

Voice of Generations

Congregation Dor Tamid 11165 Parsons Road Johns Creek, GA 30097

MARCH 2024 Adar I - Adar II 5784

Inside this Issue

President's Message	2
Cantorial Soloist's Message	3
Jewish Life & Learning	4
Donations & Condolences	5
Save the Date	6
Shabbat Corner	7
Social Action	8
Sisterhood	9-10
Men's Club	11
PrimeTimers	12
Connecting Young Families	13
Ongoing	14
Helping Others	15
Programs in the Community	16
Mitzvah Project	17
Helping Others	18
Advertisers	19-21
Board of Directors and Staff	22

Support our Advertisers

Jewish Family & Career Services

Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care

JAC Preschool

Team Jacober

Seven Sisters Scones

Hilton Garden Inn

UPS

Loyal Q & Brew Catering

Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends.

We are taught in a midrash (Midrash Mishlei 9:2) that during the messianic age, when there will be peace, justice and wholeness in the world, there will be no need to celebrate any of our holidays, except one. That holiday is Purim. This idea comes to us from a verse in the book of Esther that says, "...and these days of Purim shall never cease among the Jews" (9:28).

The rabbis go on to teach that the holiday of Purim, with its revelry being designed to tip the world upside down on its head, must continue to be celebrated because we must never forget the evil Haman and his plot to bring death to our people. Furthermore, we must remember how important it is to stand up to evil of Haman and ensure that those who follow in his footsteps never gain traction again.

There are certain times where it may feel difficult to celebrate Purim—to dress up in costume, to boo and cheer in the sanctuary, to celebrate and increase our joy—and this year feels like it may be one of those times. We are still reeling from the attack of October 7th and still praying for a return of the remaining hostages. We are constantly seeing examples of antisemitism in our country and in our Atlanta community. And we may question the appropriateness of such frivolity.

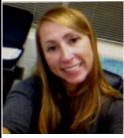
But, I would argue that in a year like this, we need Purim more than ever. Purim allows us the opportunity to come together and laugh, even when the world says we shouldn't. It allows us the opportunity to "boo" evil and stand up to its presence. So, in a year like this, where we are constantly being reminded of the presence of Haman, we, as a community, need to come together to laugh, to rejoice in our victory over evil, and to be reminded that "for the Jewish people there was light, joy, gladness, and honor." We pray that it will be the same for us as well.

So, I hope to see you all on Saturday, March 23 for our annual Purim spiel and celebration (as well as the Wild West Casino Night) and then again on March 24 for our Purim carnival!

Chag Sameach, Rabbi Jordan



President's Message



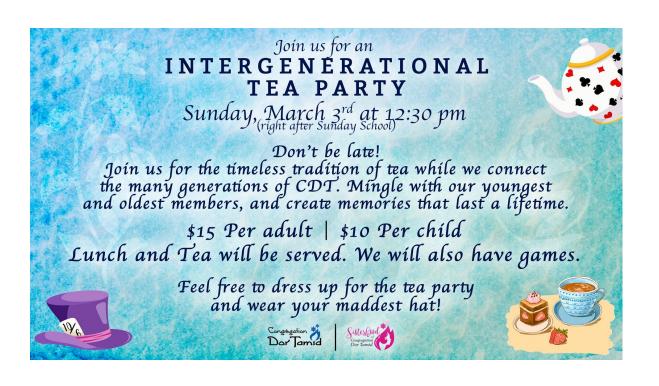
Hello CDT Friends and Family,

After January feeling like it lasted for half a year, February has just flown by and Spring is in the air, and I cannot be more excited! As most of you know, the Rabbi returned to the office early in February from his much needed and appreciated sabbatical. We are so glad to have him back at CDT, but I have to give a HUGE shout out to Mike Zuspan, Stacey Jahanfar, Jessica Grabowski, and Ginny Allen for the hard work and dedication that they

all took on to keep CDT running smoothly. It was an absolutely amazing effort and I can't be more grateful for you all. I also want to thank our Board of Directors and the many volunteers that are always going above and beyond for our CDT community.

