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President's Message

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This year, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek marks its bat mitzvah year and, like a proud parent who steps up to the *bimah* to reflect as her child becomes a bat mitzvah, I have been reflecting on the growth and accomplishments of our remarkable community. At 13, we are very much the adolescent, not a small child any more, but not fully grown either. With 166 households, we're big enough that we need to work to maintain a sense of intimacy, but small enough that we depend on the contribution of every member to be able to function. Many of the young people called to the Torah as b'nei mitzvah, and their parents in blessing them, talk about the importance of community, and specifically the Dorshei Tzedek community.

People choose to join our community for many reasons, but one of the most important is the feel of "producer" Judaism, the participatory element that is fundamental to Reconstructionist Judaism. The community functions not because it has purchased the services of professionals to provide for it ("consumer Judaism"), but because of volunteer efforts that animate the community, with guidance and support from the paid staff. It's wonderful, it's dynamic, and it's hard work!!

I've been thinking a great deal lately about what sparks the desire to volunteer. I wish I could say that I know what ignites this critical moment of motivation—I only know how good it feels when it is lit, and likewise, how it feels when it is extinguished. We are all so very busy, and with all I observe and read, there isn't much hope for the sea parting, or any other miracle suddenly leaving us with oodles of free time. Yet, remarkably, volunteers do step forward when need arises, I think because of the powerful commitment people develop as members of this participatory community. At the same time, the need never ends, and there can be many downcast eyes, guilty feelings, and even some burned out volunteers. Who steps up when vacancies are left by folks who have been working hard and need a break? If everyone is too busy to tend to the fire of

our community, then it can flicker, even though we continue to depend on its light and warmth and expect it to be there for us when we want it.

To continue to build a rich community requires effort from members with busy lives who feel stretched and often guilty because they feel unable to contribute. Difficult as it may be in this modern busy world, each of us must continue to struggle with defining our individual commitment to the community and to identify ways to contribute, be they large or small. So, sooner or later, every president writes this column, at least once! Like others who have written in this space before me, I ask you to think about a volunteer task—small or large—that would bring you joy as you help us build and maintain CDT.

We depend upon at least fifteen members to step up each year, to volunteer for the first time. Think about your particular talents, which need not involve a great deal of Jewish knowledge, but just be who you are, or think about a task that might help you learn something new, grow in a new way, or connect better with other members. In addition to the content areas you might focus on (e.g., adult education, membership, fundraising, ritual, chesed), consider the kinds of volunteer opportunities that suit you best.

- A discrete, time limited task that's assigned by a committee or project leader ... you get it done, feel good about your contribution, and move on

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Members' Meeting March 6: Mark Your Calendars!

Don't miss our upcoming Members' Meeting on March 6 at 7:15 pm in our sanctuary at 60 Highland Street. This is the second of our three yearly meetings, and it's important that one member from each household be represented each of these meetings. Ask around about our last meeting—it was informative, enjoyable and stimulating. Come join us and fulfill this membership responsibility. Looking forward to seeing you there! More details in the next newsletter.

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- Taking on a start-to-finish project, where you can see the fruits of your efforts materialize
- A sustained effort, over a period of time, where the time commitment is small but steady, and the learning curve more prolonged

More concretely, the nominating committee is already beginning its efforts to fill next year's Board and off-Board positions. If there are possibilities that interest you, or if you'd simply like to discuss your personal interests, please call me, at 617-969-5456, or Debbie Waber, at 617-277-1238. Also, we are launching a "help wanted" column in the newsletter, listing all kinds of volunteer opportunities, from small jobs that need doing to positions of greater leadership potential (see page 5). When you see the list, think about which opportunity has your name on it.

You will learn something
 You will make new friends
 You will feel a sense of belonging
 You will create change
 You will make a difference
 You will find yourself positively changed in some small way.

