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Dear friends,

As this newsletter gets sent to our community, we do not yet know how long this challenging situation will continue. We do know that we are all at the mercy of something far beyond our control. Please make sure to check your email for messages and announcements from CDT as well as

our Facebook page for information about services, events, programs and classes being held online.

Our community continues to strengthen and support one another, despite the physical distance we have from one another. Each week, new members continue to sign onto Torah study and our services. Many of us have been inspired by Mike's musical moments each Tuesday night and Molly's cooking classes each Thursday. It has been a joy to connect with our Primetimers on Thursday mornings, and I am looking forward to Shabbat story times each Saturday morning with our youngest children.

We must continue to support each other, not only in social and spiritual ways, but in other ways as well. This is why our Caring Committee has gathered a number of volunteers who are willing to help those in our community who are the most vulnerable and high risk. Therefore, if you are in need of help with getting food or prescription medicine, please do not hesitate to let me know by emailing me at rabbi@dortamid.com or calling the office at 770-623-8860. We promise to do our best to help you.

With Passover coming soon, I know that many of you are saddened by the thought of being unable to share a seder with members of your family or members of the CDT community. We now have a link on our homepage (https://www.dortamid.org/pesach2020) that will take you to a number of Passover resources to help you with your own in-person or virtual seders. More information and videos will be added to the site in the coming days.

Finally, if you are in need of a seder for the first night of Passover, I want to invite you to join Marni, Noah, Kaden and me in our home for our (very kid friendly) seder. More information about the Zoom link and the time of the seder will be sent out early next week.

I want to wish you all blessings for a happy and, most importantly, healthy Passover.

B'ahavah (with love),

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message



If you are like me, you are really missing the human interaction that is such an important part of our Congregation Dor Tamid community. Like you, I was looking forward to the Dueling Pianos Gala at CDT in March, but now it is simply added to so many dashed plans during the COVID-19 health crisis. As we all try our best to navigate the weeks ahead, I want you to know that your CDT family is with you every step of the way, just in some unique digital ways. I am so impressed with our CDT clergy, staff, lay leaders, families, and students for creating some unique ways to stay connected. Hopefully, you have joined in for one of our recent online

Shabbat or Havdalah services, which will continue on a regular basis until we get past this period. Our CDT religious school has also gone online. Please encourage your kids to participate, as they all really need this type of social interaction now. Molly is also busy with "Molly's Israeli Kitchen," which is a great way to learn how to cook Israeli dishes.

As challenging as the social distancing is, it has also brought about some very welcome family time with a much slower pace than is normal in the Rosen household. We are also seeing neighbors (from a distance of course) more than usual. Have you noticed that everyone is waving a lot more? I find myself calling friends and family more than texting or emailing. It's comforting to hear their voices and simply check in to make sure they are okay.

We had our first Zoom.com online family Havdalah last weekend, which was fun. Family and friends from Atlanta and New York connected online, and it was almost like we were all together. Now we are busy planning our virtual Passover seder. If we can't be together in person, then we will be together online.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support as we continue to determine our plans for upcoming programs and new ways to keep the CDT community connected. As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I sincerely wish that you and your loved ones remain healthy and safe.

B'Shalom,

Dan

Daniel Rosen, President



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Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom Chaveirim - Dear Friends,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and healthy. Amy, Eli, and I miss you and are looking forward with all of our hearts to the time when we can see you in person. These past few weeks, Rabbi Jordan and I have been reaching out to you by phone, and it is sufficient to say that the many conversations that I have been so fortunate to have with you have been the heaviest that I can remember having during my many wonderful years here at Congregation Dor Tamid. Though each interaction is unique, there are common themes. I don't think you need me to tell you that we are all a little scared, a little sad, and a little anxious. Our days and weeks have been filled with uncertainty. Many of us are just trying to navigate a day of work and, for those of us with children at home, helping our children work through their digital learning. Some of us are trying lock-down, while others of us still need to go out to work during the day. We are worrying about necessities, finances, medication, food — and the list goes on. Some of us have seen our savings disappear over night, and some us have already lost our jobs. We miss seeing our friends and our family. We are worried about our older parents and grandparents. For those of us muwhost go to work in person, there is the additional fear of bringing home the novel coronavirus to our families.

In the face of this, what can we do? How can we help each other at a time like this?

We can reach out.

We can listen to people's fears and concerns.

We can share our worries.

We can let each other know that we are not alone and that we are cared for.

And we can pray . . .

For healing.

For comfort.

For compassion.

For strength.

For our parents and our children.

For our leaders.

For our first responders.

For our doctors, nurses, and health care workers.

For all of the people who have becomes heroes.

May Adonai hear our prayers.