Our calendar is packed for the next few months, so please make sure to open your emails (don't forget to check your junk and spam folders), check out the weekly eblasts, the CDT website, and our calendar periodically so you don't miss anything. I want to encourage all of you to join us at CDT Saturday, March 23rd for our Purim Celebration and Wild West Casino Night! This night will conclude our Spring Fundraiser event "THE TRAIL TO THE WILD WEST". Our goal is to try to complete the grid before the Casino Night event where we will be announcing the winners of our raffle. If we complete the grid there is a chance to win up to \$7,500 for first place, and there will be cash prizes for 2nd and 3rd place as well. What a great opportunity!! Every \$50 you spend on the grid gets you a raffle ticket and a chance to win thousands!! If you have any questions about this event or the fundraiser, please reach out to me. Remember, it is fundraisers like these that help to support our daily operations at CDT. We appreciate you and your support!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, Rachel



Cantorial Soloist's Message



Shalom Chaveirim - Hello my friends,

I hope you and your family are doing well. As our esteemed Rabbi wrote of in his newsletter article, this is the month of Adar and with it comes the joyful holy day of Purim. As our enlightened Rabbi mentioned, we are required to find the joy in Purim even when the world does not seem to provide reason or inspiration for jocularity. In the past, I have written silly articles as Purim is supposed to be funny. Instead, this year I thought I'd be a little more serious and scholarly. So, let me elaborate on our learned

Rabbi's words:

Our highly educated and extremely well read Rabbi refers to Mishna purin. Hauser, behavioreth behave individually the best beautiful the day or Thursday, when the villages and the villages may obtained their read or each of Adar, not been surrounded by a walled since thir behavior the best purior, or the believes the day of the best purior, and large towns. Clies peralicing that have been surrounded by a walled since thir behavior to the begins in reading to the foundament, or on the element of assentior, i.e., Monday or on each of Johns, so

So, you can clearly see that our well informed and erudite Rabbi is correct.

Happy Purim and Shalom,

Mike Zuspan
Excellent and Talented Cantorial Soloist

P.S. I hope in my writing that I didn't put to fine a point on it!



Page 3 Voice of the Generations - March 2024

Page 4 Voice of the Generations - March 2024

Interim Director of Jewish Life & Learning



Jessica Grabowski

February has been a busy month for CDT's religious school! Our students created their own burning bushes while learning about Moses leaving Egypt. Our younger classes enjoyed learning about the 10 commandments by creating edible art! CDT's 6th and 7th grade classes came together for a "food filled" family Shabbat dinner and service. Our 7th grade Mitzvot class entertained seniors at a local assisted living facility, made dozens of sandwiches for the Sandwich Project and performed maintenance and planting at Autry Mill Nature Preserve. Our 8th grade class visited a Roman Catholic church, an Indian temple, and experienced first-hand the vibrant community at the historical Ebeneezer Church in Atlanta!

We ended the month with a whirlwind rich in Jewish history and culture trip to the Lower East Side of NYC with the 10th grade confirmation class! Three days, 24 miles walked, an interactive experience at the Tenement Museum, Ellis Island, the Museum of Jewish Heritage, a walking and food tour of the Lower East Side of Manhattan, Back to the Future on Broadway, and countless other meaningful and educational experiences had by all!



Page 5 Voice of the Generations - March 2024

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

General Fund

Sheldon & Sherry Fages -in memory of Diane Fages

Ed & Vicki Levine

-in memory of Jay Binder

Caring Committee

Chris & Jennifer Hall

-in memory of Jeanette Karp

Hunger Walk

Ed & Vicki Levine

-in memory of Jay Binder

Mike & Deborah Arnold

Oneg Fund

Beverly Mahone

-in memory of Jeanette Karp

Todd & Laurie Greenberg

-in memory of Sylvia Kaiser

-in memory of Herbert Merlin

Leaf on the Tree of Life

Gene & Rachel Delovsky

-in honor of Aaron becoming a bar mitzvah

PrimeTimers

Janet Levy

-wishing a speedy recovery for Larry Berger

-wishing Ethel Rubenstein a speedy recovery & a Happy

Birthday

Leslie Penuel

-in memory of Bessie Goldman

Yahrzeit Fund

Mike & Deborah Arnold

-in memory of Jenny Slavkin

David & Suzanne Grosswald

-in memory of Kay Politis

Yahrzeit Plaque

David & Charla Weinsier

-in memory of Larry M. Silver

Lisa & Mitch Skyer

-in memory of Morris Zoblotsky

Ron & Betty Kurtz

-in memory of Ham Kurtz

We Remember...

