

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## Strategic Planning Update

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As we begin the New Year, our strategic planning process is now entering its peak phase. This process is both challenging and essential to the congregation, and for those of you reading this who did not hear me speak at Rosh Hashanah, I want to reiterate the heart of what I said then to help contextualize the strategic planning process and raise your awareness of its importance to the community.

We know from surveys, intake interviews, community conversations, and other sources that the vast majority of the Dorshei Tzedek community prides itself on having an excellent rabbi and school, a wide range of adult-education opportunities, a monthly newsletter, GBIO membership, and various other accoutrements that go along with being part of a full-service congregation. Time and again, the community has directed the Board to expand our offerings and services and has communicated to us that it enjoys and appreciates having these amenities available.

That said, the Board has observed that our membership and school enrollment have been static for the past few years while our expenses have slowly risen. Continued lack of growth would present a serious challenge to the congregation's long-term vision and, given this wealth of information as backdrop, our mission is very clear: we need to understand whether our current growth and financial trajectory represents a trend and, if it does, we need to do whatever is necessary to resume healthy growth while simultaneously addressing members' various concerns about increasing the size of the congregation.

We expect that the Strategic Planning process will help reveal how and why we have arrived at our current situation and that it will help show us the way forward. Based on the survey responses from last spring and with additional input from the Board, the Strategic Planning group has developed a set of questions that represent our best effort at trying to comprehend the individual needs of the current membership as well as the underlying social and financial needs of the entire community. I cannot empha-

size strongly enough how important your participation in this process is: the community members who have been charged with answering these questions need your active involvement and your personal commitment in order to answer these questions completely and meaningfully. I hope that as the Board Members and the Strategic Planning group work together this year to complete this process and develop a long-term plan for a sustainable community, you will give them your support in the form of your time, your input and, most of all, your understanding.

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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 [rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:rabbi@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.

# Events for Prospective Members

## Sukkot

Friday, October 6, 5 - 8 pm

We invite prospective members to participate in a family-friendly experience with sukkah decorating, blessings, songs and an all-ages "final harvest" activity (see page 3).

## Introduction to Reconstructionist Judaism and Dorshei Tzedek

Sunday, October 22, 10 am - noon, 60 Highland Street, in our sanctuary

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.



## 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).

Have you recently had a *mazel tov* moment? Let us know! Notify the Newsletter editors, [dnews@yahoogroups.com](mailto:dnews@yahoogroups.com), of life cycle events, significant accomplishments, or other moments you would like to share with the Dorshei Tzedek community.

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 Barbara Shatkin and her family as they mourn Barbara's father, Alfred Shatkin. May his memory be for a blessing.

## Mazel Tov

To new CDT members Susan Moser and Thea Breite on the birth and *brit milah* of their son, Shalev Maor.

## Todah Rabah

A HUGE "Todah Rabah" to Joel Reider and our 7th grade boys- Jonah Reider, Yonatan Meschede-Krasa, Isaac Rogers, Isaac Silberberg, and Davin Zimble- for our new, gorgeous Torah reading table. The boys designed the Torah table with Joel and helped in its construction, and the entire class helped with the letters on the front. So thank you 7th graders, and thank you Joel for your exquisite craftsmanship and untold hours of labor. Todah rabah as well to Clifford Goldsmith for the Torah table which has served us so well these past few years, and for helping with the set-up of the new table. We will formally dedicate the new Torah table at our Sukkot morning services on October 14.

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek would like to thank the following members who sponsored Kiddush during the summer months:

Melanie Adler  
Naomi Botkin & Josh Gordon  
Cliff Cohen & Lissy Medvedow  
Gina Fried  
Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess  
Betsy Hinden & Karen Wasserman  
Jennifer Hochschild & Tony Broh  
Corinne Lofchie & Noam Shore  
Ilana Mainelli  
Erica Streit Kaplan & James Kaplan  
Terry Traub  
Deborah Waber  
Linda Weiss Katz & Peter Katz

# High Holy Days

Kol Nidre: *Sunday evening, October 1*

Yom Kippur: *Monday, October 2*

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, at 617-965-0330 or [office@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:office@dorsheitzedek.org). or see [www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org).



