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Exploring the Role of the Non-Jew at CDT

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Just after the High Holydays last September, I explained in my column that the congregational leadership was planning four themes for the year: continued work on implementing the strategic plan, our first-ever community Israel trip, the Torah of Chesed initiative, and an exploration into the role of non-Jews at CDT. With the first three of these well under way, I'd like to use my column this month to begin exploring the final theme.

As I wrote last fall, an interesting statistic gathered during the strategic planning process is the rising percentage of interfaith households, which now stands at more than one-fifth of the membership. I believe that this statistic reflects the welcoming nature of our congregation, and it is an area of obvious strength and growth opportunity for our shul. That said, we have not always been clear about the role of non-Jews within our community. For example, there have been times when misunderstanding and conflict have resulted from a lack of context and information about non-Jews and their observance (or non-observance) of specific Jewish rituals. And, while CDT had some discussions and set some policy several years ago, the shul has undergone significant growth and seen many changes since we last took a serious look into this area of our governance.

I am aware that there are deep feelings surrounding this subject, many of them arising from the collision of competing values and the fear that we as a community are forced to make choices among these values. For example, our mission statement says that we are an inclusive community. And yet, we are also a Jewish community, which historically has intrinsically meant that we must also be a particularist – and therefore exclusive – community. What do we mean by saying that we are inclusive or particular, and how do these seemingly at-odds values translate to ritual observance, being in community with others, and to communal honors and leadership roles? Are we always inclusive, or does the blanket inclusion rule have limits? Does Jewishness transcend or override inclusivity in some cases?

These are hard questions for any community to face, and it is my hope that we can explore these questions together in a positive, respectful, and productive way. As luck would have it, we are fortunate this year to have Minna Bromberg as our rabbinic intern. Minna's doctoral dissertation was on identity construction

in interfaith couples. Through interviews with dozens of interfaith families, as well as a variety of clergy, her research exposed her to many different viewpoints on the topic and required that she develop her skills as a non-reactive listener.

Minna has emerged as an ideal facilitator for this type of conversation, and she has graciously agreed to facilitate three open-ended study groups to help us begin this process. We'll hold these sessions at the beginning of March, April, and May. Each session will allow us to approach these questions from a different perspective. Here are the basic outlines of the session themes:

- In March, we'll begin by looking at what we are bringing to the discussion. What are our difficulties with this topic? What exactly is the role and importance of tradition? In general, where are we coming from as a congregation at this moment?
- In April, we will look at various source texts which address this issue, and particularly at what has come out of the Reconstructionist Movement.
- We'll use the final May session to explore reactions to and reflections on the previous two study groups, and we'll begin talking about how to move forward with this topic towards any action items we might feel are necessary.

We will let you know the exact dates and locations set for these meetings as soon as they are scheduled. If this issue speaks to you, I hope you'll consider joining Minna and me for one or more of these sessions. I'm looking forward to studying together.

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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 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.

Rabbi Toba will be away on the congregational Israel trip from **February 13 through February 24**. During this time, there will be rabbis on-call. Please contact our administrator Marla Lichtman in the Dorshei Tzedek office or CDT President Marc Steinberg if there is an emergency while the rabbi is away.

CDT Sings

Do you love to sing? No need to sing alone in the shower anymore. Please join us! CDT Sings is looking for a few new members. Some prior choral experience is helpful: the ability to stay on a part, blend with a section, and know some basic musical terms. The ability to read music is a plus, but not required. We typically perform 2 or 3 times a year, and rehearse monthly (more often shortly before a performance). For more information, please contact **Karen Arnold** (arnoldkc@bc.edu) or **Sharon Sevransky** (sharonsev@comcast.net).

High Holyday Sermons: The talks that have been delivered at various High Holiday Services by Rabbi Toba Spitzer are available on the CDT website at www.dorsheitzedek.org/divrei. 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.



Paper newsletters: If you are a member reading this newsletter in paper form, please help defray the cost of the newsletter by donating \$18 to cover printing and postage, if you have not done so already. Thank you.

CDT Game Night!

