

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## Jewish Time

*Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

This past week I pulled into a gas station and inserted a credit card into the gas pump, waiting impatiently for my card to be processed and for the "Begin Fueling" message to appear. I noticed my own impatience, and remarked to myself that it's not enough that I can put gas in my car without bothering another human being—I want it to happen in two seconds as well!

The unbelievably rapid pace of modern life continues to amaze me: in the age of computers, we measure our time in seconds, not hours. And as our technology brings us into new realms of possibility, the rest of our culture struggles to keep up. Everything is promised to us in record time, whether it's instant meals, 30-minute work-outs, or ten-minute meditations.

Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionism, had the insight that over the past two millennia, Jews have become expert at "living in two civilizations"—that of Judaism and of our host countries. We might extend this to say that we have also become expert at living in two different sets of time. When a Jewish holiday season is upon us, we are given the opportunity to experience a kind of time quite different than the "you-can-have-it-all-in-five-minutes" culture of modern America.

We are now in the month of Elul, the four weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the new year. Over the ten days encompassing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we direct ourselves towards the work of *teshuvah*, atonement, or more literally, "(re)turning." Since the time of the Talmud, this entire period of 40 days (the 30 days of Elul plus 10) has become designated for the work of "(re)turning"—for turning back to our truest selves; turning in reconciliation to those whom we've hurt over the past year; and turning to the Source of All, to that which gives our lives ultimate meaning. This is not easy work. It involves intensive self-reflection, and taking responsibility for our words and actions. It involves intensive self-reflection, and taking

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## A Message from the Presidents

Autumn is a time of year which represents beginnings. As Jews we look to our Holiday period as a time for renewal and reflection. This is an appropriate time for Dorshei Tzedek to take the next step in our strategic planning process. During the last members meeting this next step was identified as the creation of a Growth Committee. This committee has been charged with examining the issue of growth as it affects issues of organizational systems, physical space, committee structure, logistics, and last though perhaps most important to many members is how our growth affects our connections as individuals and our levels of intimacy and connection.

At the close of the members meeting last June several members volunteered to work with this committee. Our hope is that 6-8 members will work under the guidance of Sherry Katz through the year. The goal is that at the next spring members meeting the committee will present the issues they have uncovered, the ramifications of these issues and their recommendations.

If you are interested in participating please call either of us. This is another exciting moment in the growth of Dorshei Tzedek. We are confident that there will be opportunities to participate in this discussion of growth in a number of ways, should you desire.

Our best wishes for a sweet and healthy year!

*Linette and Cheryl*

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responsibility for our words and actions. It involves doing-whatever it is we each need to do to make our lives a little more whole in the coming year. It takes time.

Wisely, the ancient rabbis realized that one day of atonement—Yom Kippur—or even the 10 days leading up to it from Rosh Hashanah were not sufficient for this kind of work. And so the tradition of the month of Elul as a time of preparation came into being. There are a number of practices that distinguish this month from other months. Each morning the *shofar* is blown after morning services (but you can blow it each morning without going to services, if you like!), and a special psalm, Psalm 27, is recited. During the month of Elul we begin to make amends, asking for forgiveness where necessary, trying to heal relationships that need healing. It is a time for remembering, for visiting the graves of parents and other loved ones. It is a time for giving *tzedakah*, for reviewing our charitable contributions of the past year and checking to see if we've given at an appropriate level. And it is also a time to think and reflect, to begin to identify those places where we're stuck, those aspects of ourselves that we want to focus on in the upcoming *Yamim Noraim*, Days of Awe.

I invite you to step into "Jewish time" and to make use of the days remaining in Elul. As we all know from other aspects of our lives, when we prepare for something well we usually do it better. The same can be said for *teshuvah*. To the extent that we can take time in these days leading up to Rosh Hashanah to begin our personal work of "turning," the time spent in synagogue will be that much more valuable. As a community, we will prepare for the *Yamim Noraim* at **Selichot services on Saturday evening, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with silent and guided meditation, beginning at 7:45 p.m. (no meditation experience necessary!), and begin the Selichot service proper at 8:30 p.m. (in order not to disrupt the meditation, please come **either** promptly at 7:45, or at 8:30). This service is a wonderful way to formally begin the *teshuvah* process, and to re-familiarize ourselves with some of the holiday liturgy and music.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the Dorshei Tzedek community over the High Holidays, and until then I wish you a *shanah tovah u'metukah*, a new year that is good and sweet!