Board Meeting Notes

Peter Hess, pheiss@mit.edu

Dec 2004: Each board meeting begins with a *d'var torah*. In December, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair, Laurie Gould, gave a *d'var* on the torah portion *vayigash*, which tells of the dramatic reunion between Joseph and his brothers in Egypt. The last part of it discusses Joseph's agrarian and taxation policy. In exchange for feeding Egyptian farmers during the famine, Joseph instituted a 20% tax on production, to be used for civic projects. Laurie sees in this an early model of using taxation as a means for contributing to the common good and a reminder for us as a congregation that good financial planning can be a hedge against leaner times.

April 2 Shir Hadash Event – The Newton Reconstructionist *havurah*, Shir Hadash, is sponsoring an event for their membership that they asked us to co-sponsor. The Board agreed to have Dorshei Tzedek co-sponsor a talk by Ellen Kushner titled *The World Turned Upside Down*, to take place in our sanctuary on April 2. As co-sponsors, our members are invited to attend the lecture at no cost. This is the first time Shir Hadash and Dorshei Tzedek have co-operated on an event.

End of Life and Bereavement Parlor Meetings – The January meeting has already occurred. The second meeting will be Sunday February 13 at 10 am, at Jill Volk's home (see page 5). At least one representative from each member household should attend one of these meetings.

Nadiv Lev Update – The Nadiv Lev brochure, out soon, will communicate briefly and simply how we earn and spend our money, using graphics, charts, and minimal text. The brochure will also include an opportunity to make a donation prior to the formal start of the Nadiv Lev campaign in February.

CJP Survey – 2005 demographic study – The Executive Committee decided at its December meeting to provide certain membership data for the 2005 Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) study of the metropolitan Boston Jewish community. CJP grants money to Jewish social, educational and religious agencies, including Dorshei Tzedek. CJP uses the information it requests from us to contact people in the community for confidential phone interviews. CDT Member households could elect not to have their information provided to CJP.

JRF Values-Based Decision Making Workshops – The JRF (Jewish Reconstruction Federation) will be conducting a one-and-a-half day workshop on values-based decision making, Saturday evening, March 26 and all day Sunday, March 27 at Hillel B'nai Torah. Board members who have had experience with this JRF process say that those who are in, or can envision themselves in, a leadership role at CDT would benefit greatly from acquiring these skills.

Shabbat Programs

All Shabbat services are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in West Newton Square, in the Second Church of Newton. *Please see snow cancellation information below.*

All-ages Erev Shabbat Services

February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, 6 - 7 pm

Join us for a musical, all-ages service to welcome Shabbat the first Friday of each month.

Erev Shabbat Services

February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, 8 - 9 pm

We welcome Shabbat with an evening of song, prayer, and reflection. Please join us!

Junior Congregation

February 12, March 19, April 9, May 7 10:45 am – 12 noon

60 Highland St., Room 111

All 3rd graders and up are welcome to attend Junior Congregation beginning at 10:45 am in Room 111 (across from the Child Care Room). The service will be followed by a special *kiddush*—and will conclude at 12 noon as the service in the sanctuary concludes.

Tot Shabbat

February 12, March 19, April 9, May 7, 10:30 – 11 am

60 Highland St., Childcare Room

Join us in the Child Care Room for a young people's service. This service is geared for children in pre-school—Kindergarten and their parents. Contact Janet Boguslaw, boguslaw@brandeis.edu, for more information.

Torah of Money: No-Interest Loan Fund

Wendy Gedanken, wgedanken@hotmail.com

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 pm at 60 Highland Avenue

As previously announced, we have received grant money to start our own no-interest loan fund. CDT member Ira Schorr will share his extensive knowledge and experience with anyone interested in learning more about how such funds work. At the end of the meeting, there will be a sign up for those interested in working out the details for our fund. If you are interested in participating but cannot make this meeting, please email Wendy or call her at 617-332-1246.

