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## What is “Freedom”?

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As I write this, we are about to enter into the Passover holiday, traditionally referred to as *z'man heruteynu*, “the time of our freedom.” This refers, of course, to great story of the Exodus, our Jewish “master narrative” of being liberated from slavery in Egypt.

It is interesting to consider the Jewish understanding of freedom in the context of the current debate raging in this country around the recently passed health care bill. Amidst the vituperation and frightening assaults on legislators who worked for passage of the reform, there is a lot of talk of “freedom.” In this discourse, “freedom” means the absence of government intervention in the lives of citizens, even intervention that has the intention of bettering the lives of those citizens.

It is of course possible to respond to these critics with a more complex analysis of the ways that our freedoms as citizens and human beings are indeed constrained, whether through surveillance policies enacted in the name of “security,” or the myriad ways in which multinational corporations act to limit the economic and political freedoms of people around the globe. But that is another article! Here, I’d like to share here a few thoughts on the contrast between one strain of American thinking about “freedom” and the ways in which freedom is understood in Jewish tradition.

In the Exodus story, the Israelites do not become “free” in the sense of being able to do whatever they want once they leave Pharaoh’s servitude. They are, in the language of the Torah, “redeemed” by Adonai, the Source of Life, with the sense of being bought out of slavery and returned to their proper “owner.” The Israelites move from enslavement to a petty tyrant into the service of the Ultimate Reality, which calls them into covenantal community with Itself and with one another. Accompanying this new servitude (which is willingly entered into, according to the Torah’s narrative) is a long and complicated set of instructions for how to function in a covenantal way. The Israelites are now bound to God and to one another through ties of justice, compassion, and both ritual and ethical obligation.

There is also a covenantal narrative in American history, a vision by the original Puritan founders of a “city on a hill,” a covenantal community called into its own relationship with God and with one another. But alongside this narrative is a very strong tradition of individual personal freedom, conceived as an almost complete unfettering from any constraints, a freedom limited

only by the injunction to avoid damage to others. In reality, of course, none of us is—or could be—that free. We are bound by ties of family, by laws that enable us to live as neighbors, by our own inherent limitations, and by the sometimes subtle but very real constraints of race, class, and gender. Given these extensive limits on our personal autonomy, perhaps it is not surprising that there are those who become enraged when they are led to believe that their few remaining freedoms are being taken away.

In Judaism, freedom from slavery does not mean, at bottom, freedom *from* constraints, but rather freedom *to* fulfill our human destiny. It means having the awareness and the means to serve that which is Ultimate—the good, the just, the holy—instead of serving only our limited human desires and whims. In the Torah, this is framed in terms of “service to Adonai.” In a more Reconstructionist perspective, we might think of it as a dedication to the fulfillment of our own, and all people’s, fullest humanity. Such a dedication takes discipline and commitment. It does not mean giving up on personal choice and intention (and, indeed, entails a critical stance towards all forms of human government), but it does necessitate a willingness to consider the good of others along with one’s own well-being, and entails an understanding that sometimes it is only through a sense of service to something Beyond oneself that the self can truly flower. The promise of Jewish practice—like any spiritual and ethical practice—is that such dedication and discipline will yield a deep joy and sense of contentment that goes far beyond the temporary pleasures that a shallower sense of “freedom” might promise.

As we move from Passover through the “omer,” the seven weeks between Pesach and the holiday of Shavuot, of receiving the Torah which outlines for us the terms of our covenantal freedom, I hope that each of us might get a glimpse of this freedom, and use it well!

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## Torah of Chesed

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To continue the dialogue as a community about how we can be present for each other as we bring our whole selves to CDT and create a space for all to feel welcome, Torah of Chesed provided an intentional opportunity for discussion during the Shabbat Torah discussion on January 22. In the past Torah of Chesed dialogues, we have focused on presence, asking what it means to be fully present for each other. During this discussion, we focused on speech, on asking and responding, on whether we should speak, what we say, and how we say it.

We began our discussion with a reflection related to the week's Torah reading, which included a description of the 9th plague that afflicted the Egyptians before the Exodus. The commentary we chose reads, "Just as the light of Shabbat is a foretaste of the world to come, the reward that awaits the righteous, the darkness of the ninth plague is a foretaste of Geihinnom, the punishment that awaits those who cannot truly see their neighbors, who cannot feel the pain and recognize the dignity of their afflicted neighbors."

Three scenarios that had actually occurred at Dorshei Tzedek were then introduced, and participants were asked to consider how speech can be used to see our neighbors, feel their pain, and recognize their dignity.

1. During the blessing for healing during the Torah service, a CDT member shares that a fellow community member/loved one is in need of support. The news surprises you.
2. During Shabbat services, a CDT member does not publicly announce a hard place they are in, but appears to be very upset. You notice this, even though the person is not someone with whom you are close.
3. While attending a CDT community event where you are seated at a table with other members and guests, you overhear some personal and serious news about a CDT member being shared by a member about themselves. You notice that there is no real attempt to keep the news private.

Participants were also asked to respond to the questions: "Should we speak? What do we say? How do we say it?"