## Sukkot: Gathering Our Harvests

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! The Dorshei Tzedek community sukkah is located at the First Unitarian Society - feel free to come with family and friends any time during Sukkot. Sukkot begins the evening of October 6 and continues through Saturday, October 14.

We 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).

Sukkot is also known as *Hag HaAsif* - a thanksgiving for the bounty of the autumn agricultural harvest. 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? During Sukkot 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 the Erev Sukkot celebration. 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 - 8 pm*

*Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street*

Participate in a family-friendly experience with sukkah decorating, blessings, songs and an all-ages "final harvest" activity. We'll begin at 5 pm with sukkah decorating and other art activities, and at 6 pm will do blessings and share Sukkot songs and stories. A potluck dinner will follow at 6:30 pm. Please bring potluck contributions for at least 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. Friends and prospective members welcome!!

### 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 yartzheit 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.

## School News

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

*Creatio et nihilo*, or "creation from nothing," is not a Jewish way of thinking about the beginnings of the universe. On the contrary, the Torah paints an image of a primordial, unformed, dark world of matter and water. "*V'ruach Elohim m'rachefet al pnei hamayim*" - "And a spirit / wind from G-d was sweeping over the water" (Genesis 1:2). That's how the story of Creation begins in our tradition. As I watched our school's doors fling open last week, I could not help but think how many times we unknowingly repeat that paradigmatic process. The "dark, unformed matter" of many months of long, painfully detailed, behind-the-scene preparations for a new academic year is guided by "*ruach Elohim*" - the G-dly spirit of our hopes, dreams and aspirations for our children and for ourselves, for our congregation and our community. Then one day it all comes together, and our little world begins again. And so it did, a few days ago.

Our Rabbis taught that the world stands on three pillars (Torah, worship and righteous deeds), but our school world stands on many more than just three. These include not only staff, and not only the students, but obviously you - the parents, the congregants. Since I cannot reproduce the membership roster in this column, allow me to very briefly introduce only the less numerous group, i.e. the staff. As we have several teachers new to our congregation this year - please do take time to stop by and welcome them as they are getting to know your families.

We are again blessed with a very capable team. The Gan program rests in the expert hands of Jill Volk. *Kitah Aleph* welcomed Preston Neal (*Moreh Aharon*), who brings to us his creativity and song-leading skills. *Kitah Bet* might just end up reading Hebrew with a perfect Israeli accent thanks to Irit Halperin (*Morah Irit*). *Kitah Gimmel* will again enjoy dramatized instruction with Hillary Pinsker (*Morah Chaya Leah*), while *Kitah Dalet* is sailing smoothly under the direction of Annette Lawson (*Morah Henya*), with a spirited help from Mitzi Grossman (*Mitzpah*). AdAm Meyer-Deutsch (*Moreh AdAm*), by now an old-timer, spreads his contagious enthusiasm for all things Jewish among the students of *Kitah Hay*. *Kitah Vav* already began benefiting from deep knowledge and creativity of Michelle Greenberg (*Morah Leah*). Not to forget about the indispensable teen aides, whose presence adds spunk to our school time: Rebecca Ansolabehere, Laura Greenly, Alex Kaufman, Shoshi Paris-Saper, Julia Pashall and

Sophie Strassberg. And all of us owe credit to our Administrator, Marla Lichtman, whose attention to detail creates a security net for the school operation.

This year, when you get ready enter the Sukkot season and to evoke building a "Sukkat Shalom" - the Sukkah (tabernacle) of peace, please send your thoughts towards these special people as they strive to build a "Sukkat shalom" within the walls of the school.

Chag Sukkot Sameach!

## GBIO News

Esther Kohn, [esthercfs@hotmail.com](mailto:esthercfs@hotmail.com)

### GBIO Gubernatorial Candidate Action

On September 17, Dorshei Tzedek put its commitment to social justice into action. Thirty-two CDT members, including three students from *Kitah Vav*, joined about 1,000 GBIO members at the Gubernatorial Candidate Action held at the Boston Teachers Union building in Dorchester. Over 60 congregations from Roxbury to Woburn, South Boston to Sudbury, gathered together to tell the candidates running for governing about our concerns.

