

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## President's Message

*By Debbie Waber*

The fall season is traditionally a time for new beginnings of a more serious nature. The summer has ended, and we reconvene to take up the real business of the world. For Jews, the fall season coincides with the High Holy Days, the joyous holiday of Sukkot, and finally Simchat Torah, when we celebrate our holy text and begin it anew, reading the first few verses of Beresheit, which recounts the birth of the cosmos. For us, having contemplated and examined our station in the world over a period of weeks, this time of year can feel even more like a time for beginning, for rolling up our sleeves, and getting to work.

For our community at Dorshei Tzedek, this fall will be a particularly important time to re-examine where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. Last year was an exciting and demanding one, with the prospect of potentially acquiring our own space with all that entails. Now it is time to take stock of those events, to examine where we are in our collective journey, and to set meaningful goals for ourselves for the year ahead of us. In this regard, there are a number of important events this fall.

First, at the end of September, the Board received the report commissioned from Hillel Koren, our fundraising consultant, about the feasibility study he undertook last spring. This report is an extremely valuable self-assessment for us, not only about dollars and cents, but also more importantly about our attitudes towards money and fundraising, and how these attitudes play out in our daily life as a community. We will be sharing this report with the membership shortly.



Second, the Torah of Money Committee, coordinated by Wendy Gedanken, has initiated a new process to study the values that we bring to fundraising, in preparation for a greater emphasis on this aspect of our communal life. For those of you who were not members of the congregation during our last Torah of Money process, this thorough consideration of values led to the construction of our current dues structure.

Third, the Board will meet at the end of October for a "retreat," to review the larger issues that we will need to grapple with and set goals for the year. Fundraising and the Torah of Money process will certainly be on this agenda, but there will undoubtedly be other issues as well.

Finally, on **Sunday November 3**, there will be an important **Members' Meeting**, to brief the membership on all of the above activities, and engage in a community discussion. **The Members' Meeting is at 7:15 pm at the First Unitarian Society.**

So, we have a great deal on our plates. I hope to use this space, and from time to time the listserv, to keep everyone updated as the year goes on. It is crucial that members be knowledgeable about major issues of concern to the community. The Board is not an exclusive club: members are always welcome at Board meetings, and anyone should feel free to approach Board members to voice concerns or engage in discussion. This year promises to be one of both challenges and exciting opportunities, and I believe we are well-poised to meet both.

*B'shalom.*

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## High Holy Day Programs

### Todah Rabah—Thank You to Dorshei Tzedek Members

Our wonderful experience over the High Holy Days would not have been possible without the active participation and leadership of many people in our congregation. The Board set a goal for 100% member participation in helping our services and programs run smoothly. As you can see from the list below, we went a long way to achieving that goal in 5763. A very big Todah Rabah—Thank You—to all the Dorshei Tzedek members who helped make our High Holy Days so special. The names of some of these amazing members appear below. (Apologies if we left your name off the list. If you email [dtnews@yahoo.com](mailto:dtnews@yahoo.com) we will include your name in the next issue.)

**Overall Coordinators:** Lissy Medvedow and Cliff Cohen

**Usher Coordinator and Coordinator's Helper:** Elizabeth Ross

**Children's Services and Programming:** Tessa Goldsmith, Janet Boguslaw, Gina Fried, Sheree Galpert, Jill Volk, Cindy Marshall, Marc Steinberg, Amy Goldsmith, Willa Kuh and the following Dorshei Tzedek pre- and post-b'nei mitzvah kids who helped out with childcare: Rachel Sacks, Lauren Sacks, Stefan Cohen, Alex Kaufman, Rebecca Holohan, Becky Fortgang, Olivia Medvedow, Ariella Kuh, Amanda Kagen, Ben Rome, Leah Broh, Stella Isaacs, Annalise Littman, and Jolie Demuth

