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Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

Over the past year and half, as we have navigated our way through the pandemic, there have been numerous challenges. We have had to change our lives, and at CDT we have had to change the way we interact and operate as a congregation. It has been difficult, for sure, but there have been some surprising benefits to come out of the new world we are living in. One of these benefits has been our increased connection and cooperation with Temple Beth Tikvah.

Rabbi Shuval-Weiner and I have had the opportunity to engage in spiritual preparation together with you, our congregants and theirs, ahead of the High Holy Days. We have celebrated selichot together with their community, and we have made mezuzot together as well.

And in just a few weeks, on December 17-18, we will welcome in a scholar-in-residence together. I hope you will join us at CDT for services on Friday, December 17, and, for Havdalah at TBT on December 18 for two great experiences to learn from my friend and colleague, Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger.

Rabbi Mecklenburger is rabbi emeritus at Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth, Texas and adjunct faculty at Brite Divinity School. In recent years, he has developed expertise in the theological implication of cognitive studies and neuroscience. His first book, *Our Religious Brains*, was published in 2012 and his most recent book, *Why Call it God?*, was published in 2020.

The title of his talk on Friday evening will be:

What Ever Happened to Prophecy?

Much of the Bible is based on prophecy, and yet we seem not to have it any more! What was it, and how, in this scientific era, might we explain it?

And on Saturday night, his talk is entitled:

Creator, King, Rock, Eagle and More: the Reality Behind Divine Metaphors

Did a loving Parent give us COVID, or, for that matter, cancer and earthquakes? Many Jews over the ages have understood God in ways which moderns may find more credible. In this scientific era we need to dig deeper to strengthen or restore our faith.

I look forward to a wonderful weekend of study with each of you as we welcome this wonderful teacher and rabbi to our community.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jordan

New Member Corner



This section of the newsletter is dedicated to our new members joining us this year. We are so proud and excited to have these families a part of our community. Enjoy getting to know them and extend a welcome hand.

Monthly Family Spotlight

New CDT Families

Staci & Piper Arnold
Sam, Jodi & Jonah Brooks
Jeremy, Ericka & Harper Cohen
Andrew, Sabrina, Sadie & Wendy
Efron

Jay and Victoria Eidex Bob & Carolyn Eisenhardt Matthew, Ari & Ayla Haynor & Marissa Esser

David , Jenn, Brody & Samantha Fried Josh, Jillian, Evan, Eli, Owen & Isaac Friedensohn

John, Jessica, Jake & Maddy Grabowski Steven Gross

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Chris, Elli, Brayden & Jaxon Mays

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Stephen Scherer

Spencer & Debby Shilling & Emilia Sanchez

Andre, Julian, Annabelle & Carly Simms

Deborah Rubin

Chris, Carrie, David, & Isaac Wooten





The Eidex Family

Jay and Victoria Eidex married on New Year's Eve of 2021. Jay has two sons - Charlie a senior at UGA. and Zach a graduate student at Georgia Tech. Jay is a Georgia native and a partner with a law firm in Suwanee. Victoria is from North Carolina and a school administrator in Gwinnett County. They live in Dacula with all of their animals (five chickens, four goats, four dogs, and one cat) and are excited about joining CDT.

The Grabowski Family



In 2014 we were transferred from New Jersey, where we were born and bred, to Suwanee GA. Our real estate agent insisted we stop by CDT on the way to the airport. She raved about how friendly and warm and "heimish" the CDT community were and that we must make CDT our spiritual home. Well.....she couldn't have been more right! We fell in love with CDT and the people we met that one day on our way out of town. For the next 4 years our son attended Jewish preschool at CDT where he solidified his identity as a Jewish boy and we made friends and felt like we were surrounded by family with every event and gathering. Our daughter was named at CDT and we celebrated holidays and Shabbats with the CDT

community. Life threw us a curveball in 2018 and we had to move to Dallas, TX for the last 3 years, all the while staying in touch and attending virtual religious school during the height of the pandemic. We always knew we would be back to GA, because it's our home but more importantly because CDT provided our family it's Jewish roots as well as feeling as though we were with family, since our family lives in the northeast. We have returned to GA and right back into the CDT family, as if no time has passed. For the second time, I left CDT after joining the congregation, feeling accepted, supported and home for good!

