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Dear friends,

As we conclude one fiscal year and begin another, I wanted to share with you some of the words that I spoke about during our annual meeting this past May, which convey how proud and blessed I am to have the privilege to serve this community as your rabbi. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing everyone as we continue to be a part of this wonderful congregation together. (For a full transcript of the Rabbi's remarks, go to: https://www.dortamid.org/rabbi-annualmeeting)

I truly love being able to call myself the rabbi of such an amazing community. Whether I am serving you at the highest points, including weddings, b'nai mitzvah, brit milah, and baby naming's; or, sitting with you during your most difficult times at the bedside in a hospital, or walking through the valley of the shadow with you, and everywhere in between. We are on the mountain, looking out to the future, and I have to say, the future looks bright. Sure, there will be some bumps along the way, but together, we will journey beside one another to a stronger place: stronger programmatically, stronger financially, and most importantly, stronger in our relationships with one another.

At the conclusion of our Torah reading this week, as we conclude the books of Leviticus, it is customary to chant the words, hazak, hazak, v'nitchazek. Be strong, be strong, and let us strengthen one another. As we come down from the mountaintop into the next year together, we pray that God will help us go from strength to strength and that together, we will strengthen each other and strengthen our Congregation Dor Tamid. Amen.

B'ahavah (with love),

Rabbi Jordan

President's Message

Hello CDT! July marks the end of my first month serving as President of the CDT Board of Directors, and what a month it has been! With the support of Rabbi Jordan Ottenstein, Cantorial Soloist Mike Zuspan, Stacey Jahanfar, Leslie Fox, and the entire CDT Board of Directors it has, and will continue to be a smooth transition. I am so honored and excited to serve the entire CDT community in this role.

For those who may not know me, I just want to give you a little background information. I live in Johns Creek (walking distance to CDT) with my husband, Scott Allen, and my three sons. Sam is 20 and attends George Washington University, Ben is 17 and is a rising senior at Northview High School, and Nate is 14 and will be attending St. Francis High School as a freshman this Fall. We have lived in Johns Creek for 17 years. I am a high school history/psychology teacher (currently on a bit of a sabbatical or "break") and have served in various roles on the CDT Board of Directors for the past 7 years. This past year, I served as the VP of Education and as President Elect, which gave me the opportunity to observe and learn from the wonderful Leslie Fox. One of my favorite parts of Congregation Dor Tamid is our warm and caring community which consists of each and every one of you!! We are such an active community and I have always appreciated the programs, events, services, and friendships made over the years. I look forward to helping to strengthen this already vibrant and active Jewish community.

I know that it is summer and we are all busy traveling and enjoying the summer season, but I do hope to see you at some of our exciting summer events and services over the next few months. Please make sure to take a look at our busy calendar. If we have not yet met, I am looking forward to that day and for those that I have met, I look forward to seeing you again soon. I am pretty much an open book, so if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat, please feel free to reach out.

Rachel



Cantorial Soloist's Message



Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends!

I hope you and your loved ones are well and enjoying the summer weeks. While many of you are on vacation, have children at camp, or are just taking it slow, CDT is ramping up for the next year! Religious school is gearing up, the social calendar is being populated with many fun and engaging events, and a new board of directors have already held its first meeting. Our ritual calendar is being planned and we are working diligently to prepare for a beautiful and inspiring High Holiday season. I am working on our Musical *Shabbatot* for the year. In particular, I am working on CDT's 9th Grade curriculum in anticipation of a wonderful new group of students! Over the summer, we continue to prepare our *B'nai Mitzvah* students. Of course, we still have Shabbat services! So while it may seem quiet here at CDT,

if you happen to stop by to say hi, I promise you there is so much going on.

B'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan

Cantorial Soloist





Interim Director of Jewish Life & Learning



Shalom! I am thrilled and excited to be the new Interim Director of Jewish Life and Learning here at CDT! Working with the Jewish community is essential to me and what I stand for. My twenty-one years of experience working for JCC's in NJ, NY and GA, have allowed me to provide countless opportunities for Jewish communities to engage in quality Jewish experiences. My focus has always been on building strong Jewish identities while making friends, discovering talents and most importantly contributing to strengthening our Jewish communities through connection, education and meaningful experiences. My commitment to CDT is to grow, support and enhance religious school as well as other youth and adult Jewish programs with the help of the talented and dedicated staff and volunteer committees of CDT.

