

For me, as I believe for many members of the CDT community, the Torah, the Siddur and the other sources of our tradition would be basically inaccessible without translation. For us, translation is vital to our participation in services and in some degree to our Jewish identity. A subsidiary definition of translation in my dictionary is “to forward or re-transmit.” In a very concrete sense, translators have significantly expanded the transmittal of Jewish tradition.

The second meaning given for translation is “to put into simpler terms, to express in different words or paraphrase, to explain.” Because the translator re-states the meaning of the original, every translation is also an interpretation. Every d’var is accordingly a form of translation.

In April Rabbi Toba gave a d’var on the parsha Tazri’a in which she argued that the usual translation of the parsha’s key word “tum’ah” as “impure” is not correct. She explained that the text does not support the English connotations of “impure.” Rabbi Toba pointed out that Everett Fox, in his translation of the same passages, uses “tum’ah” instead of trying for an English equivalent. This is because, the Rabbi said, “tum’ah” is untranslatable. She then proceeded to translate it, expressing it as “out of alignment” or “out of whack”. Fox does somewhat the same; while he uses “tum’ah” in his text, he paraphrases its meaning in his commentary. This is not contradictory, but rather unavoidable. You cannot do the interpretation without the translation.

The third meaning given for translation is “to change from one form, function, state or medium to another.” This is itself an interpretation of the word “translate” that has a range of referents. For example, in contemporary medical research there is a field known as “translational science.” This refers to the skills and expertise needed to make basic science applicable in treatment. Such work often requires a rethinking of the original concepts to better guide practice.

It seems to me that this process is analogous to the way we often think about the Torah. By seeking to understand the words, we try to discern the values that the message conveys or symbolizes. For rabbis interpreting the Torah in Talmudic times, there was nothing abstract about this. They were trying to draw, from ancient and often difficult texts, meanings that would help them develop rules of conduct and ethical and moral guides for the society in which they lived. They were translating old texts into new teachings. As I heard Rabbi Toba once remark, they reconstructed the text in ways that make us look staid and stodgy.

This work goes on, of course. Looking for the meaning is interesting as a matter of study, but exciting when what we learn resonates in our lives and with our beliefs. This can be part of the effort of figuring out how to turn values into practice. Because the world we live in is utterly different from the world of the early rabbis, we translate very differently, in all senses of that word, but the reasons we translate are fundamentally the same.

Best wishes to all for a relaxing summer, and may your vacation plans be translated into enjoyable reality.

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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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 and Potluck

Friday, June 1

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 kiddush at 6:00pm, followed by a potluck vegetarian dinner (please bring a dairy/vegetarian main dish or salad, enough for 15–20 people). The service begins at 6:45pm.

On February 10th, in addition to our usual dinner and service, we will be celebrating Tubishvat (see page 6 for more information).

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday morning June 9, 8:45-9:40am

Each month we will explore the *parshat hashavua*, the weekly Torah portion, through the lens of commentaries both traditional and contemporary, before the Shabbat morning service. No prior experience in Torah study is necessary. Bring your own caffeinated beverage! **This will be the final Shabbat morning Torah study session until the fall.**

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, June 9

10:45am-12pm, 60 Highland Street, Rooms 110 and 112

Tot Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program, led by **Susan Moser**, CDT member, musician, and Jewish educator, for children age 5 and under and their parents. Join us in celebrating Shabbat with songs, stories, crafts and other fun activities! Contact **Susan Moser** at mosersm@yahoo.com for more information. This will be the final Tot Shabbat for the year; we'll start up again in the fall.

Bat Mitzvah of Gabby Cummins

Saturday, June 2, 2012, 9:45am

Please join me to celebrate as my daughter, **Gabby**, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Gabby is in seventh grade at Bigelow Middle in Newton. Outside of school, Gabby enjoys singing, playing with her dog, Benji, being in nature and spending summers at her camp, Eden Village. We are looking forward to sharing this simcha with the Dorshei Tzedek community.

