President’s Message
by Debbie Waber

Last month, CDT completed its first round of Community Conversations, a series of one-on-one conversations between members. At the end of March a dozen people who had initiated and facilitated the conversations gathered to share their experiences and begin the process of extracting themes from those conversations.

One theme that became apparent was the extent to which so many of us bring to CDT, consciously or unconsciously, a range of mixed feeling when it comes to Judaism and Jewish practice. Some of us have had negative earlier experiences with other Jewish institutions, or received less than positive messages about Judaism from our parents. Many of us have very low expectations of Jewish community and ritual practice—assumptions that money and status mean more to synagogues than anything else, or that Judaism is a dry, boring tradition that has little or nothing to offer spiritually.

Another issue we’ve discovered is that in the context of a society in which we largely experience ourselves as consumers, many of us bring the consumer mindset to our synagogue connection. Thus, we may find ourselves choosing a religious school like we would a dance or judo class for our children; or we may feel like we’re part of an audience at a performance when we attend Shabbat services.

Most CDT members join our congregation mindfully, typically after lengthy search and consideration. As our name, “seekers of justice,” suggests, many members join because they are seekers, pursuing a path that differs from earlier experiences with organized Judaism, a community consonant with their values where they can embark on their own Jewish journey. But however mindful we are, we cannot leave behind the assumptions, negative experiences, and unresolved conflicts around our Jewish identities and experiences that we carry with us. The Community Conversations project has begun to surface some important questions. While we may have a commitment to raising our children with a Jewish education, do we know what we want Jewishly for ourselves? What do we do about the sense of discomfort or strangeness in Shabbat services that many of us feel, discomfort that may be coincident with frustration about unmet spiritual needs? What keeps each of us from feeling more at home in our Judaism, at Dorshei Tzedek?

Ellie Goldberg, a founding member of CDT, recorded some of her responses to the March meeting. She wrote: “I suspect that most people who don’t participate and engage in the PROCESS don’t realize that the PROCESS is what makes services, study sessions and ‘deep participation’ so meaningful.” We may not even realize the weight of the baggage we carry, and the extent of the possibilities that open to us once we learn to discard that baggage. Ellie then went on to write something quite profound. She says, “Maybe it [participation] was a necessary part of the formative steps of creating the Congregation in the early days but if we think of each member as part of the creation and renewal of our growing congregation, then everyone should be part of this as an explicit strategic process.”

Each year when we celebrate Passover, we are told that each Jew should regard him or herself as if he or she were present at the liberation from bondage in Egypt. In the same way, every member of CDT, no matter how new or old, can regard him or herself as a founder, as the creator of a new way of encountering our Judaism that is not so freighted with the “bondage” of our pasts. The Community Conversations project has launched us on a communal path to that liberation. I hope that all of us will join as active participants in this communal process, and that the conversation will move our community of seekers to a new and more satisfying place.

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*Ellie Goldberg, Secretary*

Laurie Gould, CDT Treasurer, gave an update on this year’s budget and projections for next year. Financial planning for next year is underway, and the membership will be presented with the fiscal 2004-2005 budget at the June members’ meeting. If members have questions about the budget, please contact Laurie.

Nancy Gertz has been having conversations about members’ interests and available time in developing next year’s board and off-board positions. Everyone is invited to talk with Nancy if he or she is interested in positions. Toba, Nancy and Debbie will constitute the nominating committee this year.

Andrew Compaine reported considerable enthusiasm for the Community Conversations process. Fifteen facilitators are doing the conversations with a goal of 45 conversations. The facilitators will meet for debriefing sessions, with consultation from Rebecca Gifford from GBIO. The debriefing sessions will extract themes from the conversations to guide community-building efforts.

Cheryl Sacks reminded us to be fastidious about space and cleaning up. Be aware that an empty room is not an available room. Also, members should be aware of which bathrooms are ours to use.

Elizabeth Ross is chairing a committee of 8–10 people to address future planning, such as congregational growth and the implications for scheduling b’nei mitzvah and non-event services.