And as Passover brings us the story of our peoples deliverance from slavery, we pray for a swift deliverance to health for our community, country, and world.

Amen and Amen.

Peace and health,

Mike Zuspan

Education Director's Message

Shalom everyone.

I am actually writing this article while watching live classes on Zoom during Sunday school.

What a world we are living in. As most of you know, I am not a computer person; I'm much more a people person. This new reality is a hard change for me, but at the same time I am so grateful for computers nowadays. The computer and the internet allow us to keep connected. Seeing all our students' faces all on one screen at the same time makes me happy and fills my heart.

During times like this, I appreciate even more being connected to a synagogue. Being part of a larger family gives me strength and support.

Having to think about religious school and worrying about the teachers and the students gives me a purpose. It makes me focus on what is important to me instead of being frightened by the news.

Being strong for others helps me get stronger. I have to tell you how impressed I am with our fabulous teachers. They are all going through the same difficult times as all of us but still have the ability to think of lesson plans, learn new technology, and get logged on to Zoom classes every Sunday. Before we started the zoom lessons, most of my teachers were very nervous, but if you watch them now they are pros! They are sharing screens and posting videos and activities. Way to go teachers! You are amazing!

This Passover will be very different. We need to try to make the best of it. I am planning to have the Seder on Zoom with my family in Israel. I will cook, clean, set a beautiful table just as if we didn't have the coronavirus! I think it is the only way to feel normal under these circumstances.

I hope you are enjoying my cooking classes every week; it is so much fun to do them. It's my way to stay connected to you all.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need to talk or have any questions.

In the meanwhile, I wish you all peace, health, and happiness.

I love you all and miss you very much!

Chag Same'ach,

Molly



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Okay, so we are all now in a semblance of an isolated mode.....now what??!!!

I would like you to join me in finding all your unwanted/needed eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aides, and cell phones to donate to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation.

Given that most of us are spending much more time at home, doing some spring cleaning can be quite cathartic . . . and helping others in need is a wonderful *mitzvah*. So turn on and up the volume of your favorite music, clean out those cabinets and drawers, and "SEE" what you can find. Once our doors are reopened, a date will be sent out when to start bring in your glasses!

On a more serious note . . .

Please know that your Sisterhood is here for you should you need help during this period of isolation. Whether you need someone to pick up medications or food items or just want to chat — phone or FaceTime — let me know. In the meantime, I wish you and your families the best of health in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

With Warmest Regards,

Lisa President



Primetimers

The Primetimers attended the Johns Creek Chorale production of Carmina Burana last month. We enjoyed the performance immensely and had no idea that Johns Creek has such a beautiful musical arts ensemble. Performing this magnificent music was the Johns Creek Chorale, the Choirs from Georgia Tech and the Atlanta Wind Symphony.

The artists included: Anne Beloncik Schantz, Soprano; Dr. Cory Schantz, Baritone Andrew Skoog, Tenor David Kehler, Music Director and Conductor and our very own Peter Lehrman!

Our next scheduled event . . .

Sunday, June 7 — Kosher Deli Night at CDT

As of now, this event is still on the calendar. Please check the weekly eblasts and other CDT programming updates as we get closer to the date.



In the meantime, join us for . . .



Do you have any suggestions for more activities or programs? Please email Carol Kovar at moved2ga@bellsouth.net or call 404-668-1135.

Social Action



Tikkun Olam — תיקון עולם Repair the World

Hoping all within our CDT family and your families and neighbors are staying healthy, using social distancing, and following stay-at-home and other guidelines. These are scary times.

Generally, our committee meets every other month. We're looking for new ideas on projects we can do, and we invite you to join us when we resume our meetings.

THE HUNGER WALK

Paula Bloom did a great job leading the charge to raise funds for the Hunger Walk Run, even though the in-person walk scheduled for March 15 had to be cancelled. We exceeded our goal and collected \$2753. Our religious school children enjoyed an ice cream sundae party to thank them for their *tzedakah* support. Thank you to all who donated.

ZABAN PARADIES CENTER (ZPC)

ZPC assists couples transitioning from homelessness to resettlement and independence by providing shelter, basic necessities, and counseling services. For CDT's March 18 date to volunteer, Jackie Berger, Sharon Rocco, and a donation form Lesley Penuel donated the food, and Jackie Berger and Lesley Radov delivered the food. Thank you so much.

HOMES AGAINST HUNGER

Due to the coronavirus situation, we did not have our scheduled March 22 home pick-up. In this critical time of need, including for children who won't be getting school breakfasts and lunches, please dig deep and donate if you can! We are asking our congregants to consider a donation to the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB.org) or to a food charity of your choice.

