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Dear Friends,

I want to share some very exciting and big news for CDT. A few years ago, we initiated an endowment fund with our Kulanu B'Yachad campaign. The purpose of an endowment fund is to provide long-term financial stability by providing annual investment income to supplement the operating budget. The endowment principle remains untouched in perpetuity and is invested in low-risk programs which produce consistent annual income for the congregation.

The exciting and big news is that three very generous families have recently pledged a total of \$1.25M to the CDT endowment fund! In memory of his parents, CDT's long-time friend, Danny Warren, donated \$1,000,000 to create the "Dr. Harold and Mildred (Terry) Warren Memorial Endowment Fund." This fund will provide investment income to supplement CDT general operating expenses. I, along with our Board, extend our deepest gratitude to Danny for his generosity and kindness. The Board has approved naming our general endowment fund per Danny's wishes.

In addition, Mitch and Lisa Skyer and Scott and Rachel Allen each donated very generous gifts to create and fund a "directed" endowment specifically designed to ensure that CDT always has the ability to fund the position of Senior Rabbi. The "Congregation Dor Tamid Senior Rabbinical Endowment Fund" is also an investment-based fund, with the difference being the investment proceeds are directed specifically to fund the Senior Rabbi position. This funding does not increase or change the Senior Rabbi's compensation. Rather, it provides funds to the operating budget to subsidize a portion of the Senior Rabbi's salary. Over time, we hope this endowment grows to a point that it fully funds the Senor Rabbi position.

Keep in mind, endowment investments are safe, low-interest returns and designed to increase CDT's long-term financial security. The endowment principle is not to be withdrawn to fund the operating budget, only the investment income. We still must generate income from membership dues, events, and seasonal fundraisers, as well as donations throughout the year that many of you so generously give in memory or in honor of special people in your lives.

This \$1.25M endowment gift is currently a pledge, with legal and financial work to be done in the coming months before CDT actually receives the funds. I just wanted to share the very exciting news, as it truly cements CDT as a leading congregation in north metro Atlanta for decades to come. I must reiterate that, while these fabulously generous donations help us immensely for the future, this in no way affects our day-to-day operations or the funding for of our synagogue at the present time. In fact, given the lengthy setup required and time to generate investment returns, we don't expect significant income contributions to CDT for at least two years.

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These significant endowment gifts do set us on a new path. A clearer path toward future stability, security, and the ability to serve our congregation for generations to come.

I want to thank Danny, Mitch, Lisa, Rachel, and Scott for their generosity and for helping to ensure a strong future for our congregation and community.

If you are interested in contributing to the endowment, or learning more about this important step in securing our future, please do not hesitate to contact our president, Leslie Fox, our executive director, Stacey Jahanfar, or me.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message



Spring has sprung and there are great things happening at CDT! With the weather getting nicer, we have services and events planned outside and are hoping for many opportunities to be together. The Havdalah with music by Mike and Amy was as amazing as the weather that evening, and there were 120 in attendance. It took my breath away!

Our spring fundraiser . . . MISSION POSSIBLE . . . is in full swing, and our goal is to "complete our mission" by selling out the entire grid. Please take a moment to go to dortamid.org and click on the MISSION POSSIBLE banner at the top to contribute toward our goal.

Participation is critical to complete the mission! Please think about your ability to give and contribute toward the higher dollar amount squares if you are able. As stated in our kickoff video . . . if a donation is made for every square on the grid, CDT will raise \$64,980. We are giving away 7% of the money raised, to be divided among three lucky raffle winners. So, the more we raise the more you can win! Donors will receive a raffle ticket for every \$50 donated. There are also prizes "hidden" behind some of the squares, so some of you will be instant winners! Donations toward the grid may be "in honor" or "in memory" of friends and family, so think of your loved ones as you choose your square(s).

This spring fundraiser is a vital part of our short-term fundraising plan that we must do each year to be able to thrive as a community. These efforts help to support our day-to-day operations, provide programming, and allow us to supplement our budget in various ways.

As explained in Rabbi Jordan's article this month, we have great things going on with our endowment and long-term fundraising. Please read his article (if you have not already) for more information on this.

I would like to give a shout out of thanks to those who helped to make this fundraising mission possible, and a special thanks to Rob Lederman for his amazing work to create our promotional materials, and Dan Adajian (my future son-in-law) for creating our grid. The hours spent to create this campaign were many, and I am confident they will pay off when our MISSION IS ACCOMPLISHED. Remember, together anything is possible!

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected!

Leslie

Leslie Fox, President

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Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom chaverim - hello my friends!



