

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## The Broken Matzah

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



The matzah is the central symbol of the Passover seder and holiday, a ritual food that encompasses two disparate meanings. It is called *lechem oni*, the “bread of affliction” which our

enslaved ancestors ate in Egypt, and is also a symbol of liberation, of the Israelites’ hasty flight from servitude. The matzah first appears at the beginning of the Pesach seder, when we perform the *yachatz* ritual. We break a piece of matzah in half, and then put one half back between two whole pieces and hide the other half (to be searched for later as the *afikomen*). Why this act of breaking? Perhaps it is to recall the brokenness of our own history as slaves to Pharaoh. Or perhaps it is to acknowledge the brokenness of a world where there are so many who are hungry and in need, whom we invite at this moment of *yachatz* to our own table, saying “Let all who are hungry come and eat!”

One of the profound teachings of this act of *yachatz* is that brokenness is part of our world and part of the human condition. Acknowledging the places of brokenness, in our own lives and in the society around us, thus becomes part of the process of liberation, of gaining freedom and moving towards wholeness. Jewish tradition goes so far as to say that the broken pieces of the first set of tablets which Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai—the tablets that he smashed when he saw the Israelites dancing around the golden calf—were kept in the ark along with the intact second set. This midrash affirms that brokenness is its own kind of Torah, along with the Torah of completeness and redemption.

This is an important teaching in a congregation that celebrates and mourns life’s critical moments together. For many members of the community, an experience in which we feel somehow “broken” can make us feel hidden, unacknowledged or unseen. We know how to rejoice together at a baby naming, but how do we acknowledge

and support those struggling with infertility? There are losses and challenges we can meet relatively openly—the death of a loved one, physical illness—and others that often remain hidden in the shadows—divorce, mental illness, the loss of a job. The experience of hidden brokenness can be deeply alienating, making members of the community feel isolated, cut off, somehow different from everyone around them.

Yet the reality is—as the *yachatz* ritual and the midrash about the shattered tablets attest—that the feeling or experience of brokenness is what unites us as human beings. To have experienced loss or suffering is not an isolated occurrence or cause for shame, but a basic reality of human existence. With this awareness, with the understanding that all human beings suffer and carry brokenness within them (even if the suffering of others is not always visible to us), there is profound opportunity for connection. If we can recognize in our own difficult experiences our connection to other people, rather than our isolation, we can begin to take steps towards healing and wholeness. We can learn compassion, for ourselves and for others. We can learn the lessons of receiving as well as of giving. If we are able to overcome our sense of alienation, we can experience a sense of solidarity with others that has the potential to lead us to the liberation celebrated during the Passover seder.

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## Notes from Our Board

by Elizabeth Ross

The board last met on January 13.

**Finance Committee:** Paul Hattis (for Lynne Brandon) reported that a part-time bookkeeper has been hired on a temporary basis. Dues collections and tuition collections are consistent with what was expected. However, donations are behind expectations. Statements will be sent out letting people know what they have paid of their pledges to date. Planning for next year's budget has begun.

**Rabbi-Congregation Relationship Committee:** Linette Liebling and Louise Enoch from the Rabbinic Liaison Committee summarized and led a discussion concerning the Reconstructionist Commission on the Role of the Rabbi report. The report summarizes historical and present Rabbinical roles, discusses important values to be brought to the Rabbi-congregation relationship and the importance of prioritization of various roles of a Rabbi, and explains which decisions get made where to optimize the role of a Rabbi within a congregation. (Anyone who would like to read the full report should let Linette or Louise know to borrow a copy.) The role of the Rabbinic Liaison Committee—as a vehicle to ease frictions that may come up and support the Rabbi—was reviewed. The role of this ongoing committee was contrasted with the work of the Evaluation Committee, which is to examine how well the congregation and Rabbi Spitzer are working together to achieve our common goals as a community and to identify areas for improvement.

**Space Committee:** We have secured temporary office space for Rabbi Spitzer at the Second Church. The Space Committee is actively exploring solutions for next year's space needs. (See the Members' Meeting announcement on page 5.)

**Membership Committee:** Nancy Gertz reported for the Membership Committee that planning for the retreat to be held June 14 – 16 has begun. (See page 3.) Feedback concerning this year's trial of a face-to-face intake process for new members is being collected and is mostly positive. Based on feedback from the membership survey, a musical evening took place at the recent Havdalah potlucks. Feedback on the potlucks was very positive. A bowling event for the Dorshei Tzedek membership has also been planned for April 28. (See page 3.)