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**Fifth Bi-Annual Dorshei Tzedek Members’ Retreat**  
*June 4 – 6, Camp Ramah in Palmer, MA*

Preparations for the Dorshei Tzedek members’ retreat are reaching a feverish pitch. We encourage members new and old to take this opportunity to create new ties and strengthen existing connections within our wonderful community. Come celebrate Shabbat in the midst of over one hundred acres of undeveloped woods, at the sandy beach of a spring-fed lake with a beautiful mountain view. Camp Ramah is in Palmer, Massachusetts, less than 90 minutes from metro Boston. To find out more, please contact retreat co-chairs, **Sivan Nasoff** at 617.924.7551 or **Susannah Zisk** at 617.332.0977.

Note that it may not be too late for stragglers to register. Although the deadline for registration and payment has passed (May 1), if you failed to send in a registration form or payment but you would still like to be included, please call Sivan right away. Space is limited and our deadline for giving the final attendance numbers to the camp is fast approaching! The retreat is open to all members of the congregation. If cost is an issue, please contact Rabbi Spitzer at 617.965.0330.

If you have already registered, expect to receive an update with directions and suggestions on what to bring. This update will be sent either by email or by regular mail in advance of the retreat.

Get ready for a weekend of great fun, relaxation, and strengthening bonds within our community.

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**Members’ Meeting: Save the Date!**  
*Sunday, June 13 at 7:15 pm*  
*60 Highland Street*

Join us for this final members’ meeting of 5764, where we’ll be voting in a new Board, voting on next year’s budget, and learning more about the exciting Community Conversations project. See you in June!

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**Contacting Rabbi Spitzer:** 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. Rabbi Spitzer’s office is at the Second Church, 60 Highland Street, in West Newton.
Shavuot

Tuesday, May 25, 8 pm to midnight
at the home of Matilda and Ed Bruckner, Newton Centre

Shavuot is the holiday where we celebrate the receiving of Torah at Mount Sinai, and erev Shavuot is traditionally celebrated with an evening of study. Past years’ study sessions have been quite wonderful, and we encourage you to join us for all or part of this program! No prior knowledge or Shavuot experience necessary. Tradition has it that the heavens open at midnight, so come and see if you can make it all the way...

The evening’s program includes:

- 8:00 pm: Ma’ariv (evening) service
- 8:45 pm: A Shavuot nosh—please bring fruit or dairy desserts or blintzes (eating dairy products is a Shavuot tradition)
- 9:00 pm: Study begins, and continues to midnight. We’ll be exploring "Torah" in its broadest sense—traditional Jewish texts, literature, and poetry, from all eras of Jewish life. Teachers include esteemed members of our own community—if you have something you’d like to share, contact Kelli Kirshtein at kellik@rcn.com. For directions to the Bruckners, call them at 617.244.3345.

Shabbat Programs

All Shabbat services are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space in the Second Church of Newton, 60 Highland Street in West Newton.

All–Ages Erev Shabbat Services

May 7, and June 11, 6 – 7 pm

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a musical, all–ages service to welcome Shabbat. On April 2, Kitah Dalet (our 4th graders) will help lead the service—all are welcome!

Erev Shabbat Services

May 21, 8 – 9:30 pm

Join us for this final adult erev Shabbat service of the season, before we take a break for the summer. Welcome Shabbat with music and contemplative prayer and a tasty oneg Shabbat!

Kitah Vav Siyyum

On Shabbat morning, May 8, Kitah Vav (our 6th grade) will be helping to lead the service. All are welcome!

High Holiday Volunteers Needed

High Holiday planning is underway! Please join us in putting together a terrific Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur celebration. We need volunteers to plan, organize, and set up child care, food and drink, name tags, etc.....the many small and large tasks that combine to create our High Holiday services. Please contact Theresa St. John–Siegel at 617.244.2291 or email her at theresa@siegelassociates.com to volunteer, ask questions and/or to learn more about how you can help prepare for the High Holidays.
B’nei Mitzvah Celebrations

Raphael Fox Broh

Please join us on May 1, 2004 as we celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of Raphael Fox Broh.

