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Dear friends,

Each year, right about the first of December, I am asked the same question many times: How do you spell Chanukah? Is it Chanukah, Hannukah, Hanukah, or . . . ? So, I am here to tell you the definitive, correct, 100% authentic way to spell the name of our upcoming holiday. It is חנוכה.

This holiday, which we know as the Festival of Lights, takes its name from a Hebrew word meaning "dedication." This is because our ancestors were able to rededicate the Holy Temple in Jerusalem after it was desecrated by the Seleucid Greeks. They, through their faith, lit the Eternal Light and it stayed lit, not only for those eight days, but through the centuries as we have continued, as a people, to be dedicated and connected to one another.

We have now come to this season of dedication again. Though this year it will feel different, we will still light our candles and bring more light into the world, just as our ancestors did in ancient times. As we do so, we will show our dedication for our faith and our community. We will truly bring light to one another, even virtually, as we gather on the first night of Chanukah to light candles together on Zoom and welcome in this season of light and dedication. I look forward to seeing all of you on Zoom on December 10 as we light up our own homes, each others' homes, and the world with the dedication of our community and light of our Chanukah candles.

Additionally, we will have another reason to celebrate as a community during this upcoming holiday. In addition to the meaning of חנוכה, meaning dedication, it also shares a root with another Hebrew word, חינוך (*chinuch*), which means education. So, we thought that this holiday, which speaks in its very name of dedication and which has at its root a connection to education, would be a perfect opportunity to celebrate the consecration of our newest religious school students as they mark their dedication to their years of religious school education before them. I hope you will join us on Friday, December 11 during our Shabbat Chanukah service, as we celebrate this milestone in our young people's lives.

חג חנוכה שמח!

Happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message



As December starts and 2020, finally, comes to a close, it is interesting to think of how sometimes the days pass slowly, but the months fly by. Today marks six months since I stepped into the role of President of our great community. Although this looks very different than I imagined, I am learning a lot, interacting with many congregants, deepening relationships with the staff, and working with a board that is overflowing with knowledge and talent. With a team of congregants, staff, and lay leadership like ours, this task that I took upon myself is much less daunting.

My hope is that as 2021 rolls in and we start to, safely, step back into our building, we will be able to continue through the year with positive momentum as we move from our first steps back, to walking, and eventually to running. We have all worked together to maneuver our way through these virtual times, and I am confident that we will all work together to maneuver our way back to a more normal place.

On Thanksgiving, I reflected on all the things I am thankful for, and my CDT community was not missing from that list. The people I have met and friendships I have developed over the years hold a very special place in my heart, and I know that there is more space in there for those who are yet to come.

I wish all of you a nice holiday season and a new year filled with good health and happiness always!

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected!

Leslie

OUTDOOR SHABBAT at CDT

Join together on the patio at CDT
as we welcome each other
and welcome Shabbat.

Friday, Dec. 4 - 7:30

Social distancing will be practiced and masks will be required.

Due to limited space, please make sure to RSVP by Dec. 2
to Stacey at sjahanfar@dortamid.com or 770-623-8860.

(For those not in attendance, the service
will be streamed on Zoom, Facebook, and dortamid.org)

Cantorial Soloist's Message



Shalom *chaveirim* - hello my friends!

I hope that you are doing well and looking forward to *Chanukah* and the new year. As we know, *Chanukah*, among other names, is called the Festival of Lights. From the 1st day to the 8th day, we light candles of the *chanukiah* in increasing number as we add to our joy of our celebration. Many years ago, the two great houses of Hillel and Shamai argued over how to light the candles of the *chanukiah* — do we count up or count down? That is, do we start with eight candles and take a new candle away each day of the festival, or do we begin with one candle and add a new candle each day. Most Jews follow the latter tradition. Rabbi Hillel argued that we should add a new candle each day so that we are increasing in holiness throughout the eight days of *Chanukah*. To Rabbi Hillel, the light signified morality derived from the *Torah* and that by increasing the light of the *Chanukah* each day, it was a reminder that we have an obligation to increase the light we bring into the world by pursuing justice and morality as is laid out for us in our *Torah*.

