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Lessons from Ghana

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer

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THIS SUMMER, I WENT TO GHANA with the Young Rabbis Delegation of the American Jewish World Service, a service-learning trip for rabbis in their 5th to 15th year out of rabbinical school. It was a lovely group of 16 rabbis (not all of us so young!), from all four denominations of Judaism. We had come together to learn more about the work of AJWS, to see life in one small part of Africa up close, and to wrestle together with issues of global poverty.

One reason I went is that I greatly respect the analysis that AJWS brings to its work of funding grassroots anti-poverty initiatives around the world, an analysis which seeks out the root causes of economic injustice and then attempts to empower those most directly affected to right those wrongs. AJWS also organizes volunteer opportunities for

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everyone from high school students to adult professionals, and engages its volunteers in a critique of the possibilities and the hazards of “helping.” A case in point:

Before the trip, we read an article that described how well-meaning donations of clothes from Americans end up in Africa, are sold cheaply, and contribute directly to the decline of once-thriving local textile industries (see “Dead White People’s Clothes,” on the website <http://www.modernghana.com/newsthread/205755/5/53528>). Words on the page suddenly became quite real to me as we walked around the downtown market in the city of Cape Coast, and saw vendor after vendor selling (clearly pre-owned) American T-shirts. While we, the tourist-visitors, sought vainly for “authentic” local products to take home as gifts, local Ghanaians were shopping for cast-offs from Americans. Misguided charity, echoes of colonialism and American cultural dominance, and the sometimes bizarre relationships endemic to today’s “global economy”—all of these things were visible to me that day on the streets of Cape Coast.

Back at our home base, we wrestled with the complexities inherent in a service trip like ours. We were staying in the family home of James Kofi Annan, a remarkable man who, as a young child, was sold into slavery to a fisherman (a not uncommon fate in the coastal communities of Ghana). While many children in those circumstances die from overwork and abuse, or grow up to become fishermen who in turn enslave others, James escaped when he was 13 years old. He went on to get an education, became a banker, and then decided to return to his community to fight the problem of child slavery. In 2004 he created Challenging Heights, an organization dedicated to rescuing enslaved children and reaching out to those at-risk for entering slavery by providing educational alternatives. Challenging Heights has built a school in James’ home community of Sankor, and it was there that we were helping construct a new technology center, to house donated computers for the children. Working alongside a Ghanaian construction crew, we mixed and schlepped concrete and mud bricks, and played with the school children when they came outside on break.

In the afternoons, we learned about the realities of global poverty, and wrestled with a variety of questions. Were we helping, or were we just a burden for the real workers? What was our motivation for participating in this type of service project—to make ourselves feel better or to effect real change? How did we understand the people we were encountering—as symbols, stereotypes, or complex individuals?

We couldn’t help but be affected by the profound lack all around us—most people in Sankor have no running water, no access to toilets, and not enough food. While we were living extremely simply and “roughing it” by American standards, we still had beds to sleep on, three meals a day, and a few toilets and a sink to share. How were we to make sense of the almost obscene abundance to which we are generally accustomed? What would true “solidarity” with this community of people, so lovely and open to us, whose reality is so alien to ours, truly mean? What would “justice” in such a situation look like?

I can still feel the impact of the trip in my kishkes, my most inner places, and I hope to share more thoughts and insights with you during the High Holydays. In the meantime, I am sitting with many questions, and I invite you into those questions as well. L’shanah tovah tikateivu—may all of us be “written” for a healthy and good New Year, and may those blessings extend from Newton to Sankor.

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 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 and events 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.

Labor Day Shabbat

Saturday, September 3, 9:45am

At Shabbat morning services, we will welcome a speaker during the Torah service to engage us in a discussion about the state of workers and unions in America today. Please join us!

All-Ages Erev Shabbat Services and Potluck

September 9 (Open House), Oct 14, Nov 4, Dec 2

*6:00pm Candle Lighting and Dinner;
6:45pm Service, 60 Highland Street*

Join us for this monthly, fun, musical erev Shabbat service, appropriate for all ages. We begin with candle-lighting and Kiddush at 6:00pm, followed by a potluck vegetarian dinner (please bring a dairy/veggie main dish or salad, enough for 15-20 people). The service begins at 6:45pm.

