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# **Rabbinic Reflections**



Why do Rabbis (and Cantorial Soloists) go to camp?

Dear friends,

During the later part of this month, Mike and I will each have a very special leadership role at Camp Coleman. For one week we will have the opportunity, during separate weeks, to serve on the faculty of the URJ Camp Coleman. This is a phenomenal opportunity for us and for our CDT kids that will attend Coleman this summer.

First, you might be asking why we chose Camp Coleman instead of the other Jewish camps in our region. I could tell you the main reason is that Coleman is part of the Union of Reform Judaism, as is CDT and therefore, there is a strong connection between our two organizations. That part is definitely true, but the main reason we chose Coleman is because they invite synagogue professionals to serve at camp; while other camps that our CDT kids attend do not have the same system. This is not to say that one is preferable to the other. Rather, any of the Jewish camps in our region are phenomenal, and I know that all of our kids will have a great experience at whichever camp they attend.

Back to Coleman and why we are going. Rabbis, cantors, soloists, and educators from around our region (Florida, the Carolinas, and Georgia) serve as faculty at camp each summer for three main reasons. First, Jewish summer camp allows our kids to see that Judaism is a year round experience that can be truly lived at camp (often more easily than at home) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. From saying *motzi* and *birkat hamazon* before and after every meal to the Hebrew words that fill the camp vocabulary, Jewish summer camp can become a living laboratory of Jewish life, and the faculty help provide and mentor that experience.

Second, since there are so many facility members from around the region, it is such a benefit to our own kids to be able to see their rabbi or soloist in a different Jewish setting than what they are used to. Our campers will be able to strengthen their relationships with Mike and me, not only in services or classes, but by cooking, playing kickball, attempting to complete a challenge/ropes course, and by spending more time together outside of the synagogue.

Finally, though this list is not exhaustive, camp is a place of professional development as well. Working with the camp staff and other faculty, will allow us the opportunity to grow professionally by being able to collaborate with many other talented Jewish professionals, as well as an opportunity to prepare for the upcoming year.

So, as someone who grew up attending Jewish summer camp in Wisconsin, I cannot tell you how excited I am to go back again to Coleman after a few years away (due to the pandemic). Thank you for everyone at CDT who supports this time that will allow Mike and me this amazing opportunity to go to camp.

And whatever your summer plans, I hope you have a happy and healthy summer and look forward seeing you all soon at CDT.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jordan

# **Thank You**



#### Todah Rabbah!

Thank you to our Sisterhood for their generous gift to CDT of the beautiful new stained glass window in our sanctuary. Come see this amazing addition to our sacred space!

# **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 The Efron's and extend a welcome hand.



# Morty and Annie Katz

**Morty** I was born and raised on the lower east side of Manhattan, NYC. I married my past wife Rita, in 1979 and have two grandchildren, Carly and Savannah, and daughter Marni. I met Annie in 2011 after my first wife passed. Meeting Annie has been one of the best things that ever happened to me. I lived in Florida from 1996-2021 and have spent 40 years as a Life/Health agent. I am a graduate of Baruch College in NY, class of '75. Dor Tamid is the most welcoming Temple I've ever been to.

<u>Annie</u> I was born and raised in Casablanca, Morocco, then traveled to the US in 1955, making my home in North Miami Beach, Florida. I attended schools in Florida and married my past husband Joseph. We had three beautiful children, Lisa, Daniel and Naomi. I am the grandmother of two grandsons, Gavin and Caden.

I have owned two businesses in South Florida, including a fast food restaurant and the classic café in Loehman's Plaza.

In 2011, I met Morty on a dating site. A year later we were married. We settled in Sunrise Lakes where we remained for ten years. My daughter suggested we move to Suwanee, Georgia. Morty and I now have six grandchildren in all. My daughter Lisa brought us to Congregation Dor Tamid on Friday night. The service was lovely and the people oozing with friendliness and warmth. We decided to make this our temple.

# President's Message



The Annual Meeting was a success! Many of us were back in the building, eating bagels and meeting, while others joined us on Zoom. For those of us who were at the meeting, it felt like the good old days. We encourage all of you to join us in person at our events as time moves on, if you are able. I know as well as anyone how easy it is to hang out at home and join in on Zoom, but being together in person is invaluable...please take the extra time next time to join us!

Leslie Fox

At the meeting, the congregation voted in our new 2022-23 Board of Directors. I am so honored to work with each and every one of these devoted congregants who give their time and expertise to help CDT run smoothly and flourish. Today, June 1<sup>st</sup>, officially welcomes them to their term on the board. I would like to thank each of them for agreeing to be a part of our important team. I look forward to the great work we will do in the coming year!

