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The 'Renewal of Spirit' and Our Children

by **Paul Hattis**



I AM WRITING this article shortly after hearing about Debbie Friedman's death. That news also comes after having just participated in a family education program for Zev's Kitah Zayin class where the topic for discussion focused on issues affecting our children's desire to maintain a strong Jewish identity and practice in their lives.

In our family education discussions as parents, we reflected on the question of what key factors and experiences tend to influence our children's thinking and perhaps propel them to want to identify as engaged Jews in their teen years and beyond. At one

point of the discussion, I asked my small group, how important was it for any of them to want their children to have a Jewish summer camp experience? I asked that question knowing about the story in the book *The Jew in the Lotus*, where some American Jewish leaders, after being asked by the Dalai Lama "what has been the secret of Jewish spiritual survival in exile," told him that an important part of the answer in America has been- Jewish summer camp experiences for our youth.

Debbie Friedman's death and this family education discussion made me think about my first Jewish summer camp experi-

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ence, at age 12, at the Reform Movement's camp in Wisconsin. I remember the experience having the sort of things you would expect (and perhaps hope for) at a Jewish Reform Movement camp: the usual mix of outdoor activities and sports combined with thoughtful inclusion of Jewish prayer, study, and discussion. For many, camp was also about making new friends and just having fun.

But the year was 1970 and for many pre-teens of that era, camp also brought some very new experiences. Some of them were political. I have memories of being surrounded by counselors and even young rabbis very much affected by the anti-Vietnam war movement (two months after the shootings at Kent State), the civil rights struggle, and the 1960's cultural emphasis on sex, drugs, and rock and roll. In retrospect, I realize that a lot of the "heady" camp conversations, which included those of us in our early teen years, were influenced by what college students and young adults were thinking about: where the country was going, where their lives were headed, and perhaps, where did being American Jews and our attendant culture and values fit into the context of all of that. In addition to the American counselors and staff, the camp also had a number of Israelis—mostly men—who had recently completed army duty, including some who fought in the 1967 Six Day War. They were the "camp heroes" and their war stories also dominated many of the camp discussions. So you had this interesting swirl of people and issues that helped me and many others to begin to really think about the broader world.

But the Jewish aspect of camp wasn't all intellectual. There were really a fair amount of spiritual awakening opportunities as well. I distinctly remember my first Shabbat at camp. There is not space to detail it all—but suffice it to say for someone growing up in a suburban Reform synagogue of the 1960's—the camp Shabbat experience (which was fun, exciting, and had a special integrative quality to it) was something very different from what I had experienced growing up.

Part of that special Shabbat ruach came from the music and singing, which we—even those of us not especially musical—found incredibly uplifting and connecting. A good deal of that magic came as a result of the decision that year to hire an 18 year-old guitar-playing woman from Minnesota to be the camp song-leader. Her name was Debbie Friedman and she was amazing! She made camp that summer so warm and spiritual, and certainly helped me desire to be part of a community who values the beauty and soulfulness that comes from sharing Jewish liturgical music experiences. Ultimately, Debbie did that for millions of Jews everywhere.

So—Debbie Friedman, Jewish camp, family education—who knows what factors will be the most influential in affecting our children's Jewish identity and life practices. I know I am thinking about it—and I hope you are too.

Postscript: For families with children attending a Jewish sleep-over camp for the first time, \$1,000 grants (per child) are available from Combined Jewish Philanthropies, and subsidies for Camp JRF are also available from our own Camp JRF Scholarship Fund (contact the CDT office for more information).

CDT 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.

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CDT Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and high-resolution photos to dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

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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. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in room 112.

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

*February 4, March 4,
April 1, May 13
6:00pm Candle Lighting, 6:45pm 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 6:00pm, 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).

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

*February 12 and March 12,
10:45am–12:00pm*

60 Highland Street, Room 111

This is a fun, participatory service for 3rd through 6th graders (kids only!), led by our very own Elana Rome! Spend a special Shabbat morning with your friends, or make some new ones!

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

February 12, March 5 and April 2, 8:45am

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!