**Coordinating Services:** Elaine Pollack, Michael White, and members of the Ritual Committee

**Service Leading:** Karen Arnold, Chayim Herzig-Marx, Judy Herzig-Marx, Miranda Phillips, Elaine Pollack, Lisa Port White, Dan Rome, Elana Rome, and Bill Shorr; and our young adults who helped out—Anna Kahn-Leavitt, Julia Pashall, Stella Rose Isaacs, Anna Bresnick, Zach Demuth, Rose Friedman, Amy Goldsmith, and Adam Goldsmith

**Overall Food Coordinator—**Barbara Zolit, and **Food Captains—** Stacy Chacker, Susan Manheim, Emily Saltz, Andrew Schiff, and Jerry Zolit

**Flowers:** Louise Enoch

**Audio:** Jeff Fortgang

**Nametags:** Ezra and Allison Hausman

**New Quilts:** Marcia Wasserman, Steffi Karp, and CDT members attending the 5762 retreat

**Ushers:** Chayim Herzig-Marx, Judy Herzig-Marx, Ellen Pashall, Betsy Hinden, Steve Siegel, Sharon Gorberg, Nancy Gertz, Marc Bronstein, Louise Enoch, Sherry Katz, Cheryl Sacks, Cindy Shulak Rome, Amy Mazur, Bill Shorr, Ellen Hemley, Mark Farber, Jodi and Alex Sugarman-Brozan, Susan Hart, Linda Hsu, Marc Steinberg, Allison Hausman, Deb Levheim, Andrew Schiff, Clifford Goldsmith, Carolyn Fine, Kelli Kirshtein, Jon Gordon, Wendy Gedanken, Paul Hattis, Theresa St. John-Siegel, Dan Halbert, Stan Fleishman, Rick Glassman, Lisa Port White, Sherry Katz, Paul Carson, Linette Liebling, Ira Shorr, Tim Rosa, James Kaplan, Elaine Landes, Matilda Bruckner, Ed Bruckner, and Michael White

**Website Coding:** Peter Hess

**Membership Phone Lines:** Erica Streit, Amy Mazur, Linda Hsu, Kelli Kirstein, Esther Kohn, Donna Webber, and Andrew Schiff

**Publicity:** Dinah Moeller

And, last, a huge Yasher Koach—May You Remain in Strength—to the large group of members who participated and helped the above coordinators with Torah and Haftarah readings, setup, cleanup, food, children, ushering, and greeting.

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### Rabbi Spitzer's High Holy Day Talks

Rabbi Spitzer's High Holy Day talks are available on the Dorshei Tzedek website ([www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org)).

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

**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.

# Shabbat Programs



## Erev Shabbat Services

*Fall dates: October 25, November 22, and December 20*

In the new year 5763, Dorshei Tzedek is 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 Shabbat is oriented toward adults and older kids.

## Family Erev Shabbat Services

*Fall dates: October 4, November 1, and 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!

**Story Tellers 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, and 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.)

## Shabbat: What's Hot and What's Not for 5763

*By Michael White*

As we begin the New Year, it's time to look ahead and identify the latest Shabbat trends. For this reason, the Ritual Committee has assembled a list of what's hot and what's not for Shabbat morning services at Dorshei Tzedek.

What's Hot	What's Not So Hot
Sound of voices singing.	Sound of cell phones ringing.
Discussing the Torah portion.	Discussing congregational business at services or Kiddush.
Volunteering to participate in services in one of several capacities: reading Torah, greeting new members at the door, or sharing a D'var Torah.	Services with no Torah reading, no greeting and no minds meeting.

This is what the Ritual Committee thinks will be hot for Shabbat and also what's not. Focusing on what's hot will maximize everyone's enjoyment of Shabbat. We would like to hear your predictions for 5763. Feel free to share them with anyone from the Ritual Committee.

## Condolences

Our community grieves the loss of our beloved member, Efrem Goldberg, husband of Ellie and father of Reva and Sasha. Our wishes for comfort and healing are extended to the Goldberg family at this difficult time, and may Efrem's memory always be cherished in our congregation.



To Lisa Schneier, on the death of her father, Elliott Shneier, may his memory be for a blessing.

