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Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

As the rabbi of this amazing community, I am constantly amazed at the generosity and thoughtfulness of the members of our community. From our Caring Committee bringing those who are ill a bowl of soup, to members coordinating rides to and from doctors' appointments, it is so heartwarming to see how much our members care for one another in times of need.

Additionally, our Social Action committee, ably led by Paula Bloom, does so much for the broader community, whether it is collecting food for the hungry, money and supplies for victims of a Tornado, or carloads of supplies for Ukrainian refugees. This group really does a great job leading us and showing us different ways to repair the world.

There are some times, however, when an act of kindness and tzedakah surprises me and truly warms my heart. Just a few weeks ago, I heard of one such story. Many of our students do amazing mitzvah projects while preparing for their b'nai mitzvah ceremonies. They help the homeless, and animals in need, provide clothing, food, and sporting goods to those in need, and reach out to front line workers and hospital patients to show their support. Recently, I heard of one of our students giving back after celebrating his bar mitzvah ceremony. Jason Rothenberg can often be found at CDT with his grandmother, Ruthie Cohen, helping with the Sandwich Project. Jason decided to donate a sizeable portion of his b'nai mitzvah gifts to help support the Sandwich Project.

When I asked him why he chose to do this, he told me, "I chose to donate to the Sandwich Project because when I heard there were no funds left for basic supplies-I knew this was my time to help. I used some of my newly gifted Bar Mitzvah money to do my part."

Jason saw a need and wanted to do his part. This is an amazing example to all of us. Whether the need is at the synagogue, supporting our community and its members, our projects and outreach programs; or out in the community, our tradition tells us *tzedek*, *tzedek tirdof* (Justice, Justice you shall pursue. Deuteronomy 16:20). When there is a need for justice, we should pursue it and act accordingly. In other words, we should do our part.

So I would like to say thank you to Jason, thank you to those who participate weekly in the sandwich project, thank you to all of those who lead and participate in our many Social Action and Caring Committee projects. And thank you, to everyone in our community who, each and every day, works to make our community and our world a better place.

B'shalom.

Rabbi Jordan

New Member Corner



This section of the newsletter is dedicated to our new members joining us recently. We are so proud and excited to have this family a part of our community. Enjoy getting to know The Haynor's and extend a welcome hand.



We are the Haynor family-Marissa, Matt. Ayla (5) and Ari (5)

Marissa and Matt share a passion for having an active lifestyle, as Marissa likes running and Matt enjoys both road and mountain biking. Marissa, originally from Wisconsin, leads a program at the CDC in chronic disease prevention. Matt grew up in Marietta, GA and serves as a high school music teacher in Gwinnett County. We recently moved to Peachtree Corners from the Decatur area. We are happy to become part of the CDT community, as we both were involved in our Jewish communities growing up. We hope Ari and Ayla will feel similarly connected to their Jewish identity.

President's Message



Leslie Fox

Historically, August is one of the busiest months at CDT, and this year is no exception! We are busy with membership renewal, RS planning and enrollment, and High Holy Day meetings. Chai for Chai, the year-long celebration of CDT's 18th birthday, started off strong with Mike and Amy's Independence Day Concert. There were 125 people there to kick-off our 18th year and enjoy great food, friends, and music. Thank you to Sisterhood and Men's Club for sponsoring this awesome event! We had a Movie Night on July 30th with about 50 viewers, Kona Ice, and frozen adult beverages. It was lots of fun! Please join us for our next two Chai for Chai events this month. First, on August 21st, is an Adult Ed session with Past Presidents and Founding Members who were instrumental in the merger of B'nai Dorot and Shir Shalom, the two temples that merged to create Congregation Dor Tamid. Come learn about our history. On August

26th, please join us for a Musical Shabbat with Mike, and an Oneg sponsored by our PrimeTimers!

Thank you to those that have already renewed your membership for our new fiscal year. This year we are introducing our Sanctuary Circles and are pleased at the number of congregants who have chosen to participate. These extra dollars will help us continue to provide and enhance our religious, spiritual, and social programming. We would like to thank all current Sanctuary Circle participants, and hope that you all will consider being a part of this important program.

