

# Voice <sup>of</sup> Generations

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# **Rabbinic Reflections**



Dear Friends,

Each morning, our tradition says that we should begin our day by reciting the words, "modeh ani l'fanecha," (I give thanks before You). We begin our days with this simple statement of gratitude in order to put ourselves in the correct mindset for the day, specifically, that we should live our lives being grateful for the blessings we receive each and every day. Furthermore, the rabbis teach us that we should endeavor to say one hundred blessings

each day as a sign of our recognition of the everyday blessings we each have.

As we enter into this new month of November, this idea of gratitude becomes even more prevalent in our mindsets as we approach the American holiday of Thanksgiving. This holiday reminds us, as Americans and as Jews, that the notion of gratitude is important in our lives. Many of us will sit around the table, sharing with our loved ones what it is that we are thankful for this year.

And as we enter into our season of gratitude, the weekend of Thanksgiving will be doubly blessed, because on that Sunday, we will be given an opportunity to add more light into the world, and rededicate ourselves during our holiday of dedication, the Festival of Lights, Chanukah.

As we light the candles this year, we can see light in our future and light in our community, as we continue to come together to celebrate the Jewish calendar together, continue to build on our shared relationships, and continue to bring more light and healing to the world.

So, I invite you to join us, as we transition through this season of gratitude, to celebrate Chanukah with your CDT community:

November 29- Join together for a first night candle lighting on Zoom.

December 3- Come to CDT for Musical Chanukah Shabbat and bring your menorah and 7 candles so we can light our lights together,

December 5- Watch for more information about our annual Chanukah party with menorah making, dinner, and Chanukah music.

I want to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a chag Chanukah sameach!

B'ahavah,

# President's Message



Leslie Fox

Wow, it's November! Fall is my favorite time of year because the weather starts to become cooler, the leaves are so beautiful and it means the time for snuggly coats and blankets is around the corner. As we enter fall and the upcoming holiday season, we have a lot to be proud of as a community.

Our High Holiday Appeal was more successful than we could have imagined. We received donations totaling \$82,000!!! It began with one of our congregants giving an \$18,000 match and continued with our community stepping up to the plate. Our members, guests and friends beat the match with donations of \$28,000. It was topped off with one of our

most generous 'angels' donating \$36,000 to match our original goal. As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, CDT has a lot to be thankful for and the biggest one is YOU!!!

We all have a lot to be thankful for and I hope that this season brings some time to reflect on the good things in our lives. Sometimes the answers aren't right in front of our noses. Even when times are tough, we need to try to find some silver linings. Although our family recently lost our beloved Rogie (handsome furry guy in the picture with me), and our hearts are broken, I am thankful for the years we had with him, and all the memories we created. Even though he isn't here in body anymore, I am thankful for him, and all that was better in my life because he was in it. I am thankful for my family and friends who help me through the tough times, and the CDT community is part of my light during this dark time. Thanks to everyone who reached out and made me realize how much love we have among us.

In today's world it is easy to lose sight of the good we have in our lives. I encourage you to take some time to reflect on what you are thankful for and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Leslie



# **Cantorial Soloist's Message**



Shalom Chaveirim! Hello, my friends,

I hope you and your loved ones are well and enjoying the Autumn weather. To me it seems that time has simply flown since the end of *chagim* (Holy Days), the end of the summer and the start of school. We have celebrated a number of *B'nai Mitzvah*, had some wonderful Religious School Sundays, and have just had out first Musical Shabbat in almost two years! I am so excited for what lies ahead. And so, let me take this opportunity to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and, as well, a Happy *Chanukah!* That's right - this year, *Chanukah* is

the Sunday right after Thanksgiving. Keep an eye out for all of the fun ways we have planned to get together as a community and celebrate the Festival Of Lights! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

B'Shalom,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist



Lila is a 7th grader at Taylor Road Middle School in Johns Creek, GA. She is the youngest of 3 Turner children and the last (but not least!) to become a bar/bat mitzvah among her Jewish cousins. Lila challenges herself in everything she does-from taking advanced classes at school to swimming year-round for Swim Atlanta Johns Creek. She has been fortunate to have an opportunity to travel and some of her favorite adventures have included Alaska and Australia. In her free time, Lila enjoys spending time

with her friends, hanging with our two golden doodles, coming up with design/décor ideas for future homes, and working on her list of places she wants to visit.

For her *tikkun olam*/social action project, Lila collected women's clothing and accessories as well as monetary donations for The Drake Closet. Proceeds from sales at The Drake Closet go to support women and children experiencing homelessness in North Metro Atlanta. Lila chose this organization because it was a way to help local women and kids in a very tangible way. It was a wonderful learning experience to deliver the clothes and funds to The Drake Closet and gain some insight into how much of an impact we can make when we work together to change lives.



# **Education Director's Message**



Last week during religious school I was walking alone through the halls while classes were in session, and, my heart felt full. Our President, Leslie Fox, was in the building and I took her to see what had given me such a warm feeling. Together we saw beautifully decorated classrooms filled with teachers, children learning about Judaism, and having fun together. Isn't that what it's all about?