The conversation was interactive and rich, and prompted many questions. Karen Arnold commented, "If we think of Dorshei Tzedek as a covenantal community, that means we are responsible for each other in a way that might be different from the other contexts of our lives. Reaching out to others is an obligation within such a community."

Lisa Schneier also shared, "The discussion lets me look at my fear around questions of privacy, especially about unintentionally violating another person's privacy. Sometimes it's hard to figure out when being in a community means revising the lines of privacy that we've been taught in other parts of our lives."

What struck me in this discussion was how much we share that fear and those questions. It's good to get to talk about that."

The Torah of Chesed group invites all members to take part in ongoing opportunities to continue the dialogue about how we attend to each other, whether they be formal gatherings or informal conversations you have with fellow members.

## Board Meeting Notes

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The CDT Board met on January 26 and discussed the following topics:

**Membership:** CDT now has 177 member households, a net gain of two for the year; this year's goal is a net gain of three.

**Finance:** The financial situation continues to be on track with the budget.

**Ritual:** Members of CDT are encouraged to express their thoughts about Shabbat on the website and in the Shabbat column in the newsletter.

**Community Supported Agriculture:** Planning continues for a community-supported agriculture project with Red Fire Farm.

**Endorsement of Farmworker Justice Letter:** The Board agreed to add CDT's name to a letter from the New England Delegation for Farmworker Justice to Stop & Shop proposing a meeting to encourage Stop & Shop to join other large buyers of tomatoes in support of an effort to improve working conditions for tomato farm workers. The Board also considered the process for dealing with such requests and agreed that the Board can act on behalf of CDT in such cases if the position is consistent with the congregation's values and there is a broad Board consensus in favor of it with no major objections.

**Incorporation:** CDT is not incorporated. CDT does not need to be a corporation to be tax exempt or to receive tax deductible contributions. Incorporation does provide additional protection against liability and it was agreed that, pending further due diligence, CDT should proceed to incorporate.

**Limud 2010:** The Board was pleased to note that the first Limud 2010 event, a talk by Eleanor Duckworth, was a well-attended success.

**Space:** A long-term effort will be launched to try to identify alternate space for the school to allow for more flexibility in the school's schedule.

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

### Seventh Day of Passover

*April 5, 9:30 am, in our sanctuary*

According to Reconstructionist practice (which follows the Israeli calendar), the seventh day of Pesach marks the end of the holiday. We will mark the seventh day of Passover with services on **Monday morning, April 5, at 9:30 am**. At this service we will celebrate (and read in the Torah about) the crossing of the Reed Sea with Hallel and other special songs. We will also be having a Yizkor service, an opportunity to remember loved ones who are no longer with us to celebrate the holiday. For those remembering someone, yizkor candles are lit the previous evening (Sunday, April 4, after sunset).

### Yom Hashoah/Holocaust Remembrance Day Commemoration & Dramatic Reading

*Sunday, April 11, 7-9 pm  
60 Highland Street*

We will gather to remember and to honor the memories of all those who perished in the Holocaust. Some of your favorite CDT actors (as well as some new arrivals) will be doing a reading of "A Shayna Maidel" by Barbara Lebow. The play tells the story of an American woman who, as a young girl, emigrated from Poland before the war. Many years

later she comes face-to-face with the sister who stayed behind - and with her own identity as a Jew. Please join us for this deeply moving, life-affirming reading.

### Yom Ha'atzma'ut—Israel Independence Day

*Sunday, April 25, 7 pm  
60 Highland Street, CDT Sanctuary*

To commemorate *Yom Ha'atzma'ut* and explore the complexities facing Israeli society today, we will be viewing the 2008 Israeli nominee for the Academy Awards, *Waltz with Bashir*. This groundbreaking film wrestles with Israel's first Lebanon war and its aftermath for the soldiers who fought there. Director Ari Folman employs vivid black-and-white animation in this Golden Globe-winning film, exploring the memory gaps in his life during his service for the Israeli army in the Lebanese war of the early 1980s. Recounting stories based on recorded interviews with colleagues and friends, Folman relives the horrors of war and dissects the curious coping mechanisms humans use to survive under brutal circumstances. A discussion, facilitated by Rabbi Toba Spitzer, will follow the film.



## Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Arnold

**Sarah Denni Arnold** was named at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek in 1997 BRT (Before Rabbi Toba). In a few years, she invented the twirling Kiddush dance. Moving on to religious school, she developed insightful interpretations of Torah. (Example: *Teacher*: What was the first thing the Israelites did after they crossed the Red Sea? *Sarah*: They complained!). She hung out at services, went to camp JRF, and volunteered at the Heifer demonstration farm. Now, on the day she turns 13, Sarah will become a *bat mitzvah*. **Jeff** and **Karen** warmly invite the congregation to accompany Sarah as she is called to the Torah on **April 10**.

