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Rabbinic Reflections



Dear friends,

In the mid-19th century, the early members of the Reform movement were troubled with the idea that the *bar mitzvah* signified the entry into Jewish adulthood at the young age of thirteen. They thought that these young men (and only young men, since *bat mitzvah* ceremonies did not begin until the early 20th century for young women), were not old enough nor mature enough to be considered adults. So, many early Reform

congregations did away with the service of b'nai mitzvah entirely and replaced it with a service of confirmation that was held when the young adults were a little older at aged sixteen or eighteen.

While the Reform movement has brought *b'nai mitzvah*, for both boys and girls, back into existence and prominence, we have kept Confirmation as a lifecycle event in our congregations and communities, signifying the formal end of a young person's religious education.

We here at Congregation Dor Tamid are very proud of our confirmands who will be concluding their formal religious school education in the coming weeks. Over the course of the past year, the students have, working with me, designed their own curriculum and delved into topics that were important to them. From organ donation to Jewish environmentalism, we tackled a variety of different topics while getting to know one another and having an amazing time traveling together to New York City.

Throughout this entire experience, the students were asked to keep in mind the question, "what is it that I will confirm about my Judaism at the end of this class?" On May 6, during our *Kabbalat Shabbat* service at 7:30, I invite you to join these confirmands as they confirm their place in the Jewish community and formally conclude their formal religious school experience at CDT.

As many of you know, the end of Religious School this year also marks the end of Molly's tenure as our Director of Education. I want to, on behalf of our entire congregation and community, thank Molly for her years of service and dedication to the CDT family and wish her luck in her next chapter.

B'shalom,

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 this family a part of our community. Enjoy getting to know The Efron's and extend a welcome hand.



Suzanne, Leo and Natalia Prado

We just want to thank CDT for making us feel so welcomed in your congregation! We recently moved from South Florida last summer and quickly felt very much a part of your community! Our daughter had attended a South Florida JCC for all of pre-school years for a Jewish foundation, and CDT quickly enriched that experience. I remember speaking with Stacey last summer and asking how CDT felt about interfaith families. She quickly responded with, "We are very welcoming to all families despite religion and nationalities". That could not have been more true. Stacey spoke about CDT being a "religious second home" and that is how we view CDT.

CDT is a very welcoming and nurturing environment for our 6-year-old, Natalia. CDT is providing an outstanding Jewish culture, and instilling good Jewish values in Natalia. It amazes me how much she has learned in just a few months of attending religious school and some events, and we are so excited for what the future holds. It is especially important that our daughter has these values and will embrace our Jewish culture, as my grandparents were sole survivors of their families in the Holocaust. It is important that she knows where she comes from and how important our culture was to my grandparents. CDT is keeping this culture and these values alive in our family, which is something that was dormant for many years since my Grandparents have passed. We thank you for being so welcoming and look forward to making many more special memories for our family for years to come.

President's Message



The Caribbean Gala was a huge success!!! I'm so sorry that we missed it, and have heard from many that the event was fantastic...from the steel drum to the band, dinner to dessert, the incredible auction items to the Raise the Paddle, and the fabulous decorations! The Gala Committee worked tirelessly for this event and made it all look so easy! With our staff behind the committee and our community working toward a common goal, this event went off without a hitch. A HUGE thank you goes to everyone who touched this event...the planners, the attendees, the donors, the sponsors, the vendors, the bidders and everyone in between!

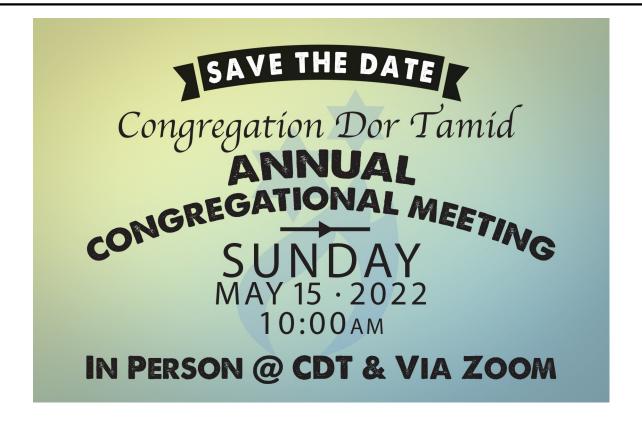
Leslie Fox

We have another opportunity to get together on May 15th for our Annual Meeting. At that meeting, we will be presenting the Nominating Slate for next year's Board of Directors, the proposed budget for 2022-23, as well as providing updates and information about CDT and our community. As you may recall, those officers who served during the height of the pandemic were offered the opportunity to serve for an extra year beyond their regular term. Many of our current board members are on the slate for next year, but we do have a couple that are rolling off the board or being nominated for a new position, as well as new board members. That means that this month is the last month that our current Board of Directors will be serving together. I would like to thank our current BOD for their service and welcome those who are on our proposed slate. We will acknowledge both boards at our Annual Meeting.

Please mark your calendar and join us for our Annual Meeting at CDT on May 15, 2022 at 10:00 am. Please look out for more information coming soon. We encourage attendance in person and will be offering a Zoom link as well.