TOT SHABBAT

*February 26 and March 12,
10:45am–12pm*

60 Highland Street, Rooms 110 and 112

Tot Shabbat is a monthly program, run by parent volunteers, 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 "Shira and Tefilah" (songs and prayers), followed by free play for infants - age 2, and a special "Torah Time" story and craft for children ages 3-5. Please contact **Michele Arons** at m_aronsh@hotmail.com or **Alison Lobron** at auderial@yahoo.com for more information, questions or to participate in planning.

EDUCATION SHABBAT

March 5, 9:45 am

Join us at this special Shabbat morning service as we honor the teachers in our religious school and our education director Annette Lawson, as well as enjoying the service leadership of some of our post-B'nei mitzvah youth!

CDT Events

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at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space:
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of Newton, West Newton.

Rosh Chodesh

Inviting all CDT women

February 3 and March 7, 7:30pm-9:00pm

60 Highland Street, Living Room

Join us to welcome the new moon and new months. Our small Rosh Chodesh group includes readings, great discussion, and rituals such as honoring a loved one's memory as we light a candle. We welcome volunteers for leading a group and adding your own creativity to the celebration. Feel free to send any questions to: **Kristen Petersen** (petersenka@hotmail.com) or **Laurie Schloff** (speaksmart@aol.com).

Film Club

February 19/ 6:00pm Potluck, 7:00pm Film and Discussion

Home of Jackie and Stan Fleischman, 28 Bowdoin St., Newton Highlands MA (617-332-5433)

The February offering of the CDT Film Club will be *My Mexican Shiva*. 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 film, *My Mexican Shiva*, occurs just after family patriarch Moishe (Sergio Kleiner) drops dead and his disgruntled friends and relatives meet to sit *shivah*. As family members complain about the deceased, two angels (Enrique Cimet and Max Kerlow) evaluate Moishe's

life to determine the fate of his soul. Writer-director Alejandro Springall crafts a colorful parade of absurdly eccentric characters in this ribald Mexican comedy, which opened the 2007 New York Jewish Film Festival. Spanish and Hebrew, with English subtitles.

If you'd like to host a film, all you need to provide is the house and TV. Or, we can borrow the CDT projector to hook up to a laptop. Please contact **Stan Fleischman** (617-332-5433) and let him know which date.

Upcoming Films:

3/12: Ajami

4/9 The Shop on Main Street

Save the Date—Purim is Coming! March 19



From left: Carla Naumburg, Joshua Herzig-Marx, and Frieda Naumburg.

Our Purim celebration this year will be here soon, and plans are already afoot for another fabulous Purim Spiel. If you're interested in being involved in the spiel (as an actor, set designer, or chorus member) please be in touch with our Spielmeister, **James Kaplan**, at jameshkaplan@hotmail.com.

Save the Date—CDT Retreat!

June 10-12, 2011

*Camp Yavneh,
New Hampshire*

This is the year for our biannual CDT Retreat! We are returning to the lovely Camp Yavneh for a community-building Shabbat experience; fun in the sun and by the water; arts

& crafts, sports, learning opportunities, and more! The retreat is for all ages. Registration materials will be going out soon. If you would like to be involved with planning any aspect of the retreat, please be in touch with **Peter Katz** at lpjkatz@verizon.net.



Adult Learning

Special Speakers Series at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

60 Highland Street, West Newton, MA 02465
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Gender, Judaism, & Sexual Identities

An Exploration with Dr. Lori Lefkovitz

February 13, 10:00am-12 noon

60 Highland Street, CDT Sanctuary (free of charge)

Drawing on insights from her new book, *In Scripture: The First Stories of Jewish Sexual Identities*, Lori Lefkovitz will explore the Biblical origins of ideas about the sexes, human sexuality, family roles, and changing attitudes toward Jewish men and women from the perspective of both psychoanalytic and gender theories. As Letty Cottin Pogrebin recently wrote in a review of *In Scripture*, "Because Lefkovitz delivers, at minimum, one dazzling insight per page, I guarantee that this great book will alter your perception of the Good Book forever." Don't miss this talk!