Open House for Prospective Members

Friday, September 9 (at All-Ages Erev Shabbat Services and Potluck)

Our Erev Shabbat service on September 9 will also be an open house for prospective members. This evening, we are especially welcoming guests and prospective members, so tell your friends! At 5:30pm, families with children in grades 1 through 3 are invited to join Rabbi Toba, Education Director Annette Lawson, and Community Educator Adam Lavitt for an introduction to Project LO"X, our new pilot program. Everyone else, join us at 6:00pm for the rest of the evening!

Special Guest—Rabbi Michael Cohen of the Arava Institute

Saturday, September 10, noon–1:30pm

After Shabbat morning services, Rabbi Michael Cohen will be joining us to discuss the work of the Arava Institute, the premier environmental teaching and research program in the Middle East, which prepares future Arab and Jewish leaders to cooperatively solve the region's environmental challenges. At the Arava Institute, located in the south of Israel, Israelis, Palestinians, and Jordanians learn together and work on joint trans-boundary environmental research projects. Come learn more about this amazing organization and the environmental issues facing Israel and its neighbors over kiddush lunch!

Shabbat Shuvah—Contemplative Service

Saturday, October 1, 9:45am, 60 Highland Street

For this special Shabbat of "turning" that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will have a contemplative service, focusing on themes of return and change. Co-led by Rabbi Toba and CDT member Linda Kramer, the service will combine song, silent and guided meditation, and Torah study. No meditation experience necessary!

Shabbat Sukkot

Friday, October 14, 1326 Washington Street

This all-ages erev Shabbat service falls during the harvest holiday of Sukkot, so we will be meeting at the First Unitarian Society to celebrate Shabbat in the sukkah!

The 1st CDT Men's Shabbaton: SAVE THE DATE!

November 11-12

11/11 Erev Shabbat dinner, FUSN, 1326 Washington Street

11/12 activities at 60 Highland Street

What does it mean to be Fathers, Sons, Brothers or Friends? Join special guest Rabbi Steve Nathan to share a Shabbat exploration of what it means to be a Jewish man in the contemporary world. The Shabbaton will include shared meals, creative text study and discussion, prayer, meditation, song, and more! If you have questions or want to learn more, please contact Clifford Goldsmith, Stan Fleischman, or David Lobron. Please check web calendar for schedule details. More information and registration materials coming soon!

Adult Learning

Unless noted otherwise, all events are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in The Second Church of Newton, West Newton.

Elul Programs

Elul is the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, and is traditionally a time of preparation and contemplation, readying ourselves to enter into the Aseret Yamei Teshuvah, the "10 Days of (Re)Turning" that encompass Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur. Here are some opportunities for prepare yourself!

Making It Real: How the High Holydays Can Work for You

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Wednesday evenings, Sept. 7, 14 & 21
7:30-9:00pm

60 Highland Street

While many people end up spending some (or a lot) of time in syna-

gogue on the High Holydays, it can be a challenge to make that time well spent. Is it possible to get more out of these days of introspection? Beginning with the month of Elul and continuing through Yom Kippur, Jewish tradition gives us a 40-day period in which to take stock of our lives and consider the changes that we might like to make. Over this three-session class, we will explore traditional and contemporary teachings related to Elul and the Aseret Yamei Teshuvah, the 10 Days of Repentance/Turning, with the goal of "making it real" in our own lives. Whether you can attend one or all of the sessions, bring your questions, your struggles, your hopes and intentions, for this Elul journey.

Tradition & Transformation: Reconstructionist Judaism Today

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Sunday, September 18, 2:00-4:00pm

60 Highland Street

What does it mean to "reconstruct" Jewish tradition for our contemporary world? How can ancient texts and rituals be meaningful for us today? This session is for anyone interested in learning more about Reconstructionism and Congregation Dorshei Tzedek (and CDT members are welcome as well!). Join Rabbi Toba Spitzer and members of the CDT community to learn more about our approach to Jewish living and Reconstructionist Judaism.

