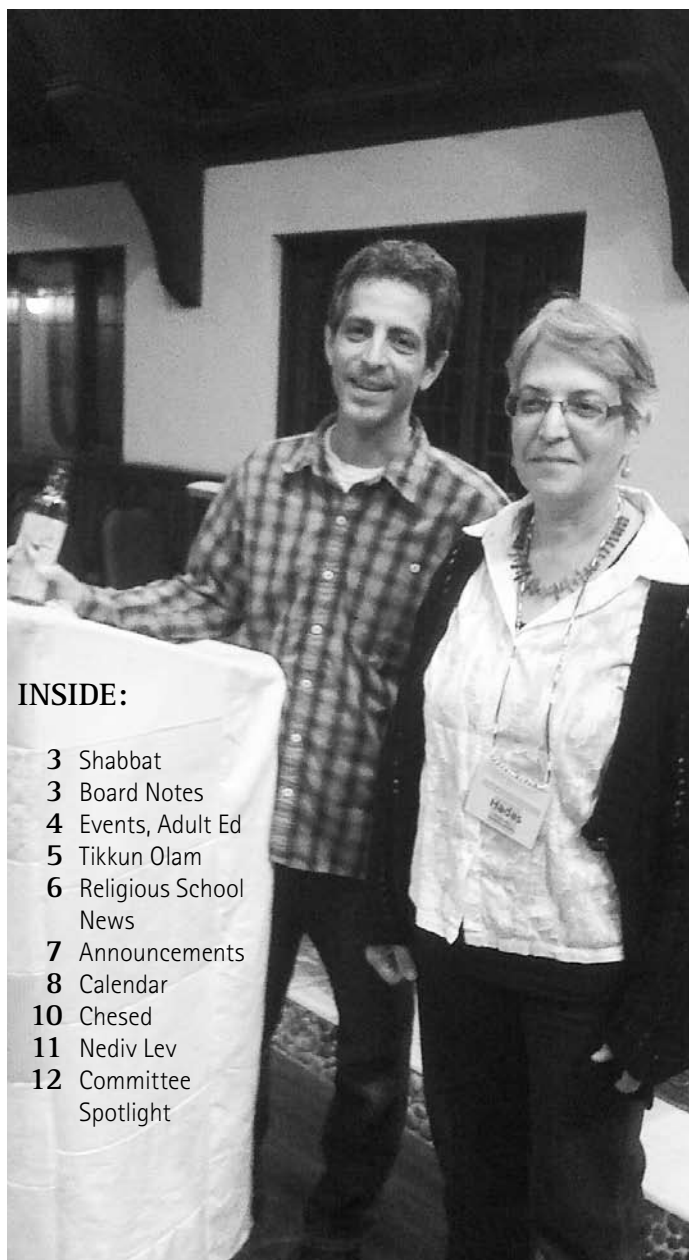


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**Photo: Johnathan Rosenthal and Hadas Lahav, Director of Sindyanina of Galilee, at the CDT Tikkun Olam Open House, September 12, 2010.**

## Tikkun Olam **Our Evolving Journey**

by Paul Hattis



**MORE THAN 30** CDT congregants attended the Tikkun Olam Open House on September 12th. We listened to updates on the various areas of Tikkun Olam (“repair of the world”) work that we do as a community. We heard briefly about our continuing efforts with GBIO to support their justice efforts involving financial (current “Move Our Money” campaign which you can read about on page 5) and health care issues.

**Rabbi Toba** described the initial efforts to support the “Hyatt 100”—the housekeepers who were summarily fired for no other reason than that they could be replaced by cheaper labor. I then updated the group on our recent Board decision to be the first synagogue in Massachusetts to sign a pledge committing to a boycott of the three local Hyatt hotels, in support of the housekeepers’ campaign.

**Ellie Goldberg** told us of how some groups of members were coming together in Eco Teams to monitor and hopefully change their energy consumption practices as a group.

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**Tom Brown** and **Chagit Steiner** told us about the strong participation by the congregation in the Red Fire Farm CSA and Sukkot trip planned for the end of September.

**Alex Sugerman-Brozan** told us about our ongoing commitment to Family Table and a new initiative to support the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)—a group trying to raise the basic pay and living conditions of tomato pickers in Florida. CIW is spearheading a campaign to pressure the corporate parent of Stop & Shop (whose headquarters are here in Massachusetts) to agree to pay a penny a pound more to help support these workers' wages.

Finally, the longest part of the evening was devoted to our learning from Hadas Lahav, Director of Sindyanna of Galilee. Sindyanna is a non-profit, women-led, fair-trade organization that includes both Jewish and Arab Israeli women working together to market environmentally sustainable fair-trade olive oil, Za'atar mixtures, olive oil soap, carob soap, honey, almonds, and handwoven baskets ([www.sindyanna.com](http://www.sindyanna.com)) that come from the Arab communities within Israel. We also had the opportunity to purchase some of their high-quality, fair trade olive oil—something we hope as a community to continue to do throughout the year. (Thanks to **Jonathan Rosenthal** in helping to make the connection To Sindyanna for us!)

