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Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities to come together for joyous occasions. Each and every week, we have the opportunity to gather together in our sanctuary to welcome in Shabbat, a day that is supposed to be filled with joy. Throughout the year, we have holy days and festivals—opportunities to reside in the *sukkah*, light the Chanukah candles, make noise to drown out the name of Haman, and sit together at the seder table. We

also have the *simchas* (joyous lifecycle moments) that we celebrate together: births, brit milah, namings, conversions, b'nai mitzvah, and weddings. All of these give us the opportunity to put Judaism at the forefront of our lives and to come together as a community.

So, as we are thinking about all of these opportunities to be joyful and to celebrate, I want to bring your attention to a very important and unique *simcha* that is coming up in just a few days. On Saturday morning, February 11, during our Shabbat morning services, which begin at 10:30am, eight adult members of our community will be called to the Torah for the first time as b'nai mitzvah. These eight individuals made a commitment over a year ago to embark on a course of study that would culminate in them reading from, as well as teaching from, the Torah. From learning Hebrew and cantillation to studying the development of our liturgy and biblical understanding, all eight have grown in so many ways.

I would like to invite each of you, as a community, to join me in wishing mazal tov to all eight: Leslie Fox, Eric Cole, Michelle Pomerantz, Michelle Hall, Ashley Chenault, Debbie Rubin, Janice Rappaport, and Lauren Green. Additionally, I hope you will join Mike and I, along with these eight and their families, as we celebrate Shabbat together on February 11 and celebrate this milestone accomplishment for these members of our community and for CDT as well.

Shalom,

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message



Leslie Fox

As February rolls in, I enter the last four months of my presidency of our amazing community. There is a lot that happens between now and the end of our board year on May 31st. The Nominating Committee is hard at work putting together a Board of Directors slate, and the budgeting process will start this month to create a budget...both of which will be presented for approval by our congregation at the Annual Meeting.

One of the most exciting things about our board this year is that we have the first President Elect in our history, Rachel Allen. Rachel and I have been working closely together this year, so that she has been aware and involved in the workings of our congregation and many of the issues she will inherit in her next roll. Our goal is to assist her in having a smooth transition when she steps in as President on June 1st.

I have had the honor throughout my presidency to serve with some of the most talented people, congregants, friends, and leaders I have ever met. The minds around the table at the board meetings are amazing, and we are lucky to have their expertise and devotion on our side.

If you would like to be part of our leadership, now is the time to let us know. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or a committee please get in touch with our Nominating Committee Chair, Ashley Chenault, or call the CDT office.

Beginning this February... Kabbalat Panim and Kabbalat Shabbat

Once a month, we will gather for a Kabbalat Panim, an Oneg Shabbat before services, at 5:45 pm.

We will then move to the sanctuary to welcome in Shabbat together at 6:15 pm.

February 17 March 17 April 7 May 19 June 2



*Dates subject to change.

Leslie

Cantorial Soloist's Message



Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends!

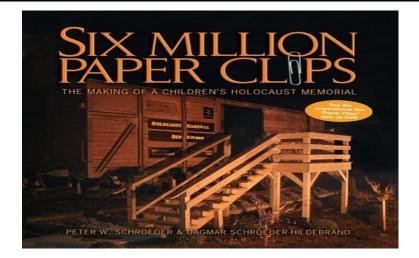
I hope you and your family are well. At the end of this month, our CDT 9th grade class and I are planning to travel to Chattanooga, TN and then to the very small city of Whitwell, TN. As part of our 9th grade curriculum about Israel, I teach about the history of the Jewish people before 1948. In particular, I focus on the 1st and 2nd migration and the Holocaust. At this point in the year, we have finished learning about the Holocaust and are just beginning to study modern Israel's first few years. However, even though we studied the Holocaust in a much more thorough and impactful way than is done in our regular educational institutions,

there is still, for our students, an element that is missing - something that can only be felt and experienced at a Holocaust museum. In Atlanta, the Bremen Museum is a very powerful and resourceful place to learn about the Holocaust, but just a little to our north, in the city of Whitwell, Tn, is the Children's Holocaust Memorial.

