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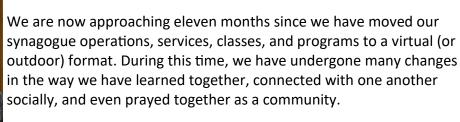
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Rabbinic Reflections

Dear friends,



Among these changes, and probably the one I am asked about most often, is how we say or sing our prayer for healing, often referred to as "mi shebeirach." Our tradition teaches that when we have read or studied Torah, our hearts are opened to the possibility of invoking God's presence to be with those who are in need of prayers for healing—whether of body, spirit, or soul.

Prior to the pandemic, you may remember that during our services I used to read a list of names of those in our community—family, friends, and those in our extended circles—who were ill and who we were thinking of, as a community, and hoping for their recovery. After reading the list, I would then offer anyone in the sanctuary the opportunity to say a name of someone they were thinking of that was not listed. Then, together as a community, we would sing the prayer.

Since March, this process has changed, and I no longer read the list out loud. After many discussions with Mike, members of our ritual committee, and some of my colleagues, I made the decision to no longer read the list out loud due to privacy concerns since we were broadcasting our services, not just on our website, but on more public platforms such as Facebook and YouTube.

I want to assure you of two things. First, that we do still keep the list, and the names are read over, albeit silently, by me during every service just prior to saying this prayer. Second, our tradition teaches that for prayers to have any true effect they must be said from the heart and with true intention. So, in my opinion, even though the names are not being read out loud at this time, I do not think this diminishes any of our prayers and hopes for the speedy recovery of those we hold in our hearts.

It is my fervent hope and prayer that healing will come swiftly, not only to those who are on our healing list, but also to all of creation, that the current situation that is keeping us apart ends speedily, and that we will be able to pray together in person and in our sanctuary soon.

Baruch atah Adonai, rofei chacholim. Blessed are You, Adonai, who heals the sick. Amen.

B'ahavah,

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message



As we continue to move into 2021 and maneuver through the next few months (and with the warmer weather coming), we hope that being together will become more of a reality. Although the physical separation we are experiencing has been taxing on all of us, I want to take this opportunity to recap a lot of what CDT has offered in the way of programming and opportunities for connection, as well as some of our accomplishments as a community since we pivoted for COVID protocol. Please understand that these are in no specific order and if something has been left out I apologize in advance. Here we go . . .

- The Board created a marketing plan with eight initiatives; a leader has been defined for each one and many are up and running
- Regular communication with the Medical Committee and ongoing monitoring of COVID in relation to our operations
- Two Town Halls with Dr. Elliot Raizes addressing COVID
- Beautiful High Holy Days (HHD) services
- Second-day Rosh Hashanah Drive-in Service
- Live Yizkor experience at CDT
- Very successful HHD appeal (\$73,000)
- Virtual B'nai Mitzvah
- Received 3 Federation microgrants
 - Music Mike's outdoor concert (part 1 was in the Fall and part 2 will be this Spring)
 - Chanukah Combined Chanukah party with Gesher L'Torah, Chanukah house contest, and Nefesh Mountain Concert
 - Mezuzah Project Create your own Gary Rosenthal Mezuzah (February 21st)
- Two home deliveries of treats High Holy Days and Chanukah
- Provided 198 food packs for the hungry, toys for the holidays, and coats for winter
- Lit candles with congregants in some form or fashion ALL EIGHT NIGHTS of Chanukah

- Dedicated our Czech Memorial Scroll and brought in Dr. Michael Meyer to speak
- Virtual Bingo, Scattergories, and Trivia
- CDT provides at least one standing program/ service 7 days per week
- **New Adult Hebrew class**
- Religious School Supplies Fall Pick-up Event
- Virtual grade-level Shabbat dinners through **Religious School**
- Full month of Elul programming in collaboration with Temple Beth Tikvah
- Sisterhood Book Club
- Sisterhood Virtual Chanukah Party
- Donated approx. 450 beanies and 50 octopi handmade for local hospitals' NICUs through our Knit/Crochet Group
- Lifelong Learning programs with speakers from around the world
- Virtual/Outside Kabbalat Shabbat Services on Friday evenings
- Weekly Havdalah
- Saturday Morning Story Time
- Molly's Israeli Kitchen
- Musical Moments with Mike