To Steve Strassberg, on the death of his mother, Helen Strassberg, may her memory be for a blessing.

May you and we all find comfort in this time of sadness and loss.

## Contributions

*We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:*

### General Fund

**Liz Carver and Bryn Austin**  
*In honor of Idit Klein*

**Ellie Goldberg**  
*In memory of Efrem Goldberg*

**Carla Naumburg and Joshua Herzig-Marx**  
*In honor of Marc, Linda, and Hannah and their new home*

**Bonny and Larry Rosenberg**  
*To thank Congregation Dorshei Tzedek  
for the loan of your beautiful banners*

**Steve Siegel**  
*In honor of Rabbi Toba for embracing our family  
and for helping Theresa with her conversion*

**Gerald Van Dam**

### Education Fund

**Joe and Miriam Slipowitz**  
*In Honor of Dan Halbert and Carole Slipowitz*

### Holy Book Fund

**Ezra and Allison Hausman**  
*In appreciation of all the people who gave their time and  
thought for the High Holiday services and childcare*

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Ezra and Allison Hausman**  
*In appreciation for Rabbi Toba's dedication  
and inspirational teachings*

### Torah Fund and Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Barbara and Shelley Magaliff**  
*In honor of Mark Bronstein and Ellen Hemley's Anniversary*

*There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek: through contributions to the General Fund, or to targeted funds such as the School or the Holy Book Funds. In addition, donations can be made to 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 tzeda-kah 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 at 617-454-0511 if you are in need of financial assistance.*

# Bar and Bat Mitzvah Celebrations

## Bar Mitzvah of James Shapiro

The family of James Shapiro invites the Dorshei Tzedek community to join us as he is called to the Torah on **Saturday, October 5**. James has been attending Hebrew school at Dorshei Tzedek since his family joined the congregation after moving to Newton. Before that, James studied at Congregation B'nai Brith in Somerville. James plays the clarinet and has a love of animals, baseball, the comics, the Red Sox, and is a bit of "parrot head"—the term used to describe Jimmy Buffett's fans.

His initial Tikkun Olam project of trying to amend state law to include requiring carbon monoxide monitors as well as smoke detectors has hit some serious snags; however, James has not given up. In the meantime, he is working to get the Newton school system to join up with NU-Trons, a robotics team competition league for high school students. He is also planning on donating a percentage of any money he receives for his Bar Mitzvah to the World Wildlife Fund and the National Zoo's Conservation and Research Center to help study, preserve, and protect endangered species in keeping with his *parsha*: Beresheit.

## Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Forman

We warmly invite the Dorshei Tzedek community to join us as our daughter Rachel Forman is called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on **Saturday, October 19**, at **9:45 am** at the First Unitarian Society of Newton. Rachel has received all of her religious education at Dorshei Tzedek (and is the first CDT bat mitzvah to do so!). She is a high honors eighth grader at Wellesley Middle School, where she has recently taken up field hockey. Rachel plays soccer as well, and especially enjoys caring for her twelve pets. Over the past year Rachel has developed a tikkun olam project that involves collecting toiletries for distribution at several shelters. We look forward to sharing this special morning with you, and invite you to stay for a Kiddush lunch following the service.—*Melanie Northrop, Daniel Forman*

## Bar Mitzvah of Dan Katz

Laura and Joel Katz invite the Dorshei Tzedek community to the Bar Mitzvah of their son Daniel on **Saturday, October 26**, at **9:45 am** at the First Unitarian Society of Newton. Dan and his family joined Dorshei Tzedek just over two years ago after moving here from Pittsburgh (although he had previously lived in Auburndale and attended Burr School). He currently lives in Needham with his parents, Laura and Joel, and his younger siblings Julianna and Jeremy. Dan is an eighth grader at Pollard School. In his free time, Dan enjoys a variety of active outdoor sports including running, biking, soccer, and lacrosse.