President's Message

December, the last month of 2021, is upon us. People around the world will celebrate their respective holidays this month and then we will all welcome in 2022. Gregg and I will be ringing in the New Year with both of our kids, which makes me one happy mama! Now that our kids are adults and have moved away, we realize how precious our time together is and try to cherish every minute. I hope you will be ringing in the year with those who are special to you.

Leslie Fox

The beginning of 2022 is the midpoint of CDT's fiscal year, and things look good. Membership is up from the beginning of the year and our first-half-of-the-year fundraising was amazing! Although our year began strong, we must keep up the momentum as we

move into the second half to stay on track and meet our goals. Please join us for services, programs, events and fundraisers to help CDT continue to thrive!

I thought I would leave this year behind and ring in the new with a little poem...

It's time for a new year...2022, May this year be kind and loving to you. Realize the beauty of each new day, Take the time to laugh and play.

Time is precious and moves so fast, Work hard, love hard, have a blast. I look forward to spending time with you, In this new year 2022!

Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!

Leslie



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JOIN US FOR THE CTTCHANUKAH PARTY!!!

Sunday, Dec. 5 4:30-6:30 pm

Dinner Music Dancing Menorah Making



POTATO LATKES, CHALLAH AND DESERTS





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Cantorial Soloist's Message



Shalom Chaveirim! Hello my friends!

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones both near and far. This is such a wonderful time of the year. It has gotten a little brisk outside (fireplace and hot chocolate time – yippee), the leaves have fallen, winter break is coming, and – most importantly – Chanukah is going on right now!

Mike Zuspan

Ah.....latkes (with applesauce and sour cream – of course!), sufganiyot, dreidels, gelt, and family – PRESENTS! I don't know about you, but I have acquired quite a Chanukiah (Chanukah Menorah) collection over the years. I love the songs, the lighting of the Chanukah candles, arguing over HOW to light the candles, playing dreidel (yes, it is

sanctioned gambling – I know), *latke* cooking competitions....you name it, if it's *Chanukah* stuff – I love it!

This has become such an important holiday for us – specifically as Jews in the South. At a time of the year when being Jewish seems to stand in stark contrast to the rest of the population, it is so special to have a holiday of our own. I am grateful to be able celebrate this holiday with our wonderful CDT family.

May the *Chanukah* lights lift your soul and warm your hearts – may the lights serve to remind you of all that our people have experienced during this time of year, when the night is longest, may the candles of the *Chanukiah* shine bright!

Happy Chanukah to you and your loved ones!

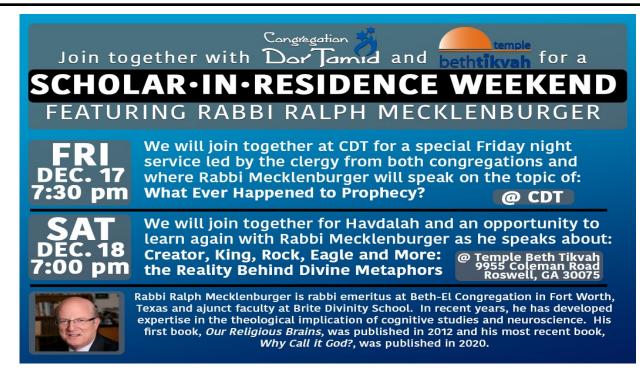
Please join us Friday, December 3rd for a special Musical *Chanukah Shabbat* where we will also light our own *Chanukah Menorahs* (bring seven candles). Then again, on Sunday, December 5th – Please join us as we celebrate the last night of *Chanukah* together at CDT with our amazing (food, crafts, food, singing, and food) *Chanukah* party!!!

Happy Chanukah and an early Happy New Year.

L'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist





Education Director's Message

Happy Chanukah!!! The holiday of miracles!

