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Turning Towards Peace

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



As I sit down to write this, events in the Middle East have taken a depressing turn. The Camp David talks have collapsed, and Ehud Barak, the Israeli Prime Minister,

faces an enormous challenge in attempting to cobble together sufficient support to keep the peace process moving ahead. By the time you read this, events may have turned in any direction: towards increased violence and intransigence, towards ongoing dialogue and compromise, or perhaps just continued stalemate.

Yet whatever the political events of the moment, this time of year makes me feel cautiously hopeful. The month of Elul, which begins this year on September 1, is the preparatory period for the *Aseret Yamei Teshuvah*, the Ten Days of Repentance encompassing Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. During these four weeks we begin the process of *teshuvah*—"turning"—by trying to make amends with those with whom we've had conflict in the past year. And how hard that can be! It's difficult to admit that we've done wrong or hurt another, and it can be equally difficult to forgive, to let go of old wounds and move on. And if this is true for us as individuals, how much more so for two peoples who have been locked in conflict for over 50 years. The struggle between Israel and the Palestinians is not only about borders and security, or about land and statehood. There is an existential aspect to this dispute, an unwillingness on the part of each people to legitimize fundamental aspirations and historical experiences of the other.

When I think about what makes it hard for two people who are in a dispute to make amends, I see many parallels to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Both sides have their own perception of what actually happened, their own sense of how they were wounded, and their own fear that acknowledging the reality of the other is threatening in some deep way. When one's fundamental sense of

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Co-Presidents' Message

by Chayim and Judy Herzig-Marx

The fall holidays are almost upon us again, a busy time in the Jewish calendar. We are most keenly aware of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holy Days. Rosh Hashanah is the birthday of the world – *harat olam* – and the birthday of Dorshei Tzedek. In the previous newsletter we told you about ourselves and how we came to be among the founders of our congregation. The founders decided to launch the congregation by holding High Holy Day services in the fall of 1991. We secured space at Brandeis University, hired a rabbi (Linette's brother, Mordechai Leibling) to co-officiate with us, bought the special prayer books one needs, and held our breath! It was a time of some trepidation, as you might imagine. As many families do with their children, we tend to measure our growth and progress on our birthday. Since the work of the High Holy Days is to look back and to look forward, measuring progress fits the season.

Dorshei Tzedek has grown considerably as a community, from a handful of households in 1991 to over one hundred households during the past year. Yes, our numbers have increased, but other aspects of our growth are much more important. We took a big step towards acting on our principles of economic justice by adopting income-based dues, and we made that decision following a thoroughly Recon-

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person- (or nation-)hood is at stake, it is difficult to see through the eyes of the other, or to apprehend that they might have a radically different understanding of the narrative of the relationship. Israelis and Palestinians have both suffered, and both have legitimate claims. To the extent that people on each side have difficulty acknowledging that truth, real compromise and lasting peace will be hard to achieve.



But compromise is not impossible. The negotiators at the recent Camp David talks finally broached the issue that many have believed unresolvable: the status of Jerusalem under a final peace accord. And even though the talks broke down over this issue, the fact that it is now on the table is significant. This past year, I joined 300 other American rabbis in signing a "Rabbinic Call for a Shared Jerusalem." Organized by the Jewish Peace Lobby, the Call was based on detailed surveys of Israeli and Palestinian attitudes towards Jerusalem. These surveys reveal far more flexibility in attitudes than is generally assumed. The most pronounced conflict is over an area that accounts for less than 2% of present-day Jerusalem: the Old City, with its sites holy to Jews, Muslims, and Christians. The rest of Jerusalem—the Jewish neighborhoods to the west of the Old City, and the segment of the West Bank that was incorporated into the municipality by the Israeli government after the 1967 war—is another story altogether. There are distinct parts of the municipality that are wholly Jewish or wholly Palestinian in population, and the attachment that each community feels to those areas varies accordingly. In exchange for true peace and security, many people on both sides of the conflict would be willing to redefine what is presently known as "Jerusalem," as long as the areas and sites central to their people are included in their holy capital city.



