

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## Journey Into the New Year

Rabbi Toba Spitzer

I often think that to be a Jew is to be on a journey. Central to our tradition is the journey that is recounted in the Torah, in the first five books of the Bible—the journey of our ancestors into the land of Israel and then from slavery in Egypt towards the promised land—that we read and re-encounter every Shabbat. There is also a journey through time, through the Jewish calendar, that we take each year. There are two “beginnings” to this journey. One, in the spring, commences with Passover and the liberation from slavery; the other beginning is at the new year, Rosh Hashanah, which we celebrate this year on September 18 and 19.

The spring journey is communal in nature, a re-experiencing of our ancestors’ march from Egypt to Mount Sinai, from slavery to redemption. In the fall we experience a more personal journey of teshuvah, turning, beginning in the month of Elul and continuing through the Ten Days of Repentance/Aseret Yamei Teshuvah (from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur) and on into the Sukkot and Simchat Torah. On this journey we move from reflection and repentance through the experience of forgiveness and renewal, culminating in the celebration that is the hallmark of Sukkot, which is called “z’man simchateynu,” the season of our joy.

As each of us prepares for the upcoming time of new beginnings, of taking stock of our own personal journeys, I wanted to share with you a few books I’ve read in recent months that beautifully recount their authors’ personal journeys into religious traditions different than that with which they were raised. Each of these writers follows a different spiritual path, but all share eloquently their own grappling with life’s difficulties and marvels, and the teachings they have received from their chosen religious traditions. The lessons they teach about life and about spiritual practice are very appropriate for this time of reflection and renewal.

*In Long Quiet Highway: Waking Up in America*, writer Natalie Goldberg shares her journey into Buddhist practice and the life lessons she learns from her Zen teacher, from her students in writing workshops, and from her own struggles to take on a serious meditation practice and to deal with life’s ups and downs. Goldberg’s insights are beautiful and true, and she writes about Buddhist teachings in a clear and accessible way, integrated into the story of her own life and that of the people around her.

I am currently enjoying Anne Lamott’s *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith*. Lamott is a funny and incisive writer, and this book chronicles with breathtaking honesty her own struggles with alcoholism and failed relationships, her encounters with death and illness, and her decision—much to her own surprise—to become a practicing Christian. *Traveling Mercies* contains some wonderful teachings about dealing with life’s challenges and appreciating the small miracles that are often available to us. Lamott writes about God and spiritually in a way that is accessible to anyone.

Finally, one of the most beautiful accounts of a Jewish journey that I have read is Julius Lester’s *Lovesong: Becoming a Jew*. The son of an African American minister raised in the South, Lester was a civil rights activist and Afro-Am professor who took a slow and fascinating journey to becoming an observant Jew.

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## Notes from Our Board

*By Elizabeth Ross*

The board last met on the evening of July 18, 2001 at the home of Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx.

First-time board members attending the meeting, Dan Halbert (Newsletter) and Judy Hersh (Membership), were warmly welcomed. Members returning to the board after a hiatus, Elaine Pollack (Ritual), Debbie Waber (Space), and Ellen Pashall (Operations) were warmly welcomed back.

**Administrative Assistant Hire/Training:** Our new administrative assistant, Sara Terenzi, is a part-time student at UMass/Boston, and has office experience, computer skills, and web skills. She started with us July 23 and work long days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and short days on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you see her in the office, drop in and say hello. You can reach Sara at 617-965-0330 x3 or [dtzedek@gis.net](mailto:dtzedek@gis.net).

### Committee Updates

**Newsletter:** Last year, the Board decided that a monthly rather than a bi-monthly newsletter would better serve CDT. The rationale for this—mainly to improve timeliness of communication within the community—was reviewed. Dan Halbert reported that he has reviewed costs of addressing and mailing the newsletter, and that it would be inexpensive to have the printer pick up this function—it was decided to proceed with this. The newsletter committee could use a few additional members to help support the new production schedule. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the newsletter committee at [dtnews@yahoo.com](mailto:dtnews@yahoo.com).

