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# **Rabbinic Reflections**



Dear friends,

As we enter in this month of September, we are right on the cusp of welcoming in the new year of 5784. As such, we will have the opportunity to gather together in just a couple of weeks to hear the *shofar*, sing *Avinu Malkeinu*, and work on the process of *cheshbon hanefesh* (the accounting of our souls). Then, just ten days later, we will gather again to hear the beautiful music and words of *Kol Nidre* and to give an accounting of our sins. The High Holy Days are truly an opportunity to reflect on who we are as

individuals and as members of a community as we make a turn into the new year. And, not only that, they are a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with our community and our members who we may not have seen in a while.

But the High Holy Days do not begin with Rosh Hashanah. We have already begun preparing for the holy days as we have been hearing the shofar during this Hebrew month of Elul and on Saturday, September 9, we will have a wonderful opportunity to officially begin the cycle of *t'shuvah* with our annual service of *Selichot*.

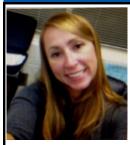
This service, which is brief, helps us dive into the holy days and the ideas of repentance as we hear the words and melodies that are so familiar from Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In addition, we will hear the blast of the *shofar* and change the Torah scrolls into their white garments for the Days of Awe.

This year, as we enter into Selichot, I hope you will join us for a special unveiling of our new Torah covers. Over the past few years, a small group, led by Bonnie and Ron Harvey, have been working to create these new covers, which are beautiful. So, we will gather at 7:00pm for an opportunity to meet the artist, Cecile Batchelor, who has worked with Bonnie and Ron to create these pieces of art that will adorn our ark during the upcoming season. And of course, there will be delicious charcuterie to enjoy as well followed by the service at 8:00pm. Also, a sincere thank you to the Harvey's for their generous donation of these new covers that will beautify our worship for years to come.

Shanah tovah,

Rabbi Jordan

# President's Message



**Rachel Allen** 

Shalom CDT Friends! What a month it has been! We have successfully kicked off our new CDT Religious School year and what a great few weeks it has been. From our Back to School Bash to our opening day of religious school, it has been so wonderful to see our students and families back at CDT for the school year. Along with the start of the school year, we are getting excited for the upcoming High Holidays, we have celebrated some B'nai Mitzvahs, and we have cheered on the Men's Club Softball team. Our Social Action Committee has been busy collecting items for students in need of supplies, our Sisterhood events are in full swing and as always our sandwich team has been busy making those sandwiches for the Sandwich Project. We have also been busy with

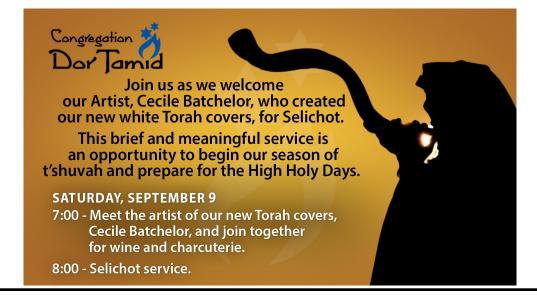
membership, as we have added a total of 12 new families this summer and we are so excited to welcome these families to our CDT community!

The High Holidays are upon us and I can't wait to see you at CDT for our upcoming High Holiday services. Soon you will be receiving phone calls from our CDT Board of Directors wishing you a Shanah Tovah and a happy holiday season. Our Board of Directors can help answer any questions that you may have about the upcoming services, and if they don't know the answer they will be happy to find out for you. If you have any immediate questions about how to sign up you can reach out to the CDT office or directly to me and I will be glad to help.

As we enter into this season of celebration and reflection, I look forward to seeing you at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, but I want to encourage each and every one of our CDT families to step outside of your comfort zone this season and do something that you may not "typically" do here at CDT. This could be as simple as attending a service you normally don't attend or signing up to give blood at the September 10th Blood Drive at CDT. This could be volunteering to be an Oneg helper or Religious School volunteer. We are family here at CDT and our community is stronger together. We have so many opportunities available to get involved with the CDT community and to find your joy! You can begin by joining us for our Selichot service where you will have the opportunity to meet the artist who created our new White Torah covers and we can begin this holiday season together. You can RSVP for this event on the CDT website. I look forward to spending time with you all over the next few months!

Shanah Tovah to you and your families!

