

# Voice of Generations

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# **Rabbinic Reflections**



Dear friends,

There are many rewarding things about being the rabbi of this incredible community. First, and foremost, is the ability and opportunity to create such meaningful relationships with so many wonderful people. I truly treasure the connections that we have made and continue to grow. Additionally, and this is only one of many things I love, I treasure the time I get to spend working with our b'nai mitzvah students as they prepare to enter into Jewish

adulthood and lead our community in prayer and teach us their interpretations of our Torah and our sacred traditions. It is an amazing experience to share with our families as, each week, we celebrate with another young person reaching this important Jewish milestone.

As we have celebrated so many *b'nai mitzvah* of our young people, week in and week out, many of you have mentioned to me that you have never had the opportunity to celebrate becoming a *bar* or *bat mitzvah* yourself. Well, I am excited to let you know that now is your opportunity. At this very moment, Mike, Molly, and I are busy working on a program leading to an adult *b'nai mitzvah* celebration next February with the reading of *parshat Yitro*, the Torah portion that tells of the giving of the Torah and the Ten Commandments. Beginning this March, with an informational meeting on March 2 at 7:30pm here at CDT, you will have the ability to learn from, and with, the three of us and a cohort of other CDT members working toward this *simcha*. The classes will be open to any Jewish adult member of the community who hasn't yet celebrated their own *b'nai mitzvah* and no prior knowledge of Hebrew, Judaics, or Torah is necessary. The classes will begin with an introductory Hebrew class taught by Molly and then, this summer, will transition to classes led by Mike to teach the chanting of Torah and the prayer services and led by me to discuss Jewish texts, traditions, philosophy, and history.

This is truly an exciting opportunity for many in our community to learn together and for all of us to celebrate this *simcha* together as one CDT family.

Please watch your email for more information in the coming weeks.

B'ahavah,

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 this family a part of our community. Enjoy getting to know Arthur and extend a welcome hand.

#### Arthur Meier



Arthur Meier, born in Milbach Germany in 1925, came to the United States in 1939 at the age of 14. Arthur lived in Brooklyn, where he learned English, went to school, enlisted in the Navy, and fought in in WWII. Arthur met his wife Harriet in Brooklyn after the war. He married and has 2 children, Stephen and Sherry. He moved to New Jersey and raised his family. Arthur was a teacher and Vice Principal in the New York City School system where he taught auto mechanics. Upon retirement, he taught at the college level and then moved to Tampa, Florida in 1995. Arthur has always been actively involved in the Reform Movement and synagogue life. He is a life member at Temple Beth El in Closter, NJ and Temple Beth Am in Tampa, Florida.

Last year Arthur moved to Georgia to be near his daughter Sherry Nemiroff. Arthur has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Arthur is the oldest member of Congregation Dor Tamid and stresses the importance of Jewish identity and synagogue affiliation. He was glad to share his memories at our Kristallnacht service on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.



# President's Message



Leslie Fox

Every month the president writes an article for the CDT newsletter. Among the duties and responsibilities of this role, this one is toward the bottom of my list. It's not that I don't like to write, but I often have a difficult time coming up with ideas to write about. This month was no exception, and when I was in the eleventh hour, I got a sign.

Last Thursday was Holocaust Remembrance Day. When I went out to get the mail I saw the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival booklet in my mailbox, which is something I look forward to each year. I have been an avid participant in the festival the past 10+ years and even served on the Screening Committee one year. As I looked through the catalogue of films, from gruesomely serious to comedy, I thought how interesting it was that I received the

booklet on this particular day, Holocaust Remembrance Day.

These two events happening on the same day made me really think about what being Jewish means to me. I have always loved being Jewish and wouldn't trade it for anything. However, even though I am proud to be Jewish, there are times when I feel vulnerable and sometimes even afraid.

With the last generation of Holocaust survivors nearing the end of their lives, it is more important than ever that we keep them in our hearts and memories. As we hear more and more about history being erased in schools, and books being banned that help tell this history, it is up to us to keep history alive and available for future generations. In the interest of safety, the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival is virtual this year. So, grab a seat on your couch and take part in the variety of films that have been chosen for 2022. The film festival is a great way to help us NEVER FORGET!

See you at the movies!

Leslie



# **Cantorial Soloist's Message**



Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are doing well. During the past several *Erev Shabbat* services, we have been singing a new-to-us melody to the *Aleinu*, one of the concluding prayers of the worship service. In this melody we repeat, as a refrain, the words "- יש *ein od*" that mean "there is none else". With this prayer, we are recognizing that though we live our daily individual lives, we are all part of Adonai's creation and that ultimately it is this divine creation, our creation in the image of God, that binds us all.

