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“Doing” and “Not Doing”: Sabbatical Thoughts

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



I’VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED how a rabbi’s year peaks right at the very beginning, with all the holidays of the month of Tishrei. One after the other—Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah—these holidays flow. I love how, as a community, we begin the year all together at High Holydays services, reconnecting and generating energy for the year to come.

According to the descriptions in the Torah, each of the holy days of Tishrei has its own purpose. The first, what we now call Rosh Hashanah, was a day of *zikhron teru’ah*, a remembrance of the shofar’s blast; the 10th day of the month was called *yom hakippurim*, a day of seeking atonement; and beginning on the 15th of the month was *chag ha-sukkot*, the feast of huts, celebrating the fall harvest and recalling our ancestors’ travels in the wilderness. In addition, each of these holidays is called *shabbat* or *shabbaton*, a day of rest, of ceasing all productive work. Yom Kippur is referred to as “Shabbat Shabbaton,” emphasizing the complete and total cessation of labor. So it would appear that “not doing” on each of these holidays is just as important as the rituals and remembrances special to each day. Tishrei is thus both a busy time, holiday-wise, and also a month chock full of Shabbat, of ceasing and rest.

While all religions have their feasts and fasts, times of celebration and times of introspection, Judaism may be unique in emphasizing rest, “not doing,” as a key component of holy time. Shabbat was so important in ancient Israelite thinking that the authors of the Torah imagined God Godself “shabbating” at the end of the process of Creation. Not only were the Israelites instructed to observe a day of Shabbat each week, but every seven years there was a *shabbaton*, a sabbatical, for the land and the entire economy, as the agricultural process—and all those involved in it—halted for an entire year.

Beginning October 15, I will be having my own “shabbaton.” I am taking my upcoming sabbatical in two parts: three months this fall, from mid-October through mid-January, and then another three months the following year, January through March 2014. Like the fall holidays, I see this time as an opportunity for both “doing” and “not doing.” I hope to do some writing, with the far-off goal of perhaps writing a book of new Jewish theology. I will do some traveling, visiting Israel and seeing friends and

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family here in the U.S. (and maybe even go bowling in a new state!). It will also be a time to rest and renew, to spend time with Gina, and, if we're lucky, finally sell our house and move to Waltham. In the realm of "not doing," I'm hoping to reinvigorate my daily meditation practice and to attend at least one silent retreat. The agricultural shabbaton described in the book of Leviticus was part of a larger cycle that culminated, every 50 years, in a "Jubilee" year: "And you shall count seven Shabbatot of years, seven times seven years...And you shall sound the shofar on the 10th day of the 7th month, on Yom HaKippurim you shall sound the shofar throughout your land, and you shall make holy the 50th year, and proclaim release throughout the land to all the inhabitants of the land, and it shall be a Jubilee for you" (Lev. 25:8-10).

This is only my second sabbatical with Dorshei Tzedek, but during it I will be celebrating my own "Jubilee"—turning 50 this November. The Biblical Jubilee was a year of rest and of restructuring, with every family returning to its original agricultural holding. For myself and for Dorshei Tzedek, I hope my Jubilee-year sabbatical will not only be a time of rest, but also an opportunity for the flowering of lay leadership within the congregation. The three months that I'm gone this fall will be a chance for the congregation to really appreciate and celebrate its lay leadership, from the Board members who will keep everything running to those helping with Shabbat service leading to those supporting members in need of a shivah minyan or an act of chesed. There will also be wonderful guest rabbis and teachers to help fill in, and I am confident that this will be an energizing and exciting time for the congregation. I especially hope that CDT members (and prospective members!) will not take their own "sabbatical" from the congregation, but will instead make an extra effort to be involved, to come enjoy a Shabbat morning service, to support all those who will be working hard to keep everything running smoothly.