While the road to Middle East peace remains long and rocky, I am encouraged to know that there are facts on the ground that hold the seeds for a true accord. What will it take to make those seeds blossom and grow? It takes a combination of courage, humility, and compassion for two people to decide to make *teshuvah*, to turn towards each other and towards peace. My prayer for this season of *teshuvah* is that our brothers and sisters and cousins in the Israeli and Palestinian communities will find the courage, compassion, and humility within themselves to

continue moving towards the other, and that we here in the U.S. will support them in that turning. And may our own efforts at making peace with those whom we have hurt, and with those who have hurt us, also bear fruit this year, so that we may all enjoy *shalom*, wholeness, peace, in 5761.

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.

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structionist approach. Our Torah of Money* group consulted traditional sources, thought through how our traditions relate to modern times, balanced tradition against the needs and mores of modernity, and formulated a dues proposal that blended aspects of the two civilizations in which we live. They then led the rest of the congregation through the same pattern of study, reflection, debate, and synthesis, resulting in our new dues structure which was adopted by the Board and affirmed by the membership.

A second area of growth over the past year has been the commitment of many members to deepen their Jewish knowledge and to acquire ritual skills. Several members led their first Torah discussion at a Shabbat morning service, five members learned to chant from the Torah scroll, several members participated in our third adult b'nai mitzvah group, and many others engaged in various educational programs. Our school added another grade, our enrollment increased apace, and we hired an education director.

A third area, less visible but no less important, is growth in our base of leadership. The entire congregation owes thanks to those who offer their time and energy to make the congregation work. We have several new faces on our Board of Directors and still others have stepped up to chair committees or major programs, like our congregation's retreat. Your leaders are actively looking for ways to make involvement in the congregation more approachable, more time- and effort-bounded, so that more members can experience the satisfaction of communal work.

We look forward to another year of continued growth and ever-deepening Jewish content to our lives. From both of us, best wishes for a sweet and happy New Year.

* "Torah of Money" is a service mark of The Shefa Fund.

High Holy Days at Dorshei Tzedek

Selichot Meditation and Service

Saturday, September 23. This service is a preparation for the journey of *teshuvah*, "turning" and renewal, that we experience from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. The Selichot program will begin with silent and guided meditation at **7:45 pm** (no meditation experience necessary!), and will continue with a program of music, prayer, and reflection at **8:30 pm**. **Please come either at 7:45 or at 8:30 pm, but not during the meditation.**

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

at the Solomon Schechter Day School, Wells Avenue, in Newton



The Jewish New Year begins this year on **Friday evening, September 29**. We will begin our holiday observances with a musical Erev Rosh Hashanah service, appropriate for older kids as well as adults. Our services continue on **Saturday, September 30**, and **Sunday, October 1**, including *tashlikh*, a ritual where we symbolically cast off transgressions and bad habits from the past year.

Yom Kippur begins with the Kol Nidre service on **Sunday, October 8**, and we continue with a full day of services on **Monday, October 9**, culminating with *Ne'ilah* and a light break-fast.

If you have not yet received a mailing containing details about High Holy Day services and reservation forms, please call the Dorshei Tzedek office at 617-965-0330 x1, and leave your name and address. If you have received the mailing and plan to attend services with us, please be sure to mail in your forms by September 15, so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The Holidays don't end with Yom Kippur!

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot, Friday, October 13. Sukkah decorating and potluck dinner at **6:15 pm**; Erev Sukkot service at **7:15 pm**. All ages are welcome. Celebrate this joyful harvest holiday with a communal meal and an evening service that's appropriate for kids as well as adults. If you are coming for dinner, please bring enough for 8-10 people: last name begins A-J, bring a vegetarian/fish main course; last name begins K-P, bring a salad or fruit salad; last name begins R-Z, bring dessert. Drinks will be provided.



Sukkot Morning, Saturday, October 14, 9:45 am. Come shake your *lulav* at this special Shabbat morning service!

Shemini Atzeret, Saturday, October 21, 9:45 am. This Shabbat morning service will feature the special prayer for rain that's unique to Shemini Atzeret, the final day of the week-long celebration of Sukkot. **Special note for kids: this is your chance to get the rabbi wet!** Waterguns welcome, although not too big, please . . .

Simchat Torah



Join us **Saturday, October 21, 7-9 pm** for a fun evening of music, creativity, and dancing with the Torah! All ages welcome (and *schnapps* encouraged). **Location to be announced.**

Events are at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington St., West Newton, unless noted.

