

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## Presidents' Column

by Judy and Chaim Herzig-Marx

One insight of Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, whose thought and writing underlies the Reconstructionist movement, is that the individual and the community exist in a natural and beneficial tension, with each making demands upon the other. Many of our recent newsletter columns have concerned ways in which our community needs the contributions of our members in order to thrive. This month, we'd like to look at the other side of the coin and write about ways in which our community provides pathways for personal growth.

Because we're a religious community, the path that probably first comes to mind is a spiritual approach to growth. Those of you who have been members long enough to have participated in one of our major communal decision processes—writing by-laws, hiring a rabbi, Torah of money, or the recently started growth and space process—know that we strive to understand how Jewish values can be brought to bear on such decisions. Learning to apply Jewish values to a broader range of life issues is one way we can achieve spiritual growth. For those of us with children in our religious school, engaging in conversation with them about their lessons is another approach. For all of us, grappling with Torah study on Shabbat morning also works.

Our surprisingly large adult education program provides another avenue. Whether it's Tessa Goldsmith's class on learning to read Hebrew, Rabbi Toba's varied seminars, or Elaine Pollack's torah trope course, all these provide windows into our traditional texts and sources. They give us the tools to explore our heritage and to glean insights from our ancestors, or provide opportunities to apply Jewish values to pressing social problems of today. Of course, the broader Boston Jewish community has unparalleled opportunities for adult study, so we need not confine ourselves to what Dorshei Tzedek alone can offer.

We should also recognize taking a leadership role as an opportunity for personal growth. Yes, being a leader is

work, but it is also a skill that can be acquired, honed, and made more efficient and productive through practice. Exercising leadership within a religious community should also be a means for spiritual fulfillment. After all, if we do not apply Jewish values to self-governance, what distinguishes a synagogue from any other not-for-profit organization? For this reason, the Board and Executive Committee begin each meeting by reciting a blessing created specifically for this purpose: *Blessed are you our God, Ruler of the world, who makes us holy through your mitzvot and commands us to engage in the needs of the community.* We have been trying over the past several years to create ways for our members to take leadership roles in smaller chunks that don't seem as daunting. Perhaps the best example is the work of the Program Committee, which created the one-holiday planning process. You can sign up to help plan and execute a single holiday celebration, giving you at the same time an opportunity to lead, to create value for the community, and to limit your commitment of time and effort.

People, of course, have the capacity to learn and grow from the experiences of others as well as from our own, by spending time together and hearing each other's stories. As a congregation we are blessed by the variety of

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backgrounds we bring, diverse along many dimensions. We are Jewish by birth, Jewish by choice, and non-Jewish; our ages span 6 decades or more; our interests and personal philosophies range widely. With such a richness of background and experience, we owe it to ourselves to engage with each other. Fortunately, Dorshei Tzedek affords us many opportunities.

Think of our pot-luck Shabbat program as a lovely way to spend an evening with neighbors and to establish bonds that can be generalized to many other contexts! Shabbat morning services always end with an Oneg Shabbat, a time to eat and greet, and a time to extend a welcome to people outside our congregation who have come to celebrate Shabbat with us. Holiday celebrations, especially the more festive times like Chanukah and Purim, are another chance to open ourselves to each other's stories. And, as most of you know, every two years the congregation holds a weekend summer retreat, a more intensive communal experience through which we get to know each other much more intimately, sharing many meals and activities.

Dorshei Tzedek also has an obligation to the broader Jewish community in the Boston area, especially to be welcoming to the stranger who chooses to join us for Shabbat or another holiday or for any of our congregational activities. While for many of us it's not easy to put ourselves forward in that way, the process of making someone else feel comfortable in what to them is an unfamiliar environment is also a personal growth experience, one in which we learn about ourselves and the other.

There is, of course, a common thread running through all these avenues for personal growth—they all happen in community. Any way in which we can create and deepen community and our involvement with community is itself a growth experience. And by each member's taking responsibility to engage in community, the community is enabled to respond to the demands of each individual.

