Into the New Year

By Rabbi Toba Spitzer

As I write this column, we are entering into the month of Elul, the four-week period leading up to Rosh Hashanah and the beginning of a new year. These weeks and days leading up to the Yamim Noraim / Days of Awe are traditionally a time of reflection, a time to think back over the year that has passed in order to prepare for the days of "turning" and renewal that will soon be upon us. This year, this spirit of reflection seems to include not only those of us in the Jewish community but all of America, as the first anniversary of the September 11 catastrophe approaches.

The new year is a time of celebration; the commemoration of September 11, a time of grief. Yet both are opportunities to clarify what is most important in our lives, to take stock of where we are and where we would like to be. In this spirit I have been thinking back on the five years that I have completed with Dorshei Tzedek, and I am struck by how much change has occurred—both in the life of the congregation and in my own life. Each change has brought its own challenges and its own growth, and I think these challenges have been wonderful, both for myself and for the community. Dorshei Tzedek has had to grapple with growing diversity, with maintaining a sense of community, with the anxieties attendant on creating a new dues structure and the prospect of buying our own building. In each case the community has met the challenge thoughtfully, becoming stronger and more vibrant in the process. Personally and professionally, I have also grown and experienced transformative changes during this period. My newest challenge is balancing the wonderful but demanding role of being a congregational rabbi with the similarly wonderful and demanding experience of being part of a family with kids! I can also look back and see the ways in which I’ve learned to be a better rabbi. I have learned how to be more fully

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On Becoming President...

By Debbie Waber

When my official term as President of Dorshei Tzedek began on July 1 I was, improbably enough, in Beijing, China. One could hardly be farther from Newton than Beijing. I remember at some point that day turning to my friend and announcing that I thought I was probably president, at least by Beijing time. As I stood in Tiananmen Square, with Chairman Mao gazing down from his perch on the gate, Dorshei Tzedek seemed remote indeed. Writing this letter in midsummer, I must confess that I am still not entirely at one with the role, but I trust that that will come in time. When I do stop to ponder this new identity, though, I am humbled but also confident. A thoroughly sophomoric statement, I know, but let me explain...

I am humbled when I think about the remarkable community that Dorshei Tzedek is. I am constantly amazed, not only by the caring and thoughtfulness of old friends whom I have grown to know well through the years, but by the new members I meet, each one, I discover, bringing unanticipated gifts to our community. I am amazed by the energy and depth and generosity of this community. Amazed by the commitment that so many people bring to the community and especially to one another, and by the Judaic values that we share so deeply and implicitly in our relation-

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As we come into this Rosh Hashanah, I have just signed a new, 7-year contract with the congregation. This is a powerful commitment between the Dorshei Tzedek community and me, and I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to continue my work with you. May this coming year be a sweet and fruitful beginning of this next step on our journey together. \textit{L’shanah tovah tikateyvu}, may each of you be “inscribed” for a good and sweet new year.

\textbf{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 617-454-0511. Rabbi Spitzer’s office is at the Second Church, 60 Highland Avenue, just up the hill from The Unitarian Society.

\textbf{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.

Send items to be published in future newsletters to dtnews@yahoogroups.com. Thanks!

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\textit{The Newsletter Committee:} Dan Halbert, Josh Herzig-Marx, Tim Rosa, and Susannah Zisk.

(On Becoming President, continued from page 1) ships with each other. And so I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve as a leader for such a community.

And it is the community that gives me confidence as I embark on this new undertaking in my own life. There is so much energy, the values run so deep, and our commitment to collectively building this amazing community is so strong that my role becomes merely one of many, most important than mine. My predecessors, Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx, did a spectacular job of moving us to a new and more stable place. The role I inherit from them is easy to assume because of their dedication and hard work, not only over the past two years but also since the founding of the congregation. We are thrilled to have signed a new 7-year contract with our remarkable Rabbi Toba, whose support, wisdom and guidance have been so important to all of us, especially those in leadership roles.

Our school is in the capable hands of Cindy Shulak-Rome and Elaine Pollack, whose skill and commitment to a mindful Reconstructionist education for our children will enrich the lives of all of us as a community of learners. The Board leadership is capable and committed, and we are fortunate to have new leaders joining the Board who bring an infectious enthusiasm and refreshing points of view, allowing those who have served over the past several years to take a much needed break. And finally, the members, whose commitment to the congregation and generous willingness to pitch in whenever needed, allow our ambitions to become reality.