—Marla Cummins

Bar Mitzvah of Adlai Hess

Saturday, June 9, 2012, 9:45am

We would be delighted to have you join us as our son, **Adlai Hess**, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 9. Adlai, a 7th grader at Day Middle School, has been playing trumpet for 4 years; he's a member of the New England Conservatory's Junior Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble as well as Day's jazz band, and has played "in the pit" for shows at Day and Bigelow. (He has the perfect parsha for a dedicated trumpet player: the verses in Bamidbar that include the instructions to Moses to make 2 silver trumpets!) For his tikkun olam project, Adlai led a Walk for Hunger team and raised nearly \$1500 in support of Project Bread. Please join us for services and the kiddush lunch that follows.

—Sheree Galpert and Peter Hess

Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Solomita

Saturday, June 23, 2012, 9:45am

Please join us as our son, **Jacob Evan Solomita**, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on June 23. Jacob is a 7th grader at Beaver Country Day School. He is on the middle school baseball team and more recently, has developed a passion for lacrosse. Over the past year, Jacob helped out at Family Table as part of his tikkun olam project. Please join us for services and kiddush lunch as we celebrate this special day.

—Allyson Cherkasky & Scott Kanter; Andre Solomita

Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Spitzer (617.965.0330) or Lisa Goodwin-Robbins (lgoodrob@alumni.princeton.edu) or Susan Manheim (manheim.co@verizon.net) 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 the Graduates!

To **Stacie Garnett-Cook** on the completion of her master's degree in Organization Development from American University.

To **Hadass Gladstone Silver** who is graduating from Oberlin College this month.

To **Leah Netsky** who graduated from Guilford College with honors, with a major in Art and a minor in Psychology.

To **Isaac Silberberg** who is graduating from Brookline High School and will be attending MIT.

To **Jonah Reider** who is graduating from Newton South High School and is off to Columbia University.

To **Maya Paris-Saper** who is graduating from Newton South High School and will attend Sarah Lawrence College in the fall of 2013. In September of 2012 she will leave for Israel for 9 months of service work and learning.

To **Mira Netsky** who is graduating from Newton North High School, and is attending Kenyon College.

To **Marina Miller** who is graduating from Newton North High School and is heading to McGill University.

To **Cora Hersh** who is attending Haverford College.

To **Sasha Grodsky** who is graduating from Watertown High School and will be attending Bates College.

To **Zoe Miller**, who is graduating from Lexington High School, and will be attending the University of Michigan.

To **Isaac Rogers**, who is graduating from Newton South High School and going to Dickinson College.

To **Davin Paley-Zimble**, who is graduating from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and will be attending University of California Santa Barbara in the fall.

To **Eulalia Jace White** who is graduating from the Waldorf High School of Massachusetts Bay, and will be attending the Mass College of Liberal Arts (MCLA) in North Adams, MA.

To **Emma Weisberg** who is graduating from Newton North High School and will be attending Connecticut College.

To **Michal Lieberman**, who is graduating from Newton South High School and the Kroka NH-VT Semester Program this spring, and will be attending Reed College in the fall of 2013 following a year of as yet undisclosed adventures.

To **Stefan Ross Cohen**, son of **Nancy Gertz** and **Michael Cohen** and brother of **Julian Cohen**, graduated magna cum laude, with highest honors in economics, from Clark University.

To **Savannah Greenly**, who is graduating from Newton North High School and will be attending Northeastern University.

To **Nina Friedman** who is graduating from the Rivers School and is attending the University of Vermont.

To **Sophie Friedman** who is graduating from the Rivers School and is attending George Washington University.

To **Charlotte Cohen**, who is graduating from Newton South High School, and will be attending the University of Rochester.

Mazel Tov & L'hitra'ot

Mazel tov to **Jeremy Price**, who recently completed his PhD from Boston College in Education, with an emphasis on science education. Jeremy has been awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at the Lawrence Hall of Science, which is affiliated with UC Berkeley. So we are sad to say l'hitra'ot (not goodbye, but 'see you soon!') to the **Price family – Jeremy, Nina, Eitan and Aleeza**. Nina writes, "We are looking forward to living in CA for the coming year and spending time with my parents, sister, brother-in-law, and niece, who all live in the Bay Area. We will really miss the Dorshei Tzedek community!"

