

Voice of Generations

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Dear friends,

Over the past few months, I have found myself uttering the phrase "2020 just needs to end. Can we get to 2021 already?" I am sure many of you have said something similar or at least had a similar feeling. Yes, last year was tough for so many reasons, not the least of which was the pandemic. For our CDT community, it has been a difficult 9 months since we have had to shut down our building and

move to a virtual community. But, 2021 is finally here! So, what does that mean?

For sure, it does not *yet* mean an end to the COVID-19 pandemic nor the precautions I hope we are all taking to wear masks, practice proper hygiene, and physically distance from each other. It also does not mean that we will be able to "go back to normal" anytime in the very near future.

However, with the turning of the page on the calendar, to this new secular year, we can begin to manifest our Jewish value of *tikvah*, of hope. While the mere fact that the year has changed does not mean any immediate change to our reality, this New Year, with all of its promise, does bring hope that the world will be a better place.

As we approach the New Year, there are still many questions about how to stay safe, what the vaccine will mean for us as individuals and for us as a CDT community, and what the future will hold for our congregation. To address some of these questions, I want to invite all of you to a virtual town hall event on January 14 at 7:30pm on Zoom and CDT's Facebook page during which I will engage in a conversation with Dr. Elliot Raizes, a member of our CDT community who is an infectious disease specialist at the CDC. He also serves on CDT's Medical Advisory Task Force. Elliot will also take time to answer many of your questions. We hope you will join us for this important evening.

As we enter into this secular New Year, I want to express my gratitude for this community: for the strength and resilience you have all shown; for your patience and understanding; and for your ability to be flexible, connect in new ways, and make sure to continue to support and connect with your Congregation Dor Tamid.

B'ahavah,

Rabbi Jordan

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President's Message



January 1, 2021 is finally here, And I wish for us all a healthy and happy new year.

With 2020 behind us, a memory at last, Let's hope to move forward and not dwell in the past.

As our world finds a way out of the eye of the storm We hope that this year brings us back to the norm.

As you venture into the new year keep your glass half full, Let's look together toward returning to our shul!

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected!

Leslie

Condolences

Condolences

David Ascher and Family on the passing of David's father Melvin Ascher Thursday, December 17

Irene Duke and Family on the passing of Irene's sister Eleanor Schmetterling Sunday, December 20

Glen Romm and Family on the passing of Glen's aunt and uncle Shirley and Jerry Romm Friday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 22 respectively

Rachel Sanford and Family on the passing of Rachel's father Mike Tuckman Monday, December 21

Doug Kern and Family on the passing of Doug's mother Rita Kern Tuesday, December 22

May their memories be a blessing.

Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends!



I hope you are doing well and that you had a wonderful *Chanukah* and a Happy New Year. What a very long year it has been. This past year we have had to change the way we live our Jewish lives in so many ways. We have seen our beautiful building all but close down, and services go virtual and then outside (and virtual at the same time) with social distancing and masks, and religious school went virtual (though we had an amazing first day at the CDT parking lot!). We held our religious school grade *Shabbat* dinners online. We had Passover seders online. We celebrated *Shavuot* online, held our annual citywide

Shabbat online, and even observed *S'lichot* virtually. We brought in the Jewish New Year online (with a very special parking lot 2nd day service) and observed *Yom Kippur* online. We observed *Sukkot* and celebrated *Simchat Torah* virtually as well. We met online at the end of *Shabbat* for *Havdalah* every week. You were with me in my house every Tuesday evening for music and song. We learned how to cook with Molly on Thursday mornings. Rabbi Jordan read us stories on *Shabbat* morning. I continued to prepare *B'nai Mitzvah* students — online. We celebrated *B'nai Mitzvah* in our building while observing our safety protocols. We lighted the *Chanukah Menorah* together on the first night of *Chanukah* and then celebrated together online for the following seven nights. Volunteers delivered *Chanukah* presents to every family in the congregation. We even had over 150 people at CDT — socially distanced, of course — for a very fun outdoor Fall concert. And so much more. In short, we continued living the best Jewish lives we could under the circumstances. Our congregation — our community remains strong and vibrant.