All in all, for me and I think for others, it was a very inspiring evening, talking about the range of our *tikkun olam* commitments as a community. Time did not permit to us to talk in depth about these activities, which for many of the involved members, is taking a lot of time and personal energy to advance these efforts on our behalf. We owe them a lot of thanks as they are doing these good works in our collective name.

For me personally, I can reflect on where we were about seven to eight years ago, when a small group of us were sitting at a CDT Social Action Committee meeting, lamenting that while we felt good about some of our service efforts (Family Table and Habitat for Humanity to name a few), this was not enough to truly make the world a better place. We wanted to not only be putting an adhesive bandage on the large wounds around us—but also to dedicate a portion of our lives to join with others in social change efforts that could make the world a better place for large numbers of people.

It was that stated desire that helped us to reach out and discover GBIO as an organizing frame for entering into broader policy change work. GBIO was successful in its efforts with our help (justice for nursing home workers, the 2006 health care reform law and its implementation). And the knowledge that we gained about how productive and satisfying it can be to work with others on big picture issues helped to catalyze the range of activities going on now in our community.

This journey continues for our community. Led by our incredible social action chair **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, our hope is that all of our members can find their issue or niche in which to express their *tikkun olam* passion and interests.

Shanah Tovah to all!

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## The 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.

## CDT Board

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

#### Executive Committee

President: Paul Hattis  
First Vice President: Peter Katz  
VP Membership: Lisa Dee Port White  
VP Finance: Michael Cohen  
Secretary: Josh Lieberman  
Rabbi Toba Spitzer

#### Board Chairs

Communications: Allison Hausman and Susan Silberberg Robinson  
Finance Secretary: Sivan Nasoff  
Membership: TBA  
Leadership Development: Esther Kohn  
Ritual: Laurie Goldman  
Tikkun Olam: Alex Sugerman-Brozan

Member-at-large: Jonathan Rosenthal

#### Off-Board Chairs

Chesed: Jackie Fleischman and Ellie Goldberg  
Nediv Lev: Jeff Sacks  
Newsletter: Tim Rosa  
Rabbinic Liaison: Ora Gladstone  
School Liaison: Lisa Goodwin-Robbins  
Website: Stan Fleischman

#### Staff

Education Director: Annette Lawson  
Administrative Director: Marla Lichtman  
Administrative Assistant: Jon Sarner

# Shabbat

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. During Rabbi Toba's weekends off, members of the congregation will lead services. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in room 112.

## Bat Mitzvah of Annalisa Zoe Flynn

October 2, 9:45 am

Annalisa is in seventh grade at Brown Middle School in Newton. For her Tikkun Olam project, she volunteers for the environmental organization, Students for a Greener World.

## Bat Mitzvah of Elise Lou Hausman

October 9, 9:45 am

Elise is a seventh grader at Day Middle School. For her Tikkun Olam project, she has worked with Family Table to provide food for families in need.

## All-Ages Erev Shabbat Services

October 8, November 5, December 10

6:00 pm Candle lighting and Dinner,  
6:45 pm Service

Join us for this fun, musical erev Shabbat service, appropriate for all ages. Once a month, we gather for a potluck vegetarian dinner, beginning with candle lighting & Kiddush at 6:00 pm, followed by the service at 6:45 pm. Please bring a dairy/veggie/fish main dish to share, enough for 15-20 people (drinks and dessert are provided).

## Adult Erev Shabbat Services

October 22, December 17, 8:00 pm

Join Rabbi Toba at these occasional adult-oriented erev Shabbat services, to welcome Shabbat with singing, reflection, and a little Torah.

## Stained Glass Window Dedication

Shabbat morning, October 9

Please join us at Shabbat morning services as we dedicate the beautiful new stained glass window triptych in our sanctuary, made by our very own Caleb Weinreb.

## Shabbat Morning Torah Study

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday mornings, 8:45 am

Fall Dates: October 23, November 20,  
December 18

60 Highland Street, in the Library, Free of charge

Join Rabbi Toba for exploration of the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries ancient to modern. Whether you're a Torah study maven or wouldn't know Genesis from Deuteronomy, bring your questions, early morning thoughts, and your own caffeine!

## August Board Notes

1. Welcome: A few new board members attending their first meeting were welcomed.

2. Presentation of Hyatt 100: Two affected workers, a representative from the hotel workers union, and a staff member from the Jewish Labor Committee came to brief the Board on the history and evolution of events following the firing of the Hyatt 100 housekeepers on August 31, 2009. After hearing the details from all of the affected parties, the board decided to be the first Synagogue in Massachusetts to sign onto the pledge in support of the workers. In sum, the pledge by CDT is to do the following:

a. Discourage Jewish groups and individuals from conducting any business at any of the three Boston area Hyatt Hotels (Cambridge, Logan Airport, and Downtown Crossing) until they reach a mutual agreement with the housekeepers.

b. Choose other Boston area hotels when seeking accommodations and hospitality for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, celebrations, conferences, and personal accommodations and encourage others to do similarly.

c. Inform friends, family and colleagues of these actions to educate others about Hyatt's inhumane treatment of their workers.