Todah Rabah

Todah rabah to all those who helped with Kiddush or B'nei Mitzvah in April and May:

Ellen White - in honor of Paul M. White, **Haralie Alpert** - in honor of Sylvia Greenberg, **Jacqui Bloomberg**, **Jonathan Magaziner**, **Vilunya Diskin**, **Phyllis & Al Glazerman**, **Muriel Heiberger**, **Vivienne & Norman Shein** - in honor of our 39th anniversary, **Laurie Friedman**, **Dan Rome**, **Allyson Cherkasky**, **Chagit Steiner**, **Matilda & Ed Bruckner**, **Alan Epstein**, **Diane Becker**, **Stuart Snyder**, **Betsy Hinden**, **Helaine Carroll**, **Jacob Weinberg**, **Ruth Paris & Rob Saper**, **Meiera & Hadley Stern**, **Jodie Siegel**, **Laura Katz**, **Abby Cohen & Isabel Snyder**.

About the Chesed Committee

by **Judy Hersh**

The Chesed committee is changing. Instead of having pairs of coordinators rotate every 3 months we will now be rotating every 2 months. The coordinators for June and July are **Susan Manheim** and **Lisa Goodwin Robbins**. Please continue to check the newsletter or the CDT website to see who the current coordinators are. Another change is that four new coordinators are coming on to the team. They are **Linda Hsu**, **Dianne Lior**, **Ally Cherkasky** and **Theresa St. John Siegel**. Please thank them for stepping forward when you see them!

Linette Liebling, **Mei See Sandson**, and **Jacqui Fleishman** will be moving on after 2 years of being coordinators. The committee would like to thank them for their skilled, conscientious service to the CDT community and for helping to re-vamp our Chesed procedures. We'll miss you!

Refuah Sh'leyma

We send blessings of healing to CDT member **Ruby Gan** and her parents, **Valerie Graf & Doron Gan**, and to **Kristen Petersen**, as she recovers from foot surgery.

Condolences

To **Joe Bayes** and **Lynda Goldberg**, on the death of Joe's mother, Rose Bayes. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Trish Nuzzola** and **Tyler Ross**, on the death of Caroline Ross. May her memory be for a blessing.

May the Source of comfort bring comfort to the entire family, along with all those who mourn.

Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

*Monday, June 4, 7:30 pm,
home of Stephen Zisk*

The next meeting of Avelut will be held June 4. Avelut is CDT's member-led group dedicated to supporting avelim (mourners). Any adult CDT member who is dealing with a personal loss (family, friend, partner, other) or observing the Yahrzeit of a loved one is welcome. A CDT member does not need to be in the official mourning period to attend. The Avelut group is a time to talk about the impact of loss, the journey of bereavement, and the legacies of loved ones we carry with us. Please RSVP to **Ellie Goldberg** to find out the location: ellie.goldberg@gmail.com or **617-965-9637**.

All adult CDT members are welcome on a regular or drop-in basis. Guidelines for the group are posted online at <http://tinyurl.com/Avelut>. For more information, contact **Ellie Goldberg**, ellie.goldberg@gmail.com, 617-965-9637.

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.)

Reconstructionist Movement

Reconstructionist Rabbinical College Annual Report

THE ANNUAL REPORT from RRC, the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, is now available at their website, <http://www.rrc.edu/2012AR/>. It contains many articles including a lively interview with Rabbi David Teutsch, Ph.D., about his National Jewish Book Award winner, *The Guide to Jewish Practice: Everyday Living*.

CDT Events

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Members Meeting

Sunday, June 10,
Pizza dinner 5:30pm, Meeting 6:15-8pm.
Childcare provided

60 Highland Street, West Newton

We hope that at least one member of every CDT household will join us for the final Member's Meeting of 5772. At this meeting we'll be discussing and passing the budget for the next fiscal year, thanking outgoing Board members and electing a new Board. Members will also have the opportunity to learn about the successful first year of Project LO"X, our educational experimentation program for which we received

CJP funding, and which will continue in expanded form next year, and to get an update on plans for Rabbi Toba's sabbatical in the fall. Don't miss it!

Film Club

Film club is not meeting again until the fall. The CDT Film Club will be reconvening in the fall, stay tuned!