## Yamim Noraim 5760

This year we are celebrating the *Yamim Noraim* the Days of Awe, with our new Reconstructionist machzor (prayerbook) at a new site--**the Solomon Schechter Day School on Wells Avenue**. We'll begin with an intergenerational erev Rosh Hashanah service on Friday, September 10 at 7:45 p.m.

**On Saturday, Sept. 11, services for the first day of Rosh Hashanah will begin at 9:30 a.m.** During the Torah service, we will be calling up all those who had a child come into their family this year, and we will also call up those young people who became bar/bat mitzvah this past year--so please be sure to be there if you fit one or both of these categories! (the Torah service begins at approximately 10:45 a.m.). Second day Rosh Hashanah is an alternative service and begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday--and as added incentive, we'll be blowing the shofar, which we refrain from doing on Shabbat. **At 4:30 p.m. we'll gather at the Newton City Hall pond for *tashlikh*, the ceremony of symbolically "casting off" our misdeeds.**

**For Yom Kippur, *Kol Nidre* will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Join us in wearing white for this special day! We will resume the service at 9:45 a.m. the next morning, and will be closing out the holiday with a light break-fast at approximately 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the wonderful children's programming available, kids are welcome at all services, and we encourage parents to bring their children to at least some of the *davening*. The erev Rosh Hashanah service will feature a story for all ages and lots of singing, and we especially hope our younger members will join us there (child care is available for children younger than 7 or 8).

Included in this newsletter is a sheet with various blessings for home rituals connected to the holidays. We look forward to welcoming the new year 5760 together, and to seeing you at the Schechter School!



## THE HOLIDAYS DON'T END WITH YOM KIPPUR ...

*All events are held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington St., West Newton*

### Sukkot

**Looking for Sukkah Builders.** Help us build the Dorshei Tzedek sukkah **Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 6:30 p.m.** Six adults are needed--Pizza will be provided! Please call Sharon Gorberg (617-244-4773) if you can help out. Building a sukkah is a mitzvah, and we need you!

Erev Sukkot, **Friday, September. 24th.** Join us at **6:15 p.m.** for a potluck dinner and putting the finishing touches on our sukkah. Please bring something for the potluck, according to last name (choose one name per household):

A-E--drinks; F-L--a main dish (dairy); M-R--salad or fruit salad; S-Z--dessert. Please bring enough to serve 8 people. At 7:15 we will be holding an all-ages erev Sukkot (and Shabbat) service. Sukkot is a time to be happy; come celebrate with us!

Our celebration of **Sukkot** continues the next morning, **Saturday Sept. 25th at 9:45 a.m.**, with an enhanced Shabbat service and a special kiddush in the sukkah following services.

### Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

**9:45 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2nd.** This Shabbat morning service includes special prayers for **Shemini Atzeret**, the final day of Sukkot. Join us as we pray for rain--kids are especially invited! This is your chance to get the rabbi wet . . .

The fun continues **that evening, at 7:00**, as we celebrate **Simchat Torah**, finishing the book of Deuteronomy and beginning again with the book of Genesis. Come sing and dance and have a great time! All ages welcome.

## HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

By now everyone should have received information about the children's High Holiday program in the July mailing. We have some new and exciting ideas for services, art projects, games, dance and dramatics. This will be a really fun program for kids but we need adult volunteers to make this program a success. Please return your sign-up and adult helper forms ASAP so we can finalize the schedule. If you have any questions call Ilene Spiro at (617) 244-4215.



## Bar and Bat Mitzvah



### **NATE FARBER**

**September 4, 1999**

Nate is an eighth grader at Oak Hill Middle School. He loves music and plays jazz piano in a band. He also likes long-distance running and playing golf. In preparation for his Bar Mitzvah, Nate studied Jewish immigration in the early 1900s and extensively interviewed his grandparents about the journeys of his great-grandparents. For his social service project, he developed a curriculum and taught music classes to young children. We hope you'll join us on September 4th when Nate is called to the Torah. Services and a Kiddush lunch will be held at the Wellesley Community Center.

