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## Remembrance, Reflection, Repair: Elul Thoughts

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As September begins, we have just entered the month of Elul, the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah and the *Yamim Noraim*, the Days of Awe. During this month, we prepare ourselves for the work of *teshuvah*– “return” or “repentance”– that is the focus of the fall holydays. It is a time for remembering: during Elul, there is a tradition of visiting the graves of loved ones. It is a time for reflecting on the year past and thinking about what might change in the year ahead. It is a time for repair, for attending to the frayed relationships in our lives and seeing what can be done in the realm of asking for, and receiving, forgiveness.

I am writing this column in mid-August, just as a fragile cease-fire between Israel and Hezbollah has been achieved. With the death and destruction in the Middle East, the ongoing sectarian violence in Iraq and slaughter in Darfur, with renewed fears about terrorism in the U.S. in the wake of a foiled bombing plot in Britain, the world seems a fearful and unstable place. What should our focus be this Elul, this month of remembering, reflection, and repair?

Remembrance: It is often helpful to me to place myself in the millennia-old course of Jewish history and ritual. How many Jews, in how many different communities and different historical moments, have prepared for the new year, done their work of *teshuvah*, celebrated the *Yamim Noraim* with family and friends? This sense of history puts things in perspective for me. There have been such great highs and such devastating lows for our people, for the world, during the past few thousand years– and yet, our traditions have endured, our people has endured, as has the hope that perhaps this will be the year when, finally, we human beings get it right. This is the great gift of being part of such an ancient tradition. We have the long view, the understanding that the momentary highs and lows of history are not all that there is. There are more enduring truths, deeper currents of wisdom, which we can tap into and that can sustain us.

Which brings me to reflection. What nurtures and sustains me during the hard times– whether times of personal struggle or times of despair about current events– is my spiritual practice. This practice is broad and includes many things– from silent meditation to morning prayers, from walking in nature to talking to God to studying holy texts. Through these practices I seek to stay grounded, to connect to the Source of Life, and to remain present in the moment when my thoughts and preoccupations threaten to carry me off into less-than-productive realms of worry and distress.

At a retreat for rabbis this summer, run by the Institute for Jewish Spirituality, I was given a marvelous chart of spiritual *hanhagot*– practices– used by a group of Polish Hasidic Jews in the 1930s. The chart includes a list of activities ranging from traditional prayers and the study of Jewish texts to “dancing,” “conversation with friends,” and giving tzedakah. For each day of the week, the members of this spiritual circle were to check off each practice as they performed it. I now have my own little chart, hanging above my desk at work, with a list of the practices that nurture and sustain me. Being a bit less ambitious than my Hasidic forebears, my hope is that, over the course of the week, I’ll be able to check off one– perhaps two, if I’m doing well– practices per day. Even if I’ve only done three or four total at the end of the week, at least I know I’ve attended to my spiritual well-being to some modest extent. I recommend

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this to you this Elul– see if you can make your own chart for now through Yom Kippur. List the things that you can do to settle and calm your mind and your spirit, and across the top put the days of the week. Encourage yourself to do at least one practice per day, or maybe four a week. And don't be hard on yourself if you don't!

Repair: "But," a certain voice replies, "the world is falling apart. Isn't it a bit self-absorbed to be focusing on personal spiritual renewal at a time like this? Isn't this a distraction from the real problems of the world?" What I have learned from my own experience of mindfulness practice is quite the opposite. If I am un-centered, if I am given over to uncontrollable waves of anxiety, anger, or fear, then I become part of the problem, not part of the solution. I project my own insecurities and struggles out into the world. In Jewish parlance, religious practice is called *avodah*, "service." My spiritual practice is in service to something higher than my own happiness (although that's a nice by-product!). I sit, I pray, I walk, I sing and I am silent, all in the service of seeing more clearly the world around me and discerning the wisest, most ethical course of action to take. There are plenty of voices of anger, of hysteria, of vitriol and violence, around me. I strive to be a different voice, and to take actions that promote peace, justice, and understanding.

So as we enter into the new year 5767, may all of us be blessed with opportunities for practice! May our souls be nourished, our hearts and minds expanded, and our work in the world all be for the good. *L'shana tovah u'metukah*, may you have a sweet and good new year!

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Contacting Rabbi Toba: Rabbi Toba 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 [rabbid@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:rabbid@dorsheitzedek.org) or 617.965.0330 x2. If she is unavailable, there will be a rabbi on-call in case of emergency. The rabbi's voice-mail will have information on how to reach the on-call rabbi.

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High Holyday Divrei Torah: The Divrei Torah that have been delivered at various High Holiday Services by Rabbi Toba Spitzer are available on the CDT website at [www.dorsheitzedek.org/divrei](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org/divrei). The talks are available in both HTML and Adobe Acrobat (PDF) formats. Also of interest, see Divrei Torah Pages on the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation Web site of more than 100 Reconstructionist Divrei Torah available for online reading.

## Strategic Planning Update

Laurie Gould, [lgould@vivaconsult.com](mailto:lgould@vivaconsult.com)

Where is CDT going over the next five years? How much should we grow– and how do we retain our caring and inclusive community as we grow? How can we continue to work toward organizational and financial stability, in a manner consistent with our values?

Last fall, the congregation launched a strategic planning process to answer these and other questions, to chart a course for the organization's evolution over the next five years. Under the leadership of Paul Hattis, the strategic planning committee has moved the planning process forward through dialogue with the congregation, at members' meetings and via a member survey. This dialogue has surfaced the issues of greatest interest and concern to CDT's members as our congregation plans for the future. The culmination of the past year's planning work is a set of questions, on issues ranging from growth to financial stability to maintaining intimacy and inclusiveness. The answers to these questions will form the substance of the five-year strategic plan.