## Bat Mitzvah of Sara Lirong Schiller-Robins

Please join us to celebrate on **April 24** when our daughter **Sara Lirong** is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Sara is a seventh grader at Watertown Middle School. She has been dancing for several years, learning lyrical/swing/jazz, tap, and salsa ruada. Sara also enjoys animals, music, swimming and loves our summer family Dance Camp. For her Tikkun Olam project Sara has volunteered at Family Table. We are very proud of Sara's hard work, and invite you to join us for this simcha at services followed by a Kiddush luncheon.—**Linda Yael Schiller and Steve Robins**

## 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 morning services are held weekly, starting at 9:45 am. **Childcare is provided every Shabbat morning.**

### Special Friday Night Service: Ruth Messinger of American Jewish World Service

*Erev Shabbat services, May 14, 8 pm*

Please join us as we welcome Shabbat and host Ruth Messinger, the dynamic and inspiring Executive Director of the American Jewish World Service. A long-time Reconstructionist and national leader for social justice, Ruth will be speaking about AJWS's work around global hunger and in response to anti-gay legislation in Africa. This event is open to the public, please spread the word!

### All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service

*April 9 (note this is the **second** Friday in April), May 7, June 4  
6 pm candle lighting and dinner, 6:45 pm service*

Join us for this fun, musical erev Shabbat 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 dairy/vegetarian main dish or salad to share (enough for 15–20 people). Drinks and dessert are provided.

On May 7, our *Kitah Dalet* (4th graders) will be leading the all-ages service along with Rabbi Spitzer. Please join us as we celebrate their learning!

### Student-Led Shabbat Services

*May 1 and May 8*

On Shabbat morning, May 1, our *Kitah Vav* (6th graders) will be leading the morning service along with Rabbi Spitzer, and our *Kitah Hay* (5th graders) will be leading on May 8. Please join us for these special services!

## Shabbat Morning Torah Study

*April 10, May 1, June 5  
8:45 – 9:45 am*

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!

## Junior Congregation

*April 3 (note date change), May 1, June 5  
10:45 am – noon*

This is an awesomely fun, participatory service for 3rd through 6th graders (kids only!), led by our very own Elana Rome - teacher, singer, and youth leader extraordinaire! Spend a special Shabbat morning with your friends, or make some new ones! Kids will enjoy their own kiddush after the service.

## Tot Shabbat

*April 17, May 1, June 12  
10:45 – 11:30 am*

Tot Shabbat is a monthly program, run by parents, for children ages 5 and under and their parents. Join us in celebrating Shabbat with songs, stories, crafts and other fun activities. We will begin each session with an age-appropriate service with lots of singing, for all the kids. Then, there will be free play for infant – age 2 children, and a special story and craft for children ages 3 - 5. We will end the morning all together with a kiddush snack.

Please contact Jodi Sugerman-Brozan (jsuger@comcast.net) or Alison Lobron (auderial@yahoo.com) for more information or with any questions. This program is organized and led by parents on a rotating basis. If you would like to volunteer to help lead a session, or help with refreshments or setup, you can sign up on the website.

## Rosh Chodesh Gathering

*Thursday, April 15, 7:30 – 9 pm, 60 Highland St, Parlor*

Please join us for this month's Rosh Chodesh gathering. We will celebrate the new moon of Iyar, a month of healing and drawing on personal strengths. All CDT women are invited to come welcome this month through song, discussion and creative expression. To RSVP or for questions, contact **Alison Lobron** (auderial@yahoo.com) or **Erica Streit-Kaplan** (ericastreitkaplan@yahoo.com).



**CDT Art Gallery:** 60 Highland Street in our sanctuary, ongoing. Don't miss the art exhibit up in our sanctuary space, featuring photography by Emily Sper and monoprints by Lynda Goldberg. Be sure to take a look next time you're at services!

**CDT Men's Softball:** Season Opener: April 18, next game April 25. Come cheer on CDT! See the calendar for times, locations and opposing teams. For more information, contact Elliot Pittel, epittel@comcast.net

# Shabbat Unplugged

## Getting a taste of *Olam Habah*: The World As It Should Be

April 30 – May 1



Shabbat is a gift to us, a time to “plug in” to rest, family and friends, and just “being.” We invite you to “unplug” from the business of daily life and all those things that keep us chained to work, anxiety, and an unhealthy relationship to time. We hope everyone at CDT will take advantage of Shabbat Unplugged to taste Shabbat in a new or deeper way, either on your own or with the community! To unplug: Go to [www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org) and click on “Shabbat Unplugged” (members only). There, you can make your very own Shabbat Unplugged pledge—to “unplug” from shopping, your e-mail or cell phone, watching TV, going to work, cleaning the house, or whatever you’d like! There’s a page for adults and a page for kids.

Here are other ways you can “plug” into Shabbat with CDT:

Friday evening, April 30



Join other members for a Shabbat potluck. Potlucks will be held in Watertown, Jamaica Plain, Newton, Somerville, and Roslindale in the following members’ homes:

Marc Steinberg and Linda Hsu, Lynda Goldberg and Joe Bayes, Sivan Nasoff, Rebecca Gutman, Jodi and Alex Sugerman-Brozan, and Laurie Gold- man. To sign up, go to <http://www.dorsheitzedek.org/members/signups/>.

Saturday Morning, May 1  
60 Highland Street

**8:45 am, Torah Study** with Rabbi Toba: Bring your own coffee or tea, no previous Torah study experience necessary!

**9:45 am, Shabbat morning services:** Join us for a musical, participatory Shabbat experience! Kitah Vav will help to lead this service.