GBIO met with each candidate for governor prior to the action, but only Deval Patrick accepted the invitation to attend. Even with one candidate in attendance, action successfully demonstrated how we can organize to make our voices heard and ask candidates to respond directly to OUR concerns.

We presented three issues of concern to Mr. Patrick: Elder Care, Youth and Safety, and Health Care. After hearing personal stories about each concern, GBIO leaders (including our own Rabbi!) posed eight questions to Mr. Patrick asking specific commitments on the issues. Mr. Patrick responded yes to all but one question (for specific questions, see flyers on the CDT information table). Mr. Patrick expressed his strong desire to work with GBIO to hear our concerns and our stories so that we can work together to address the challenges we face together. Mr. Patrick committed to attending a GBIO gubernatorial action with the Republican candidate.

This was an exciting, energizing afternoon... and now the work continues. There are several ways CDT members can get involved.

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## Shemini Atzeret

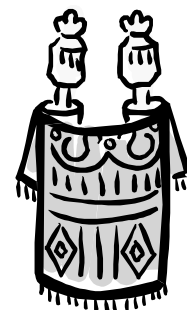
*Shabbat morning, October 14, 9:45 am  
Second Church 60 Highland Street*

While the Temple stood, the week of Sukkot festivities climaxed with an elaborate ritual to ensure rains for the winter season. Join us as Rabbi Toba does her own version of a rain dance for the end of the Sukkot holiday, called Shemini Atzeret - be sure to bring a water gun or other form of *shpritzer*!!

## Simchat Torah

*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 our very own Hankus Netsky and other musicians! Help us finish our fall holiday season with a *freylikh*, fun evening!!



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- Attend an affordability workshop to help GBIO collect data on what people can actually afford to pay for health care premiums to better inform policy makers (contact Alliea Group at [agroup@bostoncarpenters.org](mailto:agroup@bostoncarpenters.org) for times and locations.)
- Attend the next Gubernatorial Action (time and place to be announced.)
- Attend a workshop on Elder Care on Monday, October 16 at 7:30 pm at Temple Beth Zion.
- Come to "Connecting Our Stories" on October 29 from 3 - 5 pm (see below) as we continue our own Dorshei Tzedek process of identifying issues of concern in our congregation.

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### Connecting our Stories: Moving from Personal Struggles to Public Issues

*October 29, 3-5 pm (childcare provided)*

*60 Highland Street*

Our house meetings last spring revealed three main areas of concern for CDT members: Concern for Children and Elders, Concern for Financial Insecurity, and Sources of

Isolation. How do we look to these areas of concern to identify specific issues we can address through collective action?

To help us continue this process, Ann Bookman, author of *Starting in Our Own Backyards: How Working Families Can Build Community and Survive the New Economy*, will join us to share her research and help us see how our personal stories are connected to larger social and economic realities. This purpose of this community discussion is two-fold: 1) we hope to lessen our sense of isolation as we learn how our personal struggles are part of a shared common experience, and 2) by locating our personal stories in a social context we can more readily identify specific issues we can address through collective action. The ultimate goal of bringing our personal stories into public conversations is to devise action that will result in change.

We need our community to be involved in this discussion! We hope that at least one person per household will attend. Childcare will be provided.

## Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Rosa

*October 21 at 9:45 am*

We hope you will help us celebrate when our daughter Caroline is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Caroline is a generous and creative 8th grader at Oak Hill Middle School in Newton. She enjoys being with her friends and family, playing soccer, biking, singing, writing, crafting, being outside in nature, and going to Camp Young Judea. She has been an enthusiastic member of the CDT community since age 3, and is participating in our new 8th grade program, *Ma'apilim*.