The reality is, that every Sunday we have an incredible Religious school program where we learn, play, and have fun together. To me this coming together each Sunday is our own little miracle.

Molly Peled





Our Pre-K/K students decorated beautiful Chanukiot and Dreidels while our 1^{st} graders made stainless glass windows and a menorah in the window.







Our 4th grade had an amazing lesson about "what is a kibbutz". Every 4th grade class experiences life at Kibbutz CDT! What fun! Some students worked in the garden, some in the office, and others worked in the laundromat! The workers in the kitchen made Israeli salad for all their fellow Kibbutz members. This year they all received a bonus activity; they made challah to be baked at home! This was an experience they will never forget! I hope one day I can take this group to a real Kibbutz in Israel!

Education Director's Message



Our Confirmation class also had a blast with Rabbi Jordan! They made Chanukah cookies (among many other things) and had a great time!



I had the privilege to accompany my favorite Hebrew students on a field trip. We went to an Israeli market called "Tip Top". We learned about the different items on the shelves, ordered lunch in Hebrew, and shopped until we dropped!! I am so grateful for our CDT miracles! Happy Chanukah, everyone! I hope to see you all Dec. 5th, 4:30-6:30 at our Chanukah party!



Love, Molly

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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Yahrzeit Plaque

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Joe & Ellen Mayo

David & Ellen Ascher

Gregg & Leslie Fox

Gary & Penny Blitzer

Marty & Liz Kersh

Rob & Michele Lederman

Michael & Marci Risner

Marc & Denise Abramow

-in memory of Charles Goodman

Condolences

Joel & Tracy Britan on the passing of their daughter Jacqueline

May her memory be a blessing.



Social Action



Paula Bloom Social Action

We are very excited about our next Social Action project! The Atlanta area is welcoming one hundred Afghani refugee families. We are hoping to help these families transition to life in the U.S. and Atlanta.



Amy Zuspan, our very own Cantorial Soloist Mike's better-half, has been involved in tutoring refugee children and hopes to soon be mentoring children as well. She has been passionate about her work with the refugee community and we are happy to collaborate with her on this important effort.

Starting December 1^{st,} we will be collecting the following:

- **Gently used cold weather items for adults** coats, gloves, scarves, hats and sweaters. Please put in tubs located by the double doors near the patio.
- Donations for Welcome Home Baskets. We have created an Amazon Wish list of items to help
 these families feel at home and assist with their transition to their lives in Atlanta. Can you do a
 little extra Amazon shopping and buy a few items to help us put together 20 baskets? * Please
 choose <u>Stacey Jahanfar CDT</u> as the delivery address for all items to be delivered directly to the
 temple.

Welcome Home Basket for Afghan Refugees

- Tea set (kettle and cups)
- ◆ Fleece blanket
- Map of Atlanta
- Pens
- Welcome Mat
- Flashlight w/ Extra Batteries
- Dried Apricots
- Pistachios
- Spices for Afghani Cuisine (Cinnamon, Saffron, Nutmeg, Green Cardamom)

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Amazon items need to be ordered by December 17th, and, the last day to bring cold weather items will be December 18th.

* In order to get the best pricing, we will source some **Welcome Home Basket** items from other stores. (tea, raisins, umbrellas, calendars & planners, and a supermarket gift card).

Many thanks — תודה רבה

Tikkun Olam Corner



- 1. Compliment three people every day.
- 2. Be the first to say, "hello".
- 3. Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- 4. Never give up on anybody. Miracles happen.
- 5. Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he/she has.
- 6. Be tough-minded but tenderhearted.
- 7. Be kinder than necessary.
- 8. Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- 9. Keep your promises.
- 10. Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it.
- 11. When you arrive (at your job, at a meeting) let the first thing you say, brighten everybody's day.
- 12. Don't rain on people's parade.