**10:45 am, Tot Shabbat & Junior Congregation:** Kids aged 0-5 and their parents are invited to an interactive and

fun Shabbat morning experience! And kids in grades 3-6 are invited to join Elana Rome for a participatory, joyful and spirited kids-only experience!

**Kiddush Lunch:** Whether or not you attend services, come eat and schmooze with other CDT members! And then join us for:

**1 pm, Yiddish poetry with Rabbi Benjamin Weiner:**

“*Vos vet blaybn?*--What remains? The Life and Work of Yiddish Poet Avraham Sutzkever.” Avraham Sutzkever, the last giant of Yiddish literature, died this past January, at the age of 96. From his childhood in Siberia, to his emergence in the artistic circles of 1930’s Vilna, to his resistance in the ghetto underground and the forest partisans, his time in the Soviet Union, and his decades of effort to keep Yiddish alive in Israel, Sutzkever distilled his experience into world-class poetry full of hope, sorrow, humor, and awe. Join Rabbi Benjamin Weiner for a *Shabbos* afternoon exploration of this amazing body of work. 1 – 3 pm in the library at 60 Highland Street. *Rabbi Benjamin Weiner will become the spiritual leader of the Jewish Community of Amherst this summer. An accomplished, amateur Yiddishist, he has also written for the Forward, Pakn Treger, Jewcy, Zeek, and Religion Dispatches.*

**Shabbat afternoon:** You can: Take a nap, go for a walk with some CDT friends, read a good book, hang out with your family, do nothing at all, or join CDT members in the following activities:

**Nature Walk**, led by Doug Hersh.



**Bike Ride**, led by Noam Shore. For de-



tails on the walk or bike ride and to sign up, go to <http://www.dorsheitzedek.org/members/signups>.

Saturday evening, May 1

First Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street

**7:30 pm, Schmoozing, Havdallah, and**

**movies:** Join us for a wine & dessert gathering, for kids (no wine for them!) and adults and Havdallah. The havdallah ceremony will be at 8 pm, followed by two movie showings: one for kids grades 3



and up, and another for adults and older teens. Stay tuned for details!

## Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

Monday, April 12, 8:30 pm at the home of Ellie Goldberg (note: cat in the house)

Monday, May 10, 8:30 pm at the home of Ruth Paris

Avelut is a monthly gathering of CDT members in mourning, focusing on mutual support and a chance to share individual journeys in

bereavement. May, June, and July week night meeting dates will be set based on the schedules of those participating, and posted in the newsletter and online member calendars. Please join us if you would like to remember a lost family member or friend. If you would like more information, or you can volunteer to host the meeting in April, May, or July, contact **Hilary Marcus** ([hmr99@hotmail.com](mailto:hmr99@hotmail.com)).

## Tikkun Olam

### Las Donaciones y Necesidades para Los Judeos de Cuba

#### Donations Requested for the Jewish Community in Cuba

You can help our "mission" to Cuba by making donations of needed medical, health and ritual supplies to be given to members of the Jewish community in Cuba. A group of 19 CDT members and Rabbi Spitzer will be traveling to Cuba April 16-23. The trip is intended to enable participants to visit with and engage in cultural and religious exchange with members of the Jewish communities in the cities of Havana, Cienfuegos, and Santa Clara, and to assist these communities by providing needed medical supplies, monetary assistance, and books about Judaism and Jewish literature in Spanish. Although 15,000 Jews lived in Cuba in the 1940s and 1950s, only 1500 Jews currently reside in Cuba. Prior to the lifting of the restrictions on religion by Castro in the mid-90's, Jews were unable to engage in any religious practice. Permitted to do so now, Cuban Jews are interested in meeting with rabbis and other Jews who can help them deepen their understanding of their Jewish roots and practice.

Jewish Cubans are experiencing significant financial hardship and are in need of basic health and medical items, and correspondence with those to be visited has confirmed that they would appreciate donations of various kinds. Trip participants plan to take as many of these items as they can fit in their suitcases. A sign-up sheet is on the CDT website listing all the items needed, as well as the quantities requested. Donations can be dropped off at **Cindy Rome** or **Louise Enoch's** house. If drop-off at these locations is not possible, please contact **Debbie Waber** ([deborah\\_waber@hotmail.com](mailto:deborah_waber@hotmail.com)) or **Sherry Katz** ([sherrykatz99@comcast.net](mailto:sherrykatz99@comcast.net)). We will need "in-kind" donations by Sunday April 4 so we can organize the material. Monetary donations are also welcomed through Sunday April 11. Checks can be made out to Rabbi Spitzer's discretionary fund; please indicate "Cuba" on the memo line.

#### Join Kitah Zayin on the Walk for Hunger

*Sunday, May 2*

On Sunday, May 2nd, *Kitah Zayin* is participating in the Walk for Hunger. We are walking to help raise money for the hungry people in Massachusetts. There are many people that live in Newton and the rest of Massachusetts who are hungry.

Our team will be starting the walk at the halfway point, in Newton and walking to Boston Common. You can walk the ten miles with us, or as much as you feel comfortable walking. Our goal this year is to raise \$5,500 and to have 100% participation from the congregation. You can participate by walking with Team *Zayin*, or by donating to our team.