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**Contacting the Rabbi:** Rabbi Toba 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.

## Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh and Education Center

Join us for an opportunity to meet with the leaders of Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh & Education Center on **January 6, 1-3 pm**, at the home of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek member Lisa Port White.

*Mikveh* - the Jewish ritual bath - has become a renewed source of spiritual and ritual possibility. Mayyim Hayyim: Living Waters Community Mikveh & Education Center will pour the ancient waters of our tradition into a contemporary vessel for the Jewish community of greater Boston. Mayyim Hayyim will build, maintain, and operate a *mikveh* that



will be accessible and attractive to all Jews. Its facilities will include two *mikvaot* (ritual pools), a library, classroom, gallery and gracious multi-purpose rooms for convening a *Bet Din* (rabbinic court for conversion), for celebrating lifecycle events, for prayer, study, and quiet reflection. An entirely new kind of threshold into Jewish life, Mayyim Hayyim will invite greater and deeper participation for all who enter.

Anita Diamant, project founder, writes: "Mayyim Hayyim will be more than a *mikveh*, the ritual bath of our ancestors. Mayyim Hayyim will be a gateway into Jewish life and spirituality. Living Waters Community Mikveh & Education Center will be a resource for healing, for community-building, for Jewish learning and for the Jewish arts."

Please RSVP immediately to Lisa if you'd like to attend the January 6 meeting ([ldpw@rcn.com](mailto:ldpw@rcn.com) or phone 617-924-6326).

For more information or to get involved, please contact Aliza Kline, Executive Director, Mayyim Hayyim, 1320 Centre Street, Suite 306, Newton Center, MA 02459, or [Mayyim.Hayyim@verizon.net](mailto:Mayyim.Hayyim@verizon.net), 617-818-5796.

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**Rabbinic Liaison Committee:** The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to insure the maintenance of a good relationship between our rabbi and the congregation. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Louise Enoch, Linette Liebling, or Mark Farber. These matters will be handled confidentially and appropriate solutions sought where possible.

## Tu b'shvat Text Study and Environmental Justice Tour

**Sunday, January 27, 10:30 am - 1 pm**  
**at Alternatives for Community and Environment**  
**2343 Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Roxbury**

Celebrate Tu b'shvat, the Jewish Environmental Holiday! Tu b'shvat, the "new year of the trees", is an opportunity to celebrate our relationship with the earth and to reflect on the damage we do both to nature and to ourselves when we abuse our environment. What are our responsibilities in protecting our most precious natural and human resources? What does Jewish tradition have to teach us about caring for the environment, protecting human health, and balancing individual rights with the needs of the community?

Join Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Jodi Sugerman-Brozan (Dorshei Tzedek member, Board member of the Coalition on Environment and Jewish Life, and staff person at Alternatives for Community and Environment) for a morning of Jewish text study, a tour of sites of environmental justice organizing in the Dudley Square area, and a Tu b'shvat lunch! This program is appropriate for adults and older kids (we'd recommend no younger than 3rd grade). We will meet at the ACE office in Roxbury (see directions below).



Please bring something to eat for a lunch potluck (enough for 6-8 people). If you can, include one or more of the special fruits and grains traditionally eaten on Tu b'shvat: wheat, barley, dates, honey, olives and grapes. Other nuts and fruits are also good! And be sure to bundle up for an outdoors tour of about 30-40 minutes.

If you plan to come, please contact Geri Blitzman (617-924-4174 or [geriblitzman@earthlink.net](mailto:geriblitzman@earthlink.net)) and let her know what you're bringing and how many people are coming. If you are interested in carpooling from Newton, please call Elaine Bresnick 617-964-5199 or [ebresnick@mediaone.net](mailto:ebresnick@mediaone.net). See you on Tu b'shvat!