Rachel



# **High Holy Days**





# **Cantorial Soloist's Message**



Mike Zuspan

Shalom chaveirim - hello my friends,

We are on the precipice of our almost month-long observance of the High Holy Days which will begin Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with *S'lichot* and conclude with *Sh'mini Atzeret* and *Simchat Torah* on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7th. What a spiritually fulfilling and inspiring way to begin our Jewish year! It will be wonderful to connect with so many of you and I am thankful this year to, once again, be able pray with you in person. There are many people who help make our High Holy Days so special this and every year. I hope that you will make an extra effort to thank all the volunteers who donate their time helping to ensure a meaningful High Holy Day season at CDT. Your words of thanks and sentiments of appreciation are always

appreciated. The High Holy Days will provide so much to our community this year – opportunities to pray, to reconnect, to give, to share, and so much more. I know that we will continue to build on all that our community experiences during these High Holy Days as I look forward to the year to come.

L'Shana Tovah tikateivu - May you be inscribed for a good year,

Mike Zuspan

**Cantorial Soloist** 

# Our Bar Mitzvah Student



Brian Tavani s a 7<sup>th</sup> grade honor roll student at River Trail Middle School. He enjoys playing soccer, tennis, the trumpet in the school band, and he participates on his school academic quiz bowl team. Brian is interested in geography and architecture and loves to draw maps, skylines, and sports stadiums. In his spare time, Brian is learning to become a soccer referee, and he enjoys spending time with his sister, friends, and family. We are proud of Brian and all of his academic achievements and how hard he has worked to become a Bar

Mitzvah. Brian has been learning Hebrew since elementary school and has learned how to read and chant from the Torah for many months in preparation of this special day.

For Brian's *tikkun olam*/social action project, Brian chose to work with TOPSoccer, a soccer program for children with intellectual and physical disabilities. He wanted to support kids in this program by helping them play the sport he loves and has been playing since he was 4 years old. Brian enjoys helping others and sharing his passion for sports and soccer. Brian will become a bar mitzvah on September 30<sup>th</sup>.



# **Interim Director of Jewish Life & Learning**



Religious School 2023-2024 is off to a FANTASTIC start! Our students have already begun learning and re-connecting with their friends while making new ones! We are thrilled to welcome a dozen new families to religious school this year making our enrollment soar beyond 100 students and still growing! CDT has welcomed back our seasoned and dedicated staff and teachers along with a few new amazing educators in Pre-k/K and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade! Our Madrichim are shining bright with their commitment to the kids and CDT, by jumping right in to working with the kids, overseeing the snack program, monitoring classroom needs and helping with carpools! Soon they will dive into setting up our school Shuk and Tzedakah program!

Jessica Grabowski

We started our year off with a BLOWOUT PARTY at our Back to School Bash followed by installing a beautiful rock garden, painted by the kids and our members, beautifying our front entrance to the parking lot and letting everyone know how much we care about CDT!

Our Opening Day of Religious School was a HUGE success! Students learned about the concept of Middot, Jewish virtues/values and why are Middot important. Parents enjoyed a fun and informative day which ended with BIG ice cream smiles thanks to Mr. Snowy! This past week we focused on the story of Noah as well as why the mitzvot of being kind to animals, *Tza'ar Ba'alay Chayim*, is important. Madrichim welcomed our students during morning carpool wearing costume animal ears representing Noah and big smiles! We also began choir practice for any students in grades 3-7 interested in learning and performing during specific holiday services throughout the year. Have a great Labor Day and we will see everyone back in September!

























# **Connecting Young Families**



for kids under 4 years old with a parent / guardian attending

Select Sundays from 9:15 - 11 am

Play Tamid is led by Rabbi Jordan and is a FREE Class open to the public (Members and Non-Members of CDT).

Enjoy crafts, songs, fun activities and more!

Contact rabbi@dortamid.com if you are interested or have any questions.

2023 Dates:
August 27
September 17
October 22
November 12



2024 Dates: January 28 April 28

\*Dates subject to change

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# Many Thanks — תודה רבה

### **General Fund**

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-in honor of Elianna's Bat Mitzvah

### **Cantorial Soloist Fund**

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### Cantorial Soloist Fund, cont.

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### **Oneg Fund**

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### Sandwich Project

**Ruthie Cohen** 

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### Yahrzeit Fund

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-in memory of Max Nemiroff

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-in memory of Sydelle Mirrer

### We Remember...

### Jodi Brooks

Wife of Sam Brooks and Mother of Jonah Brooks

May her memory be a blessing.



## **Social Action and Tikkun Olam**



Paula Bloom



### **High Holy Days Kosher Food Drive**

Social Action and Sisterhood are combining forces to collect food for the Kosher Food Bank. Containers will be at the patio doors from **September 15**<sup>th</sup> **to October 10**<sup>th</sup>. Non-Kosher Food is also gladly accepted and will be donated to other people-in-need.