Saturday, February 9, 7:30 - 10 pm



Join with other CDT families for a casual evening of desserts and games on **Saturday, February 9** at the Gomberg home, 290 Islington Rd, Newton. Please bring a dessert or drink to share, and a favorite game if you'd like. Best for adults and children aged 5 and up. Lap babies are welcome, too! Please RSVP to the **Gombergs** at gofish4@comcast.net. If you haven't been to the Gomberg house before, please contact them for directions.

Time to Donate to the "Spring Ahead" Fundraiser

On **March 9 from 4:30 - 7 pm** we're having our annual CDT fundraiser, with an auction, marketplace and musical café, and we hope you can be there. Non-member friends are welcome too. If you haven't made a donation please contact Judy Hersh at judyherh@comcast.net or 617.332.2487. We need sports tickets, weekend getaways, handmade crafts, gift certificates, CD's or DVD's you don't use, offers to provide a service or to teach someone something, and offers to host a themed gathering/party. We also need people to perform in the musical café and to help staff tables that day. Mark your calendar- you won't want to miss it!

New Member Orientation and Havdalah Celebration

*Saturday, March 1, time will be announced
In our sanctuary at 60 Highland Street*

We are thrilled that approximately 17 new households have joined Dorshei Tzedek since last summer. Whether you have been a member since the beginning or have joined more recently, please come meet our newest members, help orient them to some of the important aspects of our community, and celebrate havdalah together. Childcare will be provided.

New Member Shabbat

Saturday, March 8

We will be honoring our newest members as part of our regular Shabbat morning service.

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 & Potlucks

*February 1, March 7, April 4, May 9, June 6
6 pm candle lighting & dinner, 6:45 pm service*

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 12-15 people). Drinks and dessert are provided.

Erev Shabbat Services

*February 8, March 14, April 11, May 2 (Yom Hashoah)
8 – 9:30 pm*

Each month we welcome Shabbat with a musical erev Shabbat service that includes a little Torah study and an opportunity to welcome Shabbat with community. Please join us!

Tot Shabbat

*February 9, March 15, April 12, May 3, June 14
10:45 am-11:45 am, Room 112 at 60 Highland Street*

Come join us for an interactive service designed just for 3-5 year olds! Each parent-led service includes songs, prayers, activities, stories, crafts and a snack. For more information, or to volunteer to help with a Tot Shabbat, contact **Jodi Sugerman-Brozan** at 617-983-3679 or jsuger@comcast.net.

Junior Congregation Program

*February 9, March 1, April 12, May 3
10:45 am, Room 111 at 60 Highland Street*

Our fabulous Junior Congregation program is up and running! Spend a special Shabbat morning with your friends. Reminder to the parents - session dates are posted on our website as a part of the school calendar!

Yarzheit of Francis Greenberg

On Shabbat morning, **February 9**, we will be remembering CDT member Francis Greenberg, whose yartzheit falls the previous Thursday. May the memory of Francis' sweet and gentle spirit always be for a blessing.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

*Saturday mornings, 8:45 – 9:45 am
February 9, March 8, April 12, May 17*

Once a month, we gather before Shabbat morning services to explore a variety of commentaries—traditional and modern—on the weekly Torah portion. This study group is appropriate for Torah study regulars and for folks who don't know Genesis from Deuteronomy—just bring your questions, your interest, and your own cup of coffee or tea!

Meditation at CDT

This year, we will have a few different opportunities to experience, and learn about, different forms of meditation. No experience necessary!

Chanting and Meditation Service

Shabbat morning, March 1, 9:45 am - noon

In place of our regular Shabbat morning service, this contemplative service will combine song, periods of guided silent meditation, and Torah study. This is an opportunity to experience the restfulness of Shabbat in a profound way. Please join us! Childcare will be available.

Meditation in the Morning

with Dr. Minna Bromberg, CDT Rabbinic Intern

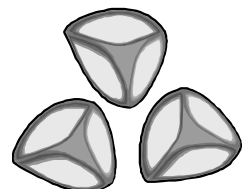
*Shabbat mornings: February 23, March 22
8:45-9:40 am, 60 Highland Street: Library*

Ready for a bit of silence before services? These sessions will include instruction and practice in Jewish meditation—including both silence and song—as well as some contemplative text study. Content will be appropriate for those with no experience, those with years of experience in a different meditation tradition, those with an established Jewish meditation practice, and everyone in between! Minna is certified in Jewish Meditation Instruction from the Chochmat HaLev Jewish Meditation Center.