As you read this, we are in the midst of *Pesach* (Passover). I hope that you and your loved ones were able to find ways to be together for the first seder (and second night seder, if that is your tradition). As spring is finally here, there is a feeling of renewal in the air. We can, of course, simply look outside to see the beautiful Georgia blooms to be reminded that Spring brings with it new beginnings. It seems that this year our lives may be in concert with the season. As the weather warms, we begin to venture outside — certainly to enjoy the weather, but this year especially to enjoy seeing each other again. This is

definitely the case at CDT. We have begun our outdoor services again! Many of you joined us on March 13th for Havdalah and a concert as we had a first outdoor event in a few months. Amy and I very much enjoyed ourselves, as I hope you did as well. On April 18th, Amy and I and the band are looking forward to doing an even bigger concert! I hope that, as the information becomes available, you will all mark it as a 'can't miss' date on your calendars.

Spring this year also brings with it a possible beginning to a slow and steady return to something closer to the life we all enjoyed before Covid-19. As you are all aware, the staff is planning to return to CDT this month. I am looking forward to seeing and working with my colleagues again in what has been my spiritual and professional home for the last 15 years. I think that, as we move forward, we will all be sharing these new milestones together. Though it may still be many weeks or even months away, I think we can all begin to see and feel that we are on our way to the other side of this. I think back to our ancestors — crossing the sea of reeds, traveling to Mt. Sinai to receive the Torah, wandering for forty years, and — finally — entering the land of Israel. We too are on our way.

See you soon — with tikvah — with hope,

Mike

Mike Zuspan **Cantorial Soloist**

Education Director's Message



For the past few weeks, I felt like my old self again. I was able to clear my mind of everything and focus on one goal: Teaching Passover in a fun, exciting, and engaging way, while following the CDC guidelines.

One day, not too long ago, I woke up with a vision. I could see it clearly . . . a Passover drive-through! After sharing my idea with the staff and getting the green light, there was nothing stopping me.

I built 13 stations for the cars to drive through and the younger families to walk through. Each station represented a different highlight of the *seder*: *Kiddush, Urchatz, Karpas, Ma Nishtana*, The Four Sons, The Ten Plagues, *Dayenu, Maror, Matzah, Beitza* (egg) and *Zeroah* (bone).

The students were able to read the prayers from the posters and get explanations from the teachers about what each symbol, song, and prayer meant.

Once the families started to arrive, the adrenaline in my body elevated. It was so exciting to see everyone, even though we were in masks. I could see that the families were learning. I could see they were having a good time. I could see the religious school was still the religious school I remembered!



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After days of preparation and a 4-hour drive-through, I got home and received the following text.

Yesterday 7:20 PM

I wanted to thank you for yesterday! What an incredible thing you did...so thoughtful and fun! It put a much needed smile on all of our faces and totally put us in the mood for the holiday. You keep doing you because you are AMAZING! Thanks again!

Have I ever told you I love my job and I love CDT?

We have all gone through a very difficult year, but this COVID Plague will also Pass-over us, and we will be free again! Happy Passover my dear family! Stay safe!

Love,

Molly

Molly Peled **Education Director**



Coming Up in April and May

Saturday, April 3 **Shabbat Morning / (Passover) Yizkor Service**

Sisterhood Book Club Monday, April 5

Sunday, April 11 **Sisterhood Spring Schmooze**

Saturday, April 17 **Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Ashtar**

Sunday, April 18 **Outdoor Spring Concert**

Tot Shabbat / Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, April 23

Sunday, April 25 Family Game Day—Disney Trivia

Friday, April 30 **Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Saturday, May 8 **Bat Mitzvah of Lexie Keim**

Saturday, May 8 **Dueling Pianos**

Sunday, May 16 **CDT Annual Meeting**

Friday, May 21 **Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Saturday, May 22 **Bat Mitzvah of Jemma Schiffer**

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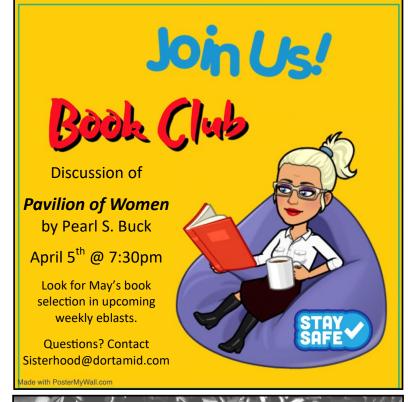
The Sisterhood Board and I want to wish everyone a very Happy Passover and a Happy Spring. There is so much happening over the next couple of months at Congregation Dor Tamid. Sisterhood activities and social action opportunities with information can be viewed in the flyers below. I look forward to seeing all of you, either in person or on Zoom, soon!



