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Rabbinic Reflections

Dear friends,

As a rabbi, I am asked many questions each day about what Judaism teaches regarding numerous topics. From food to practices, and from history to advice on ethical living, our tradition can provide answers and guidance to the vast plethora of life's questions.

One of the questions I am asked about most frequently is ***"what happens when I die?"*** This is a very good question and one, which I am certain to say, we do not definitively know the answer to. And yet, our tradition has a lot to say on this question as well as many others around the issues of death and dying.

To that end, I invite you join me as we welcome two very special speakers for a panel discussion entitled, "A Time to Talk: A Panel Discussion on Jewish Views of Death and Dying." I am so excited to be joined by our member, Jackie Berger, who is a practicing attorney who specializes in estate planning and end of life legal issues as well as Eddie Dressler, the founder and owner of Dressler's Jewish Funeral Care.

During this panel, each one of us will present on the topic at hand as well as take time to answer any questions you may have on what our tradition teaches, on planning for your estate (generally, not specifics), and how to plan for a funeral. For more information, please see the flyer located in this newsletter.

I hope you will join us for this very important conversation that affects each one of us.

In the meantime, I hope to see you all very soon at one of our upcoming programs, events, classes or services.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Jordan

Congregation Dor Tamid

President's Message

Leslie Fox

The Days of Awe were AWESOME! Hundreds of us came together physically in one space for the first time in 1 ½+ years, and hundreds more joined us virtually. Although those of us who congregated live were masked, we could see the smiles on peoples' faces as their excitement to see each other was celebrated. The warm welcome we received from Johns Creek Baptist Church (JCBC) was more than we could have asked for. They created a neutral space for us to gather and let us hang a mezuzah on the door to the sanctuary to make it OUR holy space.

The activity we did on Rosh Hashanah was a highlight of my life, as I borrowed Rabbi Jordan's power to command the congregation to rise and sit with a simple hand gesture. Thank you for indulging me as we all rose to demonstrate the strength our CDT Community.

On Yom Kippur, after Rachel Allen told us her very personal CDT story, she asked for all members to think about their ability to give to our HHD Appeal. Fundraising is vital for CDT to thrive. As Rachel explained, we have an $18,000 match from one congregant family, so every dollar donated will be doubled until we meet, or beat, the match!

It's up to all of us to make this happen. The staff and Board of Directors have all committed to support this year's appeal. Check out our "Cheers" themed videos that we will send throughout the campaign. The short videos are full of photos of our congregants currently and throughout the years and conclude aside a link to donate to our appeal.

As we leave the holidays behind us, we look forward to a year filled with good health, great times together, and a year of Tikkun Olam events and activities as we work together to make CDT and the world a better place.

It's time to come home to CDT…where we're always glad you came!

Cheers!

Leslie

Cantorial Soloist's Message

Shalom! Hello my friends,

We have just concluded our almost month long observance of all the Holy Days in the month of *Tishrei* with the celebration of *Sh'mini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah*. What a spiritually fulfilling and inspiring way to begin our Jewish year! It was so wonderful to connect with so many of you! I am so very thankful this year to have been able to pray with you in person. Just to be able to talk and catch up with you was a blessing. I am thankful for your presence as well as all of those who joined us virtually.

There were so many people that made our in person services possible this year. In particular I'd like to thank Sherri Nemiroff, who has chaired our holy day committee this year, Ruthie Cohen, Leslie Fox, Lisa Danzig, Robyn Jacober, Paula Bloom, Deb Eskanazi, Doug Katz, Rob Lederman, Lesley Radov, and Art Criden as well as all of our ushers, Rabbi Jordan, Stacey Jahanfar, Molly Peled, Reverend Dr. Shaun King and Johns Creek Baptist Church.

This is just a small representation of the many people who helped make our High Holy Days so special this year. In addition, thank you for all of the wonderful compliments you gave to me through email, texts, online comments and phone calls. Your words and sentiments are precious to me. These High Holy Days have provided our community so much this year. I hope and pray that we can can continue to build on all that our community experienced during our High Holy Day season this year.

Shalom - see you soon,

Mike Zuspan

Audrey Bronfman—October 2

Audrey is an 8th grade student in accelerated classes at River Trail Middle School. She enjoys playing volleyball and shopping, as well as making and watching TikTok videos. Audrey frequently hangs out with her brother and step siblings, in addition to friends.