Purim is Coming!

Thursday, March 20, 7-9 pm

Save the date - Purim is coming! The CDT Purim Celebration--featuring the ever-popular Spiel, hamantaschen and costumes, and of course, a guest appearance from everyone's favorite rabbi - is happening on **Thursday evening, March 20**. More details will be in the March newsletter.



Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact **Rabbi Spitzer** (617-965-0330) or **Pamela Schoenberg Reider** of the Chesed Committee (617-244-3373 or jomela@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.

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.



Condolences

To **Carla Naumburg**, on the death of her maternal grandmother, **Leda Herral**. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **James Kaplan**, on the death of his paternal grandmother, **Janet Kaplan**. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Elaine Bresnick**, on the death of her father, **David Adler**. May his memory be for a blessing.

To **Steve Siegel** on the death of his father, **Philip Siegel**. May his memory be for a blessing.

Refuah Sh'lemah

The community of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek sends blessings and prayers for healing, *refuah sh'lemah*, to **Shari Zimble** and **Abby Cohen**. May healing and comfort come to you and to those who care for you.

Todah Rabah

A big Todah Rabah for the fabulous Tu B'Shvat seder: **Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb**, **Ellen Hemley**, **Kevin Karty**, and **Lynda Goldberg**.

A big Todah Rabah to the B'nei Mitzvah helpers: **Lauren Gibbs**, **Peter Gittleman**, **Elliot & Barbara Pittel**, **Lissy Medvedow & Cliff Cohen**, **Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon**, **Tracey Rogers & Jane Schwartz**, and **Ricky Greenly**.

A big Todah Rabah to the following folks for helping to put acknowledgement labels into our new chumashim: **Charlotte Zolit & mom Barbara**, **Nathan Greenberg & mom Rachel**.

A big "Todah Rabah" to our fabulous musicians and singers who made Shabbat Shira/MLK Jr. Birthday Shabbat so special – **Nathan Aronow**, **Minna Bromberg**, and **Dena Ressler**, and the

members of CDT Sings! – **Michele Arons**, **Karen Arnold**, **Doug Hersh**, **Sharon Sevransky**, and **Stephen Zisk**.

Many thanks to the Tubishvat planning group for a wonderful Tubishvat Seder – **Deb Albenberg**, **Ellie Goldberg**, **Corinne Lofchie**, and **Jen Kaplan**.

Todah Rabah to the following members for helping with Kiddush:

Laurie Gould & Steve Ansolabehere, **Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx**

Liz Reisberg, **Marcia Okun & Joshua Lieberman**, **Karen Wasserman**

JoAnn Share & Rochelle Weichman, **Jeff Kichen** (*in honor of Abraham Kichen*), **Naomi Botkin**

Ellen Pashall, **Erica Streit-Kaplan**, **Sue Lanser & Jo Radner**, **Sherry Katz**, **Ira Schor & Ilene Spiro**, **Cheryl & Jeffrey Sacks**, **Stephanie & Nem Hackett**, **Mei See Sandson**, **Willa & Tom Kuh**

Barbara Huggins, **Steffi & Eric Karp**, **Esther Kohn**

Richard Fisher Gomberg, **Karen & Reinhard Engels**

Elaine Bresnick (*in memory of Martin Bresnick*), **Jamie Tessler** (*in memory of Ted Tessler*)

Matilda & Ed Bruckner

Bonnie Tenneriello & Andrew Sofer, **Sharon Sevransky** (*in memory of Betty Baum*)

Allison Andrews & Arthur Lent

Emily Sper (*in memory of her grandmother, Sonia Heringman*)

Lisa Schneier, **Tim Rosa & Judy Hersh**

Susan Manheim & Andrew Schiff (*in memory of his father*)

Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattis (*in memory of William Samelson*)

Mazel Tov

To the **Angus-Kirshtein family** on **Daniel's** naming and welcoming ceremony!

Mazel tov to **Liz Reisberg** on receiving her PhD in Higher Education Administration from Boston College, with a focus on higher education reform in Latin America.

To **Debby Gelber**, our bar/bat mitzvah coordinator, on the birth of **Naomi Anshela** and **Ruth Ashira**!

