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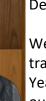
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Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

We have now entered into a new secular year. And with that transition, for many people, comes the annual tradition of "New Year's Resolutions," which is the secular, Americanized answer to our yearly process (think back to the high holy days) of *cheshbon hanefesh*—the accounting of our souls.

Many of us will make promises to ourselves to lose weight, go to the gym, stop smoking, or any of a number of other ideas to make us better and healthier people. And most resolutions, as many of us realize year after year, go by the wayside after only a few days or weeks.

But this year, our Hebrew calendar reminds us, as we turn the secular calendar, of the power of the resolution to change. We are in the midst of the story of Exodus, and on the Shabbat of the New Year we will read *parshat vaera*, in which we learn that God appeared to Moses and instructed him to change the world by going before Pharaoh and demanding that Pharaoh free the Children of Israel.

This parsha and the ones immediately before and after it (shemot and bo), remind us of the power to stand up to make the world a better place. We read these words as we enter into the new year, which provide us a motivation to change, a motivation to make the world change. And just as we may be willing to give up on these resolutions (along with going to the gym and dieting), we have an exclamation point placed on the Torah's message with parshat beshalach, which includes the song of the sea. This portion which is annually read on the Shabbat called Shabbat shirah (the Shabbat of song)—and which will include a musical Shabbat—also falls this year on the Friday night of Martin Luther King Weekend. So, in a Jewish way, and a secular way, we are reminded this year that we have the ability to make a meaningful resolution and truly change the world for the better.

I hope you will join me in making this our path in 2022.

Happy (secular) new year,

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.

David, Jenn, Brody & Sami Fried



Our family relocated from South Florida in February for an amazing job opportunity. Our son Brody just turned 6, and our daughter Sami is 3. We love the area and we are very happy in our new community. We chose CDT because they greeted us with warm smiles behind the masks and they made us feel so welcome.

Spencer and Debby Shilling & Granddaughter



Emilia is the light of our life. We've been married 34 years. We have lived in the Atlanta area for 48 years for Spencer and 38 years for Debby. We are originally from the north. I taught piano for 30 years and now am a working musician. I sing and play piano at retirement homes in the Atlanta area. Spencer is a retired Special-Education teacher. We have 2 children, 1 grand-daughter, and another one on the way.

We joined CDT to be a part of the Jewish Community and to share our heritage with our grand-daughter. Our wonderful son-in-law is a Mexican Catholic, and with his and my daughter's permission, we were allowed to sign her up for her Jewish education.

President's Message



Leslie Fox

Happy 2022 y'all! As we enter this new year this is my wish for you:

Comfort on difficult days,

Smiles when sadness intrudes,

Rainbows to follow the clouds,

Laughter to kiss your lips,

Sunsets to warm your heart,

Hugs when spirits sag,

Beauty for your eyes to see,

Friendships to brighten your being,

Faith so that you can believe,

Confidence for when you doubt,

Courage to know yourself,

Patience to accept the truth,

Love to complete your life

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Looking forward to seeing you around CDT in the new year!

Leslie

Cantorial Soloist's Message



Mike Zuspan

Shalom Chaveirim - Hello my friends,

Happy Secular New Year! I hope that you and your loved ones were able to enjoy time together. Speaking of togetherness - I'd like to take this moment in time to reflect on how wonderful it has been to gather these past few months. Seeing all of us (though not all at once) at the synagogue for our indoor and outdoor (despite the occasional cold) functions has been very special. We have celebrated *B'nai Mitzvah*, the High Holy Days, and *Chanukah*. Just this past month we had our first Scholar-In-Residence (shared with our friends at Temple Beth Tikvah) in many years. There have been social functions, Religious

School, Molly Peled's Monday Hebrew class, *Torah* Study with Rabbi Jordan, committee meetings... and let us not forget the amazing fundraising and social actions projects. We have rallied to our friends to help them heal. We have surrounded our friends with love and compassion to help them mourn. Truly we are a very special community and I continue to be so grateful that we are here - together. There are so many more reasons for us to continue gathering together in the coming months. I look forward to seeing so many of you at the synagogue and in other settings as well.

L'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist



Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Nathan is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. He is the second oldest in the Young Family. He has two brothers Evan (14) and Dylan (10) as well as a sister Adeline (9). Nate loves Hockey and has been playing for almost a year. Nate enjoys spending time with friends, his cousins, his siblings, and ice skating as much as possible. He loves helping those in need and is such a caring young man.