Snow Cancellations

In the event that Shabbat services are cancelled due to a snow emergency, we will leave a message to that effect on our phone system (617.965.0330) by 8:30 am. For Erev Shabbat services, notification will be made by 4:30 pm. *Messages will only be left if services are cancelled. Please do not call members at home; call the office instead. Thanks!*

Contacting Rabbi Sapsowitz: Rabbi Sapsowitz does not have regular office hours but is available to talk about any spiritual, religious, or personal issues that you might want to discuss. You can contact her at rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org or 617.965.0330 x2. If she is unavailable, there will be a rabbi on-call in case of emergency. Both the rabbi's voice-mail and Diane, the administrator, will have information on how to reach the on-call rabbi.

Tablecloths after Tu B'shvat

Ann Spanel, [tuurtle2@aol.com](mailto:tuuurtle2@aol.com)

This poem was inspired by the wonderful Dorshei Tzedek Tu B'shvat seder which Toba led last year, and by washing tablecloths stained with 4 cups of different colored wine + 1 round of chocolate (a rabbinic innovation).

Tu B'shvat on a grey and humorless
New England night: sleet mostly.
Still, we sang, read poems and blessed
the fruits of the trees, our firstborn
endlessly born tzadikkim. On this day,
birthday of the trees, we undid an old habit:
We sang the blessings and meant it,
we ate with intention, we sat in innocence
in front of that high-hanging holiness.

If the next day we said,
“it was lovely, you know, but kind of lofty—
could it, I mean, could it really have had some
truth?” then why this joy? How could I,
an unfromm Jew, get so high washing tablecloths?
I think of all the women who've done this weekly,
this ritual of restoration,
returning whiteness to cloth,
rubbing out stains that evidence life.

It is said that the angel of each blossom
releases its fruit: fig and pomegranate
olive and date. It is not said
but nonetheless true that angels
dance on our tables on Tu B'shvat
their footprints stamped in wine,
sepia, pink, a bit of lustreless blue from
an old wash traces of all the worlds
we call in last night.

Cloth after cloth
too big for my sink
proof of our
communal blessing...
The material shines,
nothing expensive,
stainless now.

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Adult Education

“In Search of the Name of God”

with Joel Rosenberg

Sunday, February 6, 10 am -12 noon

Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, 120 Corey Road, West Roxbury

Co-sponsored by Dorshei Tzedek
and Temple Hillel B'nai Torah

Joel Rosenberg, is a poet and translator; he serves as Professor of Judaic Studies at Tufts University and Co-Chair of the Program in Judaic Studies at Tufts. For ten years, Joel Rosenberg worked as translator of the Hebrew text of *Kol Haneshamah*, the Reconstructionist Prayer Book, which presently includes volumes devoted to Shabbat, Festivals and the High Holidays. In the earliest stages, he based his work on a reading, among other sources, of Jewish mystical lore on prayer and divine names. Over the ensuing years, Rosenberg and the Prayer Book Commission worked to evolve a text of the prayer services that was readable, inclusive, and oriented to what he calls “a theology of immanence”—a sense of the awesomeness of divinity present in all life. He sought a translation that would read beautifully in English while serving as a guide and commentary to the Hebrew and Aramaic original.

Using traditional texts, selected prayer translations, and his own poetry, Rosenberg will offer his reflections on the language of prayer, on problems of translating the prayer book, and on the larger issue of defining, through prayer, one's relationship to divinity, to life of the spirit, and to the world. Discussion will follow. Coffee and bagels provided.

For further information, contact **Susannah Sirkin** (617.363.0007) or the HBT office (617.323.0486).

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, 60 Highland Street, West Newton, MA 02465. Don't miss the online music sample available at www.dorsheitzedek.org/rabbi-music.htm.

End of Life and Bereavement Parlor Meetings

Remaining meeting: Sunday, February 13 at 10 am, home of Jill Volk

The remaining date for the Parlor Meetings for our End of Life and Bereavement discussions is during this month. Please come and share your thoughts with us about CDT's initiatives in this area. The objectives of the parlor meetings are to have good discussion and collect members' thoughts with the goal of generating a plan for this initiative. Different opportunities/directions for the membership to consider will be explained at the meetings. If you are unable to attend and would like to write, feel free to send your comments to bereavement@dorsheitzedek.org. For further information or to speak to someone personally, contact **Nicky Silver** at 617-327-1999, or **Jill Volk** at 617-527-2456.