See you soon!

Leslie



Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom Chaveirim - Hello my friends,

I hope you are all doing well and that you have had a wonderful *Pesach*. CDT has been teeming with life these past few weeks and there is so much more to come! The Caribbean Night themed gala was wonderful. You all really brought it! It was so great to see and talk to those who were able to attend.

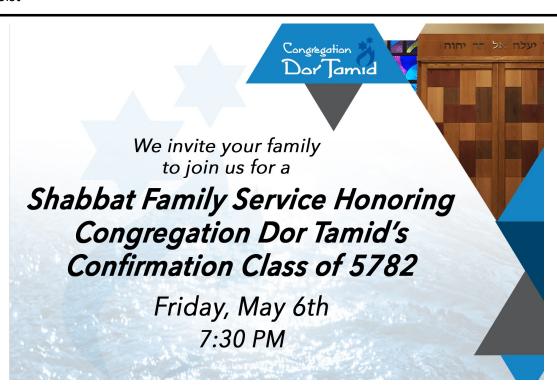
Our 10th Grade Confirmation culminates this Friday, May 6th as they lead a wonderful *Erev Shabbat* Service. I hope you will come to support our youth. I continue to be impressed with how our young people continue to grow into such fine *mensches!* May 20th (Erev Shabbat) will be our last Musical Shabbat of the season. I hope you will all be able to join us at CDT that evening for a fun celebration of Shabbat. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. These are just a few of the goings on at CDT.

I am so gratified that we continue to grow our community with such wonderful programming and celebrations. Thank you to all of the many volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to our community.

Lastly, May 1st is the final day of religious school and, as many of you are aware, it is also Molly Peled's last day of Sunday School. Thank you, Molly, for your years of service to our community. We wish you luck and fulfillment in your next endeavors.

L'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist



Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Jason Rothenberg is a 7th grade student at River Trail Middle School. He enjoys volunteering in the community, learning interesting facts, ceramics, gaming, and loves to cook. His favorite time of the year is when he can return to Camp Judaea, for his 5th summer.

Jason's Tikkun Olam project was volunteering at Fur Kids. He loved walking and playing with all the dogs there. Jason's ultimate goal is to adopt a dog.



Nathaniel Lee Allen is a 7th grade student at River Trail Middle School. He plays the trumpet for the school band in addition to being an active member of the cooking and D&D clubs at school. During the summer Nate loves to travel, spend time with friends and family, wake surf and swim at the lake, and most of all loves his Camp Barney summer camp family.

One day at Sunday school a volunteer from North Fulton Community Charities came to speak with the students about the organization. Nate knew immediately that this was the organization that he wanted to make a part of his mitzvah project. Nate held a neighborhood collection last weekend and will continue to collect donations of jackets, bedding, toiletries and food goods to donate to NFCC to help those in need within our community. If you are interested in donating, please send an email to allenboysbarmitzvah@gmail.com for more information.



Alia Juliet Lord is a 7th grader at the Da Vinci Academy at South Hall. She enjoys learning and loves to travel. Alia is a black belt in karate and has just earned her black jacket from the Young Chefs Academy. She has recently discovered a love for playing volleyball, and of course, enjoys spending time with her friends. Alia has an adventurous spirit and is pretty much up for anything (ropes course, rock wall climbing, roller coasters, you name it!).

Alia adores animals. She especially loves dogs and cats, and is considering a future career as a veterinarian. For her Tikkun Olam, Mitzvah service project, Alia wanted to work with and support animals in some way. Along with her family, she completed the training and

became an official volunteer with the Humane Society of Northeast Georgia; she even has the shirt to prove it! Over the past several months, Alia has provided much needed socialization for the dogs and puppies at the Humane Society and has visited the cats regularly, as well. Bringing in her cooking skills, she is looking forward to providing the residents of the Humane Society with some special treats in the coming weeks.



Education Director's Message



Shalom everyone.

I have been staring at this white page for hours debating what should be written in my final article. There are so many things I would like to say, I don't know where to begin and how to end.

So I guess I will make it short and sweet, and just say THANK YOU! TODAH!

Todah for wanting your children to have a Jewish Education. Molly Peled

Todah for trusting me to educate the most important thing you have in this world.

Todah for supporting me and loving me throughout my entire journey at CDT.

I will cherish our Sundays together, our Chanukah parties, Purim carnivals, our Yom HaShoah ceremonies, our Israel celebrations, Consecrations and Confirmations and especially our Shabbat dinners.

I know I am leaving CDT's Religious School with a strong foundation of love, happiness, and good Jewish values. I hope I made each and every student feel proud that they are Jewish and hopefully they will remember the Hebrew we taught them. HA!

While living in the diaspora, it is so important that Jews stay together and support one another. One of the best ways to make sure of this is to give our children a place to learn and grow together. Religious School isn't all about Judaic studies and Hebrew readings, it's about raising the next generation. Just like our name says "Dor Tamid" – Eternal Generation. If your children enjoy themselves while at school, make friends and learn, we are all doing our part as educators to make sure Judaism continues.