**Membership Committee:** Judy Hersh reviewed plans for the coming year, which include gift baskets and official welcome for new members, six members' potlucks (which Amy Gordon will coordinate), community-building events, and a June retreat. Based on feedback from last year, this year there will be three Havdallah potlucks and three Erev Shabbat potlucks. The committee is also planning to experiment with doing intake interviews in person rather than over the phone and with having a greeter at Shabbat services. If you are interested in working on the membership committee, please contact Judy Hersh.

**Space Committee:** Debbie Waber reviewed the space committee's work on the congregation's medium and long-term needs. In the medium-term, our current lease with the FUSN expires in one year. The FUSN has been our

home for almost the entire time we've existed as a congregation, and we love the beautiful space we rent here and enjoy our relationship with the FUSN community. However, given our current size, increasing numbers of programs and growth trajectory, we may need to explore options for rental space in addition to FUSN for next year. The committee is actively investigating opportunities as they come to their attention. In the interest of long-range planning, the committee is gathering information and strengthening their "real estate" skill set by looking at properties on par with what we might require at some future date. If you have any space "leads" or would like to join the committee's work, please contact Debbie Waber.

In parallel with the committee's work, in the coming year the Board and Executive Committee will expand efforts to engage the community in discussions about space—where we want to be, what type of space we'd ideally like to inhabit, and how space considerations fit in with the rest of our priorities as a congregation. If you are interested in being involved with this latter effort, please contact Chayim or Judy Herzig-Marx.

### At-Large Board Position

An opening exists on the Board of Directors for an at-large member. In designating an at-large position, the Board wishes to encourage a newer member of the congregation to join the Board as a significant step towards taking a future leadership position. While the at-large position does not carry an explicit portfolio, opportunities usually arise during the year to take responsibility for an ad hoc program or task force. If you are interested in this role, or if you'd like to nominate someone else, please contact Judy or Chayim Herzig-Marx, 617-964-2791 or [herzig-marx@mediaone.net](mailto:herzig-marx@mediaone.net). Nominations close **October 1**.

### Farewell Gianna!

We sadly say goodbye to Gianna Bird, our beloved administrator for the past 3 years. Her wonderful jewelry business doesn't allow her to work the expanded hours we now need. Dorshei Tzedek cannot thank her enough for helping us establish our office and keeping our operations running smoothly. We'll miss you, Gianna!!

# High Holy Days at Dorshei Tzedek

## Selichot Study and Service

at Temple Hillel Bnai Torah, 120 Corey Street, West Roxbury  
(between the VFW Parkway and Centre Street)

**Saturday, September 8.** This service is a preparation for the journey of *teshuvah*, "turning" and renewal, that we experience from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, which we are observing this year with Temple Bnai Torah in West Roxbury. The Selichot program will begin with Havdallah and a potluck dessert at **8:30 pm** (please bring fruit or veggies to nosh, or baked goods with a *hechsher*), followed by study at **9 pm** led by Rabbi Barbara Penzner, and a Selichot ritual at **9:45 pm** led by Rabbi Toba Spitzer.

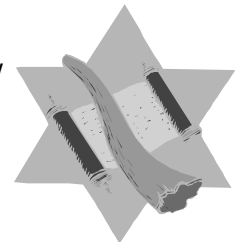
## Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

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

The Jewish New Year begins this year on **Monday evening, September 17**. 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 **Tuesday, September 18**, and **Wednesday, September 19**. On Tuesday afternoon we will do *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 **Wednesday, September 26**, and we continue with a full day of services on **Thursday, September 27**, 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 1**, so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



## Name Tags Instead of Tickets

For this year's high holy days we will experiment with eliminating paper tickets for both members and non-members. Instead, we will provide name tags for all member adults and children who let us know they are coming to High Holy Day Services and for all non-members who purchase tickets. We hope that using name tags will eliminate our need to ask most people whether they have ordered tickets and at the same time allow us to get to know each others' names more easily. Please leave your name tags on the designated table at the end of each service.