Take us out of E-mail Jail!

Nancy Gertz, president@dorsheitzedek.org

As our membership has grown, we've come to rely on email as our primary form of regular communication. With only two exceptions, every member has access to email, and we've been able save a great deal of money using this vehicle. However, a recent test of our CDT-ANNOUNCE list (used only to communicate CDT-related matters of importance to the membership), which asked for a reply, shows it is being read by only half of our members! This may be due to the number of emails that are posted to CDT-LIST, our near-legendary discussion board where you can ask and find anything—a fabulous resource—yet perhaps disinclining folks to read the important emails from the congregation.

In an attempt to remedy this problem, ***we will be condensing and sending only two standard announce emails per week to CDT-ANNOUNCE, and we ask that you READ THEM!!*** If you are having problems receiving CDT-ANNOUNCE (you should be getting messages every week) please contact Paul Carson at p-carson@ti.com.) As a reminder, those of you who wish to reduce the number of overall emails you receive from CDT may unsubscribe from CDT-LIST; see the end of every message for instructions.



Help Wanted Space Committee

You will be part of the working group that is examining our current and future space needs. Our meetings will focus on the day-to-day issues related to our current space, particularly as they may impact our discussions with Second Church regarding the renewal of our lease. Contact Stuart Snyder at cohen-snyder@rcn.com or 617.965.6766

Membership Outreach Committee

You will make intake and follow up phone calls to new members. Great way to meet new members, and can be done from home. Help plan prospective member events two-three times per year, and attend committee meetings three times per year. Please contact Carla Naumburg at outreach@dorsheitzedek.org if you are interested.

CDT Sabbatical Liaison Committee

The Sabbatical Liaison Committee is available to help insure positive relations between rabbi and congregation. We are available to discuss any concerns or issues that may affect that relationship. Rabbi Sapsowitz and the committee will be in regular contact. Please feel free to call any one of us:

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Nadiv Lev

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In memory of Gertrude Pearl Persons

Pamela Schoenberg and Joel Reider

Ruth and Aaron Seidman

In honor of our daughter-in-law Ilana Mainelli

Lyn and Ed Weiner

In honor of Joshua Sacks becoming bar mitzvah

Eleanor Zolit

In honor of my grandson Ethan Zolit's bar mitzvah.

*The service was beautiful,
and I thank you for your part in helping him.*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Francis Greenberg

*In gratitude for the singers who come on Sundays,
and for the cooks who have brought me meals.*

*In gratitude to the rabbis for their visits and
to the whole congregation for their healing prayers.*

School Fund

Abby Cohen and Stuart Snyder

*In memory of Harry Phillips, Miranda Phillips grandfather,
and in memory of Gertrude Pearl Persons,
Theresa St.John-Siegel's grandmother*

There are many ways to support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek financially: 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.

Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact **Rabbi Sapsowitz** (617.965.0330) or **Anne Spanel** of the Chesed Committee (617.547.1533).

Have you recently had a *mazel tov* moment? Let us know! Please notify the us 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 Sapsowitz at 617.965.0330 x2.

Refuah Sh'lema

The community of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek sends blessings and prayers for healing, *refuah sh'lema*, to **Peter Demuth** and **Francis Greenberg**. May healing and comfort come to you and to those who care for you.

Condolences

To Theresa St. John-Siegel and her family on the death of Theresa's grandmother, Gertrude Pearl Persons. May her memory be for a blessing.

To Sherwood Ives and his family on the death of his mother, Connie Ives. May her memory be for a blessing.



Todah Rabah

To Susan Manheim, who has graciously and compassionately provided coordination and support to members in need in her work on the Chesed Committee, as the contact person when simchas, illness, or loss has occurred in our members' lives. While Susan will continue offering her many gifts to the Chesed Committee, Ann Spanel will be transitioning into Susan's role. Todah rabah to Ann on taking on this new role. We are most grateful to you both, in addition to Sherry Katz and other members who support the Chesed Committee.