It is not enough just to learn, they need to experience what they are learning. It is not enough to learn what a mitzvah is without doing it and experiencing the amazing feeling you get once that mitzvah is fulfilled.

I am going to miss everyone at CDT very much, but I will mostly miss the children. From the cutest little ones in Pre-k to the oldest madrichim. They are all my children and separation is never easy. I have grown to know these children so well; I know what food they like, what excites them, what bores them, what they love doing and what they dislike doing. I wish each and every one of them the best of luck and I hope that they know how proud I am of them.

I hope you know that you and your children can contact me any time you want. If it is for a Hebrew question, great news you would like to share, a situation you need advice abouteven a recipe you are looking for. Just because my feet aren't at CDT, that doesn't mean my heart left with them.

Thank you for everything you have done for me in the past years. I will never forget it and I will always be appreciative. If you would like to reach out and reconnect, please phone the CDT office.

Your Jewish Educator,

Molly Peled

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

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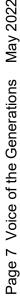
—in memory of Jerilyn Giwner

Condolences

Marty Kersh on the passing of his mother

Sylvia Kersh

May her memory be a blessing.



Social Action and Tikkun Olam



Social Action



We are taking a short break from Social Action projects as we supported the Gala activities, finished up with the school year, and celebrated some weddings and b'nai mitzvah of immediate family members.

But, we are always ready to think about our next projects. Some ideas for consideration would be a children's and adult Book Drive, so hold onto those books for a couple more months; something for the older people in our communities, and related to mental health issues. If you have any specific project ideas, please contact: Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com).

GAN TAMID Garden

Lesley Radov is planning on doing a bunch of planting in May, so please let us know if you want to help or if you have some children (youngers and older) who would get a kick out of seeing their planting efforts pay off in food for the people who depend on the North Gwinnett Food Coop. If you have a teen that needs something to do after school is over, and who likes being outside and gardening, Lesley would be thrilled to keep them occupied several days a week.

We will also be looking for some strong backs to spread mulch in the next few weeks, so keep your eyes out for a request for volunteerism.

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

Zaban Parodies

Thanks to the Sisterhood for providing dinner to the couples currently benefiting from the wonderful services provided by Zaban Parodies. Zaban changes the lives of couples and families experiencing homelessness and instability by providing them support and training.

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On behalf of our residents and staff, thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

Sebrina Durden"

Sisterhood





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

I hope everyone had a meaningful and enjoyable Passover Seder with your family and friends! April has been a very busy month for CDT Sisterhood: We have been **Lunching**, delivering food to the **Zaban Center**, as well as having shared collaborative events with Gesher L' Torah for our **Sandwich Project** and the **Passover Pillow Workshop** (in which some of the pillows were gifted to JF&CS Holocaust **survivors** group), we joined Rabbi Jordan's **Congregational Book Event**, and we even had a **Game Night at CDT**..... Phewwwwww. Stay tuned for more events for May



Lunch at Le Mekong with the Girls....so much fun!



And guess who surprised us? Just in time for a photo op! Thank you for stopping by to visit with us Rabbi Jordan:)

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Sandwich Project



We made 121 sandwiches and were joined by children on their Spring vacation. Way to go kids - Thank you for your support of Tikkun Olam.

May's Sisterhood Gatherings

May 1st Book Club



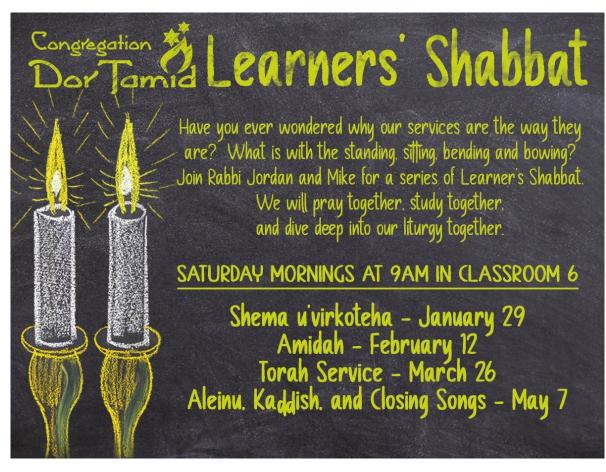


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B'Shalon,

Lisa





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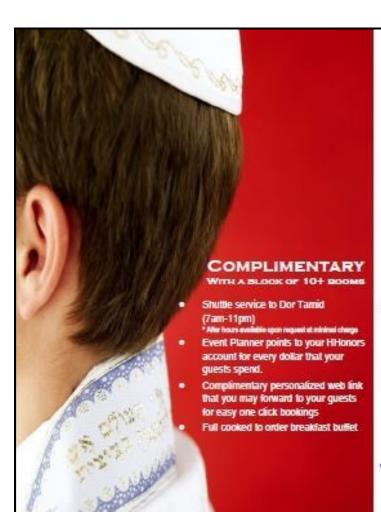


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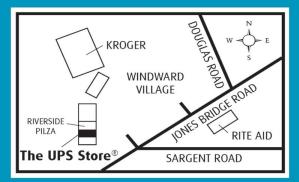
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