Rosh Chodesh

Wednesday, June 20, 7:30-9:00pm

60 Highland Street, Living Room

We will welcome the month of Tam-muz with learning, readings, and most

importantly, conversation and community. All CDT women are invited to this special gathering. Email **Kristen Petersen** at petersenka@hotmail.com, with any questions. We look forward to welcoming a new month together!

Dorshei Tzedek's 2012 Men's Softball Team

Sundays, June 3 and 10, 10am
Playoffs begin June 17.

Forte Field, 233 California St., Newton

The CDT Men's Softball is having its winning-est season yet! Come cheer the Tzedekmen as they make a run for the coveted Kiddush Cup.

Adult Learning & Reflection

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

Mindful Mornings

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Thursday mornings, June 7, 14 and 21 (final meeting)
8:15-9am, 60 Highland Street, Library

Free and open to the community

All those who have attended any or all of the Mindful Mornings sessions this year are welcome to join us for these final three meetings, as we reflect on our learning and practice of mindfulness.

Rabbi Toba leads this weekly opportunity to practice *yishuv da'at*, the ability to bring a calm awareness to all that we do. Whether you think you're "bad" at meditating, have never tried it before, or have a regular practice, there will be something here for you! We will begin with instruction at 8:15am, followed by a silent sitting period. The practice of mindfulness meditation is

profoundly helpful in navigating the ups and downs that life hands us, as well as helping foster greater joy and presence in the moment and deeper insight into our own lives. (And please arrive no later than 8:15am, in order not to disrupt the session once we've started.)

Ikkarim: Parenting Through a Jewish Lens

Registration open for Fall 2012,
Sunday evenings, 7:30-9:00 pm

Dorshei Tzedek will be a site for this popular 10-week program that brings together caring parents and expert facilitators. This program, for parents of children aged 0-10, explores core values (ikkarim) that can strengthen your family. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn with expert instructors who understand your concerns as a parent, and to enjoy rich conversations on topics that matter. To register for the class,

please go to <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/parenting.html>, and look for the Dorshei Tzedek site.

Me'ah

Registration open for Fall 2012
Tuesday evenings/ 7:00-9:45pm
JCC Newton

Beginning in October 2012, CDT is sponsoring Me'ah, 100 hours of intensive adult Jewish learning, over the course of two years. The curriculum delves into classic Jewish texts and the development of Jewish civilization from the Biblical period to today. Our instructor will be **Rabbi Natan Margalit**, an experienced and creative Jewish educator. For more information about the program, visit www.hebrewcollege.edu/meah; to register, go to the CDT website and click on "Learning" on the top menu.

Tikkun Olam

The CDT Food Stamp Challenge

Compiled by Alex Sugerman-Brozan

FOR A WEEK in April, Dorshei Tzedek members participated in a “Food Stamp Challenge” in which they pledged to spend no more on food than the average food stamp benefit, which is about \$1.50 per person per meal. The point of the Food Stamp Challenge is to give participants a brief and admittedly temporary glimpse into the dilemmas and struggles that the millions of Americans who rely on food stamps face every day.

The participants blogged about their experiences during the week on the CDT website, at www.dorsheitzedek.org/members/food-stamp-challenge, and had some fascinating observations and discussions. Many of the participants wrote final brief reflections on the experience:

“Some concluding thoughts and questions after the FSC: access to adequate quantities of appropriate food does not seem so different from - for example - access to a minimum standard of health care. **Is access to good food, or basic health care, a privilege or right?** Should food access and food costs be governed by market forces alone, or is some oversight also needed to ensure there is enough for everybody?”

—Ellie Baron

“**The spirit and intent of the Food Stamp Challenge for me was simply, ‘Can I do this? What will I learn?’** In my family, we discussed the way we eat, what we eat, and the position we are in to be able to make these choices. Some of our regular food choices are not the healthiest. We often made cost a primary consideration. We have begun thinking about some other factors (like who actually pays the price for the low cost of the unhealthy food). My internal dialogue went something like this: ‘What am I doing? Eating processed food so I can save money and pretend that it is healthy? If I eat canned vegetables, Cheerios with added fiber, and canned vegetable soup, am I eating healthy? What if that is all I can afford? What is my typical diet like? What is my Food Stamp Challenge diet like? I cannot figure out a plan. Is this what it is like to be on food stamps?’”