If the system works out well, we may try to use the name tags for events and services where we expect a large number of people.

*(Journey into the New Year, continued from page 1)*

He is a beautiful writer and his account of his life-long attraction to and complicated relationship to Judaism is incredibly moving. I think it is particularly powerful for those of us born into the Jewish tradition to see that same tradition from the perspective of someone initially on the outside who falls in love with our religion and culture.

I look forward to seeing our community gathered together to begin this journey into the New Year, and I wish all of you a year filled with joy and love, with good health and many blessings.

*L'shanah tovah tikkateyvu*, may you be inscribed for a good and sweet year!

—Rabbi Toba Spitzer

*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.*

## 2002 Members' Retreat

### **Mark your calendars!**

**Friday evening, June 14 through Sunday, June 16, 2002**

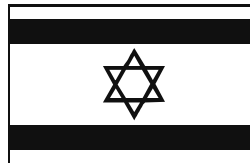
2002 is a retreat year (held bi-annually) and it is the highlight in the Dorshei Tzedek calendar for many of us! This members-only retreat is held at Camp Isabella Freedman in the southern Berkshires. It is all about having time to really connect with each other, worshipping together in a serene and inspiring space, experiencing nature, being physically active and having fun. We create the feel of a small, safe village with a sense of belonging for everyone. In 2002, we plan to repeat all of our successful activities including Rabbi Toba's wonderful services, fishing, hiking, nature study, the campfire, plenty of swimming time, Israeli dancing, softball, capture the flag, crafts, group games and of course the children's table at mealtimes (which means adult schmoozing!). It's an extremely special event and helping organize this weekend is an opportunity to really make connections as well as contribute to the Dorshei Tzedek community in a very significant way.



## Help Wanted!

**Sign up to help with Programming—  
what a way to contribute to our community!**

It's not too late to sign up to help with one of Dorshei Tzedek's programs. We need your help with Chanukah, Tu Bishvat, Purim and the retreat. Helping with these programs is a wonderful, time-limited way to give back to the community as well as a great way to get to know other members. Mail in your blue Dorshei Tzedek 2001/2002 Holiday and Retreat Programming Signup Form that you should have received in the mail a few months ago. Please call the Dorshei Tzedek office at 617-965-0330 if you need a new sign-up form.



## JRF Mission to Israel

JRF is planning a Reconstructionist mission to Israel in support of and in solidarity with the peace camp and other progressive forces in Israel. A Reconstructionist mission would provide a unique opportunity to show support for Israel while demonstrating a commitment to a progressive Judaism.

Participants will meet with key members of the opposition within the Knesset, as well as with leaders of Peace Now, Women in Black, *Oz ve'Shalom*, and other peace groups. We will meet with organizations supported by the New Israel Fund that address social, civil rights and gender issues in Israel. In addition, we will arrange sessions with liberal religious groups, organizations like Rabbis for Human Rights and B'Tzelem, and Palestinian and Israeli Arab advocacy organizations. The dates for the JRF mission to Israel are **October 22-28, 2001**. The cost is approximately \$1600. If you are interested in going on the trip, contact the JRF office directly for registration materials at [Israelmission@JRF.org](mailto:Israelmission@JRF.org) or 215-782-8500.

The Holidays don't end with Yom Kippur!

## Sukkot Programs

The holiday of Sukkot is known as *z'man simchateynu*, the "time of our joy." Come be joyful with us as we celebrate this week-long festival! Childcare is available for all morning services.

### Sukkah Building, Sunday morning, September 30, 10 am – 12 pm

Help us build the Dorshei Tzedek sukkah! We need a few good adults (and older kids) to help put up the frame and cover the top with *s'chach* (greenery). If you are interested in helping out, please call Sally Kolodkin at 617-783-3340.



Celebrate the first day of Sukkot, **Tuesday morning, October 2** with a morning service and Torah reading 9-10:30 am. Bring your lulav and etrog, and shake it!



