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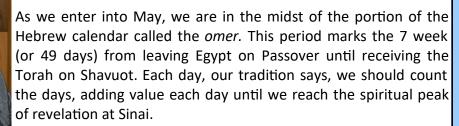
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Dear friends,



As I have been counting these days, I have also spent time remembering fondly the past programmatic year here at CDT. Last summer, we, as a community, embarked on a fantastic journey of *Chai for Chai*. These 18 events spread over the year were designed to give our entire community the opportunity to celebrate 18 years of Dor Tamid. From Rosh Hashanah services to the Purim spiel, and from concerts led by our Cantorial Soloist Mike Zuspan and his wife Amy to the recently held gala fundraiser, we truly celebrated this milestone in our community together. Each one of these 18 events was special in its own way—we prayed together, laughed together, sang together, and learned of our history together. And whether any one of us had been here at CDT from the days before the merger of Shir Shalom and B'nai Dorot or had been here just a few weeks or months, we all had the ability to be together during this year to celebrate our incredible community.

So, now that our 18th year celebration has come to a conclusion, I first want to thank everyone in our community that played a part, whether you planned an event or participated, each person contributed to the success of our milestone year. But this *chai* year was merely that—a milestone.

Whenever I find myself on the bimah with one of our young people celebrating becoming a bar or bat mitzvah, I tell them that this moment is merely a marker on their life's Jewish journey, that it isn't an exit point, but a time to stop and reflect before heading into the future. I believe that the same is true for our community as a whole. As we say farewell to our *Chai for Chai* celebration, we should all pause and reflect on the first 18 years of CDT and realize how blessed our community is. We have dedicated lay leaders, a phenomenal staff, and amazing volunteers all working to strengthen our Dor Tamid. And as we look into the future, to the next 18 years and beyond, we can all be excited for what the future may bring.

And may we, as a community and as individuals, go from strength to strength.

B'ahavah (with love),

Rabbi Jordan

LIFE IS A CHAI WAY....

CHAI FOR

Oh, What A Year!

Our Chai for Chai Year provided programs, events and community togetherness!

We had so many successful gatherings with the finale being our "Life is a Chai Way" Gala, where the community, as one, far exceeded our financial goal and raised over \$40,000 while having an amazing time together.

A special thank you to all of our board members, committees, volunteers and staff who made this year so incredible. Chai for Chai will truly be remembered as an amazing time for our community!





















































LIFE IS A CHAI WAY....



















President's Message

THE LAST ONE



Leslie Fox

Today I share my last newsletter article. At the end of this month, once the slate gets approved at the Annual Meeting, I will be passing the torch on to Rachel Allen. As Rachel rolls into this position, I hope you will show her the same support and respect that I have experienced and felt over the past three years. Stepping down as President of CDT is bittersweet for me. I have had the opportunity to work closely with and develop relationships with congregational leaders, staff, and members for the past three years. I also have spent countless hours devoted to making the best choices for our community and to being present during my term. I have scheduled my whole life around CDT since June 1st of 2020 and I am ready to pass the Presidency hat.

I started my term in the height of COVID as the board and the staff worked together to create live programming and touchpoints throughout the pandemic. We worked closely with our Medical Advisory Team to make the best decisions for our members' health and safety. It was my dream, at that time, that I would have some time during my term as President where things would be "normal," but I had no idea if that would happen. Thanks to a third year as President, due to COVID, I have had that opportunity and we just celebrated our last Chai for Chai event of the year in honor of CDT's 18th birthday. The Life is a 'Chai' Way Gala was attended by members, family and friends all coming together to celebrate CDT and our community. I couldn't have imagined a greater "finale" to the past three years!

It seems surreal to me that on June 1st, I will take on the title of Past President, the ending date of my term will be posted under my picture on the Presidents' Wall. I will gather my stuff from the Presidents' office, I will pass the baton to our next President, and I will have the honor of placing her picture on the Presidents' wall next to mine.

I feel so honored to have served as President of this great congregation. I thank all of you for entrusting me with the decisions that come with the job, and for all the support and love you have provided me during my run. Thank you, Gregg Fox, for all the support, guidance, advice, love, and patience you have provided for the past three years and always!

CDT is our spiritual home, and we are all so lucky to have this place and each other. Let's continue to work and celebrate together as CDT continues down the 'Chai' Way toward our bright future!