Lee Silverstein

Step-Father of Scott Grunwald

Joyce Griffey

Mother of Ken Griffey

Joyce Ostrow Sillins

Mother of Peter Lehrman

May their memories be a blessing



Save the Date





Shabbat Corner





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.

July 7 August 4 September 1 November 3 December 8

January 5 February 2 March I
April 12 May 3 June 7

*Dates subject to change.

Page 8 Voice of the Generations - March 2024

Social Action and Tikkun Olam





Paula Bloom



JF&CS AVIV OLDER ADULT SERVICES LUNCH & LEARN

In conjunction with Adult Education, we had a wonderful session on February 29th with JF&CS on the available resources for Older Adults. This information is incredibly important to have when your loved ones are aging and may suddenly need help and services.

If you would like more information about the resources available, you can email Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com) and I'll send you some starter info.

It's time for the annual Hunger Walk. Our goal for this year is \$2024, and we are half way there! We aren't forming a CDT team to walk, but don't let that stop you from joining the fun in Atlanta on March 10th. Currently we have over \$1100. Every \$10, \$25 or \$100 makes a huge difference.

Thanks to those that have already donated...





BLOOD Drive during the Purim Festival - March 24th starting at 9:30.

Anyone 17 or older can give blood. Teens 16 years old, can donate with permission from a parent. This is an easy way to help people in our community. And you get cookies when you are done!

Sisterhood



SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL.

Sisterhood members are having fun with all of our normal activities! We were busy in January and February with the following activities: playing MahJongg on Mondays and Thursdays, eating dinner on Sunday at Rina in Avalon, joining together for our annual Galentine's Lunch & Dinner, and always meeting at CDT every Wednesday at noon to make

Janet Mann pb&j sandwiches for The Sandwich Project! The Sisterhood Board continues to try to make sure there's something for everyone and excited to continue to add more Sisterhood activities into our weekly routine! Check out some of the pictures from the past couple of months!



I would like to highlight one picture this month of our weekly Thursday MahJongg nights! This picture is very special because we have 2 mother-daughter teams playing together! I'm not sure which daughter won, but what wonderful memories to make at CDT! **Leslie Chaffer** and **Julianne Hahn** enjoy bringing their daughters when they can to play MahJongg on Thursday nights. It makes my heart happy to see the tradition passed on to the next generation!



Some of the ladies that joined together for "Meet Up for Dinner" on Sunday night in January at Rina, Israeli restaurant at Avalon! Thank you to **Caren Kern** for creating this event for us!



A "behind-the-scenes" picture of 12:00 noon every Wednesday at CDT...thank you to all of those who volunteer with making pb & j sandwiches to donate to The Sandwich Project, to be delivered to the food insecure in Atlanta. Thank you to **Lisa Skyer** and **Ruthie Cohen** for managing this very impactful weekly activity! If you have any questions or would like to get involved, feel free to ask any of the "regulars" that show up almost every Wednesday: **Lisa Skyer, Ruthie Cohen, Lisa Danzig, Debbie Rubin** and **Sharon Rocco.**

Sisterhood, cont.



















Pictures from our Gal-entine's Get Together for Dinner at Terrazas Bar & Grill! Delicious food, great service and of course an amazing group of ladies! Reconnecting with old friends, making new friends and enjoying good food and margaritas!

2024 BIG GAME SQUARES



PRIZES

1st Quarter \$75 Gift Card
2nd Quarter \$150 Gift Card
3rd Quarter \$225 Gift Card

FINAL \$300 Gift Card



\$36 PER SQUARE

You can purchase squares online at our special website by clicking

HTTPS://www.superbowlsquares.org/CDT2024

Send Checks to the CDT office or use PayPal. Direct PayPal money to: MENSCLUBTREASURER@DORTAMID.COM

E-mail: MENSCLUB@DORTAMID with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LUCKY WINNERS!