Broadly defined, the topics we will seek to answer include:

- Achieving financial stability in an equitable way;
- Growth while maintaining intimacy and inclusiveness
- Jewish learning for all ages
- Member integration, involvement and leadership
- Spiritual needs in a participatory congregation.

To explore the answers to these key planning questions, CDT will be turning to our existing committees, with participation from others in the community who have expressed interest. For example, we will ask the Kehilla Committee to consider issues of maintaining intimacy and inclusiveness, and the Ritual Committee to consider questions about our spiritual needs. We are asking that financial questions be addressed by a hybrid group including the Finance Committee and a reconstituted Torah of Money effort. At the last members' meeting in June, a number of congregants indicated interest in particular topics; these people will be invited to join the committees in framing responses. The draft responses will then be presented to the board for further discussion. With the board's guidance, the Strategic Planning Committee will integrate the package into a unified, consistent strategic plan.

If you have already signed up to indicate interest in these topics, you should be hearing from the relevant committee chair in early fall. If you are interested but have not yet had a chance to sign up, please contact Laurie Gould, the current VP for Strategic Planning, at the address above.

# Selichot

*Saturday evening, Sept. 16, 8 - 10 pm, 60 Highland Street*

Selichot ushers in the week leading up to the High Holy Days. We will spend this evening learning and reflecting as part of the process of *teshuvah*, "turning" or "repentance." Beginning at 8 pm with havdallah and dessert, the evening program will include text study and a Selichot ritual to begin the process of letting go of the old year and preparing for the new. Please join us!

# High Holy Days

Mark your calendars! You should have received a High Holy Days mailing with specific information about services. If you didn't get one, contact our administrator, Marla Lichtman in our office at 617-965-0330 or [office@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:office@dorsheitzedek.org). High Holydays registration forms are also available on our website, at [www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org). High Holydays registration and childcare forms must be returned to the office by September 8!

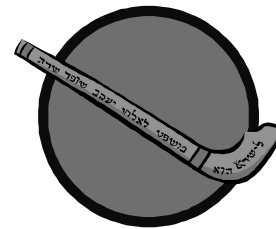
Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday evening, September 22

First Day of Rosh Hashanah: Saturday, September 23

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah & Tashlikh: Sunday, September 24

Kol Nidre: Sunday evening, October 1

Yom Kippur: Monday, October 2



## High Holy Days Greetings: a Guide

In the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah and through Yom Kippur, there are a variety of traditional greetings. The simplest is "*Shanah tovah*" ("A good year") or "*Shanah tovah u'metukah*" ("A good and sweet year"). It is also traditional to wish that someone be "inscribed in the book of life" for the coming year: "*L'shanah tovah tikateivu*". After Rosh Hashanah, leading up to Yom Kippur, we add the wish that someone be "sealed" for a good year: "*G'mar hatima tovah*" ("a good and final sealing!") or "*Hatima tovah*" ("A sealing for good!"). It's also customary, right before Yom Kippur, to wish those who are observing the holiday a "*tzom kal*," an easy fast.

*L'shanah tovah u'metukah* to all of our members and friends!

# Shabbat Shuvah

*Saturday morning, September 30, 9:45 am*

*60 Highland Street*

*Special Guest: Andy Sapp*

On this special Shabbat morning that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we welcome Andy Sapp, an Iraqi war veteran and peace activist, who will share with us his experiences in Iraq and help us reflect on our own responsibilities to those who serve in Iraq and who have been personally affected by the ongoing war.

## Tikkun Olam: A Time to Listen

*Esther Kohn*

The blast of the shofar stirs us to wake up and pay attention. Wake up, Dorshei Tzedek: we have a part to play in repairing ourselves, our community, and the world around us!

As part of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) House Meeting Campaign, last spring over 60 CDT members engaged in "Re-counting the Omer," a community process to locate the sources of our concern. Members were asked to imagine meeting with one of the gubernatorial candidates to tell him/her a story about a key problem or pressure in their lives.

Stories collected from GBIO members throughout the region will inform upcoming collective action campaigns

CDT members were candid and spoke from the heart, sharing difficult situations in their lives. Three themes emerged from the stories:

### 1. Sources of Concern for Elders and Children

Many people told stories of concern for aging parents. How do we care for our aging parents from a distance? How do we find helpful information and resources to help our parents navigate medical care, housing, and mental health care? How do we find the financial resources to best care for parents? How do we help our parents stay at home as long as possible? How do we balance our own needs and family dynamics with the needs of our aging parents? How do we deal with the intense emotions of witnessing our parents age, become ill, and die?

Stories about children included concern about our educational system. What do we do when teachers and schools are unresponsive or not meeting the needs of students? Many stories told of the challenge of raising children in a society that has massive commercialism, often with sexual or violent overtones, aimed at children. Some members had stories of violence occurring among youth in their neighborhoods and were concerned for their own safety and the safety and future of the young people involved.

### 2. Sources of Concern about Financial Insecurity

Many members told stories of the high cost of living in the Boston area and the challenge, even for two professionals, to make enough money to pay the bills. Housing costs affected many members and forced them to make difficult choices in deciding where to live versus owning a house. Lack of job security came up in many stories. Several people spoke of the difficult choices for parents around work,

finances, and child care. For some, it is more financially beneficial to stay at home with a child than to work or work part-time. Related to this theme, several women were concerned about or faced challenges in career advancement because of a choice they made to stay at home with their children for a period of time. Members also spoke of the challenge of financing a college education, the pressure of sending a child to a private college, and the reality that paying for college could mean postponing retirement.

### 3. Sources of Isolation

People told stories about feeling alone with difficult challenges such as making enough to pay the bills, caring for aging parents, life as a single person in a society geared towards couples and families, caring about the environment in a society that does not support those choices, dealing with chronic illness with out community support.