—Amy Mazur

“Living at a level of scarcity certainly woke me up as a middle class person. During the challenge, I reminded myself that the goal wasn’t to prove one could eat well for \$1.50 a meal. What I’d wanted to experience were the feelings of deprivation, and the humiliation of not having enough in a culture of excess. Some of my work colleagues grew up around food stamps. I didn’t highlight my experiment there. Instead I thought of excuses for why I wouldn’t join them in the

cafeteria, or out to lunch, and why I seemed to be eating the same leftovers, day after day. **Without careful, intensive attention to diet and daily needs, it’s not hard to fall into bad habits.** The inequality of our food access will likely persist until our current system is replaced by a system that caters to real human needs instead of profits.”

—Alan Epstein

“While the original reason for participating in the FSC was to bring my awareness to the feelings and dilemma of millions of Americans who are dependent upon food stamps, I found the experience was also an opportunity to look inside. There was obvious hunger. When I ate more mindfully I found I was sated sooner than I liked. This sense of deprivation in a culture of abundance elicited raw and primal feelings. I knew I would come back from the brink of public assistance and be able to “eat my fill” after only seven days. **I was touched deeply and came away with a resolve to be more involved in the local programs working to reduce hunger.**”

—Dianne Lior

“The Food Stamp Challenge confronted us with only the easy ‘half’ of the challenge faced by low-income people dealing with food insecurity. I can live on a Food Stamp budget. I could do it long-term and stay healthy. But **many of those for whom the food stamp challenge is a fact of life are dealing with additional challenges** that make the budget impossible. They may lack reliable transportation, access to affordable grocers, or the physical ability to shop for the best deal. Expensive, convenient and prepared foods are necessities for many elders, people with disabilities, and others who cannot put a lot of energy into cooking.”

—Barry Ingber

“I found during the Challenge I called upon skills and resources that are not necessarily available to most food stamp recipients. For instance, I could make cheap and healthy meals in my pressure cooker, but how many people relying on food stamps can afford a piece of kitchen equipment like that? I also called upon cooking skills that I have developed over the years in large part because I had the luxury, time and resources to do so. For many food stamp recipients, the daily struggle to meet their basic needs, and to face the numerous other challenges, such as physical and/or mental illness, not having access to transportation, or working more than full-time, precludes the kind of planning and food preparation that I was able to do. It made me think that **perhaps a program like food stamps needs not to just to pay for food but provide cooking classes and free or discounted equipment.**”

—Alex Sugerman-Brozan

“The week of living on a food stamp budget made me realize how much our lives are intertwined with others, even when we live alone. As a single person, my \$31.50 didn’t stretch very far. Because a whole bunch of parsley or cilantro seemed like an extravagance, my typical weekday fare lacked their usual flavor. The sense of vulnerability was driven home when a neighborhood electricity failure threatened to jeopardize the contents of my refrigerator. Participating in CDT activities added to this bounty. **On my own, I had enough; but, with colleagues, friends, and community I had so much more.** By the end of the week, I had \$2.55 left over, plus enough food for a few additional meals to share with friends.”

—Laurie Goldman

CDT Chalkboard

by Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director

Kiddush Assignments, Invoices & More

Now that the infamous kiddush sign-up process for next year is complete, date assignments will be finalized. If you chose a summer 2012 kiddush date, you will be receiving a confirming email from Jon very soon. Folks with chosen/assigned dates beginning in September can expect to start hearing from Jon around the middle of June. For everyone, when you see his email, please take the time to put these dates into your personal calendars..

IMPORTANT! If for some reason you think you may not be rejoining CDT next year, please let me know as soon as possible, so that you are not assigned a kiddush date for which you will not be present. Thank you!

The entire calendar, including member kiddush assignments, will be available on our website in June. Be sure to sign in to access member-only information. On the sign-in page, found under the "Members" tab (click on "For Members"), you will be prompted to create a password if you do not have one already.

During mid-June, you will also receive your final CDT invoice of the year. Please make every effort to make final payments as soon as possible so they arrive before the end of our fiscal year on July 31.