Raphe Broh will be called to the Torah on May 1, which is International Labor Day — an appropriate date to celebrate Raphe’s annual summer participation in the Habonim Dror movement. Camp Na’aleh is “based on the pillars of Zionism, Judaism, Socialism, Social Justice and Actualization” as the website proclaims — along with a picture of Raphe doing Israeli folk dancing. Most of the year, Raphe is a seventh grader at Devotion School in Brookline where science and Spanish are his favorite subjects. He is a brown belt in Shin Gum Do, a Korean form of the martial arts requiring great control and agility of the body while handling wooden swords. Raphe plays on the Brookline recreational lacrosse team and handles a mean saxophone. His favorite books are science fiction—Asimov’s Foundation trilogy, Frank Herbert’s Dune series, and Orson Scott Card’s Ender and Bean series. Raphe is a member of Dorshei Tzedek’s Kitah Zayin. We are very proud of him and hope you will share this simcha with our family, friends and members of the Dorshei Tzedek community.

Please join us for Shabbat morning services followed by Kiddush.

—Tony Broh and Jennifer Hochschild

Jacob Carson

Please join us on May 22, 2004 as we celebrate the bar mitzvah of our son, Jacob Carson. Jake is a 7th grader at The Meadowbrook School in Weston, where his favorite subjects are history, Latin, and math. He plays on the soccer, squash and baseball teams for Meadowbrook. He also loves golf, archery, swimming and kayaking. His favorite activity is strategic gaming on the computer, which he would do 24/7 if we let him! We are proud of Jake’s commitment to his Tikkun Olam project. Since September he has made weekly visits to play Scrabble with a resident of the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful simcha with our family, friends and the Dorshei Tzedek community.

Please join us for the Shabbat morning services and Kiddush.

—Roberta and Paul Carson

Adina Hemley-Bronstein

We invite Congregation Dorshei Tzedek to share in our joy when our daughter Adina is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, Shabbat Naso, Saturday, May 29, at 9:45 am. Adina has been an active member of CDT since she was five weeks old when, in September 1991, she attended the Congregation’s first official Rosh Hashonah. Having grown up in Dorshei Tzedek—attending Shabbat morning services and religious school at the Unitarian Society—Adina was surprised to learn, at age 9 or 10, that some Jews actually daven and conduct religious school classes in buildings other than churches. Who knew?

Adina is a girl of many interests and talents: she is an avid reader, accomplished poet, rock climber and recent member of FA Day Middle School’s track team; she also plays the piano and serves as a regular announcer and “executive director in training” at “WORD”, the Middle Schools’ daily televised news program. Adina is also a long-time volunteer, with her father and older sister, at the Animal Rescue League in Dedham and is singularly responsible for rousing them early almost every Sunday morning for the last four years to go to work with the animals.

The CDT community continues to be a source of joy for our family. We look forward to celebrating Adina’s Bat Mitzvah with all of you.

—Ellen Hemley and Mark Bronstein
Community Events

New Israel Fund 25th Anniversary Summer Tour
June 30 – July 8, 2004

This is the Israel you’ve never seen!

Can a trip to Israel bring you face to face with a Bedouin feminist in the Negev? With Orthodox local youth activists in Rahat? With Arabs and Jews united to promote equal rights in the Galilee? Israel is an ever-changing mosaic of peoples, cultures, and identities. Go behind the newspaper headlines and television sound bites to examine the social and ideological realities of contemporary Israeli life. Through personal encounters, you will learn about key challenges facing Israel and the steps Israelis are taking to meet them. You’ll meet with a wide variety of people who are shaping the social change movement in Israel, speak with people of diverse political and ideological views, and explore the country, including Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and the north.