As with many families, Dan's family has been touched by cancer: several relatives and friends have been battling the disease this year. As part of his tikkun olam project, Dan raised money for the Pan-Mass Challenge, a bike ride in August that benefits The Jimmy Fund/Dana Farber Cancer Center. Dan trained with his Dad for the bike ride, learning to ride more than 30 miles in a day. Along with raising money, Dan volunteered prior to the ride, and, on the start day from Wellesley, Dan helped with many aspects of the event.

## Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Farber

Jacob is an eighth grade student at Rashi, where he studies Hebrew and Jewish studies in addition to his regular curriculum. He also takes a science fiction writing class and is a member of the running club. Jacob loves the outdoors, and rock climbs, hikes and bikes. For the past year, Jacob has been studying with Elaine Pollack, and they have spent many rewarding hours talking about the prayers and his torah portion. We hope you will join us when he becomes a bar mitzvah on **November 2**. There will be a kiddush lunch following the service.

**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](mailto:ehemley@mlri.org), or [jcnboston@earthlink.net](mailto:jcnboston@earthlink.net).

**Greater Boston Jewish Domestic Violence  
Coalition Program on Teen Dating Violence**

The Greater Boston Jewish Domestic Violence Coalition is presenting a program on **October 23** in its effort to break the silence of teen dating violence. Jewish parents often feel the possibility of abusive relationships is negligible among their adolescent and young adult children. But, as domestic abuse among Jewish families is comparable to that of the general population, the same is true for young Jewish adults: as they begin to date, they face the problems and choices that all young adults face and suffer the same effects of coercion, power and control. In Massachusetts, bi-annual studies of dating violence have found that one in five girls has encountered sexual or physical abuse in their dating relationships before they have finished high school.

If you want to learn how to best talk with your children about healthy relationships and dating, join us at the annual meeting at Temple Emeth at **7 pm, October 23**. Carole Sousa, Co-Founder of the Dating Violence Intervention Project, Nicole Lesser, LIOSW, Coordinator Kol Isha, Jewish Family and Children's Service, Michael Weiner, Former Youth Director at Temple Emanuel, Newton, and Rebecca Chernin, New Jewish High School Intern, The Support Committee for Battered Women, will be speaking. Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call 617-558-1278 x535 for more information.

**Jewish Environmental Institute 2002:  
Connecting Judaism and the Environment**

*Greater Boston Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL)*

*Temple Israel, 477 Longwood Avenue (Longwood Ave. and Plymouth St.), Boston*

**Sunday, October 20**

**1:00 pm – 6:30 pm Learning and exploration**

**6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Dinner with live Klezmer music**

Interested in discovering more about the connection between Judaism and the Environment? Join the Greater Boston Jewish community in an afternoon of workshops on topics including Jewish tradition and the environmental movement, connections between the Jewish holidays and the environment, advocacy for environmental protection, making our homes and synagogues more environmentally responsible, and more! The conference will end with a delicious meal and lively music!

For more information or to register, go to the COEJL website at [www.jcrboston.org/coejl](http://www.jcrboston.org/coejl), phone 617-457-8670, or email [coejl@jcrboston.org](mailto:coejl@jcrboston.org).

# Adult Education

## **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 First 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*)



## **Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach**

*with Rabbi Karen Landy*

**Tuesday evenings, 7 – 9 pm, 22 weeks beginning 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. (*Please note: there is a charge for this class, whether or not you are a member of Dorshei Tzedek.*)

## **Adult Hebrew Class at Dorshei Tzedek**

*with Natasha Shabat*

**Monday nights, 8-9 pm, for 10 weeks starting October 7,**

*(\$75 for members; \$150 for non-members)*



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 and writing script letters) using the textbook *The First Hebrew Primer for Biblical Hebrew*, plus excerpts from the *siddur* (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](mailto:NShabat@post.harvard.edu).

**Textbook:** Simon, Resnikoff, and Motzkin: *The First Hebrew Primer, Third Edition: The Adult Beginner's Path to Biblical Hebrew*, published by EKS. Available at Kolbo and the Israel Book Shop for about \$35.