**Directions to ACE from points West of Boston:** Take I-90 (Mass Pike) East to its end at I-93. Take I-93 South to Mass Ave exit (1 exit). Take Melnea Cass Boulevard from the ramp, (do not turn on Mass Ave, go straight on Melnea Cass). Travel 4 blocks down past Albany Street, Hampton Street & Harrison Street. (lights at each intersection). Go left on Washington Street. Follow Washington Street just less than a mile down to Dudley Station, ACE is located at 2343 Washington Street on the 2nd floor in the Citizens Bank building, on the right side of the street, across from Dudley Station.

**By public transportation:** From Downtown Crossing Station, State Street Station or Back Bay Station. Take the Orange Line south (towards Forest Hills) to Ruggles Station. Take #45 or #15 bus to Dudley Station (about a 5 minute ride). Then see directions above.

## Purim: Save the Date!



The ever-fabulous Dorshei Tzedek Purim extravaganza will be held on **Thursday evening, February 26**. Start thinking about those costumes. If you'd like to participate in our annual Purimspiel (acting, singing, or set-building), please call the Dorshei Tzedek office at 617-965-0330 x2 (Rabbi Toba's voice mailbox) and leave a message.

## Contributions

*We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:*

### General Fund

#### **Cheryl and Jeff Sacks**

*In memory of Clifford Goldsmith's grandfather*

*In honor of Jack Schiff's bar mitzvah*

*In honor of Henry Micah Wasserman's birth*

*In honor of Julia and Sam Pashall's b'nai mitzvah*

*In honor of Max Reuven Levheim's birth*

#### **Debbie Waber**

*In honor of "the boys," Benjamin, Henry and Max*

#### **Roberta and Paul Carson**

*In honor of Sam and Julia Pashall's bar/bat mitzvah*

#### **Jill Volk**

*In honor of the births of Henry Wasserman and Max Levheim*

*In honor of the b'nei mitzvah of Sam and Julia Pashall*

#### **The Berman-Donnini Family**

*In honor of the b'nei mitzvah of Sam and Julia Pashall, Anna Kahn-Leavitt, and Jack Schiff*

#### **Ora Gladstone and Mitch Silver**

*In celebration of little Henry and littler Max*

*With much hope for Efrem Goldberg's recovery*

*For Rabbi Toba after her traumatic torah experience*

## Holy Book Fund

#### **Michael White**

*In response to the news of the Congregation's Torah falling from the ark.*

**From Dinah Moeller, Elizabeth Ross, John Holohan, and Michael White**

*In honor of Elaine Pollack for teaching us to leyn Torah*

#### **David Pincus and Laura Willis**

*In honor of the Torah Fast*

#### **Carol Sklar**

*In memory of my great aunt Yetta Miller, who died on Wednesday 11/21*

#### **Cindy and Dan Shulak-Rome**

*Thank you for the newsletter*

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

#### **Sharon Gorberg and John Holohan**

*In memory of George Harrison:  
the world has lost a beautiful spirit*

*Mazel Tov to Lisa and Deb Levheim  
on the birth of their son, Max*

#### **Elaine Bresnick.**

*In honor of Anna Bresnick's bat mitzvah, with thanks to  
Toba for all her help and support*



## Condolences

To Melanie Northrop Forman and her family  
on the death of Melanie's stepfather, Jack Plover.

## Todah Rabah

Many, many thanks from Melanie Northrop Forman and the girls to Rabbi Toba and everyone from Dorshei Tzedek for their support with food, visits, and participation in the shivah minyan as Melanie recovers from back surgery and mourns the loss of her stepfather, Jack Plover.

A massive *Todah Rabah* to everyone who made our Chanukah celebration such a great success. Thank you to the Chanukah committee: Dan Forman, Ira Schor, Laura Katz, Tim Rosa, Gail Leicher, Tessa and Clifford Goldsmith. Thank you to our latke makers: Jerry Zolit, John Holohan, Jonathan Leavitt and members of the Kitah Zayin class: Dan Rosa, Daniel Katz, Anna Kahn-Leavitt, Jack Schiff, Gabe Donnini, and James Shapiro. Also, a big *todah rabah* to Barbara Zolit who was able to get us fabulous latkes at a great price. Thanks to those people who helped with setup and cleanup and went above and beyond the normal call to community duty. Thank you to all who brought such a bounty of potluck dishes (the food is what really makes the evening). And last but not least, in fact most, to our wonderful Rabbi Toba for all her insight, enthusiasm, support, creativity and hard work.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to our November b'nei mitzvah--Jack Schiff, and Julia and Sam Pashall--and to their families!