### Next Steps

On July 25, delegates from GBIO congregations across the city met to share and discuss the stories told in their house meetings. The themes or problems we identified were major themes in many other congregations. Other significant themes were Safety and Violence, the Environment, Immigration, Health Care and others. Strategy teams are meeting to research the themes and identify "issues" related to the themes (issues, as distinct from "problems," are solvable and winnable.) On September 17 from 3 to 5 pm at Roxbury Presbyterian Church, GBIO will present these issues as our platform to the gubernatorial candidates. We have pledged to bring 36 people from CDT. Please join us!!

In our own congregation, we will conduct our own research process to identify issues related to our themes from our house meetings. As we make connections and clarify our stories, we can identify the solvable, winnable issues to address in the coming months and years. Stay tuned for further details!

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## Save Darfur now: Voices to Stop Genocide

*Sunday, September 17, New York City*

The Jewish community is mobilizing to stop the genocide in Darfur because we know that silence from the U.S. and the international community is unacceptable. Darfur activists will come together to call for international action to SAVE DARFUR NOW on Sept. 17th in New York City. The MA Coalition to Save Darfur is organizing to join the rally and the campaign to stop the genocide by coordinating registration and travel. Visit [www.savedarurma.org](http://www.savedarurma.org) to register and receive information about how to get involved.

# Sukkot



The holiday of Sukkot is known as *z'man simchateynu*, the "time of our joy." Come be joyful with us as we celebrate this week-long event!

Help us build the Dorshei Tzedek sukkah! We need a few

adults to help put up the frame and cover the top with s'chach (greenery). If you are interested in helping out, contact Amy Mazur at [acmazur@comcast.net](mailto:acmazur@comcast.net). We welcome all interested parties who would like to use the Sukkah during the holiday. Feel free to come with family and friends any time during Sukkot: our Sukkah will be located in the back of the Unitarian Church for the duration of Sukkot.

We also encourage members to build sukkot in their own homes or communities, and invite friends and fellow CDT members to share in the building and use of their sukkot. Building the sukkah together and sharing meals is a great community-building activity! If you want to be matched with fellow sukkah-builders/sukkah seekers in your neighborhood, contact Susan Manheim at [manheim.co@comcast.net](mailto:manheim.co@comcast.net).

Order lulav and etrog sets through CDT! See page 15.

## Gathering Our Harvests

Sukkot is also known as *Hag HaAsif* – a thanksgiving for the bounty of the autumn agricultural harvest. A few of us have grown gardens that reflect this bounty. The rest of us have done a lot of valuable cultivation in the fertile grounds of our professional lives, our families, and community. This Sukkot, Dorshei Tzedek will be celebrating the diverse "harvests" of the entire congregation, adults and kids, during this past year.

What achievements from 5766 are you most proud of? A new job or promotion? A graduation or college acceptance? An art project or performance? A publication or exhibition? Improved grades? A skill acquired? The first time doing something special? A difficult challenge overcome? A new family tradition established?

An advocacy effort you helped actualize? Helping someone else achieve a goal?

At Sukkot this year, we'll display our accomplishments so that we can rejoice in Dorshei Tzedek's collective bounty for the year 5766! Describe your favorite achievement of the year and bring it with you to High Holiday services. You can describe it in writing, a drawing, a photo, the new business card, college acceptance letter, a facsimile of part of the masterpiece. Be creative! (Please make sure that it fits within a 5"x7" space.) Look for the special baskets we'll have waiting for "harvest gathering" during High Holiday services (or you can e-mail your description to [laurie.goldman@tufts.edu](mailto:laurie.goldman@tufts.edu).)

## Erev Sukkot

Friday, October 6, 5 - 7 pm

Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street

Participate in a family-friendly experience with sukkah decorating, blessings, songs and an all-ages final harvest activity that starts in the sukkah at 5 pm. A potluck dinner and services will follow at 6:00 pm. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Bring potluck contributions for 12-15 people as follows: Last name A-J: salads (pasta, rice, etc.), last name K-Z: main dish (fish/vegetarian). Drinks and dessert will be provided.

## Shabbat Services: first morning of Sukkot

Saturday, October 7, 9:45 am

Second Church, 60 Highland Street

Yarzheit of Efrem Goldberg: Founding CDT member Efrem Goldberg passed away the day before Sukkot four years ago. We will be observing his yarzheit at our Sukkot morning service on Saturday, October 7. May his spirit continue to light up the life of our community, and may his memory be for a blessing.

## Simchat Torah– Save the Date!

Saturday evening, October 14 7-9 pm

Second Church, 60 Highland Street

Come rejoice with the Torah! To close the holiday week of Sukkot, we celebrate finishing one cycle of yearly Torah reading and beginning again with the book of *Bereshit*/Genesis during the holiday of Simchat Torah. Join us for a kid- and grown-up-friendly festive evening service (with prizes for "Torah Quiz!!") and dancing with professional musicians!

## Open House Events for Prospective Members

### All-ages Erev Shabbat and Dinner

Friday, September 8, 6 pm  
60 Highland Street

This event will be an all-ages erev shabbat service at 6:45 pm, preceded by candle lighting and dinner at 6 pm. Members, please bring fruit or dessert; non-members don't need to bring anything but themselves. Come meet Rabbi Toba Spitzer and our new education director, Ewa Tuschman, for an informal Shabbat gathering and all-ages service.

### Introduction to Dorshei Tzedek

Sunday, September 10, 3 - 5 pm  
60 Highland Street

This event, geared toward adults, will be an opportunity to socialize with members of the congregation while learning more about Reconstructionist Judaism, our community, and our religious school. Childcare will be provided.

## School News

Ewa Tuschman, [school@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:school@dorsheitzedek.org)

The new year always brings a promise of new beginnings. It's a prospect that's potentially very exciting, but often colored with a tinge of anxiety. That's the exact moment when being a part of a particular community is invaluable. It brings us a sense of security, helps to define our identity. Without any doubts, building a warm, caring community that can serve as a safety net to its members is a pillar of "*derech Dorshei Tzedek*" – this congregation's way of living. As I begin my journey with you as the new Education Director, I hope to contribute to the growth of this spirit within the Religious School walls and beyond them.