So, I would say that CDT has stepped up to the plate to continue to bring programming and connections to our community. We know virtual isn't enough for everyone, and we have tried to incorporate live experiences and services safely through all of this. Of course, our goal is to bring back live programming and open our building. Until then, and as always, the connection is a two-way street. CDT can provide programs and reach out, but the connection isn't complete without you reaching back. Remember, we are here for you!

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected!

Leslie

Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom Chaveirim - hello my friends!



I hope you are all doing well. As many of you are aware, last year around this time I had announced that I was leaving to fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a lead taster in the essential and ever growing Ranch Dressing Industry. Obviously, and to my dismay, this did not come to fruition, and I was left crushed — with no Ranch Dressing Industry position to go to. My only consolation was the few of you who brought me small bottles of Ranch Dressing as tokens of your appreciation for all that my family and I have given to CDT over the years. Your heartfelt kindness was timely and fortuitous — who could have imagined

that right after Purim, in addition to a serious run on toilet paper, the world's supply of Ranch Dressing would be in jeopardy. Thankfully, I was able to make it through (thanks to your kind gifts of Ranch Dressing) until the Ranch Dressing Industry supply chain was able to recover. Now that Spring is around the corner and the nation is anticipating the time that they can soon go outside and barbecue, sauces and dips are once again needed!!! Did you know that my other passion is barbecue sauce? Alabama BBQ sauce, East Carolina BBQ sauce, Piedmont BBQ sauce, South Carolina BBQ sauce, Florida BBQ sauce, Kansas City-style BBQ sauce, St. Louis BBQ sauce, Texas BBQ sauce, Tomato-based BBQ sauces - both vinegar and sugar, Vinegar-based BBQ sauces, Mustard-based BBQ sauces — I love 'em all!!! And so, this year I am proud to announce that, though my Ranch Dressing dreams will, alas, not be fulfilled — I will be pressing on with my BBQ sauce dreams and taking a new position at BBQ Sauces Unlimited Ltd. Co. Inc. as Head Sauce Creator. I and my family have cherished our time at CDT but are very excited about moving on to help create a more perfectly saucy world!

HAPPY PURIM!!!!!

This Erev Purim (Thursday, February 25th), we will celebrate together online with a Megillah reading, telling of the Purim story, and special Purim Night Live spiel that will be sure to have you wishing you never saw it!!!

Yours in sauciness — Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Head Sauce Creator BBQ Sauces Unlimited Ltd. Co. Inc.



Happy Purim חג פורים שמח



Education Director's Message

Second semester, here we come!!!!

There are so many wonderful things that are happening at CDT's Religious School that I am having a hard time choosing what to write first.

Over winter break, we worked hard packing the material bags for each student that contained packed bags for every lesson this

semester. They were passed out during a drive-thru on Jan. 10th. The teachers and *madrichim* welcomed the cars with music and balloons!

Due to COVID, the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta was only able to bring half the amount of *shinshinim* to the program this year. Unfortunately, CDT and many other Jewish organizations did not get chosen to work with them this year. But then a miracle happened. They we able to get one more *shinshin*

from Israel just a few weeks ago, and that *shinshin* was amazingly assigned to CDT! For those who don't know, a *shinshin* is an Israeli 18-year-old volunteering to bring a better connection between American Jews and Israelis sponsored by Federation. His name is Yuval. He is energetic and creative, and Yuval and I are excited to start to work together on social activities for all the grades in person at CDT! More details to come when each grade will be invited!