The Children's Holocaust Memorial stemmed from a project undertaken by the Whitwell Middle School students that began in 1998 as they were challenged to grasp the enormity of the number 6,000,000. The project involved the students attempting to collect six million paperclips, one for every soul murdered in the Holocaust. The students decided on paperclips as, in their research, they discovered that Norwegians wore paperclips as a silent protest and a symbol of resistance against Nazi occupation. The project became a world-wide phenomenon and the students ended up by collecting over thirty million paperclips from all over the world. This is a special place - in particular because it is a Holocaust museum in the middle of an area that geographically has no reason to have such a museum. There is no significant Jewish population nearby. Whitwell is not a major city or even a transportation hub. The museum exists simply because the students were given an assignment and they ultimately opened up their minds, hearts, and souls in response. The city of Whitwell is clearly proud of this museum. It is featured on the city's home page. As mournful and anguishing as my visit to this museum has been, I also find it hopeful. If a small city's middle school children can find the value of human life - maybe the rest of the world can be inspired to do so as well.

With peace,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist



Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Avery Reagan Karp is a 7th grader at Hendricks Middle School. She loves dance and has been a competitive dancer for the past five years. She also loves spending time with her friends, family and pets. When she is not at school or dancing (which is rare), you can find her at the mall, hanging with friends or relaxing. She longs to continue her dance career into college and beyond.

The inspiration for Avery's *tikkun olam* social action project comes from her love of dance. She chose to collect new or gently used dance clothes and shoes to donate to arts programs for underprivileged youth. She believes that dance is a great equalizer and wants to share her

passion with those who may not be able to afford the items necessary to learn the sport.



Morgan Emma Karp is a 7th grader at Hendricks Middle School. She is very active, and recently switched from competitive gymnastics to competitive cheer. She enjoys time with her friends, family, and our dogs, Gracie and Charlie. Morgan also loves spending her summers at Camp Barney Medintz. When Morgan grows up, she wants to work with animals as a veterinarian.

Morgan's love of animals inspired her *tikkun olam* social action project to work with Fur Kids and the Humane Society of Forsyth County. She is donating her time and much needed items such as leashes, blankets and toys for the animals.







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 Renee Just, and extend a welcome hand.



Renee A. Just

After spending twenty years in the corporate environment, Renee left to launch a consulting practice where she works with small business owners and entrepreneurs to set strategic goals and devise robust action plans that will allow them to successfully achieve their goals. She plays a key role with Executive teams in Leadership Development and works with all levels of management in teambuilding efforts, thus enhancing productivity. Her diverse experience gives her the insight, understanding, and ability to consult as a strategic partner.

She is a Department Chair of Academic Programs and an Associate Professor of Leadership in the College of Business and Communication at Brenau University, and has been in higher education for over fifteen years. She lives in Flowery Branch, GA and in her free time, she cooks, entertains, volunteers, spends time with family and friends, and hikes with her rescue dog Harley.

When she relocated to GA, she Shul shopped, looking for a community and a place where she could be involved. It was like Goldilocks and the three bears: one was not friendly, one was too revival-like, and CDT was just right! She immediately made connections and found her home here at CDT.

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Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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-in memory of Zelda Benator

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Leslie Penuel

Sharon Rocco

Bev Mahone

Linda Maline

—in memory of Ken Mercado

Leslie Penuel

-in honor of Tyler Chenault's conversion

Scholarship Fund

Bev Mahone

Mitch & Lisa Skyer

-in honor of Tyler Chenault's conversion

Social Action

Bev Mahone

-in honor of Jackie Berger's recovery

Tzedakah Fund

Mike & Deborah Arnold

Robert & Rose Merrick

Yahrzeit Fund

Ron & Betty Kurtz

-in memory of Ida Dochen and Jacob Kurtz

Condolences

Jutta Mercado on the passing of her husband

Kenneth Mercado

May his memory be a blessing.





