

# Voice of Generations

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# **Rabbinic Reflections**



Dear friends,

We are now in the middle of the Hebrew month of Cheshvan, which our rabbis refer to as "mar Cheshvan," (the bitter month of Cheshvan) due to its lack of holy days. However, here at CDT, we have two fantastic opportunities on two separate Friday evenings to come together to honor our past and remember together.

First, we will gather on Friday, November 4 as we mark the commemoration of *Kristallnacht*. This "Night of Broken Glass," which occurred on November 9-10, 1938 saw Jewish synagogues,

businesses and homes destroyed in a massive German pogrom. Scholars often refer to this night as the official beginning of the Holocaust, and we will mark its anniversary with a service of memory. During the service, our member, Hershel Greenblat, who himself is a survivor of the Holocaust, will speak. Each opportunity to hear from survivors like Hershel is a mitzvah, and I strongly encourage you to join together with us as we welcome in Shabbat, remember that night, and hear Hershel's message.

Then, the following Friday night, November 11, we will welcome in Shabbat together and honor those members of our community who have served, or are currently serving, our country. Any member of the congregation who is a veteran or an active-duty service member from any of the branches of the military or Coast Guard, as well as members of their families, is invited to come to CDT during that Friday evening service to receive a blessing. I hope you will join us as we honor those who have given so much so that we can all enjoy the blessings of freedom.

So, even though there are not any holy days during this month of Cheshvan (with our next holiday not coming until Chanukah at the end of December), I hope you will join us for these two special Shabbatot coming up in the next few weeks. And I hope to see you each week as we welcome in Shabbat together as a CDT community.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jordan



# President's Message



**Leslie Fox** 

Happy fall y'all! It was great seeing many of you over the High Holy Days!

As you have seen from the videos that have gone out, our FRIENDS campaign is about being together and celebrating friendships. Whatever our connections are; whether it is Religious School, Board Meetings, Torah Study, the High Holy Days, a Mike and Amy concert, or the Gala...we all have friendships within our walls and beyond that make our community very special.

CDT celebrates tradition, innovation, creativity, social relevance and fostering lasting friendships. Membership contributions only cover a portion of our budget, and we still rely heavily every year on donations. Your High Holy Days donation helps us celebrate all these wonderful aspects of CDT, and continually improve our education programming,

social events, and religious observances.

Our angel family from last year has stepped up again this year to donate \$18,000 as a match for our annual HHD campaign. This family will match each donation made dollar for dollar for a maximum match of \$18,000. This is a chance to "double your donation." We hope our CDT friends will be there for each other so we can BEAT THE MATCH!!!

Thanks go out to those of you who have already made contributions. The "flame" in our Eblast flyers keep you up to date on our progress so far. This flame serves as our thermometer for this campaign. If you have not already donated, please take some time to think about what CDT means to you and your ability to give. You may donate through the links you receive with our videos, the link on our CDT homepage, by sending a check to the office, or feel free to call Stacey to make arrangements.

Please know that at CDT, we are there for you. When times are good or times are rough, you can count on us! Can we count on you? Please be there for us and participate in our HHD appeal. No donation is too small or too large.

Thank you, my friends, for being a part of our CDT Community and for all that you do for our success!

Leslie



# **Cantorial Soloist's Message**



Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim! Hello, my friends!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well and eying the beautiful Georgia Autumn weather. We have just passed from the month of Hebrew month of *Tishrei* with its many Holy Days to the month of *Cheshvan*. *Cheshvan* is interesting as it is the only month in the Hebrew calendar that has no Holy Days. Some people refer to it as *bitter Cheshvan* or *Mar Cheshvan* because it is without any Holy Days. For me, the month of *Cheshvan* is not bitter. I enjoy this month as, for one, it offers us a pause to reflect on the High Holy Days. Even more, as the Hebrew calendar is filled to the brim with Holy Days, observances, and

celebrations, it gives us a moment to breathe! I think of *Cheshvan most* as a month that we can offer up our own meaning - our own accent to the year. Our secular calendar offers us an opportunity this year (as in most years) to add meaning to the month as Thanksgiving falls during *Cheshvan*. Thanksgiving has, to me always been about family and, more specifically, being thankful for my family and friends. I am sure that my sentiment is shared by many of you. We express our gratitude by traveling, hosting, cooking, and so on for our friends and family. At the same time, perhaps this month of *Cheshvan*, we can bring our best and share that same gratitude with our community - travel to a service, cook food for those in need, donate to a cause dear to our hearts, visit or connect with people we haven't seen in a long while - there are so many small and large things that we can do. May this month of *Cheshvan* be filled with gratitude and may we all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

