

# CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

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## President's Column

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I want to use my space this month to update you on the Board initiative exploring what it means for Dorshei Tzedek to be a Jewish congregation with both Jewish and non-Jewish members. We've now met twice and will be meeting again on **May 7 at 7:30 pm** in the Second Church Living Room (see page 2). During the first two of our three meetings this winter and spring, our rabbinic intern Minna Bromberg helped us begin exploring various themes and exchanging personal stories and perspectives. At the first meeting, we used the mission statement of a study authored about a decade ago by the Reconstructionist movement as a launching point. At the second meeting, we looked at the congregational mission statement and considered how it might be interpreted differently by members who are Jewish and by members who are not.

As I listen, speak, and read during these meetings, the core challenges are becoming increasingly clear to me. I'll make a first attempt to elucidate them here:

- ❖ With an increasing percentage of participants who come from other traditions and communities, how do we maintain the thread of Jewish identity, community, and continuity within the context of our synagogue while still being an open and inclusive group?
- ❖ How can meaningful Jewish educational, ritual, and spiritual opportunities be created for our members who bring a wealth of other traditions to our community? Are we obligated to provide such opportunities?
- ❖ What should we do to address specific areas of community life (e.g. the Torah service) where in the past there have been misunderstandings that caused members to feel uncomfortable or excluded?

These are obviously big and open-ended questions – much bigger than space in the newsletter will permit me to address in this column -- but I do want to say that I am pleased that the community has chosen to address them. I think that the ongoing discussions have helped us raise awareness of these issues and move towards identifying specific areas where we might focus our time and energy next year. Here are a few of the ideas that were suggested at the previous meetings:

- ❖ Organize one or more support groups, perhaps around specific events (e.g. the holiday season, b'nei mitzvah celebrations) or around more general ideas (e.g. parenting small children in a home with a parent who is not Jewish)
- ❖ Hold regular community-wide programming (e.g. Community of Learners-style events from past years) designed to engage the entire membership, draw in whole families, and raise the general level of Jewish education
- ❖ Form a group to examine CDT's bylaws and ritual practices
- ❖ Create an informative pamphlet for prospective and new members

With this in mind, at the third and final meeting we will pick up the discussion where we left off at the last meeting with a specific focus on some chosen texts, and we will also spend some time figuring out how to move forward in the fall. I want to again invite the community to participate: if this discussion is of interest to you, please feel free to attend the third meeting.

## Members' Meeting

**Save the date!**

*Sunday, June 1, 7:15 pm*

Our final Members' Meeting of 5768 falls on Sunday evening, **June 1**. At this important meeting we approve the budget for next year, thank our current Board members and elect a new board, and more!

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## 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](mailto: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](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 **Shari Zimble** and **Abby Cohen**. May healing and comfort come to you and to those who care for you.

## Todah Rabah

A huge thanks to **Marc Bronstein** for his work on our sanctuary sound system!

Today Rabah to the following folks for recently providing/helping with kiddush: **Amy Berman, Naomi Botkin, Amy Brodesky & Rex Flynn, Elizabeth Carver & Bryn Austin, Vilunya Diskin, Sheree Galpert, Phyllis & Alvin Glazerman, Jeff Goldman, Richard Fisher Gomberg, Ami Gordon, Stacey & Bruce Gore, Laura Katz, Jeff Kichen, Nancy Kimelman, Danielle Klainberg & Mark Rosenberg, Sue Lanser & Jo Radner, Jonathan Magaziner, Hilary Marcus, Susan Moser & Thea Breite, Carla Naumburg & Josh Herzig-Marx, Lilly Platt, Elizabeth & David Roll. Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattis, Deb Sher, Caren Smith & Elizabeth Ross, Andrew Sofer, Ilene Spiro & Ira Schor, Karen Wasserman.**

Todah Rabah to these folks for helping with B'nei Mitzvah Kiddush: **Beth Brooks, Carolyn Fine-Friedman & Jerry Friedman, Ora Grodsky & Jonathan Rosenthal, Debbie Hemley & Jonathan Weisberg, Doug Hersh & Sarah Little, Alissa & Gerry Leonard, Hankus Netsky, Ruth Paris & Rob Saper, Lisa Port-White.**

A special Todah Rabah to **Alissa Leonard** for noticing the need for the *Misheberach* Healing Blessing in our *chumashim* and single-handedly adding those labels to all 175 books!

## Mazel Tov

To **Erica Streit-Kaplan, James Kaplan, and Anna**, on the birth and *brit bat* of **Eleanor Jane!**

To the **Hackett** family on **Rita and Sid** receiving their Hebrew names!