Please contact Aviva Meyer at aviva@nif.org or 202.513.7825 or Jeanine Uttaro at jeanine@nif.org or 202.513.7879 for more information. Visit the NIF website at www.nif.org for itinerary and more details of the trip.

Todah Rabah

A hearty todah rabah to the entire crew who worked on the Purim celebration, including the spiel, the parade, the flier, and all the many logistics. A special thanks to two individuals who were the core of this year’s spiel: Sheree Galpert, principal spiel writer, director, and queen; and Hankus Netsky, our fearless accompanist. Yasher koach to all!

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek owes a huge todah rabah to Marc Steinberg, Holiday Coordinator, for his efforts in making all of our wonderful holiday celebrations, from Sukkot through Purim, such wonderful occasions. Thank you Marc!

We would like to thank the Dorshei Tzedek community for celebrating our son Adam’s bar mitzvah with us. We are especially indebted to the set up and clean up crew—those assigned and those who pitched in to help. In particular we want to thank Sharon Gorberg and John Holohan, Doug Hersh, Jamie Katz, Gina Fried, Paul Hattis, Cindy Rome, Barbara Isaacs and Roberta Carson for helping us. This was a true community effort and we are extremely grateful. Thank you.—Tessa and Clifford Goldsmith
We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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(including donations to the Nadiv Lev campaign)

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*In honor of Rabbi Toba Spitzer for honoring, encouraging, and welcoming diversity in our community*

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Jennifer Levine  

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*In honor of Ruth and Aaron Seidman*

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Cindy Marshall and Katharine Pillsbury  

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Jennifer Polk and Amy Greene  

Lisa Port White and Malcolm White  

Cindy and Dan Rome  
*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jolie Demuth; in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Goldsmith; and in honor of Elaine Pollack’s birthday*

Elizabeth Ross and Caren Smith  
*In honor of the Dorshei Tzedek Community (with apologies for the incomplete listing in the previous newsletter)*

Robin Rouse and Brian Gallagher  

Sharon Sevransky and Jeff Goldman
Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Spitzer (617.965.0330) or Susan Manheim of the Chesed Committee (781.449.2984).

Have you recently had a mazel tov moment? Let us know! Please notify the Newsletter Committee of life cycle events, significant accomplishments, or other moments you would like to share with the Dorshei Tzedek community. E-mail your announcement to dtnews@yahoogroups.com.

For congregants experiencing financial difficulties, help is available through the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund. This fund is administered solely by the rabbi and is completely confidential. If you are in need of assistance, please call Rabbi Spitzer at 617.965.0330 x2.

Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to Adam Goldsmith and his family on becoming bar mitzvah!

Mazel tov to Dr. Angela Vierling on the completion of her PhD in Mathematics!

Refuah Sh’lema

The community of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek sends blessings and prayers for healing, refuah sh’lema, to Peter Demuth, Francis Greenberg, Lisa Port White, and Ann Spanel. May healing and comfort come to you and those who care for you.

Community Resources

Jewish Family and Children’s Service offers a variety of support services, including groups for those who have experienced pregnancy loss, support groups for new parents and interfaith families, and a social/spiritual/cultural group for Jewish adults with psychiatric conditions. For more information, call 617.227.6641 or visit their website at www.jfcsboston.org.

The Jewish Recovery Network of Massachusetts is a volunteer membership organization concerned with Jews who suffer from the disease of addiction. Meetings occur at 7:30 pm on the second, fourth, and fifth Wednesdays of each month at Temple Sinai in Brookline (Sewall Ave and Charles in Coolidge Corner). Visit their website at www.jewsinrecovery.org.

JoAnn Share and Rochelle Weichman
Steve Siegel and Theresa St. John–Siegel
In honor of Cindy Shulak–Rome, Miranda Phillips, and Rachel Gutter, for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the school

Laya Steinberg and Bruce Miller
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Marcia Wasserman
Jonathan Weisberg and Deborah Hemley
Michael White

Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund

Rochelle Schneider
In honor and thanks to Jeff and Cheryl Sacks and family for their hospitality to me for the weekend of Adam Goldsmith’s Bar Mitzvah

Sidney Shapiro

School Fund

Sidney Shapiro

Holy Book Fund

Building Fund

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. Donations can also 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 tzedakah in the greater community, for special needs of the congregation (e.g., to buy books or help pay for an adult education program), and, most importantly, to help out congregants in need. These additional contributions should also be made out to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, but marked as intended for the Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund.