May the new year of 5773 be one of good health, abundance, and just the right balance of "doing" and "not doing" for all of us. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu!*

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 combined summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

Volunteer Staff

Josette Akresh-Gonzales (chair), Deb Albenberg, Barry Ingber, John Holohan, Barbara Pittel, Rachel Ross, Vivienne Shein, Emily Shumsky, Michael Singer, Tim Rosa (Chair Emeritus)

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. For the comfort and health of our members and guests, we ask everyone attending services to avoid wearing fragrances (perfume, cologne, hair, and body sprays).



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All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Open House

Friday, September 7 / 6:00 pm candle lighting & potluck dinner, 6:45 pm service

Join us for this fun, musical, all-ages celebration of Shabbat! We are also welcoming all those who might be interested in Dorshei Tzedek and our children's education program for the coming year, so bring a friend! We'll begin with candle lighting and the Shabbat blessings at 6:00pm, followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner (please bring a main dish or salad, enough for 15-20 people; drinks and dessert provided). Services begin at 6:45pm, and we'll end with an Oneg Shabbat at 7:30pm.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study

Saturday, September 8 / 8:45 am

Join Rabbi Toba for an exploration of the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries both traditional and contemporary. This will be Rabbi Toba's last Shabbat morning Torah study before she heads off on sabbatical; Rabbi Adam Lavitt, our Community Educator, will take over the reins for the months of October through January.

Brit Bat & Naming Ceremony

Saturday, September 15 / 9:45 am

Join us at Shabbat morning services as we officially welcome Evelyn Bea, daughter of Audra Karp and Deb Albenberg, to the Jewish people and the CDT community!

Yahrzeit Remembrances

On Shabbat morning, September 1, we will be remembering CDT member **Debbie Sher**, on the occasion of her first yahrzeit.

On Shabbat morning, September 29, we will be remembering **Efrem Goldberg**, on the occasion of his tenth yahrzeit.

Bar Mitzvah of Theo Tessler Shapiro

Saturday, September 8 / 9:45 am

Theo is in the eighth grade at Boston Latin School and plays trombone in his class band. He is also a student of circus arts and favors stilt walking, "diabolo" (a spinning juggling prop), and clowning. He is passionate about animal welfare, popular music, spending time with family, and hanging out with his friends. We will look forward to seeing you at Shabbat morning services followed by a Kiddush lunch.

—Jamie Tessler and Peter Shapiro

CDT Events

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The Days of Awe

Selichot Program

Saturday, September 8 / 8:00-10:00pm with Temple Hillel Bnai Torah & Congregation Shir Hadash

We kick off the High Holydays season with Selichot, an opportunity to begin the process of teshuvah, turning/returning. Along with Rabbis Toba Spitzer, Barbara Penzner, and Audrey Marcus-Berkman, we will explore themes of return and renewal, preparing ourselves for the new year ahead. The evening will begin with havdalah, dessert and schmoozing at 8:00pm, and the **Selichot program** will begin at 8:45pm, including music of the High Holydays, text study, and opportunities for individual reflection.

"CDT Sings" Open Rehearsal

Saturday, September 8 / 1:00pm

Any CDT member is invited to join in singing for the High Holydays services. We will meet after kiddush lunch to learn three rounds to sing at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. For more information, please contact **Vilunya Diskin**, vdiskin@comcast.net.

Shabbat Shuvah Contemplative Service

Saturday, September 22 / 9:45am-noon

For the special Shabbat of "turning" that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will have a contemplative service, incorporating singing and times of silence and guided meditation, as well as Torah study. The service will be co-led by Rabbi Toba Spitzer and CDT member Linda Kramer, a long-time practitioner of mindfulness meditation. Children are welcome, but please be advised that there will be 10- to 20-minute periods of silence. In order to not disrupt the silence, we ask if possible that you arrive no later than 10am. Torah study will begin at 11:15am.