### **MOLLY KROTICK**

**October 9, 1999**

On *Shabbat B'reishit* Molly Rose Krotick will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Molly, an 8th grader at Brown Middle School is continuing her Jewish Studies at the Prozdor Program at Hebrew College. Molly's Tzedakah projects included volunteering at Sunday's Bread and participating in the AIDS walk. Ira and Stephanie invite everyone to join them and share in this joyous event

### **RACHEL SACKS**

**October 16, 1999**

Please join us at the Unitarian Society on Saturday, October 16 for the Bat Mitzvah of our daughter, Rachel Bayla. Rachel is an eighth grader at the Bigelow Middle School. She loves to swim and is a member of the Newton JCC Kirashim Swim Team.

In the past year Rachel has combined her love of swimming with her interest in teaching by volunteering with the Newton Community Education program to teach swimming to special needs children preparing to participate in the Massachusetts Special Olympics. Rachel enjoys working with children and has also accompanied her grandfather in his work as a volunteer in the Dana Farber Children's Clinic.

We look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with our community. Please join us for the service and a *Kiddush*.

### **AVA SHAPIRO**

**October 23, 1999**

To sum up the life and times of the soon to be Bat Mitzvahed Ava Shapiro, it is best to refer to the biographical notes on the dust jacket of her most recently published book of poems: "What Does It All Mean, Mr. Natural?" Ava is a recent graduate of Countryside Elementary School where she broke through the glass ceiling of Magna Cum Laude. She is an accomplished clarinetist (a career she recently abandoned), an enthusiastic and joyful soccer player, and an asker of questions par excellence. In an August interview with the *Jewish Daily Forward* she was once more asked, "How do you do it?" Ms. Shapiro replied, "I just do it". Her entire family agreed, "She does it." Please join us on Saturday October 23 in the Parish Hall of the Unitarian Society at 9:45 am as we celebrate Ava's Bat Mitzvah.

## Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee has wonderful programs planned for this year. A brochure with complete course descriptions, schedules, times and locations will be available at High Holiday services. Some highlights include:



### OCTOBER

**Introduction to Reconstructionism**  
presented by Rabbi Spitzer

This is a repeat of last year's very popular Sunday morning talk. This year Rabbi Spitzer will also offer two additional classes that explore in-depth issues in Reconstructionism.

### NOVEMBER

**Learning the Shabbat Morning Liturgy**  
with Rabbi Spitzer

### DECEMBER and JANUARY

**Talmud Class Series**  
presented by guest teacher  
Eitan Eliram.



### ONGOING

**Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Spitzer**

Once a month, before Shabbat morning services, we will be studying teachings of the Sefat Emet, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Hasidic master.

## VISIT THE YIDDISH BOOK CENTER! A Field Trip For Adults

On October, 24th, Dorshei Tzedek will be taking a field trip to The National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA. This is fast emerging as one of the most exciting Jewish tourist destinations in America. Designed along the lines of an East European *shtetl*, the building is home to one of the world's largest collections of Yiddish books. Other visitor attractions include imaginative exhibits, a theater, a reading library and resource center, gracious gardens and grounds, a unique gift shop, an English-language bookstore and peak autumn foliage.



In addition we will be lunching at the Atkins Farm Eatery. Atkins Farm had its humble beginnings as a small apple orchard nestled in the bucolic hills of the Pioneer valley. Currently it hosts a large salad bar, deli, delicious baked goods and (as always) features a plethora of incredibly innovative apple-centric goodies.



This trip is not to be missed so sign up fast! We only have space for 25 people. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact: Deborah Feldheim at (617) 666-3149 or [deborahf@javanet.com](mailto:deborahf@javanet.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership forms have been sent to all members. Since the form has been modified and because we are trying to keep our database up-to-date, **please take the time to fill the form out completely, even if you think we already have the correct information.** Please take some time to consider the new section on mitzvot, and give us a sense of how you can help to support our congregation at times of both stressful and joyous life cycle events. If you have any questions or comments about this, feel free to call Dinah Moeller, Chair of the Mitzvah Committee at 617-924-6745.

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBER OPEN HOUSE

The next Open House for prospective Dorshei Tzedek members will be held on **Sunday, September 26, 1999 at 8:00 p.m at the home of Cindy and Dan Rome in Newton.** Meet with the Rabbi and current members of the congregation, learn about Reconstructionism, our congregation and the religious school. Share an evening of light refreshments and get to know other prospective members. For further information, call the office (965-0330) or Amy Mazur after September 7 at (617) 969-5659.

We look forward to seeing you!