The new year is a time of hope. We hope for our school to be a safe, inviting, engaging place where the students can explore and question to their hearts' delight; a place where teachers not only teach and work on developing their own professional skills, but joyfully learn from their students; a place where we begin with what's relevant to our lives, then reach into the treasure trove of the Jewish tradition, and come back to the reality we live in having developed a richer, more thoughtful perspective; a place that prepares us to be competent members of our congregational family and of the larger society; a place where we strive to teach our students "*al pi darko*" ("according to his or her way"), or – in today's terminology – respecting their different learn-

ing styles; but also – a place that inspires and creates opportunities for intergenerational learning experiences shared by congregants of all ages, not only by school families.

It has been personally and professionally exciting for me to set out on this journey gently supported by the steady hand of Cindy Shulak-Rome, whose presence and expertise have been indescribably important throughout this transition period. As we move into another year in our Jewish lives, I look forward to traveling together and getting to know all of you along the way, on many occasions, and in many settings.

*Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!* May the New Year bring you only goodness, sweetness and peace.

P.S. On the *tachlis* (concrete details) side - reminders about the "first day of school" dates!

Gimmel through Vav – first day is Thursday, Sept 14, 3:45 pm  
Aleph and Bet – Saturday, Sept 16, 10 am  
Zayin – Tuesday, Sept 19 at 6:15 pm  
Ma'apilim – Tuesday, Sept 26, 5:45 pm dinner,  
6:15 pm program



## Shabbat Programs

*Unless noted otherwise, all Shabbat programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton.*

### All-ages Erev Shabbat Services and Potlucks

*September 8: special Open House (see page 6)*

*October 6: Sukkot celebration (see page 5)*

*November 3, December 8, 6 pm potluck, 6:45 pm services*

Once a month, we gather for a potluck vegetarian dinner, beginning with candle-lighting at 6 pm, followed by a musical, all-ages erev Shabbat service at 6:45 pm. Please bring a vegetarian/fish main dish or salad to share (enough for 10 - 12 people). In September and October, we have special events: an Open House (see below) and our Sukkot celebration (see page 5). Our regular All-ages services will start in November.

### Erev Shabbat Services

*October 27, November 17  
8 - 9:30 pm*

Each month we welcome Shabbat with an evening of song, prayer, and reflection. Please join us! Please note that on December 17, we'll celebrate the first night of Chanukah with Shabbat dinners in members' homes.

### Junior Congregation

*October 21, November 18 (tentative), December 9, January 13 (2007), February 10, March 10, April 7, May 12  
10.45 am - 12 noon*

Calling all students grades 3-7 for a wonderful Shabbat experience! Join us for Junior Congregation led by Elana Rome. This is a joyful, spirited, service with prayers, music, a Torah skit, and our very own Kid-dush (kids only please!). We'll meet in Room 111 (1st floor across from the Child Care room). Questions? Call the CDT School at 617.965.5443.

## Special Shabbat Events

### Baby-naming and Brit Bat for Noa Nasoff, and Board Installation

*Shabbat morning, September 9, 9:45 am*

Join us as we welcome baby Noa into our community and into the covenant, and as we officially empower our new Board for 5767! This is an opportunity to celebrate and to honor our leaders, all in one!

### Shabbat Canoeing Fun!



*September 9, 1:15 pm, 290  
Islington Road, Newton,*

Come to the Gomberg's back "yard" for an afternoon of canoeing and kayaking on the Charles River. You must RSVP so that we will have enough boats for everyone. If you have your own boat, feel free to bring it. Meet at the time and place above, weather permitting. RSVP by September 5 to Richard or Diana at gomberg@comcast.net or 617.243.9424.

### Baby-naming and Welcome for Ezra Sugerman-Brozan

*Shabbat morning, September 16, 9:45 am*

We will welcome baby Ezra into our community during our morning service— come celebrate!

### Shabbat Shuvah with Special Guest: Andy Sapp

*September 30 (See page 3)*

**Jewish Vocational Service Employment Help:** The Career Moves program at Jewish Vocational Services has redirected its mission to focus on those members of the Jewish community most in need. They are providing low/no-cost customized employment and counseling services to anyone dealing with unemployment or underemployment. They offer coaching, resume, and interview prep, networking contacts, peer support groups, job leads and referrals to employers. For more information, contact Judy Bottkol at [jbottkol@jvs-boston.org](mailto:jbottkol@jvs-boston.org), or call 617.399.3162.

## Nediv Lev General Fund

*(including donations to the Nediv Lev campaign)*

Deborah Albenberg & Audra Karp

Lawrence & Jordana Alford  
*In memory of Steve Siegel's mom*

Jacqui Bloomberg & Peter Gittleman

Naomi Botkin & Josh Gordon  
*In honor of the birth of our daughter,  
Susannah Adele Gordon*

Tony Broh & Jennifer Hochschild  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome*

Marvin & Charlene Brotman

Matilda & Ed Bruckner

Benita Danzing & Nathan Aronow  
*Thank you & best wishes to Cindy Shulak-Rome,  
Lesley Chapman, Rebekah Ralen, and Nancy Gertz*

Lauren Gibbs  
*In memory of Herb Cahn, Susan Nitkin's father  
In honor of Harriet Vierling-Claassen's birth  
In honor of Noa Nasoff's birth*

Ora Gladstone & Mitchell Silver  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome  
In honor of Ruth Paris' & Louise Enoch's birthdays*

Phyllis & Alvin Glazerman

Laurie Goldman  
*With great appreciation for this year of belonging  
to this terrific community of Jewish learners*

Tessa & Clifford Goldsmith

Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb

Lisa Goodwin Robbins

Ami & Jonathan Gordon

Jan Gortler Small

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*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome  
In honor of Nancy Gertz's two years of service*