Molly Peled
Director of Education





Our day starts out with a festive carpool run by our amazing Madrichim. From carpool, the students enter the synagogue with a smile and get to play with our new Shinshinit Kerem.



# **Education Director's Message**



Our students learn to read Hebrew, study about Israel, learn about comparative religions, and do mitzvot to make our world a better place.

A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who help with the front desk and carpools! We appreciate you very much!

Molly Peled







# Many thanks — דה רבה for participating in our High Holy Day Appeal

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# Many Thanks — תודה רבה

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Elliot & Beth Raizes

— in memory of Charles Goodman

#### **Caring Committee Fund**

Doug & Mary Frances Katz

— in memory of Charles Goodman

#### **Social Action**

Irwin & Ethel Rubenstein

Sheldon & Sherry Fages

— in memory of Charles Goodman

#### Sisterhood

Lesley Radov

Janet Levy

Dan & Wendy Rosen

Fred & Sherry Nemiroff

— in memory of Charles Goodman

#### **Musical Fund**

Beverly Mahone

— in memory of Charles Goodman

**Beverly Mahone** 

— in memory of Ann Perlman

#### **Ritual Fund**

Dan & Wendy Rosen

— in memory of Ann Perlman

#### **General Fund**

Leslie Penuel

Alan & Carol Kovar

Marty & Irene Duke

—in memory of Charles Goodman

#### Sandwich Project

The Board Members

Lesley Pierni

in memory of Charles Goodman

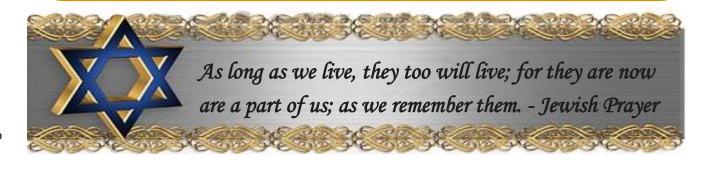
### **Condolences**

Ron & Bonnie Harvey on the passing of her brother Richard Olson

Hershel & Rochelle Greenblat on the passing of his sister Ann Perlman

Sol & Lisa Danzig on the passing of her father Charles Goodman

May their memories be a blessing.



### **Social Action**



Paula Bloom
Chair, Social Action Committee

Our First CDT Cares Day was an amazing event. Not only did we complete a number of acts of Tikkum Olam, but it was festive and so much fun. The weather was perfect for outside activities - with ideal temperatures, a bright sun and the bluest sky you could hope for.



Here are some of the things we were able to accomplish with the help of Sisterhood, Men's Club, Social Action, The Knitters & Crochet group, Religious School students and teachers, the CDT Staff and lots of other volunteers:

- The Rabbi blessed our new Gan Tamid Garden sign which was donated by Kathleen and Rob Sable.
- We had 14 people donate blood. The good news, and the bad news, is that we had a number of walk-ins which created a bit of a backlog and some people who were scheduled decided not to wait. Next time we hope to have more staff in the blood mobile so that we can run more efficiently. Given that we were told it would be great if we had even one donation, 14 is amazing and life-saving.
- We put together 224 CDT Packs for Hungry Kids thanks to donations of food by many, many people and the assembly by volunteers as well as the Religious School students. We also had many people and kids drawing pictures and writing encouraging notes to the children who will receive the CDT Packs.
- Sisterhood put together 200 Smile Bags for needy children. These bags will be distributed by CCC (Creating Connect Communities) during Amy's Holiday Party in December.
- We had a number of people sign-up for Homes Against Hunger. Volunteers from Social Action will come to your house to pick up food donations, or you can bring food to the barrels in the lobby. Please contact Jackie Berger (jackieb.berger@gmail.com) to sign-up or get more information.
- Our Knitters and Crochet Group displayed their talents as they made toys for infants, beanies for preemies, and even some drain bags for breast cancer patients.
- We had dedicated men and women painting the Gan Tamid Garden fence. This is a long and arduous job, and although they spent five hours painting their fingers off, they still have a little bit to go.
- The Religious School students, teachers and parents also helped with projects around the temple –
  planting flowers in containers, planting garlic, weeding in the front and in the playground, and digging a
  hole for the prayer books which were buried after a prayer from the Rabbi.

# **Social Action**



We are so grateful for the wonderful Religious School students, CDT staff and volunteers that we have at CDT. If you would like to hear more about opportunities to volunteer and help our community, please email Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com).















Also, a big thank you to Lisa Winton who donated and delivered a massive amount of food to Zaban Paradies (which helps couples and families transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency) on Monday, October 18th.



### Tikkun Olam Corner

#### CDT Cares – Tikkun Olam Corner



We are happy to have a place in the CDT newsletter where we can focus on Tikkun Olam. This month we would like to focus on Simon Thompson's Bar Mitzvah project.