3. Publicity and Communications: **Allison Hausman** summarized the work that she and **Susan Silberberg Robinson** have accomplished to date. Their efforts include new signage, print ads in the *Newton Tab* and other places and the Wordle. Board members noted how positive their efforts are to date.

4. Board Committees: Ritual, Tikkun Olam, and School Reports were given. (See page 1 for an article on the Tikkun Olam Open House.) Also, the school delivered a draft of a new policy amending the CDT Bar/Bat Mitzvah Guidelines to the board. Board members will review this and offer any edits to **Annette Lawson**, CDT

Education Director, and hopefully adopt a revised policy at the board retreat on October 17th.

5. Finance report was given, sharing the wonderful news that we had a slight surplus for the previous fiscal year, instead of a projected deficit.

6. Board retreat overview and discussion items were solicited. A desire for a board orientation as well as a discussion of the synagogue's decision-making process was requested. Additional work tied to board roles will also be discussed. Also, a plan for reviewing dues in the community will be discussed at the board retreat.

# CDT Events

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at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space:  
60 Highland Street in The Second Church  
of Newton, West Newton.

## Rosh Chodesh

*Cheshvan—October 4,  
Kislev—November 8 at 7:30 pm  
60 Highland Street, Living Room*

Welcome every Jewish month with spirituality, celebration and community! Each month, a group of CDT women of all ages gathers to welcome the new month in a structured meeting full of sharing and ritual. We invite you to join us for a meaningful start to each month.

Feel free to send any questions to **Laurie Schloff**, [speaksmart@aol.com](mailto:speaksmart@aol.com) or **Kristen Petersen**, [petersenka@comcast.net](mailto:petersenka@comcast.net).

## Film Club: Mary and Max

*October 16, 6 pm Potluck, 7 pm Film*

*Stan and Jackie Fleishman's, 28 Bowdoin St.  
Newton Highlands*

The first offering of the CDT Film Club this fall will be *Mary and Max*. This film has been featured at a number of Jewish Film Festivals, has been lauded as one of the best claymation films, and is extremely touching.

The film will be preceded by a potluck dinner, which will start at 6 pm. If you're coming for the potluck, please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share (if you know what you'll bring, please let us know). The movie will be followed by a group discussion. Feel free to come for any part of the evening. We hope you can join us!

The following is a brief description of *Mary and Max*:

Unforgettable characters haunt this quietly fulfilling claymation dramedy about friendship, which manages to find gentle humor and hope in the hardscrabble, frequently dreary and depressing lives of pen pals Mary (Collette) and Max (Hoffman). Buoyed by their mutual love of chocolate and acceptance of each other's "differences", Mary and Max forge a unique long-distance and long-term friendship. Frank discussions and depictions of mature issues (alcoholism, depression, where babies come from, death, mental illness, disabilities, hypocrisy and exclusion)—not a movie for kids.

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# Adult Learning

## From Herzl to Jellyfish—In 150 years

*with Dr. Irit Aharony*

*Monday evenings, October 11, 18, 25,  
7:30–9:15 pm*

*Members: free of charge; non-members:  
\$15/session, \$36 for all three.*

We are thrilled to have Dr. Aharony back at CDT; her classes on Israeli literature and culture have been greatly enjoyed in years past. There are a number of significant "birthdays" this year—the 150th year since the birth of Theodor Herzl, founder of the early Zionist movement, and the 100th anniversary of the creation of the first kibbutz, Degania. The first two classes will explore representations of both of these icons in Israeli culture—of Herzl himself, and of the "kibbutznik," in both literature and film. The final class will explore current

issues facing Israeli youth, through movies, stories and songs. (All movies and stories will have subtitles/translations into English.)

Dr. Irit Aharony received her Ph.D. from Bar-Ilan University in Modern Hebrew Literature, and wrote her thesis on the theme of wandering in Israeli literature. Since 1996, Dr. Aharony has taught Modern Hebrew and Israeli Literature at Harvard University.

## Service of the Heart

*with Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

*Thursday mornings beginning October 14  
(ongoing), 8:00–9:00 am,  
Second Church Library*

With the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 C.E. and the end of animal sacrifice, the early rabbis declared that "service of the heart" would replace the

Temple service. Their "service of the heart" evolved into the liturgy that we recite today. But what is our service of the heart? Can we still find personal meaning in traditional Jewish prayers? How might we connect new and non-traditional ways of thinking about God with ancient metaphors that no longer resonate? Join Rabbi Toba for this weekly exploration of the traditional morning liturgy and other forms of "prayer," from silence to singing to things we'll invent ourselves. If "prayer"—Hebrew or otherwise—is a mystery (or worse) to you—then join us!

## Abraham Joshua Heschel: From Spirituality to Action

*with Professor Ed Kaplan*

*Tuesday evening, December 14, 7:45pm  
Free of charge*

(More info coming in the Nov. newsletter)

# Tikkun Olam



Photo: Hyatt 100 Protest in Boston

## Starts Now

CDT's "Moving Our Money" Campaign

Family Table Tzedakah Event

Community Supported Agriculture

Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Hyatt 100

Sindyanna of Galilee Fair Trade Olive Oil

Eco-Teams

by Ora Gladstone, Erica Streit-Kaplan, and  
Alex Sugerman-Brozan

## CDT's "Moving Our Money" Campaign

**B**Y NOVEMBER 17TH, Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, along with religious communities and congregations throughout greater Boston, will work to close at least 500 accounts at large banks that charge "usurious" fees. These institutions are: Bank of America, Wells Fargo, JPMorgan Chase, CitiGroup, and Wachovia.

