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Y2K Shabbat

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer

I have been thinking about what exactly it is that is happening at midnight, December 31, 1999, as the yearly odometer rolls over to 2000. Technically, we will be entering the final year of the 20th century, although in popular imagination we will be leaving that century behind. All because a monk in the early middle ages didn't know about the concept of "0," and so started the Gregorian calendar at the Year 1! By that measurement, the 21st century doesn't start until the year 2001, which leaves us with this funny year, Y2K, in between, suspended between two centuries and two millennia.

On the Jewish calendar, of course, this date change is not especially eventful: January 1, 2000 is the 23rd of Tevet, 5760. This is not the turning of a Jewish millennium, but an inauspicious date in a not particularly noteworthy year. But it is interesting that the secular/Christian New Year this year falls on Shabbat—perhaps there is some correspondence between Shabbat and the Year 2000?

There are those who have warned that the Y2K computer bug may produce some unwanted Shabbat effects around the world—technological systems shutting down, cut-offs in electricity and needed services, and the like. The Biblical Shabbat, whether the day of rest once a week or the prohibition on planting and harvesting once every seven years, was intended as a reminder of human dependence on a Power greater than ourselves, and a teaching about the potential dangers of never letting a society's economy and technology (which in those days consisted of oxen and plows) take a rest. Even God rested, the Torah repeatedly reminds us—and so should you! There are things more important than work, more important than turning a profit, more important than the incessant drive for "more." Without knowing exactly what the turning of the new year holds, it may in fact be that we will be forced to take a Shabbat in certain ways, and to

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Dorshei Tzedek Makes Connections at the Yiddish Book Center

By Deborah Feldheim

October 24, 1999 — Armed with memories of my dear *Savta* (a bibliophile in the grand tradition) and a cup of coffee, I join six other Dorshei Tzedek members for a field-trip to the National Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA. The Book Center is located on the campus of my Alma Mater, Hampshire College, the season is high Autumn, and the foliage along the Mass Pike is ablaze with burnt hues. I am in nostalgia mode.

First, I remember my grandmother (her advice came as more of a challenge than kind words from a large *bubbe*) saying to me: "Deborah, always be reverent in libraries. Love your studies and fight for your right to learn and read because we, as Jews and as women, have often been denied this right." And I always have. Next, I remember my days as a student at Hampshire, where life's lessons did not always come from a book, and where the motto *Non Satis Scire* (to know is not enough) prompted me to journey to a refugee camp in the West Bank to engage in a struggle for another oppressed peoples' right to learn and to study.

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acknowledge the limitations of our own technology and our own human powers, no matter how sophisticated they have become.

Taking advantage of the fact that many people are staying close to home this particular New Year's, perhaps on this Y2K Shabbat we can, in good Reconstructionist fashion, combine American and Jewish rituals. Shabbat is traditionally a time out of time, an opportunity to take a break from our daily lives and to reflect on those things that hold ultimate meaning for us. Not to relax, in the normal sense of the term, but to rest—to take a joyful pause where we can celebrate the world as it is, in this moment, without needing to change a thing. A day when we can step outside the daily pressures, and be thankful for what we have. So on our first Shabbat of this funny year "0," we could make a New Year's resolution that has to do with Shabbat. How could I take a meaningful rest in the weeks to come? What can I do to remind myself, on a weekly basis, of what is really important in my life? How can I keep my work life from creeping into every hour of every day? In what ways can I say "enough," if only for 24 hours?

With the hope that the Shabbat of the 23rd of *Tevet* brings a measure of peace and calm to our transition to the Year 2000, I wish you a happy and healthy new year!

Rabbi Spitzer does not have regular office hours, but is available to talk about any spiritual, religious, or personal issues that you might want to discuss. Please call her directly to make an appointment, at 617-924-6242.

LIKE TO MAKE PLANS FOR OTHER PEOPLE? HAVE WE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!