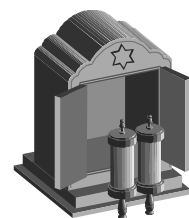
Later the same day, we'll have a potluck dinner and Sukkah decorating at **5:45 pm** and an evening service that's appropriate for kids as well as adults at **7 pm**. If you are coming for dinner, please bring enough for 10-12 people. If your last name begins with A-J, bring a vegetarian/fish main course; K-P, bring a salad or fruit salad; R-Z, bring dessert. Drinks will be provided.

On Shabbat Sukkot, **Saturday, October 6**, begin the morning at **8:45 am** with Torah study on a Sukkot theme, led by Rabbi Toba Spitzer, and then join us for a Shabbat morning service with special prayers for Sukkot, and a Kiddush in our Sukkah. Morning services begin at **9:45 am** (and bring your lulav and etrog!)

What's Sukkot without a lulav and etrog? See the coupon on page 11 to order your own lulav and etrog!

## Simchat Torah

Join us **Monday, October 8, 6:30-8:30 pm** for a fun evening of music, creativity, and dancing with the Torah! All ages welcome (and *schnapps* encouraged). This is the holiday of rejoicing with the Torah, when we finish reading the very end of the book of *Devarim* (Deuteronomy) and roll it all the way back to the beginning of *Bereshit* (Genesis). All ages welcome!



*These events are at the Unitarian Society in West Newton Square, 1326 Washington Street.*

## Shabbat Retreat

Sylvia Boorstein, a noted teacher of mindfulness meditation (and highly recommended by Rabbi Toba!), will be leading a contemplative Shabbat retreat on **October 19-21** at the Elat Chayyim retreat center in New York (about a 4-hour drive from Boston). If ten Dorshei Tzedek members attend, they will receive a 10% discount on the cost of the retreat. Let Rabbi Spitzer know if you are interested in the retreat, and she will put interested members in touch with one another. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Elat Chayyim at [info@elatchayyim.org](mailto:info@elatchayyim.org), or call 800-398-2630 x26 (remember to mention that you are with Dorshei Tzedek).

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## Debbie Friedman "Celebration of Life" Concert

The internationally acclaimed Jewish singer and songwriter, Debbie Friedman, will give a benefit performance in Newton which will support educational efforts to increase awareness and understanding of the threat of AIDS in the Jewish community.



Debbie Friedman: Celebration of Life Concert will be held **October 14, 3 pm**, at **Temple Beth Avodah** in Newton. The Peter Daniel Clark Foundation, sponsor of the event, was established in memory of Peter who died from complications from AIDS in 1992 at the age of 34. Peter dedicated the last 5 years of his life to sensitizing and educating the Greater Boston Jewish community about the impact of AIDS on Jewish families. All profits from this concert will be used for the foundation's AIDS education programs.

Singer Debbie Friedman has delighted and inspired people throughout the world since 1972. Her work has been performed at the Israel Song Festival and is sung in our congregation as well as in many synagogues, churches, schools, camps and community centers throughout North America and Europe.

Tickets are \$18 for children/students and \$36 for adults. Call 617-969-7743 x199 or 617-527-0045 x199 for information.

## Membership

### Join us in welcoming our new members!

**Ruth Paris** and **Rob Saper** returned last year to the Boston area after 12 years in San Francisco and Berkeley. They have three girls, **Shoshi** (10 years old), **Maya** (7) and **Dalia** (2). In California they were members of an egalitarian Conservative congregation. They are excited to be part of a Reconstructionist congregation because of the philosophy of Jewish life and focus on community and tikkun olam. Ruth's first contact with Reconstructionism was at overnight camp as a teenager, where Mordechai Kaplan was the scholar in residence.