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Adult Education

New Class!

Finding Our Way in Prayer with Dr. Minna Bromberg

*Tuesday evenings, February 26, March 4 and 11, 7:30 pm,
60 Highland Street*

This series will allow us to explore the Shabbat morning worship service with an emphasis on the deeper meaning of prayer itself. We'll be using the prayer book as well as a variety of texts on what praying is all about. While our focus will be on the Shabbat morning service, feel free to bring questions and thoughts about any aspect of prayer in synagogue and in your own life. For those who made it to the Learner's Minyan, this will be an excellent continuation, but newcomers are more than welcome. Is there anything you ever wanted to know about Jewish prayer but were afraid to ask?

Bible Study Continues

Thursday evenings, 7:30 pm, at participants' homes

Please join **Dr. Sandy Goldfless** for a close reading of a Biblical text. As Sandy describes the study: "While the emphasis will be on experiencing the text itself and learning to listen for meaning in its tone, its choice of words, and the arrangement of its parts, we will also encourage a free-ranging discussion of the text's implications. Although no prior knowledge of Hebrew is necessary, the Hebrew language will be an essential part of our group's experience. We will introduce language basics and key biblical terms in Hebrew as we go along, pacing ourselves by the interest and energy of the participants."

Contact Stan Fleischman at stanf@rcn.com or 617.332.5433 to find out the location of each upcoming class.

Nediv Lev

General Fund

Janet Boguslaw

*In appreciation of the caring support from our
Dorshei Tzedek community*

Diana & Richard Fisher-Gomberg

Ellie Goldberg

*In memory of Leda Herrald, Carla Naumburg's grandmother
In memory of Janet Kaplan, James Kaplan's grandmother
In memory of Chelle Ramsey, sister of Janet Boguslaw
In honor of the birth of Evan Micah Gan,
son of Valerie Graf and Doron Gan*

Rob & Ricky Greenly

*To Dorshei Tzedek, for providing a spiritual community
In memory of Janet Boguslaw's sister
In memory of Steve Siegel's dad*

Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess

*To Marc Steinberg & Linda Hsu, in loving memory of Jackson
Yasher Koach to Amy Mazur for her work with Chesed*

Linette Liebling

*In honor of Chayim Herzig Marx turning 60
In honor of Nancy Gertz's continued good health
In memory of Janet Boguslaw's sister—may her memory
be a blessing*

Amy Mazur

*In honor of Ilana Galpert's Bat Mitzvah
In honor of the birth of Ruth Ashira and Naomi Anshela Pfeffer*

Neil & Marilyn Port Family Foundation

Tracey Rogers & Jane Schwartz

Cheryl & Jeff Sacks

In memory of Janet Boguslaw's sister, Chelle

Samelson Hattis Family

*To the Boguslaw-Kaufman Family: in memory of Chelle Ramsey.
Wishing you support and comfort during this time of mourning*

Tess Siegel

In memory of Phillip Siegel

Erica Streit Kaplan & James Kaplan

*In memory of Janet Kaplan
In honor of the birth of Evan Micah Gan,
son of Valerie Graf & Doron Gan*

Bonnie Tenneriello & Andrew Sofer

Ben Withers

In honor of Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx

Susannah & Steven Zisk

In memory of Sol Elkin

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Janet Boguslaw

*With grateful appreciation to Rabbi Toba for her support as I
mourned the loss of my sister Chelle*

Meryl Epstein & Trish Nuzzola

In memory of Alex Fried

Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess

In memory of Alex Fried

Wendy Gedanken

In honor of Leah Zalea

Maya Fisher Gomberg

*I am giving this in honor of Rabbi Toba because she is a good
Rabbi and she is very nice*

Elaine Pollack

*In honor of Marvin Brotman's 80th birthday
In honor of welcoming Daniel Angus Kirshtein into CDT
In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gemma Lurie
and the Bar Mitzvah of Julian Cohen*

School Fund

Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess

For the joy of co-creating with Laurie Gould

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CDT at the same time! We are now an "Amazon Associate":
When you click on the Amazon link on our CDT homepage
(www.dorsheitzedek.org), a portion of any purchase you make
will be contributed to Dorshei Tzedek.*