Many members noted on their membership applications that they would like to join another household for Shabbat dinner. The Membership Committee is looking for a volunteer (or two or three) to coordinate this wonderful opportunity for people to get to know one another and share an enjoyable evening together. Interested? Please call Nancy Gertz at 781-444-2478 or e-mail ngertz@mediaone.net. Thanks!



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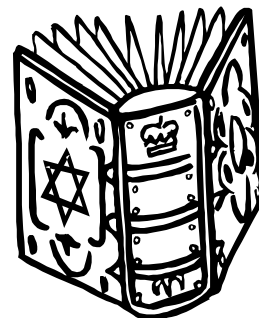
We arrive at the Book Center, and I am amazed to see how an unpaved parking lot (ice lot in winter, mud lot in spring) has bloomed into this beautiful structure (supposedly evocative of a Eastern European *Shtetl*, but in reality bearing more resemblance to a condo development in Long Island). As I listen to the passion in Aaron Lansky's voice as he tells of his personal journey to save the world's remaining Yiddish books, I feel that it is truly our shared heritage to be *Am Ha'safer* ("People of the Book"). Then I smile when I remember Rabbi Toba teaching us the sign for the people of Israel in American Sign Language is this same thing.

Wandering around the stacks and handling the old treasures is quite wonderful to me. I must confess I love the smell of old books--the acidic paper, the odor of the attic or a basement. Sometimes, I imagine I can detect the vague scent of an ocean voyage or some pipe tobacco from the days when one could enjoy a good smoke and a read. I feel honored to be able to hold these books, to press them to my face and breath them in, but I think what excites me more is the idea that these books will live on forever. Aaron talks about his plans for creating a Digital Yiddish library. He has begun a process by which Yiddish literature will be the first entirely online genre of literature: everything will be scanned into some form of digital media and be preserved for future generations. This project feels exciting and apt.

It was very special to be able to share this experience with other Dorshei Tzedek folk; it is something I hope will be-

HOLY MISSING BOOKS!

Speaking of books, we are missing several *siddurim*. If you borrowed any prayer books, please return them to our prayer space. *Siddurim* and *Chumashim* removed from our prayer space must first be checked out through the library (in the office).



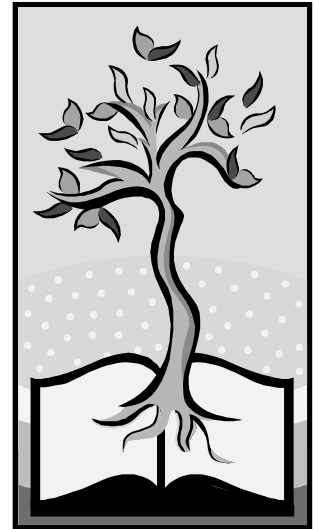
Tubishvat is coming to a home near you!

FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 21

This year, to celebrate the holiday of Tubishvat (the “new year of the trees”), Dorshei Tzedek is organizing Tubishvat seders in the homes of congregants. Highlighting a variety of possible themes—a mystical journey through the kabbalistic “four worlds”, the fruits and trees of the land of Israel, or a celebration of nature and our duty to protect it—a Tubishvat seder combines, food, music, text study, and any number of creative activities.

This is your chance to learn how to create a Tubishvat seder, or just to attend one. We need volunteers to host or help lead seders. Judith Wolfman and Elaine Pollack, our education director and family educator, have put together materials so that any household can create a made-to-order Tubishvat seder! Here's how it works:

Contact the office (617-965-0330 x3 or e-mail dtzedek@gis.net) and leave a message for Gianna, our administrator, letting us know if you would like to host a seder or attend one.



- If you are hosting, please let us know how many people you can accommodate.
- If you would like to lead or co-lead a seder (which you could do at someone else's house), please contact Judith Wolfman (617-955-0330 x4, jwolfman@ma.ultranet.com).
- If you are interested in attending an adults-only seder, facilitated by Rabbi Spitzer, please leave that message when you RSVP to Gianna.