So, as we approach the New Year with its theme of \textit{t’shuvah}—return—we should all give ourselves a pat on the back, for we have created something wonderful. Each time we return to the same place, to the prayers and rituals, a comfortable and familiar place, we also recognize that it is not exactly the same place we were the year before. For Dorshei Tzedek, it is continually a better place, and for someone like me, who has been present since the inception, it is truly thrilling. There are now more of us, our values and connections with one another grow deeper while remaining true to our mission, and our identity and unique place in the broader Jewish community is clearly established. \textit{Yashar koach}, one and all!

I am honored to have the opportunity to wish you a \textit{shanah tovah u’metukah}, a good and sweet year, in my new role as President. I look forward to working with all of you!
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, August 31. 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 10 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 Friday evening, September 6. We will begin our holiday observances with a musical Erev Rosh Hashanah service, appropriate for older kids as well as adults. Our services continue on Saturday, September 7, and Sunday, September 8. On Sunday 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 Sunday, September 15, and we continue with a full day of services on Monday, September 16, culminating with Ne’illah 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, right away. Members—go to the member’s area on our website for a reprint of this mailing.

High Holiday Readings
One easy way to contribute to our community celebration of the High Holy Days is to share a meaningful poem or other brief reading during services. If you would like to contribute, Rabbi Spitzer is always looking for poems or other readings that are read as part of our services, and welcomes your input. If you have a reading on the theme of creation/nature, freedom/liberation/social justice, forgiveness/repentance, renewal, or anything you feel is appropriate to the New Year and Yom Kippur, please send Rabbi Spitzer a copy at the Dorshei Tzedek office. We may not be able to fit every reading in this year, but your suggestions are welcome! Please include attributions with each piece.

Bring a Reading Yom Kippur Afternoon
On Yom Kippur afternoon, there will be an opportunity for people to share readings/poems that respond in some way to the events of the past year, especially in light of the first anniversary of September 11 (which falls this year between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). If you have something you’d like to share, please let Kelli Kirshtein (kellik@massed.net) or Michael White (mawcms@attbi.com) know, so that we can have a sense of how many people want to participate. The readings should be no longer than two to three minutes when read aloud.
High Holiday
Children’s Program

Preparations are well underway for an exciting program for our children on the High Holidays. A rich variety of age-appropriate activities will focus on some of the same themes the adults will be thinking about: tefilah (prayer) and t’shuvah (turning and returning), creation and responsibility. We plan to have a lot of fun!

To be meaningful and successful for the children and the adults who are helping with these activities, we need parents to help us. We welcome parent involvement and in fact encourage parents to spend some time with their child or children in the childcare rooms. We invite non-parents and teens to help out too. We have given much thought to creating fun activities that are appropriate to the holidays we are celebrating. There will be things to do indoors as well as outdoor games if the weather permits.

If your child does not want to participate we ask that you keep her/him with you. This will help us maintain a warm positive atmosphere in the childcare rooms and help other kids derive meaning from the activities. While our childcare providers cannot take care of the under three crowd, it is possible for parents with young children to remain in the preschool room, space permitting.

Please let the childcare providers and your child or children know how to find you in shul. If your child does not want to be in the children’s program we will bring him/her to you so you can decide the next step.

If you have not already volunteered to assist for a half hour in the childcare program, please e-mail Tessa Goldsmith at tgoldsmith@partners.org about your availability. You may be asked to help out with an activity we have prepared such as a craft project, reading a story, or playing a game with a group of kids.

We look forward to spending the High Holidays with you and your children.

L’shanah tovah u’metukah.

—Children’s High Holiday Programming Committee

Shabbat Programs

Erev Shabbat Services
Fall dates: October 25, November 22, December 20

In the new year 5763, Dorshei Tzedek will be adding a once—a-month erev Shabbat (Friday evening) service at 8 pm. Join us for a musical and contemplative entry into Shabbat! All are welcome, but please note that this service is oriented toward adults and older kids.

Family Erev Shabbat Services
Fall dates: October 4, November 1, December 13
(note the December date is the second Friday of the month)

Back by popular demand! Our once-a-month family erev Shabbat services resume in October, on the first Friday (usually) of each month from 6–7 pm. Join us for a musical, fun service, all ages welcome! Storytellers needed: If you would like to tell a story at one of these services, please call Rabbi Spitzer at 617-454-0511.