**Fundraising Committee:** The Fundraising Committee reported that Nadiv lev pledges this year are down from

\$15K to \$6K, which was attributed to the weakness of the economy this year compared to last. The Fundraising Committee is in the process of planning activities for this spring.

**Publicity Committee:** Roberta Carson reported that we are increasingly using ShalomBoston.com for publicity. She asked that committee chairs let her know well in advance about events if they desire free listings.

**Nominations Committee:** Debbie Waber has accepted a nomination to the Executive Committee as VP of Strategic Planning.

**Board meetings:** The CDT board meets once a month, generally on Sunday nights. Board meetings are open to all CDT members—call Chayim or Judy Herzig-Marx for further information.

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*(Rabbi's Column, continued from page 1)*

For our Jewish story emphasizes that even as brokenness is part of who we are and where we come from, it is not the end. At the seder, each of us is called upon to experience the liberation from *Mitzrayim*—the “narrow place,” the place of constriction and overwhelming burdens—just as our ancestors experienced that liberation millennia ago. As we eat the matzah, dipping it into the bitterness of the *maror* and the sweetness of the *haroset*, we taste in our mouths the possibility of redemption. The seder challenges us to acknowledge our own places of brokenness, to open our eyes to the brokenness of the world around us, and from that place of awareness to move forward—not alone, but in the context of family and community—to a place of wholeness and freedom. May all of us, this Pesach, experience that taste of liberation!

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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 617-965-0330 x2.*

*Rabbinic Liaison Committee: The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to ensure 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.*



## Passover

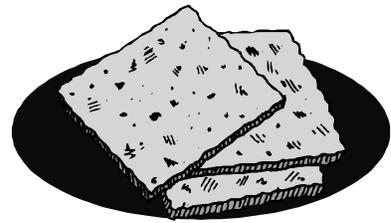
The holiday of Pesach (Passover) begins this year on the evening of **Wednesday, March 27**, with the first seder. It's a mitzvah to attend a seder, and a mitzvah to invite someone to your seder, so do a mitzvah! If you need a seder to attend on the first or second night of Pesach, or if you have room at your seder and can welcome a guest or two or three, please call our Seder Matchmaker, Linette Liebling, at 617-244-7246, **by Wednesday, March 20**.

If you're planning a seder for the first time (or the second time!) and need a little help, please feel free to call Rabbi Spitzer for a "seder consult." You can reach her at (617) 965-0330 x2.

Reconstructionist Haggadot are now available! The new Reconstructionist Haggadah, *A Night of Questions*, is chock-full of provocative commentary (including some by our own Rabbi Spitzer!), contemporary poetry and art, and ideas for adults and kids to help your seder come alive. See the order form on page \*\*, or look for a copy at the Israel Book Store or Kolbo in Brookline.

### Seventh Day Pesach Service

On **Wednesday, April 3, at 9 am**, we will finish our celebration of Pesach with morning services, including Yizkor, at The Unitarian Society.



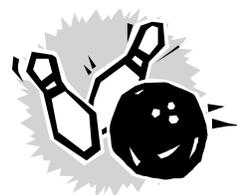
## Retreat!



By now all members should have received the pre-registration forms for our retreat in the Berkshires on **June 14 – 16**. The deposits are coming in fast, so if you're planning to attend, make sure you return your pre-registration form and deposit now to hold your place. For registration questions, call Laura Willis at 617-492-1814 or Judy Hersh at 617-332-2487.

## Dorshei Tzedek Goes Bowling

All members are invited for lunch and bowling **Sunday, April 28 from 12 – 2 pm** at Lanes and Games in Cambridge. Mark your calendar right now! More details will be available soon.



## School News

### Kitah Gimel Letter

by Morah Chavah

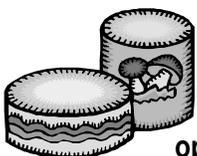
This letter was written by three Kitah Gimel (third grade) students:

In our class we are studying mitzvot. We learned that, for some people, mitzvot are rules. For other people, in the words of Morah Chavah, mitzvot "take us down paths which connect us to people or things in our world." We also learned that mitzvot aren't saving a community but can be small things like using a scrap of paper instead of new paper. Although one or two small things can't make much of a difference, thousands of small things can make a huge difference. For example, 1 penny doesn't make a difference but 1,000,000 pennies can. Add it all up and you can see what we're saying. You should really make small mitzvot a habit.