Save a life Give blood

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am - 1:30 pm @ CDT

Contact Paula Bloom at: pbloom99@yahoo.com

Kosher food items that are most needed:

- Canned Items tuna, fruit, vegetables, and tomatoes
- Dry pasta and rice
- No Glass Please!

### Thank you for helping needy kids have a great start to the school year!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies! We took two rides over to drop off all the crayons, paper, pens, backpacks and other assorted items for children (K-12) who are homeless or don't have the resources needed to buy the items they needed for the beginning of the school year. Items not needed for the beginning of school, will be gifted to children for their birthdays as part of Simple Need's "My Birthday Matter's" program for homeless children.

See **SIMPLE NEEDS** for more information about this wonderful organization in Marietta.





# **CDT Community Giving**

### CDT's Knitter and Crocheters - Making the World a Better Place, One Stitch at a Time

Did you know that we have a group of ladies who meet on Tuesdays at 1:00 to Knit and Crochet items to donate to people in need? Some of the items they are making include:

- Infant hats and octopuses to the Northside Hospital Neonatal unit
- Hats for cancer patients at the Emory Johns Creek Hospital
- Scarves to Operation Gratitude
- Shawls to the Johns Creek Oncology Unit
- Hats and Scarves to Helping Mamas

The next time you see one of these wonderful women, please thank them for their generosity, patience, and knitting/crocheting skills.













A special thank you to our busy hands!

Sherry Fages, Leslie Penuel, Helene Kraselsky, June Radment, Bev Mahone, Sharon Rocco, Anita Walters, Betty Daugherty, Debbie Rubin, and Debbie Gilbert



## 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

L'Shana Tovah! Things are always happening with CDT Sisterhood! We have activities occurring weekly, monthly and annually! It's the perfect time of the year to make a personal goal of getting more involved with CDT's Sisterhood! We'd love to have you join us in helping create fun and meaningful events for this coming year!

I'd like to introduce you to the 2023-24 CDT Sisterhood Board!

President - Janet Mann

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We had a lovely Open House Brunch at **Ruthie Cohen's** home on Sunday, August 27th! It was a wonderful day of meeting new friends and reconnecting with other Sisterhood members! Here are a few pics from our event! Thank you to Ruthie for opening up her home to host this annual event!



# Sisterhood, cont.

























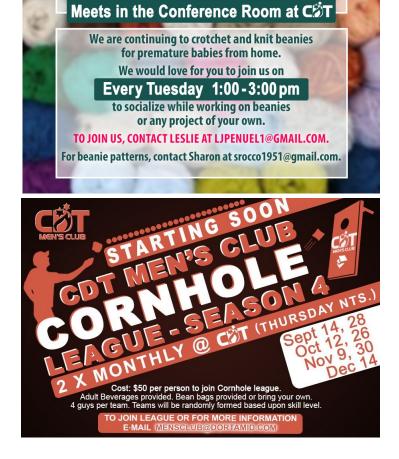






# **Ongoing Happenings**





Knit & Crochet Group

Dor Tamid

Once a month, we will gather for a Kabbalat Panim, an Oneg Shabbat before services, at 5:45 pm. We will then move to the sanctuary to welcome in Shabbat together at 6:15 pm.

July 7 August 4 September 1 November 3 December 8

January 5 February 2 March 1 April 12 May 3 June 7 Congregation \*

\*Dates subject to change.



# ONEG HELPERS NEEDED

CDT is looking for volunteers on Friday nights to help prep and break down the Oneg.

This is a great opportunity to get involved, especially if you enjoy attending Friday night services.

> It's easy and a mentor will be there to help you your first night.

Click the link below to sign up.













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# Volunteers Needed

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### **JAC PRESCHOOL**



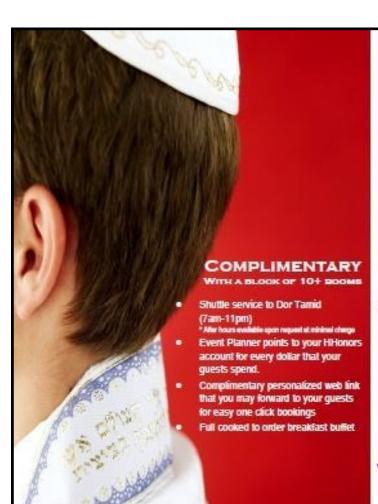








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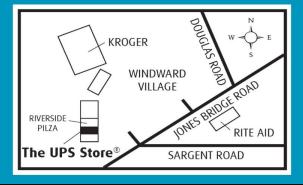


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