Shabbat Morning Study
Fall dates: October 19, November 23, December 21

Join us once a month at 8:45 am for a closer look at the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Spitzer, seen through the lenses of commentaries both ancient and modern. No text study experience required! (Bring your own tea or coffee)
Sukkot

at the Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton

On Erev Sukkot, Friday, September 20, we will celebrate with Sukkah decorating at 5:45 pm, a potluck dinner at 6:15 pm, and our Erev Sukkot service at 7:15 pm. All ages are welcome. Celebrate this joyful harvest holiday with a communal meal and an evening service that’s appropriate for kids as well as adults. If you are coming for dinner, please bring enough for 10-12 people. If your last name begins with A–J, bring a vegetarian or fish main course; for last names K–P, bring a vegetable or fruit salad; last names R–Z, bring dessert. Drinks will be provided.

Sukkot Morning, Saturday, September 21, 9:45 am. Come shake your lulav at this special Shabbat morning service.

See the coupon on page 11 to order your own lulav and etrog!

Sukkot ends with a special Shabbat morning service and evening celebrations with the Torah!

Shemini Atzeret

at the Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton

At our morning service on Saturday, September 28, at 9:45 am, celebrate the end of the Sukkot holiday with a special prayer for rain, as well as the ufruf of Miranda Phillips and Bobby Kleinberg! The service will include Yizkor.

Simchat Torah

Two Celebrations!

Saturday, September 28

at the Second Church, 60 Highland Avenue, West Newton

Special Family Service, 5–6 pm: We will celebrate finishing the yearly reading of the Torah and beginning again with a special program for families with kids up through age 7–come sing and dance and hear Torah stories! If you have your own mini–Torah scroll, bring it along!

Evening Service & Celebration, 7:45-9:30 pm: Join us for a creative service, lots of music, and dancing with the Torah, as we finish reading the book of Devarim/Deuteronomy and begin again with Bereshit/Genesis! Bring your own schnapps...
**Membership Updates**

The Membership Committee has recently developed a new process for keeping our membership data updated. Instead of requiring each household to fill out a new membership form each year, we are asking you to e-mail us with any updates in your information. It would be helpful if you could check your listing in the blue membership binder and see if any changes are necessary. Please only send information that you have not sent in previously.

Please send changes in address or phone and/or any additions or changes to family member status to Judy Hersh at hershj@juno.com. Please send updated e-mail addresses to Paul Carson at p_carson@ti.com.

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**House and Operations**

**Changes in Setup/Cleanup Assignments**

*By Ellen Pashall*

This year set-up assignments for Dorshei Tzedek’s services and programs will be communicated differently. Since we have grown larger we now have too many services and programs for us to continue contacting everyone individually. You will no longer receive e-mail notification of your set-up date; instead, three times a year you will receive a written schedule. **Please check for your assignments in an upcoming mailing and enter them into your calendar. Remember, it is your responsibility to arrange to switch with another member if you are not available on your assigned date.**

In order to prevent a situation in which no one shows up to do the work that is necessary for us to use the space, we are creating a new job category. Members who volunteer for this new position will commit, for a one to two month period, to calling people two weeks in advance to remind them of their set-up responsibilities. Anyone may request this new job in lieu of regular set-up duties (this is a great opportunity for people with bad backs or others who prefer not to schlep). If you would like to take on this new task please e-mail Ellen Pashall at Elpashall@aol.com.

If you misplace your calendar you can also get the information from our new web site. Please check the newsletter and the site for any changes in the schedule. Instructions for how to set up for services are in your members’ handbook and are also posted on the cabinet in the upstairs kitchen.

Thank you for your help as we respond to our congregation’s growth.

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**School News**

*By Cindy Shulak–Rome*

Classes for our Religious School students begin on the following dates:

**Upper School: Kitot Gimmel–Vav** (Grades 3–6) start **Thursday, September 12** at 3:45 pm.

**Kitah Zayin** (Grade 7) starts **Tuesday, September 17** at 6:15 pm.

**Lower School: Kitot Aleph & Bet** (Grades 1–2) have a Family Shabbat Dinner on **Friday, September 13**. Class begins on **Saturday, September 14** at 10 am.

**Gan** (Kindergarten) starts **Sunday, October 20**, 2–4 pm.

All registered families received a school mailing in late August. If you have any questions, please contact us at 617–965-0330 x4, or by e-mail at school@dorsheitzedek.org.