On **Wednesday, January 12, from 7:30-9:30 pm**, at the Unitarian Society, Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Elaine Pollack will lead a Tubishvat prep session, where they will explain aspects of the holiday, and offer a large array of materials from which you can construct your own seder. We look forward to seeing you then!

Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorations

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday: Shabbat Service, Lunch, and Study Session, Saturday, January 15th. After a special Shabbat morning service honoring the legacy of Dr. King (9:45 am), join us for a **pot-luck lunch** and an early afternoon **study session**, focusing on the teachings of Dr. King and complementary Jewish texts. The lunch and study will begin at approximately **12:45 pm**, following services and *kid-dush*. Be sure to bring a vegetarian/dairy/fish dish to share! Drinks will be provided.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 32nd Annual Newton Community “Celebration of Love,” 11 am, Monday, January 17. Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington Street, Newtonville (at the corner of Adams St). Join with people of all faiths at this community-wide celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy, featuring gospel music and a keynote address by Rabbi Israel Dresner, who was arrested with Dr. King during the civil rights movement and has been a prominent peace and social justice activist since the 1960s.

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*Honor someone or an event with a contribution to support
our community. Contributions are welcome in any amount
at any time. Please make checks payable to Congregation
Dorshei Tzedek and mail them to 1326 Washington Street,
West Newton MA, 02465. Thank you!*

The End is Near

The two-year fundraiser is almost over. Please send in your contribution to the 1998-1999 fundraising campaign by December 31st. With your help we can achieve our goal of 100% participation and raise the money we need. Don't forget to mark your check "1999 fundraising campaign". Thank you for your support.



TODAH RABAH



Dorshei Tzedek extends its deepest thanks to those members of the community who have contributed their time and talent in recent months:

- To **Eric Karp**, our carpenter extraordinaire, for building the *bar/bat mitzvah* platforms, and helping out the school. And thank you to the rest of the platform-building crew—many people helped to make this happen.
- To **Wendy Gedanken**, **Steffi Karp**, and **Malcolm White**, for their artistic gifts in creating beautiful decorations for the Parish Hall.



Julian Fader Bar Mitzvah



Julian's Bar Mitzvah is Saturday, January 29, 2000. The NFL Super Bowl is Sunday, January 30, 2000. Julian can't get over the fact that the NFL would throw such a large party for him! He's looking forward to that weekend in a big way. In addition to studying for his Bar Mitzvah, Julian studies baseball statistics and improvisational jazz piano and he manages to fit full-time school in between these activities. He's worked in the kitchen for Sunday's Bread and hiked to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation and the Walk for Hunger. Julian invites all Dorshei Tzedek members to share his special day with him at Shabbat services at the Unitarian Society on **January 29, 2000, at 9:45 am.**

Shabbat Programs

Erev Shabbat Family Services. The all-ages Family Shabbat Service is held on the first Friday evening of each month, from **6-7 pm.** Join us as we welcome the Shabbat with a musical, kid-friendly Shabbat service. Save these dates! **January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 5, and June 2.**

Kid's Kehillah to meet again **February 5, March 4, and May 6.** Calling all 3rd to 6th graders: get to know other kids in our community as we celebrate Shabbat together. We'll play games, work on projects, have a *kiddush* and get treated to some exciting guest leaders. Meet from **10:30 till noon** in the Children's Chapel on the first floor. *Kehillah* means community...see you there!

Our **Pre-School/Kindergarten Shabbat program**, for our youngest members and their parents will meet again on **February 5, March 4, and May 6.** We'll have stories, songs and a craft. This is a parent-led program, and is a perfect opportunity to meet other families with young children. Come to the babysitting room from **10:30 to 11:15.**

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

Volunteer Opportunities

If you have some time and would like to do a mitzvah, there are a variety of volunteer opportunities in the Jewish community organized by Jewish Family and Children's Service, including programs helping new Russian immigrants, visiting seniors, visiting and advocating for residents of nursing homes, and/or participating in activities with adults with disabilities and mental illness. For more information on any of these opportunities, contact Rabbi Spitzer (617-924-6242) or call JF&CS directly at 617-558-1278.