When sending a contribution, 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.
Community of Learners
Passover Workshops
On March 21, about 60 Dorshei Tzedek members participated in a variety of Passover Preparation workshops. The goal of the afternoon was to think about the upcoming holiday so we could approach it with more knowledge, practical or conceptual which would enhance the holiday for all.

The kids (and some adults) participated in two Passover skits which were acted out with great enthusiasm and creativity and excellent props gathered by Miranda Phillips and Laurie Gould. Under the watchful eye of Amy Goldsmith, several children created their own scavenger hunt with clues related to Pesach.

Robin Rouse taught a group of adults and children how to make silk matzah covers which were decorated with iron on transfers drawn by the participants. Delicious aromas wafted from the kitchen as a group of adults with and without kids baked coconut macaroons from Judy Herzig-Mark’s secret recipe - the verdict was that these were the best macaroons ever, a lot more tasty than one of the Haroset recipes!!! Cheryl Sacks who helped coordinate the cooking segment commented that the traditional Charoset recipe was excellent and that the alternative should be revised!

Three workshops were devoted to Pesach concepts and messages. Rabbi Allen Lehman led a lively discussion using text study as a base. Rabbi Toba introduced some basic and not-so-basic how to’s for folks new to creating Passover in their homes and Jackie and Stan Fleischman shared some of the texts they had found to enhance the seder of those who joined their workshop. Bess Gutter entertained the younger kids with singing and making their own Matzah covers.

In all, the reviews of the program were positive and most participants remarked that they would have enjoyed participating in more than one workshop - a suggestion we could consider for next year.

Yasher Koach and thank you to all involved in creating and running the workshops. Hopefully this year, we approached Pesach and our sedarim with greater awareness and Kavanah.

—Tessa and Clifford Goldsmith
Community of Learners Program

Adult Education
All Adult Education programs are held at 60 Highland Street.

Shabbat Morning Study
Saturday mornings at 8:45 am with Rabbi Spitzer
May 8 and June 12
Join us at 8:45 am for a closer look at the weekly Torah portion with Rabbi Toba Spitzer, seen through the lenses of commentaries both ancient and modern. No text study experience required (although you may want to read the weekly Torah portion in advance).

Mishnah in the Morning
Thursday mornings, 8 – 9 am with Rabbi Spitzer
While most of us are familiar with the Torah as Judaism’s foundational text, fewer know that in fact it’s the Mishnah, a rabbinic document composed in 200 CE, which shaped the Judaism we know today. In this class, we will take a closer look at this text and its approach to law, life, and being a Jew in a time of tumult and change. We will look at the text in both English and Hebrew, but no Hebrew knowledge (or text study experience) is required. Bring your own coffee or tea!
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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 all Dorshei Tzedek events. While pleasant to some, these fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