Opening Day for Religious School is August 14th. Rabbi Jordan, Rachel Allen, Stacey, and the Education Committee have been working consistently throughout the summer, and we are moving full steam ahead toward a fabulous year. Enrollments are coming in daily, the curriculum is finalized, teacher meetings are taking place and the excitement is building. In addition to Religious School business, most of our committees will be represented at CDT on Opening Day for congregants to get a good view of how we work, what committees do, and provide an opportunity to familiarize yourself with ways to get involved.

Remember, our goal this year is to get as much 'life' as possible into our building in celebration of our Chai year. Check out our 18 events for 18 years, Chai for Chai, as well as all the great things we have going on. Hope to see you soon!

Leslie



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Cantorial Soloist's Message



Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends,

Welcome back to school! That's right - the Summer weeks have flown by and families with school aged children are back (or just about back) from vacations or staycations. Camps have finished and now it's off to waiting for the bus or carpool. Alarms are getting set a little earlier, schedules are being reset, school supplies have been purchased, and so on. I know that for some of us, the end of the Summer vacation from school can be bittersweet and for those of us without children, it may not be so much of a change. But still - there are certainly differences, especially with traffic!

One of the many things that I am excitedly anticipating these next few weeks is our CDT Religious School. I have missed seeing all of our kids and their families these past few weeks, and have noticed the absence of that specific energy and sound in the rooms and halls of our building that only Religious School brings. This new year of Religious School is accompanied by some exciting changes. Recently, there have been quite a few Eblasts sent out enumerating the modifications to our program, so I won't go into all of the details. A few of the additions I am looking forward to are a youth choir for 3rd-6th graders, having all of our students from pre-k through 8th grade at our building at the same time, and our 9th and 10th grade students meeting on select Wednesday evenings right after a CDTTY dinner and hang.

In addition, our High Holy Days Choir will begin rehearsing for the *Chagim* this month and our Adult *B'nai Mitzvah* class starts back up as well. There are also two *Chai* for *Chai* (our 18 events to celebrate our 18 years) this month - August 21st is a founding member and past president led adult ed, and on August 26th there will be a new and prospective member Musical Shabbat! What a wonderful and active congregation we have.

I hope to see you this month!

Shalom, Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist





SANCTUARY CIRCLES

A very special thank you to the following who participated in our Sanctuary Circles.

"By three things is the world sustained: by Forah, by worship, and by deeds of loving-kindness."

Pirkei Avot 1:2

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—thank for the soup

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Leslie Penuel

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Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Harriet Jacobs

-many thanks for extra family prayers

Sandwich Project

Ruthie Cohen

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Ruthie Cohen

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Jason Rothenberg

Sisterhood

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Yahrzeit Fund

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Ron & Betty Kurtz

—in memory of Lottie Cohen

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Voice of the Generations

Social Action and Tikkun Olam







Get ready for another great year of Social Action Projects

Ukrainian Refugees Project

Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful CDT congregants, we were able to donate 5 carloads of clothes, personal items, diapers, games and household goods to New Life Church in Suwannee, a Slavic church which is helping 100 Ukrainian families. We have also volunteered to help sort the items and are looking for other projects we can do in partnership with the church.

The Senior Pastor for the church says what they need most are places for families to stay, cars, furniture, and of course money. Contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com/ 770-570-8059) if you can help. We hope to continue to work with the church to help with ongoing needs.



GAN TAMID Garden

The heat and rain have caused some problems but 100 pounds of food have already been delivered (tomatoes, peppers, squash, eggplant, radishes, beets and cabbage, and garlic) to the North Gwinnett Food Coop. The garden shed is being held together (literally) by duct tape so we are hoping to replace it soon. Financial donations to the garden via the CDT website are appreciated to help keep the garden going.

If you or someone in your family wants to volunteer, donate garden items, or have questions, please contact Lesley (<u>Iradov85@gmail.com</u>).

Upcoming Activities – spread the word!

- Dinners for Zaban Paradies Residents Let us know if you would like to help cook, bake or buy items for dinners for these homeless couples and families who are learning skills to enable them to become self-sufficient.
- Restarting Homes Against Hunger looking for people to drive and donate food at their homes on August 28th. We will also accept donations at CDT.
- Atlanta Pride Parade October 9th

Contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com) if you want to volunteer or learn more about these events.