Torah of Money Study Group



Mark your calendars! The Torah of Money Study group wishes to remind you that in January and February there will be four opportunities to attend a parlor meeting and continue discussion on the dues structure. The packet of materials the committee is sending you will contain exact times and locations. The dates are: **Wednesday evening, January 26; Sunday morning, January 30; Sunday evening, February 6 and Monday evening, February 7.** We look forward to continuing the discussion.

NEWS FROM JRF

by Cindy Shulak-Rome



I attended the semi-annual JRF Board meeting on November 6-8, in St. Louis, MO.

I came away from this intense two-day experience very energized and enthused about some of the new developments in the movement. To highlight a few of them:

- The new Reconstructionist Passover *Hagaddah* will be out this winter. The *Hagaddah* is designed to offer models for a variety of different seders. There will also be a tape or CD accompanying the *Hagaddah*. If you were thinking about purchasing a new *Hagaddah* to recharge your Passover seders, be sure to check this out! It should be in the bookstores by February.
- Looking ahead, it is not too early to begin thinking about attending the next JRF National Convention, November 2-5, 2000 in Philadelphia. "Growing in Spirit, Growing in Community" is the broad theme of this gathering. The convention is a great opportunity to immerse yourself in a few days of the many wonderful programs and teachings the movement has to offer, and this year, the added benefit of also visiting the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) while in Philadelphia.
- Youth and Camping programs are in the works! A large committee of JRF has been devoting time and energy to establishing a Reconstructionist youth movement and summer camp program. The camping program is slated for Summer 2001. I will keep you posted as JRY (Jewish Reconstructionist Youth) gets launched.
- Finally, if you are inclined to send year-end (or any time) gifts to the causes and organizations which you support, consider including JRF on your list. It is together with the support and resources from the larger movement that we, at Dorshei Tzedek, are striving to create the Jewish community of the future. Even the smallest gift is a meaningful one!

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek and the JRF regret the omission of these contributors to the "triple match" challenge grant described in the last issue of the newsletter. Todah Rabah!

Elaine Landes and David Felson

Peter Roberts

ADULT EDUCATION

SHABBAT MORNING STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday mornings, 8:45-9:40 am. Remaining dates: **January 8, February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, and June 3.** This year we are studying the commentaries of the *Sefat Emet*, a late 19th century Hasidic master, on the weekly Torah portion. The *Sefat Emet* brings a unique perspective to bear on the Biblical texts, and offers a great introduction to Hasidic thought. All study is done in translation; no knowledge of Hebrew necessary. Bring your own coffee and enjoy this early morning prelude to the service! (no fee)

**UPCOMING SPRING CLASSES
SAVE THE DATES!**

FINDING GOD IN A WORLD OF DOUBT: WISDOM FROM ISRAEL'S SECULAR WRITERS

with Rabbi Jeremy Schwartz

Thursday evenings, 7:45-9:15, March 2, 9, and 16. This three-session class will explore some of the best in modern Israeli literature (in translation), taught by a gifted Reconstructionist educator (and new member of Dorshei Tzedek)—don't miss it! (Free for members; \$25 for non-members.)

"A PALACE IN TIME": SHABBAT IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Thursday evenings, 7:45-9:15, March 30th, April 4th and 13th. In this class we will explore Biblical, rabbinic, and other Jewish texts about Shabbat, exploring the many aspects—both religious and political—of this wonderful Jewish invention. We will also discuss how we can make Shabbat practices and teachings applicable to our own lives. (Free for members; \$25 for non-members.)