With gratitude,

Mike Zuspan Cantorial Soloist

# Our B'nai Mitzvah Students



Eden Gertz is in the 8th Grade at Autrey Mill Middle School in Johns Creek. In her free time, she enjoys hanging out with her friends and family, and our bearded dragon, Freddie. She also loves skateboarding and doodling. Eden is extremely creative and is a maker at heart! Her biggest passion is reptiles, and she would like to pursue a career as a herpetologist.

For Eden's mitzvah project she is working with the Georgia Herpetological Association and Rescue to educate people about rescue reptiles. She is currently fostering a leopard gecko named Dina that has a bone deformity in its back. Eden will be hosting an adoption event at Congregation Dor Tamid on December 4 right after religious school. Please join us at the event to learn more about rescuing reptiles and possibly become an adoption or foster family for an animal in need.



Amelia Popler is in the seventh grade at Webb Bridge Middle School. She likes to ride her bike (always with a helmet), read, and hang out with her friends. She is an excellent student and plays clarinet in the school band. She likes to travel and has already been out of the country several times. Her favorite places so far have been Italy, Alaska, New York City, Colorado, and Pennsylvania.

For her tikkun olam/bat mitzvah project she is planning to volunteer with, and raise money for Make-A-Wish Georgia.

## **Education**



**Rachel Allen** 

CDT Religious School Corner

We have had such an amazing month here at religious school. From learning all about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, to music classes in the Sukkah and dancing with the Torahs for Simchat Torah, the students (and the teachers) have been very busy!! We had such a wonderful PreK/K Simchat Torah family dinner and our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families enjoyed a Shabbat dinner before our Spooky Musical Shabbat on Friday 10/28. The elementary school students continue to enjoy engaging in "hands-on" lessons curated by our talented teachers.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been working hard on their Hebrew, and many have been taking advantage of our ZOOM Hebrew classes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning all about community service, tzedakah and leadership, as they continue to engage in community service projects during their field trips. We are so honored to have been invited the Special Needs School of Gwinnett to assist in their Fall Festival.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been observing our madrichim as well as helping in the classrooms to prep them for their roles as madrichim in the future, in addition to learning about different practices of Judaism this semester. They had an in-house field trip with the Rabbi, went to Gesher to learn about Conservative Judaism and will be visiting other synagogues and the JCC the remainder of the semester. And finally, our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders get to spend time engaging in thoughtful conversation and lessons about the role Israel plays in our Jewish lives and what it means to be Jewish from the Rabbi and Mike on Wednesday evenings.

If you ever have any questions, please reach out to me at rachelallencdt@gmail.com.

Rachel Allen,

VP Education, Interim Director of Religious School









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# Many Thanks — תודה רבה

#### **Caring Committee**

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—in memory of Richard Rocco

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—Thank you for the Ark Opening Honors

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For the upgrade of our audio/video equipment

—in memory of Arthur Meier

#### **Rabbi Discretionary Fund**

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Rose, Kenneth Krandel & Annie Sandock

#### **Yahrzeit Fund**

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—in honor of our Yizkor Experience

\*High Holy Day Appeal donations will be posted in the December Newsletter.

# **Condolences**

Laurel Phoenix on the passing of her daughter

Cookiebyrd Mayi Ghoul Brian

May her memory be a blessing.





#### **SANCTUARY CIRCLES**

A very special thank you to the following who participated in our Sanctuary Circles.

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Pirkei Avot 1:2

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# **Social Action and Tikkun Olam**









#### Homes Against Hunger - December 11th

Our next Homes Against Hunger food donations will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. As you are shopping for your Thanksgiving festivities, look for bargains and pick up some canned and boxed items that will help feed the food insecure in our community. Look for more info soon!

### **Book Drive - January 15<sup>th</sup>**

CDT Cares Day/Mitzvah Day will occur on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 as part of the MLK weekend.