"A Taste of Me'ah"

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 pm at the Newton JCC

A Collaboration of:

*Hillel B'nai Torah, West Roxbury
Congregation Dorshei Tzedek
Newton Jewish Community Center*



Text study. Active questioning. Community building. Personal enrichment. Jewish education isn't just for kids.

Me'ah is a two-year intensive adult learning program that brings alive Jewish history, thought and personalities across three millennia through text study and class discussion with leading Judaic Studies scholars. Launched in 1994, Me'ah has grown dramatically to more than 30 classes throughout Greater Boston and across the US, with over 1,800 graduates. Year one covers Bible and Rabbinics and year two examines medieval and modern Jewish history and thought.

Come experience a free introductory class taught by a Me'ah faculty member and hear an overview of the program. Check out the Me'ah web site to learn more at www.hebrewcollege.edu/meah. For registration information, please contact Josh Segal from the JCC at 617.558.6444 or email him at jsegal@jccgb.org.

JRF Workshop:

Values-Based Decision-Making: Reconstructionism in Action

*Saturday and Sunday, March 26-27
Temple Hillel Bnai Torah, West Roxbury*

To be held Saturday evening and all day Sunday, this JRF-led workshop is designed for current and future lay leaders, rabbis, educators and professional staff of JRF congregations. In other words, it's for us! The workshop will help to develop skills in congregational application in Reconstructionist theology, philosophy and practice, and will introduce/model the values-based decision making and reconstructionist process for congregational decision-making. The text for the workshop is *Exploring Judaism*, by Alpert and Staub, which is required reading.

The cost for the workshop is \$100. For more information and to register, contact Hattie Dunbar at JRF (215.782.8500 x 30 or Hdunbar@jrf.org, or visit www.jrf.org). Some financial assistance is available through CDT; contact Nancy Gertz at president@dorsheitzedek.org.

CDT Members Participate in Me'ah

*Josh Herzig-Marx and Carla Naumburg,
cdt@carlaandjosh.org*

We found Me'ah valuable on three distinct levels. First, our commitment to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek and producer Judaism includes a commitment to lifelong learning. As we begin to start our young family (but not in that way!), we embrace the opportunity to make our values manifest in our lives. Secondly, we were attracted to Me'ah because it is an academic program. Primary source texts, lectures, and classroom debates provide an opportunity to learn in a comfortable classroom setting without the stress of homework and exams, although we did find that we enjoyed the class more when we did the reading! The professors are clearly experts in their field, teach at a graduate level, and bring a range of styles and knowledge to the class, which definitely keeps it interesting. Third, Me'ah provided us with an opportunity to develop relationships with members of Dorshei Tzedek and Hillel B'nai Torah, people we might not otherwise get to know. Overall, it has been a positive experience of learning and community, and we recommend it to others who are interested. Please feel free to contact us if you want to hear more about our Me'ah experience.

Chayim Herzig-Marx, herzig-marx@comcast.net

When we ask what Reconstructionist Judaism is all about, someone usually recites the famous quotation that Reconstructionism views Judaism as "the evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people." For me, that characterization was logical and explainable but still meant relatively little because I didn't know that much about Jewish history.

Me'ah fills that gap with a four-semester curriculum broken down into Biblical, Rabbinic, Medieval, and Modern periods (add "Contemporary" and you have the curricular sequence of the five years of study at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College), delivered by first-rate academics and grounded in challenging yet accessible readings.

For those who enjoy reading Torah and trying to understand it in our contemporary context, Me'ah adds the dimension of understanding Torah from the context in which it was written. And for those who are aware that Torah is not the only sacred text of our people, Me'ah provides a useful background in Talmud and post-Talmudic texts.

Finally, the experience of serious study with other members of Dorshei Tzedek, of learning much more deeply who they are and how they think and sharing the same about yourself, is one of the most enjoyable aspects of the Me'ah program.