**Events and services are held at 60 Highland Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted.** Some events (as noted) and all school classes at the First Unitarian Society in Newton (FUSN), 1326 Washington Street, West Newton. An asterisk (*) denotes Rabbi Spitzer’s weekend off. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in the large classroom near the office on the first floor.
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| Sun Jun 6    |           | *No Services*                            | *(see page 2)*                                          |
| Fri Jun 11   | 6 pm - 7 pm| **Erev Shabbat Family Service**          | **Hope Kellman,**  
|              |           | *(see page 3)*                           | **Sue Pearce & Cindy Probst**                          |
| Sat Jun 12   | 8:45 am   | **Shabbat Morning Study**                | **60 Highland St**                                     |
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|              |           | **Julia Kajen Bat Mitzvah**              | **Cheryl & Jeff Sacks,** **Emily Saltz & Ira Fader**   |
|              |           |                                          | **Sanctuary Clean-up:**  
|              |           |                                          | **Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattis,** **Judy Shapiro & Brian Nadler** |
| Sun Jun 13   | 7:15 pm   | **Members Meeting**                      | **Members-Only Event**                                  |
|              |           | *(see page 2)*                           | **Sandra Sedacca & Sherwood Ives,**  
|              |           |                                          | **Karen Wasserman & Betsy Hinden**                      |
|              |           |                                          | **60 Highland St**                                      |
| Wed Jun 16   | 7:30 pm   | **Board Meeting**                        | **Members-Only Event**                                  |
| Sat Jun 19   | 9:45 am - 12 pm | **Shabbat Morning Service** | **Sanctuary Clean-up:**  
|              |           | **Zachary Miller Bar Mitzvah**           | **Amy Bermar,** **Nancy Osher Blumberg**                |
| Sat Jun 26 * | 9:45 am - 12 pm | **Shabbat Morning Service**            | **Michael White,** **Lori Rutter,** **Jeff Behrens,**  
|              |           |                                          | **Shoshana Simons**                                      |
Welcome New Members

Dorshei Tzedek is the first shul that Jessica Woolliams and Ari Goelman have ever joined. They moved to the Boston area (Cambridge, to be precise) two and a half years ago from Vancouver, British Columbia. Ari is a doctoral student in Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, where he studies the way that information technologies are being used to change how people work. Jessica works for the Harvard University Green Campus Initiative, where she manages a number of initiatives to lessen Harvard’s environmental impact. When they are not working, they like to cook, eat, swim, play squash, play guitar, and indulge in various other creative pursuits.

If they were each a Democratic presidential nominee, Jessica would probably be John Edwards due to her youthful charisma, while Ari would be John Kerry due to his well-groomed hair.

Jeff Kichen joined Dorshei Tzedek in March, prior to which he had never been a member of a congregation as an adult. However, Jeff has engaged in active study of Judaism for many years. He is currently completing the second year of Me’ah at Hebrew College and is contemplating seeking a Masters degree in Jewish Liberal Studies. He lives in Framingham, where he has lived off and on for over fifty years. Jeff is Director of Research for The Roche Associates, a senior housing and long-term care consulting firm located in Western Massachusetts. He also teaches part-time at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in public health.

Jeff has a great passion for books and at one time his personal library exceeded ten thousand volumes. He has found that although his library is shrinking, the number of Judaica books continues to grow. Jeff was attracted to Dorshei Tzedek primarily due to the Reconstructionist approach to liturgy and is now looking forward to participating in the adult education programs. He also hopes that there may be some role for him to play in Dorshei Tzedek’s social justice activities. His particular interest is in achieving a just health care system in which barriers to health care and health insurance are eliminated. But he is not sure which will come first, that or the Red Sox winning the World Series.
Dorshei Tzedek Mission Statement

Dorshei Tzedek is a Reconstructionist Congregation dedicated to creating a caring and inclusive community, and to enhancing Jewish practice and learning in the lives of our members. As our name implies, we are seekers-of meaningful spirituality, of serious Jewish learning, and of social justice.

Consistent with Reconstructionist philosophy, we are committed to seriously engaging with Jewish tradition, challenging that tradition, where need be, and building on the tradition in creative ways. We do this in order to enhance our own lives as contemporary Jews and to perpetuate our bond—and our children’s bond—to our heritage. We view education for ourselves and our children as fundamental to Jewish life.

We are a participatory congregation, encouraging all of our members to take an active role in some aspect of our congregational life. Our rabbi is our partner in this endeavor, and is both teacher and participant in our community. We value diversity in our congregation, and welcome all those who share our commitments.

Finally, we affirm the concept of mitzvah as obligation, acting on our Jewish values through deeds of tzedek (social justice) and gemilut chasadim (loving kindness), both within our congregation and in the larger community.