CDT Events

Tikkun Olam Planning and Brainstorm Meeting

Tuesday, Sept 13 at 8:00pm

60 Highland Street

If you want to get involved in CDT's Tikkun Olam campaigns, then come to our Tikkun Olam Planning Meeting & Brainstorm! Come **share your ideas** for current and future projects, including Food Matters, the CSA, the Sindyanna Olive Oil partnership, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Hyatt 100, and Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO). We welcome everyone to help us plan CDT's Tikkun Olam activities for this Fall and beyond.

Film Club

Saturday, October 22, 6pm potluck dinner followed by movie

Location to be announced

CDT Film Club's first film of the year will be **The Concert** on Saturday night, October 24, followed by **Jews and Baseball** (stay tuned for more information). Potluck dinner starts at 6pm. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share. It's really helpful to know ahead of time if you're coming and what you'll bring, but feel free to come for any part of the evening. Movie starts at 7 pm, to be followed by a group discussion. We hope you can join us!

We are looking for hosts! All you need to provide is the house and TV, or white wall. Please let us know if you can host now or in the future.

Contact us for more information, **Stan Fleischman** (stanf@rcn.com) and **Emily Sper** (emily@emilysper.com).

Rosh Chodesh

No meeting planned for September. We will start in October.

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 Ellie Goldberg (ellie.goldberg@gmail.com) or Jackie Fleischman (jackief@rcn.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.

Mazel Tov

To **Idit Klein**, on her marriage to Jordan Namerow!

Todah Rabah

A very appreciative THANK YOU to all the folks who helped get our High Holydays mailing assembled and to mailboxes in no time at all: **Rachel Nemeth Cohen, Ruby Cohen, Rebecca Cohen, Kristen Petersen, Liz Reisberg, Lisa Goodwin-Robbins, Allison Robbins, and Susannah Zisk.**

Todah rabah to all of those who helped with Kiddush or B'nei Mitzvah in July and August: **Ellie Goldberg, Mei See Sandson, Rob Greenly Karen Engels, Linda Hsu, Valerie Graf, Paul Schimek, Linda Katz, Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx—** in honor of our anniversary, and **Elaine Bresnick.**

Refuah Sh'leyma

We send blessings of healing to CDT members **Ben Newman, Susannah Zisk, Carol Hemley, Debbie Sher, Tess Siegel, Lauren Gibbs, Lillian Lawson, Mark Farber, and Esther Kohn.**

Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

Monday, September 12, 8pm

Home of Andrew Sofer and Bonnie Tennerello (allergy warning: 2 cats)

24 Eastland Road, Jamaica Plain MA 02130

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 web-

site. 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). If you would like to volunteer to host a meeting or for scheduling details, contact Andrew Sofer (sofer@bc.edu).

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

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.)

Tikkun Olam



Protesters cheer on those who crossed the property line in an act of civil disobedience.

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. **You must do the thing which you think you cannot do.**

--Eleanor Roosevelt

Whole Grains for Family Table

by Pamela Schoenberg Reider

I T HAS BEEN a very busy year for JF&CS Family Table. The Boston area kosher food pantry added many new recipients and are now providing monthly groceries to more than 300 families in the area. Congregation Dorshei Tzedek is one of many area synagogues and schools participating in this monthly food distribution.

This year, Family Table launched the "Food Revolution", an initiative to provide whole grain products (whole grain pasta, crackers, cereal, and brown rice). Dorshei Tzedek has been assigned a new item to donate toward this goal. Our new food items are: **whole grain cereal and canned vegetables.**

Additionally, we will again need volunteer drivers to deliver our food items to Family Table one Sunday per month. As many will tell you, this is a wonderful and easy way for you and/or your family to help others in our community. To sign up as a driver, go to: <http://doodle.com/mk9xnkfw2tu7ai3e>.