Notes from Our Board

by Lisa Port White

This year, our congregational newsletter will feature a synopsis of the board meetings so everyone can know the major issues being discussed at Dorshei Tzedek. All board meetings are open: we welcome your comments and participation.

The new board of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek had its first meeting on June 25. This board season, we welcomed new people to the board, and welcomed returning people in both new and returning roles. Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx will preside over the board and executive committee meetings as our new co-presidents. Lynne Brandon has come on as comptroller; Michael Cohen and Dan Rome will be co-chairing the fundraising committee; Andrew Schiff has taken on the new role of chairing membership outreach; Deb Feldheim is chairing the adult education committee; Meryl Kahn is chairing public relations and advertising; Allison Hausman will represent the newsletter committee; Ilana Mainelli and Pete Roberts will take over the house and operations; and, Elizabeth Ross will be the church liaison. Welcome aboard! For a full listing of the board and off-board members, please check your blue binders, or the website, for names and phone numbers.

Cindy Shulak-Rome gave the board an update on things happening within the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF). All of our members have by now received information on this year's triple-match fund to benefit not only JRF and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, but our congregation as well. Cindy also told us the very exciting news that the Reconstructionist movement is starting its own youth movement and summer camp in the coming year.

The July meeting brought up a theme from a previous executive meeting about creating systems within the congregation to facilitate things that recur yearly. At this meeting, the board discussed regularizing a dues system for people joining the congregation at differing times throughout the year. We also discussed and heard updates on the High Holy Days. Lissy Medvedow and Cliff Cohen have joined John Holohan and his team of happy High Holy Days makers. Theresa St. John-Siegel, Abby Cohen, Elena Eisman, Jacqui Bloomberg, and Tessa Goldsmith are seeking a sixth person to help with children's programming for the High Holy Days.

The next board meeting is scheduled for **September 10**, and will focus on board training and orientation.

News from Our Education Director

I hope that you are all having a restful and healthy summer. The past month has been a great mix of studying, traveling, and relaxing for me. Now, the entire staff of the Dorshei Tzedek Religious School is gearing up for another fine year of learning. The teachers and I work individually and as a team to transmit Jewish knowledge that will help each student to increase their literacy and to grow Jewishly. Our goal as a staff is to accomplish this challenging task in a meaningful and fun way. We work to give the students experiences so that they can't imagine a life unconnected to Jewish living.

- Opening day of school for ***Kitah Gimel* (third grade)** through ***Kitah Vav* (sixth grade)** is on **Tuesday, September 12**. Classes for these grades take place from **3:45-5:45 pm**. The **Community-Time** program will be available from **3:15-3:45**. Students are free to arrive anytime during Community-Time to enjoy a few moments of playing, visiting, relaxing, and snacking along with their friends and *Morah Yehudit*.
- The opening day of school for ***Kitah Zayin* (7th grade)** is also on **Tuesday, September 12**. Class for ***Kitah Zayin*** is from **6:15-8:15 pm**.
- ***Kitah Aleph* (first grade)** and ***Kitah Bet* (second grade)** will start school on **Saturday, September 23 at 10 a.m.**
- The first ***Gan* (kindergarten) Family Program** will take place on **Sunday, September 24** from **2-4 pm**.

Along with our staff of teachers, we also have two innovative family educators. The Dorshei Tzedek family education program is a key part of our school-wide curriculum. It gives parents and children opportunities to learn together as a family and to spend positive Jewish time with other members of their child's class community. Throughout the year all students and their parent(s) will have the chance to participate in family education programs.

I look forward to seeing you in September!

B'Shalom,
Judith Wolfman,
Education Director



Adult Education at Dorshei Tzedek

Sunday Morning Jewish Scholars Series: Jewish Perspectives on Medical Ethics

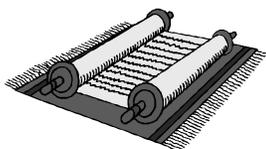
with Rabbi Susan Harris

Sunday, September 17, 10 am - noon

Walker Center, Auburndale, corner of Grove and Hancock Streets, 1/2 mile north of the Riverside MBTA

Join us for an exciting presentation and discussion of critical issues in contemporary medical ethics as viewed through the lens of Jewish texts and traditions. (free for Dorshei Tzedek Members; \$10 for non-members)

Save the dates! Two more speakers will be featured in this series, on **Sunday, November 5** and **Sunday, December 3** —details to follow in upcoming newsletters.