Caroline loves to organize and complete *tikkun olam* projects with her friends, and this year she volunteered in a rock-climbing class for children with special needs. To mark the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah she plans to make a donation to help children in Darfur. – *Judy Hersh and Tim Rosa*

## Bat Mitzvah of Julianna Katz

*October 28 at 9:45 am*

Please join us as our daughter Julianna is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Julianna is in the 8th grade at Pollard Middle School in Needham. During her time a CDT she has enjoyed the camaraderie and study with her Religious School Class and hopes to continue this during the school year with a new 8th grade program. For her *tikkun olam* project, she has been volunteering at a program for children with developmental disabilities at Charles River ARC in Needham. We hope you will join us for services followed by a Kiddush lunch at Dorshei Tzedek. – *Joel and Laura Katz*

### Jerusalem Women Speak: Three Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision

*Sunday, October 8, 7:30 pm  
60 Highland Street*

*Co-Sponsored with the Second Church of Newton*

Three women, a Jew, a Christian and a Muslim-- Rela Mazali of Herzlia, Ghada Ageel of Khan Younis, and Shireen Khamis of Beit Jala-- who are living the realities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict are joining us to share their experiences and hopes for a just peace with American audiences. These women are working professionals, activists, mothers, daughters, and partners, all involved in their own way in resolving the conflict and charting a brighter future for their region.

Each woman lives the hardships of conflict and the tragedy of occupation in unique ways. Each has also witnessed the deterioration around them over the past six years of Israeli-Palestinian violence and the intermittent attempts to rekindle peace talks. They have made a commitment to address American audiences about their hopes for the fu-

ture and what must be done to improve today's unsteady situation. Their tour is sponsored by Partners for Peace, a Washington-based peace group. Please join us, and feel free to bring friends and guests!

### Rosh Chodesh Celebration

*Monday, October 23, 7:30 - 9 pm  
Home of Esther Kohn, 20 Martinwood Road, Jamaica Plain*

The celebration of the new moon is a day historically associated with women's renewal and celebration. In recent decades, Rosh Chodesh has become an occasion for Jewish women to gather for learning, ritual, and spiritual exploration, and to mark life passages.

On Monday, October 23, CDT women are invited to celebrate the new moon of Cheshvan. Please join us from 7:30 to 9 pm at the home of Esther Kohn, 20 Martinwood Road in Jamaica Plain. To RSVP or for questions, contact Esther at [esthercfs@hotmail.com](mailto:esthercfs@hotmail.com) or 617.524.0478.

Newcomers are welcome to all Rosh Chodesh celebrations!

# 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.*

## Shabbat Shuvah

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

## All-ages Erev Shabbat Services and Potlucks

*October 6: Sukkot celebration (see page 3)  
November 3, December 8: 6 pm*

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.

## Tot Shabbat

*October 7 (please confirm), November 4, December 9, January 6 (2007), Feb 10, March 10, April 21, May 12  
10:45 - 11:30 am, Room 112, Second Church*

Tot Shabbat is for children around the ages of 3-5 and their parents. We do a little singing, a little praying, and celebrating of holidays. And, of course there will be snacks and crafts. Please call Karen Wasserman at 617-325-4716 with any questions.

## 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 Kiddush (kids only please!). We'll meet in Room 111 (first floor across from the Child Care room). Questions? Call the CDT School at 617.965.5443.

## Spirituality & Social Justice: Abraham Joshua Heschel

*with Rabbi Or N. Rose  
Nov 4, 1 pm, following Shabbat services and kiddush lunch*

We are pleased to welcome Rabbi Or N. Rose, Associate Dean at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College for a discussion of Abraham Joshua Heschel (see page 10).

## A Triumphant Return

Daniel Krasa, [daniel.krasa@verizon.net](mailto:daniel.krasa@verizon.net)

In mid-May, my brother's family, my family, and parents took off from Logan Airport, and headed for Prague, CSR. Ten of us from the US joined eight Czech cousins, an aunt, and their progeny. Such a group of us had never gathered there before. My brother and I were to sing Verdi's Requiem as my father had done 62 years ago in the concentration camp Terezin (*Terezienstadt*). The Requiem was performed fifteen times after overcoming monumental challenges such as only having a single Latin score smuggled in, practicing undernourished, at night in dank basements after arduous days of work, and after twice having the chorus decimated by transport shipments to Auschwitz/Birkenow. The prisoners at Terezin got away with singing in Latin to the Nazis the theme that Judgment Day awaits all who do not follow a righteous path.

After three months of learning the score with a music teacher in Newton Highlands, my brother and I wondered how well prepared we were to join a choral group that has worked together in Washington DC all year. Some in the choral group had already performed the Requiem twice in New York and Washington, DC. Neither of us has sung in 25-30 years, and the 200 page Latin score was quite intimidating. Both of us, like my father, sing bass, and we found it comforting to be joining a group of 31 basses in a choir of 170.