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 Avol 1:2

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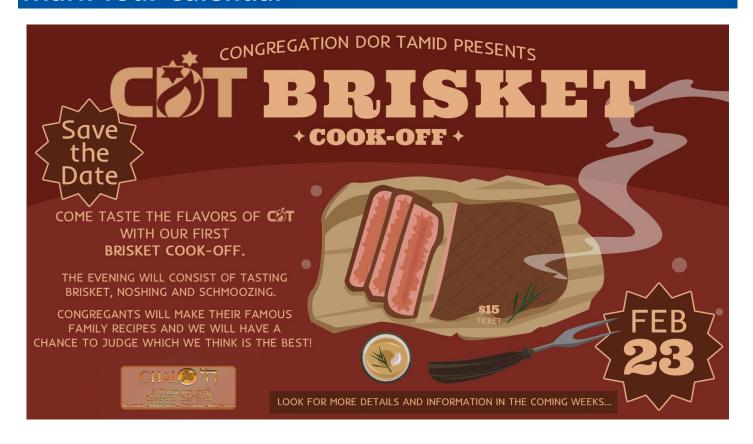
Stacy Lord

David Pace & Lakiya Jones

Scott & Laura Palgon

Scott & Dana Rothenberg

Mark Your Calendar





Education



CDT Religious School Corner

We have had such a wonderful and busy start to our second semester at CDT religious school. Our PK -6^{th} grade classes are back and have been learning exciting lessons in Judaics about Joseph, Moses, the meaning of the burning bush and the exodus of the Jews from Egypt. Our teachers have done an amazing job bringing relevancy, for each age group, to these topics by exploring the importance of friendships, of standing up for others, justice, mercy, and the importance of courage. In Hebrew ,we continue to make progress at each of our grade levels learning letters, words, and prayers. We have seen such an

amazing progression in the Hebrew skills of our students this school year.













Our 7th graders have been so busy learning about the meaning of mitzvah through multiple projects this semester. They planted dozens of daffodils for the Daffodil Project (in honor of children who perished in the Holocaust and children worldwide today suffering in humanitarian crisis) and they took a very exciting trip to FurKids to spend a day volunteering and assisting at the animal shelter.

The 8th graders have been busy learning about all different religions with hands on experience during our field trips to the various places of worship that we have been visiting. Just this past weekend, they had a chance to visit the historic Ebeneær Baptist Church and attend a Sunday service. It was definitely a highlight for all of the parents and students who attended!!











The 9th and 10th graders continue to meet with Mike Zuspan and Rabbi Jordan weekly. The 9th graders are getting ready for their overnight field trip to the Paperclips Holocaust Museum and Rabbi Jordan spent this past weekend with the 10th graders in New York City. We can't wait to hear all about it. I absolutely love to see all of the smiling faces at religious school each week. Be on the lookout soon for more information about the upcoming 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Shabbat dinner in late February and our Purim Carnival in March. Please check out our weekly RS photos on the CDT Facebook page if you haven't done so already. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to me at rachelallencdt@gmail.com.

Social Action and Tikkun Olam



Paula Bloom

Social Action



January was a fabulous month for Social Action at CDT!

Session on Anxiety and Depression – January 11th

In conjunction with CDT Sisterhood and sponsored by Jewish Federation, we started our Wellness Series with a topic that is so critically important to parents. We had an absolutely amazing panel with two Pediatricians, a Psychologist and a Psychiatrist. Almost 50 people attended – some from other temples, and others from the community. There will also be an article in the Atlanta Jewish Times about the event.

I think everyone was excited about how candid the doctors were about the issues around mental health, including the problems in getting quality treatment. They also provided great insights about dealing with Anxiety and Depression in children, teens and young adults.

Thank you to our two pediatricians, Dr. Zager (aka Sheri Lew) for putting together the panel and for her wonderful facilitation, as well as Dr. Forman (aka Penny Blitzer), who's thoughtful responses and humor was a highlight of the panel discussion. We are hoping to do a follow-up session that will give parents some tools that can help them when dealing with their children. Look for more information soon!



Social Action and Tikkun Olam, cont.