Shabbat Morning Study

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday mornings, 8:45-9:40 am

Fall dates: September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9

This year we will explore the weekly Torah portion, *parashat hashavua*, with the help of the great Israeli scholar Nehama Leibowitz. We will do close reading of selected verses through the lens of the rabbinic texts and incisive questions provided by Leibowitz in her study guides to each book of the Torah. All texts will be provided in English translation; no previous experience in text study necessary. Bring your own coffee and join us for this early morning prelude to the Shabbat service! (no fee)

Study That Leads to Action: Jewish Perspectives on Tikkun Olam

6 Tuesday evenings, 7:45-9:15 pm, October 17 and 24, November 7, 14, 21, and 28

Exciting new class! Combining Jewish text study with discussion of contemporary issues of socio-economic and environmental justice, this class will be taught jointly by Rabbi Spitzer and Dorshei Tzedek congregants active in various types of work for *tikkun olam*, "repair of the world." What does it mean to work for justice from a Jewish perspective? What can our tradition offer us as we wrestle with profound issues like economic inequality and environmental degradation? Where might study lead us as we contemplate our commitment to action as a congregation? Join us as we attempt to answer these questions and more!! (Free for Dorshei Tzedek members; \$25 for non-members)



Visit the Yiddish Book Center

October 15, 8:30 am departure from First Unitarian parking lot. Pre-registration required.



Dorshei Tzedek will be making its second pilgrimage 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 collection of Yiddish books.

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 quiescent hills of the Pioneer valley. Currently it hosts a large salad bar, deli, delicious baked goods, and features a plethora of incredibly innovative apple-centric goodies. Add the hues of the autumnal peak, and this trip is not to be missed! But sign up fast. We only have space for 25 people. To sign up please contact: Deborah Feldheim at 508-651-1447 or deb@gigahurts.com.

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



Contributions



We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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Elizabeth Ross and Caren Smith

In appreciation to the Dorshei Tzedek Community for Caren's warm welcome to the minyan 6/10/2000

Carolyn Fine and Jerry Friedman

In honor of Linette Liebling and Cheryl Sacks for their outstanding leadership over the last year

Harriet and Len Kronman

We wish you growing success

Amy Bermar

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In honor of the family of Ellen Hemley, Mark Bronstein, Rachel, and Adina

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In honor of Arielle's third Birthday

Lissy Medvedow

In honor of Chayim Herzig-Marx

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In appreciation to Rabbi Spitzer for inspiration, teaching, and support

Religious School Fund

The Rome Family

In honor of Elaine Pollack's and Miranda Phillips' graduation from Hebrew College

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!

Mazel Tov and Nesiyah Tovah

Mazel tov to Steve and Susannah Zisk on the birth of their daughter, Leila Miriam!

Mazel tov to Erica Streit and James Kaplan on their marriage!

Nesiyah Tovah (a good journey) to Bill Shorr and Tania Mireles, who are spending the first half of the year in Mexico, and to Alex Sugerman-Brozan, who is heading off for a three-month internship at the Israel Religious Action Center in Jerusalem (and to Jodi, who is joining him for part of that time).

Todah Rabah

The Newsletter Committee would like to acknowledge and thank **Carolyn Fine** and **Naomi Lev**.

Carolyn Fine edited, designed, and produced the newsletter for several years all by herself! Her extensive contribution created the foundation of the newsletter we have today. At the end of last year she retired from the committee and we will miss her!

Naomi Lev and family fold, stamp, and mail our newsletter every issue, and have done this for several years. It is an important task towards getting this newsletter to you, and we are grateful to Naomi for donating her time for all of us.



Labor on the Bimah

In honor of Labor Day, the Jewish Fund for Justice and the Interfaith Committee for Worker

Justice have produced a wonderful booklet called "Labor on the Bimah," with articles and texts offering Jewish perspectives on workers' rights and labor issues (including an article by our own Rabbi Spitzer!). Copies of the booklet are available at the Dorshei Tzedek office and will be out on the literature table at Shabbat services. Many of the articles will also appear on the Web at www.socialaction.com, a great Jewish site devoted to issues of social justice. Happy Labor Day!