For his Tikkun Olam/Mitzvah Project, Nate has chosen to make small hygiene bags filled with a toothbrush, toothpaste, and deodorant to give to school social workers to hand out to kids in need in Forsyth County Schools. Nate wanted to help kids in need in his school system and felt this was a good way to give back anonymously.



Olivia is a 7th grade student at Autrey Mill Middle School in Johns Creek. She is the oldest of three girls and helps her parents out so much around the house! Olivia loves playing basketball, acting, going to the theater and hanging out with friends. She loves animals and is always the first to volunteer for a neighborhood pet sitting job! She hopes to one day become a vet. Olivia belongs to the National Charity League, which is a mother-daughter service group, where she has logged over 40 hours of community service helping others this year. Olivia has also performed in five CYT theatrical show productions and she loves the stage!

For Olivia's Mitzvah project, she has decided to partner with the Aflac Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to bring toys and games to children with cancer who are waiting on their procedures. She is excited to help bring a smile to these very special children during their times of need. Her whole family is very excited to watch her become a Bat Mitzvah and we are proud of all the effort she has put in to prepare.

We love you Olivia!



Education Director's Message



Molly Peled

"Chanukah oh Chanukah, come light the Menorah. Let's have a party, we'll all dance the Hora....!"

CDT has proven it again, Covid can't stop us! We had a wonderful Chanukah party On Dec. 5th that began with making our own menorahs out of clay, and a communal Chanukah lighting with Rabbi Jordan and Mike, followed by a four course dinner with Israeli sufganiyot for dessert. An exciting Chanukah gelt "drop" from our Johns Creek fire fighters was awesome!!!! A special thank you goes out to our amazing Madrichim who worked hard to make it a special event for their students and their families!



Many Thanks — תודה רבה

Cantorial Soloist's Discretionary Fund

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Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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—in memory of Jacqueline Britan

Scholarship Fund

Hee Chung Wysock

— in memory Jacqueline Britan

Condolences

Harriet Jacobs on the passing of her husband

Jerry Jacobs

May their memories be a blessing.





Social Action



Paula Bloom Social Action

Thank you to everyone who made the Afghan Refugee Project a HUGE success. Amy Zuspan, connected us with Catholic Churches Atlanta, as they welcome one hundred Afghan Refugee families. Besides cold weather items for adults, they had requested Welcome Home Bags for



the families which included items such as calendars, planners, tea sets, blankets, welcome mats, flashlights, grocery gift cards and various dried fruits and spices for cooking.

The response was overwhelming!

Our bins were overflowing with clothing plus blankets and other items. There were daily (often multiple times a day) Wishlist deliveries from Amazon. Others were purchasing more affordable items from stores like Walmart and Dollar Tree (who knew you could get calendars for \$1 - although inflation will make them a whopping \$1.25 in the near future). The storeroom where Stacey and Ginny put the donations was so full that the door couldn't be closed.

Several ladies from Social Action, and two fabulous teenagers, Sam and Kate Hall, got together on a Sunday to assemble the Welcome Home Bags and bag the coats, scarves, hats and gloves. Other items will be donated to North Fulton Charities as they are in desperate need of blankets and other clothing items.

In the end, we delivered 6 huge bags of cold weather clothing and 20 bags full of Welcome Home items. The people at CCA were THRILLED to get these donations and were especially delighted by the fantastic Welcome Home Bags.

Thank you also to Edlynn Davis for providing dinner to the Zaban Parodies Center in December. The mission of the Center is to provide services and keep couples and families together as they move from being homeless to being self-sufficient and finding permanent places to live.

We are beyond grateful to all of you in the Congregation for your generosity and kindness. We are making a difference to our community!

CDT CARES

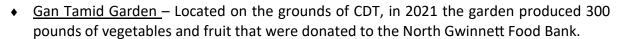






Tikkun Olam Corner

At Congregation Dor Tamid we always have new projects to assist those that need in our community but we also have some ongoing efforts that you can donate to any time.





