs in Title 1 schools. CCC is a non-profit organization that provides life-enhancing programs for 1,500 of Atlanta's homeless children. Zach was able to raise hundreds of dollars for this event, as well as volunteer on that special day. This really taught him how important it is to give both money and time to kids in need. He plans to further help CCC with other events that create life changing moments for homeless kids. Finally, Zach truly appreciates the family and friends who gave to this very worthwhile endeavor and supported him in his efforts to make life fun for these kids.



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**If Fulton County schools close then
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If CDT or the Religious School close due to inclement weather, check your email for an announcement and watch the following stations for closing notification:

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