Please help us and help feed some of the hungry people who live here. To sign up or make a contribution go to the Team *Zayin* website: [www.projectbread.org/goto/teamzayin](http://www.projectbread.org/goto/teamzayin). If you have questions, contact our team leader, **Morah Cindy** at [cbsrome@comcast.net](mailto:cbsrome@comcast.net).

#### A Dorshei Tzedek CSA!

CDT has partnered with Red Fire Farm, an organic CSA farm located in Granby, Massachusetts, to establish a distribution site for CDT members. Community-supported agriculture (CSA) farms provide a way for consumers to buy fresh, seasonal, local produce directly from the farmer. Beginning this summer, Red Fire Farm will begin delivering weekly shares of delicious, locally-grown produce right in our backyard.

A share consists of an amount of vegetables generally sufficient to feed a vegetarian family of four for a week. Shares will be distributed on Thursday afternoons between 3:30 pm and 7:30 pm (approximately) either at CDT's site at Second Church or a few blocks away at Temple Shalom (located on Temple Street). CDT members will have priority for shares, but only through the end of March. **So sign up now!**

A share signup form, which includes pricing information, is available at [www.redfirefarm.com/news/2010/Red\\_Fire\\_Farm\\_BostonArea\\_CSA\\_2010.pdf](http://www.redfirefarm.com/news/2010/Red_Fire_Farm_BostonArea_CSA_2010.pdf). You can find out more information about the farm at [www.redfirefarm.com](http://www.redfirefarm.com). If you are interested in purchasing a share, or would like to be matched with others to split a share, or if you have any questions, please contact CDT member Tom Brown at [tom@brown.name](mailto:tom@brown.name).

#### Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)

CDT will continue to be involved in GBIO as they push forward on their agenda to improve health care, increase educational access and job opportunities and fight against usurious interest rates. If you are interested in getting involved in CDT's participation in GBIO, please contact **Laurie Goldman**, [laurie.goldman@tufts.edu](mailto:laurie.goldman@tufts.edu), or **Paul Hattis**, [paul.hattis@rcn.com](mailto:paul.hattis@rcn.com).

Dorshei Tzedek again lived up to its name when 5 of our congregants attended a GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) Action at Old South Church, Copley Square, on March 24th. As one of tens of congregations and as 5 of hundreds of congregants from Churches, Mosques and Synagogues, we witnessed and participated in what the power of numbers can make happen.

The two current foci of GBIO are "Standing Up Against Usury: Moving our Money" and "Access to Higher Education". GBIO is insisting that interest rate caps be put into place nation-wide and that, at least in our state, no bank be allowed to practice here if it does not abide by the usury laws already in place. To that end, Treasurer Timothy Cahill told the crowd that he has already set up a meeting with Brian Moynihan, CEO of Bank of America, in which he will let Moynihan know that if the bank does not agree

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to interest rate caps, Cahill will move state funds out of Bank of America and into banks who do adhere to these caps. Also present were Steve Grossman and Stephen Murphy, two of the three candidates running for State Treasurer (the position Cahill is leaving to run for Governor). Both enthusiastically agreed to make bank usury a top issue in their campaigns. The third candidate, Karyn Polito, is unwilling to meet with GBIO.

In regard to Access to Higher Education, the emphasis is on Boston High Schools and Institutions of Higher Ed doing all they can to enable low and middle income graduating seniors to attend colleges and universities and to provide the support necessary for those who do enter to graduate without impossibly high debt and loans.

As with all GBIO actions, the crowd was jazzed, the mood was upbeat and the sense of already having accomplished much and the prospect of accomplishing much more was pervasive. Let's hope that, as the leaders of GBIO kept saying, we get this current Pharaoh (the Banks that take advantage of so many of us) to have compassion and do what's right.

### And the Winners Are... CDT Top Chef Charoset Recipes

Mazel tov to **Barbara Pittel** for taking honors as Top Chef. Barbara has bragging rights until Pesach 5771 as CDT's top charoset-maker. Honorable mentions to **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, **Jamie Tessler** and **Theo Tessler-Shapiro**, and **Clifford Goldsmith** for their great charosets as well.

Some recipes don't have measurements, just ingredients- but who measures when making charoset? Improvise!

**Alex Sugerman-Brozan's "New England Charoset":** Apples, dried cranberries, maple syrup, grape juice, lemon juice, almonds.

**Jamie Tessler and Theo Tessler-Shapiro's "Sorta Local Three Pear, Blueberry and Almond Charoset:** Anjou, Bosc and Bartlett pears, dried wild blueberries, dry roasted unsalted almonds, orange juice, dash of apple cider vinegar, California Riesling, a little raw sugar, cinnamon.

**Barbara Pittel's Contest-Winning Charoset:** Apples, walnuts, honey, wine, cinnamon, ginger, vanilla.

**Clifford Goldsmith's Charoset sampler:** Decorate plate with artistic lines of chocolate, dark honey, syrup or molasses. You can also sprinkle sesame seeds over the sticky decorations. Place small heaps of the three contrasting Charosets on the decorated plate evenly spaced from one another (you can try shaping them like pyramids!) Use a long, thin serving plate for effect.