Sisterhood





Our Mission: The Women of Congregation Dor Tamid's primary function is to support the synagogue through Judaism, Community Service, Friendship & Fundraising.



Janet Mann

August is here! Hope everyone has stayed cool throughout this hot summer!

I'm excited to share some news about the wonderful Sandwich Project that the CDT Sisterhood has been consistently supporting since February 2021! We have a handful of dedicated volunteers that are shopping, making and delivering sandwiches for immediate consumption to meet the food scarcity needs in Metro Atlanta. Here are a few facts:

Sisterhood began participating in Sandwich Project (http://thesandwichproject.org/) in February 2021. In that time we have made over a thousand sandwiches to feed the hungry in Metro Atlanta. In Fall of 2021 we received a grant from the Jewish Federation initiative, "Making Jewish Places", in cooperation with Congregation Gesher L'Torah. This funding has ended. In order to offset the costs of ingredients, CDT has accepted donations from congregants and the CDT Religious School, we even held a fundraiser to support the program. Thank you!

We are looking to secure a new grant through Federation but, we are currently in NEED of donations to keep this wonderful program going! A donation could be as simple as money, gift cards to Costco or even donations of sandwich bags, jars of peanut butter or jelly!

Just a couple of reminders...

Book Club The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay

Monday, August 1 at 7:30 Divine Coffee shop - 7725 McGinnis Ferry Road, Johns Creek

SAVE THE DATE... Sisterhood Kickoff

"Reconnecting Generations of Sisterhood" Sunday, August 28th at 6:00pm at Ruthie Cohen's beautiful home. Delicious "breakfast for dinner" food will be served! Invitation will be coming soon, so please be on the lookout in your email for this evite to RSVP! I'm looking forward to meeting and reconnecting with Sisterhood members... a great time to socialize, meet and greet new and current Sisterhood members!

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PrimeTimers



Our first two events were a big success...let's see if we can keep the momentum going!



Leslie Penuel

Janet Levy

The PrimeTimers will be hosting the Oneg on August 26th after the Musical Shabbat with Mike, which is one of the Chai for Chai events. If anyone would like to donate desserts please contact Beverly Mahone at: mydog1943@yahoo.com or 678-779-9500. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



SAVE THE DATES!

August 26th- Hosting the Oneg after the Musical Shabbat
October 11th- Trip to Savoy Antique Car Museum
November 5th- Progressive Dinner
December 15th- Hanukah Party
January 17th- Movie Night
February 16th- Event TBD

If you would like to chair an event, or have suggestions for our Spring lineup, please contact **Leslie Penuel** at: ljpenuel1@gmail.com; 770-853-2496 or **Janet Levy** at: janet.levy@gmail; 678-654-4213.

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Leslie & Janet





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July 14 Thurs VIRTUAL

Aug 20 Sat 10-1:30 Alpharetta Library 10 Park Plz Alpharetta

Sep 17 Sat 1-4:00 Post Road Library 5010 Post Rd Cumming (pls note time)

Panel Speakers:

Mali Shadmehry – Attorney at Law, Waggoner Hastings, LLC, 770-641-8200
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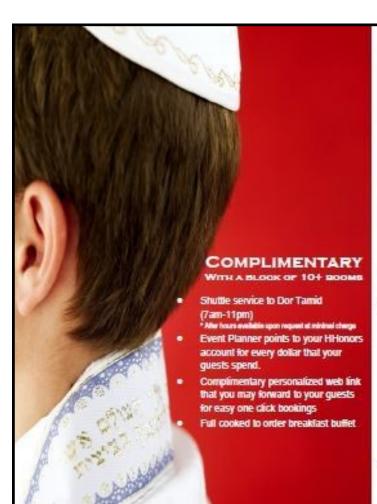


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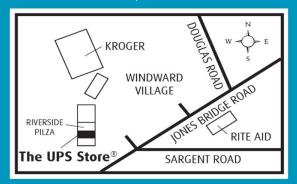
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