**School Openings**

We currently have openings in our Gan Family Program. This program, designed for kindergarten students and their parents, is a wonderful introduction to Jewish learning. Parents and children come together to explore Jewish values, holidays, and practices through stories, crafts, songs and other activities.

Our Gan program meets for eight Sunday sessions during the academic year, from 2–4 pm. The first class is on **Sunday, October 20**. For more information, contact our Religious School at 617–965-0330 x4.

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**Prospective Member Open House**

**Brunch and Study with our Rabbi**

**Sunday, October 20, 10 am - noon**

*at the Walker Center*

171 Grove Street Newton

Come study with our Rabbi, learn about Reconstructionism, meet current members, and find out about our innovative Religious School. Call 617-965-0330 for more information and directions.
Adult Education

Adult Hebrew Class at Dorshei Tzedek
Monday evenings 8 – 9 pm
10 weeks starting October 7

Gain a better understanding of the Hebrew language as it is used in the prayer book, the Torah, and Jewish life by studying Hebrew with a great teacher in an informal yet rigorous setting. The class will begin with the Hebrew alphabet (including reading/writing script letters) and use the textbook, *The First Hebrew Primer for Biblical Hebrew*, plus excerpts from the Hebrew prayer book. Those comfortable with the aleph bet (including script writing) and wishing to start later in the 10-week session should contact Natasha Shabat at NShabat@post.Harvard.edu. The textbook to be used is Simon, Resnikoff, and Motzkin: *The First Hebrew Primer, Third Edition: The Adult Beginner’s Path to Biblical Hebrew*, published by EKS. It’s available at Kolbo and the Israel Book Shop for about $35. The cost for the course is $75 for members, $150 for non-members. Enrollment is a minimum of 5, limit 15; preference given to CDT members. To register, contact office@dorsheitzedek.org.

Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach
with Rabbi Karen Landy
Tuesday evenings 7 - 9 pm
22 weeks starting October 15
(location TBA)

Whether you’re Jewish and wanting to learn some of the basics, or on a path toward conversion, this class is for you! Taught by Rabbi Karen Landy, a graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and a Spiritual Consultant at Jewish Family & Children’s Service, this 22-week course covers the fundamentals of Jewish life and traditions, including Jewish holidays and history, theology, ethics, and ritual practices. For more information or to register, please call Rabbi Landy at 617-277-6634, or pick up a registration form at our High Holy Day services. (Please note: there is a charge for this class, whether or not you are a member of Dorshei Tzedek.)

With All Your Possessions:
A Jewish Approach to Money and Economic Justice
with Rabbi Toba Spitzer
Wednesday evenings, 7:45-9:30 pm
October 16, 23 and 30 and November 6, 13 and 20
at the Unitarian Society

What does Judaism have to say about welfare “reform”? The growing income divide in America? Our personal decisions around daily finances? This class will explore both individual and communal aspects of what has been called a “Torah of money,” including our personal relationships to issues of wealth and poverty, and a Jewish understanding of economic justice in the context of covenantal community. The class will include study of Jewish texts, discussion of contemporary issues, and opportunities for personal reflection. (free for members; $36 for non-members)

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Od Lo Avdah Tikvateynu
Holding On To Hope:
Towards Constructive Conversation
on the Israeli–Palestinian Conflict

A Community Workshop
Sponsored by the Jewish Congregational Network
of Greater Boston

1:30–6 pm, Sunday, October 6, 2002
at Temple Reyim, 1860 Washington Street, West Newton

As members of the American Jewish community, we bear responsibility for helping to bring peace and security to the land of Israel. An important first step is learning to talk to one another about an issue that is painful and difficult to engage. Join us for an afternoon of workshops, discussion, and study as we explore avenues for creating more positive and open conversations within the Jewish community. Together we will learn how to listen to diverse voices and how to create productive programs within our synagogues and communities that address the Israeli–Palestinian conflict and prospects for peace.