## Special Shabbat Morning Service Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday

Join us for a special service on **Saturday, January 19th, 9:45 am-12:15 pm**, honoring the life and vision of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

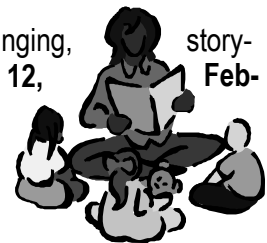
## Erev Shabbat Family Services



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 remaining dates for the year 5762 are **December 7, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, and May 10**. (The June date previously announced is being changed.)

## Tot Shabbat for Families with Preschoolers

You're invited to join us one Saturday morning a month for a delightful session with singing, telling, crafts, and a snack. Upcoming Tot Shabbat programs will be held on **January 12, February 9, March 16, April 27, May 18, and June 8, 10:30-11:15 am**, in the Childcare Room at the Unitarian Society. Tot Shabbat is designed for children age 2½ – 5 and a parent (or two!), and siblings are welcome. (If you have an older child in Aleph or Bet, come on in right after "Torah Talk.") For more information, call Sheree Galpert at 617-558-8697.



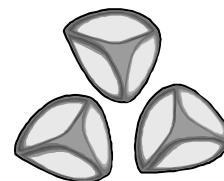
### The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 34th Annual Newton Community Celebration of Love: "Making America What it Ought to Be"

**Monday, January 21, 2002, 11 am**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians**  
**573 Washington Street, Newton**

The keynote speaker at this celebration will be the Rev. Zina Jacque from the Union Baptist Church in Cambridge. Reflections and artwork by Newton school students will be on display. Musical selections will be by The Voices of Myrtle (Myrtle Baptist Church), The Choir of Our Lady's Church, the Newton All City Honors Chorus, and the Treble Singers.

### JCC Purim Celebration

Save the date! Super Purim Sunday—a community-wide celebration with fun for the whole family and hands-on tzedakah projects—will be **Sunday, February 24, 2002**, at the Leventhal-Sidman JCC in Newton. This event is sponsored by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies and Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston. (Dorshei Tzedek's own Purim party will be **Tuesday, February 26**. See the next newsletter for more details.)



# שלום

## Membership

### New Member Event

On **Saturday night, January 26 at 6 pm**, the Membership Committee will sponsor a pot-luck dinner, Havdalah service, and orientation for new members and their families including children. Anyone who joined the congregation in the last year should attend. Current members who want a refresher course are also invited! This is an opportunity to meet other new members, celebrate together, and learn about the congregation's philosophy and practices. (Note: This event replaces the new member orientation originally planned for January 29).

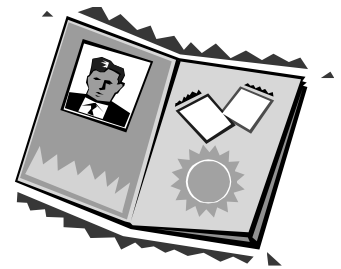
*Join us in welcoming:*

Rick Glassman recently arrived in town from Northampton, to take a job as managing attorney of a community legal aid clinic at Harvard Law School. When not at the office, he is usually cycling, exploring art galleries and jazz clubs, and hanging out at home in Jamaica Plain with his 16 year old arthritic canine companion, Jake. Rick joined Dorshei Tzedek looking for spiritual sustenance, tradition and community, and he says that he is finding all three.