Chanukah is also a very visual holiday, which is, I think, very appropriate for this somewhat virtual world. While on *Rosh Hashanah* we are commanded to hear the sound of the *shofar*, *Chanukah* is a holiday during which our traditions are to be seen. It is a custom to put the lit *chanukah* in a window that faces a street or other public area, so that everyone who passes by may be illumined by the *Chanukah* candles. I find this almost purely visual observance comforting and similar to the way I have begun to feel about our online services. Though I am not able to hear any of you, and because we are limited to only one voice at a time, we really can't hear each other pray. However, we can still see each other pray. Seeing each other sway back and forth to the rhythm of a song, clapping in time, nodding in agreement (or maybe even sometimes disagreement) with Rabbi Jordan's *D'var Torah*, and simply smiling are all the visual ways that we now pray and experience our spirituality together. And of course, as our screens are ultimately the interplay of different waves of light (maybe like flickering candles), each time someone new joins our online services, they add to that light. This has become how I see each of us in these troubling times — each one of us a candle adding to the great light that is the Jewish community. Each one of us adds our own flame to push back the darkness and, one by one, lift us up to a more holy plane of existence.

May you continue to be that light, that candle shining brightly. Happy *Chanukah*!

Mike Zuspan



Happy Chanukah

Social Action



Sharon Rocco
Chairperson



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November 22 — December 6

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Supporting Action Ministries' Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Initiative

Shop for and fill 1-gallon bags with food for children who currently are on free meal plans through their school. This program helps provide meals for children/families in need on weekends and when school is not in session.

CDT TOY DRIVE

Supporting The Place of Forsyth County

Help children/families have a happy holiday season by providing items they have on their wish list.

Click [here](https://dortamid.org/2waystohelp) or visit dortamid.org/2waystohelp for more information and a list of needed foods and toys.

Drop off in the bins located outside CDT.



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TOY
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Supporting
*The Place
of Forsyth County*
to put lots of smiles
on kids' faces!

**2 Weeks & 2 Ways
NOW – DECEMBER 6**

**CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS
AND A LIST OF NEEDED ITEMS**

For both drives, bins will be located outside by the
double doors between the sanctuary and staff entrance.



(Social Action cont.)

COAT DRIVE: The coats, scarves, gloves, etc. that were collected have been delivered to North Fulton Community Charities. Thanks for help from Leslie Fox and to all who donated.

ZABAN PARADIES CENTER HOMELESS SHELTER: All dates have been filled. Thank you to all who volunteered. A big shout out to: Lisa Winton and her husband, Sisterhood, CDT Board, Jackie Berger, Lesley Radov, Ruthie Cohen, Richard Fiedel, Edie Davis, Lynda Galler Linda Barton, and Sharon Rocco

GAN (GARDEN) TAMID: There is constant weeding and cleanup to do, so anyone who enjoys gardening is welcome to join Lesley (lradov85@gmail.com).

BEANIES FOR PREMATURE BABIES: We are continuing to knit and crochet beanies and octopuses. Recently beanies were delivered to Emory Johns Creek Hospital NICU. Again, thanks go out to our knit/crochet group: Leslie Penuel, Beverly Mahone, Jane Radman, Sherry Fages, Janet Levy, Helene Kraselsky, Anita Walters, and Sharon Rocco.

HOMES AGAINST HUNGER:



Although CDT's food collection is on hold due to COVID-19, there is still a need for food to feed families and children.

If you would like to make a monetary donation in lieu of donation in kind, then please consider a donation to **JF&CS Kosher Food Pantry, **Atlanta Community Food Bank** or **North Fulton Community Charities.****

<https://jfcsatl.org/kfp>

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Education Director's Message



Dear CDT Family,

Thanksgiving was just a few days ago, and, with everything that is going on in the world, it was important to stop and really think about all the amazing things we are thankful for.

I am thankful for having the opportunity to continue giving your children a virtual Jewish education and the ability to meet each grade in person on different occasions to maintain their social connection.

I am thankful for my amazing staff who works hard to ensure a successful lesson every week. While observing the lessons every week, you can tell the teachers love and miss each and every student very much.

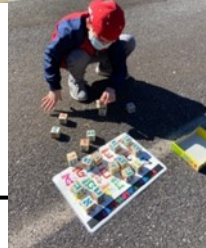
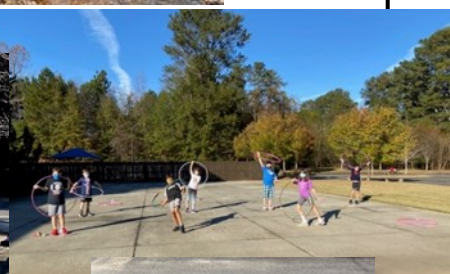
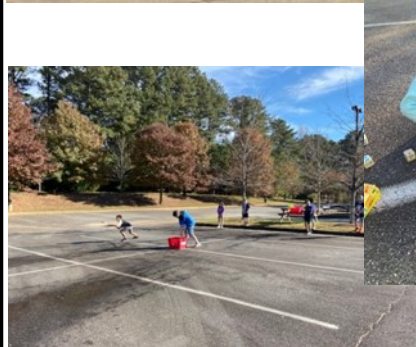
I am thankful for the beautiful hike I was able to take with Ms. Landy Gonzalez and her 8th graders at Autrey Mill Nature Reserve. It was so much fun, and I think Landy and I will never forget that trip.