Remember too, if you have children returning to our religious school or starting school with us for the first time, you have until July 31 to register. After July 31, a \$50 late fee will apply. All school forms can be found on our website – just click the link on the left-hand side bar. For questions about the school, contact **Annette Lawson**, at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

For questions about kiddush, your invoice, or any other CDT administrative issue, please feel free to contact me at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-0330.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer.

Shavuot at Home with Kitah Alef

by Izzy Feinfeld and Marjorie Feld



Maayan and Jonathan Magaziner.

ON MAY 19, Kitah Alef students and their families gathered at the home of **Hilary Marcus** and **Jonathan Magaziner** and their children, **Maayan** and **Noah**, to celebrate Shavuot early and end their year of learning with Project LO"X. The evening began with delicious food and conversation.

Each family then chose

a story from the Torah to illustrate: from Creation to Daniel in the Lion's Den. The children then presented their illustrations, also drawing out the main themes and lessons of the stories. Families marveled at the amazing insights of the Alef children, who have learned so much at CDT's Religious School this year. **The Engels family** then collected and connected our stories, making our own huge Torah!

We concluded the evening with **Karen Engels's** lovely singing and guitar playing. She led us in Havdalah. We left with fond memories of our year and our celebration together. We are grateful to **Karen Engels**, **Hilary Marcus**, and **Erica Streit-Kaplan** for planning the event. And we offer our sincere thanks to **Dale Norman**, **Savannah Greenly**, **Annette Lawson**, and **Adam Lavitt** for guiding our children—and all of us—through this sweet year of learning and mutual support.

Greater Boston Jewish Community

Summer Fun at Camp JRF – Kids & Families!

Camp JRF is a wonderful overnight camp in the Pocono mountains, for children in grades 3 through 10. The sense of community, immersion in a vibrant, progressive Judaism, and overall fun can't be beat. Many CDT kids have had great experiences at Camp JRF, and Rabbi Toba will be there for a week this summer! For more information, visit www.campjrf.org

Shemesh is a one-week camp experience at Camp JRF for children aged 10-14 with developmental disabilities, including autism, cognitive delays, developmental challenges, and some forms of physical disabilities. The program is run by Sheira Director-Nowack, Associate Director of Camp JRF and all-around fabulous person. For more information, visit <http://www.campjrf.org/parents/shemesh>.

Family Camp—August 15-19, at Camp JRF: Adults and kids are invited to have a camp experience including

swimming, sports, arts & crafts, experiential learning, singing and dancing, and much more, highlighted by a special Shabbat. Space is limited, so check this out soon! Visit www.campjrf.org/parents/family-camp for more information.

Scholarships are available for Camp JRF programs from the CDT Camp JRF Scholarship Fund; please contact **Marla Lichtman** in the CDT office for more information.

Nediv Lev

There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek: through contributions to the General Fund, or to targeted funds such as the School, Holy Book or Jill Volk Teacher Development 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. All contributions should also be made out to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, but marked as intended for the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund or other funds.

Our annual Nediv Lev campaign is as crucial as ever. A successful campaign is critical to the continued flourishing of our congregation. As a community that recognizes the importance of giving, we hope that every CDT household will participate.

If you haven't made your contribution to the 5772 Nediv Lev Campaign, we'd love to hear from you! Checks should be made out to Congregation Dorshei Tzedek or you can pledge on-line.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

General Fund

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Sheree Galpert and Peter Hess—In honor of Adlai Hess becoming Bar Mitzvah

Stacie and Andrew Garnett-Cook

Ora Gladstone—In memory of Esther Schneier, who was a gift to my father and our whole family. We miss her!