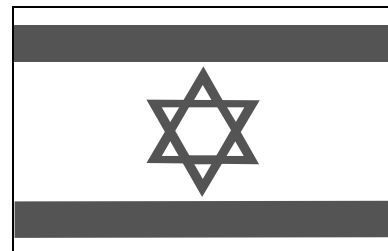


Volunteer drivers are needed for Greater Boston's Jewish Food Pantry, Family Table, on **Sunday, February 17, 2002**. This task involves arriving at Congregation Kehillath Israel on Harvard St., Brookline, at around **12:45 pm**, packing up groceries located in the pantry at KI for a specific household, and then driving these groceries to the household in the Boston metropolitan area. It is a meaningful mitzvah activity for members of all ages. Call Barbara Shatkin for information and to sign up (617-964-3121).

## Passport To Israel



**Passport to Israel** is a co-operative savings program in which families and the Combined Jewish Philanthropies each contribute funds toward an educational program in Israel for participating children after the end of 10th grade. Member families with children in the 3rd and 7th grade are eligible to enroll this school year. Please contact Barbara Isaacs or Elaine Landes ASAP for information and registration forms. January 15 is the absolute deadline for this year's enrollment!



## Jewish Family and Children's Service Support Groups

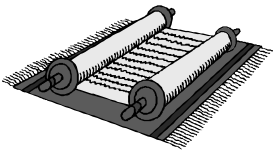
Jewish Family & Children's Service runs a variety of support groups in a number of locations, including support groups for Jewish people living with illness or caring for ill loved ones, bereavement support groups, groups for inter-faith families, for individuals and couples who have suffered childbirth loss, for children of Holocaust survivors, and groups and activities for new parents and for mothers and infants. For more information, visit their website at [jfcsboston.org](http://jfcsboston.org), or call toll-free 866-JFCS-BOS.



# Adult Education

## Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Winter dates: January 5, February 9, March 16,  
8:45-9:40 am



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) *At the Unitarian Society, West Newton.*

## Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Wednesday evenings, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and  
February 6, 7:45 – 9:15 pm

Join us for an exploration of ancient and modern Jewish texts and teachings that touch on current issues of war and peace. Is there a Jewish concept of a "just war"? What are reasons for and limits to the use of violent force? Is there a Jewish perspective on pacifism and conscientious objection to military service? Through study, reflection, and discussion, we will explore the difficult issues facing us as Americans and Jews in the current "war on terror." No registration necessary. Free for members; \$36 for non-members. *At the Unitarian Society, West Newton.*

## The Israel-Palestinian Conflict: Can Dialogue Still Work?

with Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener

Sunday, February 3, 10:15 am-noon

Temple Hillel B'nai Torah  
120 Corey Street, West Roxbury  
(co-sponsored by Dorshei Tzedek)

Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener is director of the Children of Abraham Educational Project, which works to restore harmony between groups in conflict with specific tools helping

people to gradually learn to listen to and understand opposing narratives. She has brought her "compassionate listening" tools to areas of conflict in different parts of the world, but will be focusing on her experiences with the Israeli-Palestinian conflict for this presentation. The session will be an opportunity to learn more about the different narratives that all parties to the conflict bring, and the possibilities for true dialogue and negotiated settlement.

Children of Abraham is a branch of the private nonprofit Mid-East Citizen Diplomacy which sponsors delegations from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds who journey from North America to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Rabbi Cohen-Kiener is a well-respected teen and family educator and a frequent guest speaker at congregations and retreat centers in New England and throughout the US.



## Adult Education Opportunities at Hebrew College

For more information or to register, call Lina Reznikov at 617-278-4939. These classes are held at the new campus, 160 Herrick Road, Newton Centre.

## Responding to a Modern Challenge: How to Read the Bible When It Isn't History with Professors Everett Fox and Marc Brettler

January 31; February 13, 28; April 4, 11, 18; 8-9:30 pm

\$15 per lecture (or \$48 for all six lectures).

## The Literary Genius of Esther with Professor Jon D. Levenson

February 6, 13, & 20, 7:30-9 pm

Prepare for Purim with a close textual study of the Book of Esther, to better understand both its literary artistry and its world-view. \$75.