**Enrollment:** Minimum 5, limit 15; preference given to CDT members.

**Registration:** Contact [office@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:office@dorsheitzedek.org).



## Welcome New Members!

We're excited to welcome three new households this month:

**Caryn-Amy King** lives in Medford with her two cats, and works in Lexington as a project manager in the IT department at an environmental consulting company. She has been in the area almost three years now. She is thrilled to have become part of such a welcoming and vibrant congregation as Dorshei Tzedek, and also enjoys services at Havurat Shalom near her home. This fall, she'll attend RRC's Institute for prospective students.

**Lauren Gibbs** and her daughter, **Mara Flax Gibbs** (5), are delighted to join Dorshei Tzedek after two years of attending family services. Mara particularly enjoys Rabbi Toba's stories and Lauren finds the music of the service very peaceful. Lauren feels she's re-constructed in many areas of her life, including her Jewish life, and Dorshei Tzedek feels like a good fit! Lauren lives in Cambridge; Mara lives half of the time with Lauren and half of the time with her father and Lauren's co-parenting partner, Steve Flax, in Roslindale. On the work front, Lauren has been a consultant to nonprofit organizations for most of her work life. She is a native New Yorker and a feminist (not necessarily in that order!). Lauren finds the choices confronting Israel right now and the world's responses to those choices very painful. Mara and Lauren both love reading, dancing, theater-going, laughing and hiking. They look forward to participating further in the Dorshei Tzedek community.

**Carla Naumburg** and **Josh Herzig-Marx** have enjoyed membership status at Dorshei Tzedek since early in the summer, but due to lack of useful connections at the *shul*, were unable to get their announcement in the newsletter until now. Josh spends his days in a daze of software solutions at deNovis, Inc., while Carla is working towards her Masters in Social Work - thus unwittingly contributing to the concerning statistic regarding the number of mental health professionals at DTz. Josh and Carla live in Medford, with their cat, Goose, where they enjoy cooking, eating, reading, and running.

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Send items to be published in future newsletters to [dtnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dtnews@yahoogroups.com). Thanks!

—The Newsletter Committee: Dan Halbert, Josh Herzig-Marx, Tim Rosa, and Susannah Zisk.

## Adult Education at Hebrew College

### Special Events and Lectures

From bible study to political controversies, The Center for Adult Jewish Learning's lectures and special events explore topical issues with leading scholars, authors and performers.

Many lecture series are designed with special follow-up courses, to enable participants to learn more about the subject.

Please visit [www.hebrewcollege.edu/html/adult\\_learning/events\\_lectures.htm](http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/html/adult_learning/events_lectures.htm) for detailed information about upcoming programs for the 2002-2003 academic year. Contact the Center for Adult Jewish Learning at 617-559-8709 or [adultlearning@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:adultlearning@hebrewcollege.edu) to add your name to our mailing list.

### Me'ah - 100 Hours of Adult Jewish Learning

Students throughout Greater Boston and across the U.S. are raving about *Me'ah*, a two-year text-based course designed for adults who want to dig more deeply into Jewish history and thought. A thousand people have finished the program since its inception eight years ago as a partnership between Hebrew College and Combined Jewish Philanthropies' Commission on Jewish Continuity.

Whatever your level of Jewish learning, *Me'ah* engages you in a dynamic, personal dialogue with Jewish texts, studied within a framework of the four periods of Jewish history—biblical, rabbinic, medieval and modern. The program, taught by leading Jewish scholars who understand the unique needs of adult learners, is now offered at over 20 Boston area locations and at a half-dozen sites nationwide, including New York and South Florida.

*Me'ah* classes at Hebrew College for Fall 2002 will start in October on Thursday mornings (9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.) and Wednesday evenings (7:00 – 9:45 p.m.). Contact Hebrew College for schedules for satellite sites. Hebrew College classes fill up early. To register, call 617-559-8709 or email [meah@hebrewcollege.edu](mailto:meah@hebrewcollege.edu).