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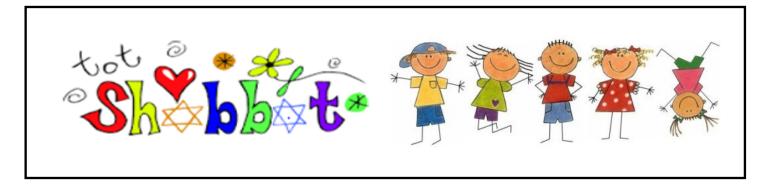
We are continuing to crotchet or knit from home, and once the coronavirus situation passes we will deliver beanies and octopuses to the Northside Hospital NICU.

If you know how to knit or crotchet, we would love you to help. Contact me at srocco1951@gmail.com, and I'll provide the patterns.

Shalom, Sharon Rocco Chairperson



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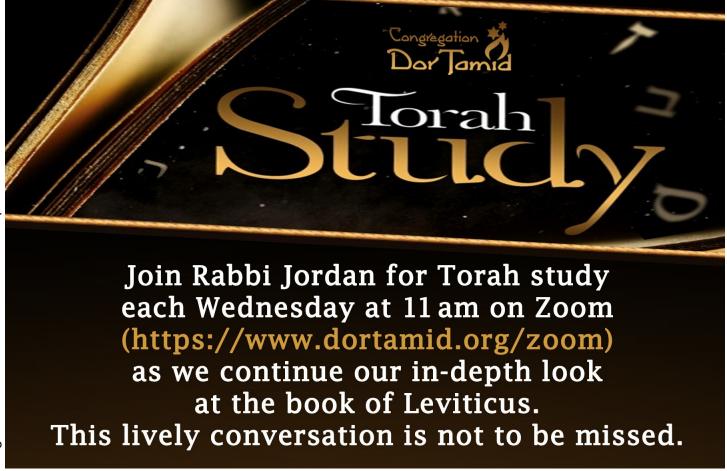


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for announcements of special live programming and to view recorded programs and services any time.

Lifelong Learning



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Caring Committee

At any moment you may find yourself, your family, or your friends in need of a helping hand, and the CDT Caring Committee is here for you! Acts of loving kindness are our specialty, and we are here for congregants who may need help getting through difficult situations.

The Caring Committee's ability to help starts with you! If you or someone you know could use some support, please reach out to us and let us know what's going on. We will work closely with Rabbi Jordan and the staff to help us be successful in providing for the needs of our congregants. Our committee's goal is to reach out to every congregant who may need us!

If you or someone you know is mourning, undergoing surgery, recovering from an accident or illness, or has something going on in your/their life and could use our assistance, please contact the CDT office (770-623-8860), Rabbi Jordan directly (770-623-8860), or Leslie Fox, Caring Committee Chair (678-296-4646), and let us know. It's so important that we, as a congregational community, care for one another.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a part of the Caring Committee please let us know.

Leslie Fox Caring Committee Chair 678-296-4646



Condolences

Iris Wasserman and Michele & Brian Redmond and Family on the passing of Iris's husband and Michele's father

Norman Wasserman

Thursday, February 27

Ellen Green and Family on the passing of Ellen's mother Georgia Green Saturday, February 29

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We are currently serving our Community Access Group clients by phone and video conference to keep social connections, even though the building has closed. The Supported Employment Program is operating and supporting clients, families, and employer partners virtually. We are also continuing to serve our clients in the Independent Living Program.

Please find contact information for the above I/DDS programs and more at our website: jfcsatl.org/idd

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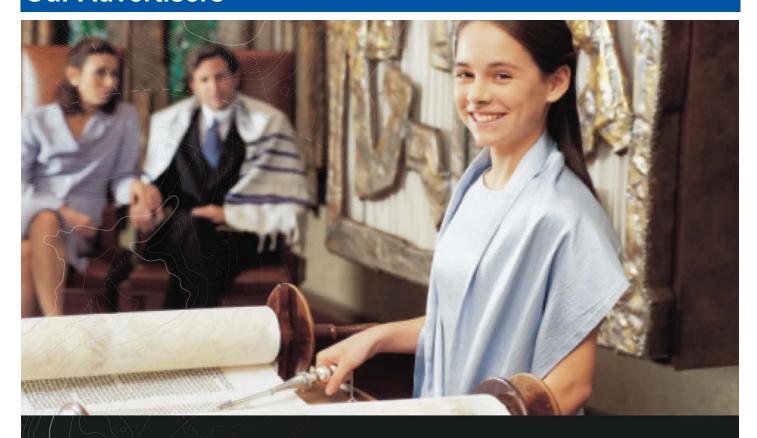
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