## Understanding Newton's Financial Challenges

May 7, 7 pm

60 Highland Street, CDT Sanctuary

When you hear terms like **structural deficit, capital stabilization fund**, and **triple A bond ratings**, do you feel confused? Are you wondering how to become a more informed voter and citizen? Congregation Dorshei Tzedek is sponsoring a learning session and discussion, beginning with a presentation by members of the Newton League of Women Voters who have spent the past two years studying Newton's funding and its budget. Participate in a balanced discussion of both the May 20 override ballot question and the long-term issues facing the city, along with members of other local faith-based organizations, in a spirit of respect and inquiry.

*Note that these two events are both on Wednesday, May 7, but are meeting in different rooms at 60 Highland Street.*

## The Role of Non-Jewish Members at CDT: A Discussion

May 7, 7:30 pm

60 Highland Street, Living Room

Please join us for the third in a series of discussions about what it means to be a Jewish community that includes non-Jewish as well as Jewish members. Facilitated by rabbinic intern Minna Bromberg, our first two discussions have been very rich, looking at our values as a community and how and when some of these values come into conflict. Issues have included the ways in which CDT can better support our interfaith families; potential tensions between inclusivity and a commitment to Jewish traditions; and how a community based in Jewish spiritual practices can embrace the spiritual and communal needs of those who are not Jewish. Whatever your background or family configuration, your thoughts, experiences and insights are welcome at this next discussion!

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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.

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**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](http://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.

## 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.*

### Erev Shabbat Services

*May 2 (Yom Hashoah); 8 – 9:30 pm*

At this adult-oriented erav Shabbat service, we will commemorate *Yom Hashoah v'HaGevurah*, Holocaust and Resistance Remembrance Day, with special readings and songs.

### All-Ages Erev Shabbat Services & Potlucks

*May 9, June 6, 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 erav 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.

**Our May 9 service will be a special outreach opportunity for prospective families, so tell your friends!**

### Tot Shabbat

*May 3, June 14, 10:45 am – 11:45 am*

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](mailto:jsuger@comcast.net).

### Junior Congregation

*10:45 am, May 3, Room 111 at 60 Highland Street*

This is a fun and participatory service for third through sixth graders (kids only!). 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!

### Special Shabbat Services

On **Shabbat morning, May 10**, our Kitah Hay (5th graders) will be helping lead the Shabbat morning service. We will also be remembering CDT member Jill Volk, whose yartzheit falls on May 16. In addition, we will be honoring our high school seniors, and giving them a blessing as they enter this next phase of their life.

### Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

*8:45 – 9:45 am, May 17, Room 112 at 60 Highland Street*

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!

## Bar Mitzvah of Jared Frankston

We are proud to announce that our son, **Jared Frankston**, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **May 3**. He will read from Parashat Kedoshim. Jared is a seventh grader at The Rashi School, a Reform Jewish Day School, in Newton. His other interests include science and soccer. We hope that you will join us to celebrate this joyous occasion. A Kiddush lunch will follow the service.—*Wendy and Charles Frankston*

## Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Robert Boguslaw Kaufman

Please join us on **May 17** when our son Daniel is called to the torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Daniel has attended Dorshei Tzedek Religious School for over nine years—including Tot Shabbat, Kindergarten, Torah Talk, classes, and Family Ed throughout the years. He is currently in the seventh grade at Brown Middle School. Daniel loves music, bike riding, good books, and time with his friends. For his Tikkun Olam project he has been working on planning and planting an apple orchard at the Newton community farm. We look forward to sharing this *simcha* with our Dorshei Tzedek community as well as Daniel's brother **Alex**, and his grandmothers **Wanda** and **Elissa**; his grandfathers, **Robert** and **Bernard**, and his **Aunt Chelle** will join us in spirit. Please join us for *Kiddush* following the service.—*Janet Boguslaw and Howard Kaufman*

### Adult Education

#### 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.

### Unity Shabbaton: An Adult Weekend of Study & Prayer

*Friday, July 25-Sunday, July 27, 2008,  
Holiday Inn, Peabody, MA*

This rich and unique Shabbat experience, hosted annually by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, brings together Jews from various streams of Judaism in an atmosphere of respect and understanding, will feature a diverse faculty of noted rabbis for high-level Judaic study, inspirational services (with mechtiza and egalitarian davening options), delicious Kosher, ruach-filled meals from Provender Kosher Catering, and entertainment, outstanding accommodations and air-conditioned facilities. This year our esteemed faculty includes Rabbis Fred Hyman, Shira Joseph and David Paskin. Plan now to join in this extraordinary opportunity for learning and growth! Contact the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts at 617-244-6506, ext. 10 or visit our website at [www.synagoguecouncil.org](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org) for further information. Registration materials will be available by mail or on our website by early May.