Jan. 17th we celebrated Mitzvah Day in honor of MLK Day. Last year was the first year we decided to have school during MLK weekend. It is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about *tikkun olam*, making the world a better place. This year we dedicated Mitzvah Day to all the workers at Emory Johns Creek Hospital. The 7th graders (who are learning and doing *mitzvot* all year round) did another *mitzvah* by teaching the younger grades what a *mitzvah* is and how to do one. All the students drew pictures and wrote letters to the different workers – not only to the doctors and the nurses but to everyone who is risking their lives every day by going to work in that hospital. They even received an addressed envelope with a stamp to make it easy for them to send. The 7th graders made a video to thank them that was presented to the Emory Board of Directors last Sunday. Thanks to Ms. Stacey and her amazing connection to Ms. Margolis, CEO of Emory John Creek, we were able to make this happen. Please press on this link to watch our amazing 7th graders!

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I have also started a new program I am very excited about. Once a week, on Monday mornings, I teach Hebrew to adults in our congregation. I was nervous at first, because I am so used to teaching children. But it is going very well, and I think I am more excited than my students. I believe that at the end of the course they will be reading Hebrew fluently.

Feb. 28th is our Purim celebration for the religious school and the entire congregation. Purim is one of my favorite holidays, so start thinking about your costumes because we are going to have a virtual costume parade for all ages and there will be prizes!!!!

Look for more details in the next few weeks.

I have lots more to tell you, but you will have to wait until next month to hear all about it . . .

Love you all and miss seeing you,

Molly





Condolences

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Glen Lew and Family on the passing of Glen's father

Don Lew

Friday, January 1

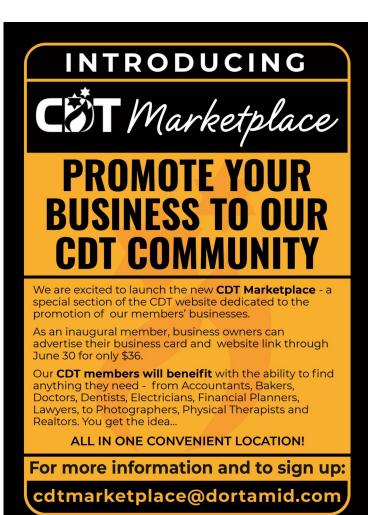
The Greenblat Family on the passing of Rochelle & Hershel's brother-in-law
Rabbi Michael Cain
Tuesday, January 12

Mark Mandel and Family on the passing of Mark's father
Frank Mandel
Friday, January 22

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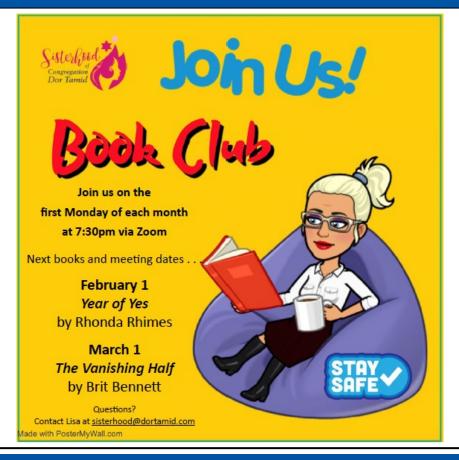
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Sisterhood



Lisa Danzig Sisterhood President



Helping Others





Social Action



Sharon Rocco Chairperson



Tikkun Olam — תיקון עולם Repair the World

To all of our CDT Family— we wish you a happy, healthy 2021! The COVID vaccine is here, and we are waiting for our turns to be vaccinated. Stay strong, wear a mask, wash your hands, and social distance. In the meantime, your Social Action Committee continues to provide tikkun olam.

Some of the many ways we were able to help those in need through CDT in 2020:

CDT PACKS FOR HUNGRY KIDS / Supporting Action Ministries' Smart Lunch: A huge shout out and thank you to Deb Eskenazi for organizing this program. It was a huge success. We collected 198 meal bags each providing six meals per child. We are anticipating doing this project again in the future, possibly including our CDT children. Stay tuned. Pictures were posted in January's newsletter.