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

A Message from Our Education Director

by Judith Wolfman

Our religious school is an exciting and bustling place these days! Energy and creativity abound, starting with *Kitah Gan* (kindergarten) right up through *Kitah Vav* (sixth grade). The **Kitah Gan** families have enjoyed interactive programs focusing on Shabbat and Chanukah. This early introduction to education at Dorshei Tzedek, through the creative programming of Elaine Pollack, gives a lovely introduction to our school and a strong educational foundation, placing school in partnership with the home. **Kitah Alef** is spending many fun-hours learning about the Jewish calendar year. They are accomplishing this through a beautiful, year-long art-project, which will be displayed and celebrated at the end of the year. Our *Alef* children are also enjoying their first introduction to Hebrew as *their* language and a *living language*. The **Kitah Bet** students, under the strong and creative direction of our new staff member, *Morah Rachel Gutter*, are working diligently on their Hebrew skills. In *Kitah Bet* the students continue to learn and celebrate all that our calendar brings to their lives. They are also becoming increasingly more familiar with the blessings and prayers of Jewish life.

A very important goal in **Kitah Gimel** is to increase Hebrew skills. This is occurring through the constant use of Hebrew in class and fun learning exercises, which reinforce the language. In addition, *Kitah Gimel* is doing intensive study of the beginning of the book of *B'reisheet* (Genesis), and increasing their knowledge of Shabbat prayers and practices. The class is also exploring questions such as, *What is prayer* and *Why do we pray?* They have also just started a unit on blessings, focusing on *Why do we say blessings?* *When do we say blessings?* *If I were to write a blessing, what might it express?* These are challenging questions for most adults; the students enjoy the dialogue around such questions.

Our **Kitah Dalet** students are becoming fine Hebrew readers, writers and speakers, with their vocabulary increasing daily! In their Torah study, *Kitah Dalet* is focusing on the lives of the *avot* and *imahot*, our Biblical ancestors, in the book of *B'reisheet*. They have written their own *midrashim* (commentaries) inspired by these stories, and their insights were creative and thoughtful! In **Kitah Hey** our students

are reading stories in Hebrew, learning lots of grammar and vocabulary, and playing fun games to help them learn the language. They are being challenged as they discover how Hebrew works in past and future tenses. *Kitah Hey's* study of the Book of *Shemot* has inspired wonderful classroom discussions on topics such as, *What are the qualities that make a good leader?*

Kitah Vav's ever increasing Hebrew vocabulary affords the class the opportunity to truly converse in Hebrew. This is a thrilling experience for our oldest students and a great exercise to observe as the students communicate like never before. *Kitah Vav* recently completed their study of the *Book of Judges*, which included a mock election with the prophetess *Devora* being elected, by *Kitah Hey*, the supreme Judge of the Israelites. The students are now learning the stories of *Samuel*, *Saul*, *David*, and *Solomon* through the creation of illuminated manuscripts.

The learning that is taking place throughout our school has great depth, interest, and meaning. The community that exists in the lower level of our *shul* is warm, inviting, and strong. I am very thankful and would like to thank Dorshei Tzedek for giving me the opportunity to attend the JRF Shabbaton in the Berkshires last month. The weekend included a special learning component for Reconstructionist educators. The agenda was packed with wonderful programming ideas, which I will share with our community in the months to come.

B'Shalom,

Judith Wolfman



DELIVER FOOD TO SOMEONE IN NEED

Dorshei Tzedek is again participating in Family Table's "Delivery Sunday" program on Sunday, January 9, 2000. Family Table is the Greater Boston's Jewish Food Pantry. Volunteers pack up groceries stored at Congregation Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard St., Brookline, and deliver them to a family residing in the Greater Boston area. Volunteers should arrive at the pantry at KI for an orientation at **12:45 on January 9, 2000**. Volunteers are provided with directions and maps, and may be delivering food to a location as much as 45 minutes away from Brookline. If you have questions or are interested in signing up, please call Barbara Shatkin at 617-964-3121.