## Tikkun Olam

### Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Tenth Anniversary Action

May 27, 7 - 9 pm

*Boston University Case Auditorium, 285 Babcock Street, Boston*

Join 1400 Christian, Jewish, and Moslem GBIO members of as we gather with Governor Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas Menino, Secretary of Elder Affairs, Mike Festa and other state and local leaders to celebrate 10 years of accomplishments and build our power for current campaigns.

#### Current GBIO Campaigns

**Aging with Dignity:** We are working to invent and invest in policies and programs that will meet the demands of a growing number of older adults and those who care for them. GBIO is working to expand and improve home and community based long-term care services for all elders.

**Youth & Safety:** We are gravely concerned about the rise in shooting and youth violence in the City of Boston and other cities and we are equally alarmed by increases in teenage alcohol and substance abuse, teen pregnancies, unacceptable drop-out rates and teen suicides throughout the commonwealth. We are working to establish a state-wide, coordinated strategy to combat these critical problems facing our youth.

**Health Care:** In the past 24 months, GBIO and the Affordable Care Today Coalition have played a critical role in making health care reform, Chapter 58, in Massachusetts a reality. We will continue to make sure that this historic reform is implemented fairly and completely.

For more information please contact Laurie Goldman at [laurie.goldman@tufts.edu](mailto:laurie.goldman@tufts.edu) or 617.776.0377.

### Dorshei Tzedek Habitat for Humanity Building Days

*Build Days: Tuesday, June 3, Wednesday, June 4 &  
Sunday, June 8*

Habitat for Humanity helps families help themselves by providing opportunities to break generational cycles of poverty through homeownership. Habitat for Humanity is now building its first project in Newton - a 2-unit condominium at 76 Webster Park in West Newton. Many Dorshei Tzedek members would like to contribute to this project and the Tikkun Olam Committee is therefore coordinating several build days in June for our community to volunteer their time.

Habitat is only able to accommodate about 8 people on each build day. We may be able to book an additional Sunday build day later in June. If none of our early June dates work for you but you are still interested please let us know which Sundays would work and we will try to pull together another date. Building begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. **This is for anyone**

**16 years and older.** Each participant is encouraged to make a donation of \$100 for building materials, on-site supervision, and other supplies. If you are unable to join us for one of our days at the site, please also consider donating money which help others go and will be used to by materials for the construction of these two homes.

Please let Marla Lichtman know if you would like to participate and let her know which date works for you. She can be contacted at 617-965-0330 or [administrator@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:administrator@dorsheitzedek.org). Do not hesitate to contact **Jeff Sacks** (617-964-4773) or **Clifford Goldsmith** (617-965-7323) if you need further information.

### Tikkun JRF

**Week of Service: August 10-15, 2008**

*At Camp JRF in South Sterling, Pennsylvania*

**Post B'nei Mitzvah teens and their parent/s will spend a week working together to make a difference, by connecting to local communities and providing much needed support and building work.** Working side by side, parents will model the caring and activist values they hold; and young teens will experience the power of their potential to make a difference in the larger world. We will learn from and about the communities we serve, with time for reflection, journaling, and Jewish values discussions.

Space is limited, enrollment is currently open for a team of 20-30 adults and teen pairs, post b'nei mitzvah ages 13+ (teams may include one or two parents) Coordinated by the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation, the project is modeled on other successful family work projects and developed in consultation with the Jewish Coalition for Service and the United Methodist Urban Ministry Fees: 250. per person inclusive of meals and lodging.

To register, contact Eve Maslin at the JRF office, 215.885.5601 or [Emaslin@jrf.org](mailto:Emaslin@jrf.org)

For more information about the project, please contact our very own **Clifford Goldsmith**, 617.965.7323, [clifgold@hotmail.com](mailto:clifgold@hotmail.com)

### Caring For Our Elders In CDT's Caring Community

We'd like to invite you to participate in the newly created listserv for Dorshei Tzedek members who are concerned about caring for elders currently or in the future, or who have done so in the past. The elder concerned could be someone you love or yourself.

The purpose is to share needs and concerns and to respond to others' needs with your knowledge and experiences.

In terms of protocol, we are asking that personal information shared on the listserv not be communicated outside of the listserv without the permission of the person who shared the information.

To join or ask questions, please write to **Lisa Schneier** at [schneier.lisa@gmail.com](mailto:schneier.lisa@gmail.com).