Mike Zuspan

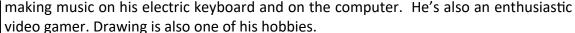
This past month, on Friday, January 21st, we were joined by many of our Christian and Muslim brothers and sisters from near by places of worship, as well as members of our Johns Creek police and city government, as we gathered in solidarity in response to the horrific events that occurred Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. As we sang " - "there is none else", looking around at all of the people gathered in our sanctuary, I truly felt at that moment that we were, all of us, in this together. I am so thankful for that moment. I hope that all of you who were in our sanctuary that evening (in person and online) felt that as well. In the coming months, it is my hope that when we sing *Aleinu*, when we sing "ein od", we will all be comforted and strengthened knowing that we are all created in the divine image and that we are not alone.

L'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist

## Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah Student

Ike Misrahi is a seventh grader at Taylor Road Middle School where he plays flute in the band. He enjoys





For his mitzvah project, Ike collected used instruments for the Gift of Music Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating greater accessibility to music programs, instruments, music teachers, and the overall benefits of music education.



# **Education Director's Message**



On Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>, we took advantage of the holiday weekend in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. to teach our students the importance of seeing everyone as created *b'tzelem Elohim* (in the image of God). If we were all created in the image of God, then we are all equal and we should be treated equally.

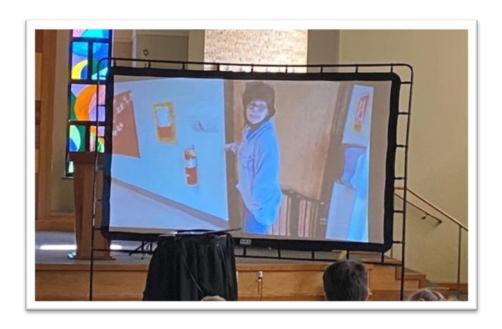
Our elementary students experienced different activities to make them understand that you should never judge a book by its cover! Even if a box is beautifully decorated with red shiny hearts, it doesn't mean that what is inside is also beautiful. Sometimes something wonderful and beautiful could be found in an ugly, brown paper bag!

Molly Peled

We were joined by our friend and fellow congregant, Rachel Moscoso, the Principal of the Special Needs School of Gwinnett, to begin a pen pal relationship between her students and ours. Just as all people who are different from us, such as people with special needs or people of a different skin color, need to be treated equally.



The students gathered together for a special Shira to watch a video about Rachel's school.



# **Education Director's Message, cont.**

This week – Everyone was the "Mench of the Week", because only Menches learn about doing better, learning to understand the importance of accepting others, and making others feel good!



Our teens also had the opportunity to play card games led by special needs students.





Lastly, everyone went home with a bag asking them to continue doing Mitzvot at home. They were asked to collect spare change that will go towards making sandwiches every week for those in need.

I'm proud to be the Education Director at CDT, a place where we learn about doing good deeds and actually do good deeds at the same time!!!! Love, Molly

# Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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—in memory of Pauline Fiedel

## **Social Action**



Thank you again to those who donated (and the fabulous group of women who assembled) items for the Afghan families moving to Atlanta. Our last delivery of Welcome Home Bags and winter coats for Afghan Refugees was made on January 20<sup>th</sup> to Catholic Charities and they thanked us again for Atlanta (and complimented us on the completeness of our bags and how great they looked). As they are placing refugee families in apartments, they



are looking for furniture (beds (no mattresses), sofas, and tables) and are willing to pick up at people's homes on a weekday. If you are downsizing or have plans to refresh your furniture and would like to donate to these deserving families, contact Paula Bloom. Other donated items including blankets, clothes and toys, were dropped off at North Fulton Community Charities. They are very excited every time we pull up with a car brimming full of items.

#### **Donations for Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett**

Our current project is in collaboration with the Religious School's Mitzvah Day on January 23<sup>rd</sup> (delayed due to wintery weather during the MLK weekend). The younger religious school students watched a video about the Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett, and in the afternoon, the students of the Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett were invited to hang out with the older CDT students to play games and socialize. The Special Needs School's Education Director is a congregant, Rachel Moscoso, which makes the involvement even more meaningful.

In order to support the CDT Religious School's Mitzvah Day focus, Social Action is requesting donations to the school. Our primary goal is to purchase a special wagon which would be used to transport non-mobile special needs students in case of a fire or other emergency. We have set up an Amazon Wish list, so people can purchase Amazon gift cards for this purpose. Although the cards default to \$50, any donation would be greatly appreciated; just have them sent to pbloom99@yahoo.com. Other items on the Amazon Wish list are educational materials and resources for the younger children, and towels, socks, and silverware for the older students who are job-training for careers in Hospitality Management. Very gently used items can also be donated — contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com /770-570-8059) if you have a donation or have any questions.

