

### Voice of Generations

Congregation Dor Tamid 11165 Parsons Road Johns Creek, GA 30097

### May 2020

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### Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

As we enter the month of May, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and the physical distancing that accompanies it. And yet, I feel that for many our connection to the Jewish community, in general, and to CDT, in particular has grown. For example, many of you have told me how much our services are bringing meaning and family time to your homes each week. Our Primetimers have a weekly

opportunity to come together (even virtually) for coffee, our Torah study attendance has grown, and I can't even begin to count the number of loaves of challah I have seen our community members make and then post pictures of on Facebook.

While many of us are still scared and anxious, and we do not know where this pandemic is leading us nor do we know how long it will last, we do have blessings for which to be grateful.

We have a community that has come together in a virtual way for services, classes, discussions, social gatherings, and, this Saturday night, for trivia. Our members have, individually and collectively, done works of *tikkun olam* by, among other ways, providing food and supplies for those who need it and by supporting those in the health care industry by sending meals to Emory Johns Creek and Grady hospitals.

The board, staff, and I all thank each one of you for your continued support of the congregation and your understanding during these difficult times. We are continually working to provide connections to each one of you, the members of our congregational family. Please know that we are here to help as possible. If you are in need of assistance or just need someone to talk to, please do not hesitate to let me know.

In this time of the year, as we are moving from Passover to Shavuot, we continually count each day, known as the *omer*, adding value to our days and value to our lives. During this time of physical distancing, we have the opportunity to take a step back and find these moments and to add value to our lives, as we connect to each other and connect to our congregation.

Please stay safe, and I hope to see you all in person soon.

B'ahavah,

Rabbi Jordan

### President's Message



I hope this finds you and your family safe from the virus and continuing to find ways to stay connected with one another if only from a distance. I simply cannot believe it is already May. For some of you, this COVID-19 period may feel like it's going slowly, since it generally brought a slower pace of life. However, if you're like me, it feels like we blinked and skipped from February to May!

One thing I know for certain is that we haven't slowed down at all here at Congregation Dor Tamid. We have continued to find creative ways to offer virtual programming and religious school classes. In fact, you might be entertained to hear a few fun facts about this

period at CDT. Since mid-March, on CDT's Facebook site alone, there have been over 13,500 views on more than 50 videos (and that doesn't even include streaming views of CDT Shabbat services, our virtual religious school classes, Lifelong Learning opportunities, or video messages from Rabbi Jordan). What a change, and what an accomplishment!

This past Sunday we celebrated Yom Ha'atzmaut, a celebration of Israel Independence Day. It was both enriching and fun. We began the day welcoming everyone with a fabulous *shira* session to bring everyone together with song, led by Mike Zuspan, Molly Peled, and Rabbi Jordan. After Hebrew classes for the elementary school grades, we were rewarded with an amazing tour of Israel, all done virtually over Zoom. David Sussman, an Israeli tour guide living near Jerusalem, presented a "Tour of Israel from a Drone." His explanations of the photos and video shots were terrific, and, I have to say, it was almost like we were actually in Israel. It brought back many wonderful memories of my family's trip to Israel three years ago. We shifted from touring to dancing as Meytal Eliyahu, an Israeli dance instructor, taught us all some Israeli dances. Who says you can't dance together while social distancing? It was fun watching Marni, Rabbi Jordan, and their boys, Kaden and Noah, show us their dance moves!

I have challenged CDT's Board of Directors and staff to keep the videos and virtual events evolving. We have been very successful in adapting to the current situation thus far, but I know we can get even better at it with new ideas. I'd like to challenge you as well. Send us your ideas for new programs or other ways to enrich the congregation and make our CDT community even stronger during this unusual time.

I have no doubt that rabbis are not taught how to hold a virtual Passover *seder* in rabbinical school. Nonetheless, Rabbi Jordan, Marni, and the boys opened their home, so to speak, for our congregation and extended family to enjoy a beautiful *seder* together. Like Rabbi Jordan, Wendy and I also hosted a virtual *seder* for family and friends over Zoom. While not quite the same as in person, we had a great time. All went well, although figuring out how to all sing in sync was a bit challenging. That will be something that we will laugh about in coming years.