As part of a nationwide social justice effort, members are being encouraged to move their money to institutions that do not charge the high interest rates and fees common to our largest banking institutions. Not only will this be taking place in Boston, but over a dozen other cities across the USA are involved in the same initiative. The members of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and its counterparts nationwide believe that "10% IS ENOUGH!"

While there has been modest movement by our Massachusetts lawmakers to curtail some of the egregious practices of these "too big to fail" banks, there is no legislation pending that would set a cap to the amount these banks can charge. That's where all of us come in. By mounting a national campaign, people, speaking through their bank accounts, will make it clear to the banking industry that banks will be held accountable for usurious practices.

Over this next month, and leading up to a "GBIO action" on Wednesday, November 17th, 12:00-2:00 pm in downtown Boston (location TBD), members of CDT will be receiving an email survey, and learning about how this campaign relates to Jewish values of social justice.

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If you already know that you're ready to close an account with Bank of America or another institution, please let **Emily Sper** ([emily@emilysper.com](mailto:emily@emilysper.com)) know. Or contact any of the other "Move Our Money" committee members: **Ora Gladstone, Rick Glassman, Laurie Goldman, Paul Hattis, Staci Rubin, Erica Streit-Kaplan** and **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**. We're here to help you understand the issues, guide you in closing account(s), and make the campaign a success.

## Family Table Tzedakah Event

*Family Table, Waltham, MA, October 17, 2010, 10:00am-noon*

**F**AMILY TABLE IS the kosher food pantry in the Boston area which serves about 550 people. CDT is one of 50+ synagogues and schools that help make this happen. We have a monthly commitment of collecting tuna and veggies, and, we have a once per year commitment of assembling drivers on one specific Sunday. This year, our designated day is Sunday, October 17th.

Kitah Vav families have traditionally been asked/encouraged to be a big part of this day but everyone is welcome to help out. Sharing this is a wonderful way of giving back tzedakah with a great group. I have been asked to come with 10 or more families, bags, boxes, and roomy cars that will hold 5-10 grocery bags/boxes. We will be packing food and delivering food to one or two Family Table recipients in our cars.

Please contact **Jan Small** ([thesmall4@gmail.com](mailto:thesmall4@gmail.com) or 617-527-6685) by Sunday, October 10th if you can help and be a part of this wonderful, fun event. Thank you.

## Tikkun Olam Updates

**R**ED FIRE FARM CSA: *Kol Hakavod* to **Tom Brown** and **Chagit Steiner** for tirelessly working to coordinate this project and to locate a fall drop-off location. There will also be a winter share CSA. Details will be available in the November newsletter. If you can't wait or to get involved, email **Tom Brown**, [tom@brown.name](mailto:tom@brown.name).

**Coalition of Immokalee Workers:** We are working with the CIW and a small local group of leaders from different faith communities on sending a delegation to meet with Stop & Shop to encourage them to reach an agreement with CIW. To learn more, visit [www.ciw-online.org](http://www.ciw-online.org). To get involved, email **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, [tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org).

**Hyatt 100:** The Jewish Labor Committee is working to get synagogues, Jewish organizations, and individuals to sign their pledge to support the boycott, and CDT is the first synagogue in Massachusetts to do so. To learn more, visit [www.hotelworkersrising.org/hyatt100](http://www.hotelworkersrising.org/hyatt100). To get involved, email **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, [tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org).

**Sindyanna of Galilee Fair Trade Olive Oil:** We are in the process of building a partnership with Sindyanna of Galilee (see Paul's article on page 1 for more information), in which CDT members will have the opportunity to make regular purchases of organic, fair-trade olive oil while promoting Israeli-Palestinian cooperation within Israel. More details will be available soon. To learn more about Sindyanna, [www.sindyanna.com](http://www.sindyanna.com). To get involved, email **Jonathan Rosenthal**, [jonathan@just-works.com](mailto:jonathan@just-works.com).

**Eco-Teams:** If you are interested in possibly being part of a future Eco-Team, email **Ellie Goldberg**, [ellie.goldberg@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.goldberg@gmail.com). ■

## Religious School News by Annette Lawson

As I write this, we are just about to begin a new school year at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek. We will be welcoming more than 90 students to our school, from the 14 students in our *Nitzanim* (Pre-K) class to the seven returning students in our new 9th grade class. Add to that the dozen congregational teens who will assist in our school as *madrichim* this year.

Our school is blessed to have an amazing faculty: learned, creative, caring and fun! I am delighted to welcome back our returning staff: **Alison Lobron** (*Kitah Nitzanim* and this year

*Kitah Gimmel* also), **Avraham Wachs Cashman** (moving up with his students to *Kitah Hey* this year), **Hillary Pinsker** (*Kitah Vav*), **Cindy Shulak-Rome** (*Kitah Zayin*) and **Ben Rotenberg** (*BaDerech*).