Kitah Gimel itself has made a habit of two small mitzvot. After studying one particular mitzvah, *bal tashchit* (literally, "do not destroy" wastefully), Kitah Gimel decided to: 1) use a permanent set of hand-decorated plastic cups at snack time instead of throwing out paper ones; 2) empty and take home the contents of the recycling boxes in all the classrooms. They've also adopted a range of other "mitzvah-habits" at home, like turning off lights and appliances that aren't being used. *Kol ha'kavod* (more power to you) Kitah Gimel and your families!



### Kitah Gimel Purim Food Drive!



The Purim food drive, which began Feb. 26 at the Purim Party, will continue **through Saturday, March 16**. Please drop off **non-perishable, healthy, unopened** food to the Dorshei Tzedek office during school hours, 3:15 – 5:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We'll be taking it to a local food bank. Thank you!

### Todah Rabah on the Winter FunFest

by Erica Streit and James Kaplan

Todah Rabah to Kitah Hay, their parents, and their teacher Liz Offen for volunteering, creating beautiful signs, and advertising at the Winter FunFest. The Funfest took place at the Hyde Community Center in Newton Highlands on Sunday, January 27. It was a benefit for the Women's Lunch

Place, an organization in Boston that provides meals and services to poor and homeless women. The FunFest was a wonderful event with games, crafts, music, juggling, and more. About 200 people—including many Dorshei Tzedek families—participated in the community fun and helped to raise over \$1,000 for a worthy cause. Special thanks go to Miranda Phillips and Bobby Kleinberg for skillfully organizing the games and crafts!

## Genizah Trip

by Ellen Pashall

Post b'nai mitzvah families and all interested congregants:

We are organizing a trip to a local *genizah* to allow for the proper burial of our congregation's b'nai mitzvah booklets and other Jewish texts that have been accumulating in our space at the church. It is traditional to bury rather than throw away (or recycle) any Hebrew documents that contain the name of God. Books, papers and Torah scrolls that are damaged beyond repair are buried in a Jewish cemetery.

We need your help to move all of these materials. Please join us at The Unitarian Society on **Sunday, March 23 at 1 pm**. We will load up and then bring the materials to the cemetery on Baker Street in Newton, where the Jewish Cemetery Association houses sacred items for future burial. The little house where materials are dropped off says "Potaska Cemetery," Jewish Cemetery Association. They ask that everyone who brings ritual items or papers send a donation for the maintenance of the cemetery. They leave envelopes just outside the little house for this purpose. They are located quite a ways up the road, and they recommend that you turn around to park, as they are sited on the "out-bound" side of the road.

Even if you cannot make the date we have set to deliver the many boxes that Dorshei Tzedek has accumulated over the years, please remember that we are all responsible for the proper Jewish treatment of materials that we have generated that include God's name in Hebrew. If you have such materials please consider a visit to this site off Baker Street; it's a fascinating experience for adults as well as kids.



# Shabbat Programs



## 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 **March 1, April 5, May 10, and June 21 (please note the new date for June)**.

## Chanting & Meditation Services

Our next Chanting and Meditation service will be held on **Shabbat morning, March 23, at 9:45 am**. Please join us for this contemplative service that combines singing, silence, and Torah study (no meditation experience necessary!).

## Tot Shabbat for Families with Preschoolers

You're invited to join us one Saturday morning a month for a delightful session with singing, storytelling, crafts, and a snack. Upcoming Tot Shabbat programs will be held on **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.



## Member Meeting

The next Member Meeting is **Sunday, March 17, 2002, at 7:15 pm** at the Unitarian Church. We'll hear updates from the membership, finance, fund-raising, and space committees, and a progress report from the chesed study group.

The Space Committee has identified a potential building for us, the Congregational Church on Walnut and Washington Streets in Newtonville. The church has invited us to schedule an open house on a day just preceding our member meeting; please watch for a letter with details. The Space Committee will lead a feedback session at the member meeting about the Congregational Church.

We will also engage in a thought-provoking exercise around the role of the rabbi, as part of our assessment of how effectively Toba and we have been working towards the goals of our congregation.

Please save the date! We look forward to every member household's participation.