CDT Cares Mitzvah Dday - January 15th

Thank you to everyone who helped make CDT Cares Mitzvah Day a major success, especially Men's Club, Sisterhood, Social Action, and the Religious School staff and volunteers. In recognition of the MLK holiday, the Religious School children did some amazing projects which are benefiting our local community.

- ◆ Pre K and K made little flower pots for Vineyard, a new memory care center in Johns Creek to help them decorate the patient rooms
- ♦ 1st and 2nd grades made cards for Aviv Celebrations (Birthday and Valentine's Day cards) for older Jewish adults
- ♦3rd and 4th graders made pillows for CURE Childhood Cancer
- ♦5th graders made dog toys for Therapy Dogs
- ♦6th graders sorted books that are being donated to:
 - Children Read low income children ages 1-5
 - Sheltering Books (winner of CNN Hero) Children 0-18
 - Cafe' Europa (Holocaust Survivors) Adult Books in English and Russian
 - Hope for Domestic Violence Adult books
- ♦7th and 8th graders planted daffodils and helped transport the books to locations for distribution





We also had a very successful Life South Blood Drive. Thanks to all those that made blood donations.

Special thanks to the Men's Club members who took down the old shed, that was falling apart, and put up a brand new, larger shed in the Gan Tamid Garden. Thank you: Eric Cole, Buddy Goodman, Danny Pichon, Larry Benator, Bryan Debowsky, and Tyler Chenault.

February, 26th – Meals by Grace

If you are interested in helping a very worth-while cause, join us as we participate in Meals by Grace on Sunday, February 26th (12:30-to approximately 4:00) at 5025 Atlanta Highway, Alpharetta. This wonderful organization helps feed people in South Forsyth.

Contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping.

Sisterhood



Janet Mann



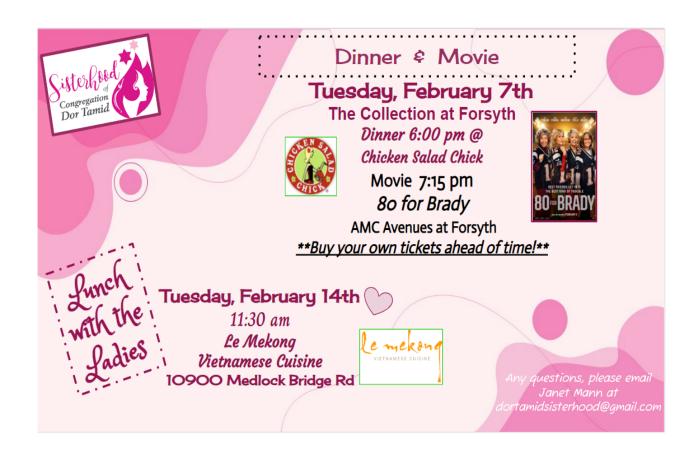
Our Mission: The Women of Congregation Dor Tamid's primary function is to support the synagogue through Judaism, Community Service, Friendship & Fundraising.

Meet for Mah Jongg

We are so excited to have Mah Jongg games going strong at CDT! If you're interested in playing on Mondays, we have a lovely group of ladies meeting on Mondays from 12:00—2:00pm and Thursdays from 7:00pm-9:00pm! If you are interested in playing or want to learn how to play, send an email to cdtmahjongg@gmail.com! Bring friends and spread the word to the local community!







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PrimeTimers Events









Leslie Penuel

Another get together for our wonderful group!



Brimstone Restaurant and Tavern

Date: February 16th

Time: 6:00PM

Place: Brimstone Restaurant

RSVP: Janet's Cell-678-654-4213 (NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15TH SO

WE CAN ORGANIZE A TABLE AND CARPOOL!)

Please join us for a night of Dinner and Trivia with teams. Bar food type of menu.

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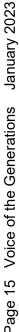
Hope to see you there!

Janet & Leslie

Sisterhood and Men's Club











Meet for Mah Jongg

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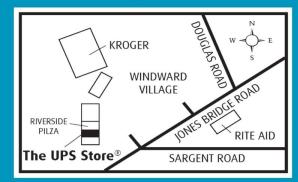
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