Most of all, I am thankful for my Dor Tamid family who is always there to support me, love me, and assure me that everything will be ok.

I hope you all stay safe and healthy, so we can all find ourselves back to a reality we can call normal again. Here are a few pictures I took from the last month. We have definitely been busy!

Until next time,

Molly



Donations

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ellen & Joe Mayo

— *with appreciation for the memorial service of Leonard Shapiro*

General Fund

Carol & Alan Kovar

— *in honor of the bar mitzvah of Bram Fages*

Caring Committee

Dory & Scott Brown

— *in memory of Eleanor Edelstein*

Security Fund

Leslie Penuel

— *in memory of Vivian Bernstein*

Building Fund

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— *in memory of Laurence A. Malin*

Sharon Rocco

— *in memory of Albert L. Cohan*

Betty & Ron Kurtz

— *in memory of Ida Dochen*

Sisterhood Plant a Tree in Israel

Jon & Michele Popler

— *in memory of Mildred Cohen*

Dory & Scott Brown

— *in memory of Eleanor Edelstein*

High Holy Days Appeal

— Suzanne & David Grosswald

Condolences

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Beth Raizes and Family on the passing of Beth's mother

Joyce Ruus Martin

Monday, November 16

Peter and Laura Lehrman and Family on the passing of Peter's aunt

Gail Ostrow Berman

Monday, November 23

May his memory be a blessing.

Chanukah Happenings

FIRSTNight! FIRSTLight!

SET UP YOUR CHANUKAH MENORAH

Join us via Zoom for a community candle lighting.
Set up your Chanukah menorah with candles for the first night
and join Rabbi Jordan and Mike for singing and blessings
as we welcome in the Festival of Lights.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 6:00 PM



SHABBAT CHANUKAH



Join us on the patio as we welcome Shabbat,
celebrate the 2nd night of Chanukah, and
honor our youngest religious school students
with their service of consecration.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11
5:30 PM**

Whether you join us in person or via Zoom, Facebook, or dortamid.org,
bring your Chanukah menorah set with 3 candles.

RSVP Required by December 10 – sjahanfar@dortamid.com



Social Distancing
Masks Required

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VIRTUAL CHANUKAH PARTY

SUNDAY, DEC. 13



7:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
WITH RABBI JORDAN OTTENSTEIN
AND RABBI MICHAEL BERNSTEIN

7:15 PM ENTERTAINMENT
BY THE VERY FUNNY COMEDY
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**8:00 PM CHANUKAH
HOUSE AWARDS**



CLICK HERE FOR ZOOM LINK
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CDTTY December Events

SATURDAY 12/05/2020

NFTY 678 "CHOOSE YOUR OWN
ADVENTURE" ON ZOOM
3-5 PM

SATURDAY 12/12/2020

HOT DRINKS LOUNGE ON THE
PATIO AT CDT
7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 12/23/2020

VIRTUAL LOCK-IN ON ZOOM
7:30 PM - ??? AM

FOR DETAILS:

EMAIL: CDTTYADVISOR@DORTAMID.COM

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Just for Fun



**Sunday,
December 6
3:30 PM
(weather permitting)**

FOR AGES 5 AND OLDER

Adults are welcome to play and
help with social distancing.

**Hot chocolate & water
will be supplied.**

RSVP REQUIRED – Spaces are limited
social@dortamid.com by Dec. 2
including # of people attending and # of people playing.
Masks required!

Sisterhood




Lisa Danzig
Sisterhood President



On November 1st, some of us got together for a social distance outing at CDT. The weather was gorgeous and the company wonderful. It was great seeing one another and catching up. We are going to try to meet every month depending on the weather of course — so look for pop-up dates and times.



It was a gorgeous and fun day, social distancing at Congregation Dor Tamid!



Join Us!