**Persian:** ½ apple, grated; 12 dates, ¼ cup ground almonds; ¼ cup ground pistachio or pine nuts; ¼ cup yellow raisins; banana: orange; 1 tsp. cinnamon; ¼ cup red wine; ½ Tbs. each of cloves, cardamom, black pepper; ¼ cup cider vinegar.

**Surinam:** 4 oz. unsweetened coconut; 4 oz. walnuts or almonds

### A Simple Mitzvah: Family Table Donations

**Whenever you come to shul or to the Hebrew school, consider bringing along some food to donate to Family Table, the kosher food pantry for greater Boston.** We have two collection boxes at Dorshei Tzedek: one is next to the school office at FUSN, and the other is right outside the sanctuary at the Second Church, near the door out to Highland Street. **Our assigned foods are raisins and tomato products (sauce, canned, etc.).**

**Also, one Sunday per month, we are responsible for bringing our food items to the Family Table office in Waltham.**

This is a very easy way to have you (and others of all ages in your family) do a simple mitzvah. As a driver, you would simply need to pick up the food at Dorshei Tzedek and transport it to the Waltham office. We need only one car to drive the load over to the Family Table office. At this time, we need drivers on five more Sundays through July. If you want to be a driver, please go to this calendar and sign up: [doodle.com/3whymp8tsqk7h775](http://doodle.com/3whymp8tsqk7h775). If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact **Pamela Schoenberg Reider** at [jomela@rcn.com](mailto:jomela@rcn.com).

chopped; 1/8 cup sugar; ½ Tbs. cinnamon; 4 oz. raisins, dried apples, prunes, apricots, pears; 2 oz. cherry jam; sweet red wine. Combine all but jam and wine in pot. Add water to cover and simmer and stir for 90 minutes. Add jam, cool and add wine.

**Venetian:** ¾ cup chestnut paste; 5 oz dates chopped; 6 oz figs, chopped; 1 Tbs. poppy seeds; ¼ cup each almonds and walnuts chopped; ¼ cup pine nuts; grated orange rind; ¼ cup raisins; 1/8 cup dried apricots; ¼ cup brandy: honey to bind. Combine all ingredients.

### Religious School News

*Annette Lawson, Education Director, [school@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:school@dorsheitzedek.org)*

The Religious School students have been involved in a number of projects the past few months, putting into action the values that we teach.

All the students from Kitah Alef through BaDerech were involved in donating items, baking hamentaschen, and decorating bags for the *mishloach manot* Purim treats we gave to the residents of the Golda Meir House, a senior residence in Newton.

Our BaDerech (eighth grade) students are working on a number of projects to assist the people in Haiti as they recover from the devastation of the recent earthquake.

The students have engaged in a very thoughtful process about how to contribute funds in a way that considers not just the needs, but the dignity of those being helped. They have chosen to assist the Lambi Fund by donating money to help provide potable water and fishing boats. They have already raised \$600 through a bake sale and by "kidnapping" and ransoming back "Rav Tiffany" at Purim. Please contribute when you receive a letter from the BaDerech students about their upcoming raffle.

## Nediv Lev

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

### General Fund

**Stacey Chacker**

*In memory of Fred Chacker*

**Janice Cole**

*In memory of William Schwartz*

**Meryl Epstein and Trish Nuzzola**

**Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess**

*In honor of the CDT Board*

**Nancy Gertz and Michael Cohen**

**Ora Gladstone**

*In memory of Shirley Gladstone, aleha hashalom  
In honor of Louise Enoch for making the Cuba trip happen*

**Ora Grodsky and Jonathan Rosenthal**

**Stephanie and Nem Hackett**

*In loving memory of Benjamin Lipka*

**Debbie Hemley and Jonathan Weisberg**

*In memory of David Hemley, Emil Rosen and Isabelle Rosen*

**Barry Ingber**

**Linda and Peter Katz**

**Esther Kohn**

*In honor of the leadership of the Board at CDT*

**Amy Mazur**

*In memory of my father, Marvin Mazur*

**Tania Mireles and Bill Shorr**

*In memory of Marilyn and Bernie Shorr*

**Sivan Nasoff**

*In honor of everyone in the CDT community who helped me  
through a rough patch*

**Carla Naumburg and Joshua Herzig-Marx**

**Gertrude Nemeth**

*In memory of Leonard I. Nemeth*

**Marcia Okun and Josh Lieberman**

**Cheryl and Jeff Sacks**

*In memory of Myra Danzing*

**Paris-Saper Family**

*With love and gratitude to Rabbi Toba, Cindy Rome and Rabbi Elaine, Ellen Hemley, Pamela Reider and Karen Wasserman and the entire CDT community for the comfort offered after the passing of Ruth's mother, Dorothy Paris*