Chaq Pesach Sameach,

Lisa

Lisa Danzig Sisterhood President





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THE GIFT OF Sigh

Let's do some spring cleaning together, and DONATE all of your old and unwanted Eyeglasses and Sunglasses.

Bring your Eyeglasses and Sunglasses, in a plastic baggie, (no cases or loose lenses please), to CDT during the months of April and May. (A box will provided outside by the side doors)

Your donated glasses will be brought to the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation in Chamblee, Georgia, where they will be refurbished and given to those people who are in financial need.

They accept hearing aids and cell phones too!

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Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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Cantorial Soloist Discretionary Fund

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General Fund

Sherry & Sheldon Fages

— in memory of Robert Warnick

Bev Mahone

— in memory of Robert Warnick

Scott & Matti Reider

— in honor of Audrey Capozzoli's birthday

<u>Gan (Garden) Tamid</u>

Lesley Radov

— in memory of Robert Warnick

Sharon Rocco

— in memory of Robert Warnick

Yahrzeit Fund

Caren & Marty Levine

— in memory of Anne Schuler

Betty & Ron Kurtz

- in memory of Ida Dochen
- in memory of Bessie Kurtz

<u>Sisterhood Plant a Tree in Israel</u>

Stuart & Marilyn Goldfarb

— in memory of Allan Gersman

Ann & Stan Bassell

— in memory of Judy Sinder Cohen

Yahrzeit Plaque

Beth & Elliot Raizes

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Caring Committee Fund

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Condolences

Condolences

Ruthanne and Larry Warnick and Family on the passing of Larry's father
Robert J. Warnick
Friday, February 26

Karen and Ken Griffey and Family on the passing of Karen's father
Arnold Salaman
Monday, March 29

May their memories be a blessing.



Social Action

Sharon Rocco Chairperson



Tikkun Olam — תיקון עולם Repair the World

Spring is here! Your Social Action Committee had our meeting on March 11th via Zoom. We are looking for new members, so consider volunteering and joining our committee.

HUNGER WALK: A big thank you goes out to Paula Bloom and Stacy Jahanfar. This year's donations totalsed \$4064, an increase of 69% from last year. Thank you to all who contributed.

HOMES AGAINST HUNGER: We discussed a restart of this program possibly in June and are hoping to include this to the Annual Meeting agenda on May 16. We discussed the possibility of having congregants bring canned goods or packaged food to our upcoming outside events, and Jackie Berger will organize this project. In the meantime, due to COVID-19, this is still currently on hold.

There is still a need for food to feed families and children. In lieu of collecting food, we ask you to make a monetary donation, if you desire, to any of the following.

Kosher Food Pantry - JFCSATL.ORG\kfp

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CHESED TAMID: When considering a donation to CDT, this is another way to support and help provide assistance to our very own congregants who need this assistance. We encourage you to purchase grocery store gift cards or donate online through our CDT website. Contact Stacey Jahanfar, Executive Director, either by phone or email: sjahanfar@dortamid.com

BEANIES FOR PREMATURE BABIES: In January, we delivered more beanies to the Northside Hospital NICU. I already have 185 beanies and other items to deliver, including crocheted and knitted blankets. Some of these will be delivered to Northside and some will go to Helping Mommas. A big shout out to Rebecca Rubin and Betty Dougherty and everyone in our knit/crotchet group.

GAN TAMID: Currently we are having water issues. There was a short in the water pump, which is being fixed. Lesley will need volunteers to help with weeding soon. She has planted Brussels sprouts, red beets, garlic, parsley, and more. The peach tree has buds, and hopefully we will have some peaches.

ZABAN PARADIES CENTER: Thank you to both Linda Barton and Lynda Galler, who sponsored the March dinner. April will be sponsored by Ruthie Cohen and Sharon Rocco, and Edie Davis and Lesley Radov are scheduled to do the May dinner.

This program assists couples transitioning from homelessness to resettlement and independence by providing shelter, basic necessities, and counseling services.

ANTISEMITISM: It was suggested we find a way to participate in an antisemitism project. If you have any contacts and/or are interested in assisting with this project, please contact me at srocco1951@gmail.com.

ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE will be pursued again later this year. Thank you to Alicia Oberhand, who has volunteered to head this event. More information will be provided in the future.