She is also very fond of animals, especially the family dog Rosie. Speaking of animals, Audrey's tikkun olam/social action project was volunteering at Fur Kids in Alpharetta. She helped out with walking the dogs, as well as cleaning up after them. She has had a special bond with Rosie since both were 5, and so Audrey gravitated towards the larger dogs at Fur Kids.

Our B'nai Mitzvah

Eliana Reisman— October 16

Eliana is an 8th grader and Honor Roll Student at North Gwinnett Middle School. Eliana loves playing volleyball for both the middle school team and at the club level. She has participated in cheer leading for the North Gwinnett Football Association for 8 seasons. During the summer, Eliana is a URJ Camp Coleman camper, and has made many wonderful friends while building her Jewish identity. Eliana's other interests include studying guitar and Latin in school and exercising her creativity at home with her extensive arts and crafts projects.

For her Mitzvah project, Eliana has delivered meals to the Zaban Paradies Center in Atlanta, which is a shelter for homeless couples. She is also running a drive for blankets and other items needed to support these couples as they rebuild their lives. She was inspired to help after meeting a volunteer from the center during a virtual religious school class earlier this year.

Sadie Harris — October 23

Sadie is the oldest of three children in the Harris Family. She has a younger sister, Rachel, and a younger brother, Jacob. One of her greatest passions is playing soccer, which she has been playing since she was six. Sadie is currently playing on a travel team, United Futbol Academy. She is a 7th Grader at Liberty Middle School. She is taking advanced classes and is a part of the Peer Buddies Leadership Program. This program is where she assists autistic students. In her free time, Sadie enjoys hanging out with her best friends, playing sports with her neighborhood friends, riding the four-wheeler around our farm, watching Netflix, and making TikTok videos.

For her Tikkun Olam/Social Action Project, Sadie has chosen to make small bags filled with items for girls at the Foster Care Support Foundation in Roswell, GA. Sadie chose this because she feels grateful for all the opportunities and things she has. She wants girls her age to feel special. She feels they deserve sunshine in their lives and wants to help them stay strong and hopeful in hard times.

Mazal Tov מזל טוב

Education Director's Message

Molly Peled

Simchat Torah, such a beautiful holiday.

Simchat Torah is a Jewish holiday that celebrates and marks the conclusion of the annual cycle of public Torah readings, and the beginning of a new cycle.

This past Sunday, I had the opportunity to teach the pre-k – 3rd grades about what is a Torah, why it is special and why do we treat it with so much kavod – respect.

There is nothing more spiritual than having students learn every Sunday in a synagogue where they can always be near and see the Torah.

I congratulate all our new students, all 28 of them, to our CDT's Religious School. I will make sure that our amazing and dedicated staff continue to educated your children with love and care and make sure that they are proud to be Jews.

Chag Samech,

Love, Your Education Director,

Molly

Many Thanks — תודה רבה

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Jerome & Harriet Jacobs
Todd & Laurie Greenberg

Garden Fund
Richard Fiedel & Edie Davis
— in memory of Judith Feldstein

Plant a Tree in Israel
Donna & Jerry Peljovich
— in memory of Jerry Silverman

Yahrzeit Fund
Ron & Bonnie Harvey
— in memory of Max Harvey

Social Action
Mark Reiser
Jessica Granese
Irwin & Ethel Rubenstein
— in memory of Louis Shumsky

Caring Committee Fund
Anita Walters
— in memory of Sylvia Becker Stone
Dan & Wendy Rosen
— Thank you to Leslie Fox for all you do for CDT

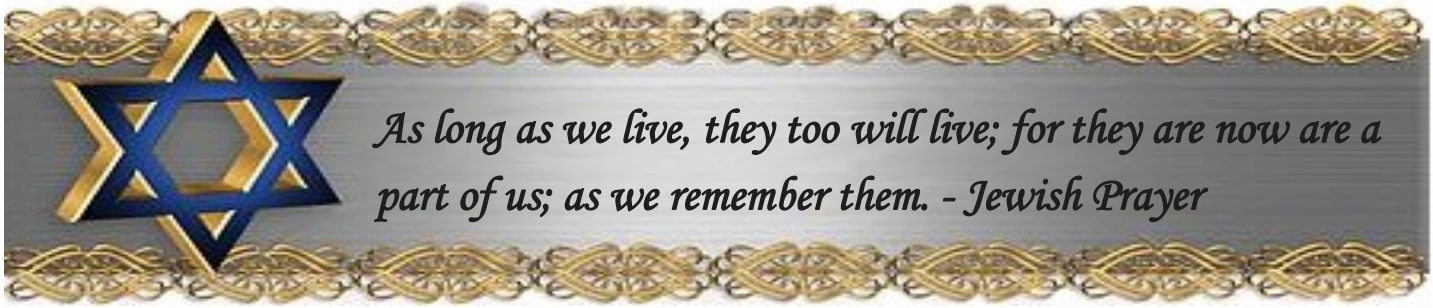
*** All High Holy Day appeal donations will be acknowledged in our November Newsletter.**

Condolences

Charles and Renee Evans on the passing of his sister

Sharon Arnett

May their memories be a blessing.