*Several members of Dorshei Tzedek are currently studying in Me'ah. We hope to include report from them in the next issue of the newsletter.*





# October Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Set-up/Clean-up and Notes
Thu Oct 3	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Parent Back-to-School Night (Kitot Gimmel-Zayin)	
Fri Oct 4	6 pm - 7 pm	<b>Family Erev Shabbat services</b> (see page 3)	Eva Rosenn (c), Cynthia Piltch, Doug Hersh
Sat Oct 5		Kitot Alef and Bet Classes	
Sat Oct 5	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>James Shapiro Bar Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Debra Rattet, Ilene Spiro (see page 5)
Mon Oct 7	8 pm - 9 pm	<b>Adult Education: Hebrew Class</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Oct 12		No Alef and Bet Classes	
Sat Oct 12 *	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Services	Karen Wasserman (c), Ingrid Neuman
Mon Oct 14	8 pm - 9 pm	<b>Adult Education: Hebrew Class</b>	(see page 7)
Wed Oct 16	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Oct 19	8:45 am - 9:40 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	(see page 3)
Sat Oct 19	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Rachel Forman Bat Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Andy Littman, Amy Mazur (see page 5)
Sat Oct 19	10 am - 12 pm	Kitot Alef and Bet Classes	
Mon Oct 21	8 pm - 9 pm	<b>Adult Education: Hebrew Class</b>	(see page 7)
Wed Oct 23	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Fri Oct 25	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Kitah Vav Shabbat dinner	
Fri Oct 25	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Erev Shabbat services (see page 3)	David Pincus (c), Marvin Snider, Terry Traub
Sat Oct 26	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Dan Katz Bar Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Linette Liebling, Kathy Pillsbury
Sat Oct 26	10 am - 12 pm	Kitot Alef and Bet Classes	
Sun Oct 27	2 pm - 4 pm	Family Education Programs Kitot Zayin and Gimmel	
Mon Oct 28	8 pm - 9 pm	<b>Adult Education: Hebrew Class</b>	(see page 7)
Wed Oct 30	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Thu Oct 31		No Religious School - Staff Meeting	

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

Setup/cleanup people: The coordinator for your event is labeled "(c)". Please contact that person to coordinate your work.

**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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Date	Time	Event	Set-up/Clean-up and Notes
Fri Nov 1	6 pm - 7 pm	<b>Family Erev Shabbat services</b> (see page 3)	Sandra Sedacca (c), Lauren Gibbs, Susan Nitkin
Fri Nov 1	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Kitah Dalet Dinner	
Sat Nov 2	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Jacob Farber Bar Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Laurie Kahn-Leavitt, TBA
Sat Nov 2	6:30 pm -	<b>New Member Potluck and Orientation</b>	(see page 11)
Sun Nov 3	7:15 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>Member's Meeting</b>	(see page 1)
Wed Nov 6	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Nov 9 *	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Services	Debbie Sher (c), Beth Green, Elaine Fanwick
Wed Nov 13	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Sat Nov 16	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Alexandra Katz Bat Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Sharon Gorberg, Ricky Greeley (see page 5)
Wed Nov 20	7:45 pm - 9:15 pm	<b>Adult Education: With All Your Possessions</b>	(see page 7)
Fri Nov 22	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Kitah Hay Shabbat Dinner	
Fri Nov 22	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Services (see page 3)	Alex Sugerman-Brozan (c), Jodie Siegel, Janice Fine
Sat Nov 23	8:45 am - 9:40 am	<b>Adult Education: Torah Study</b>	(see page 3)
Sat Nov 23	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Services	Elaine Bresnick (c), Ira Schor, Jane Schwartz
Fri Nov 29		<i>First night of Chanukah</i>	
Sat Nov 30	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Michelle Blitzman Bat Mitzvah</b> Shabbat Morning Services	Leeann Simons, Lissy Medvedow

## Membership

### First Members' Potluck of the New Year

All members and their children are invited to share dinner and celebrate Havdalah at members' homes on **Saturday, October 26**. This is a wonderful way to expand your connection with people in our community. We hold several of these informal dinners each year. Sign up by contacting Ami Gordon (617-630-1717 or [amisgordon@attbi.com](mailto:amisgordon@attbi.com)) by October 18. Please specify who will be attending from your household, if you want to be a guest or host, and if you have any food restrictions or allergies.