Now the four-day whirlwind began. We had a rehearsal an hour after arriving in Prague on a Friday afternoon, two rehearsals in Terezin on Saturday, and one performance on Sunday afternoon. We were relieved to learn that we were actually pretty well prepared. In the mornings my father,

brother, and I were besieged by media such as NPR, JTA, a group making a documentary, and local news organizations. We hardly saw our families who had the chance to be tourists in beautiful Prague and in Terezin.

Verdi's Requiem is not background elevator music. It has dramatic variations in volume dynamics, reminding us of the peacefulness of death and of God's wrath. This was a concert drama envisioned by Murray Sidlin that included audio visual images of life in Terezin, as well as accounts of survivors telling the audience what it was like to practice and perform the piece 62 years ago. At the conclusion of the Requiem itself, a train whistle sounded, and my brother and I led the chorus offstage and up the aisle and out of the horse-riding barn in which we just "performed". We all filed out with our heads bowed, humming *Oseh Shalom*, and we kept on marching through the streets of what Terezin has once again become, a normal residential town. Everyone followed us as we filed to the train tracks and train depot where thousands, including my father, uncle, and grandparents were loaded onto cattle cars and transported east to Poland.

All along the way we were followed by cameras, as if we were leading the Boston Marathon. It made it difficult to stop. After reaching the depot I wanted to return to the performance site, though we didn't know what we left behind. Apparently all remained standing in what was an extended moment of silence frozen in place and in tears. Only a single violin remained on stage playing *Oseh Shalom*. This walk was not practiced before. Since we were leading everyone, and the cameras were still focused on us, we turned around and filed back, however this time it was with our heads up and singing the prayer out loud and in Hebrew.

It was a triumphant return.

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Editor's note: More information, including photographs, is available at several websites, including:

<http://www.jtsprehe.com/terezin.htm>

<http://www.radio.cz/en/article/79209>

Further information can be found by searching the Internet for "Defiant Requiem".





## Community Events

### "Shared Values and the Jewish Family"

*Sunday, October 29, 1:30-4 pm  
Brandeis University*

Join us for a conversation with Rabbi Arnold Eisen, Richard Joel, Larry Moses and Rabbi Eric Yoffie on "Shared Values and the Jewish Family." This forum is co-sponsored by the Steinhardt Seminars on the Jewish Family, the Hornstein Program for Jewish Leadership, the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, and made possible by a grant from the Yahad Foundation.

### Project Ezra: Volunteer on Christmas Day!

*December 25, 2006*

This year, as in years past, Christian volunteers and staff will be able to celebrate Christmas with family and friends because of a unique project sponsored by the united Jewish community. The Synagogue Council's Project Ezra, embarking on its 20th successful year, is an outreach volunteer program of the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, an organization that unifies and strengthens the Jewish community and promotes interdenominational understanding, dialogue, and collaborative efforts. Jewish volunteers from across denominational lines will unite through Project Ezra, on Monday, December 25, to assist in local feeding programs and shelters, hospitals and nursing homes, enabling Christian staff members and volunteers to spend the holiday with their families. For more information, visit SCM's website: [www.synagoguecouncil.org](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org). If you are looking for additional site ideas, please contact Synagogue Council [info@synagoguecouncil.org](mailto:info@synagoguecouncil.org) or call 617.244.6506 ext. 17.

### "The Seventy Faces of Torah" Contemporary Judaism in the State of Israel

*January 3-14, 2007*

Participate in a unique and special opportunity to express our oneness with the people of Israel, to explore our diversity and to be touched by the beauty and vibrancy of the land of Israel. This trip is in celebration of the 20th anniversary of Unity Missions to New York by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts. Mission Highlights include:

- Senior Tour Educator and Scholar-in-Residence
- Unique program focusing on the different expressions of Judaism in Israel
- Participation of Unity Mission alumni in Jerusalem and Haifa
- Customized sourcebook with readings, texts, maps
- Pre-Mission video-conference with Haifa
- Dr. Jesse Hefter, President, and Alan Teperow, Executive Director- tour leaders

Sponsored in part through a generous grant from CJP's Boston-Haifa Connection. For a brochure or additional more information, please contact: 617.244.6506, ext. 19, [www.synagoguecouncil.org](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org).