Their move to Boston was precipitated by Ruth's acceptance of a position on the faculty of the BU School of Social Work. Rob is a family physician who practices at the Marino Center for Progressive Health in Cambridge. This year, he is a fellow at BI Deaconess studying complementary and alternative medicine. When they are not busy at work or school, Ruth, Rob and the girls love to swim, ride bikes, dance, read stories, go to the beach, play soccer, have Shabbat dinner with friends, go apple picking, play music, do art, go cross-country skiing and watch movies. They look forward to getting to know the Dorshei Tzedek community.

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## Prospective Members' Open House

Our open houses for prospective members are a great way for potential members to learn about the congregation, meet current members and have questions answered. The next open house is **Erev Shabbat, September 7, at 7:30 pm** at the Unitarian Society. For more information, call 617-965-0330 x1.

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## Get us your Membership Forms!

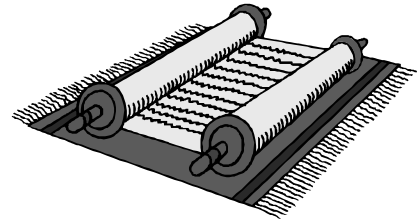
Please return your fully completed membership forms no later than September 1. Thank you!

# Adult Education

## Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday mornings, 8:45-9:40 am  
at the Unitarian Society, West Newton

Fall Dates: October 6, November 10, December 8



In our Shabbat morning study this year, we will explore the weekly Torah portion with the help of a variety of commentators, ancient and modern, including rabbinic midrash, the medieval commentator Rashi, Hassidic interpretations, and modern feminist insights. All texts will be provided in English translation, and no previous experience with text study is necessary! A pre-reading of the week's Torah portion is helpful but not required. Bring your own coffee/tea and join us for this early morning prelude to the Shabbat service! (no fee)



## Drashing and Noshing: Creative Approaches to Jonah

Sunday, September 23, 10 am - 12:30 pm

at the home of Matilda and Ed Bruckner, 516 Ward Street, Newton Centre

The story of Jonah, which we read during Yom Kippur afternoon, is one of the strangest and funniest books of the Bible. Join us for a creative workshop where we'll explore this story and write creative *drashim* on Jonah's adventure and its connection to the Yom Kippur themes of forgiveness and redemption. No writing experience or talent required! A bagel brunch will be served. This workshop will be gently guided by Matilda Bruckner and Kelli Kirshtein. It's a great way to reflect during the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please read the story before attending the workshop (the Book of Jonah is included in any Bible or *Tanakh*, or in any collection of the Five *Megillot* (scrolls). Please let Matilda (617-244-3345) or Kelli (617-924-4515) know if you are coming.

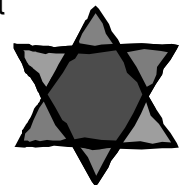
## Exploring Judaism: An Introduction to Jewish Text, Tradition, and Practice

with Rabbi Karen Landy

22 class sessions, beginning *mid-October*

### Exciting New Introduction to Judaism Class!

With support from the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Dorshei Tzedek is sponsoring a new, Reconstructionist Intro to Judaism class this year, beginning after the fall holidays. The class will be taught by Rabbi Karen Landy, a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Spiritual Consultant at Jewish Family and Children's Service (and a classmate of Rabbi Spitzer!). This course is intended for anyone who feels the need to learn some of the basics about Jewish tradition, history, and practice, and it can also serve as a first step on a path to conversion or adult bar/bat mitzvah. The class sessions will cover Jewish prayer and theology, history, ritual and holiday celebration in a setting that encourages questions, conversation, and personal reflection. For more information on location, fees, and registration, please call the administrator at the Dorshei Tzedek office, 617-965-0330 x3 after September 1.