We are fortunate to have the following new staffers joining us as well:

**Ayal Weiner-Kaplow** will be teaching *Kitah Gan* (K). Ayal, a senior at Brandeis, is already known to many of our older students from his work at Camp JRF as the head of the music program and for leading some of our youth High Holyday

programs here at Dorshei Tzedek.

**Adina Mailick** is joining us to teach *Kitah Alef-Bet* (1st and 2nd grades). Adina is a graduate of Bennington College, and is an experienced religious school teacher, including work in another Reconstructionist school.

**Ariella Lis** will be teaching *Kitah Dalet* (4th grade). Ariella has both a bachelors and a master's degree in Judaic Studies from Brandeis, and has extensive Jewish camp experience.

**Rebecca Richman** will be our Informal Education coordinator. She will be responsible for planning fun events like the Shul-In, as well as planning the children's programming for the congregational retreat next June. Becca is a Brandeis student, and also has been a Camp JRF staffer.

With our great students and wonderful staff, I am predicting (as it says on our new banner outside the school) a year of joy, learning, friends, and fun.

# Announcements

## Tradition & Transformation:

Come Learn about Reconstructionist Judaism and CDT!

*with Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

*Sunday, October 3, 2:00–4:00 pm*

What does it mean to "reconstruct" Jewish tradition for a contemporary world? How can ancient texts and rituals be meaningful to us today? Join Rabbi Toba Spitzer to learn more about the Reconstructionist approach to Jewish living, as well as to learn about the Dorshei Tzedek community. While this event is geared toward prospective members, CDT members who are curious about Reconstructionist Judaism are encouraged to attend as well!

## Many Thanks for High Holydays

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped create our beautiful High Holydays services:

To the Ritual Committee for all of their logistical support: **Laurie Goldman, Matilda Bruckner, Debbie Waber, Audra Karp, Linda Kramer, and Elaine Pollack.**

To our sound crew, **Mark Bronstein and Nathan Aronow.**

To our wonderful staff, **Zeke Avradopoulos, Marla Lichtman, and Jon Sarner.**

To our chazanim (cantors): **Elaine Pollack, Doug Hersh, Karen Arnold, Dan Rome, Sarah Arnold, Bill Shorr, Elana Rome, Nathan Reider, and Sam Cohen.**

To all of our Torah & haftarah leyners: **Mark Bronstein, Lisa Port White, Mark Farber, Gabe Weinreb, Audra Karp, Chayim Herzig-Marx, Karen Arnold, Joel Reider, Naomi Ingber, Amalia Leiberman, Louise Enoch, Steffi Karp, Cindy Shulak-Rome, and Susan Moser.**

To our wonderful shofar blowers: **Jacqui Bloomberg, Karen Wasserman, Lisa Port White, Daniel Boguslaw, and Aryeh Lieberman.**

To **Aaron Wolff**, for playing cello on Kol Nidre.

To the members of CDT Sings for their beautiful musical contributions: **Karen Arnold, Michele Arons, Elaine Bresnick, David Felson, Doug Hersh, Sue Lanser, Sharon Sevransky, and Stephen & Leila Zisk.**

To the Torah of Chesed members who organized the powerful discussion on the second day of Rosh Hashanah: **Amy Mazur, Carole Slipowitz, Lisa Schneier, and Ellen Pashall.**

To the members of Avelut for their help with the Eleh Ezkerah service, especially **Hilary Marcus, Andrew Sofer, Ellie Goldberg, and Cindy Rivka Marshall.**

To **Laya Steinberg** for her yoga instruction.

To our Children's Program coordinators, **Marc Steinberg, Sharon Sevransky, and Sivan Nasoff**, for their incredible efforts, and our children's service leaders for their wonderful contributions: **Erica Streit-Kaplan, Betsy Hinden, Susan Silberberg-Robinson, Alison Lobron, Gina Fried, Ayal Weiner-Kaplow, and Adam Karp.**

And to everyone, too many to mention here, who helped with schlepping and shopping, childcare, greeting, setting up, and taking down. It was a communal effort, and the community's strength shone through!

## August in Auburndale a Big Hit for All Ages

by Lisa Dee Port White

The CDT biennial picnic was a rousing success. We had a glorious, if hot, afternoon at the Auburndale Cove. More than 70 people came out for crafts, softball, water balloons, and food. Everyone pitched in to make it fun—people brought food to share and **Bill Shorr** and **Steve Zisk** were totally hot at the grill. **Abby Cohen** provided not-your-average craft projects. **Celia Snyder, Tema Siegel, and Nellie White** practiced their pre-tattoo-ink skills by face painting with, well, face paint. **Abby Cohen, Jen Kaplan, and Marcia Okun** helped with some intricate and secret behind-the-

scenes work. **Judy Hersh** and **Tim Rosa** provided the paper goods so we didn't have to eat off our laps and with our hands. Our picnic was so fab that people from the next site kept coming over (and since it was another Jewish group, we gave them lots of information about how terrific Congregation Dorshei Tzedek is).