Dr. Lefkovitz is an engaging and dynamic teacher, and has recently moved to Boston after many years heading Kolot: The Center for Women's and Gender Studies at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. She currently holds the Ruderman Chair in Jewish Studies at Northeastern University, where she directs the Jewish Studies Program.



Surprisingly Happy: A Spiritual Journey

with Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg

March 27, 2:00-4:00pm

60 Highland Street,
CDT Sanctuary (free of charge)



"Are you happy because you are getting older or because you've found spiritual peace?" Reconstructionist Rabbi Sheila Weinberg offers intriguing answers to that question in her new memoir, *Surprisingly Happy: an Atypical Religious Memoir*. Join Rabbi Weinberg for a reading from her

book, chronicling her spiritual quest and providing a candid look at her struggle with addiction, her philosophy of feminism, and her life as a wife, mother, and grandmother.

An inspiring teacher and life-long advocate for peace and justice, Rabbi Weinberg has been active in Rabbis for Human Rights, an international organization that gives voice to the Jewish search for justice. She is a co-founder of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality in New York City, and leads workshops and retreats for Jewish professionals and social justice activists.

Tikkun Olam

Rally In Support Of Florida Farmworkers

February 27, 1:00pm

Boston (South End to Brigham Circle, exact route TBA)

Join Dorshei Tzedek, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Student/Farmworker Alliance, numerous congregations and organizations and hundreds of concerned Stop & Shop customers for a "March to Stop & Shop."

This is the **biggest and most important mobilization** in Boston around this issue to date!

Ahold, Stop & Shop's parent corporation, recently announced that it continues to refuse to participate in the CIW's "Penny Per Pound" program, to increase the amount that Stop & Shop pays for tomatoes by a mere 1 penny per pound of tomatoes. This extremely minimal increase would nearly double the amount that the average farmworker earns for each pound picked.

This is the biggest and most important mobilization in Boston around this issue to date! Dozens of farmworkers are making the trip all the way from Florida for this rally! Come stand in solidarity with them and in support of fair food! More details to follow. To find out more or get involved, email tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org. To RSVP for the March, please go to <http://www.dorsheitzedek.org/members/signups/> To read a letter sent recently by Dorshei Tzedek and 7 other organizations to Ahold, visit the Tikkun Olam page on dorsheitzedek.org.

CDT Members: Help Family Table to Deliver Food Every Month

Our small contribution of tuna and canned vegetables makes a difference to Family Table's 550 individual recipients monthly. With our contributions, and that of other area synagogues and schools, Family Table is able to reach most of those in our community, who keep kosher and need our help to put food on their own tables.

Yasher koach to all of you who have donated food items, driven the food to Family Table, helped with bagging and sorting, or delivered bags of groceries to recipients in previous months.

According to Family Table, due to increasing demand this month, their **shelves were almost bare!** In a recent plea to congregations their staff wrote, "**We have NO canned vegetables or fruit. We are also critically short on almost everything else that we distribute.**" To fulfill our NEW monthly commitment of 25 cans of tuna and 25 cans of vegetables (any vegetable), we need more donations! **Please bring as many cans as you are able to Shabbat services and/or Hebrew School, this weekend and next week.** Any kind of canned vegetables are great



There are wooden bins outside the religious school office at FUSN, and outside of the sanctuary at 60 Highland Street. (Special Note: If you do decide to bring tuna as your Family Table donation, please consider buying a "dolphin safe" brand. Details here: <http://www.earthisland.org/dolphinSafeTuna/consumer/>)

Anyone can help! If you'd like to know more, contact **Pamela Schoenberg Reider** at jomela@rcn.com.

Announcements

Dorshei Tzedek Softball Team Opens 2011 Training Camp

Practices to start in February—Open to all CDT Members!



Ever imagine yourself coming to the plate in the last inning, with men on base, and getting a base hit to knock in the winning run? Ever imagine yourself making a key defensive play, ensuring a CDT victory? Whether you are new to CDT or a long-standing member, and dream of driving in the winning run in a tight ball-game, come and see what all the excitement is about as we

begin our 5th season in the Men's Synagogue Softball League. The season runs from mid-April to mid-June, with playoffs starting in June. The champion of the league playoffs wins the "coveted" Kiddush Cup.