1st Quarter: Jason Shanks \$100

2nd Quarter: Ian Oxman \$175

3rd Quarter: Ian Oxman \$250

Final Score: Alan Kovar \$325





JOIN US FOR SOME CONNECTING...

Thursday, March 28th 10:00AM-Buford Trout Hatchery Trip

3204 Trout Place Rd, Cumming Lunch to follow at Home Spun Restaurant 5192 Nelson Brogdon Blvd., Sugar Hill

Tuesday, April 9th

11:00AM- Chamberlain's Chocolate Factory

1575 Old Alabama Rd #205, Roswell Cost is \$20 Lunch Nearby after chocolate making

Sunday, May 19th 3:00PM- Wine Tasting

5010 Firelight Lane, Johns Creek (Edie & Richard's House)
Cost is \$25 for wine tasting
Optional Dinner after at Adobo

RSVP TO EITHER

Edie Davis at 770-500-0820 or Leslie Penuel at Ijpenuel1@gmail.com



for kids under 4 years old with a parent / guardian attending

Select Sundays from 9:15 - 11 am

Play Tamid is led by Rabbi Jordan and is a FREE Class open to the public (Members and Non-Members of CDT).

Enjoy crafts, songs, fun activities and more!

Contact rabbi@dortamid.com if you are interested or have any questions.

2023 Dates:
August 27
September 17
October 22
November 12



2024 Dates: January 28 April 28

*Dates subject to change



11165 Parsons Road, Johns Creek, GA 30097 770.623.8860 www.dortamid.org





Join Rabbi Jordan for Tanach Study each Wednesday at 11am at Dor Tamid and on Zoom.

Click Here for Zoom Link

This lively conversation is not to be missed.

Knit & Crochet Group

Meets in the Conference Room at CDT

We are continuing to crotchet and knit beanies for premature babies from home.

We would love for you to join us on

Every Tuesday 1:00-3:00 pm

to socialize while working on beanies or any project of your own.

TO JOIN US, CONTACT LESLIE AT LJPENUEL1@GMAIL.COM.

For beanie patterns, contact Sharon at srocco1951@gmail.com.

CONGREGATION DOR TAMID





Programs in the Community









Mitzvah Project





For my project, I'm collecting used eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club.

For every pair of glasses I collect, I'm asking for a small donation to the Bright Focus Foundation.

My goal is to collect 118 pairs of used eyeglasses, symbolizing 18 or "Chai" in Hebrew, a number representing life and good luck.

Additionally, I would like to raise \$1018 for the Bright House Foundation.



The Bright Focus
Foundation is a nonprofit
that fights eye
diseases with research,
education, and advocacy.
Their
vision is to save sight for
future generations.



The Lions Club is an organization that recycles eyeglasses and distributes them to people in need around the world.

WHY?

When I was choosing my project, I wanted to find a way to help other people and support a family member. My grandfather, Stephen Schwartz, is currently battling Macular Degeneration.



How You Can Help:

- Gather your old or unused prescription eyeglasses for donation, then:
 - · Drop them off at in the collection box at Congregation Dor Tamid
 - Arrange a pick up at your convenience please contact Melanie Asher @404-386-3166 or Seth Asher @404-966-7372.
- · Make a donation to the BrightFocus Foundation.
- Follow my progress on my mom's Facebook page [facebook.com/melanie.schwartzasher] and make a donation, or I can make the donation on your behalf [Venmo @melanie-Asher-1]
- · Spread the word about my project. Share this flyer with your friends and family!

Helping Others





Atlanta Born ~ Atlanta Owned ~ Atlanta Managed

FUNERAL AND CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING

It's easy: Over the phone, online, in person

It's safe: Pre-payments are 100% escrowed in an account you own

It's responsible: Simplifies arrangements, removes burden from

family, fixes most funeral costs

WE HONOR ANY PRE-PAID FUNERAL FROM ANY OTHER FUNERAL HOME



Edward Dressler

770.451.4999

www.DresslerJewishFunerals.com

We are so happy to be part of the CDT Family!