This would be a great time to mark your calendar for the full-out CDT retreat that will be held the weekend of June 10th–12th, 2011 at the Camp Yavneh site in southern New Hampshire. The retreats (whether in picnic or weekend form) are a wonderful way to get to know other folks in the congregation better, eat great food, and play and pray outside.

## Welcome New Members

**Nina & Jeremy Price** and their children **Eitan and Aleeza**

**Elisheva Dan & Ruth Somers** (non-member)

**Stacie Garnett & Andrew Cook**

**Debbie Isenberg & Jane Fox**, and their son **Nate**

**Kate McNally Hoffman**

**Allyson Cherkasky** and her son **Jacob Solomita**

## The Ritual Committee Wants You!

The Ritual Committee is always open to new members. If you are interested in the planning and coordination of services or other matters related to the spiritual life of our community, please contact Ritual Committee Chair **Laurie Goldman** at [laurie.goldman@tufts.edu](mailto:laurie.goldman@tufts.edu). We also offer training in lay service leading and leyning skills.

## Support CDT through Amazon

Buy your books and support CDT at the same time! We are now an "Amazon Associate". When you click on the Amazon link on the CDT homepage ([www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org)), a portion of any purchase you make will be contributed to Dorshei Tzedek.

# CDT Calendar

# October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in The Second Church of Newton, West Newton.</p>						<p>1 Shabbat Morning Service &amp; Bat Mitzvah of Annalisa Flynn 9:45a–12p Kiddush 12p–1p</p>
<p>3 Sukkah Takedown 11:30a, FUSN: at the Sukkah Traditions &amp; Transformation: Reconstructionist Judaism Today with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 2p–4p</p>	<p>4 Rosh Chodesh Celebration <i>Members Only</i>, 7:30p–9p, Living Room</p>	<p>5 Chesed Meeting 7p–8:30p, FUSN: Upstairs kitchen</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service &amp; Potluck 6p</p>	<p>9 Shabbat Morning Service &amp; Bat Mitzvah of Elise Hausman 9:45a–12p Kiddush 12p–1p</p>
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<p>17</p>	<p>18 From Herzl to Jellyfish—in 150 Years with Irit Aharony 7:30p–9:15p, Living Room</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Service of the Heart with Rabbi Toba <i>Members Only</i>, 8a–9a, Library</p>	<p>22 Adult Erev Shabbat Service 8p</p>	<p>23 Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45a–9:45a, Library Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a–12p Junior Congregation 10:45a–12p, Room 111 Kiddush 12p–1p</p>
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# Kiddush Assignments

**Shabbat 10/2: Ushers:** Laurie Gould & Steve Ansolabehere  
**Sanctuary Cleanup:** Pamela Schoenberg Reider & Joel Reider  
**Setup:** Marla Cummins, Kristen Petersen, Karen Arnold, Jamie Tessler, Peter Shapiro, Rachel Nemeth Cohen  
**Cleanup:** Linda Schiller and Steve Robins, Lauren Gibbs, Susan Nitkin & Jeffrey Marcus, Jacqui Bloomberg

**Sukkah takedown 10/3:** Rochelle Hahn & Kenny Breuer, Doron Gan, Stephanie & Nem Hackett

**Erev Shabbat 10/8:** Andrew Sofer—in honor of Paul Sofer, Stephen Zisk, Jonathan Magaziner—in honor of Norman Marcus' birthday, Betsy Hinden

**Shabbat 10/9: Ushers:** Diana & Richard Fisher Gomberg  
**Cleanup:** Lisa Port White, Hope Kellman

**Shabbat 10/16:** Lissy Medvedow & Cliff Cohen, Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein

**Erev Shabbat 10/22:** Elaine Bresnick, Sherwood Ives, Laurie Schloff

**Shabbat 10/23:** Jen Levine-Fried & Matt Fried—in memory of Jonathan Levine, Cindy Shulak-Rome, Ora Gladstone

**Shabbat 10/30:** Jeff Kichen—in memory of Alma Kichen, Linette Liebling—in memory of Joel Liebling, Rebecca Gutman, Joel Katz

**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.

**No Fragrances, Please.** So that Dorshei Tzedek events are accessible to all of our members and guests, we ask that people refrain from wearing fragrances (perfumes, scented oils, colognes, etc.) to all CDT events. While pleasant to some, fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.



**Photo: Bill Schorr at the CDT picnic at Auburndale Park, Newton, MA.**  
("Thank you"s on pages 7 and 10!)

## Greater Boston Jewish Community

### LimmudBoston Is Coming!

*October 30–31, Temple Israel, Boston*

Dorshei Tzedek, a co-sponsor of this program, welcomes Boston's first annual LimmudBoston conference—a daylong festival of Jewish learning—which will be held at Temple Israel of Boston. Beginning on Saturday, October 30th, at 7:30 pm with Havdalah & entertainment, the conference continues all day Sunday, October 31. As LimmudBoston co-sponsors, CDT urges you to attend this community-wide celebration of lifelong Jewish learning (Limmud is Hebrew for learning). Limmud-Boston sessions will offer arts and culture, text and thought, music, spirituality, tikkun olam, peoplehood, Israel, Jewish parenting, music, storytelling & dance, cooking and a shuk. Bring your friends and family and be sure to register today (\$36 adults; \$18 teens 12-17; free for children 12 & under), by going to [www.limmudboston.org](http://www.limmudboston.org).