## Challenge, Tragedy, and Response in Jewish Tradition with Rabbi Alan Ullman

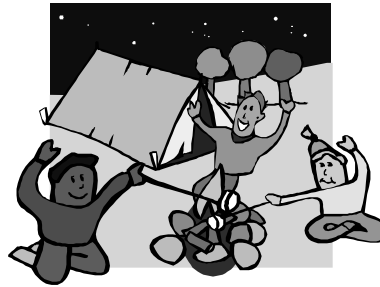
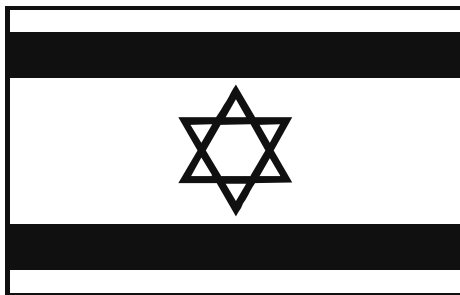
Feb. 28; March 7, 14, 21; 7:30-9 pm

Consider recent challenging events in light of biblical, rabbinic and hasidic insights. \$95.

## JRF Mission to Israel Rescheduled

The situation in Israel and the Palestinian territories continues to worsen, and our own efforts at understanding and helping to promote a resolution of this conflict have never been more urgently needed. The Reconstructionist movement is providing a powerful opportunity to do just that. The rescheduled JRF Leadership Mission to Israel, postponed in the aftermath of September 11, will take place **January 21-28, 2002**. The Mission will be led by Rabbi Amy Klein, Larry Snider, and Moti Rieber. The leaders and other planners are committed to making this mission as comprehensive and educational as possible. Participants will have a unique opportunity to see the situation in Israel from a Reconstructionist perspective. Meetings with political leaders from across the spectrum, with journalists and with peace activists, will offer the group a better understanding of how these groups see the security situation in Israel today, and what chances they see for improvement. The itinerary will also include meetings with people working on issues that have long been important to Reconstructionists: religious pluralism, the rights of women, and the rights of ethnic and religious minorities in Israel. The trip (airfare, hotel, most meals) will cost approximately \$1,000/person. Further details and registration forms are available at [www.jrf.org](http://www.jrf.org), or by contacting the JRF office: 215-782-8500; [IsraelMission@jrf.org](mailto:IsraelMission@jrf.org).

Dorshei Tzedek would like to be able to help those members of Dorshei Tzedek who would like to go on this trip but are unable to afford the full cost. Please contact Rabbi Toba (617-924-6242) if you are in need of financial support OR if you are able to make a contribution to subsidize the cost of a trip for another member.



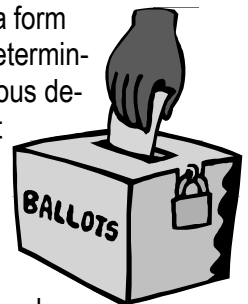
## Camp JRF preparing for launch!

Be a part of history! Join other Reconstructionist kids from across North America at the first-ever

session of the JRF summer camp, for a month of fun and learning and creating community. The camp will run June 23 - July 14, 2002, and is for campers heading into 5th, 6th, and 7th grades in the fall of 2002. Camp will be on the site of Camp Henry Horner in Ingleside, Illinois. Additional information can be found at [www.jrf.org](http://www.jrf.org) or by calling toll-free: 866-JRF-CAMP (866-573-2267), or by email: [camp@jrf.org](mailto:camp@jrf.org).

## Voter Registration Campaign: World Zionist Congress Elections Deadline Extended

The Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, through its affiliation with the World Union for Progressive Judaism, encourages all members to register and vote in the World Zionist Congress Elections. The deadline for registration has been extended until **January 18, 2002**, so there is still time to register. Visit the JRF Web site, [www.jrf.org](http://www.jrf.org) and follow the link to register online or download a form you can print and mail. In addition to determining certain allocations of funds to religious denominations in Israel, the World Zionist Congress is a major forum in which Progressive Jewish movements work for the legitimacy of their counterparts in Israel. The World Union of Progressive Judaism in Israel is beginning to reach many secular Jews and, in effect, represents the frontline of non-Orthodox Judaism in Israel. As gains are made for religious pluralism in Israel, both Reconstructionism and Reform are the beneficiaries. The World Zionist Congress elections provide an opportunity for Reconstructionist and Reform Jews in North America to show their support for Israel and their interest in promoting pluralism and democracy in Israeli society.