My family and I are originally from New Jersey and were fortunate enough to move to the area in 2014. We absolutely love living in the metro Atlanta area and we often explore new places, new restaurants and seek new adventures! My background began with a B.S in Psychology with a specialization in Child Psychology. I went on to receive my M.A in Management of Recreation & Leisure Services from the Steinhardt School of Education at NYU. This enabled me to progress to senior level management teams within the JCC community. I am currently pursuing a second Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

My years working in Jewish communal services afforded me opportunities to work with children and families overseeing travel, overnight and day camps as well as after school programs, youth and teen programs and so much more! While living in Dallas ,TX for a short time I was given the opportunity and honor of joining the executive management team of a large non-profit that specializes in working with homeless children and their families. This was an experience of a lifetime and something I will continue to thread into future programming. Now that we are back at home, I am looking forward to supporting CDT in its mission and building strong programs that in turn strengthen Jewish life and learning. Please feel free to reach out anytime with ideas or to just to say HELLO!

Community Giving

We were so fortunate to have been asked by Parker McKinney, a local high school student, if we needed any kind of project for him to complete his Eagle Scouts Program. Excited by the ask, Rabbi Jordan immediately asked if he could make a Gaga Pit. Parker jumped on the challenge and has successfully given CDT a Gaga Pit.

On top of our thanks, we also wanted to congratulate Parker, who passed his Eagle Board of Review and was such a leader and a team motivator on his journey to this accolade. We wish Parker all the best in his new endeavors, and thank him graciously for choosing CDT while providing a special place for our children to play.









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Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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Beverly Mahone

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Anita Walters

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Laurie Bradford

-thank you for Mah Jonga

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Social Action and Tikkun Olam



Paula Bloom

Social Action



Summer Boredom Busters for Refugee and Homeless Children

Unlike many of the children and grand children in our community, Refugee, Homeless, and Foster children do not have the opportunity to go to camp or take vacations. Our heartstrings were pulled and we knew we had to get involved. With the help of Amy and Eli Zuspan this project came to fruition, delivering fun and intellectually stimulating gifts to refugee children at **Catholic Charities of Atlanta** thanks to your kind donations. In the next couple of weeks, I will be delivering gifts to the homeless and foster care children at **Ignite Hope**.

Thank you!!







Social Action and Tikkun Olam, cont.

Buying School Supplies should be Fun and Exciting... But for Kids without Resources, the Start of School can be



HELP US MAKE THE START OF SCHOOL FUN FOR UNDERSERVED CHILDREN!

Please bring School Supplies to CDT (containers at patio doors) by August 13th!

Parents, this is a great way to involve your kids in giving back...



Look for Sale items before the start of school (don't forget stores like Dollar Tree)

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- School Supplies:
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 - Other items: glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, erasers and spiral notebooks



Gan Tamid Garden

Lesley Radov, Brad Hench, and Sharon Miller are working on the garden, and it is looking very good for this growing season. Garlic has already been picked and is drying, while the other fruits and vegetables are growing well and will be ready for the first donations to the North Gwinnett Food Co-Op soon.

This past week, they picked some of the zucchini. One of them was a whopping 4 pounds 12 ½ ounces!

We are so fortunate to have Lesley, Brad and Sharon dealing with the dirt, bugs, weeds, and back breaking work. Take a look next time you are at CDT.



Sisterhood and Men's Club Corner









We are looking for new members of our annual shofar choir to join us in blowing the shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

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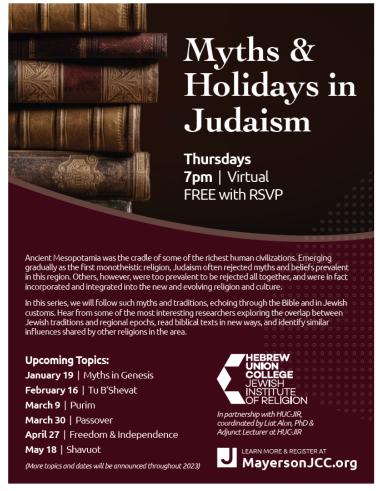
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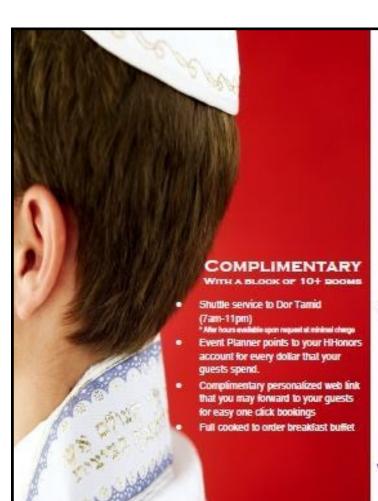


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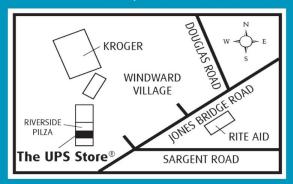
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