Shifting to some CDT business, we are nearing the end of the fiscal calendar in June. I hope each of you will "attend" CDT's annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Details on how to join the online meeting will be communicated soon.

I sincerely wish that you and your loved ones remain healthy and safe.

B'Shalom,

Dan

Daniel Rosen, President

### Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom chaverim - hello my friends,

I hope you are well and staying safe!

I miss you. I miss seeing you at CDT Religious School. I miss praying and singing with you at *Shabbat* services. I miss teaching you how to chant. I miss catching up with you at the *oneg* on *Erev Shabbat*. I miss the spontaneous discussions in the CDT hallways. I miss the phone calls. I miss filling out the Hebrew names on your *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* certificates. I miss running into you at the grocery stores, the malls, the parks, and even sometimes on vacations. I miss seeing your wonderful faces, hearing your stories, offering and receiving advice, sharing your ups and downs . . . sharing my ups and downs, celebrating your children's accomplishments, seeing the teens of CDTTY hang out, and so on and so on.

Actually, if given the space, I'm fairly certain I could easily fill up a few pages listing all of the parts of my life that I have been missing these past weeks. Between you and me, from time to time it's gotten me a little down. I think that all of you, my friends, have felt, in one way or another, just like I have.

But, along with all of the missing parts of my life, I have found a certain type of thankfulness that is new. I was certainly always aware that I loved being a part of our community, but I don't think I ever realized how deeply that love ran. I didn't know how much nourishment I received from this belonging. Now I think I do. Maybe you do as well.

I think this new knowledge, this new understanding, can be a type of blessing if I let it. Those things that I miss are maybe not really missing at all. They are just in a different place than where I have been looking. Really, I feel, they and you live in my heart.

Our community—you, me, all of us—we live in each other's hearts. While we are in the midst of this time of uncertainty, let us be reminded of this. Let us continue to keep each other in our hearts.

May Adonai bless you and keep you.

Peace and health,

Mike Zuspan

Ancient Texts, Modern Wisdom: Rabbinic Perspectives on the Book of Exodus

Join Rabbi Rachel Bearman, Rabbi Jordan Ottenstein, and Rabbi Matt Zerwekh for this engaging discussion.

Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm

Save the date and watch for details

### **Education Director's Message**

### Yom Hashoah during Coronavirus . . .

What a day! For me, Yom Hashoah is one of the most important days of the year. It is the day I think about my family — the ones who were murdered during the Holocaust and my Grandparents Gross who were able to survive the camps.

I also think of Israel, my home.

During this time of the coronavirus pandemic, I have a hard time differentiating between days, weeks, and holidays. It's all a big blur. So how do we still try to make a point of commemorating this day with everything that is going on around us? I believe that I was able to teach and inform our amazing and smart religious school students something about the Shoah. The most important

thing we can do as Jews is to make sure that future generations know, try to understand, and never forget.

The religious school Judaic teachers each taught their classes about the Jewish values and lessons that are to be learned from this horrific period in our Jewish history. They taught through storytelling, through discussions, and through arts and crafts.

The Pre-K learned about accepting someone different.

The first grade learned about Shalom.

The second grade learned about not judging someone based on their appearance.

The third grade learned about helping a person in need.

The fourth grade learned about the Kindertransport.

The fifth grade learned about the Whitwell Paper Clips Museum.

The sixth grade learned about Anne Frank.

The seventh grade learned about a new museum in Chicago, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, where they have recorded survivors telling their stories and turned them into holograms.

The ninth graders watched the testimony of Alex Gross, who was their teacher Mike's childhood hero.

The tenth graders discussed an antisemitic remark witnessed by one of their fellow classmates, and they discussed how she dealt with the situation.

A gallery of photos of our students from that day are on the following page. I couldn't be luckier to have Landy Gonzalez, Rob Lederman, and Mike Zuspan on the team. Together we made a Yom Hashoah video that will stay with us for a long time. You can view it on the Congregation Dor Tamid Facebook page — A Yom Hashoah message from our CDT Religious School (posted April 20).