## MITZVAH COMMITTEE

### OUR CONDOLENCES

Our profound sympathy to Joan and Mariel LaBrecque on the loss of their husband/father. Ron LaBrecque died suddenly on June 8. May his memory be for a blessing to Joan and Mariel.

### TODAH RABAH

The Mitzvah Committee thanks Kelly Kirshtein, Pete Roberts, Amy Mazur, and Wendy Gedanken for providing meals to Marvin Brotman.

The Mitzvah Committee thanks Lisa Port White for providing food for the Galpert/Hess family.

The Mitzvah Committee thanks Barbara Shatkin, Sharon Gorberg, Debra Rattet, Jill Volk, Clifford and Tessa Goldsmith, Steffi Karp, Nancy Gertz, Laurie Friedman, Amy Berman, and others for providing meals and hospitality to Joan and Mariel LaBrecque.

The Mitzvah Committee thanks Nancy Gertz for delivering a meal to the Forman family.

### A REMINDER FROM THE MITZVAH COMMITTEE

If you and your family are experiencing a life-altering event - the joy of a birth or adoption; the sorrow of an illness or a death - the Mitzvah Committee can help to arrange a Shabbat meal, a helping hand, a sense of community. Please contact Dinah Moeller to let us know how we can help: (617) 924-6745.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank Rabbi Spitzer and the members of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek for their warm support on the occasion of my first *aliyah* at services on June 5th.

My conversion was the culmination of many years of growing participation and study. The *aliyah* was very moving for me and my family. I'll never forget the feeling of standing before the Torah, saying the *shehechyanu* blessing, with Sharon and my daughters beside me under my *tallit*. I appreciate the gift of music that the congregation gave me but most of all I appreciate the acceptance and encouragement I've found at Dorshei Tzedek.

Thank you, John Holohan

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPENINGS

There are still some spaces available in our Saturday Morning Grades 1 and 2 Shabbat School, and in Grade 5 Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes. We also have a few spaces in our new 6 Session *Gan* (Kindergarten program). This will be a fun family program (parent and child together), meeting for six sessions on Sunday afternoons throughout the school year, focusing on holidays, Jewish values, songs and projects. For more information call **965-0330**.



## NEW EDUCATION DIRECTOR

We are delighted to welcome **Judith Wolfman** as our new Education Director as of August 1. Judith comes to us from Congregation Eitz Hayyim in Cambridge, and has many years of experience working in various education settings. Parents of school children will have an opportunity to meet Judith at our "Back to School" meetings early in the fall. Watch your mail for information on this and other school related materials.

Many thanks to the members of the search committee who set up a wonderful process for interviewing and hiring our Education Director. Our appreciation to Jill Volk and Tessa Goldsmith who chaired the committee, and members Jacqui Bloomberg, Ezra Hausman, Tim Rosa, and Carole Slipowitz.

# NEWS FROM JRF

## REGIONAL SHABBATON November 12-14

The New England and New York Regions of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF) are sponsoring a weekend retreat at Camp Isabella Freedman this fall. This promises to be a wonderful experience; a chance to meet JRF staff and faculty members from the college, as well as many Rabbis and members of the Reconstructionist congregations in our region.

The weekend will combine study and recreation, and of course the celebration of Shabbat in the lovely setting which many of our members know from our Spring retreat. A sampling of the weekend's program includes study sessions on the following: "Intergenerational Text Study - Friendship: The Connections We Choose and Jewish Tradition", "Our Connections to Israel: As Individuals and In Community," "Shabbat Dilemmas: Balancing Family and

Life in Two Civilizations." The program will also include films from the Jewish Film Festival, hikes and other outdoor activities, as well as extensive programming for children. Think about participating in this Shabbat weekend experience. Slots are being reserved for each of the participating congregations. Watch your mail for more details about the program and registration.

## GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR "Triple Match Challenge"

We have had a wonderful response to the triple match we set up to help raise funds for both JRF and Dorshei Tzedek. Thanks to the generosity of two of our members who (anonymously) offered to match up to \$1500 in contributions to the Joint Reconstructionist Appeal, we have, to date, exceeded our goal! Thank you to the many members who have made this possible!