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## New Member

We welcome Ellen White of Brighton to Dorshei Tzedek! She has joined CDT to find a smaller, more intimate congregation where it's more personal and members do more participating than in those "huge monster temples." Ellen is a psychiatric occupational therapist and has particular interest in working with those suffering from low vision. She enjoys swimming, cross country skiing, walking, the arts, and Jewish culture. Social action is very important to her. Ellen is interested in learning more about Judaism and Jewish issues and getting involved at CDT. She joined with her friend Haralie Alpert.

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## 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!

## Spirituality & Social Justice:

### Abraham Joshua Heschel

*with Rabbi Or N. Rose*

*Nov 4, 1 pm, following Shabbat services and Kiddush lunch  
Second Church, 60 Highland Street  
Free to all*

This winter marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972), famed theologian and social activist. Join us as we explore the intersection of these two realms in various writings of Heschel, exploring the religious underpinnings of his justice commitments. We will frame our study with a discussion of his biography and of the historical period in which he flourished as a public personality in the United States.

Rabbi Or N. Rose is Associate Dean: Director of Informal Education at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College.

## Israeli Writing in Times of War

*with Dr. Irit Aharony*

*Monday evenings: November 6, 13 and 20, at 7:30 pm  
Members free, non-members \$15/session, \$36 for all three*

We are thrilled to have Dr. Aharony back following her very popular class last year. She will discuss literature covering some of the most painful issues of Israeli society that have arisen again as a result of the recent Lebanon War.

*Session 1:* The first meeting will be dedicated to the way war is seen in Israeli poetry through the theme of the "living dead" (*ha'met ha'chai*). We will read poems by Nathan Alterman, Yehuda Amichai, Haim Guri and others.

*Session 2:* In this meeting we will deal with the Israeli term "Purity of the Weapon" (*tohar ha'neshek*). We will question the issue of morality during war through S. Yizhar, the "Ethics Code of the IDF" and more.

*Session 3:* In this meeting we will talk about the culture of remembrance in Israel, the way Memorial Day is observed in Israel, and the way it has changed during the years. We will talk about the Israeli "*shirah ba'tzibur*" (singing together), examine some of the most famous memorial songs, and read from Yehudith Hendel.

Since 1996, Dr. Aharony has taught Modern Hebrew and Israeli Literature at Harvard University. She has published articles about contemporary Israeli literature focusing especially on biblical influences on contemporary Hebrew literature.

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

### 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.

### 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 p.m., 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. 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 *siddur* (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. The course costs \$900.

### 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.

## Reconstructionist Rabbinical College: Distance Learning Program

*Begins October 8*

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).



## Nediv Lev General Fund

*(including donations to the Nediv Lev campaign)*

Evelyn Botkin

*In honor of the birth and Brit Bat of our granddaughter,  
Susannah Adele Gordon and her parents,  
Naomi Botkin & Joshua Gordon*

Nancy Gertz & Michael Cohen

Tessa & Clifford Goldsmith

*In memory of Billy Gishen, Billie Nailand, Ron Nailand*

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Sharon Gorberg & John Holohan

Robert & Inge Gould

*In memory of Jean & Harry Gould  
and Else & Justin Vollweiler*

Carol Hemley

*In memory of David Hemley, whose yahrzeit was just  
observed- husband of Carol Hemley and father  
of Ellen and Debbie Hemley*

Hope Kellman

*In memory of Arthur C. Kellman*

Linda Kramer & Alex Fried

*Thanks to Cindy Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury  
for their generosity*

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*In memory of grandparents, Moe & May Horowitz,  
Dick Marshall, Jeanette Perry*

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*In memory of Bill Spitzer, Rabbi Toba's father*

Angela Wong

*In honor of Zoe Miller's upcoming Bat Mitzvah*

## School Fund

Doug Hersh & Sarah Little

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*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*

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**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.

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**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).