Leslie







# **Cantorial Soloist's Message**



Shalom Chaveirim - hello my friends!

many of you this year, however, I know that I won't have much of a chance to see you this summer because school is out, many of our students have graduated, and many of you are going on vacations or taking staycations, As we scatter during the summer months, Erev Shabbat services are attended less frequently as we receive fewer calls, visits, and so on. It's certainly not slow in the office. We are busy planning and prepare for the coming months - the High Holy Days, b'nai mitzvah, religious school, shabbat services, musical shabbatot and

I hope you are all well and enjoying the warm weather! It has been wonderful to see so

Mike Zuspan

so much more. But still, I miss seeing all of you.

One of the, how shall we say - "casualties", of our summer goings on is that the Jewish Holy Day of Shavuot (during which we celebrate receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai) is often forgotten. Shavuot is one of the Shalosh R'galim, the three pilgrimage festivals in the Torah. The other two are well known - Sukkot and Pesach. But Shavuot? Not so much. I happen to love Shavuot as, among other things, on Shavuot (many years ago) I celebrated becoming a bar mitzvah by chanting the Ten Commandments, which is part of the traditional reading for Shavuot. This year we will be celebrating Shavuot at CDT together with Temple Emanu-El, Temple Kehilat Chaim, Temple Beth Tikvah, and Temple Kol Emeth. Members of the clergy from all of the congregations will lead a beautiful service, and we will then break for learning sessions-an ice cream and cheesecake one.

It is not often that the North Metro Atlanta congregations can get together, so I hope that you will (of course, if you are still in town!) join as we celebrate together! Please check out the website, newsletter, and blasts for more information.

Chag Shavuot Sameach! Happy Shavuot!

L'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist

> Join us as we celebrate Shavuot together with The North Metro Reform Community. Saturday, June 4th at Congregation Dor Tamid Members and clergy of Congregation Dor Tamid, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Kehillat Chaim, Temple Beth Tikvah, and Temple Kol Emeth will join together at Congregation Dor Tamid for an evening of prayer, study, and community. This will be an opportunity to come together and learn with community rabbis, cantors, and cantorial soloists. 7:30 - 8:30 **Erev Shavuot Service** Learning Session #1 Ice Cream & Cheesecake Oneg 9:45 - 10:30 Learning Session #2 Congregation Dor Tamid is located at: 11165 Parsons Road - Johns Creek, GA 30097 - 770.623.8860 Temple Kehillat Chaim temple bethtikvah

# Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah Students



**Connor Sokol Rogers** is a rising 9th grader at Northview High School. He is going to be starting his high school football season as #56. Come out and support him at some games! He has been playing football for years and loves the camaraderie, teamwork, and friendships that he has made playing football. In addition to loving football, Connor is a **straight A student**. He excels in math and science and aspires to be an orthopedic surgeon. Connor's kindness, dedication, and compassionate heart will help him succeed wherever his dreams and aspirations take him. Relaxing time is playing video games,

playing with the family pets, or on our family beach vacations - searching for crabs, snorkeling, and boogie boarding!

Connor's Bar Mitzvah project raised money for the Boys and Girls Club of South Georgia: SPORTS AND RECREATION program. It allows kids to play sports, gives them a safe space and the chance to make friends, exercise and have FUN!



**Aaron Strumpf** recently graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade from William & Reed Academy. He will start his high school journey as a Freshman at Johns Creek High School in the Fall. Aaron loves his friends and family, and his sharp sense of humor always keeps them laughing. He is an avid music lover and enjoys collecting vinyls and attending the concerts of some of his favorite artists. Aaron enjoys creating and editing videos and designing virtual 3D buildings on his computer. As an automotive aficionado, he's quick to tell you about the newest cars and their safety ratings. Aaron loves spending time with his friends, cooking and baking, eating sushi, and has recently discovered the joy of

reading murder mystery novels. He loves animals and he especially enjoys spending time with his three cats, Gibson, Raffi, and Teddy.

Aaron began his *tikkun olam*/social action project in May of 2020. When the pandemic began, Aaron and his friend, Myra, wanted to show their appreciation for the essential workers who kept our communities functioning while we were on lockdown. So, together, they baked all sorts of desserts and delivered them with a thank you note to our local fire station, police department, teachers, pharmacy employees, doctors' offices, trash collectors, mail workers, delivery people, hair salon, dry cleaners, and gardeners.



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# Many Thanks — תודה רבה

#### **Cantorial Soloist Fund**

**Sherry & Sheldon Fages** 

—in memory of Steve Mittler

Janet & Ira Mann

—appreciation for Jonah's Bar Mitzvah preparation

#### **Caring Committee**

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#### **Gala Donations**

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Linda Lusins

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#### **Rabbi Discretionary Fund**

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Janet & Ira Mann

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#### **Sandwich Project**

Alicia Oberhand

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#### **Yahrzeit Plaques**

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Sheila Barbara Berman

Jill Susan Romaine

Larry Mendelson

#### **Yahrzeit Fund**

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**Larry Benator** 

—in memory of Morris Benator

Sharon Rocco

—in memory of Steve Mittler

#### **Condolences**

Nancy Mittler on the passing of her husband

Steve Mittler

May his memory be a blessing.