## Contributions

*We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:*

**Janet and Mark Fagan**

*In memory of Amy Mazur's father*

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### General Fund

**Chayim and Judy Herzig-Marx**

**Gail Leicher and Brian O'Connell**

*In honor of our son, Alex's bar mitzvah*

**Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome**

*In honor of Judith Wolfman—Your smile and playful sense of humor were a great addition to the many professional skills you brought to our school as Education Director  
Todah Rabah!*

*In honor of Ben Weiner—We are grateful for the skills and lovely energy you brought to our home as you worked with Ben in preparation for his bar mitzvah.*

*In honor of Chayim and Judy Herzig-Marx on completion of their first year of wonderful leadership as Co-Presidents*

*In honor of Nancy Gertz—With our best wishes for r'fuah sh'lemah—a complete healing.*

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### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Sid Shapiro**

**Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome**

*With appreciation and gratitude to Rabbi Spitzer for helping Ben prepare for his bar mitzvah*

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### Holy Book Fund

**Gail Leicher and Brian O'Connell**

*In honor of Miranda Phillips and the joy she brings to teaching!*

**Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome**

*In honor of the b'nai mitzvah of:*

Amy Goldsmith	Hannah Epstein
Zachary Rubin-Rattet	Lauren Sacks
Rose Friedman	Aaron Littman
Olivia Medvedow	Rebecca Holohan
Rebecca Fortgang	Zachariah Demuth
Ben Rome	Stella Rose Isaacs

## Erev Shabbat Family Services



On the first (or so) **Friday** of most months, we welcome Shabbat with a musical, all-ages Erev Shabbat family service, from **6-7 pm** at the Unitarian Society. Mark your calendars: the dates for the year 5762 are **November 2, December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 10, and June 7.**



*The Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston invites you to **save the date** for*

## The 2001 JCRC Tzedek Institute for Synagogues

**Building Skills for Effective Social Justice Leadership**

**Sunday, October 21, 1:30-6 pm**

*Brandeis University*

Join the JCRC for an exciting afternoon of inspiring speakers and interactive workshops designed for lay and professional synagogue leaders who share an interest in learning best practices and refining skills used in successful synagogue-based social justice work.

For more information, call the JCRC at 617-457-8645.

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## Mazel Tov

...to Kelli Kirshtein and Wendy Angus on the arrival of Benjamin! Please join us as we welcome Benjamin to our community and give him his Hebrew name at morning services on **October 6**, Shabbat Sukkot.



# September Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Sept 1, Sat	9:45 am	<b>Bat Mitzvah of Stella Rose Isaacs</b>	Sharon Gorberg, Elaine Bresnick
Sept 7, Fri	7:30 - 9:30 pm	<b>Prospective Members' Open House (Erev Shabbat)</b>	Cheryl Sacks, Dan Forman (see page 6)
Sept 8, Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service	Jayne Bailin, Debbie Blicher
Sept 8, Sat	8:30 - 10:30 pm	<b>Selichot Service</b> <i>at Temple Hillel Bnai Torah</i>	(see page 3)
Sept 11, Tue	3:45 - 5:45 pm	<b>First day of classes: Kitot Gimel, Dalet, Vav</b>	
Sept 11, Tue	6:15 - 8:15 pm	<b>First day of classes: Kitah Zayin</b>	
Sept 15, Sat*	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service	Mark Farber, Andrea Diamond
Sept 16, Sun	2 - 4 pm	Kitah Gimel Family Education	
Sept 17, Mon	7:45 - 9 pm	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah</b> (see page 3)	Alan Epstein, Barbara Zolit, Roberta Fortgang, Emily Saltz, Ira Fader, Leslie Ament-Ruder, Carolyn Fine-Friedman
Sept 18, Tue	9:30 am - 1 pm	<b>Rosh Hashanah—First Day</b> (no school) (see page 3)	Abby Cohen, Nancy Blumberg, Roberta Carson
Sept 19, Wed	10 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Rosh Hashanah—Second Day</b> (see page 3)	Clifford Goldsmith, Ricky Greenly, Jacqueline Fleischman, Janet Boguslaw, Stacey Chacker, Melanie Forman
Sept 21, Fri	6 - 8 pm	Kitot Alef and Bet Shabbat Seder	
Sept 22, Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Shuvah Morning Service	Sheree Galpert, Aileen Cronin
Sept 22, Sat	10 am - 12 pm	<b>First day of classes: Kitot Alef and Bet</b>	
Sept 23, Sun	10 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Drashing and Noshing: Book of Jonah</b> <i>at the home of Matilda and Ed Bruckner</i>	(see page 7)
Sept 26, Wed	6:30 - 8:30 pm	<b>Kol Nidre</b>	Michael Cohen, Elaine Landes, Naomi Lev (see page 3)
Sept 27, Thu	9:30 am - 7:15 pm	<b>Yom Kippur</b> (no school) (see page 3)	Matilda & Edward Bruckner, Paul Hattis, John Holohan, Stephen Ansolabehere, Jacqui Bloomberg, Peter Gittleman
Sept 29, Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service	Amy Entwistle, Andrew Littman
Sept 30, Sun	10 am - 12 pm	<b>Sukkah Building</b> (see page 5)	Lewis Fanwick, Allison & Ezra Hausman