## Dorshei Tzedek Needs YOU to Read Torah!

If you already have, or would like to learn Torah or Haftarah chanting skills, Dorshei Tzedek needs you! As our congregation grows, so does our need for more readers on Shabbat and holidays. Please call the Ritual Chair, Kelli Kirshtein (617-924-4515) if you would like to chant (or "*leyn*," as its traditionally called). If you can read Hebrew pretty well, you can learn to *leyn*! Our master *leyn-er* and teacher, Chaim Herzig-Marx will offer a Torah chanting class starting on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 7 -8:30 PM. Please call Chaim or Judy Herzig-Marx at 617-964-2791. Please call Kelli if you have questions about getting involved in services, or in joining the Ritual Committee!



## Social Action at Dorshei Tzedek

As a way to better understand the community's thoughts about a Tikkun Olam agenda for Dorshei Tzedek, the Social Action Committee will be planning a Discussion Group and survey later this fall. Please look for our announcement (and survey), and come share your ideas about short- and long-term Social Action plans for Dorshei Tzedek.

If you are interested in planning the upcoming event, please contact: Betsy Hinden (617) 325-9775.

## Rabbinic Liaison

Congregants should know that there is a Rabbinic Liaison committee, chaired by Louise Enoch, whose function it is to insure that a positive relationship exists between the rabbi and the congregation. If anyone has a concern that they would like to share, please contact Louise. Such matters will be handled confidentially and constructively.

# DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS

## 1998-1999 Pledge Campaign

Thank you to the following members for their contributions to the 1998-1999 pledge campaign:

**Debbie Blicher**

**Ellie & Efrem Goldberg**

*In appreciation of Cindy Shulak Rome's years of leadership and friendship, and for her dedication to the growth of the Dorshei Tzedik community*

**Cindy Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury**

*In honor of Rabbi Toba Spitzer, with thanks and appreciation*

**Allison & Ezra Hausman**

**Carole Slipowitz & Daniel Halbert**

*We gratefully acknowledge these members who have **completed** their contributions to the 1998-1999 pledge campaign:*

**Karen & Jeff Arnold**

**Kelli Kirshtein**

**Jill Volk**

**A reminder from the fundraising committee:** Our fund drive goes through December 31, 1999. All contributions are valued and appreciated. Please mark your checks: "1998-1999 fundraising campaign"

Thank you.



# DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS (cont.)

*We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:*

## General Fund

**Matilda and Ed Bruckner**

*In honor of Cindy Rome*

**Naomi Lev and Hal Lichtin**

*In honor of Nathaniel's Bar Mitzvah*

**Sylvia-Jane Foulkrod**

*In memory of Rose Brotman*

**Amy Mazur & Michael Feldstein**

*In honor of John Holohan's recent conversion*

**Port Family Foundation**

**Sharon Gorberg & John Holohan**

*In memory of Rose Brotman and Ron LaBrecque*

**The family of Steffi and Eric Karp**

*In honor of John Holohan's ceremony*

*of choosing Judaism; In honor of Joshua Herzig-Marx who graduated from college; In honor of Sasha Goldberg who graduated from high school*

**Janet Fine**

**Ellen Kushner**

**Phyllis Sandell**

*In appreciation of the Dorshei Tzedek community*

## Religious School Fund

**Sylvia and George Gorberg**

*In honor of The Gorberg/Holohan family's recent Simcha*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Carole Grossman & Kenneth Rosenfield**

*In celebration of John Holohan's being called to the Torah.*

**Phyllis Sandell**

*In memory of Steven Sandell*



## Reminder About Synagogue Dues and Pledge Drive Contributions

By now, all members should have received dues statements for the year. Please note that to calculate the total dues owed you need to complete both Parts A and B of the Dues Form. Your prompt payment of annual dues is much appreciated as this helps the Synagogue with its cash flow. If you intend to pay dues on an installment basis that is different than the option offered on the form, please let Gianna Bird at the Synagogue Office know when she should be expecting your payments.

With the new year and our fiscal year having begun, I wish to remind members that the second year portion of your pledge amount from last year's Pledge Drive is now due. We hope to receive your total pledge by December 31 of this year. Please note that the amount that you owe is separate from the yearly Synagogue dues. On behalf of the Congregation, I would like to thank all of you who have given generously to support the overall operation of our Community.