# October Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sun Oct 1	6:15 pm - 8:15 pm	Kol Nidre Service <i>The service will start promptly at 6:15 pm; please plan to arrive a few minutes early</i>	Solomon Schechter Day School, 125 Wells Avenue, Newton (see page 3)
Mon Oct 2	9:30 am - 7:15 pm	Yom Kippur Service	Solomon Schechter Day School, 125 Wells Avenue, Newton (see page 3; see flyer for details)
Tue Oct 3		CLASSES RESUME	
Wed Oct 4	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Oct 5	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Fri Oct 6	5 pm - 7 pm	Sukkot Celebration All Ages: Sukkah decorating 5 pm Pot luck & Erev Sukkot Service 6 pm	Set up: Susan Manheim, Linda Schiller & Steve Robins, Jan Gortler-Small ; Clean up: Phyllis & Alvin Glazerman, Elizabeth Ross & Caren Smith, Scott Lewis. FUSN (p.3)
Sat Oct 7		NO SCHOOL- SUKKOT/ Columbus Day Weekend	
Sat Oct 7	9:45 am - 12 pm	Sukkot Morning Service	Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein, Steffi & Eric Karp <i>Yarzheit of Efrem Goldberg (see page 3)</i>
Sat Oct 7	10 am - 10:45 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland St: childcare room 112 (see page 7)
Sun Oct 8	7:30 pm	Jerusalem Women Speak <i>Joint program with Second Church</i>	60 Highland Street: Sanctuary (see page 7)
Wed Oct 11	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Oct 12	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Sat Oct 14	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shemini Atzeret Service	Ezra Hausman, Wendy Gedanken, Marvin Brotman, Allison Andrews & Arthur Lent (see page 5)
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 & Jon Magaziner, Ricky & Rob Greenly, Jamie Tessler 60 Highland St (see page 5)
Wed Oct 18	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Oct 19	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
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 Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Sat Oct 21	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Rosa	Nancy Gertz & Michael Cohen, Peter Gittleman & Jacqui Bloomberg (see page 6)
Sat Oct 21	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph/ Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Oct 21	10 am - 12:45 pm	Junior Congregation with Elana Rome	60 Highland St: Room 111 (see page 7)
Sun Oct 22	10 am - 12 pm	Introduction to Dorshei Tzedek	60 Highland St (see page 2)
Sun Oct 22	2 pm - 4 pm	Opening Day: Gan Family Program #1	
Sun Oct 22	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Zayin Family Program	
Mon Oct 23	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	(see page 6)
Tue Oct 24	5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Rosh Chodesh Assembly	FUSN: Parish Hall
Wed Oct 25	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Oct 26	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Fri Oct 27	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Adult Service	Carla Naumburg & Joshua Herzig-Marx, Ellie Goldberg (see page 7)
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 (see page 6)
Sat Oct 28	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph / Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sun Oct 29	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Board Meeting	Members-Only Event, 60 Highland St: Parlor
Tue Oct 31	3:30 pm - 6 pm	NO SCHOOL- Staff Meeting	

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.