MEMBERSHIP



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Over the last few months Dorshei Tzedek has welcomed eleven new member households! Some were listed in the last newsletter and some are new this time around. Here's a snapshot that the new members provided, as a "getting to know us" blurb. To all of our new members, we look forward to learning more about you and we hope that our congregation is a community that you will cherish as much as we do. We welcome you with open arms!

Steve Gordon lives in Newton. He is originally from New Rochelle, NY, went to MIT, and now teaches Information Systems at Babson College. His wife Judy is a faculty member at Boston College. Children are Brian, a 3rd year law student at Harvard, Laurie, a senior at Harvard, and Michael, a 5th grader at the Zervas School.

Stephen and Susannah Zisk recently moved to the Boston area from Seattle. This is the first time living on the East Coast for Susannah, a native of Michigan, but is a return of sorts for Stephen who grew up in and around Boston. Susannah is an artist, and Stephen is a computer scientist. They currently live in Watertown.

Joyce Friedman and husband Lev live in Waban with their three daughters, Shoshana, 17, Ariel, 14 and **Michaela** who attends Dorshei Hebrew school in 4th grade. Lev owns the Judaica store, *Kolbo*, in Brookline. Joyce is singer, pianist, choral conductor and hospital clown. They love to play music together, travel and hike.

Julie Weiman and Peter Blumenthal live in Newton Highlands with their daughter Sarah (6) who goes to Mason Rice, and their two dogs, Roxy and Teddy who are well known to any Cold Springs Park walkers. Peter sold a business (FrameKing) last year and is thinking about what's next. Julie is a freelance facilitator and trainer and spends a lot of time at the New Art Center.

Judy Shapiro and Brian Nadler live with their two boys, Matthew (9) and Joshua (7), in Needham. Judy is VP Corporate Advertising at Staples and Brian is a Key Account Manager selling power conversion products for Artesyn Technologies. Judy is originally from the Boston area and Brian from Springfield.

Leslie Ament-Ruder and Zvi Ruder live in Lexington with their six year old Labrador Quark. An engineer by training, Zvi has recently published a book on *National Symbols of*

the People of Israel. Leslie, a former musicologist who did her doctoral work at the University of Illinois, currently heads up global marketing for a software company in Cambridge. Quark, often featured in L.L. Bean catalogs, serves as a personal trainer for both his owners and takes them out daily for exercise.

Eva Rosenn and Rand Hutcheson have recently relocated from Ann Arbor, MI, where Rand was attending law school in a change of careers (both have Ph.D.s in medieval literature from Columbia). Rand currently practices Trusts and Estates at Bingham, Dana downtown. Children are Sarah (age 7) and Ian (age 4); Sarah attends the Sage School in Foxboro and Ian preschool at Temple Emanuel. Eva is at home and is planning to return to freelance writing in the next chapter of her life.

Dan and Koko DeLisi live in Jamaica Plain. Dan is completing his Masters in City Planning at MIT and Koko is completing her Masters in Public Health at Boston University. Before moving to Jamaica Plain they lived and worked in Beijing, China where they were active members of *Kehilat Beijing*.

Laurie and Jonathan Kahn-Leavitt and their children Anna (age 11), and Nathaniel (age 7) live in Watertown. Jonathan has an architecture/engineering firm based in Cambridge (Leavitt Associates), and Laurie is an independent documentary filmmaker (who previously worked for WGBH and Blackside). They found out about DT through its Watertown contingent, and are glad to be new members.

Merle Potchinsky and Jeremy Schwartz were lured to the Boston area from Toronto this past August by a career opportunity for Merle at Biogen in Cambridge, where she is involved in pre-clinical drug development, and also by the presence of family, many friends from Merle's Brandeis days, and friends from RRC, including Rabbi Toba, who was in the same class as Jeremy. Jeremy is working on a book chapter commissioned by the Ethics Center at RRC, doing some freelance rabbinic teaching, etc., and looking for a more settled position in the area. Daughter Arielle, is two and a half years old and is having lots of fun at the Children's Center of Lexington.