This year the team will be driving to make the playoffs for the first time. Why not—last year's team showed

the biggest improvement in team history, finishing 5-4 and only 1 game out of the playoffs. There were lots of memorable moments last season, including our 26-12 demolishing of Temple Shalom, and our 8-7 come-from-behind win over Temple Beth-El, when we scored 8 runs in the last inning!

The team is open to men who are CDT members or a son of a member, and over the age of 25. So come join us for Sunday morning batting practice sessions at a local batting cage in Watertown in February. Then in March, when it becomes "warm" enough to play outdoors, we will hold practices at a local field in Newton.

Coming to the preseason practices is a good way to meet the other guys on the team, loosen up your throwing arm, and refine your swing. There is plenty of opportunity to get in shape and turn your softball dreams into reality by becoming part of the 2011 CDT softball experience! Make a difference in the world—or at least for the softball team—while fulfilling your own dreams! For more information, contact **Elliot Pittel**, Head Coach of CDT Softball at epittel@comcast.net.

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. We also offer training in lay service leading and leyning skills.

Membership Committee

Like to talk to people? Don't really like to talk to people but want to do

something kind of nice and welcoming without the use of speech? Think it'd be cool to see your name in bold? We have stuff for everyone to do, and I could use your help. **Lisa Dee Port White** (ldpw@rcn.com).

CSA Farm Share Sign Up

It's time to sign up for next year's farm share! Following a successful inaugural year, CDT's partnership with Red Fire Farm is continuing for a new season. Red Fire Farm is a community-supported agriculture (CSA) farm offering its members a weekly supply of fresh,

local, organic produce. As part of its Food Matters initiative, CDT has arranged for Red Fire Farm to distribute produce every week during the main growing season at a site close to our congregation. Join other CDT members as we raise our awareness of where our food comes from, while enjoying delicious vegetables ranging from acorn squash to kale. Full or partial shares are available. For more information or to sign up, please contact **Tom Brown** at tom@brown.name.

Support CDT through Amazon

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 the CDT homepage (www.dorsheitzedek.org), a portion of any purchase you make will be contributed to Dorshei Tzedek.

Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Spitzer (617.965.0330) or Linette Liebling (netgrace@aol.com) and Ellen Pashall (elpashall@aol.com) of the Chesed Committee. 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.**

Mazel Tov

To **Jesse Halwitz** and **Jacob Roll**—and their families—on becoming B'nei Mitzvah!

To **Rachel and Chad Pytel**, on the birth of Eva Joyce on January 22nd!

Todah Rabah

A big "todah rabah" to everyone who worked on this year's Tu B'Shevat Seder: **Ellie Goldberg, Idit Klein, and Emily Shumsky**—for a wonderful event!

A big Todah Rabah

to everyone who worked on this year's Tu'biSh'vat Seder.

Todah rabah to all of those who helped with Kiddush or B'nei Mitzvah in December and January:

Janet Boguslaw & Daniel Kaufman (in memory of Chelle Ramsey), **Cindy Shulak-Rome, Doug Hersh, Vivienne & Norman Shein, Tony Broh, Sheree Galpert, Lynda Goldberg & Joe Bayes, Linda Kramer, Laura Katz, Elaine Bresnick, Irena Fayngold, Vilunya Diskin, Ellen Pashall, Amy Brodesky & Rex Flynn, Diana & Richard Fisher Gomberg, Jeff Goldman, Staci Rubin & Jamie Wilson, David Greenberg, Louise Enoch, Muriel Heiberger, Rachel Zakuta and Ora Gladstone**

Refuah Sh'leyma

We send blessings of healing to CDT members **Susannah Zisk, Carol Hemley, Steve Robins, Debbie Sher, Cindy Shulak-Rome, and Tess Siegel.**

Condolences

To **Liz Carver** on the death of her father, Harold Carver. May the Source of Comfort bring comfort to Liz and her family, along with all those who mourn.

To **Eileen Morrison**, on the death of her mother, Barbara Morrison. May the Source of Comfort bring comfort to Eileen and her family, along with all those who mourn.