**Tess and Eli Siegel**

*In memory of Morton and Rose Wishengrad*

*In memory of Abraham and Yetta Siegel*

*In honor of Rabbi Spitzer*

**Carol Sklar**

*In memory of Frances and Joseph Sklar*

*In memory of Evelyn Bach*

**Jodi and Alex Sugerman-Brozan**

*In memory of Louise Sugerman*

## Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund

*In memory of CDT member Jill Volk, we have created the Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund, which will provide scholarships for teachers in the Dorshei Tzedek religious school to receive professional development and training. Jill was one of the founders of our school and one of its first teachers. This fund will allow her love of Judaism and Jewish learning to continue to enrich our community.*

**Ora Gladstone**

## Camp JRF Fund

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

**Ora Gladstone**

**Delores and Kenneth Kimmel**

**Jodie Siegel**

**Ellen White**

## School Fund

**Pamela Schoenberg Reider & Joel Reider**

*In memory of Dorothy Paris, mother of Ruth Paris  
In honor of the wonderful CDT school teachers who helped prepare Nathan for his Bar Mitzvah: Morah Chaya Leah, Morah Henya and Morah Cindy*

## Holy Books Fund

## Building Fund

Buy your books, electronics, and whatever else, and support 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](http://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.





# April



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Thu Apr 1	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat Apr 3	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>	Ira Schor & Ilene Spiro, Judy Hersh & Tim Rosa; <i>Rabbi Toba off</i>
Sat Apr 3	10:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Congregation</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 111 ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Mon Apr 5	9:30 am	<b>Passover Service</b>	60 Highland Street: Sanctuary ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Mon Apr 5	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue Apr 6	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Thu Apr 8	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Fri Apr 9	6 pm	<b>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck</b>	Valerie Graf & Doron Gan, Ilana Streit, Deb Albenberg ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sat Apr 10	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Arnold</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Marcia Okun, Ami Gordon ( <i>see page 3</i> )
Sun Apr 11	2 pm - 4 pm	Kitah Vav Family Education	FUSN: Headstart Room
Sun Apr 11	7 pm - 9 pm	<b>Yom HaShoah</b>	Idit Klein— <i>in memory of my grandfathers, Stephan Vadas and Desideriu Klein</i> , Carla Naumburg & Joshua Herzig-Marx, Linda Kramer— <i>in honor of the Yiddish Chorus of the Workmen's Circle</i> , Howard Lurie ( <i>see page 3</i> )
Mon Apr 12	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue Apr 13	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Wed Apr 14	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Event</i> ; 60 Highland St Sanctuary
Thu Apr 15	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Thu Apr 15	7:30 pm - 9 pm	<b>Rosh Chodesh</b>	60 Highland Street: Living Room ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sat Apr 17	8:45 am - 9:45 am	<b>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sat Apr 17	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>	Matt Fried, Hilary Marcus— <i>in honor of Maayan's birthday</i> , Carolyn Fine Friedman & Jerry Friedman
Sat Apr 17	10:45 am - 11:30 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 110, 112 ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sun Apr 18	10 am	Men's Softball: Opening Game	<i>Members-Only Event</i> Forte Park-233 California St (our home field) playing Temple Emanuel 2, Newton ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Mon Apr 19	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue Apr 20	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Sat Apr 24	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzvah of Sara Schiller-Robins</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon; <i>Set-up:</i> Danielle Klainberg & Mark Rosenberg, Josh Lieberman, Jamie Tessler, Lisa Samelson, Rob Saper; <i>Clean-up:</i> Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess, Elizabeth & David Roll, Pamela & Steven Katz ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sun Apr 25	10 am	Men's Softball	<i>Members-Only Event</i> Angier School-1697 Beacon St, playing Temple Shalom 2, Newton ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sun Apr 25	7 pm	<b>Yom Ha'atzma'ut - Israel Independence Day "Waltz With Bashir"</b> with a discussion afterward facilitated by Rabbi Toba	<i>Members-Only Even</i> ; 60 Highland Street, Sanctuary ( <i>see page 3</i> )
Mon Apr 26	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue Apr 27	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Thu Apr 29	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library



## May



Date	Time	Event	Kiddush, Notes
Sat May 1	8:45 am - 9:45 am	<b>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat May 1	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>	Mark Bronstein & Ellen Hemley, Karen Engels, Diane Becker
Sat May 1	10:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Junior Congregation</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 111 ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sat May 1	10:45 am - 11:30 am	<b>Tot Shabbat</b>	60 Highland Street: Room 110, 112 ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Mon May 3	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue May 4	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Fri May 7	6 pm	<b>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck</b>	Lisa Chedekel & Isabel Morais, Jennifer & David Greenberg ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sat May 8	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b>	Lilly Platt - in memory of Irene Platt, Nancy Gertz - in memory of Junius 'Babe' Gertz, Judy Hersh - in memory of Michael Hersh, Andrew Littman
Mon May 10	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue May 11	7 pm - 8:30 pm	Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless	FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4
Thu May 13	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat May 15	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Liam Wilcox Warren</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Pam Katz, Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattis ( <i>see page 4</i> )
Sun May 16	7:30 pm	Board Meeting	<i>Members-Only Even;</i> 60 Highland St: Living Room
Mon May 17	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Tue May 18	8 pm - 12 am	<b>Erev Shavuot</b>	Idit Klein—in honor of Nuri's second birthday, Emily Sper, Matilda & Ed Bruckner 60 Highland Street: Living Room
Sat May 22	9:45 am - 12 pm	Shabbat Morning Service	Haralie Alpert, Ellen White—in memory of Paul White, Sherry Katz, Cheryl Sacks; <i>Rabbi Toba off</i>
Sat May 22	6 pm	<b>CDT Film Club Amreeka 6 pm potluck, 7 pm film</b>	<i>Members-Only Event;</i> location to be announced
Mon May 24	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Thu May 27	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library
Sat May 29	9:45 am - 12 pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah of Perry Miller</b>	<i>Sanctuary Clean-up:</i> Hope Kellman, Janelle Winston; <i>Set-up:</i> Allison Hausman, Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb, Theresa St.John-Siegel & Steve Siegel, Scott Lewis; <i>Clean-up:</i> Rex Flynn, Amy Brodesky, Jonathan Rosenthal, Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon, Mark Paley
Mon May 31	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless	Contact Stan Fleischman for more information
Thu Apr 29	8 am - 9 am	<b>Soul Questions: An Exploration with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b>	60 Highland Street: Library