Book Club

We are presently reading *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, which will be discussed at our next book club meeting. **November 2 - 7:30pm** via Zoom.


Next books and meeting dates . . .

December 7th - *Island of Sea Women*
by Lisa Sea

January 4th - *This Tender Land*
by William Kent Krueger

For questions or to receive the Zoom link, contact Lisa at sisterhood@dortamid.com.

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We are presently reading
Island of Sea Women
and so look forward to
our discussion on December 7th.

If you are interested in joining the
book club, please contact me at
sisterhood@dortamid.com.



COMING SOON The Rabbi, Staff, and Sisterhood, along with Men's Club and the Ritual Committee, have a fun surprise in store for the entire congregation!
Happy Chanukah and enjoy!

Although we aren't able to be together for our Annual Sisterhood Chanukah Party, I'm excited to announce that we can still be 'together' for our **Annual White Elephant on Zoom**. Be on the lookout for a **Sign-Up Genius Invite** soon with all the important info for a very enjoyable evening with the girls. I look forward to seeing you there.



**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
SISTERHOOD
CHANUKAH WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY!**

WHEN: Thursday, December 17th
TIME: 7:30pm
WHERE: AT YOUR HOUSE ON ZOOM

***Look for your Sign-Up Genius Invite for details!**

Contact sisterhood@dortamid.com with any questions



Lifelong Learning


A graphic for Torah Study featuring a close-up of an open book with gold lettering. The text "Congregation Dor Tamid" is at the top, followed by "Torah Study" in a large, elegant font. Below this, white text provides details about the study session.

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Torah Study

Join Rabbi Jordan for Torah study
each Wednesday at 11 am on Zoom
(<https://www.dortamid.org/zoom>)
as we continue our in-depth look
at the book of Leviticus.
This lively conversation is not to be missed.

Primetimers

A graphic for Primetimers Coffee featuring a wooden background with coffee cups. The text "Congregation Dor Tamid" is at the top, followed by "PRIMETIMERS COFFEE WITH RABBI JORDAN" in large, bold letters. Below this, text provides details about the session and the Zoom link.

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PRIMETIMERS COFFEE WITH RABBI JORDAN

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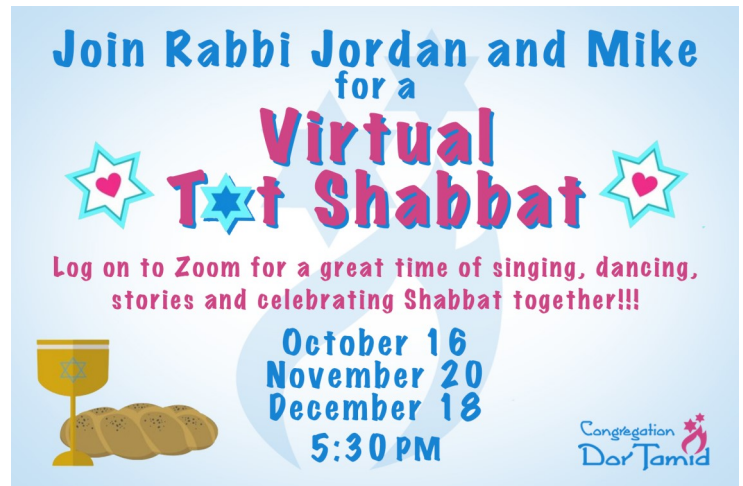
Join us Friday evenings on Facebook
or our website as we welcome Shabbat together

- 7:15 pm A special song session and story with Rabbi Jordan and Mike.
- 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat services.

Join us Saturdays on Facebook

- 9:15 am Shabbat Story time with Rabbi Jordan.
- 10:00 am Shabbat continues Saturday morning as Rabbi Jordan will lead us, on the CDT Facebook page, in morning blessings as well as a reading and discussion of this week's Torah portion,
- 7:30 pm Say farewell to Shabbat as we make Havdalah.

For Our Youngest People



Knit & Crochet Group via Zoom

We are continuing to crotchet and knit beanies for premature babies from home.
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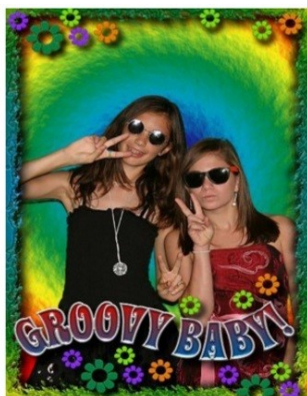
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