Please remember to bring along **WHOLE GRAIN CEREAL** or **CANNED VEGETABLES** whenever you come to shul! In this way, your kind mitzvah reaches many families throughout the Boston area.

Questions? Contact Pamela Schoenberg Reider at 617-244-3373 or jomela@rcn.com).

Sindyanna Products for Sale

by Jonathan Rosenthal

T HE TIKKUN OLAM Committee still has a good supply of delicious, award-winning fair trade, organic and kosher extra virgin olive oil from Sindyanna of Galilee.

Sindyanna was founded in 1996 by Israeli Arab and Jewish women, to foster economic development within the Palestinian community and to promote better relations between Palestinian and Jewish communities within Israel. In addition to trainings and workshops for Israeli Arab women, Sindyanna works with Israeli Arab olive farmers and markets their fair trade organic olive oil in Israel and internationally. Sindyanna also markets artisan goods from the Israeli Palestinian community in the north of Israel as well as olive oil soaps from the West Bank. You can see a 10-minute video about Sindyanna at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIozju-08V4>.

The olive oil is available in 750 ml. bottles for \$18.00, and a delicious za'atar spice mix for \$5.00 per jar.

To arrange purchase or for more information, contact Jonathan Rosenthal at jonathan@just-works.com, or call 617.924.1978.

Perspective on My Arrest in Support of the Hyatt 100

by Amy Mazur



Amy Mazur, Marya Axner of the Jewish Labor Committee and Esther Kohn protest the Hyatt's unfair labor practices.

ON JULY 21, 2011, I was arrested along with 34 other people for trespassing on the Hyatt Hotel grounds in Cambridge, MA, in support of the Hyatt 100, a group of housekeepers who were summarily fired from three Boston Hyatt hotels in August 2009. Being arrested was one of the most meaningful experiences in my life.

Making Our Voices Heard

by Esther Kohn

ON THE SCORCHING afternoon of July 21, 2011, I tried to catch the last cool breeze as I plodded across the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge to join 300 to 400 protesters gathered in front of the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge. Part of a National Day of Action, the event was planned in support of the Hyatt 100, the Hyatt housekeeping staff whose jobs were eliminated on August 31, 2009, only to be replaced by temporary workers.

Last year I heard members of the Hyatt 100 tell their stories at a CDT Board meeting. I was struck by their courage and determination to fight for their rights in the face of such a powerful corporation. I had read Rabbi Toba's story of her arrest at an action last year. When CDT member **Amy Mazur** posted the event this July on the CDT listserv, I was inspired to join the action.

Amy was one of about thirty selected protesters who planned to cross the hotel's property line in an act of civil disobedience. I decided that I would not join this group but wanted to add my voice to the crowd of supporters—former housekeepers, union members, Jewish Labor Committee staff, young activists, and

What I find myself thinking about is that I can see it as “another meaningful experience.” I can tell all my friends, and wear the experience like a badge of honor. What did I really risk?

I was scared. But I could rely on my resources and supports, and my routine would resume. The police were supportive, and my biggest concern was how long the processing would take: I could not communicate with my family (no cell phones allowed) and I could not go to the bathroom.

The fear was strongest just prior to heading down to the rally. I remember saying to myself, “Amy, take a breath. This may be scary, but put it in perspective. Whatever happens today is small potatoes compared to the injustices that are exacted on many who work very hard every day. Remember that what you are doing is making a statement that is larger than yourself, even larger than the Hyatt 100. Remember that the police and even the current Hyatt managers are people too, and be respectful to everyone. We are all trying to figure these things out, and we need to be good to each other.” (Thank you Rabbi Toba, for all your teachings about meditation and reflection.)

It meant a great deal to me to step out of my comfort zone and stand with Hyatt workers, union organizers, and activists to say that things have to change regarding the way many workers are treated. And as I perform an act of civil disobedience, I remember two things that make the most sense to me: (1) make sure all voices are heard and (2) pay attention to how we treat one another. When I remember those things, I have the strength and commitment to move on to my next “meaningful experience.”

others. When I arrived, people of all ages and backgrounds were marching, shouting, and beating drums to make it known that the Hyatt's actions were unjust, and would not be tolerated. I found Amy and we gave each other a sweaty hug, marched a bit together before she was whisked off to prepare for the defiant walk across the property line.