Tikkun Olam GBIO Initiatives

Paul Hattis, pahattis@comcast.net

GBIO has been quite busy this past month with its two initiatives moving forward. Briefly, here is what has been happening:

Nursing Home Campaign—On December 15, Ezra Hausman and I joined about 40 others at the Attorney General's Office to support two nurse assistants as they filed unfair wage practice grievances against their employer, Beverly Enterprises. It appears that Beverly has been violating a Massachusetts law which requires employers to pay at least three hours of wages to workers who show up for their shifts and are then told they are not needed and are sent away. The two nurse assistants bravely made their grievances known to the public in hope of ending Beverly's practice of violating this statute. As a result of this public effort, Beverly has ended this illegal employment action and has told its workers that it will not happen again. In addition, our media effort to criticize Beverly for refusing to meet with us has finally resulted in their sending us a letter agreeing to a meeting. We will see what happens next when we meet with them to raise our concerns.

Organized Money Campaign—In late December Emily Sper represented our congregation in the first of a series of negotiation sessions with Citizens Bank regarding what sort of benefits they will provide GBIO members. Citizens is hoping that if they deliver what we want then people will move money to them. Thank you to the 70% or so of you who responded to the survey asking what sort of financial services might be useful and about your willingness to move money to Citizen's. The results indicated that as a community, Dorshei Tzedek members would be willing to move at least \$400,000 if Citizens can deliver services that would be of benefit to GBIO members—and in particular for those who are from lower income households. Stay tuned as the negotiations proceed over the next few months.

Finally, GBIO has been invited by Health Care for All to join its collective effort to reduce the numbers of people who lack health insurance in Massachusetts. GBIO leadership is discussing over the next month whether to join in this campaign and to make it a core initiative of the organization. At a December house meeting of our Dorshei Tzedek GBIO group, there was a lot of enthusiasm for this idea. **We would love to hear from the rest of the Dorshei Tzedek membership as to whether you think this**

should be a GBIO issue that we should devote our efforts to over the next few years. Feel free to contact anyone whom you know to be active at Dorshei Tzedek in GBIO efforts to share your thoughts. As co-chairs, Janice Fine (jfine@neaction.org) and I (pahattis@comcast.net) are especially happy to hear from any of you.

Behind the Labels Educational Event

Sunday, March 13, from 2–4 pm at the FUSN



The Religious School will be having a special event to educate people about sweatshop labor and the conditions experienced by workers who make the products we purchase. There will be a variety of activities, including a mock sweatshop room, fair trade auction, sweatshop fashion show, a project about the workers who harvest cocoa beans, films, and possibly a speaker. There will also be a craft sale to benefit the Bangladesh Center for Worker Solidarity, and a craft activity for younger children.

Come support the school in their effort to raise consciousness about a profound problem of social and economic injustice.

Jews and Sweatshops

Carol Sklar, CSKLAR12@aol.com

As you have read above, on March 13 we will be having an educational event expanding on the Behind the Labels campaign (see above notice). To complement the awareness of current sweatshop practices we are planning a piece to highlight our Jewish past as workers and union organizers in sweatshops, especially in the earlier part of the 20th century. We are looking for old family photographs from that era showing sweatshop workers, old union cards, strike buttons, anything you have that you would like to share. We are also looking for family quotes pertaining to labor and or unions that you heard growing up. In my family it was always, "You never cross a picket line," among other things. We will take good care of your memorabilia and will return all of them to you. Please contact me to let me know what you have hidden away at home that would work for this exhibit or with questions.