Rachel would also appreciate volunteers that are willing to do activities with the children - whether it is a simple cooking activity or an easy arts and crafts project. Contact Rachel if you would like to arrange a visit. This is a wonderful way for high school students to get some great experience if they have aspirations to study psychology or become a teacher. Rachel can be contacted via email at rmoscoso@gmail.com.







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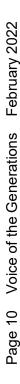
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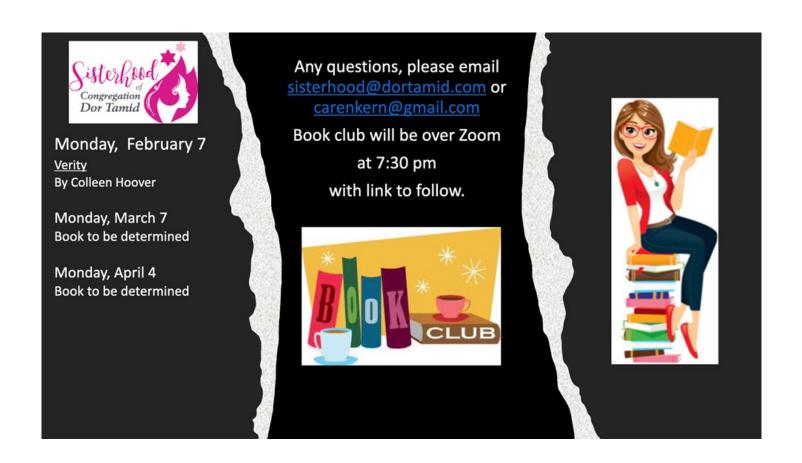


For the last couple of weeks CDT Sisterhood has partnered with Gesher L'Torah's Sisterhood in making sandwiches for the Sandwich Project. This coordinated effort has been so enjoyable and, of course, quite rewarding. So far, together, we have made over 150 sandwiches! I invite you to come join us, on Wednesdays at 12:00 at CDT, to do a wonderful Mitzvah. You can also coordinate dropping sandwiches, ingredients, or financial donations to CDT, which would be greatly appreciated. Please contact <a href="mailto:sisterhood@dortamid.com">sisterhood@dortamid.com</a> for more information



CDT Sisterhood partnering with Gesher L'Torah's Sisterhood





# We need your help with the Sandwich Project

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.

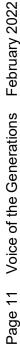
Can't make it? We welcome your financial donation to Sisterhood for The Sandwich Project so we can continue feeding the hungry.

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Sisterhood



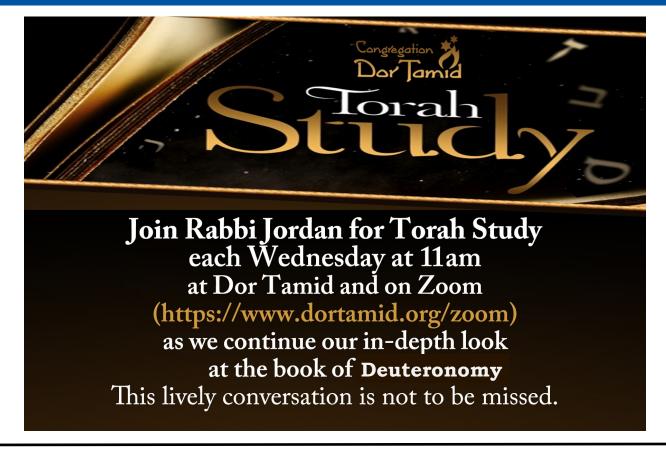


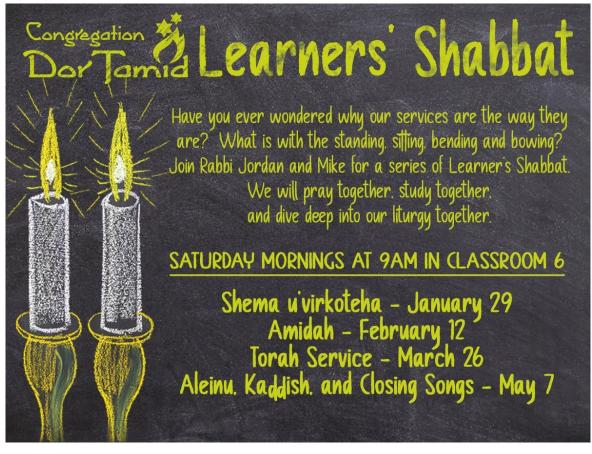


















# Help Special Needs Children!



In collaboration with the Religious School's Mitzvah Day and their partnership with the **Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett**, CoT Social Action has established an Amazon Wishlist to help the school.

We are requesting Amazon gift cards to purchase a special wagon to transport non-mobile children in case of emergencies as well as educational supplies for younger students and items to be used for job training for older students.

Amazon Wish List for Special Needs Schools of Gwinnett

Questions? Contact Paula Bloom (770-570-8059/pbloom99@yahoo.com)

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