Molly





















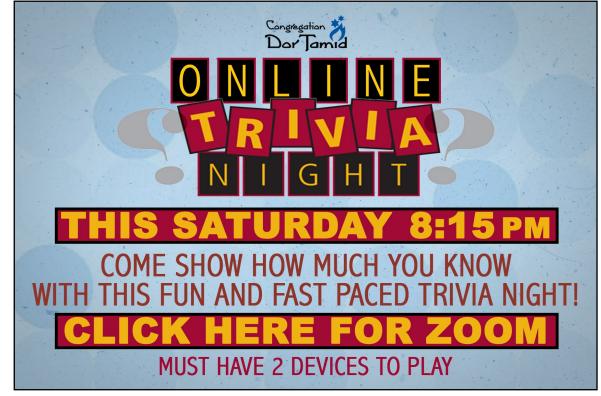












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### **Condolences**

Mark Kopkin and Family on the passing of Mark's mother Ethel Kopkin Saturday, April 4

Todd & Laurie Greenberg and Family on the passing of Todd's father Norman Greenberg Wednesday, April 8

May their memories be a blessing.



### Join CDT for Shabbat Services Friday, May 8 as we Honor Our Graduating Seniors.

We will invite all the graduating seniors to join Rabbi Jordan and Cantorial Soloist Mike Zuspan on Zoom so we can give them a blessing.

Zoom Link Coming Soon...

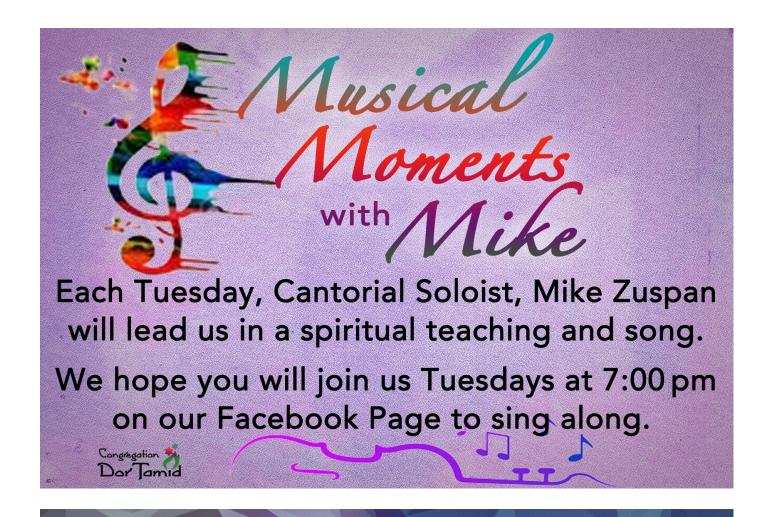




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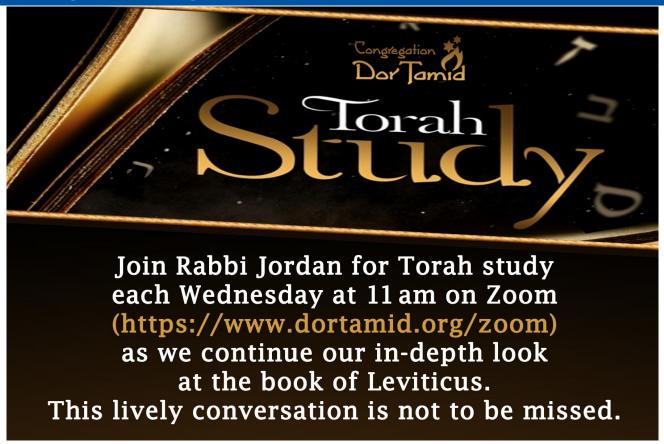
SUNDAY MAY 17 · 2020 9:30 AM

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### **Lifelong Learning**



### **Primetimers**



### **For Our Youngest People**





On select Fridays — Check the CDT website and weekly eblasts for details.

### **Caring Committee**

At any moment you may find yourself, your family, or your friends in need of a helping hand, and the CDT Caring Committee is here for you! Acts of loving kindness are our specialty, and we are here for congregants who may need help getting through difficult situations.

The Caring Committee's ability to help starts with you! If you or someone you know could use some support, please reach out to us and let us know what's going on. We will work closely with Rabbi Jordan and the staff to help us be successful in providing for the needs of our congregants. Our committee's goal is to reach out to every congregant who may need us!