## Nediv Lev

### **Ann & Robert Cohen**

*To Nancy Gertz & Michael Cohen, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Julian Philip Gertz Cohen*

*To Cindy & Dan Rome, in appreciation of their support with the Bar Mitzvah of Julian Philip Gertz Cohen*

### **Karen & Reinhard Engels**

### **Meryl Epstein & Trish Nuzzola**

### **Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein**

### **Sandra Gertz**

*In honor of the Gertz-Cohen's endearing Bar Mitzvah celebration*

### **Peter Gittleman**

### **Richard Glassman**

### **Phyllis & Alvin Glazerman**

### **Ellie Goldberg**

*Mazel Tov to Erica Streit-Kaplan, James Kaplan & Anna on the arrival of Eleanor Jane Kaplan*

### **Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb**

### **Ami & Jonathan Gordon**

*In memory of Evelyn Ackerman*

### **Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx**

*In honor of Marc Steinberg & Toba Spitzer's leadership*

### **Jennifer Hochschild & Tony Broh**

### **Barbara Huggins**

### **Audra Karp & Deb Albenberg**

*In memory of Arnold Spitz (Uncle Arnold)*

### **Elaine Landes & David Felson**

### **Wendy & Charles Frankston**

*In honor of Jared Frankston's Bar Mitzvah*

### **Avital Lewis**

*In honor of the yartzheit of my mother, Jill Volk*

### **Linette Liebling**

*In honor of Dorshei Tzedek's fabulous rabbi, wonderful community and dedicated leadership—thank you all!*

### **Susan Manheim & Andrew Schiff**

### **Amy Mazur**

*To Erica, James & Anna, in honor of the birth of Eleanor  
To Sheree Galpert for her help and support that lifts me up  
In honor of this wonderful community  
In memory of Marvin Mazur*

### **Carla Naumburg & Joshua Herzig-Marx**

*In honor of the April birthdays of Judy Herzig-Marx, Josh Herzig-Marx, Lenore Marx, Gert Schwab, Delia Cantor,  
Michelle Naumburg and Betsy Naumburg  
In memory of Janet Naumburg, whose birthday was also in April*

### **Gertrude Nemeth**

*In memory of Leonard I. Nemeth*

### **Kristen Petersen**

### **Liz Reisberg**

### **Linda Schiller & Steve Robins**

*In honor of Rabbi Toba and the Israel trip gang*

### **Barbara Shatkin & Andy Littman**

### **Cindy Shulak-Rome & Dan Rome**

*In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Gemma Lurie*

*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Julian Cohen*

*In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Kaufman (upcoming on May 17)*

*In honor of Ewa Maniawski Tuschman,  
with gratitude and appreciation for her leadership  
in our school over the past two years*

*In honor of the memory of Jill Volk, a beloved founding member of Dorshei Tzedek, in observance of her yahrtzeit*

### **Carole Slipowitz & Dan Halbert**

### **Ellen White**

*In memory of Paul M. White*

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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.*

### 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](http://www.cjpseniordirect.org) or email [info@cjpseniordirect.org](mailto:info@cjpseniordirect.org). For more information about CJP, visit [www.cjp.org](http://www.cjp.org)

### 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](mailto:eperkins@jfcsboston.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](mailto:JFirestone@cchnet.net).

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### 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*