Workshops and general sessions will address how to create listening and discussion groups within our communities; dealing with the thorny issues raised by conflicting “myths” and “facts”; the land of Israel and issues of peace in Jewish texts; and creating a hopeful vision for the future. Workshop leaders and teachers include rabbis and members of congregations from the greater Boston area. Dorshei Tzedek members have been instrumental in organizing this event! For more information, please contact Ellen Hemley, ehemley@mlri.org, or jcnboston@earthlink.net.
Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

General Fund

David and Phyllis Farber
In honor of our children

Amy and Jonathan Fleming
In honor of Julia Kajen’s 11th birthday

Holy Book Fund

Andrew Compaine and family
In loving memory of Andrew’s mother,
Norma Shockman Compaine,
and also in honor of those who so kindly led
shiva minyanim at our home:
Rabbi Toba, Kelli Kirshstein, and Chayim Herzig-Marx

Jon and Ami Gordon
Chiae Herzig
In honor of Judy and Chayim’s 28th wedding anniversary

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

John Dubrow and Andrew Compaine
In honor of Danya’s simchat bat

School Fund

Sandra and Sherwood Sedacca
In honor of Cindy’s leadership of the Hebrew School.

There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek: contributions can be made to the General Fund, or to targeted funds like the School or the Holy Book Funds. In addition, donations can be designated for the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. This fund is not part of the congregation’s operating expenses and is administered solely by the rabbi. Monies in this fund are used for tzedakah in the greater community, for special needs at the congregation (e.g., to buy books or help pay for an adult education program), and, most importantly, to help out congregants in need. Donations to this fund are encouraged, in addition to (not instead of!) your contributions to help support the congregation. Checks should be made out to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, but marked as intended for the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. Please contact Rabbi Toba directly if you are in need of financial help at 617-454-0511.

Please send contributions to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465. Please include a note with the names of the donors and the dedication if any, as you wish them to be printed in the newsletter.

Shabbat Tapes Available

Sung by Rabbi Toba Spitzer, Dorshei Tzedek has available audio tapes of: (1) the Friday evening Family Service and (2) our regular Shabbat morning service. To order either or both tapes, please send payment of $6/tape (includes shipping) to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton, MA 02465.
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**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.
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High Holy Days 5762/2001:
Leave The Corners of Our Fields
for the Poor and the Stranger

This is the fast I have chosen...to share your bread with the hungry... —Isaiah 58

Although we live in an era of unprecedented abundance, 12 million 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 more struggle under the crushing weight of hunger and poverty.

For the last five years, thousands of Jews have given life to the 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.

The appeal has raised more than $4.4 million and over six million pounds of food.

The Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist movements and Hillel International have again joined with MAZON in “The Corners of Our Fields.” And again, 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. Your tax-deductible donation will support our grantmaking to programs that provide food, help and hope to hungry people in our country, in Israel and throughout the world.

Yes, I/we will leave “T 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.

Enclosed is a check payable to MAZON for $ __________________________
or charge my □ Visa □ MasterCard □ Amex □ Discover No. __________________________ Exp. Date ______________
Name _________________________________________________________
Cardholder name, if contribution by credit card ________________________________________________________________
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All gifts are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged in writing.
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Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Celebrate Sukkot with your very own lulav and etrog! Orders must be received by Wednesday, September 11. You can pick up your lulav at Sukkot services or at the Dorshei Tzedek office during school hours on Thursday, September 19.

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.
To help our congregants mark the tragedy of September 11, the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM) and the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts (SCM) have instituted PROJECT ZACHOR, a project that educates about and encourages the traditional observance of yahrzeit.

Jewish tradition is replete with rituals to help individuals meet the crisis of bereavement. Lighting a yahrzeit candle—traditionally used to commemorate the anniversary of the death of a loved one—on September 11 will enable Jews everywhere to commemorate the tragic deaths of one year ago. More than 20,000 yahrzeit candles, specially designed with the words “PROJECT ZACHOR... Remembering September 11th,” will be distributed by JCAM and SCM to dozens of congregations prior to Rosh Hashanah. The candle is an opportunity for us as citizens of the United States and as Jews to commemorate the September 11 tragedy and to commit ourselves to the furtherance of democracy and human ideals.

Each Dorshei Tzedek household will be able to pick up a candle either at Erev Rosh Hashanah services on September 6 or at services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, September 7.

“By Your Light, We See Light”: Hope, Healing and Transformation in Uncertain Times
An evening of reflection, song, and prayer on the anniversary of September 11

Wednesday, September 11, 2002
7:30–9 pm

Temple Beth Zion
1566 Beacon Street, Brookline

with Rabbis Moshe Waldoks
Karen Landy, and Ellen Pildis,
and Marjorie Sokoll
Director of Jewish Healing Connections