Valerie Graf & Doron Gan

Judy Hersh & Tim Rosa  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak Rome  
In honor of Nancy Gertz's two years of service*

Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx

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Alexandra & Jeremy Kepner

Kelli Kirshtein & Wendy Angus  
*In honor of Rabbi Toba's many contributions to CDT and  
support of our family  
In appreciation of the many CDT members who provided  
food, comfort and friendship after Wendy's father and  
brother died this spring  
In honor of Elaine Pollock's rabbinical studies in Israel*

Linda Kramer & Alex Fried

Jennifer Levine-Fried & Matthew Fried

Linette Liebling & Peter Demuth

Amy Mazur & Michael S. Feldstein

Membership Committee  
*In honor of Carla Naumburg's fresh ideas and energy  
as Membership Outreach Chair*

Ruth Paris & Rob Saper  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak Rome  
In honor of Nancy Gertz's two years of service*

Elaine Pollack  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome,  
Lesley Chapman, and Rebekah Ralen  
With gratitude to Nancy Gertz for two years of service  
In memory of Steve Siegel's mom, Sylvia Siegel*

Lisa Port-White  
*In honor of Jill Volk for her strength, bravery & friendship  
In honor of Cheryl Sacks for her sense of humor, clear-  
sightedness & friendship  
In honor of the memory of Steve Siegel's mother- may her  
memory be a blessing and may your memories bring you  
comfort*

Debra Rattet & Leslie Rubin  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak Rome- with gratitude for her  
many years of dedication to CDT  
In honor of Lesley Chapman- with thanks and best wishes  
In honor of Nancy Gertz two years of service with grace,  
style and humor  
In honor of Zachary's graduation from Newton South  
High School and Alexander's graduation  
from Brown Middle School*



Cheryl & Jeff Sacks  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak Rome*  
*In memory of Stacey Chacker's father*  
*In memory of Steve Siegel's mother*  
*In honor of Bill Shorr's graduation*  
*In memory of Ida Fader's mother*

Sandra Sedacca & Sherwood Ives  
*In loving memory of Ida and Joe Sedacca*

Debbie Sher  
*In honor of Sid and Lorna Shapiro's Birthdays*

Susan Silberberg & Thomas Robinson

Carol Sklar  
*In memory of the 35th yartzheit of Frances Sklar, mother to*  
*Carol, grandmother to Julia*

Rabbi Toba Spitzer & Gina Fried  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome's dedication to the school*  
*In honor of Nancy Gertz's service as President*  
*In honor of Marla Lichtman and Ewa Tuschman joining*  
*our staff*

Jill Volk  
*With great appreciation and respect, in honor of Cindy*  
*Shulak-Rome, Lesley Chapman, and Nancy Gertz*

Michael White  
*In memory of Sylvia Siegel, Steve Siegel's mother and*  
*Theresa St. John Siegel's mother-in-law*  
*In memory of Doris Fader, Ira Fader's mother and Emily*  
*Saltz's mother-in-law*  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome, Rabbi Toba, Nancy Gertz,*  
*Chayim Herzog-Marx and Judy Hersh*

Ellen Wineberg  
 Susannah & Steven Zisk

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## School Fund

Lisa Port-White  
*In honor of Cindy Shulak-Rome*  
*and all her work and dedication*

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## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Lisa Port-White  
*In honor of Rabbi Toba Spitzer:*  
*May her cheshbon ha nefesh always add up to her liking*

*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*

## Community Event

### Mystic River Jewish Community Day

*Sunday, September 10, 2006, 11 am - 2 pm*

Come celebrate the Ohabei Shalom Chapel restoration project, dedicated to the early Jewish communities along the Mystic River of Greater Boston; East Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Somerville, Revere, Winthrop, and of course, Revere Beach! Hear all about our restoration plans for this historic Chapel and the future site of the Mystic River Jewish Exhibit Hall- making this an historic Jewish landmark for all to experience! The day will include fun and educational activities for the whole family, including guided historic tours of the cemetery and Chapel exhibit plans, location of important historic dates on monuments, and talks about Jewish symbols on Jewish cemeteries, the history of the Mystic River Jewish Communities, and what life was like during the early 1900s for Mystic River Jews. Also included are T-shirts commemorating the day, genealogy information, free refreshments, and free parking with a shuttle bus.

Ohabei Shalom Cemetery Chapel is situated at first Jewish cemetery in Massachusetts, Temple Ohabei Shalom Cemetery, founded in 1843. It is located across 157 Wordsworth Street in East Boston (off of Bennington St.) a major thoroughfare connecting East Boston proper to Orient Heights) For more information, contact Stan Kaplan, at [www.jcam.org](http://www.jcam.org) or 617.244.6509.

Jewish Family & Children's Service offers a variety of support groups, including groups for new mothers, gay and lesbian parents of infants, adoption resources, and other services. Visit their website for more information: [www.jfcsboston.org](http://www.jfcsboston.org).

## Adult Education

### Shabbat Morning Study

*with Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

*Saturday mornings at 8:45 am  
60 Highland Street*

*Fall dates: October 21, November 18, December 9*

Join Rabbi Toba for discussion of the weekly Torah portion at this once-a-month study opportunity before Shabbat morning services. No text study experience necessary! Bring your own coffee/tea and a few good questions.

### Judaism and Practice

*With Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

*Wednesdays, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm, beginning October 18  
60 Highland Street*

This class is a repeat of the popular offering from last year, at a new time! In this ongoing, weekly class, we will explore a wide variety of Jewish texts with the intention of developing practices in our daily lives that cultivate greater wisdom, clarity, patience, gratitude and compassion. Topics include: blessings and morning practices; meditation; eating; Shabbat; mindful use of speech and other ethical teachings. This class is intended for folks at any level of Jewish observance (or non-observance), and with any range of comfort with all things spiritual!