February Calendar



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Date	Time	Event	Kiddush / Notes
Fri Feb 4	6 pm - 7 pm	Erev Shabbat Family Service	Andy & Miriam Baumel, Hilary Marcus & Jonathan Magaziner
Sat Feb 5 *	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Karen Wasserman & Betsy Hinden, Ilene Spiro & Ira Schor, Corinne Lofchie & Noam Shore
Sun Feb 6	10 am - 12 pm	In Search of the Name of God with Joel Rosenberg	<i>Temple Hillel B'nai Torah</i> (see page 7)
Sun Feb 6	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Dalet Family Ed	FUSN
Fri Feb 11		Kitah Gimel home Shabbat Dinners	
Sat Feb 12	8:45 am	Shabbat Morning Torah Study	60 Highland St
Sat Feb 12	9:30 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Amy Bermar, Marvin Brotman, Andrea Diamond
Sat Feb 12	10:30 am - 11 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland St: Room 112 (see page 3)
Sat Feb 12	10:45 am - 12 pm	Junior Congregation	60 Highland St: Room 111 (see page 3)
Sun Feb 13	10 am	End of Life and Bereavement Parlor Meeting	(see page 5)
Sun Feb 13	2 pm - 4 pm	Gan Family Program #5	FUSN
Sun Feb 13	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Vav Family Ed	FUSN
Sun Feb 13	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street
Thu Feb 17	7:30 pm	CDT Film Club	(see page 11)
Fri Feb 18	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Adult Erev Shabbat Service	Debbie Blicher & Peter Dain, Miranda Phillips & Bobby Kleinberg
Sat Feb 19		<i>No Classes Thru 2/23 School Vacation Week</i>	
Sat Feb 19	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Emily Saltz & Ira Fader, Marcia Okun & Joshua Lieberman, Leeann Simons
Sat Feb 26	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Meryl Epstein & Trish Nuzzola, Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon, Laya Steinberg & Bruce Miller
Sun Feb 27	10 am - 12 pm	Sarah Hager and Abraham: The Power of Empathy in Relationships with Marcia Mirkin	60 Highland St: Sanctuary (rescheduled from Jan 30)

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 The Second Church, 60 Highland Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted. An asterisk (*) denotes Rabbi Sapsowitz's weekend off; members of the congregation will lead services. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in the large classroom near the office on the first floor.



March Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush / Notes
Tue Mar 1		Classes Resume	
Thu Mar 3	7:30 pm	A Taste of Me'ah	Newton JCC (see page 7)
Fri Mar 4	6 pm - 7 pm	Erev Shabbat Family Service	John Dubrow, Benita Danzing & Nathan Aronow (see page 3)
Sat Mar 5	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Scott Piltch	Jacqueline Bloomberg & Peter Gittleman, Louise Enoch & Alan Epstein, Wendy & Charles Frankston Sanctuary clean-up: Daniel Price, Debbie Sher
Sun Mar 6	7:15 pm	Members Meeting (see page 2)	Members-Only Event Paul Carson / Michael Cohen 60 Highland St: our Sanctuary
Thu Mar 10	7:30 pm	Torah of Money Meeting: No-Interest Loan Fund	60 Highland St: Parlor (see page 3)
Sat Mar 12 *	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Teri Hauserman & Stan Piltch, Amy Brodesky & Rex Flynn, Dorie Fried
Sat Mar 12	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph Family Ed, Kitah Bet Class	FUSN
Sun Mar 13	2 pm - 4 pm	Behind the Labels: Community-Wide Tikkun Olam Program	FUSN (see page 8)
Sun Mar 13	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	Members-Only Event 60 Highland St: Parlor
Fri Mar 18	6 pm - 8 pm	Gan Shabbat Dinner	Members-Only Event FUSN: Headstart / Kitchen (see page XXX)
Fri Mar 18	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Adult Erev Shabbat Service	Cindy Bittker / Nancy Osher Blumberg 60 Highland St: Fellowship Hall (see page XXX)
Sat Mar 19		No classes	
Sat Mar 19	8:45 am	Shabbat Morning Torah Study	60 Highland St
Sat Mar 19	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service-Youth Service	Ami & Jonathan Gordon, Abby Cohen
Sat Mar 19	10:30 am - 11 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland St: Room 112 (see page 3)
Sat Mar 19	10:45 am - 12 pm	Junior Congregation	60 Highland St: Room 111 (see page 3)
Sun Mar 20	2 pm - 4 pm	Gan Family Program #6	Members-Only Event FUSN: Headstart (see page XXX)
Thu Mar 24		No Classes: Purim	
Thu Mar 24	7 pm - 9 pm	Purim Celebration	Susannah & Stephen Zisk, Lisa Port White, Rachel Nemeth Cohen & Richard Cohen FUSN
Sat Mar 26	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Audra Karp, Hope Kellman, Jodie Siegel & Susan Bernstein
Sat Mar 26 Sun Mar 27	evening all day	JRF Workshop: Values Based Decision Making with Rabbi Shawn Zevit	Hillel Bnai Torah (see page 7)