*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 Happenings

Rashi School Hosts David Elkind and Open House

The Rashi School, Thursday, February 7, 7 pm

Noted author and child psychologist **David Elkind** will speak on Educating the Young Child in Heart, Mind, and Spirit at The Rashi School. Rashi is located at 15 Walnut Park in Newton, but attendees should park in the lot on Jackson Road. Dr. Elkin is the author of *The Hurried Child*, *Miseducation*, *Ties that Stress: The New Family Imbalance*, *All Grown Up and No Place To Go*, and *Reinventing Childhood*. Geared to educators and parents, this program is open to the public. It is sponsored by CJP's Initiative for Day School Excellence, Ikkarim, and JCC Early Learning Centers, and co-sponsored by the Jewish Day Schools of Greater Boston. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door; early childhood directors and teachers can expect a complimentary ticket. For further information contact Loren Albeg at LorenA@cjp.org.

The Rashi School invites parents interested in exploring the advantages of a Jewish day school education to attend an Open House on Wednesday, January 16, at 1:00 pm. For Open House information, contact Susan Bennett, Director of Recruitment and Admissions, at 617-969-4444 ext. 255 or email sbennett@rashi.org.

Rashi Preschool Program - Curious Minds

Friday, February 8, at 1 pm at The Rashi School

Preschoolers and their parents are invited to learn and play with magnets in an age-appropriate program at The Rashi School, 15 Walnut Park, Newton (park in the Jackson Road lot). The afternoon will include a craft project and the opportunity to participate in Rashi's school-wide Shabbat celebration. Curious Minds programs are free of charge, although pre-registration is required. To register, contact Anne Puchkoff, Admissions Manager, at 617-969-4444 ext. 226 or apuchkoff@rashi.org.

Rabbi Harold Kushner to be Featured at Synagogue Council Lecture

Sunday, March 23, 7:30 pm, at Temple Israel of Natick

Rabbi Harold Kushner will be the featured speaker at the fifth annual Connie Spear Birnbaum Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts and area congregations & agencies. The lecture is named in memory of Connie Spear Birnbaum, who worked for the Synagogue Council for seven years as Coordinator of Unity Programming. Author of *"When Bad Things Happen to Good People"*, Rabbi Harold Kushner is a best-selling writer and internationally acclaimed speaker. His topic will be, "Three Ideas the Jewish People Can Teach the World." The lecture is free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins promptly at 7:30.

Women of Valor: Conversations with Biblical Women

with Penina Adelman

Tuesdays, March 4-April 29, noon-2:00 pm

Sponsored by Mayyim Hayyim Community Mikveh, this is a series of eight weekly interactive study sessions examining stories, traditional and contemporary commentaries, original monologues, and discussion topics touching upon the lives of individual biblical Jewish women--some lesser-known and some more familiar--and how their life experiences can inform and inspire us today. Deadline for registration is 2/15/08; course fee is \$240. For more information or to register contact LisaB@MayyimHayyim.org or call 617-244-1836 ext. 205.

Welcome New Members

Danielle Klainberg and **Mark Rosenberg** are delighted to have joined Dorshei Tzedek this year along with their children **Sofia** (age 11) and **Simon** (7). Sofia attends F. A. Day Middle School and Simon is at Franklin Elementary. They live in West Newton and have also been active members of the Workmen's Circle for several years. Sofia and Simon attend the WC Shule classes and bring spirited yiddishkeit and a strong sense of social responsibility to CDT. Danielle is a transplanted New Yorker who grew up as a member of the Workmen's Circle. Her professional background is in international development and non-profit management and more recently she has been involved in organizational development and fundraising for Oxfam America, WGBH and BWH. Mark was raised in West Hartford, Connecticut as a member of the Emanuel Synagogue. He is a historian currently teaching at Bentley College and Gann Academy and has had an extensive career as a Jewish educator. They met a long time ago at Brandeis University. The decision to affiliate with Dorshei Tzedek came after years of "shopping around" and, frankly, Sofia's push to want to read Torah and to have a more traditional Bat Mitzvah.

Danielle and Mark say: "We all look forward to further exploring and nurturing our Jewish identity at Dorshei Tzedek and to learn with Rabbi Toba. We are gratified to be part of such a warm community where we already have a number of wonderful friends and neighbors."