### Jews on the Move: The Suburbanization of Boston Jewry

*October 17, 12:30–6:30pm*

Join the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts and Temple Emanuel of Newton, in celebration of its 75th anniversary, for a bus tour of historic Jewish Boston. The group will tour present and former synagogues in Roxbury, Dorchester, Randolph, and Newton, and trace congregations as they move from city to suburb; as new congregations are generated in Boston's suburbs; and as the structure, behavior, and physical look of Boston Jewry changes with the move. "Jews on the Move" costs \$36 per person and will be led by Ellen Smith, Associate Professor at Brandeis University, scholar, curator and author. Advance reservations required by going to [www.synagoguecouncil.org](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org) or by calling 617-244-6506, ext. 19.

### Synagogue Council of Massachusetts' Unity Mission

*October 24 & 25, New York City*

The Synagogue Council of Massachusetts' nationally acclaimed Unity Mission, now in its 24th year, will be held on Sunday and Monday, October 24th and 25th, in New York. This program brings together leaders of congregations and minyanim from throughout Massachusetts for a one-of-a-kind experience that will move you, uplift you, and alter the way you perceive yourself and your fellow Jews for all time! Along with a diverse group of committed synagogue leaders, students from area schools, and delegates from Haifa, you will meet, face to face, with prominent national and international Jewish luminaries. Highlights include visits to seminary galleries, libraries and chapels, enabling you to view—up close—the sacred spaces, treasured archives and artifacts preserved and housed at each of the Unity Mission's itinerary sites. For further information, go to [www.synagoguecouncil.org](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org), or call 617-244-6506.

# Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Toba (617-965-0330 x2), or Jackie Fleischman (jackief@rcn.com) or Ellie Goldberg (ellie.goldberg@gmail.com) of the Chesed Committee.

## Special Needs Campaign

This fall, we have kicked off a special year-long campaign focusing on becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community for children with special needs and their families. Our goals for this campaign include:

- to learn and grow as individuals and as a community in these efforts;
- to be intentional about not creating roadblocks to people's participation in the congregation;
- to think about welcoming special needs children in a Jewish framework, in consonance with our Jewish values;
- and to put structures and concrete resources into place so that any and all members can access them with ease and without shame.

We need your energy and support! The next opportunity to discuss activities related to the campaign will occur on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm at the First Unitarian Society, 1326 Washington Street in West Newton. We welcome all CDT members who would like to join us in this effort. Please contact **Susan Nitkin** (suenits@gmail.com) for further details.

## New Guide to Mourning at CDT

To assist members with issues related to death and mourning (what is expected, how to perform certain rituals, and how to act with and speak to members who are going through the death and mourning process), we have created a booklet entitled, *Finding Comfort, Giving Support: A Guide to Mourning at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek* that comprehensively describes all facets of this process. The booklet is available on our literature table and on our website.

## Mazel Tov

To **Matilda and Ed Bruckner**, on the August wedding of their son Raphael to Karolina—which they celebrated with a trip to Poland to meet her grandparents in Warsaw.

To **Marvin and Charlene Brotman**, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary!

To **Andrew Sofer**, on the forthcoming publication of his first book of poems, *WAVE*, Advance orders, at a discount price of \$9, can be placed at the MSR website, which features samples, blurbs, and a bio: <http://www.mainstreetrag.com/ASofer.html>. Order a copy and help keep independent publishing alive!

## Todah Rabah

A huge thanks to the coordinating team for the wonderful "August in Auburndale" event (**Lisa Port White, Abby Cohen, Jen Kaplan, and Marcia Okun**) and everyone else who helped out. See Lisa's article on page 7 for more details.

Todah Rabah to **Andy Cohen** for his generous donation of a new (to CDT) laptop.



**Photos: Jacob and Emily Shumsky at the CDT picnic at Auburndale Park, Newton, MA. (More "thank you"s on p.7!)**

Having this updated machine is a huge help and will make **Jon Sarner's** workday much easier. Todah rabah to **Dan Halbert** as well, for arranging to get the laptop, installing all the software, and getting it in good working order.

Todah rabah to all of those who helped with Kiddush or B'nei Mitzvah in August and September: **Mei See Sandson, Sharon Sevransky, Michele Arons & Michael Bran, Carol Sklar—in honor of Leah and Abraham Sklar, Irena Fayngold & Paul Schimek, Allison Andrews, Misha Dudnik, Elaine Pollack, Lynda Goldberg & Joe Bayes, Tony Broh, Meryl Epstein, Erica Streit-Kaplan, Hilary Marcus—in memory of Roslyn Marcus, and Barbara Beck—in memory of Stephen Beck.**

## Refuah Sh'leyma

We send blessings of healing to CDT members **Carol Hemley** and **Susannah Zisk**.