### Letting God In: Study and Practice

*With Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

*Thursday mornings, 8 - 9 am, beginning October 19  
60 Highland Street*

"Where does God live?" asked the Rabbi of Kotzk. And he answered his own question: "Where we let God in." What does it mean to "let God in," if we're not even sure if we believe in God? How do we "let God in" in the face of skepticism, rationalism, doubt? What are the obstacles to "letting God in" to our lives, our hearts? What are practices that we can cultivate to begin to experience— or to experience more deeply— a Godly presence in our lives? In this ongoing weekly class we will explore these questions through text study and practice. Bring your questions, your life experience, your willingness to learn and explore!

## Learn Hebrew at Hebrew College or at Dorshei Tzedek!

### *At Hebrew College*

Understanding Hebrew Texts:

Fundamentals for Beginners

*Wednesdays, 9:30 am- 12:15 pm, beginning October 11 or  
Thursdays, 6:30- 9:15 pm, beginning October 12*

Based on a pioneering curriculum, and tested with adult learners for almost a decade, this multi-year program of study has been used to teach hundreds of adults to read classical Jewish texts in Hebrew. 20 sessions; year-long course— \$900.

This course is designed for those with no prior knowledge of Hebrew who want to engage in the study of classical Jewish texts— such as the Tanakh (Hebrew Bible), the sid-dur (prayer book), and classic rabbinic and Hasidic texts— in the original Hebrew. Students will begin learning basic Hebrew grammar and vocabulary needed to read such texts. The pace of the course will be brisk and a significant investment of study time outside the classroom will be expected. The 20-session, year-long course begins with an introduction to Hebrew grammar and the development of vocabulary. There will be some in-class conversation in Hebrew, but the emphasis will be on developing reading comprehension skills.

Preparation for Hebrew I

*Thursday, 6:30 - 9:15 pm, September 28, October 5*

An optional two-session preparatory program will be held prior to the beginning of the year, designed for those who do not yet know the Hebrew aleph-bet. 2 sessions— \$95

To register, go to <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/mgiregister>. Please use Hebrew College ID#29911.

### *At Dorshei Tzedek*

CDT will again offer Hebrew instruction this fall! Starting in October, we hope to offer two forms of Hebrew study:

- Weekly teacher-led classes
- A *hevrutah*-type ongoing small group study led by a fellow congregant

In this way, we are hoping to accommodate people with various levels of previous knowledge. If you are interested— even if you're not sure!— send an email to Lisa Schneier at [lisa.schneier@comcast.net](mailto:lisa.schneier@comcast.net) or call at 617.591.1931, and we'll follow up with more information.

## Reconstructionist Rabbinical College: Distance Learning Program

This fall the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) will inaugurate a distance-learning program. The first course to be offered is entitled "Our Ancestors' Search for God: The Many Faces of God in the Bible," and will be taught by Tamar Kamionkowski, PhD, RRC's dean and chair of the Department of Biblical Civilization. This six-session course will begin on October 8, 2006. Students will be able to access most of the course content at times convenient for them. There also will be an opportunity for direct contact with the instructor for some of the course content. The cost for the course for Dorshei Tzedek members is \$75. A second course, "The Call to Leadership: Ancient Models," will be offered in the spring. For more information on the two courses and to register go to [www.rrc.edu](http://www.rrc.edu).

## Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Spitzer (617.965.0330) or Jackie Fleischman of the Chesed Committee (617.332-5433 or [jackief@rcn.com](mailto:jackief@rcn.com)).

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](mailto: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.

## Refuah Sh'lemah

The community of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek sends blessings and prayers for healing, *refuah sh'lemah*, to Zach Carson, Ilana Mainelli, Marcia Okun, and Shari Zimble. May healing and comfort come to you and to those who care for you.

## Condolences

To David Felson and Elaine Landes, Rachel and Gabe on the death of David's mother, Evelyn Felson. May her memory be for a blessing.

To Susan Nitkin, Jeff Marcus, Caleb, Noah, and Joanna, on the death of Susan's father, Herb Cahn. May his memory be for a blessing.



## Mazel Tov

To Angela and Dorea Vierling-Claassen, on the birth and *brit bat* of Harriet!

To Sivan Nasoff, on the birth of Noa! See page XXX for *brit bat* information.

To Jodi and Alex Sugerman-Brozan, on the birth and *brit milah* of Ezra! See page xxx for baby-naming information.

To Naomi Botkin and Josh Gordon on the birth and *brit bat* of Susannah!

Mazel tov to Emily Sper on the publication of her newest children's book! *The Kids' Fun Book of Jewish Time* is being published by Jewish Lights Publishing and will soon be available at a bookstore near you. You can also order directly from Jewish Lights ([www.jewishlights.com](http://www.jewishlights.com), 800.962.4544) or from Emily.

## Kiddush Todah Rabah

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek would like to thank the following members who sponsored Kiddush during spring 2006:

Allison & Ezra Hausman  
Mark Bronstein  
Ellen Hemley  
Sandra Sedacca & Sherwood Ives  
Toni Rosenberg

## Todah Rabah

To Steve Siegel, for his oversight of our very successful Nediv Lev campaign this past spring and summer - yasher koach! And to our former presidents and members of the Nediv Lev committee who gave of their time and passion for this campaign: Michael Cohen, Chayim Herzig-Marx, Linette Liebling, Dan Rome, Cheryl Sacks, and Debbie Waber.

To Ellen Pashall, for the many hours she has spent helping Marla Lichtman in the office with the organization of Kiddush responsibilities.

To Elliot Pittel, for organizing the August 20 softball game and picnic! The Red Sox should come check out some of our CDT batters...