## Membership

Join us in welcoming the following new members:

**Jonathan Magaziner and Hilary Marcus:** Originally from Philadelphia, Jonathan has lived in Boston for about 20 years. While back in Philadelphia 1999 – 2000 for family reasons, Jonathan enjoyed participating in the Reconstructionist Minyan Dorshei Derekh. He is the now the point person for special orders at Kolbo Fine Judaica in Brookline. (Know anyone in the market for a ketubah?) Hilary works with community development agencies all over New England in her role on staff of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation. Having traveled far and wide with camera in hand, Hilary is glad to have landed in Massachusetts, where she is from originally. Jonathan and Hilary would like to thank the Dorshei Tzedek community for welcoming them so warmly over the past several months, and for lending Siddurim for their wedding weekend last October.

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## Chesed Committee Report

*by Sherry Katz*

On February 3, members of the Chesed Committee met with Margie Sokoll, Director of Jewish Healing Connections at Jewish Family and Children's Services. Margie helped us explore how we can continue to create a caring community here at Dorshei Tzedek. As our congregation grows, so do our needs, and Margie explained how several Boston area synagogues provide connection and support for members who are experiencing an illness, loss, and other life-changing events. In the spring, we will be offering training in areas related to caring/chesed and we hope that all interested members will participate. If you have any questions, please call Susan Manheim, Lisa Port-White, or Karen Wasserman.

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### Creating Sacred Space: Jewish Women's Spirituality and Creativity Conference

**Sunday, March 10, 2002, 12:30 – 5 pm** at the *Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Center, JCC phone: 617-558-6522*

Join Anita Diamant, Ellen Kushner, Paula Rayman, and other teachers for an afternoon of discussion, text study and interactive workshops exploring the theme of sacred space and connecting to those sacred places within ourselves. For information, call Ellie Cohen at 617-558-6442, or pick up a brochure at Shabbat morning services.

## Tubishvat and Environmental Justice

*by Elaine Bresnick*

Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE) is a Roxbury-based non-profit organization that helps the Roxbury community to improve local environmental conditions. ACE's programs involve students as well as adults, helping local residents to identify environmental problems and empowering them to address issues in an effective manner.

A group of Dorshei Tzedek members visited ACE, which is located in Dudley Square, as part of this year's Tubishvat celebration on January 27. The program consisted of a group work/play session in which we debated the best location for a hypothetical new garbage transfer station, a walking tour of Dudley Square, and a lovely lunch consisting of traditional Tubishvat foods such as olives, dates, figs, and nuts.

Jodi Sugerman-Brozan (Dorshei Tzedek member and ACE staff member) explained some of ACE's activities in the community. Several years ago, ACE helped inspire and organize Roxbury students to petition the MBTA to end unnecessary bus idling. Unhealthy levels of diesel exhaust from buses contributes to higher than expected asthma rates in the area. The result was an ordinance prohibiting idling, which has helped to improve the air quality in Dudley Square. Another project involved the installation of monitors that offer real-time information on air quality. We also viewed a "brownfield" (toxic waste site) that had been cleaned up only a few weeks prior to our visit. It was very surprising to see toxic waste sites located so close to people's houses.

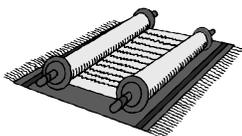
For more information about ACE, including possible opportunities for bar/bat mitzvah *tikkun olam* projects or another Dorshei Tzedek "toxics organizing tour," please contact Jodi Sugerman-Brozan at Alternatives for Community & Environment, 2343 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119, 617-442-3343, [www.ace-ej.org](http://www.ace-ej.org).



## Adult Education

### Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

*Winter/spring dates: March 16, April 6, May 11,  
June 22, 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)

### Dorshei Tzedek Co-sponsors Presentation on Compassionate Listening and the Israeli- Palestinian Conflict

*by Ellen Hemley*

Dorshei Tzedek recently co-sponsored a wonderful presentation by Rabbi Andrea Cohen-Kiener of the Mid-East Citizen's Diplomacy Project that promotes the use of "compassionate listening" as a tool for fostering Jewish-Palestinian reconciliation. "Compassionate Listening", as described by Rabbi Cohen-Kiener, is based on the understanding that to achieve a lasting and just peace, we must approach the peace process as whole people who are fully aware of who we are. We must understand what our internal "narrative" or "organizing story" about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is. We need to be able and willing to make room within ourselves for other people's narratives—even when they are fundamentally different from or in opposition to our own. This notion of "narrative" plays a prominent role in the work of "compassionate listening". Essentially, the idea is that each of us—as Jews and as Palestinians—have our own narratives or "stories" for how we understand the conflict and that we act as individuals and nations from these narratives. When we are able to fully listen to and understand the narratives of the other "sides"—their sorrow and pain as well as their hopes and