### New Member Potluck and Orientation

On **Saturday, November 2 at 6:30 pm**, members who have joined within the past year are invited to a potluck and orientation at the First Unitarian Society. Meet other newcomers, Dorshei Tzedek Board members, and Rabbi Spitzer. Childcare will be provided. Food assignments are: A – Z (bring a main, meatless dish); L – P (bring a cold salad); R – Z (bring dessert). This is guaranteed to be a fun evening for all, so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Erica Streit at [erica\\_streit@hotmail.com](mailto:erica_streit@hotmail.com) or call 617/278-6235.

### Keeping Membership Data Current

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](mailto:hershj@juno.com). Please send updated e-mail addresses to Paul Carson at [p\\_carson@ti.com](mailto:p_carson@ti.com). **The deadline for changes of both types is October 15**, as we're getting ready to send out the updated membership list by the end of October.

### Prospective Member Open House Brunch and Study with our Rabbi

**Sunday, October 20, 10 am – noon**

*At the Walker Center*

*171 Grove Street, Newton,  
at the corner of Hancock Street*

*½ mile north of the Riverside MBTA station  
(directions available at [www.walkerctr.org](http://www.walkerctr.org))*

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

### Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Convention November 7–10, 2002



Join Rabbi Toba and other Dorshei Tzedek members at the 39th Convention of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF), November 7–10, 2002 in Montreal. The theme of this year's conference is "Self, Congregation, Community, and the World: Seeking a Reconstructionist Balance." Dorshei Tzedek members are encouraged to attend the conference and participate in four days of gathering, prayer, study, and friendship amidst Montreal's vibrant Jewish community. Dynamic Workshops about Tikkun Olam, Education, Leadership Development, Israel, Prayer and Meditation, Reconstructionist Thought, and much more. Questions? Go to [www.jrf.org/events/conv2002-main.html](http://www.jrf.org/events/conv2002-main.html), call the JRF office at (215) 782-8500, or email [convention@jrf.org](mailto:convention@jrf.org). Dorshei Tzedek has funds available to help subsidize members to attend the conference (contact Debbie Waber or Rabbi Toba if you're interested). This is a fabulous opportunity to meet like-minded members of other Reconstructionist congregations and find out what our movement is all about!

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## Camp JRF

The 2002 summer at Camp JRF was a huge success. The 2003 season will again take place at Camp Henry Horner, located on lakefront property in Ingleside, Illinois, 45 miles northwest of Chicago, from June 22 - July 13. The early registration deadline is **November 6**. For more information, call visit [www.jrf.org/camp/camping-2003-main.html](http://www.jrf.org/camp/camping-2003-main.html), call (866) JRF-CAMP (573-2267) or e-mail [camp@jrf.org](mailto:camp@jrf.org). From their brochure:

As Reconstructionists, the vision of Judaism will be experienced through the lens of the values of spiritual peoplehood. Our children will learn what it means to live as a community as they:

- Study text about being part of a group
- Apply the arts
- Search for spirituality
- Utilize Hebrew vocabulary
- Connect to other ideas of community celebrating diversity
- Recognize their relationship to the land and people of Israel
- Mend their portion of the world
- Strive to become mensches

Special programs at camp included: wilderness overnights (well, back in the woods, but not too far from the bathrooms), a Reconstructionist Fourth of July, Early Israel Day, and a field trip to the Moose Mountain Water Park.

In the 2002 season, our thirty-nine *Halutzim* (pioneers) came from every region of the United States. (Next year we hope to have campers from other countries as well). Our camper group was well-balanced by gender and age: 19 girls, 20 boys; 20 younger campers (5th and 6th grade together) and 19 older campers.