Social Action

Paula Bloom
Chair, Social Action Committee

We received a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta to help us with CDT Cares Day on October 17th! We are using the money in a variety of ways but most of it is going back to maintenance on the Gan Tamid Garden. Lesley Radov and helpers continue to pick egg-plant, garlic, and humongous cantaloupe melons that are donated to the North Gwinnett Food Coop.

We have had so many wonderful offers for donations of furniture for the garden. Thanks to the Blitzers, Jacobers, and Hartmans who donated furniture (and I know there were others that reached out to Lesley directly), and Jeff Reisman who was kind enough to shlepp a large table on a Saturday morning to the temple. Thanks also to the 7th graders and Stacey Jananfar who have not only donated mulch, but put a lot of blood, sweat (apparently tons of sweat) and tears into cleaning up the path to the garden. We always appreciate additional donations – financial and volunteer hours - to the garden and are also looking for spray painters (people and the tools) who can help on October 17th as we stain the fence.

If the outdoors isn't your thing, there are still plenty of things you can do in support of **CDT Cares Day**. Please contact Paula Bloom (pbloom99@yahoo.com 770-570-8059) if you have questions or want to help. Obviously, logistics are flexible as we monitor the Covid 19 situation.

Activities start at 11:30 with the blood drive. Other activities will begin at 12:15. We welcome children and we will have snacks available. Here is what you can do to help:

- **Make a blood donation - press control and click HERE schedule your donation**
- **Donate food and help assemble CDT Packs for Hungry Kids*. Items that we need are:**

  ◊4 Entrees (ravioli, ramen noodles, soup, stew, canned or pouch chicken or tuna, etc.)
  ◊2 single serve breakfast items (an oatmeal pack, grits pack, cereal bowl, cereal bar, pop tarts, etc.)
  ◊2-4 fruit cups/cans of veggies
  ◊2-4 single-serve snacks (pretzels, beef stick, raisins, crackers, popcorn, granola bars, fruit bars, etc.)
  ◊A picture, quote or encouraging message to the children

- Help assemble Smile Bags with the Sisterhood
- Find out about more ways you can volunteer at CDT to perform acts of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world)

* You can also drop off completed bags at the temple or let us know if you need us to pick up the bags.

Social Action

A big thanks to all those that have already donated items for the CDT Packs for Hungry Kids. This food is being donated to Hope Atlanta for children who are dependent on school breakfasts and lunches for when they are not in school.

Also thank you to those that have donated other food items – this food will be picked up by A Place in Forsyth for their food pantry.

Monthly dinner donations to **Zaban Paradies** started again in September. The mission of Zaban Paradies is to help couples and families experiencing homelessness achieve economic stability and well -being. Zaban provides housing, food, training, employment and other transition services. Thanks to Ethel Rubinstein, Bonnie Harvey, Vicki Levine, Beverly Mahone, and Edlynn Davis for their donations for September. If you are interested in helping with food for Zaban, please contact Sharon Rocco at: (678 699-3992/ SRocco1951@gmail.com)

Do you have a Social Action passion project that you would like to propose to our Social Action Committee? Let's talk… We are happy to consider other projects as we plan our activities for the year. Contact Paula Bloom (770-570-8059/pbloom99@yahoo.com)

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 the wonderful work the 7th Grade Religious School children are doing under the supervision of Stacey Jahanfar.

The children are learning about local organizations that are repairing the world as well as contributing to these organization's efforts to help local people in need. They are also discovering how great it feels to make the world a better place.

Some of the organizations that the 7th graders are working with are:

Zaban Paradies which helps homeless couple and families. The students were able to tour the facility and learn more about Zaban's mission. They will also be going back in the spring to volunteer and bring much needed items.

Creating Connected Communities which provides Jewish teens with the tools and resources to assist disadvantage children. The 7th graders made 200 masks for an Amy's Holiday Party event.