Ora Gladstone—In honor of Lisa Schneier for all her caring of family and friends

Ellie Goldberg—To honor the memory of Esther Schneier, mother of Lisa Schneier

Lisa Goodman and William Weinreb—In honor of Rabbi Toba

Carol Hemley

Judy Hersh and Tim Rosa

Barry Ingber—In memory of Beatrice Ingber; in honor of the kindness of the CDT community

Linda and Peter Katz—In memory of Saul Weiss

Linda Kramer—In memory of Alex Fried

Sue Lanser and Jo Radner—In honor of Dorshei leyners and singers

Alissa and Gerry Leonard—In memory of Susannah Zisk and Sol Elkin

Dianne Lior—In honor of CDT Double Chai

Corinne Lofchie and Noam Shore—In honor of Sara Kramer-Fried and Ariane Chacker-Bourrut

Lissy Medvedow and Cliff Cohen

Carla Naumburg and Joshua Herzig-Marx

Sami O'Reilly—In honor of Annette Lawson and all the CDT religious school educators

Ruth Paris and Rob Saper—In honor of the Bar & Bat Mitzvah students of Kitah Zayin, their families and Rabbi Toba

Marion Ross—In celebration of the first birthday of Isaac Daniel Pedersen

Mei See Sandson

Linda Schiller and Steve Robins

Sharon Sevransky

Barbara Shatkin and Andrew Littman

Carol Sklar

Carole Slipowitz and Dan Halbert

Emily Sper—In memory of Esther Schneier, mother of Lisa Schneier

Erica Streit-Kaplan and James Kaplan—In memory of Ilse Weinberg, Erica's grandmother

Bonnie Tenneriello and Andrew Sofer—In honor of Rebbetzin Gina Fried

Jamie Tessler—In memory of my mother, Eleanor Tessler

Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund

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

Ora Gladstone—In memory of Jill Volk; it continues to confound me that she is not here with us at CDT.

Marna Sapsowitz—In honor of Jill's yahrzeit

Building Fund

Camp JRF Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

School Fund

Holy Books Fund

CDT Calendar

June 2012

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>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck 6:00pm</p>	<p>Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Gabby Cummins 9:45am to 12:00pm, Sanctuary Fellowship Hall, Room 112</p>
<p>Men's Softball 10:00am Forte Field, 233 California St., Newton</p>	<p>Avelut -- Monthly Support for CDT Mourners 7:30pm</p>			<p>Mindful Mornings with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:15a–9a, 60 Highland St., Library</p>		<p>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45a–9:40a, 60 Highland St., Library Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Adlai Hess 9:45a–12p, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Room 112 Tot Shabbat 10:45am to 12:00pm</p>
<p>Men's Softball 10:00am Forte Field, 233 California St., Newton Members' Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm to 8:15pm</p>			<p>Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>Mindful Mornings with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:15a–9a, 60 Highland St., Library</p>		<p>Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a–12p, Sanctuary Fellowship Hall, Room 112</p>
			<p>Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm - 9 pm</p>	<p>Mindful Mornings with Rabbi Toba Spitzer - final class 8:15a–9a, 60 Highland St., Library CDT Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>		<p>Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Solomita 9:45a–12p, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Room 112</p>
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Kiddush Assignments

Erev Shabbat 6/1: Marc Steinberg / Joel Katz / Shoshanna Korn-Meyer / Leah Diskin

Shabbat 6/2: Ushers: Stacey Chacker / Lisa Goodwin-Robbins
Sanctuary Cleanup: Janelle Winston / Bonnie Tenneriello

Shabbat 6/9: Ushers: Lisa Goodwin Robbins / Carole Slipowitz
Sanctuary Cleanup: Allison & Ezra Hausman
Setup: Mei See Sandson / Eileen Morrison / Dan Halbert / Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb / Bryn Austin
Cleanup: Janelle Winston / Marcia Okun & Josh Lieberman / Allison & Ezra Hausman / Susan Nitkin

Members Meeting 6/10: Setup/Cleanup: Cindy Shulak-Rome / Lilly Platt - in memory of Irene Platt / Ilana Streit / Sharon Gorberg

Shabbat 6/16: Setup/Cleanup: Sarah Hartman / Cliff Cohen / Phoebe Cushman & Joel Auslander

Shabbat 6/23: Ushers: Susan Silberberg
Sanctuary Cleanup: Lisa Chedekel & Isabel Morais

Shabbat 6/30: Setup/Cleanup: Nathan Aronow / Stephanie & Nem Hackett - in memory of Benjamin Lipka / Kate McNally Hoffman

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.

Religious School News

by **Annette Lawson, Education Director**

This school year is almost at its end, and registration for next year has begun. This is a good time to reach out to friends who might be looking for a Jewish educational program for their families to invite them to consider whether CDT would be a good fit for them.