Yarzheit

We remember CDT member **Frances Greenberg**, whose 6th yartzheit falls this year on February 5th. We will remember Frances at Shabbat services that morning. May his memory be for a blessing.

Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

Monday, February 7, 8:00pm, home of Benita Danzing, 79 Brookside Avenue, Newtonville

Tuesday, March 8, 8:30pm (**note later time**), home of Hilary Marcus, 36 Bourne Street, JP (Boston)

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. We will meet the second Monday of the month unless there is a notable time conflict. The February meeting was moved to February 7 as per a request to avoid Valentine's Day. 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)**. To volunteer to host a meeting or for scheduling details, contact **Jamie Tessler (jtessler@igc.org)**. May comfort come to all those who mourn!

Please notify the Newsletter of life cycle events, significant accomplishments, or other moments **you would like to share with the community.** (See page 2 for details.)

Religious School News

by Annette Lawson

As I write this, I am looking out the window of my home at trees weighed down by the foot of snow that has fallen today. So it is hard to connect to the fact that we will soon be celebrating Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees. This holiday reminds us that while we may be living in snowy New England, we are also connected to the land of Israel, where spring is beginning and the trees will soon be blooming; it is 69 and sunny in Tel Aviv today!

Much of our learning and activities at the school this month revolve around the different aspects of Tu B'Shevat. During Shabbat B'Yachad we shared stories and songs about trees. The students in Kitah Nitzanim and in Kitah Gan practiced the blessing said before eating fruit from the trees and sampled different fruits. Each class worked on a different craft project making "fruit trees" to take home.

The Beit Midrash (Gr. 3-6) students are busy preparing for their Tu B'Shevat Seder. Kitah Vav is studying dif-

ferent rabbinic texts relating to trees, and will help the students in the other classes create "talmud pages" with student commentary on those texts. Kitah Dalet is learning about how Tu B'Shevat is celebrated in different Jewish communities around the world. They learned that the Jews of India serve 50 different fruits at their Tu B'Shevat Seders, so Kitah Dalet's project is to develop a list of 50 different fruits.

This year, thinking about trees in Israel, our thoughts turn to the terrible impact of the Carmel forest fire earlier this winter. One of the places profoundly affected by the fire is Yemin Orde, a youth village located in the Carmel forest area, which is home to 500 at-risk children. The fire destroyed almost half of Yemin Orde's buildings and the village had to be evacuated for a time. The students of Kitah Gimmel have donated the **tzedakah** money they had collected to Yemin Orde to assist in its rebuilding. The students of Kitah Hey, as their Tu B'Shevat project, are creating cards (in Hebrew and English) sending greetings and best wishes to the children of Yemin Orde.

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

Helaine and John Carroll

Sandra Gertz—*Special thanks to Bella Hoffman, for her friendship and compassion for my daughter, Nancy Gertz and family. What a special lady; thank you.*

Ora Gladstone—*With much joy over the birth of Eytan Gil Shore; with great sadness over the recent deaths of the parents of Hilary, Theresa, Rob, Andrew, and too many others. With a refuah shleyma to Steve Robins.*

Jennifer Hochschild and Tony Broh—*With special thanks to Rabbi Toba, Mark Bronstein and Ellen Hemley, for help when we needed help*