As long as we live, they too will live; for they are now are a part of us; as we remember them. - Jewish Prayer



## **Social Action and Tikkun Olam**



#### **New Project to Support Ukrainian Refugees!**



Paula Bloom

One of the local churches, with Ukrainian ties, has been collecting items for Ukrainian Refugees coming to our local area. If you have items to donate, you can put them in the containers at CDT by the patio doors. For furniture donations, contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com or 770-570-8059) to arrange for pick-ups.

#### Here are the gently used items they are looking for:

- Clothing and shoes for Men, Women, and Children
- Things for Babies diapers, wipes and anything else
- Bedding, towels, blankets, pillows
- Laundry detergents
- Personal Hygiene items Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shower gel, antiperspirants etc.
- Feminine Hygiene items
- Toys, art sets, learning toys
- Children's and Adult books
- Furniture beds, mattresses, sofas, etc.
- Cookware, dishes, silverware

They are also looking for people who can help the refugees learn English. If you are interested, let me know and I will arrange for an informational meeting in June.

#### **GAN TAMID Garden**

Lesley Radov has planted the garden and is trying to tackle the weeds. The garden will yield the following items over the next few months: cabbage, beets, radishes, brussel sprouts, five different tomato varieties, cucumbers, eggplant, various peppers, watermelon, cantaloupe, zucchini, parsley, corn and oregano. The garlic will be harvested next month. In addition, there are two fruit trees that are starting to yield peaches and plums.

If you or someone in your family wants to volunteer, donate, or has questions, please contact Lesley (Iradov85@gmail.com).

# **Sisterhood**





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

Lisa Danzig



This is my last CDT newsletter article as the Sisterhood President. I am so excited to introduce and congratulate **Janet Mann** on becoming the next **Sisterhood President!** She is looking forward to her position and working with Sisterhood and the CDT Board.

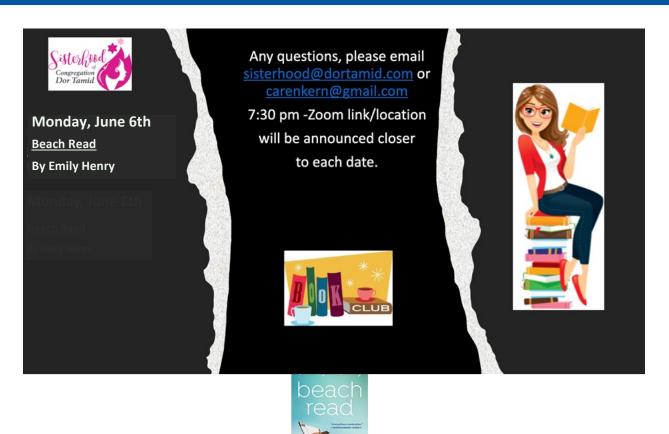
For the last four years, I have had the honor and pleasure of working with some of the most amazing and gifted women, who have given so much of their time and energy to Sisterhood and CDT. I cannot begin to thank each and every one of you for all your ideas and efforts in making our Sisterhood so successful. I would also like to thank all the Sisterhood members and CDT families for the wonderful support and appreciation you have shown me. Congregation Dor Tamid is truly a family, my family.

Have an amazing summer,

Lisa Danzig
CDT Sisterhood President



# Sisterhood, cont.



There will NOT be a Sisterhood Book/Meeting for July.

Our next Book Club read will be on **August 1st**The Power of One - Bryce Courtenay



Enjoy the Read

## CDT PrimeTIMERS



Join the Prime Timer's before the concert for Lunch at
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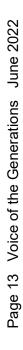
\*Purchase your concert tickets independently- info above

\*Lunch will be your responsibility Looking forward to a wonderful day!











# Knit & Crochet Group via Zoom

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When you shall come to the land, you shall plant trees Leviticus 19:23

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So, plant a tree(s) today in celebration or in memoriam of your loved one, for the continual growth and welfare of Israel, and to support CDT. A certificate will be mailed to you or your honoree as designated.

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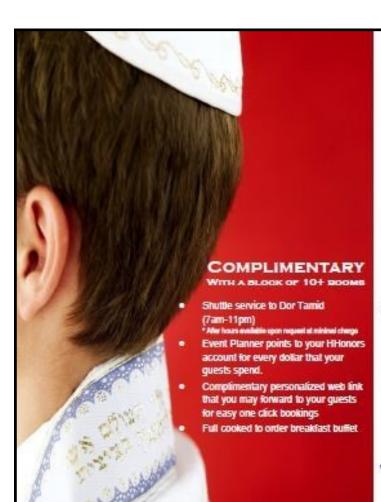


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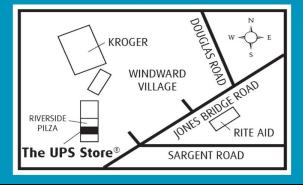


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