When Simon was thinking about what he wanted to do for his project for his September 25<sup>th</sup> Bar Mitzvah, he knew he wanted to do something meaningful for sick children. Simon said that he wanted to help comfort these children and make them happier. He and his mother Susan didn't know how to start, so, Susan posted on the Atlanta Bar and Bat Mitzvah Discussion Facebook group. There she connected with someone from

Make-A-Wish. The coordinator suggested that Simon raise money for Cole, who is 14, and has a neuromuscular disorder. Cole desperately wanted a French Bull Dog.

Simon wasn't sure how long it might take to raise the \$1000 required to get Cole the dog of his dreams. But with the help of a donation page set up by Make-A-Wish and the generosity of family and friends, Simon was able to raise the money a couple of months before his Bar-Mitzvah surpassing his goal by raising \$1,135.

Susan says the irony is that Simon's first word was "doggie" and his own wish is to have a dog- even though having a cat who thinks it's a dog just hasn't satisfied this desire. So helping another young man get his wish for a dog was particularly heartfelt.

Simon says that he feels very good about what he was able to accomplish and would like to do another project with Make-a-Wish someday.

#### Simon



#### Cole and his new friend



If you have a story you would like to share, please contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com).

# Men's Club And Sisterhood Corner

October 2<sup>nd</sup> was the date of a wonderful social event sponsored by Sisterhood and Men's Club. The theme was "Grill and Chill" and both happened to the fullest. We had a wonderful crowd that embraced the beautiful evening of catching up, with a delicious BBQ dinner and salads galore provided by many. It was so nice to see everyone taking advantage of our patio, tent, and our very own community. We look forward to partnering together for more events. Thanks to all that joined us for this fun evening.

Lisa Danzig, Sisterhood President



Monday, October 4

The Lions of Fifth Avenue

Monday, November 1

Sunday, December 12 Crying in H Mart By Michelle Zauner Monday, January 3 By Colleen Hoover

The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell

7:30 pm at CDT

by Fiona Davis

By Robert Dugoni

# Sisterhood





The Nesting Dolls

By Alina Adam

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

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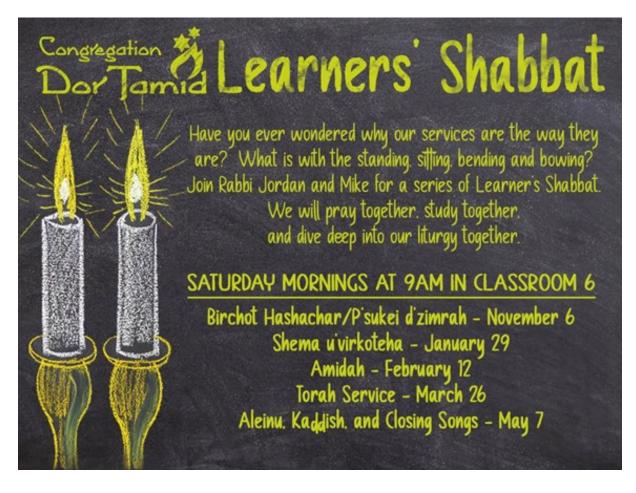
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

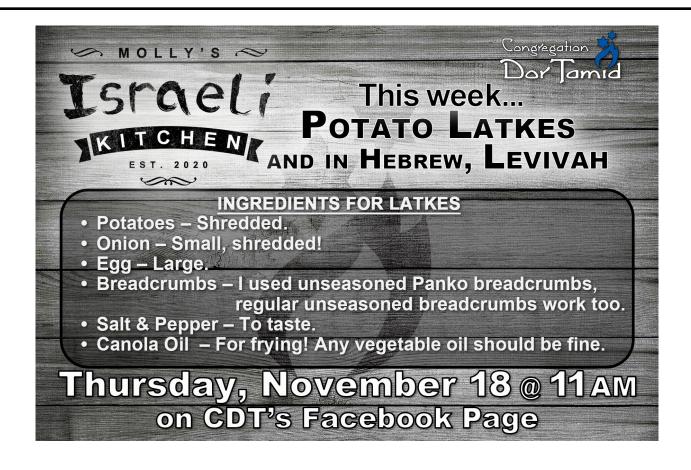
During this special Shabbat service where we memorialize Kristallnacht (the night of broken glass), we will hear from CDT member Art Meier, a survivor of the holocaust.



Arthur Meier born in Milbach, Germany in 1925 and came to the United States in 1939 at the age of 14. Arthur lived in Brooklyn, New York, fought in WWII, raised a family in New Jersey and moved to Tampa, Florida in 1995.

Last year Arthur moved to Georgia to be near his daughter Sherry Nemiroff. Arthur is the oldest member of Congregation Dor Tamid.

Kristallnacht,









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What Ever Happened to Prophecy?

CDT

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Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger is rabbi emeritus at Beth-El Congregation in Fort Worth, Texas and ajunct faculty at Brite Divinity School. In recent years, he has developed expertise in the theological implication of cognitive studies and neuroscience. His first book, Our Religious Brains, was published in 2012 and his most recent book, Why Call it God?, was published in 2020.

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