Book Discussion



Come to the third meeting of the Dorshei Tzedek Book Discussion Group! Our next gathering will be on Thursday, October 26 from 7-9 pm at the home of Susannah Zisk, 4 Rose Drive, Newton. We will be discussing *Reading Ruth: Contemporary Women Reclaim a Sacred Story*, edited by Judith Kates and Gail Twersky Reimer and published by Ballantine Books. The book starts off with a nine-page translation of the Book of Ruth, and then presents a collection of related writings by contemporary Jewish women novelists, poets, rabbis, psychologists and scholars addressing topics like friendship, loving-kindness, loss, and traveling on new paths. There are many selections to choose from, so we expect you will pick those that interest you most. It is not necessary to read the entire book.

The book discussion group is open to all, whether you can come for the October meeting only or you would like to be involved in further meetings. We welcome input about possible future books to read. If you are interested in the idea of a book group but can't come to the October meeting, let us know—our next meeting is likely to be in November or December. For more information, contact Carole Slipowitz (617-964-6572, cwithany@aol.com) or Susannah Zisk (617-332-0977, szisk@concentric.net)

Help Wanted

Opportunities are available for folks who would like to get more involved with Congregation Dorshei Tzedek. We have many committee and non-committee tasks available. The standing committees of Dorshei Tzedek are Programming, Membership In-Reach, Membership Outreach, Ritual, Rabbinic Liaison, Education, Fundraising, Social Action, Adult Education, Publicity, Mitzvah, House & Operations, Children's Programming, Newsletter, and Website. The Programming and Children's Programming committees often need people to help with just one holiday. We could use a web-savvy person to help with the website, and someone to write and mail acknowledgments for contributions made to our congregation. The Membership In-Reach Committee, which is entirely brand new, with a clean slate, needs help too.

Most members who become involved in planning events or serving on committees find we enjoy Dorshei Tzedek in ways we had not previously experienced. There is a feeling of belonging, commitment, and pride in being a part of this wonderful community. If you haven't been on a committee or helped plan a holiday, please consider doing so. If you have been involved in the past, perhaps a new or different committee may strike your fancy—or come on back to the one you were on before. For old and new members alike, here's an opportunity to do something completely new, and learn some new ropes—so don't feel that you have to bring an existing set of skills in any one area.

Please join us in helping our congregation run smoothly. Contact Judy or Chayim Herzig-Marx at 617-964-2791 or Nancy Gertz at 617-969-5456 for more information, or just to chat about where you might fit in. Call Clifford Goldsmith 617-965-7323 about ideas and opportunities related to holiday programming.





Membership

Welcome to These New Members!

Sally Kolodkin grew up in the Berkshires and has lived in Brighton since the summer of '94. She works as a research administrator at Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, helping scientists with grant applications and financial management of their labs. When not doing spreadsheets, she plays violin in amateur chamber music groups. Although trained in classical violin, she has been known to attempt some fiddle tunes and is interested in trying klezmer music as well.

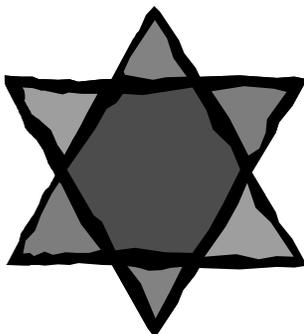
Judith Wine and Aileen Cronin are the proud parents of Abram who is now eight months old. They are adjusting to parenthood and loving every minute with their beautiful energetic son. Judith is an elementary physical education teacher and Aileen works for a nonprofit organization that focuses on conflict management. They enjoy hiking, movies, museums, gardening, and the outdoors. Currently, Abram is most fond of the JCC pool where he loves to kick and splash!

Prospective Members' Open House

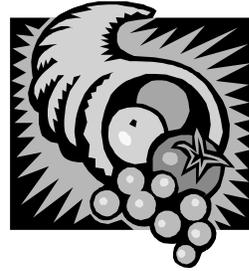
Do you have friends who are interested in becoming members and want to learn more about the congregation? They can get a great introduction to Dorshei Tzedek by coming to an open house. We have three planned for the fall: **Friday, September 15, Wednesday, October 18, and Sunday, October 29.** Call 617-965-0330 x1 for more information.

New Member Orientations

All new members are asked to attend an orientation session. We will have several orientation meetings during the winter. Watch the next newsletter for dates and times.