- ◆ The Sandwich Project Once a week, sandwiches are made and delivered to Chris 180, an organization whose mission is to heal children, strengthen families and build community.
- The Chesed Tamid Fund Donations to this fund allows CDT staff to purchase grocery store gift cards for Congregants that are facing financial issues and would benefit from assistance to feed their families. Gift cards can also be dropped off at the temple for distribution.
- ◆ <u>Tzedakah</u> The Tzedakah box is located in the lobby when you walk into CDT. Donations are used for a variety of Tikkum Olam projects during the course of the year. We are happy to accept your spare change and singles any time you come to the temple for services and other activities. It will be used to make a difference to those in need in our community.
- ◆ <u>Zaban Parodies</u> Once a month, members of CDT buy dinner for homeless couples and families that are learning how to be self-sufficient, receiving job training and other skills that will allow them achieve stability and well-being.

For more information about these opportunities to donate, or, if you have ideas about other ways to give-back, please contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com or 770-570-8059).



Sisterhood and Men's Club











Dan Rosen Men's Club President

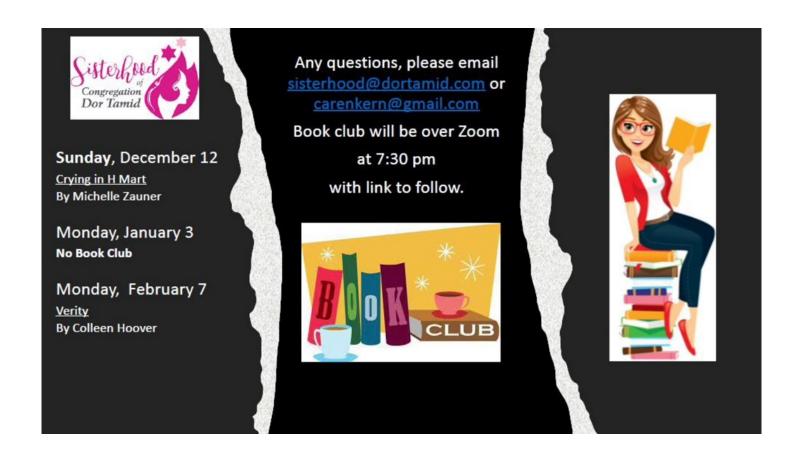


FROM SISTERHOOD AND MEN'S CLUB

We look forward to seeing you at our programs and events this upcoming year. We wish you and your family a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Join Men's Club with our annual Super Bowl Squares - you may be a lucky winner!







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.

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Any amount would be appreciated.



Sisterhood

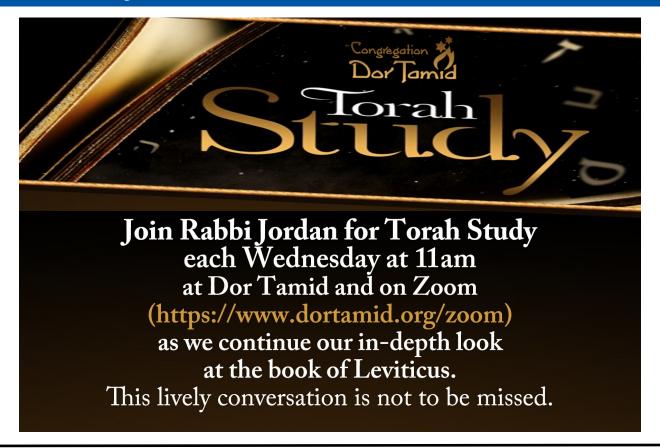


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Torah Study and Tzedakah





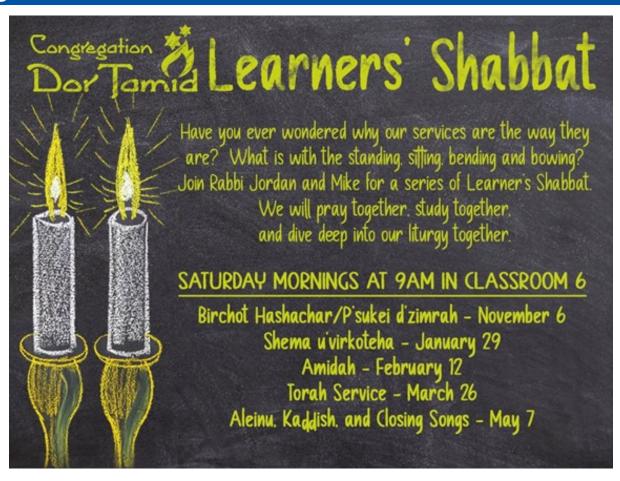


Many thanks to Bob Davis for beautifully restoring our Tzedakah box!!!





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