As one of our projects that day, we will be collecting Children's and Adult books to be delivered to some amazing organizations. Please save your books, as well as those Amazon (or other) cardboard boxes.

We will also have a Blood Mobile available on January 15th.

Other Mitzvah projects are still being planned. Look for more information and opportunities to volunteer soon.

#### **Gan Tamid**

The growing season has ended (except for newly planted garlic that will be ready in the spring). Now is the time for garden clean-up as well as taking apart the very dilapidated garden shed which will be replaced by a brand new, sparkling and larger shed for the garden equipment.

If you would like to help dismantle the old shed and/or assemble the new one, please contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com).

#### **Zaban Paradies**

Thank you to Lesley Radov, Janet Levy and Jackie Berger for bring a fantastic fried chicken dinner to Zaban Paradies in October. This fabulous organization has a goal of **Helping Couples and Families to Achieve Economic Stability and Well-Being** through support and training.

If you would like to cook or purchase some food for the residents of Zaban, please contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com). Because of the resident's schedules they are not looking for servers right now, so you can bring the food to Zaban at any time of the day and they will heat up and serve.

# **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

**Happy November!!** I wish you a wonderful month ahead filled with gorgeous fall weather, exciting football games and a delicious Thanksgiving with friends and family! May you be surrounded with happiness and love as you continue through the busy holiday season! Check out some of our recent Sisterhood Events!

**Dessert & Discussion of Netflix Movie "Tell Me Who I Am"** On September 20th, we met at CDT and enjoyed yummy desserts as we discussed an interesting documentary.



Live Band at Abbott's Bar & Grill - On September 24th, we joined Men's Club at the newly renovated Abbott's Bar & Grill to listen and dance to the sounds of "Workin' From Home" (and our very own CDT member Sammy Kolt)! We were dancing, playing pool and having fun! If you were not able to make it this time, no worries...we'll do it again! Check out the pics!

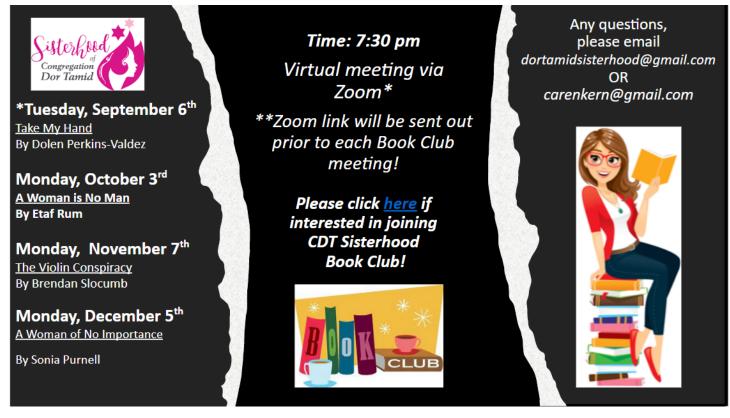




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**Book Club** - On October 3rd, we discussed a fascinating book during Book Club via Zoom. We will continue to meet via Zoom for the remainder of our book club meetings! It's easy to join!





# **PrimeTimers Events**



# Saturday, November 5th

6:00 - Host Home for Dinner 8:00 - Dor Tamid for Havdalah, dessert and Schmoozing

RSVP by Oct. 21 to Carol at seacrest5510@gmail.com with total number of guests attending.



# SAVE THE DATES!

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT...

Leslie Penuel at lipenuel1@gmail.com or Janet Levy at janet.levy2@gmail.com

November 5th- Progressive Dinner

December 15th- Hanukah Party

January 17th- Movie Night

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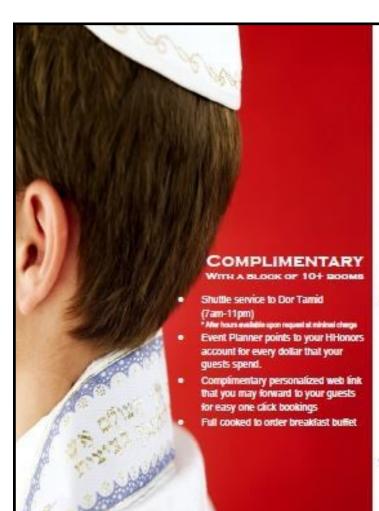
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