## 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 generally help out with B'nei Mitzvah kiddush, ushering and sanctuary clean-up, can primarily find their names listed on B'nei Mitzvah dates. Thanks for your help!—Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director

## Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact **Rabbi Spitzer** (617.965.0330) or Chesed Chair **Lisa Goodwin-Robbins** (617.969.6421 or lgoodrob@alumni.princeton.edu).

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@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org).

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.

### Chesed Buddies

*Anonymous*

My buddy and I went out in the rain  
To drop off the raisins and food

We did it together  
In really bad weather

That's why we stay in a good mood.

We call and check in when a shiva comes up  
To see if the other can go

Sometimes it works  
Sometimes it does not

But together we do try and show.

We cook when we can or deliver a meal  
We can't always do it as buddies

But having a friend  
Be there in the end

Makes light work (it's in all the studies).

We catch up with each other on what's in our lives  
We like seeing each other for fun

But what makes it so right  
In the day or the night

Is knowing that Chesed is done

I like to study and so does my buddy  
And we also like when we cook

We share work and play  
And learn on the way

The lessons aren't all in a book.

We do what we can to be part of the clan  
And Chesed is one way we do it

If mitzvah's your thing  
Give your buddy a ring

It's a great chance to act and get to it!

## Todah Rabah

A huge thank you to everyone who made possible our recent holiday celebrations:

To the Tubishvat Team—**Phoebe Cushman, Ellie Goldberg, Sarah Hartman, Andrea Jacobs, Linda Kramer, Benjamin Newman, and Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, for a wonderful, local-foods focused, multi-media seder.

To everyone who helped make Purim such a blast: Our fabulous Megillah Leyners, **Chayim "Elephant Nose" Herzig-Marx**, and **Elaine "Evil Haman" Pollack!** And to our Spielmeister, **James Kaplan**, and his merrie Spielers—**Stacey Chacker, Doug Hersh, Corinne Lofchie, Lilly Platt, Susan Silberberg**, and the Bluish people: **Ariane Chacker-Bourrut, Livia Reider, Leila Zisk**, and **Sara Kramer-Fried!** Plus soundman and pianist extraordinaire, **Nathan Aronow**, and special effects whiz **Clifford Goldsmith**. Thank you also to **Marla Cummins**, for the kids' prizes. And of course, to **Rav Tiffany** and her special guest, **Mama Trude!**

To our Seder Matchmaker, **Linette Liebling**, for helping make sure everyone had a seder to attend.

To **Cindy Shulak-Rome**, for her hard work and hospitality during the January *Limmud* event with Eleanor Duckworth

To the following members who provided Kiddush in recent weeks: **Janet Boguslaw, Thea Breite, Beth Brooks, Wendy Falchuk & Matthew Sarrett, Diana & Richard Fisher Gomburg, Jacqui & Stan Fleischman, Ora Gladstone, Rob Greenly, Ora Grodsky & Jonathan Rosenthal, Stephanie & Nem Hackett—In memory of Eleanor Hackett, Muriel Heiberger, Doug Hersh, Peter Hess, Laura Katz, Steven Katz, Linda Kramer, Alison & David Lobron, Tatjana Meschede & Daniel Krasa, Sivan Nasoff, Elaine Landes, Susan Nitkin, Ellen Pashall, Sandy Sedacca & Sherwood Ives, Lisa Port White, David Shumsky, Susie Tanchel, Bob Warren & Meg Wilcox, Karen Wasserman, Michael White, and Stephen Zisk.**

## Condolences

To **Benita Danzing**, on the death of her mother, Myra Danzing. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Ellen White**, on the death of her father, John White. May his memory be for a blessing.



## Yarzheit

The third yartzheit of beloved CDT member **Jill Volk** falls this year on April 25 (the 11th of *Iyyar*). We will be honoring her memory at Shabbat morning services on May 1.

## Mazel Tov

Mazel tov to our March b'nei mitzvah, **Mara Gibbs and Jacob Schwartz Rogers**, and to their families!

A hearty mazel tov and yasher koach to **Hankus Netsky**, on the 30th anniversary celebration of the Klezmer Conservatory Band.

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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.