*L'Shanah Tovah, Paul Hattis, Treasurer*



## EVENTS &amp; SERVICES



September 1999

Date	Time	Event	Location	Shabbat Setup and Clean-up
August 28	9:45 a.m.	Shabbat Services	HS	
Saturday 4	9:45 a.m.	Nathan Farber Bar Mitzvah	Wellesley Community Center	Spiro-Schor, N.&J. Shapiro
Saturday 4	7:45 p.m. meditation 8:30 service	Slichot	HS	
Friday 10	7:45 p.m.	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Schechter – Wells Ave	Simons, Slipowitz-Halbert, Shatkin-Littman
Saturday 11	9:30 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Services	Schechter	Blicher, M. Kahn Herzig-Marx,
Sunday 12	10:00 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Services Tashlich	Schechter Newton City Hall	Kronman, Tepper, Weber
Tuesday 14	3:30-5:30	First Day of Religious School, Grades 3 - 6		
Saturday 18	9:45 a.m.	Shabbat Shuvah	HS	Sedacca-Ives, Liebling
Sunday 19	6:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre	Schechter	Rome
Monday 20	9:45 a.m.	Yom Kippur	Schechter	Sher, Sugerman-Brozan
Tuesday 21		No School		
Wednesday 22	6:30 p.m.	Sukkah Building – Adults		
Friday 24	6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Erev Sukkot Sukkot Decorating and Dinner Erev Sukkot Service	PH	Goldberg, Goldsmith, Hemley-Bronstein
Saturday 25	9:45 a.m.	Sukkot	HS	Hausman, Greenly, Gordon, Gertz-Cohen
Saturday 25	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	First Class, Aleph and Bet		
Sunday 26	8:00 p.m.	Open House for Prospective Members	Home Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome	

## OCTOBER 1999

Date	Time	Event	Location	Shabbat Setup and Clean-up
Saturday 2	9:45 a.m.	Shemini Atzeret Service	HS	Gedanken, Galpert-Hess
Saturday 2	7:00 p.m.	Simhat Torah Celebration	HS	Fortgang, Forman, Finn-Harrison
Saturday 9	9:45 a.m.	Molly Krotick Bat Mitzvah	PH	Kay, Isaacs
Saturday 16	9:45 a.m.	Rachel Sacks Bat Mitzvah	PH	Meadow, Pollack
Saturday 16	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Aleph Bet Class	Alliance	
Sunday 17	TBA	Introduction to Reconstructionism	TBA	
Sunday 17	2-4 p.m.	Gan Program	HS	
Thursday 21	8:00 p.m.	Introduction to Reconstructionism	Alliance	
Saturday 23	9:45 a.m.	Ava Shapiro Bat Mitzvah	PH	Port-White, Saltz-Fader
Thursday 28	8:00 p.m.	Introduction to Reconstructionism	Alliance	
* Saturday 30	9:45 a.m.	Shabbat Service	HS	Roberts, Rattet
Saturday 30	10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Aleph Bet Class	Alliance	

All of the calendar events and services take place at the **Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington St., West Newton** unless otherwise noted. Most of our services are held in the Headstart room **HS** on the second floor. The Alliance Room **AR** is the first floor parlor near the kitchen. All K-1 through Grade 5 classes meet in the lower level classrooms. **TR** is the room adjacent to the Headstart Room on the second floor. **PH** is the Parish Hall on the first floor. \* Rabbi Spitzer's weekend off.

### Shabbat Setup and Clean Up

In order to share the responsibilities for routine tasks, members are assigned on a rotating basis to bring food and to help with set up and clean up of the Kiddush on Shabbat morning and other congregational events. If you are unable to attend on your assigned date please find a substitute and alert Alan Shapiro. All families assigned should be present for both set up and clean up since there is lots to do including schlepping heavy boxes of books and tables. Detailed instructions are in member packets. Please call Alan Shapiro for an updated version and for any other questions @244-2499.

## BOSTON CONFERENCES

*"Jewish Perspectives on Bioethics in the 21st Century,"* October 10-11, at Boston Univ. (the Center for Jewish Ethics of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College is one of the sponsors). A two-day conference addressing issues including Jewish approaches to the termination of life, reproductive technologies, and health care policy, with leading Jewish and medical scholars. On the Web at [www.apfmed.org/bioethics](http://www.apfmed.org/bioethics); call 617-232-5383 for more information.

*"Dialogue II for Jewish lesbians, their grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, partners and friends,"* Sunday, October 17th, at Brandeis Univ. Sponsored by Hadassah and the Brandeis Women's Studies Program. Call 1-800-232-2624 or e-mail [KLMDri@aol.com](mailto:KLMDri@aol.com) for more information.

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