## Condolences

To **Michele Arons** on the death of her grandmother Eva Aron. May her memory be for a blessing. May the Source of Comfort bring comfort to Michele and her family, along with all those who mourn.

## Yarzheit

We remember CDT member **Shari Zimble**, whose yartzheit falls this year on October 2nd (the 24th of Tishrei), may her memory be for a blessing. We will be marking Shari's yartzheit at Shabbat morning services on October 2nd.

## Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

October 11, 8:00pm, Home of Jamie Tessler, 28 Cotton Street #1, Roslindale

November 8, 8:00 pm, Home of Benita Danzing, 79 Brookside Avenue, Newtonville

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

journeys in bereavement. Meeting dates will be posted in the newsletter and the member calendar of the CDT website. Avelut meets on the second Monday of every month. Please join us if you would like to remember a family member or friend. If you would like more information about the group, contact **Ellie Goldberg** ([ellie.goldberg@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.goldberg@gmail.com)). To volunteer to host a meeting or for planning details, contact **Jamie Tessler** ([jtessler@igc.org](mailto:jtessler@igc.org)).

#### **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).

## **This fall, we kicked off a year-long campaign on becoming a more welcoming and inclusive community.**

We began implementing a new system in June to make it easier to help members when they have chesed needs. Please support our efforts by creating a login to the website we will be using, Lotsa Helping Hands. You can then sign up to provide a chesed need on the Calendar section. Go to [www.lotsahelpinghands.com](http://www.lotsahelpinghands.com) and click on "Sign In." If you have any problems or ques-

tions, please contact **Corinne Lofchie** at [clofchie@gmail.com](mailto:clofchie@gmail.com) or 617.909.6617.

**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.

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 Toba at 617-965-0330 x2.

# Nediv Lev

## **We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.**

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.

### **General Fund**

**Frances Gutman Chernow**—*In honor of Rabbi Toba*

**Tim Rosa**—*To the following people who work(ed) on the CDT newsletter: Dan Halbert, Karen Engels, and Stephanie Hackett for their many years of commitment; Josette Akresh-Gonzales for creating a beautiful new design; Barbara Pittel, Deb Albenberg, Jo Ann Share, and Emily Shumsky for joining the new team*

**Cindy Shulak Rome and Dan Rome**—*In honor of Ilana Blatt Eisengart and Joshua Guthermann on the birth of their son, Aaron Philip Guthermann; in memory of Wendy Angus' mother Harriett; in memory of Lillian Schiff, Andrew Schiff's mother;*

*in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Annalisa Flynn; in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Elise Hausman*

**Ann Spanel**—*In honor of Rabbi Toba's and the congregation's Tikkun Olam on many levels*

**Ilene Spiro and Ira Schor**—*In memory of Andrew Schiff's mother, Lillian Schiff*

### **Camp JRF Fund**

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

### **School Fund**

### **Holy Books Fund**

### **Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund**

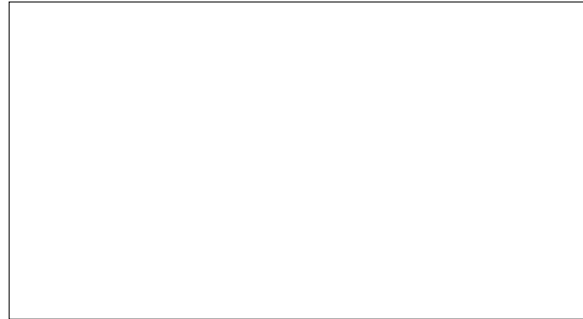
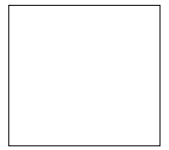
**Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome**

*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.*

### **Building Fund**



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# Committee Spotlight

## Membership Committee in the Groove

by Lisa Dee Port White



**THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** is charged with helping the CDT community grow—in terms of increasing member-households and creating stronger bonds between congregants. Membership is often the first point of contact for interested people/potential members and then is responsible for helping to welcome them to the congregation.

In specific terms, we respond to phone calls and emails, send information, answer questions, organize open houses for prospective members and orientations for new members, and make introductions.

The membership committee is restructuring this year. Instead of having a committee per se, we will be building teams. Since membership affects all of us, it is my goal to make sure that everyone feels as though s/he is part of the membership committee. In fact, I'm counting on it. We need everyone to be part of making CDT a warm and engaging congregation. Please



**Photo: Nellie White and Henry Wasserman at the CDT picnic at Auburndale Park, Newton, MA. ("Thank you"s on pages 7 and 10!)**

say hello to each other and ask someone's name if you don't know or remember it.

**We could use more people to make welcoming phone calls.** Ideally, every new member receives a welcoming phone call within a month of their joining. Right now we don't have enough people doing that. **Sometimes we need help with events**—bringing some food or beverages, showing up to talk to interested people, and being willing to be a mentor family or attend services with someone new. Beyond that, as members of a bustling and vibrant congregation, another way to help is to **answer the call to volunteer** when they are put out there. One of the best ways to feel connected to the congregation is to be involved.

Give me a call or send me email; I can use your help. Thanks!

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