The Holocaust Survival Program where they learn about people who survived the atrocities of the Holocausts.

Closer to home, the students spent a beastly hot day cleaning up the path to the garden. They donated mulch and will be going back occasionally to help make the garden a lovely oasis of fruits and vegetables that will be donated to the North Gwinnett Food Coop.

If you work with an organization that you would like to highlight, please contact Paula Bloom at (770-570-8059/pbloom99@yahoo.com). We look forward to telling our congregation about wonderful Tikkun Olam initiatives that our members are involved in.

Tikkun Olam Corner

Sisterhood

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.

The Sandwich Project and You

During the month of **October** all donations added to the **Star of David Tzedakah Box** in CDT's entry way (except for the religious school donations) will help fund the Sandwich Project. We would appreciate any available extra dollars or cents you are able to contribute. These funds will go to purchasing sandwich Ingredients to make sandwiches for the food insecure and homeless. This is a huge mitzvah and is our belief in Tikkun Olam. Thank you in advance for your support.

At this time I'd like to thank Caren Kern's parents, **Jerry and Marion Gimpel**, for their wonderful donation to the Sandwich Project. We were able to make 53 sandwiches because of their generosity.

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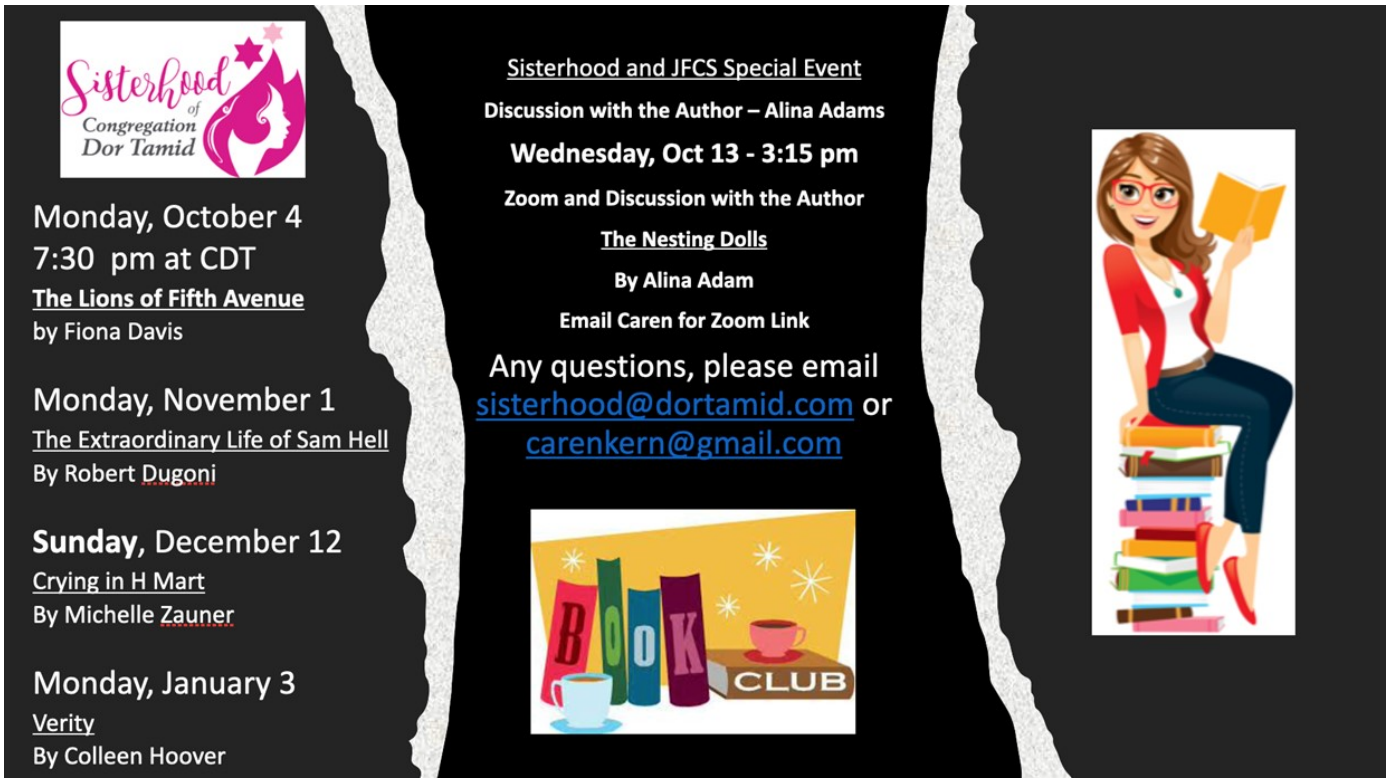
COLLEGE AND MILITARY CONNECT

Don't forget to sign your children up on the College and Military Connect flyer. CDT would like to reach out to "our" kids during the year. Please look for the registration in next Thursdays E-blast!