I am always happy to talk to prospective parents to discuss our school program and answer questions.

For families considering our school, we offer a one-year "no-membership option" for those enrolling children in Nitzanin through Kitah Gimmel (PreK to 3rd grade). This option allows families to try us out and get to know our school and congregation before committing to membership.

If you know of any families who might be interested in our school, please encourage them to contact me at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

As we complete another school year, I recognize that our Religious School is the product of the creativity, caring, and hard work of many people who deserve our acknowledgement and thanks for their contributions.

We are blessed with an extremely talented group of teachers, all of whom share their passion for Jewish learning with our students each day. Todah rabah (a big thank you) to **Alison Lobron, Becca Richman, Dale Norman, Vered Schreiber, Adina Mailick, Ben Rotenberg, Rabbi Talya Weisbard Shalem** and **Cindy Shulak-Rome**.

Our teachers are ably assisted by our teenage madrichim (aides) who in addition to being an extra pair of hands in the classroom, are wonderful role models for our students. Kol hakavod (great work!) to **Clara Ives, Charlotte Cohen, Benyamin Meschede-Krasa, Savannah Greenly, Marina Miller, Isaac Silberberg, Mira Netsky, Isabel Snyder** and **Nathan Reider**.

This year we were very fortunate to have (now Rabbi) **Adam Lavitt** join our staff as our community educator, working on our pilot program, Project LO"X. Our 1st-3rd grade families benefited from Adam's knowledge, warmth and enthusiasm and I am delighted that Adam will be continuing on next year.

Thank you also to administrative director **Marla Lichtman** and administrative assistant **Jon Sarnier**, whose help I value greatly in making sure the administrative aspects of running our school go smoothly. Also working quietly behind the scenes is CDT member **Dan Halbert**, who volunteers as the school's tech support. When the internet, my computer or a printer gives us trouble, Dan answers my pleas for help with patience, good humor and great skill. Thank you Dan for keeping us up and running!

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to **Rabbi Toba**, who is an important presence in our school. Rabbi Toba leads ma'ariv services, teaches "Tefillah Time", leads Rosh Chodesh assemblies, helps lead Project LO"X programs as well as other family education programs. She assists staff with professional development and gives generously of her time to me as we collaborate on planning our school year.

I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation and look forward to next fall!



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Supporting the Coalition of Immokalee Workers

by Amy Mazur



Demonstrators at CIW Rally

RECENTLY, AT TEMPLE Beth Elohim, Helaine Carroll and I represented CDT at a program designed to show Jewish community support of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers.

The program included representatives of CIW who had traveled from Immokalee, Florida, sacrificing ten days of work and pay in order to stand with tens of thousands of farm-workers who pick Stop & Shop's tomatoes. These workers are asking to be treated with dignity and respect for the hard work they do. Rabbis Joel Sisenwine Beth and Rabbi Barbara Penzner explained the significance of the gathering:

(As described in our Passover liturgy) It was on this night that our ancestors, who had worked tirelessly to escape from bondage, now came upon the insurmountable barrier of the Red Sea, just as their enslavers came up on their heels, ready to turn them back from their hard-won freedom. As the rest of his people teetered on the precipice of the sea, one young man took the plunge into the abyss below—and just as he submerged into darkness, the sea parted. With the final stretch toward freedom now illuminated, the people set out on the last, long road ahead

of them. This is the moment in which the CIW finds itself...After the CIW has worked for decades to release workers from the tethers of 'slavery' and abuse, Stop & Shop's refusal to raise wages has put the past on their heels, eager to turn back the clock. But the CIW has already taken the plunge. The path towards a fully transformed agricultural industry is clear. All we have to do is walk with them.

After hearing the rabbis speak and the CIW members tell personal stories of what they had experienced in their work, there was a chance for each of us to carry a bucket weighing 32 pounds. Picking up the bucket was no easy feat. Knowing that farm-workers had to repeatedly fill and carry that bucket of tomatoes to make minimum wage, made the weight of the bucket even heavier.

The appreciation that every single CIW member expressed to those of us in attendance made me realize how CIW has illuminated the final stretch toward the workers' freedom, and how walking together was a small gesture that we can make to ease their road ahead.