## The Spirit, the Struggle, and the Songs: Commemorating the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

*by Ruth Paris*

This stirring program of music, stories and visual images evokes an uplifting hope in humanity. Personal accounts from the Warsaw ghetto, historical narrative, and the poetry and music of the Jewish resistance create a dramatic retelling of inspiring determination against all odds.

The program will be presented **Saturday, April 6, 8 pm and Sunday April 7, 4 pm** at the Jewish Theatre of New England, Leventhal-Sidman Jewish Community Center, 333 Nahanton Street, Newton Center.

**Featuring:** A Besere Velt, Yiddish Community Chorus of the Workmen's Circle, Hankus Netsky and Betty Silberman. Created by the Workmen's Circle to honor the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, April 19, 1943. Individual and Group tickets are available through the Jewish Theatre of New England box office (617-965-5226).

*Note:* Hankus Netsky, musician, and Ruth Paris, chorus member, are both members of Dorshei Tzedek.

dreams—we become able to really see the others' humanity. From there, we become able to move beyond our historic positions and begin the process of true reconciliation.

The Mid-East Diplomacy Project sponsors delegations that spend time in Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. The ultimate purpose of the delegations is to deepen delegation members' understanding of the perspectives and the suffering of people on all sides to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and to build bridges among the communities in conflict. Part of their time is spent learning from and supporting Israelis and Palestinians already involved in reconciliation efforts.

Rabbi Cohen-Kiener encouraged us to use the tools of compassionate listening to explore and begin to understand the various "narratives" about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict within the American Jewish community. Dorshei Tzedek's Middle-East committee will continue to explore these tools and share what we learn with the rest of our community.

## Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

### General Fund

**Deborah Blicher**

*In honor of Max Feldheim*

**Peter Dain**

*In honor of Max Feldheim*

**Naomi Feldheim**

*In deep appreciation for the beautiful and joyous baby naming ceremony for Max Reuven*

**Lauren Gibbs**

*In thanks for family Shabbat services*

**Francis Greenberg**

*In honor of Efreim and Ellie Goldberg*

**Leah Sugarman and Leonard Kardon**

*General donation towards the newsletter*

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### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Jeffrey Richard**

**Jane Schwartz and Tracey Rogers**

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### Holy Book Fund

**Lois Forman**

*In honor of Max Levheim's naming ceremony*

**Francis Greenberg**

*In memory of my wife, Sylvia Frankel Greenberg*

**Dale and David Steinberg**

*In honor of the naming of Hannah Steinberg, daughter of Marc Steinberg and Linda Hsu, by her grandparents*

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### School Fund

**Donna Webber**

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Send items to be published in future newsletters to [dtnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dtnews@yahoogroups.com). Thanks!—*The Newsletter Committee*: Mark Farber, Dan Halbert, Ezra Hausman, Tim Rosa, and Susannah Zisk.

## Todah Rabah

I wish to express my gratitude to the members of Dorshei Tzedek for their warmth and support over the recent death of my father. Specifically, Laura Katz of the Mitzvah Committee who prepared and delivered a most welcomed meal; Linette Liebling, Sherry Katz, Jonathan Magaziner, and Wendy Gedanken, all of whom paid me a shiva visit at the home of my mother in Brookline. Additional thanks to the thoughtful notes of condolence from Amy Mazur, Hope Kellman, the Goldberg family, and Cindy Shulak-Rome. It is a great comfort to have a rabbi and a community who pull together for members in need.—*Elise Brenner*




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### New Dorshei Tzedek E-mail Lists

In early January, Dorshei Tzedek launched two new e-mail mailing lists ("listservs") for communication within the Dorshei Tzedek community:

**[cdt-list@shamash.org](mailto:cdt-list@shamash.org)**: a list for exchange of ideas and information among members of Dorshei Tzedek.