Leslie

Cantorial Soloist's Message

Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends,

I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well. As we come to the end of our religious school year, I find myself reflecting on these past months and all of the educational experiences we enjoyed. What a pleasure it was to teach music to grades pre-K through 6th. Together, in our weekly *Shira* sessions, we worshiped together, learned to relate to the prayers on a deeper level, and explored our holidays through creative learning experiences led by Rabbi Jordan. Our teachers and students worked together to improve their Hebrew. The online weekly Hebrew Zoom sessions for the older grades were particularly effective.

Thank you so much to all of the teachers and volunteers whose weekly dedication has made such a difference in our children's Jewish lives. In particular, this year marked a return for me teaching the 9th graders. Among the many highlights of the 9th grade curriculum, the Paper Clips Children's Holocaust Museum in Tennessee was so meaningful and moving. Thank you 9th grade students for giving me the opportunity to teach you about our people's history as it pertains to the modern state of Israel. As the school year come to an end, I wish all of our graduating seniors luck in their future endeavors. I hope that they will not be strangers!

Thank you to all of our teachers, volunteers and students for a wonderful year.

Shalom,

Mike Zuspan

Cantorial Soloist



Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Leah Jonas is a 7th grader at Autrey Mill Middle School who is passionate about art, cooking, animals, and playing the piano. When she's not busy with her friends and hobbies, she likes to spend her free time reading, swimming, and performing music. Leah is an active member of her school community and participates in various extracurricular activities, including the French Club, Jewish Student Alliance, and the Student Leadership Committee. Her love for cooking has also led her to experiment with unique recipes, which she enthusiastically shares with her family.

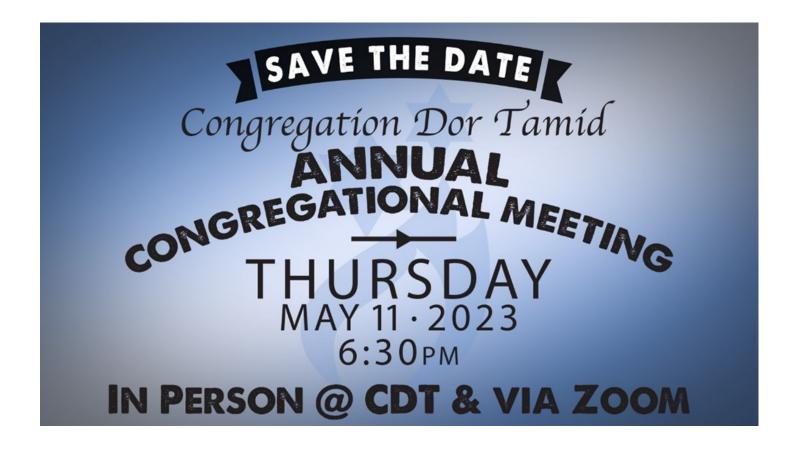
For her Tikkun Olam social action project, Leah chose to support Creating Connected Communities (CCC), a non-profit organization that aims to help underprivileged children. After volunteering at CCC's Spring Community Festival in Marietta, she realized that many elementary school kids in Atlanta's underserved communities lacked access to art supplies and classes. With a goal to inspire creativity and self-expression in these children, Leah raised funds, collected art supplies, and organized and managed a watercolor painting station. Over 100 kids got to enjoy this fantastic experience, and each of them took home all the supplies they needed to continue on their artistic journey. Through her efforts, Leah hopes to empower children with confidence and self-expression, which can positively impact their lives and communities.

Chloe Brown is a 7th grader at Lakeview Academy Middle School. She loves dancing, singing, musical theater, and special effects makeup. Chloe also joined the track team this year. When Chloe is not doing track, singing, or dancing you can find her texting her friends or hanging out with them. Chloe also loves to travel and is excited to try out a Teen Tour Summer Camp this summer.

When choosing her Tikkun Olam community service project, Chloe wanted to help out young children with something fun and meaningful. Chloe has loved books since she was a baby. She used to stare at the pictures for hours before she even learned to read. Now, she finds reading to be a way to relax. She used her interest to create a book drive at her school for Children Read Atlanta, Inc. She was able to raise and donate 345 books to children under the age of 5 years old who need greater access to reading material in their schools.



Save the Date





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-in honor of Leslie Fox's Bat Mitzvah



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Social Action and Tikkun Olam



Paula Bloom

Social Action



Thank you for helping provide Kosher Food to the Food Insecure in April!