If you refer someone to us and they buy/sell a home, Team Jacober will donate \$500 to your favorite charity.

Please contact Team JACOBER for all your Real Estate needs.

Robyn: 678.451.9446

Andrew: 770.361.6693



Team JACOBER
REALTYONE GROUP

TeamJacober@gmail.com • JacoberSellsRealEstate.com

At JAC students learn about different cultures, languages and traditions. Students learn to be more independent, more creative and social. Though the school year has already started, it's not to late to enroll your child. Call now to find out about any promotions we are running.

At JAC your child will learn in Hebrew and English!

Schedule your tour today at **770.321.8484** (ext:1 or 3)

JAC PRESCHOOL

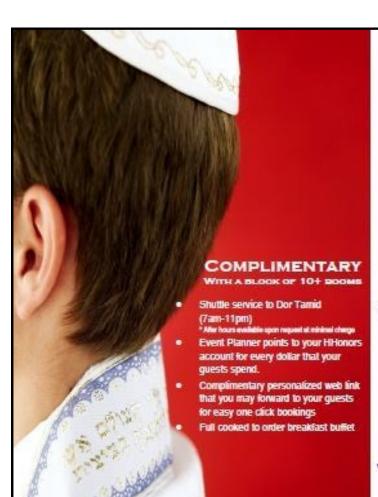












BIG DAYS DESERVE BIG DEALS.

Got visiting Family & Friends? Put them up at the Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta North Point or Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta North/Johns Creek. Our newly remodeled rooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi, a fridge, microwave and coffeemaker. Our outdoor pool, and workout facility are great places to unwind after all of the activities. In addition to our full service bar and dining area, many great restaurants, shopping and entertainment are within a few minutes of both hotels. We look forward to hosting your quests!

When tomorrow's a big day, stay HGI tonight.





10975 Georgia Lane Alpharetta, GA 30022 678 566 3900 www.atiantanorthpoint.stayhgl.com

denise.ruiz@hilton.com

11695 Medlock Bridge Road Johns Creek, GA 30097 770 476 1966

www.atlantajohnsoreek.stayhgl.com

mandy.campbell@hilton.com

PLAYBILL PLAQUES & TROPHY MUGS & TUMBLER T-SHIRT PRINT **CUSTOM CUT CAR MAGNET CANVAS PRINT/STRETCH POSTERS / FOAM MOUNT GRADUATION BANNERS** YARD SIGNS **BLUEPRINTS BUSINESS CARDS BOOKLETS** PRESENTATIONS' **STATIONERY RUBBER STAMPS ENVELOPE PRINTING LETTERHEAD EDDM / DIRECT MAIL** POSTCARDS, BROCHURES **CALENDARS** NCR FORMS **RIP & WATERPROOF MENUS**

& MORE



Kroger center off Douglas Rd, Jones Bridge & Sargent Rd. 11877 Douglas Rd, Ste 102 Johns Creek, GA 30005

Jay & Nimita • 770.663.7980 store4342@theupsstore.com theupsstorelocal.com/4342



Page 22 Voice of the Generations - March 2024

2023-2024 Board of Directors and Staff

Executive Committee

President Rachel Allen
Past President Leslie Fox
Synagogue Operations VP Doug Kern
Finance VP Marci Risner
Facilities VP Doug Katz
Education VP Sheri Gable

Trustees

Fundraising Ashley Chenault Ritual Peter Lehrman Membership Robyn Jacober Gary Blitzer Endowment Paula Bloom Social Action Denise Deitchman Trustee at Large **Sherry Nemiroff** Presidential Appointee Sisterhood Janet Mann Men's Club Eric Cole

<u>Staff</u>

Senior Rabbi
Cantorial Soloist
Executive Director
Director of Lifelong Learning
Communications Coordinator
CDTTY Advisors
Custodian

Jordan M. Ottenstein, RJE
Mike Zuspan
Stacey Jahanfar
Jessica Grabowski
Ginny Allen
Jaime & Eric Benson
Kianna Woodard