Linda and Peter Katz—*In memory of Vivian Katz*

Ruth Kraut and Michael Appel—*In memory of Andrew Sofer's mom*

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CDT Calendar

February 2011

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| 6 Retreat Committee Meeting 12p - 1:30p, 60 Highland St., Library | 7 Avelut 8p-9:30p Monthly Support for CDT Mourners, <i>Members Only</i> , at the home of Benita Danzig, 79 Brookside Ave., Newtonville MA | 8 Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless 8p-8:30p FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4 | 9 Telling Our Stories with Rabbi Toba <i>Members-Only</i> 7:30p-9p, 60 Highland St., Library | 10 Service of the Heart with Rabbi Toba 8a-9a, Library | 11 | 12 Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45a-9:45a Shabbat Morning Service and Kiddush 9:45a-1p Junior Congregation 10:45a-12p, Room 111, Led by Elana Rom Kitah Gan-Bet Lunch & Meeting 12p-1:30p, 60 Highland St., Rooms 111 & 112 |
| 13 Gender, Judaism & Sexual Identities: An Exploration with Dr. Lori Lefkowitz 10a - 12p, 60 Highland St., Sanctuary | 14 | 15 Prayerbook Hebrew for Beginners with Sandy Goldfless 8p-8:30p FUSN: Classroom directly across from Classroom 4 | 16 Telling Our Stories with Rabbi Toba <i>Members-Only</i> 7:30p-9p, 60 Highland St., Library | 17 Service of the Heart with Rabbi Toba 8a-9a, Library CDT Board Meeting 7:30p, 60 Highland St., Living Room | 18 | 19 Shabbat Morning Service (lay led?) 9:45a-12p Kiddush 12p-1p CDT Film Club <i>Members Only</i> , Home of Jackie & Stan Fleischman, free 6p |
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Kiddush Assignments

Erev Shabbat 2/4: Leah Diskin / Matt Sarrett / Josette Akresh-Gonzales / Diane Becker

Shabbat 2/5: Lissy Medvedow & Cliff Cohen / Beth Brooks - in honor of Leon and Stacey Brooks / Tessa Goldsmith

Shabbat 2/12: Janice Cole / Jo Radner (in honor of Marjorie Newlon and Elsbeth Sanborn) & Sue Lanser (in honor of Dave Sniader and Mildred Gerstein Sniader) / Laurie Schloff

Shabbat 2/19: Andy Cohen / Bryn Austin / Abby Cohen / Amy Dain

Shabbat 2/26: Benjamin Newman / Benjamin Wright / Carolyn Fine & Jerry Friedman

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.

Nediv Lev / General Fund

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Annette and Alan Lieberman—*In recognition of the B'not Mitzvah of Amalia and Michal Lieberman and the Bar Mitzvah of Aryeh Lieberman*

Hilary Marcus and Jonathan Magaziner—*In honor of Jesse Halwitz's Bar Mitzvah; in memory of Norman Marcus; in appreciation of the members of Avelut*

Amy Mazur—*In honor of Jesse Halwitz's Bar Mitzvah*

Port Family Foundation

Emily Saltz and Ira Fader—*In recognition of Cindy Rome, founding member of Dorshei Tzedek*

Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome—*In honor of Rabbi Toba for the many ways in which she enriches the life of our wonderful community; in honor of Annette Lawson, Education Director, for her dedication and strong commitment to the Dorshei Tzedek school and the education of our children; in honor of Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director, for so capably keeping our congregational house in order; in honor of Jon Sarner, with appreciation for his support in the office and at our school; in honor of Paul Hattis, current president, for his steady and wise leadership of our congregation.*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Rachel Greenberg—*In memory of my brother, Paul Greenberg*

School Fund

Holy Books Fund

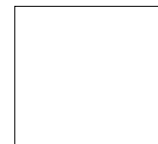
Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund

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.

Building Fund



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The Chesed Committee

Committee Spotlight

by Judy Hersh

THE CHESD (Caring) COMMITTEE reaches out to members with new babies, those who've had a death in their family or those dealing with illness. Our committee has undergone a big transformation this year, going from 1 to 12 members. We're now using the website www.lotsahelpinghands.com—when appropriate—which makes it much simpler to connect people offering help with those needing or receiving chesed. We've also started to discuss how we might address additional chesed needs as they arise.

Please sign up at the **Lotsa Helping Hands website.**



Top row from left: Judy Hersh, Lisa Goodwin Robbins, Elaine Landes, Linette Liebling, Mei See Sandson, Jackie Fleischman, Ellie Goldberg
Bottom row from left: Susan Manheim, Ellen Pashall, Corinne Lofchie and Eytan Shore Missing: Ellen Hemley, Lilly Platt, Amy Mazur

Over 50% of CDT members have signed on at www.lotsahelpinghands.com, but we're hoping for nearly full participation. If you haven't yet signed in, please go to <https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/625130/>. Fill out the right-hand side of the form. You will then be sent instructions for setting a password and signing-in. If you experience a problem signing on, please contact **Ellen Pashall** at elpashall@aol.com.