To everyone who brought food to the Kosher Food containers, a **HUGE THANK YOU!** The Dunwoody Food Bank is a wonderful organization that helps provide food to the Jewish food insecure.. especially the elderly Jewish people in our community.

Coming up in May

Boredom busters for undeserved children

We are looking at organizations that will distribute activity books and science/art activities to underserved children in our community. Kids that don't go to camp, take family vacations, and who often are stuck in hot apartments or homeless residences, while their parents are out during the day. Look for more information soon – we are hoping to use an Amazon Wishlist to make this an easy-peasy way to donate.

Gan Tamid Garden – planting season is here!

May is a peak planting season for the Gan Tamid Garden. If you would like to get your hands dirty putting down mulch, weeding or planting, please let us know (pbloom99@yahoo.com).

And, thanks again to Men's Club for their upcoming help fixing part of the fence that was broken during a storm. Unfortunately, the wood is rotted and so the concrete will need to be taken out and the new parts of the fence will need to be newly cemented. Quite a job!

Future Wellness Series Events

We are investigating some interesting topics for sessions in the near future – things that will appeal to a wide range of adult congregants. Again, look for more information soon.

Back to School donations

Lastly, we will be providing school items to under-served kids going back to school in the fall (seems like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it). If you see new backpacks on sale somewhere, we will be collecting them in July.

Thanks to exervone who has contributed or joined a Social Action exent this xear!

Sisterhood





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

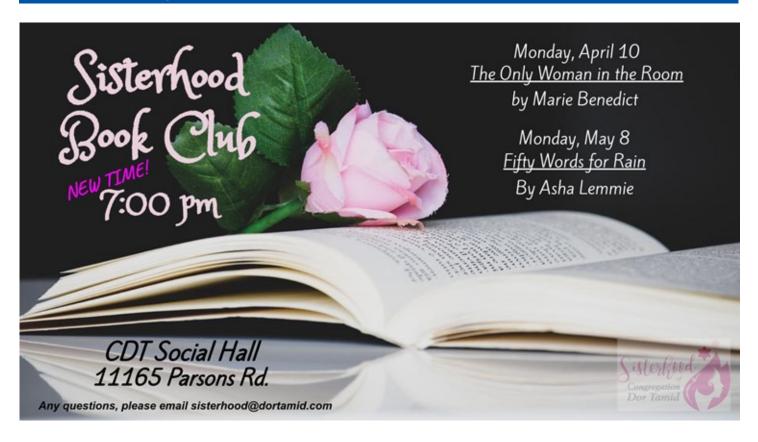
Janet Mann

May is here and we're counting down the days 'til summer vacations and fun celebrations with family and friends! Wishing everyone a calm and enjoyable end-of-school year! I would like to *CONGRATULATE* all of our high school and college graduates and their families as they enter this next chapter in their life!

Sisterhood has been busy as always in the month of April! We had a beautiful Sisterhood Shabbat organized and led by Ruthie Cohen, VP of Ritual for Sisterhood. Thank you so much Ruthie! Thank you to all of our past Sisterhood presidents who were able to come and begin our service with lighting the Shabbat candles. Also, a big thank you to both Ruthie and Debra Kerr who delivered a D'var Torah! Wonderful message teaching us about the torah section of the week. Also THANK YOU to ALL of our members who came and participated in the service! We had lots of fun dancing and singing Shabbat tunes by female composers, along with a wonderful *oneg* after services. Thank you to Ethel Rubenstein for making her famous delicious trifle! It was thoroughly enjoyed. Here are some pics from our beautiful event!



Sisterhood/PrimeTimers







Ongoing Happenings



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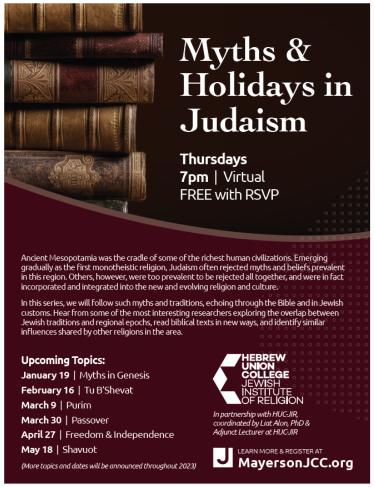
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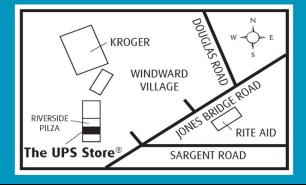


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