Calendar Notes

Events and services are held at The Second Church, 60 Highland Street, West Newton, unless otherwise noted. Some events are at FUSN, the First Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton. During Rabbi Toba's weekends off, members of the congregation will lead services. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in room 112.

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.

Kiddush Note: The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members' calendar on our website. When notified of your dates, please be sure to put them into your personal calendars. The whole congregation counts on your participation in kiddush and each assigned person is needed and expected to show up.

Parents of students in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades, who help out with B'nei Mitzvah kiddush, ushering and sanctuary clean-up, can find their names listed on B'nei Mitzvah dates only. Thanks for your help!—*Marla Lichtman, Administrator*



February



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Fri Feb 1	6 pm	All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck	Linda Kramer, Jo Ann Share & Rochelle Weichman, Kelli Kirshtein & Wendy Angus (see page 3)
Sat Feb 2	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Barbara Shatkin, Mark Bronstein, Linette Liebling - <i>In Honor of her birthday</i> , Linda & Peter Katz
Sat Feb 2	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Feb 2	4 pm - 6 pm	Dalet Family Program	FUSN
Sun Feb 3	2 pm - 4 pm	Vav Family Program	FUSN
Thu Feb 7	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Feb 7	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)
Fri Feb 8	6 pm - 7:30 pm	Gan Program	FUSN
Fri Feb 8	8 pm	Adult Erev Shabbat Service	Sharon Sevransky, Phyllis & Al Glazerman, Melanie Adler (see page 3)
Sat Feb 9	8:45 am - 9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library (see page 3)
Sat Feb 9	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Haralie Alpert & Ellen White - <i>In Memory of Francis Greenberg</i> , Ora Gladstone, Andy Littman
Sat Feb 9	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Feb 9	10:45 am - 12 pm	Junior Congregation	60 Highland Street: Room 111 (see page 3)
Sat Feb 9	10:45 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland Street: Room 112 (childcare room) (see page 3)
Sat Feb 9	7:30 pm - 10 pm	CDT Game Night	Home of the Gombergs 290 Islington Rd, Newton (see page 2)
Sun Feb 10	2 pm - 4 pm	Vav Family Program	FUSN
Sun Feb 10	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	CDT Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street: Living Room
Thu Feb 14	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat Feb 16		<i>No School</i>	
Sat Feb 16	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Jeff Kichen, Carole Slipowitz, Jodi & Alex Sugerman-Brozan <i>Rabbi Toba is away on the CDT Israel trip!</i>
Tue Feb 19		<i>No School</i>	
Thu Feb 21		<i>No School</i>	
Thu Feb 21	8 am - 9 am	NO CLASS TODAY: Judaism & Practice with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	<i>Rabbi Toba is away on the CDT Israel Trip</i>
Sat Feb 23		<i>No School</i>	
Sat Feb 23	8:45 am - 9:40 am	Meditation In the Morning with CDT Rabbinic Intern Minna Bromberg	60 Highland Street: Library (see page 3)
Sat Feb 23	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Josh Gordon, Idit Klein, Emily & David Shumsky
Tue Feb 26	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Finding Our Way in Prayer with Dr. Minna Bromberg	60 Highland Street: Living Room (see page 5)
Thu Feb 28	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Feb 28	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)