**[cdt-announce@shamash.org](mailto:cdt-announce@shamash.org)**: a list for distribution of official Dorshei Tzedek announcements



Paul Carson is the manager of both of these new lists. Contact him at [p-carson@ti.com](mailto:p-carson@ti.com) with problems concerning the lists, if you would like to change your e-mail address, and to add new addresses for your household (post b'nai mitzvah kids welcome!). [cdt-list@shamash.org](mailto:cdt-list@shamash.org) replaces our old listserv on Yahoo ([dtzedek@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dtzedek@yahoogroups.com)). To unsubscribe from the old listserv, send a blank message to [dtzedek-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dtzedek-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com). **These lists are for Dorshei Tzedek members only.**

**Note:** If you have not been receiving either announcements or postings from the listservs, contact Paul Carson at [p-carson@ti.com](mailto:p-carson@ti.com).



# March Calendar



## Members' Meeting

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday evening, March 17, 7:15 pm**, for the next Members' Meeting of the year. Every household is encouraged to send at least one representative to this important meeting. See page 5 for details.

Date	Time	Event	Set-up/Clean-up
Fri Mar 1	6 – 7 pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Family Service</b>	Stuart Snyder, Stephen Zisk, Willa Kuh
Sat Mar 2	9:45 am – noon	<b>Shabbat Morning Services: Gabe Donnini Bar Mitzvah</b>	Joel Katz, Tim Rosa
Sat Mar 2	10 am – noon	Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sun Mar 3	2 – 4 pm	Gan Family Program	
Sun Mar 3	3 pm	Adoption Discussion Group	
Sun Mar 3	2 – 4 pm	Kitah Hay Family Ed Program	
Sat Mar 9 *	9:45 am – noon	Shabbat Morning Services	Betsy Hinden, Rob Saper, Debbie Waber
Sat Mar 9	10 am – noon	Kitah Bet Family Ed Program	
Fri Mar 15	6 – 8 pm	Kitah Bet Shabbat Seder	
Sat Mar 16	8:45 – 9:45 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	<i>(see page 7)</i>
Sat Mar 16	9:45 am – noon	Shabbat Morning Services	Laurie Kahn-Leavitt, Josh Leichter
Sat Mar 16	10 am – noon	Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sat Mar 16	10:30 – 11:15 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	
Sun Mar 17	7:15 – 9:30 pm	<b>Members' Meeting</b> <i>(see page 5)</i>	Carole Slipowitz
Fri Mar 22	6 – 8 pm	Kitah Aleph Shabbat Seder	
Sat Mar 23	9:45 am – noon	<b>Chanting and Meditation Service</b>	Tracey Rogers, Debbie Sher <i>(see page 5)</i>
Sat Mar 23	1 – 3 pm	<b>Genizah Trip</b>	Baker Street Cemetery
Wed Mar 27		<b>(Pesach – 1st Seder)</b>	<i>(see page 3)</i>
Thurs Mar 28		<i>No School (Pesach)</i>	

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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).



**No Fragrances, Please:** So that Dorshei Tzedek services and events are accessible to all of our members and guests, we ask that people refrain from wearing fragrances (perfume, scented oils, cologne, etc.) to Shabbat morning services and adult education sessions. While pleasant to some, these fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.



# April Calendar



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

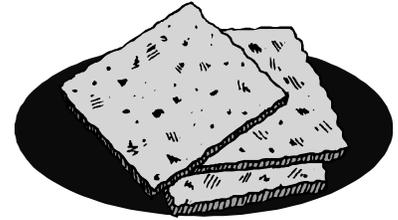
Date	Time	Event	Set-up/Clean-up
Wed Apr 3	9 – 10:30 am	<b>7<sup>th</sup> day Pesach Service (Yizkor)</b>	(see page 3)
Fri Apr 5	6 – 7 pm	<b>Erev Shabbat Family Service</b>	Marcia Okun, Mei See Sandson, Carolyn Fine-Friedman
Sat Apr 6	8:45 –9:40 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Apr 6	9:45 am – noon	Shabbat Morning Services	Mark Bronstein, Susannah Zisk
Sat Apr 6	10 am – noon	Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet Classes	
Sun Apr 7	2 – 4 pm	Gan Family Program	
Sun Apr 7	2 – 4 pm	Kitah Dalet Family Ed Program	
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Sat Apr 20 *	9:45 am – noon	Shabbat Morning Services	Karen Wasserman, Dana Weinberg
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Sat Apr 27	10 am – noon	Kitah Aleph And Kitah Bet Classes	
Sat Apr 27	10:30 – 11:15 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	
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