## May



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Thu May 1	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Fri May 2	8 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>Yom Hashoah - Erev Shabbat Adult Service</b>	Ellen Pashall, Toni Rosenberg, Elaine Bresnick (see page 3)
Sat May 3	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bar Mitzvah of Jared Frankston</b>	Sanctuary Clean-up: Ami & Jon Gordon (see page 4)
Sat May 3	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN; Open House
Sat May 3	10:45 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 112, childcare room (see page 3)
Sat May 3	10:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Congregation</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 111 (see page 3)
Sat May 3	6:30 pm - 8 pm	Gimmel Siyuum	FUSN
Sun May 4	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Forte Park-233 California St, Newton Opponent: Temple Emmanuel-Newton
Sun May 4	7:15 pm - 9 pm	Leyning Class with Chayim Herzig-Marx	60 Highland Street: Library
Wed May 7	7 pm	<b>Understanding Newton's Financial Challenges</b>	60 Highland Street: Sanctuary (see page 2)
Wed May 7	7:30 pm	<b>Role of Non-Jewish Members at CDT</b>	60 Highland Street: Living Room All members are welcome to attend (see page 2)
Thu May 8	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Fri May 9	6 pm 6:45 pm service	<b>Eat, Pray, Learn about Congregation Dorshei Tzedek: Potluck and All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service</b>	Elizabeth Ross & Caren Smith, Hope Kellman, Elaine Landes & David Felson (see page 2)
Sat May 10	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Stacey Chacker - <i>In Memory of Frederic Chacker</i> , Joel Katz, Valerie Graf & Doron Gan
Sat May 10	10 am - 12 pm	Kitah Aleph & Kitah Bet Classes	FUSN
Sun May 11	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Forte Park-233 California St, Newton Opponent: Isaiah Red Lox 2-Lexington
Sun May 11	7:15 pm - 9 pm	Leyning Class with Chayim Herzig-Marx	60 Highland Street: Library
Tue May 13	3:45 pm - 5:45 pm	<i>Upper School Open House</i>	FUSN
Thu May 15	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu May 15	3:45 pm - 5:45 pm	<b>Upper School Open House</b>	FUSN
Sat May 17	8:45 am - 9:45 am	<b>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library (see page 3)
Sat May 17	9:30 am - 12:15 pm	<i>Kitah Aleph and Kitah Bet - Closing Day</i>	FUSN
Sat May 17	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Robert Boguslaw Kaufman</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb (see page 4)
Sun May 18	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Forte Park-233 California St, Newton Opponent: Shaarei Adams-Newton
Sun May 18	4 pm - 6:30 pm	Ma'apilim 2.0	Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged
Sun May 18	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	CDT Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street: Library
Tue May 20	3:15 pm - 6:15 pm	<i>Closing Day - All school assembly with parents and pizza dinner</i>	FUSN
Thu May 22	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat May 24	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Michael White, Jacqui & Stan Fleischman, Sivan Nasoff; <i>Rabbi Toba's Shabbat off</i>
Sun May 25	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Forte Park-233 California St, Newton Opponent: Beth Shalom 1-Needham
Mon May 26	7:15 pm - 9 pm	<b>Leyning Class with Chayim Herzig-Marx</b>	At member's home (TBD)
Tue May 27	7 - 9 pm	<b>GBIO Tenth Anniversary Action</b>	Boston University Case Auditorium (see page 5)
Thu May 29	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat May 31	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Elaine Pollack, Tania Mireles & Bill Shorr, Cheryl & Jeff Sacks



## June



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sun Jun 1	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Lincoln Field Complex-110 Lincoln St, Lexington; Opponent: Isaiah Red Lox 1-Lexington
Sun Jun 1	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>Members' Meeting</b>	<i>Members-Only Event</i> David Lobron, Michael Brann, Susie Tanchel, Ellen Pashall, Leah Diskin 60 Highland Street: Sanctuary (see page 2)
Thu Jun 5	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Fri Jun 6	6 pm 6:45 pm Service	<b>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck</b>	Amelia Zalcman, Ruth Paris & Rob Saper, Peter Shapiro (see page 3)
Sat Jun 7	9:45 am - 7 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Elaine Pollack, Willa & Tom Kuh, Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein, Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb
Sun Jun 8	10 am	Dorshei Tzedek's Men's Softball Game	Brookline High School-115 Greenough St, Brookline; Opponent: Young Israel - Brookline
Sun Jun 8	8 pm - 12 am	<b>Shavuot</b>	Emily Sper - <i>In Memory of her father, Roy Sper</i> , Dorie Fried, Andrew Schiff & Susan Manheim
Thu Jun 12	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat Jun 14	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Ayala Galton, Deborah Albenberg, Lisa Schneier <i>Rabbi Toba's Shabbat off</i>
Sat Jun 14	10:45 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	60 Highland Street: 112, childcare room (see page 3)
Thu Jun 19	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat Jun 21	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bar Mitzvah of Nathan Greenberg</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Kristen Petersen, Barry Ingber; <i>Set-up:</i> Barbara & Elliot Pittel, Lisa Goodwin Robbins, Lisa Port-White, Benita Danzing & Nathan Aronow, Dan Forman; <i>Clean-up:</i> Elizabeth & David Roll, Jennifer McGonagle, Susan Moser & Thea Breite
Sun Jun 22	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	CDT Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> 60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Jun 26	8 am - 9 am	<b>Judaism &amp; Practice Class with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat Jun 28	9:45 am	Shabbat Morning Service <b>Bat Mitzvah of Anya Carr-Klein</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Beth Brooks & Hankus Netsky; <i>Set-up:</i> Theresa St. John-Siegel & Steve Siegel, Danielle Klainberg & Mark Rosenberg, Karen & Jeffrey Arnold; <i>Clean-up:</i> Marcia Okun & Joshua Lieberman, Amelia Zalcman, Laurie & Jonathan Kahn-Leavitt
Sun Jun 29	7:15 pm - 9 pm	<b>Leyning Class with Chayim Herzig-Marx</b>	60 Highland Street: Library



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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.