Do you have words of kindness or stories of Tikkun Olam that you would like to share with your fellow CDT Congregants? **Please send to Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com).**



Sisterhood





Lisa Danzig Sisterhood President

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



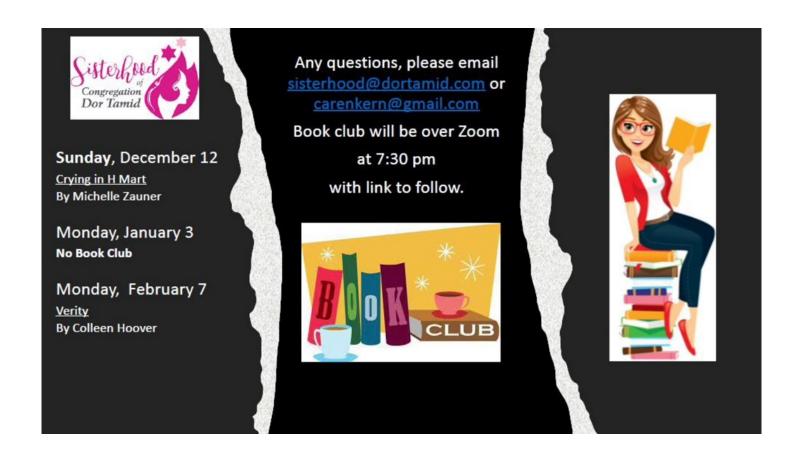
Sisterhood wishes all CDT Families and their families a very Happy and Wonderful Chanukah! May 2022 bring you a year filled with much health, happiness and love.

Lisa Danzig











Join us at CDT every Wednesday at 12:00 pm to help us make Sandwiches.

The Sandwich Project is a non-profit dedicated to providing sandwiches to the homeless and food insecure families in the Atlanta area.

Can't make it? We welcome your financial donation to Sisterhood for The Sandwich Project so we can continue feeding the hungry.

Any amount would be appreciated.

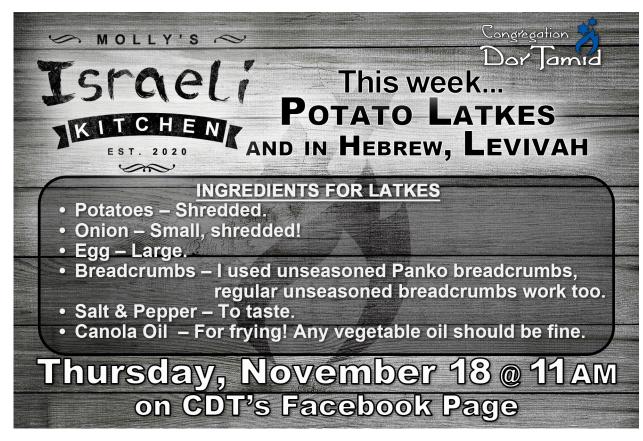


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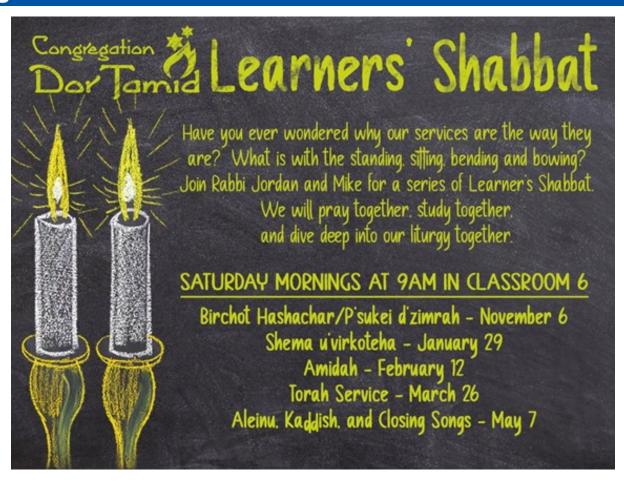








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When you shall come to the land, you shall plant trees Leviticus 19:23

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So, plant a tree(s) today in celebration or in memoriam of your loved one, for the continual growth and welfare of Israel, and to support CDT. A certificate will be mailed to you or your honoree as designated.

Instructions:

- 1. Please neatly complete this form.
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- 3. Send form and check to CDT Sisterhood, 11165 Parsons Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097

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