The crowd erupted in cheers when the group strode confidently in front of the hotel, sat down, and linked arms. Hotel staff came and hotel guests were watching from the front doors and balconies. Within 15 minutes, a police bus pulled up, and the protesters were arrested. Despite the sweltering heat, we yelled, sang, and cheered them on, in English and Spanish.

I was so proud of Amy and the other activists. We had all stood up for our beliefs and all were not ready to let this issue go away. Reflecting on her involvement, Amy explained, “I feel like the worker is getting squeezed out in favor of the corporation in many instances. This was my small way of speaking out.”

Religious School News

by Annette Lawson, Education Director

ALTHOUGH CLASSES DO not meet over the summer, it is a busy time at the school as we plan for the coming school year. This summer has been particularly active as we develop our new pilot program for Grades 1, 2, and 3 students and parents: Project LO"X (Learning Outside the boX).

I have been delighted to welcome to our staff this summer our new Community Educator, Adam Lavitt, who is taking a lead role in planning and implementing Project LO"X. Adam is in his final year in the rabbinic program at Hebrew College, where he is also working on a master's in Jewish education.

Project LO"X expands opportunities for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders and their families to learn through doing and focuses on bringing their Jewish learning into their homes and out into the world. The program will meet once each month on Erev Shabbat,

and on Saturday mornings on other weeks. Grade 3 students will have an additional Tuesday afternoon class weekly. It will feature opportunities for parent learning, including learning new Jewish skills, finding new ways to act on our values or taking collective action around a shared goal.

We think Project LO"X is an exciting educational opportunity, so please help spread the word. If you know of a family with a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd grader who is looking for a Jewish educational program, encourage them to check us out. We are hosting an open house on Friday, September 9. (See p. 3 for more details.)

We are enrolling new students in all grades. Please let friends know that families with children up to Grade 3 can try our school for their first year without the requirement of membership. I am delighted to talk to prospective parents at any time, who can contact me at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

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CDT Chalkboard

by Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director

Editor's note: This is Marla Lichtman's debut article about items of interest to the CDT community. The article will appear in every issue.

Remember to review and return your 2011-12 Membership/Dues Forms & High Holydays Reservation Forms!

By now, each returning member household should have received their **membership renewal packets**. Please fill out and return your member form, dues form and dues payment to the office by **September 1**. High holydays "tickets" are part of your membership so it's important to get these forms back to us ASAP! Be sure to include the **holiday havurah** sign-up form as well, if you'd like to help out with a specific, upcoming holiday. If you'd like to participate in this year's **yizkor scroll**, forms and accompanying donations are due back into the office no later than September 15.

High Holydays Packets have been mailed to your homes. Please help the High Holydays run smoothly by returning all High Holydays reservation forms and any associated fees **for adults and children no later than September 15**. All children must be pre-registered-no exceptions.

If you have not received either packet or need additional forms, download them from our website. Just go to <http://www.dorsheitzedek.org> and follow the links on the right side of the page.

Any questions or concerns? Please email me at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org or call me at 617-965-0330.

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

Elaine Bresnick—*In memory of Roberta Goldberg, Andy Littman's sister, who passed away recently*
Michael, Stefan and Julian Cohen;
Nancy Gertz—*With gratitude and with deep appreciation to the CDT community for your tremendous support, notes and prayers following the passing of Michael's father.*
Wendy Falchuk and Matthew Sarrett
Lynda Goldberg and Joe Bayes
Stacey and Bruce Gore
Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx
Jeff Kichen—*In honor of Robyn Hinckley and Dave Kichen*

Ellen Pashall—*In honor of Robert Breakstone*

Tess Siegel
Susan Silberberg and Thomas Robinson
Ellen White

Camp JRF Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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

Greater Boston Jewish Community

LimmudBoston 2011, December 4, 2011—Sign Up Now!

Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, MA

Called an international sensation of Jewish lifelong & experiential learning, **LimmudBoston 2011**, is a festival of all things Jewish. This year it takes place December 4 at Congregation Mishkan Tefila, Chestnut Hill, MA. From 9am to 9pm, LimmudBoston includes nearly 100 presen-

tations for all generations, storytelling, food demonstrations, inspiration, movement, music, and meditation, engaging beginners and scholars alike. The second annual celebration ends with an evening concert. To register, volunteer or propose a session, go to **www.LimmudBoston.org**. Conference fee only \$36 per person if registered prior to Rosh Hashanah. After Rosh Hashanah, the entrance fee is \$54.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Ghana Presentation! with Rabbi Toba 7:30p, 60 Highland St., Sanctuary	Making It Real: How the High Holydays can work for you 7:30p–9p, 60 Highland St., Library Members only event		All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck/Open House 6p, 60 Highland St., Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary	Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a–12p 60 Highland St., Sanctuary Fellowship Hall, Room 112 Special Guest Speaker - Rabbi Michael Cohen of the Arava Institute 12p–1:30p 60 Highland St., Fellowship Hall
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	Avelut 8:30p Monthly Support for CDT Mourners, 8p Home of Andrew Sofer and Bonnie Tenneriello 24 Eastland Rd., JP	Tikkun Olam Planning Meeting 8p, 60 Highland St., Living Room Contact: Alex Sugerman-Brozan	Making It Real: How the High Holydays can work for you 7:30p–9p, 60 Highland St., Sanctuary Members only event			Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a–12p Kiddush 12p–1p 60 Highland St., Sanctuary Fellowship Hall, Room 112
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25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
			Erev Rosh Hashanah 8p Gann Academy	Rosh Hashanah – Day 1 9:30a Gann Academy	Rosh Hashanah – Day 1 10a Gann Academy	Shabbat Shuvah Meditation Service 9:45a–12p Kiddush 12p–1p 60 Highland St., Sanctuary Fellowship Hall, Room 112



Kiddush Assignments

Shabbat 9/3: Diane Becker / Howard Kaufman / Jeff Friedman / Elena Eisman

Erev Shabbat 9/9: Becca Gutman / Carol Sklar / Susan Moser / Betsy Hinden

Shabbat 9/10: Steffi & Eric Karp / Elisheva Dan / Rachel Pytel

Shabbat 9/17: Steffi & Eric Karp / Chagit Steiner & Tom Brown

Shabbat 9/24: Barbara Beck - in memory of my parents, Edith and Irving Beck / Tom Kuh / Liz Reisberg / Joel Katz

Shabbat 10/1: Wendy Gedanken / Tessa Goldsmith / David Felson / Laura 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.

Holiday Programs

Selichot Program

Saturday evening, September 24, 8:00-10:00pm

Temple Hillel Bnai Torah, 120 Corey Avenue, West Roxbury

As we approach the new year, we will join with Rabbi Barbara Penzner and the members of HBT for an evening of reflection and song, the official "kick-off" of the High Holydays season. We will sing familiar songs from the High Holydays, study texts, and engage in a hands-on activity to help begin our personal reflection on where we've been, and where we would like to go in the new Jewish year. The evening begins with havdallah and schmoozing at 8:00pm, followed by the Selichot program at **8:45pm**.

High Holydays 5772

Gann Academy, 333 Forest Street, Waltham, MA

Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of September 28, with services for the first two days of Rosh Hashanah on September 29 and 30. **Yom Kippur** begins the evening of Friday, October 7, continuing all day on October 8. There are children and youth's services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning, beginning at 10:30am. **For more information about all of our High Holydays programs, and to register for the children's and youth programs, please see the mailing that you received, or go to www.dorsheitzedek.org.** Non-members can pay for High Holydays on-line! And CDT members, please remember that your High Holydays "ticket" comes along with your membership, so we need your member forms in as soon as possible! Members and non-members can find information, go to **www.dorsheitzedek.org** and follow the links on the right side of the page.

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