I know that the coming months will continue to challenge us, perhaps in ways that we cannot yet see. Still, I know that. as we have come this far, we will continue to live our best Jewish lives in the coming months and, hopefully sooner than later, find our selves on more sure ground. I cannot imagine a better community with which to have made the journey so far, and I feel truly blessed, as I hope you do as well, to be on this path b'yachad — together.

Shalom, Mike Zuspan



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Education Director's Message

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Congregational Chanukah Celebration during a pandemic . . . No problem! We can do anything!

This year, Gesher L'Torah and Dor Tamid decided to celebrate together. We began by lighting the candles together with more than 125 screens on! It was beautiful to see so many different *chanukiot* being

lit from two different synagogues. We quickly moved forward with the entertainment of the night by the Bible players.





My favorite part was when they picked our very own Jacob Moscoso to be a volunteer. He was awesome!

Then, the Bible Players were kind enough to be the judges for the Chanukah House kit competition

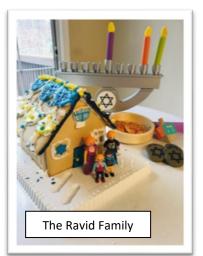
between both synagogues. We had 80 participants — 40 families from CDT and 40 families from GLT.



Here are just some of the AMAZING Chanukah houses that our families made.

Thank you so much for making CDT proud and for being a part of this year's Chanukah celebration. When I look at the pictures, it brings me joy seeing siblings/families having fun together. This was the main purpose of this project!















The Herman Family











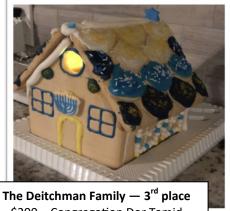




The Ricks Family

The judges had to make a very difficult decision and pick the top 8 out of 80. We couldn't be happier with the winning houses! Thank you for donating your cash prizes to Jewish organizations of your choice. It's a beautiful mitzvah!





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The Dewey Family $-5^{\rm th}$ place \$100 - Congregation Dor Tamid



The Rosen Family — 6th place \$100 - Creating Connected Communities

Until next month . . .

Stay Safe!

Molly

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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Coming Attractions

Happy New Year to our CDT Family! We are so excited to launch the new CDT Marketplace!

This is not only a great way to promote your business but a great resource for members to do business with other members! It doesn't matter what your business is.

The introductory price is \$36 to advertise from now until June 30th. Businesses will be listed by categories. When you click on the business card, you will be directed to the individual's website or Facebook page.

If you are interested in signing up in our CDT Marketplace or need any additional information, please email cdtmarketplace@dortamid.com.

We are looking forward to the success of this new endeavor!



Congregation Dar Tamid JOIN US FOR A WITH DR. ELLIOT RAIZES

Join Rabbi Jordan and Dr. Elliot Raizes for a conversation about the current status of the pandemic.

We will get an update from Dr. Raizes as well as discuss what to expect in 2021.

Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 on Zoom and CDT's Facebook page.

Dr. Raizes is an infectious disease specialist at the CDC and member of CDT.



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Sisterhood



Lisa Danzig Sisterhood President



As I'm writing this, today is the last day of Chanukah. Last night, Sisterhood had a White Elephant Party on Zoom. Of course, it wasn't the same as in previous years, when we were all together, but still very special and heartfelt. All of us wanted to have a few moments of "normalcy" and experience something familiar, together. And to laugh and enjoy . . . which we did!

Last night of Chanukah Candle Lighting/ White Elephant Party



Before gifts were opened

After gifts were opened



Donuts anyone?!!!







CDT Sisterhood and Men's Club hope you enjoyed your Chanukah gift as much as we did putting them all together! Of course, when it comes to food, we always have plenty . . . so we brought those very yummy treats to Johns Creek Emory Hospital for the First Responders, so they could take a moment and enjoy, too!



A special thank you to Stacey Jahanfar for taking time out of her busy day to help Ruthie Cohen and myself bag those thousands of donut holes.