Attention No'ar Hadash Youth Group

Next event: Sunday, February 13

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Hard to believe it's February already and the year is half over! We've been having a great year and if you took a risk and came to an event—yeah!! We've been seeing new faces each month and hope to see yours soon. Grab a friend, come meet new people, and do some interesting activities with other Jewish kids your same age. It's a neat way to explore your Judaism in a fun and relaxing environment.

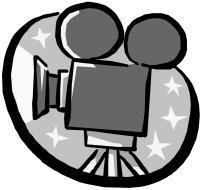
So far, we went rock climbing in Oct, saw a film from BJFF in Nov and went to a Holocaust exhibit in December. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, February 13 for an event that is sure to be amazing!

If you have any questions about No'ar Hadash, please contact **Elyse Rast**, advisor, at 508.346.3231 or markelyse@comcast.net.

February CDT Film Club

Thursday February 17

Join us for the screening of "A Life of Song: Ruth Rubin" by CDT Member Cindy Marshall!



Cindy will speak about her friendship with Ruth Rubin, which extended past the making of this film. Ruth Rubin was a mentor and an important figure for Cindy personally, and for many others interested in the Jewish culture and experience that Ruth Rubin managed to preserve and pass on to others.

"Ruth Rubin spent her life collecting, preserving and transmitting the rich legacy of Yiddish folksongs. Cindy Marshall's moving documentary provides an insightful study of her and the work she loved and believed in. Yiddish love songs, work and protest songs are interwoven with photographs of shtetl life in Eastern Europe. A wonderful remembrance!"

This screening will be at the home of Sharon Gorberg and John Holahan. Watch your email for details.

Dorshei Tzedek Artists' Group: We meet monthly for potluck lunch and conversation about our work as artists, in varied disciplines. Our hope is to allow for networking, support, and discussion about topics such as marketing and creative process. This group is open to new folks. For information about our next meeting, or to be put on the e-mail list, contact **Cindy Rivka Marshall** at cmars13@aol.com.

CDT Sings: The Dorshei Tzedek choral group sings a variety of pieces with some connection to Jewish liturgy or culture. There is no requirement for membership, just an interest in singing with fellow CDT members. Our pieces range from simple rounds to more complex multi-part arrangements. We really enjoyed performing several pieces during our High Holiday services, and we hope to sing occasionally for other events during the year. We meet approximately once a month, usually at the Parish Hall at FUSN. If you would like to receive email notification of our meetings and activities, or if you have questions about CDT Sings, please send e-mail to **Elaine Bresnick** at ebresnick@comcast.net, or call 617.964.5199 (home).

Dorshei Tzedek Writers' Group: Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry or essays? Are you interested in getting together with other members of Dorshei Tzedek to share your craft and gain support and encouragement? Then consider getting involved with the Dorshei Tzedek Writers Group. We have met once so far and so we are still in the formative stages of figuring out what sort of group this will be and what we'll do together. We imagine getting together about monthly, to share what we're working on, seek advice from others, and engage in creative writing exercises. This is also a terrific opportunity to connect with other members of Dorshei Tzedek. If you're interested in learning more or finding out about our next meeting, please feel free to contact **James Kaplan** at 617.393.0216 or jameskaplan@hotmail.com.

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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. "Dorshei Tzedek" means "seekers of justice," and 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.