## Membership

*Susannah Zisk, Membership Chair, sez1@bellatlantic.net*

We welcome Alex Fried, Linda Kramer, David (4) and Sara (6½), who live in Roslindale. Sara is starting first grade at the Haley public school in Roslindale. David goes to the Shattuck child care center. They both love to draw and to play outside. Alex is a geriatric nurse practitioner at a community health center in Dorchester. He is an avid gardener, plays drums in a local jazz band, and sings in the Yiddish Chorus at the Workmen's Circle. Linda is a clinical social worker in private practice in Brookline, with a psychoanalytic orientation. She is a long term practitioner of vipassana meditation, and is seeking a spiritual community for the whole family. Alex and Linda grew up in secular households and this is the first time either has joined a Jewish congregation. They are all excited to be joining this community with a spiritual depth, and a wonderful rabbi who understands the Jewish Buddhist connection! They look forward to many opportunities to deepen their own and their kids' connection with Jewish life.

We are pleased to introduce the Kepners: Jeremy, Alexandra (Alix), and daughter Jemma, age 5½, who joined Dorshei Tzedek in November 2005. The family moved to the Boston area from Princeton, NJ in 1998. So far, they have spent 2006 negotiating the realm of Cambridge real estate, successfully moving from one condo to another with the professional assistance of CDT member Stuart Snyder (thanks, Stuart!). Jeremy holds a Ph.D. in Astrophysics from Princeton University, and works at MIT Lincoln Laboratory as a computer scientist. Alix has a doctorate in Cognitive Psychology from UMass-Amherst, and will be homeschooling Jemma this fall. Jemma will be entering Kitah Gan this year. As an interfaith family, the Kepners chose to join CDT because of its welcoming atmosphere. Jeremy, Alix and Jemma look forward to becoming more active in the CDT community as they get settled into their new home.

We are pleased to welcome Emily and David Shumsky to the congregation. Emily (from New York City) and David (from Belmont) are proud parents of twin 8 month old boys, Elliot and Jacob. The couple has lived in Newton for eleven years. Emily (now on a deserved hiatus) works as a public policy and spending analyst for health and human services programs, and David works as a financial man-

ager at MIT Lincoln Laboratories. They joined CDT because the congregation is open and welcoming, and active in social justice. They also like the modern Reconstructionist approach that helps bridge their respective reform and conservative backgrounds. The family loves outdoor activities, such as hiking, and also going to movies. They look forward to getting to know the CDT community.

We extend a warm welcome to Jan, Roger, Siena (age 7) and Jared (age 5) Small. Jan is from Brooklyn and Roger grew up New York City; they have lived in Newton Centre for ten years. They are both in the jewelry business: Jan is a jewelry designer, and has been busy teaching jewelry making at a day camp this past summer. Roger works on the retail side as an owner of a jewelry business. In addition to their artistic pursuits, the family is very active and enjoys biking, playing tennis and hiking together. Siena attended Kitot Gan and Aleph and is looking forward to attending Kitah Bet in the fall. The family looks forward to the upcoming year at CDT.

As the year 5766 comes to a close we would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all those who have joined our congregation in the past year:

Deb Albenberg  
 Bob Warren and Meg Wilcox  
 Lisa Goodwin-Robbins  
 Marjorie Feld and Michael Fein  
 Matthew Fried  
 Barbara and Eliot Pittel  
 Ruth and Michael Super  
 Darci and Jonathan Klein  
 Phyllis and Alvin Glazerman  
 Stephanie Benett and Joshua Breindel  
 Laurie Goldman  
 Nem and Stephanie Hackett  
 Liz Reisberg  
 Alix and Jeremy Kempner  
 Barbara Huggins  
 David and Emily Shumsky  
 Susan Silberberg and Thomas Robinson  
 Linda Kramer and Alex Fried  
 Jan Gertler Small

Welcome to all, and if there are folks on this list who you haven't met yet, please make an effort to say hello sometime soon.



# September Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sat Sep 2	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Kelli Kirshtein & Wendy Angus, Beth Brooks and Hank Netsky, Elliot Pittel
Fri Sep 8	6 pm - 8 pm	All-ages Erev Shabbat and Dinner Prospective members welcome! <i>Come meet Rabbi Toba Spitzer and our new education director, Ewa Tuschman!</i> 60 Highland Street	Karen Engels & Reinhard Engels, Liz Reisberg, Cheryl and Jeff Sacks 6 pm candle lighting followed by dinner, 6:45 pm family service. Members please bring fruit or dessert! (see page 6)
Sat Sep 9	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Baby Naming for Noa, daughter of Sivan Nasoff	Mei See Sandson, Karen and Jeff Arnold, Elaine Landes & David Felson (see page 7)
Sat Sep 9	1:15 pm	Shabbat Canoeing Fun!	Members-Only Event (see page 7)
Sun Sep 10	3 pm - 5 pm	Introduction to Dorshei Tzedek	60 Highland St (see page 6)
Thu Sep 14	3:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Opening Day: Kitah Gimme!-Vav	FUSN
Fri Sep 15	6 pm - 8 pm	Kitah Aleph/ Kitah Bet Shabbat Dinner	60 Highland St.
Sat Sep 16	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Baby Naming for Ezra, son of Alex and Jodi Sugerman-Brozan	Cindy Shulak-Rome & Dan Rome, Amy Brodesky and Rex Flynn (see page 7)
Sat Sep 16	10 am - 12 pm	Opening Day: Kitah Aleph and Bet	FUSN
Sat Sep 16	8 pm - 10 pm	Selichot Study and Service	60 Highland Street: Sanctuary (see page 3)
Sun Sep 17	5 pm - 9:30 pm	Board Meeting (Dinner): 5 pm for new members, 5:45 pm for returning members	Members-Only Event 60 Highland St: Parlor
Tue Sep 19	6:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Opening Day: Kitah Zayin	FUSN
Fri Sep 22	7:45 pm - 9:15 am	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Solomon Schechter Day School 125 Wells Avenue, Newton (see page 3)
Sat Sep 23		No School: Rosh Hashanah	
Sat Sep 23	9:30 am - 1:15 pm	First Day of Rosh Hashanah Services	Solomon Schechter Day School 125 Wells Avenue, Newton (see page 3)
Sun Sep 24	10 am - 12:30 pm	Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Services	Solomon Schechter Day School 125 Wells Avenue, Newton (see page 3)
Sun Sep 24	4 pm	Tashlikh	Newton City Hall Pond
Tue Sep 26	5:45 pm - 8 pm	Opening Day: Ma'apilim 5:45 pm dinner, 6:15 pm program	FUSN
Sat Sep 30	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Shuvah with Guest: Andy Sapp	Amy Bermar, Elizabeth Ross and Caren Smith (see page 3)
Sat Sep 30	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN

Members: The complete Kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members' calendar at our website. Please check and see which of the days you requested we were able to schedule you for. Please make sure to put the dates in your calendar! Note that parents of 5th, 6th 7th and 8th graders help out with B'nei Mitzvah sanctuary clean-up and Kiddushes. Thanks for your help this year!— The Kiddush Committee: Marla Lichtman and Ellen Pashall

Events and services are held at The Second Church, 60 Highland Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted. During Rabbi Toba's weekends 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. 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.



# October Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sun Oct 1	6:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Kol Nidre Service	Solomon Schechter Day School, 125 Wells Avenue, Newton ( <i>see page 3</i> )
Mon Oct 2	9:30 am - 7:15 pm	Yom Kippur Service	Solomon Schechter Day School, 125 Wells Avenue, Newton ( <i>see page 3</i> )
Tue Oct 3		<i>Classes resume</i>	FUSN
Fri Oct 6	5 pm - 7 pm	Sukkot <i>Sukkah decorating 5 pm</i> <i>Pot luck &amp; Erev Sukkot Service 6 pm</i>	Amy Mazur (coordinator), Linda Schiller and Steve Robins, Phyllis and Alvin Glazerman FUSN: Parish Hall ( <i>see page 5</i> )
Sat Oct 7		<i>No School: Sukkot &amp; Columbus Day Weekend</i>	
Sat Oct 7	9:45 am - 12 pm	Sukkot Morning Service	Marjorie Feld and Michael Fein, Cindy Bittker, Lynne Brandon Yarzheit of Efrem Goldberg ( <i>see page 5</i> )
Sat Oct 14	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shemini Atzeret Service	Ezra Hausman, Wendy Gedanken, Marvin Brotman, Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent
Sat Oct 14	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph / Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Oct 14	7 pm - 9 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration	Stephen Zisk, Stacey Chacker, Hillary Marcus and Jon Magaziner, Ricky and Rob Greenly, Jamie Tessler 60 Highland St: Sanctuary ( <i>see page 5</i> )
Wed Oct 18	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	( <i>see page 10</i> )
Thu Oct 19	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	( <i>see page 10</i> )
Fri Oct 20	6 pm - 8 pm	Gan Family Shabbat Dinner	60 Highland St
Sat Oct 21	8:45 am - 9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Torah Study	( <i>see page 10</i> )
Sat Oct 21	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Rosa	Nancy Gertz & Michael Cohen, Peter Gittleman & Jacqui Bloomberg
Sat Oct 21	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph/ Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sun Oct 22	10 am - 12 pm	Introduction to Dorshei Tzedek	60 Highland Street
Sun Oct 22	2 pm - 4 pm	Opening Day: Gan Family Program #1	FUSN
Sun Oct 22	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Zayin Family Program	FUSN
Wed Oct 25	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	( <i>see page 10</i> )
Thu Oct 26	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	( <i>see page 10</i> )
Fri Oct 27	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Adult Service	Carla Naumburg and Joshua Herzig-Marx, Ellie Goldberg (in honor of her mother) ( <i>see page 7</i> )
Sat Oct 28	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Julianna Katz	Set-up: Julie Fox, Abby Cohen & Stuart Snyder, Clean-up: Paul Fox
Sat Oct 28	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph / Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sun Oct 29	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland St.: Parlor
Tue Oct 31	3:30 pm - 6 pm	<i>No school: Staff Meeting</i>	

## JRF Convention

### Our Evolving Jewish Journey: Peoplehood and the Quest for Spiritual Community

November 9 - 12, Philadelphia

Jewish peoplehood was a founding premise of Reconstructionist Judaism. What issues does it raise regarding our commitments to Jewish life beyond our personal Jewish lives? What is distinctive about our ideology and practice today? How are they evolving and what are our enduring principles?

The JRF Convention is the place to connect with fellow Reconstructionists from congregations and havurot from all over the U.S. and Canada. Learn from educators, rabbis, and leaders from across the spectrum of Reconstructionism, including keynote speakers Ruth Messinger and Ruth Calderon.

Ruth Messinger is President of the American Jewish World Service (<http://www.ajws.org/>), an international development agency. Previously Ruth was active in local politics in New York for two decades, serving as a Council Member and as Manhattan Borough President. She was the Democratic Party candidate for Mayor of New York City in 1997.

Israeli Ruth Calderon is a recent Scholar-in-Residence at UJA Federation of New York and the founder of Alma College, in Tel Aviv and Alma, NY. Her book, *The Market, the Home, the Heart*, is being translated to English. Her article, "The Balcony" ([http://www2.jrf.org/resources/show\\_res.php?rid=34](http://www2.jrf.org/resources/show_res.php?rid=34)), was recently published in *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*.

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## Lulav and Etrog Order Form

Celebrate Sukkot with your very own lulav and etrog! Orders must be received by Thursday, September 28. You can pick up your lulav at Sukkot services or at the Dorshei Tzedek office during school hours on Tuesday, October 5.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ sets @ \$40 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check made out to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, and mail to the Dorshei Tzedek office at 60 Highland Street, West Newton, MA 02465.

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60 Highland Street  
West Newton, MA 02465

#### Dorshei Tzedek Officers, Board, and Committee Chairs

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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.