# January Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Tue Jan 1		<i>No School (Winter vacation)</i>	
Fri Jan 4	6-7 pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Family Service</b>	Cynthia Piltch, Paul Hattis (see page 5)
Sat Jan 5	8:45 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Jan 5	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Jeffrey Marcus, Debra Rubin-Rattet
Sat Jan 5	10 am –12 noon	Kitah Alef and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sun Jan 6	2 – 4 pm	Gan Family Education Program	
Sun Jan 6	2 - 4 pm	Kitah Zayin Family Education Program	
Wed Jan 9	7:45 - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Jan 12 *	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Amy Mazur, Audrey Roth
Sat Jan 12	10 am-12 noon	Kitah Alef and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sat Jan 12	10:30 - 11:15 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	
Sun Jan 13	2 - 4 pm	Kitah Hay Family Education Program	
Wed Jan 16	7:45 - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Jan 19	9:45 am-12:15 pm	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Shabbat Service</b>	Brian Nadler, Leslie Rubin (see page 5)
Wed Jan 23	7:45 - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace</b>	(see page 7)
Fri Jan 25	6 - 8 pm	Kitah Hay Shabbat Seder	
Sat Jan 26	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Andrew Schiff, TBA
Sat Jan 26	10 am – 12 noon	Kitah Alef Family Education Program	
Sat Jan 26	10 am -12 noon	Kitah Bet Class	
Sat Jan 26	6 pm	<b>New Member Pot-luck Dinner, Havdalah Service, and Orientation</b>	(see page 6)
Sun Jan 27	10:30 am - 1 pm	<b>Tu b'shvat Text Study and Environmental Justice Tour</b>	(see page 3 for information and location)
Wed Jan 30	7:45 - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace</b>	(see page 7)

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Events and services are held at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted. 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.

If Religious School is cancelled due to inclement weather a message will be left on the Dorshei Tzedek School line (617-965-0330 ext. 4) and notification will be posted on the WBZ Storm Center (1030 AM and WBZ-TV Channel 4).





# February Calendar



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

Date	Time	Event	Setup/Cleanup and Notes
Fri Feb 1	6 - 7 pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Family Service</b>	Eva Rosenn, Ira Schor (see page 5)
Sat Feb 2	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Jill Stanzler-Katz, Steven Siegel
Sun Feb 3	10:15 am- 12 noon	<b>The Israel-Palestinian Conflict: Can Dialogue Still Work?</b> (at Temple Hillel B'nai Torah)	(see page 7)
Sun Feb 3	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Dalet Family Education Program	
Sun Feb 3	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Vav Family Education Program	
Wed Feb 6	7:45 - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: Jewish Perspectives on War and Peace</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Feb 9	8:45 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	Stan Fleischman, Sandy Sedacca (see page 7)
Sat Feb 9	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	
Sat Feb 9	10 am-12 noon	Kitah Alef and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sat Feb 9	10:30 - 11:15 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	(see page 5)
Sun Feb 10	2 pm – 4 pm	Gan Family Education Program	
Sat Feb 16 *	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Elise Brenner, Jane Schwartz
Tue Feb 19		<i>No School (February Vacation)</i>	
Thu Feb 21		<i>No School (February Vacation)</i>	
Sat Feb 23	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Services	Susannah Zisk, Erica Streit
Tue Feb 26		<i>No School: Staff In-Service</i>	
Tue Feb 26	7 – 9 pm	<b>Purim Party</b> (see page 3)	Melanie Adler, Donna Webber, Marcia Okun, Judy Shapiro, Bill Shorr, Leeann Simons, Steve Strassberg, Jamie Katz



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