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Events and services are held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted. High Holy Day services are at the Solomon Schechter Day School, Wells Avenue, Newton. An asterisk (\*) denotes Rabbi Spitzer's weekend off. Free child care is available during Shabbat morning services in the large classroom near the office on the first floor.



# October Calendar



*Please check the October newsletter when it arrives for changes and additions to this schedule.*

Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Oct 2, Tue	8 -10 am	<b>Sukkot Morning Service</b>	Elaine Pollack, Wendy Gedanken
Oct 2, Tue		<i>No school—Sukkot</i>	
Oct 2, Tue	5:45-7:30	<b>Sukkot Potluck dinner and service</b>	Steffi & Eric Karp, Elena Eisman, Ilene Spiro
Oct 6, Sat	8:45-9:45	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	<i>(see page 7)</i>
Oct 6, Sat	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service	Elaine Fanwick, Dan Halbert
Oct 8, Mon	6:30-8:30 pm	<b>Simchat Torah Celebration</b>	Roberta Fortgang, Beth Brooks, Amy Bermar, Jerry Friedman
Oct 9, Tues		<i>No school—Simchat Torah</i>	
Oct 13, Sat *	9:45 am - 1 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Paul Carson, Robin Einzig
Oct 13, Sat	10 am - 12	Kitot Alef and Bet Classes	
Oct 14, Sun	2 - 4 pm	Kitah Gan Family Program	
Oct 20, Sat	9:45 am - 1 pm	<b>Bat Mitzvah of Anna Bresnick</b>	Barbara Shatkin, Shelly Isaacs
Oct 20, Sat	10 am - 12 pm	Kitot Alef and Bet Classes	
Oct 21, Sun	2 - 4 pm	Kitah Zayin Family Education	
Oct 25, Thu	7 - 10 pm	Upper School Parent's Back-To-School Night	
Oct 26, Fri	6 - 8 pm	Kitah Gan Shabbat Seder	
Oct 27, Sat	9:45 am - 1 pm	<b>Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kahn-Leavitt</b>	Sherry Katz, Willa Kuh
Oct 28, Sun	7:30 - 9:30 pm	<b>Prospective Members' Open House</b>	David Felson, Judy Hersh
Oct 30, Tue	7 - 10 pm	Lower School Parent's Back-to-School Night	

## High Holy Days 5762/2001: Leave The Corners of Our Fields for the Poor and the Stranger

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*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 four years, thousands of modern-day Jews have given life to our Jewish tradition of tzedakah and tikkun olam by supporting "The Corners of Our Fields," a High Holy Days appeal that seeks funds for MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger and food for local charities. Over the last four years, the appeal has raised more than \$3.5 million and over five million pounds of food.

Again this year, MAZON has united with the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements in "The Corners of Our Fields." 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Celebrate Sukkot with your very own lulav and etrog ! Orders must be received by **Friday, September 22**. You can pick up your lulav and etrog at Sukkot services on Tuesday morning, October 2, or at the Sukkot dinner the same night.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ sets @ \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check made out to Dorshei Tzedek, and mail to the Dorshei Tzedek office at 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

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