January Event

CDT SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

JOIN US VIRTUALLY as we discuss

This Tender Land
by William Kent Krueger

January 4, 2021
7:30 PM on ZOOM

If you have any questions about the Sisterhood Book Club, contact sisterhood@dortamid.com

Wow! It's 2021 . . . and with it all the wonderful possibilities a new year can bring. I hope this year brings all of you and your families <u>together</u> with much Health, Happiness, and Peace.

B' Shalom, Lísa

Our Bat Mitzvah



Jolie Deitchman—January 30

Jolie is a 7th grader at Haynes Bridge Middle School, and her favorite subject is Spanish. She is involved with Chorus at school and is very creative. She loves to draw and paint. Jolie's true passion is dance, and she started when she was just 3 years old. She is part of the Vibe, which is the performance company at Footnotes Dance & Acrobatics. Her favorite style of dance is jazz, but she also performs tap, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, and lyrical. She commits many hours of practice to dance every week but wouldn't change it for anything.

For Jolie's tikkun olam/social action project, she is raising money to sponsor a pet with FurKids, a non-profit organization that operates the largest cage-free, no-kill shelter in the Southeast. Jolie spent the afternoon with Luna and Fina, a mature "bonded" pair of dogs that was recently brought to the shelter. Bonded pairs often remain at the shelter for longer periods of time, as it can be difficult to get them adopted together. Jolie learned about the shelter and how they care for the animals and is raising money to support this amazing duo for the year.

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Sharon Rocco Chairperson



Tikkun Olam — תיקון עולם Repair the World



Wow did we help!

At least a couple of hundred toys! 4 bins overflowing!

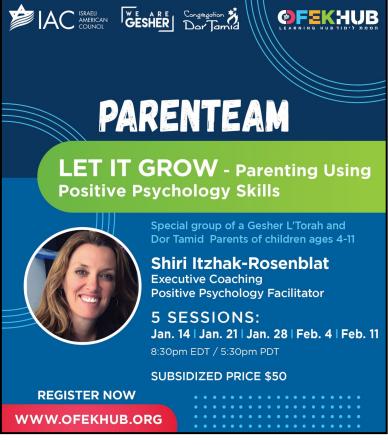
198 bags of meals packed! Excess food left from the packs was donated as well.

Thank you to everyone who packed meals, donated food and toys, and donated funds directly online.





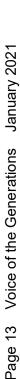
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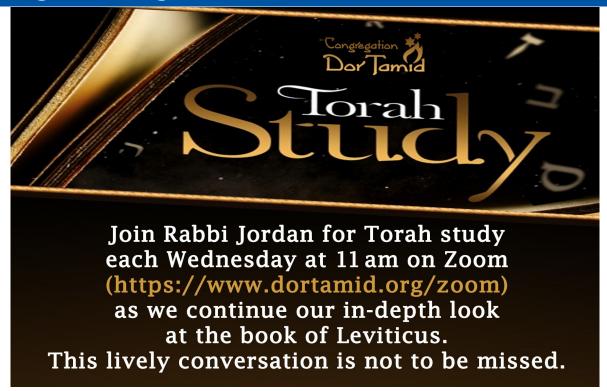












Primetimers

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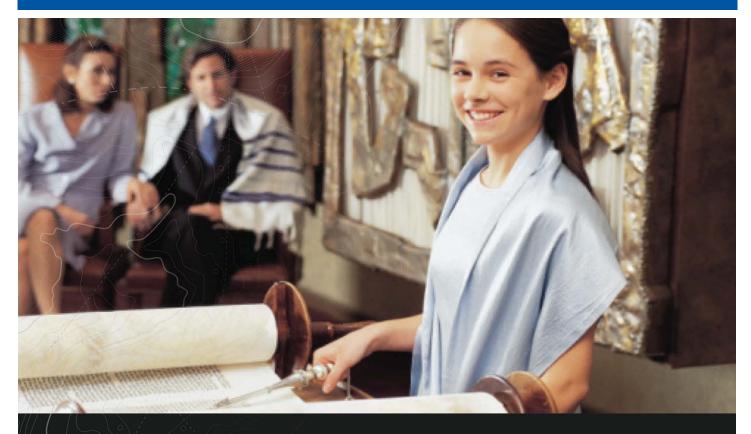
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