CDT TOY DRIVE / Smart Kid Initiative: Another shout out and big thank you goes out to Mia Fuller who organized this project. Our CDT family was again very generous, and The Place of Forsyth County was very appreciative. Pictures were posted in January's Newsletter.

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. Thank you to those who supported this in 2020.

BEANIES FOR PREMATURE BABIES: A huge thank you goes to Rebecca Rubin. She and her mother and daughter dropped off a huge shopping bag of beanies. I counted 309 and will be donating them to the Northside Hospital and Johns Creek Emory Hospital NICUs.

We are continuing to crochet and knit beanies/octopuses. Thanks go out to our Knit/Crochet Group: Leslie Penuel, Beverly Mahone, Jane Radman, Sherry Fages, Janey Levy, Helene Kraselsky, Anita Walters and Sharon Rocco.

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

ZABAN PARADES CENTER HOMELESS SHELTER: Thanks 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, Richard Fiedel and Edie Davis, and Sharon Rocco.

The program was expanded this year and will be housing residents from September to June. Volunteers are currently being asked to provide a meal for the residents. This can be a home prepared meal or something purchased. Until further notice, we are being asked to just deliver the food. Due to COVID19 serving the residents is currently on hold until further notice.

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

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(Social Action cont.)

HOMES AGAINST HUNGER: Jackie Berger organizes this project. Due to COVID-19, pickup and delivery is on hold until we can determine how to proceed. Stay tuned for updates. However, there is still a need for food to feed families and children. In lieu of collecting food, if you so desire and are able, we ask you to make a monetary donation to any of the following:

Kosher Food Pantry - https://JFCSATL.org\kfp

North Fulton Charities - https://nfcchelp.org/donate

Atlanta Community Food Bank - https://www.acfb.org/more-ways-to-give/

CDT CHESED TAMID FUND: Purchase grocery store gift cards and deliver or mail them to CDT or donate online at https://www.dortamid.org/payment.php.

GAN TAMID: The fence has been repaired, garlic is planted, and Lesley Radov will be prepping beds for spring planting. Would you like to help with the prepping and planting? Contact Lesley at Iradov85@gmail.com.

THE HUNGER WALK: Paula Bloom will be coordinating this event again this year. The proposed date for the Virtual Hunger Walk is March 7th. Stay tuned. Last year, CDT raised \$2400, and \$900 came from our CDT children thanks to Molly's support through the religious school). There currently is a match up to \$900 for all donations of \$25 and above.

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Note: The 2021 Atlanta Hunger Walk will be virtual - more details are coming

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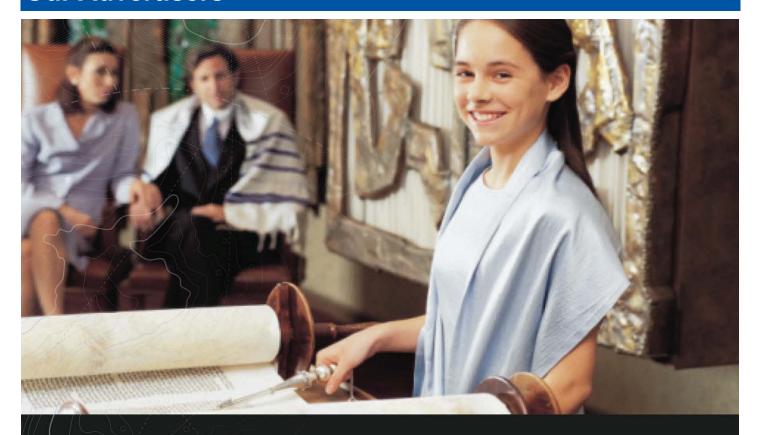
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