# November Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Wed Nov 1	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 2	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 2	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Back to School Night	FUSN: Parish Hall
Fri Nov 3	6 pm - 8 pm	Potluck and Erev Shabbat Family Service	Linda Kramer & Alex Fried, Susan Bernstein & Jodie Siegel (see page 7)
Sat Nov 4	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Jennifer Levine-Fried & Matthew Fried, Ilene Spiro & Ira Schor <i>In memory of Jonathan Levine</i>
Sat Nov 4	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph / Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Nov 4	10 am - 10:45 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland St: childcare room 112 (see page 7)
Sat Nov 4	1 pm	Spirituality & Social Justice: Abraham Joshua Heschel with Rabbi Or Rose	60 Highland St (see page 10)
Sun Nov 5	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Members' Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> Lilly Platt, Cheryl Sacks 60 Highland St: Fellowship Hall
Mon Nov 6	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Israeli Writing in Times of War with Dr. Irit Aharony	60 Highland Street (see page 10)
Wed Nov 8	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 9	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Sat Nov 11		<i>NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day Holiday</i>	
Sat Nov 11	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Skylar Fox	<i>Set-up:</i> Laura Katz, Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon; <i>Clean-up:</i> Peter Gittleman & Jacqui Bloomberg
Mon Nov 13	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Israeli Writing in Times of War with Dr. Irit Aharony	60 Highland Street (see page 10)
Wed Nov 15	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 16	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Fri Nov 17	8 pm - 9:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Adult Service	Elaine Bresnick, Meryl Kahn, Michael White (see page 7)
Sat Nov 18	8:45 am - 9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Sat Nov 18	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte Cohen	<i>Set-up:</i> Bill Weinreb, Lisa Goodman
Sat Nov 18	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph / Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Nov 18	10 am - 12:45 pm	Junior Congregation with Elana Rome	60 Highland St: Room 111. Tentative: call to confirm 617-965-5443 (see page 7)
Sat Nov 18	4 pm - 6 pm	Kitah Gimmel / Kitah Dalet Family Program	
Sun Nov 19	2 pm - 4 pm	Gan Family Program #2	60 Highland St (see page XXX)
Sun Nov 19	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> , 60 Highland St: Parlor
Mon Nov 20	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Israeli Writing in Times of War with Dr. Irit Aharony	60 Highland Street (see page 10)
Tue Nov 21	5:15 pm - 5:45 pm	Rosh Chodesh Assembly	FUSN: Parish Hall
Wed Nov 22	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 23		<i>NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving</i>	
Sat Nov 25		<i>NO SCHOOL</i>	
Sat Nov 25	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Andy Diamond, Dorie Fried
Tue Nov 28		<i>Classes Resume</i>	
Wed Nov 29	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)
Thu Nov 30	8 am - 9 am	Letting God In: Study and Practice With Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland St: Library (see page 10)

## JRF News

### 41<sup>st</sup> JRF Convention:

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

November 9 - 12, Philadelphia



Hundreds of Reconstructionists and likeminded friends will gather at the 41<sup>st</sup> Convention of the JRF to learn, *daven*, and celebrate together as we mark a new chapter in our collective Evolving Jewish Journey, held at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing in historic Society Hill. Join a

diverse community of North American and Israeli rabbis, cantors, educators, administrators and members of JRF affiliate congregations as we explore what Jewish Peoplehood means to us in our commitments to Jewish life extending beyond ourselves, including an opportunity to explore the impact of events this summer in the Middle East.

Sixty Different Workshops will be offered on just about every imaginable area of Jewish communal life, including adult education, congregational development, *tikkun olam*, leadership, ritual and liturgy, youth, Israel, spirituality, and creativity. Whether you are from a new affiliate, are a veteran JRF Board member, or are a professional, there will be many offerings to interest you. We are excited that our very own Cindy Shulak-Rome is on the slate for the Executive Committee of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, which will be voted in at the November convention. Come join Cindy and Rabbi Spitzer in Philadelphia for this wonderful event!

### Convention highlights

- A Plenary Session on Reconstructionism is a time for us to hear leading rabbis within our movement share their thoughts on the evolution of Reconstructionist Judaism.
- A Special Thursday Evening Program on Israel will provide an opportunity to help us explore the impact of the events of this summer in personal and existential terms. What was the impact on our relationship to Israel? What was the impact on Israelis and their relationship to the reality and to the meaning of Israel? We will hear from and engage in dialogue with a group of thoughtful and creative leaders of pluralistic religious and cultural innovations in Israel.
- Shabbat services filled with ruach (spirit) and kavannah (intention) bring us all together as an extended Reconstructionist family.
- Shabbat Beit Midrash, informal text study on Shabbat afternoon, is an opportunity to delve into text with a havruta (study partner) to discern new meanings in our sacred works.
- The JRF Community Kumsitz '06 on Saturday evening promises to be a highlight of our days together as Harmoniyah- The Reconstructionist Music Network presents a showcase of the creative talent in our movement at this lively Havdalah program.

## MAZON

During these High Holy Days, 14 million American children will wonder where to find their next meal. But it doesn't have to be this way. The world produces more than enough resources to go around. That is why the Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist Movements and Hillel International are joining MAZON to make a difference in the fight against hunger. So do your part in this extraordinary act of Jewish pluralism, because 14 million is more than just a number.

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	High Holy Days: Theresa St-John Siegel
	Publicity: <i>In discussion</i>
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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.