If you or someone you know is mourning, undergoing surgery, recovering from an accident or illness, or has something going on in your/their life and could use our assistance, please contact the CDT office (770-623-8860), Rabbi Jordan directly (770-623-8860), or Leslie Fox, Caring Committee Chair (678-296-4646), and let us know. It's so important that we, as a congregational community, care for one another.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a part of the Caring Committee please let us know.

Leslie Fox Caring Committee Chair 678-296-4646

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### **Social Action**



### Tikkun Olam — תיקון עולם Repair the World

Hoping all within our CDT family and your friends and neighbors are staying healthy and following social distancing and other guidelines. These are scary times. Please call Rabbi Jordan or any of our staff if you require assistance. They are there to listen and talk with you.

Generally, our committee meets every other month. We're looking for new ideas on projects we can do, and we invite you to join us when we resume our meetings.

Calling all who volunteer and do SOCIAL ACTION good deeds. We want to know who you are and what you have done. Please email me at <a href="mailto:srocco1951@gmail.com">srocco1951@gmail.com</a> to let me know what you have done or are doing so we can recognize you. You deserve a big shout out!

We are looking to do "Sustainable Save The Earth" projects. If you have an idea, please share it. Guided by Jewish values, we want to foster environmental awareness in the CDT community. Jewish tradition commands us to be responsible stewards of the earth — *l'ovdah ul'shomrah* (to plant and protect) and *bal tashchit* (one should neither destroy nor waste), principles underlying a modern Jewish understanding of sustainability. CDT has a strong desire to model and promote these *mitzvot* and behaviors.

Due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 situation, our local food banks need our help more than ever. As you know, this is a critical time for families and children who won't be getting school breakfasts and lunches! Please dig deep and donate if you can! We are asking our congregants to consider support for the Atlanta Community Food Bank (acfb.org) or North Fulton Community Charities (nfcchelp.org).

Beanies for Premature Babies: We are continuing to crotchet and knit from home. If you know how to knit or crotchet, we would love for you to help make beanies and octopuses for premature babies. We'll deliver them to Northside Hospital's NICU once it is safe to do so. If you'd like to help with this, contact me at srocco1951@gmail.com.

Shalom,

Sharon Rocco Chairperson

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### CLINICAL SERVICES

Telehealth options are available for current and new clients. If you have a planned appointment, please contact your clinician at your scheduled appointment time to have a session over the phone or video conference by computer. Participants in support groups can participate through our telehealth options. Please contact your group leader.

For more info about our therapy services or to make a telehealth appointment, email or call us at: therapy@jfcsatl.org | 770.677.9474

### **AVIV OLDER ADULT SERVICES**

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In addition to supporting callers with Information & Referrals, AgeWell is also providing telephone reassurance calls to older adults, as well as Kosher Food Pantry pickup and delivery services. Call us at: 1.866.AGEWELL (1.866.243.9355)

### SUPPORT SERVICES

### ADDITIONAL SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

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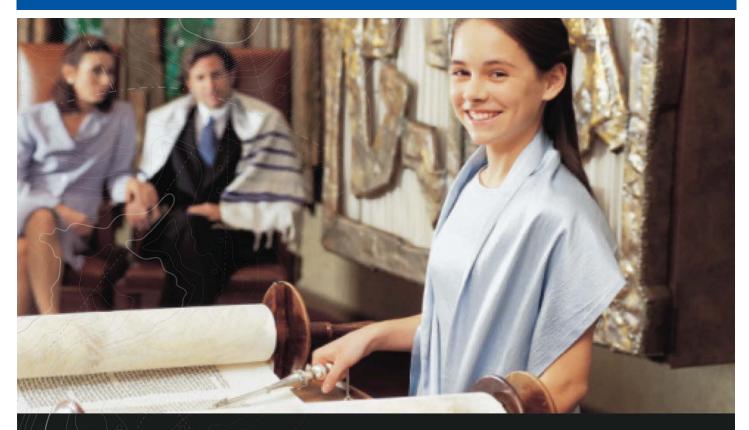
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