BOOK CLUB NEWS: 2 EVENTS FOR OCTOBER



I look forward to seeing you at the Sisterhood and Men's Club Grill and Chill!

Lisa Danzig
CDT Sisterhood President

Men's Club

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Congregation Dor Tamid

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*Information **must be renewed every year,** so we can make sure everyone's contact information is correct.

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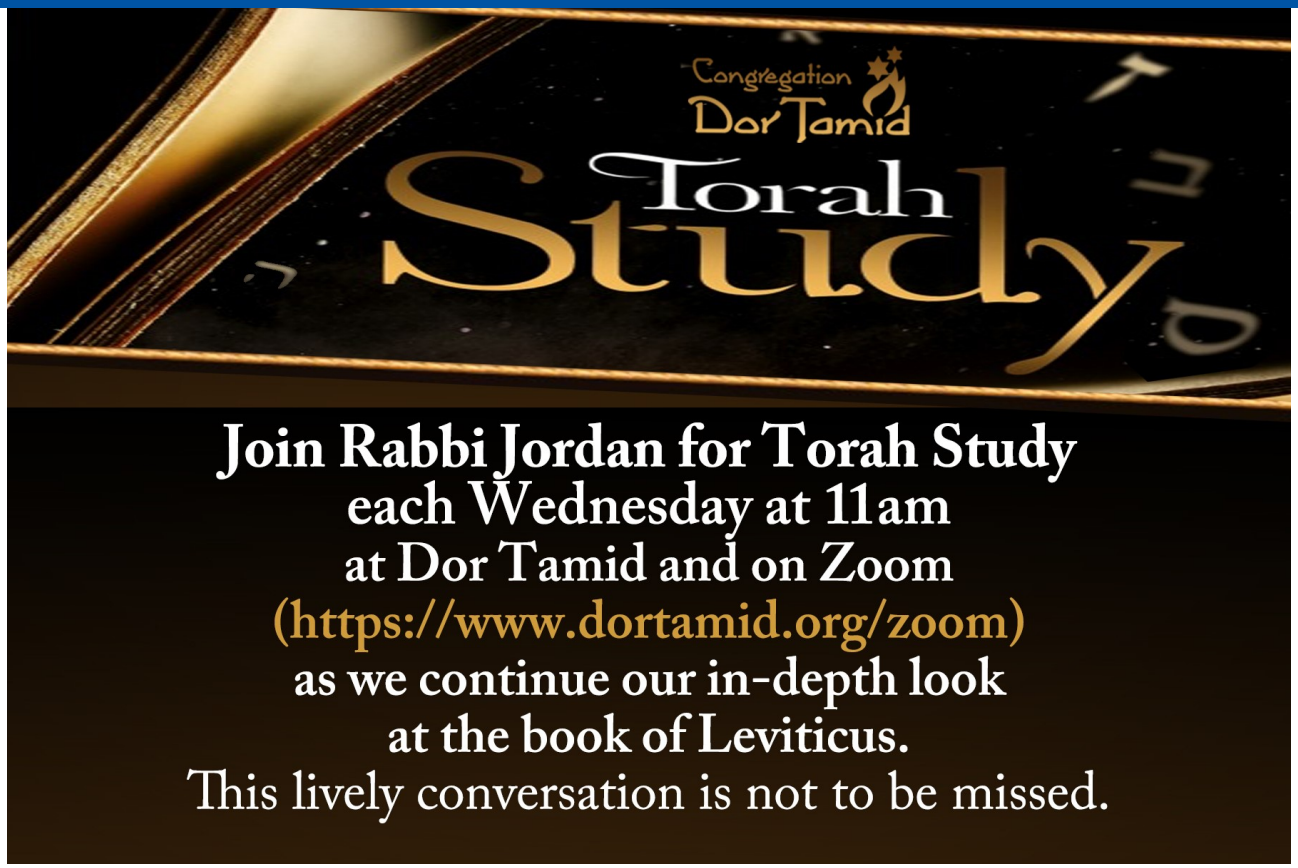

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