Jewish Community News



Reaping and Renewal: Harvest Celebration for the New Year

**Sunday, September 24,
1:30 - 4 pm**

*Waltham Fields Community Farm
(at the U. Mass Extension Building),
240 Beaver Street (off Route 60), Waltham, MA.*

With Rosh Hashanah, the birthday of the world, only a week away, celebrate by getting in touch with the fruits of the earth and doing a mitzvah at the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) Harvest Celebration. Join your COEJL friends at Waltham Fields Community Farm, an organic farm that raises food for area soup kitchens and food pantries. Join us for harvesting vegetables, storytelling, music, programs for youth, and kosher snacks. Children of all ages are welcome! Rain or shine (a tent will be on site in case of rain).

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 20 to 617-457-8670 or coejl@jcrcboston.org.



From the JRF

New edition of essential
Reconstructionist reading

Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach, the superb primer on Reconstructionism, will be available in its revised and expanded second edition by Rosh Hashanah. Rabbis Rebecca T. Alpert and Jacob J. Staub survey the movement from Kaplan's beliefs through contemporary innovations. The text explores Reconstructionist views on God, ethics, Zionism, spirituality, text study, Tikkun Olam, life cycle ritual, intermarriage, gay and lesbian issues and more. The new 177-page edition will be available in soft-cover with a cover price of \$14.95 (\$11.96 for JRF members). Orders can be placed through the JRF Press toll-free number: 877-JRF PUBS (877-573-7827). This is just one of several new and forthcoming items featured in the new Reconstructionist Press brochure. Call or e-mail press@jrf.org to request a copy.



September Calendar



We've Revised the Way We Do Setup and Cleanup Assignments

This year we are doing the Setup and Cleanup assignments by individual, instead of by household as was done in the past. By making this change, we hope to ensure we have an adequate number of helpers at each event and that no one is overworked.

Please remember that you are responsible for **both** setup **and** cleanup for the event listed. If you cannot fulfill your assignment, you are responsible for finding your replacement **and** for informing me, Ilana Mainelli, (by phone or email) of the change. This is equally true whether you switch with someone within your household, or with someone in another household.

You can find detailed Setup and Cleanup instructions for Erev Shabbat Services and for Shabbat Morning Services in your *Members' Handbook*. A copy will also be posted in the Unitarian Society upstairs kitchen. If you are assigned for a non-Shabbat service or event, someone from the committee organizing that event will contact you with detailed instructions. I will contact you (by phone and/or email) to confirm your assignment during the week prior to the date for which you are listed. Thanks for your help in making this new system work. —Ilana Mainelli, 617-923-0789, imainelli@mediaone.net

Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Sep 2 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service*	Karen Arnold, Barbara Ayres, Jayne Bailin
Sep 8 Fri	6 pm – 7 pm	Erev Family Shabbat Service	Amy Bermar, Louise Enoch
Sep 9 Sat	8:45 am	Adult Ed Shabbat Morning Study	(see page 5)
Sep 9 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Geri Blitzman, Jacqui Bloomberg, Janet Boguslaw
Sep 10 Sun	6 pm	Board Orientation	
Sep 12 Tue	3:45 pm – 5:45 pm	<i>Religious School begins: Grades 3-6</i>	
Sep 12 Tue	6:15 pm – 8:15 pm	<i>Religious School begins: Grade 7</i>	
Sep 12 Tue	8 pm	Men's Group Meeting	
Sep 14 Thu	7:30 - 9 pm	Kitah Zayin Back to School Night	
Sep 15 Fri	7:45 pm	Erev Shabbat Service & Open House	Lynne Brandon, Elise Brenner, Elaine Bresnick
Sep 16 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Marty Bresnick, Mark Bronstein, Beth Brooks
Sep 17 Sun	10 am – 12 pm	Jewish Scholar Series: Jewish Perspectives on Medical Ethics	(see page 5)
Sep 22 Fri	6 pm – 8 pm	Kitah Alef Shabbat Seder	
Sep 23 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Service	Matilda Bruckner, Abby Cohen, Cliff Cohen
Sep 23 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	<i>Alef-Bet Classes begin</i>	
Sep 23 Sat	7:45 pm Meditation 8:30 pm Service	Selichot (see page 3)	Michael Cohen, Aileen Cronin
Sep 24 Sun	2 pm – 4 pm	Gan Program	
Sep 24 Sun	7:30 pm – 9 pm	Grades 3-6 Back to School Night	
Sep 29 Fri	7:45 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah	(see page 3)
Sep 30 Sat	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Services	(see page 3)

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October Calendar



The next Dorshei Tzedek newsletter will be published in October, with more detail on these events.

Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Oct 1 Sun	10 am	Rosh Hashanah Services	(see page 3)
Oct 1 Sun	4:30 pm	Tashlikh	(see page 3)
Oct 7 Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Shuvah Service	Andrea Diamond, Jeffrey Arnold
Oct 8 Sun	10 am	Sukkah Building	
Oct 8 Sun	6:15 pm	Kol Nidre	(see page 3)
Oct 9 Mon	9:30 am	Yom Kippur Services	(see page 3)
Oct 13 Fri	6:15 pm 7:15 pm	Erev Sukkot: Decorating and Dinner Service	Alex Donnini, Elena Eisman, Debbie Blicher
Oct 14 Sat	8:45 am	Adult Ed Shabbat Morning Study	
Oct 14 Sat	9:45 am	Sukkot Service	Amy Entwistle, Ira Fader, Mark Farber
Oct 14 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Alef and Bet Classes	
Oct 15 Sun	8:30 am	Yiddish Book Center Visit	
Oct 17 Tue	7:45 pm	Adult Ed: Social Justice (1)	(see page 5)
Oct 18 Wed	7:30 pm	Open House for Prospective Members	(see page 8)
Oct 21 Sat	9:45 am	Shemini Atzeret Service	Edward Bruckner, Deborah Feldheim, Alan Epstein
Oct 21 Sat	7 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration	Carolyn Fine Friedman, Jerry Friedman, Elaine Landes, David Felson, Roberta Fortgang, Jeffrey Fortgang
Oct 22 Sun	2 pm – 4 pm	Gan Program	
Oct 22 Sun	2 pm – 4 pm	Kitah Vav Family Ed	
Oct 24 Tue	7:45 pm	Adult Ed: Social Justice (2)	(see page 5)
Oct 27 Fri	6 pm – 8 pm	Kitah Bet Shabbat Seder	
Oct 28 Sat	9:45 am	Rachel Hemley Bronstein Bat Mitzvah	
Oct 28 Sat	10 am – 12 pm	Alef and Bet Classes	
Oct 29 Sun	2 pm – 4 pm	Kitah Gimel & Kitah Zayin Family Ed	
Oct 29 Sun	7:30 pm	Open House for Prospective Members	
Oct 30 Mon	7:30 pm – 9 pm	Kitah Alef-Bet Back to School Night	

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 Child Care

Free child care is available during Shabbat morning services in the large classroom near the office on the first floor.

High Holy Days 5761/2000: Leave The Corners of Our Fields for the Poor and the Stranger

This is the fast I have chosen ...to share your bread with the hungry...

[Isaiah 58]

Despite an era of unprecedented abundance, millions of American children go to school hungry, unable to concentrate and learn. Millions of elderly people live with hunger each day, uncertain of where their next meal is coming from. And millions of all ages in between struggle under the crushing weight of hunger and poverty.

For the last three years, thousands of modern-day Jews have given life to our Jewish tradition of *tzedakah* and *tikkun olam* by supporting "**The Corners Of Our Field,**" a High Holy Days appeal that seeks funds for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and food for local charities. Over the last three years, the appeal has raised **more than \$2.4 million and over four million pounds of food.**

Again this year, MAZON has united with the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements in "**The Corners Of Our Field.**" And again this year, we ask you to join in this extraordinary act of Jewish pluralism.

As you look inward during these High Holy Days, MAZON asks that you reach outward to those in need. Please give to MAZON what you would have spent to feed yourself and your family on Yom Kippur. Funds raised will support our grantmaking to programs providing food, help and hope to hungry people in our own country, in Israel and around the world. And please help feed your hungry neighbors by contributing to your congregation's food drive.

Together, we can add meaning to our fast. And, together, we can ease the pain of hunger for millions in our country and our world.

Yes, I/we will leave "the corners of our fields" for the poor and the stranger during the High Holy Days by giving money to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and by bringing food to our congregation.

Enclosed is a check payable to MAZON for \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Mail to: MAZON, 12401 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA 90025-1015

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