March



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sat Mar 1	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Chanting & Meditation service	Amy Berman, Bonnie Tenneriello, Deb Sher, Vilunya Diskin (see page 3)
Sat Mar 1	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Mar 1	10:45 am - 12 pm	Junior Congregation	60 Highland Street: Room 111 (see page 3)
Tue Mar 4	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Finding Our Way in Prayer with Dr. Minna Bromberg	60 Highland Street: Living Room (see page 3)
Thu Mar 6	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Mar 6	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)
Fri Mar 7	6 pm	All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck	Richard Fisher Gomberg, Elizabeth & David Roll, Hilary Marcus, Jeff Goldman (see page 3)
Sat Mar 8	8:45 am - 9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library (see page 3)
Sat Mar 8	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service	Laura & Joel Katz, Stacey & Bruce Gore
Sat Mar 8	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sat Mar 8	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Hay Family Program	FUSN
Sun Mar 9	2 pm - 4 pm	Gan Program	FUSN
Sun Mar 9	4:30 pm - 7 pm	Spring Ahead Fundraiser	60 Highland Street (see page 2)
Tue Mar 11	7:30 pm - 9 pm	Finding Our Way in Prayer with Dr. Minna Bromberg	60 Highland Street: Living Room (see page 5)
Thu Mar 13	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Mar 13	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)
Fri Mar 14	8 pm	Adult Erev Shabbat Service	Carla Naumburg & Josh Herzog-Marx, Lilly Platt, Phyllis & Alvin Glazerman (see page 3)
Sat Mar 15	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Gemma Lurie	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Debbie Hemley & Jonathan Weisberg; <i>Set-up:</i> Alissa & Gerry Leonard, Ruth Paris & Rob Saper, Beth Brooks; <i>Clean-up:</i> Carolyn Fine-Friedman & Jerry Friedman, Doug Hersh & Sarah Little, Hankus Netsky
Sat Mar 15	10:45 am	Tot Shabbat	60 Highland Street: Room 112 (childcare room) (see page 3)
Sun Mar 16	4 pm - 6:30 pm	Ma'apilim 2.0	Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged
Sun Mar 16	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	CDT Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street: Living Room
Thu Mar 20		<i>No School</i>	
Thu Mar 20	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Mar 20	7 pm - 9 pm	Purim	<i>Set-up:</i> Abby Cohen & Stuart Snyder, Rachel Nemeth Cohen & Richard Cohen, Lisa Chedekel & Isabel Morais, Barry Ingber; <i>Clean-up:</i> Susan Bernstein & Jodie Siegel, Elizabeth Carver & Bryn Austin, Theresa St. John-Siegel & Steve Siegel FUSN (see page 3)
Thu Mar 20	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)
Sat Mar 22		<i>No School</i>	
Sat Mar 22	8:45 am - 9:40 am	Meditation In the Morning with CDT Rabbinic Intern Minna Bromberg	60 Highland Street: Library (see page 3)
Sat Mar 22	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Naomi Botkin, Amy Mazur - <i>In Memory of Marvin Mazur</i> , Ilene Spiro & Ira Schor <i>Rabbi Toba's Shabbat off</i>
Thu Mar 27	8 am - 9 am	Judaism & Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Mar 27	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Bible Study Class with Dr. Sandy Goldfless	in participants' homes (see page 5)
Sat Mar 29	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Julian Cohen	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Lisa Port-White, Ora Grodsky & Jonathan Rosenthal
Sat Mar 29	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sun Mar 30	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Members' Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street, MA: Sanctuary

Advice on Elder Care

CJP SeniorDirect, a service of Combined Jewish Philanthropies, provides free advice on caring for your aging parents. Call 1.800.980.1982 from 9 am to 5 pm for answers, resources and expert advice on elder care. You can also visit online at www.cjpseniordirect.org or email info@cjpseniordirect.org. For more information about CJP, visit www.cjp.org

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Compassionate Care Hospice is looking for caring individuals who are willing to share some of their time and themselves with people in the community who are facing a terminal illness. Volunteers provide weekly visits to the patient's residence where they read to patients, play cards, take walks, talk, assist with a meal or errand, and offer invaluable emotional support and companionship. Volunteer training is provided to prepare volunteers for meaningful engagement with patients during this pivotal time in their lives. To become a volunteer member of the hospice team, call 781-935-5550 and ask for Jennifer, or e-mail JFirestone@cchnet.net.

The Interfaith Resource Center at Jewish Family & Children's Service

Mother's Circle: The Mother's Circle Program is an umbrella of free educational programs and resources for women who are not Jewish who are raising Jewish children. There is an 8-month course that provides an introduction to Jewish practices and ethics and the "how-to's" of Jewish living.

Interfaith Family Living—Couples' Workshop: This series will address many of the issues facing interfaith couples, including the role of religion in family life, what is best for children, relationships with extended families, and belonging to a spiritual community. Small groups meet in a comfortable, non-judgmental environment.

Groups are forming in November, and each will meet four week-day evenings, at convenient times and locations for participants. For more information about any of these programs, please contact **Elana Kling-Perkins** at 781-647-5327 or eperkins@jfcsboston.org

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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.