In the next issue of the newsletter we will introduce new members **Martin and Elaine Bresnick** and daughter **Anna** (11).



CALENDAR



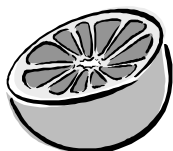
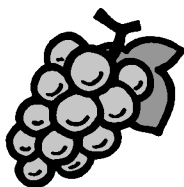
Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Dec 25 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	LaBrecque, Landes-Felson
January			
Jan 1 Sat *	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	
Jan 4 Tue	7:45 pm -- 9:15 pm	Talmud Class	Adult Education
Jan 7 Fri	6 pm – 7 pm	Family Shabbat Service	Pashall, Bailin-Kobe
Jan 8 Sat	8:45 am	Shabbat Morning Study – Adult Education	(see page 3)
Jan 8 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Blicher, Feldheim
Jan 8 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Aleph and Bet Classes	
Jan 9 Sat	2 pm – 4 pm	Gan Program	
Jan 9 Sat	7:45 pm	Board Meeting	call for location
Jan 11 Tue	7:45 pm -- 9:15 pm	Talmud Class	Adult Education
Jan 12 Wed	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Tubishvat Seder Prep Session	(see page 3)
Jan 13 Thu	7:45 am	Education Steering Committee	
Jan 15 Sat	9:45 am – 4 pm Lunch at 12:45	MLK Jr. Shabbat Service, Lunch, and Study Session	Gertz-Cohen, Goldberg (see page 3)
Jan 18 Tue	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee	call for location
Jan 21 Fri	7 pm – 9:30 pm	Home Tubishvat Seders	(see page 3)
Jan 22 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service — Tubishvat	Hausman, Hemley-Bronstein
Jan 22 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Aleph and Bet Classes	
Jan 29 Sat	9:45 am	Julian Fader Bar Mitzvah	Herzig-Marx, Kahn (see page 5)
Jan 30 Sun	3 pm – 5 pm	Dalet Family Education	
February			
Feb 4 Fri	6 pm – 7 pm	Family Shabbat Service	Karp, Katz-Farber
Feb 5 Sat	8:45 am	Shabbat Morning Study – Adult Education	(see page 3)
Feb 5 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Kronman, Kuh
Feb 5 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Aleph and Bet Classes	
Feb 5 Sat	10:30 am – 12 pm	Kids' Kehillah: Shabbat Program for Grades 3-6	(see page 3)
Feb 5 Sat	10:30 am – 11:15 am	Preschool Shabbat Program	(see page 3)
Feb 6 Sun	7:45 pm	Board Meeting	call for location
Feb 12 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Kuhn, Liebling
Feb 12 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Aleph and Bet Classes	
Feb 13 Sun	3 pm – 5 pm	Gimel Family Education	
Feb 15 Tue	7:30 pm	Ritual Committee	call for location
Feb 19 Sat *	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Mainelli, Mannheim-Schiff
Feb 22 Tue		<i>No School</i>	
Feb 24 Thu		<i>February Vacation</i>	
Feb 26 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Moeller, Samelson-Hattis
Feb 29 Tue	7:45 pm	Torah of Money Study Session	call for location

All events and services are held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington St., West Newton, unless otherwise noted. Check the signs when you arrive for the exact location. All K-1 through Grade 5 classes meet in the lower level classrooms, except for special programs. An asterisk (*) denotes Rabbi Spitzer's weekend off.

Shabbat Setup and Cleanup

In order to share the responsibilities for routine tasks, members are assigned on a rotating basis to bring food and to help with setup and cleanup 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 setup and cleanup 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 at 617-244-2499.

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