Sophia Ashtar — April 17



Sophia is a 7th grader at Piney Grove Elementary School and her favorite subject is science. Sophia has played soccer since she was 4 years old and is one of the top scorers for NTH Tophat as a forward on the U13 Gold team. She is an all-around athlete and also loves to weight train, swim, ski, and roller skate when she is not on the soccer field. She enjoys making jewelry, drawing, sculpting, teaching herself Korean, and hanging out with her friends.

Sophia loves spending time in nature, which made her *tikkun olam*/social action project a no-brainer. Since her neighborhood is directly across from Caney Creek Nature Preserve, she decided to help her community by picking up garbage in the preserve and along Caney Road.

Because her social action project was during the COVID pandemic, she invited her friends to spend time outside in the preserve on clean-up adventures and also got her family to help out. She believes that taking care of the environment should be part of everyday life and plans to continue her efforts to give back by putting litter where it belongs.



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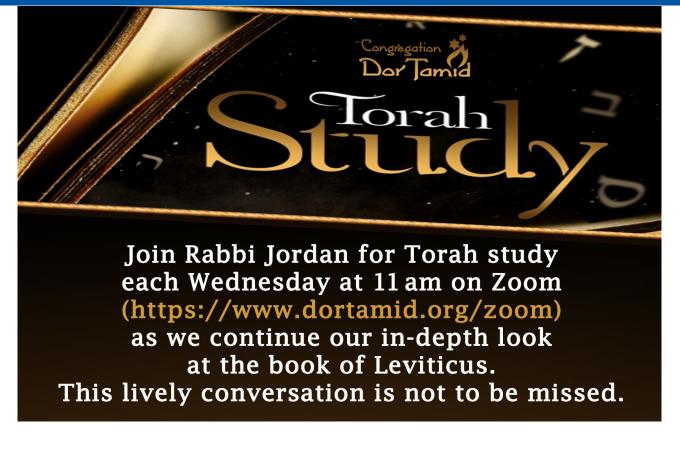
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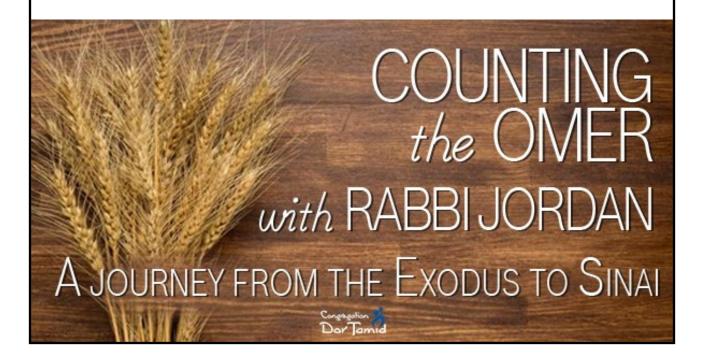
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A Daily Message from Rabbi Jordan

From Passover to Shavuot — From Exodus to Sinai







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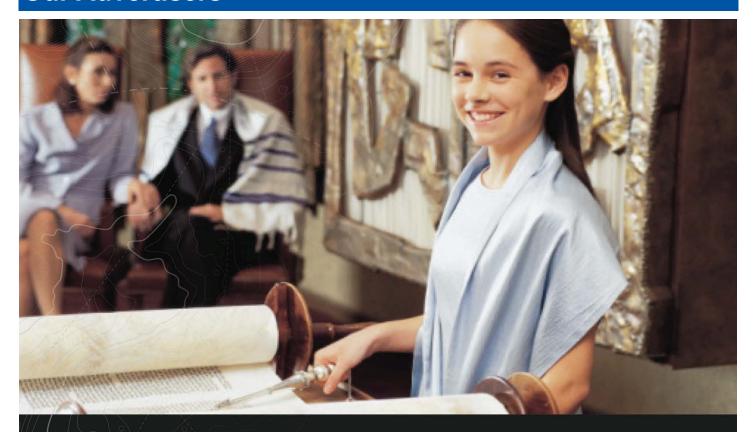
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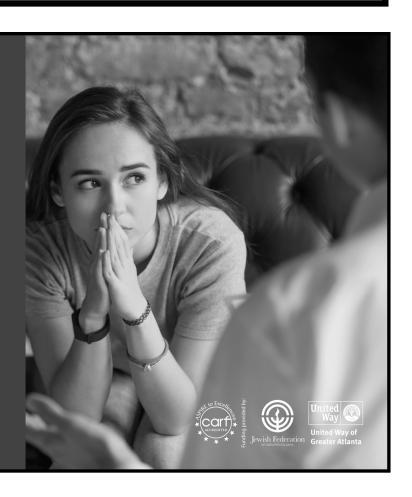


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