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

We welcome our members and the larger Jewish community to our High Holydays services, held again this year at the lovely Gann Academy in Waltham, MA. Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Sunday, September 16. For a full schedule of services and children's programming, please go to <http://dorsheitzedek.org/high-holydays>. While we do not want finances to be an obstacle to anyone's participation, we do rely on contributions from our guests, as well as fees for childcare, to cover the considerable expense involved in our High Holydays programming. All non-members who pre-register for services will have a name tag awaiting!

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Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Sukkot is the "Festival of the Ingathering," the Biblical harvest holiday where we celebrate the abundance in our lives while remembering the precariousness of our ancestors' journey through the wilderness. On Sukkot we build and eat our meals in the sukkah, wave the lulav and etrog at services, and are commanded to be joyous! Here are some opportunities to do all three!

Sukkah, Sustainability, and Social Change: All-Ages Learning Program & Erev Sukkot Dinner

Sunday, September 30 / 4:30-7:00 pm

First Unitarian Society of Newton

4:30pm - Gather in the CDT sukkah and make sukkah decorations!

4:45-5:45 pm - Sukkot Workshops

A Sukkah Investigation, with Sarah Rund of CitySprouts
(for children 3-7 and parents):

The sukkah was a safe place in the wilderness, and as fall begins many creatures around us are building their own shelters! In this workshop, we'll explore the deeper meaning of the sukkah as we look at all kinds of different shelters made by humans and by animals. Children will have the opportunity to design and build miniature homes of their own out of recycled materials—a home for a person, a mouse, a bird, or even a fairy. Sarah has worked at the Massachusetts Audubon Society, The Trustees of Reservations, and most recently, CitySprouts.

From Harvest to Home—Apple Jam Making, with Becca Weaver of Ganei Beantown (for children 8+ and adults):

In the age of big business and globalization, there are many things that we can do in our own home to connect to the sources of our food, support environmental sustainability, and enjoy each other's company at the same time. Making our own jam on Sukkot allows us to preserve our summer harvest into the winter. In this session we'll learn how to make apple jam and talk about why this action is among the many things we can do as Jews to build the world we want to live in. Becca Weaver is an Adamah Alumna and cofounder of Ganei Beantown.

From Temporary Shelter to Ending Homelessness, with speakers from The Faces of Homelessness Speakers' Bureau (for children 10+ and adults):

As we remember our ancestors' journeys through the wilderness on Sukkot, we'll hear from three currently and formerly homeless individuals as they share their diverse stories. In this conversation, we hope to break stereotypes, humanize homelessness, and inspire action for social change in the new year.

5:45 pm Welcoming Sukkot – We will gather in the Sukkah to welcome the Sukkot holiday, with songs and a story and special blessings.

6:00 pm Erev Sukkot Potluck – We'll share our bounty together at this holiday meal. If your last name begins with A-K, please bring a salad of any sort; L-Z, a veggie or fish main dish. Please avoid nuts, and please make enough for 20 people! Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Sukkot Morning Services

Monday, October 1 / 9:30–11:30am

No childcare provided; kids welcome at the service. Bring your lulav and etrog as we sing Hallel and celebrate the holiday.

Simchat Torah

Monday, October 8 / 7:00–9:00pm

We close the "time of our rejoicing" with a celebration of Torah, as we complete one cycle of reading and turn the scroll back to the beginning. Come join us for "Torah Quiz" (with prizes!), klezmer music, and dancing with the Torah scrolls!! For adults and kids of all ages.

Lulav & Etrog Orders

If you'd like your own lulav and etrog set this Sukkot, CDT will order it for you! The lulav consists of three species—willow, myrtle, and palm branch—plus the etrog. The tradition is to wave the lulav and etrog each morning of the Sukkot holiday, a symbol of our connection with the earth and its bounty. Sets cost \$40 each and will be available for pick up at CDT before Erev Sukkot. Please watch for an email letting you know when they are here.

To order, please contact **Marla Lichtman** in the CDT office, and let her know how many sets you would like, at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org. Please send in your order no later than September 20. Pre-payment is appreciated. Please send checks (\$40 per set) to CDT, 60 Highland Street, West Newton.

Other Events

Tradition and Transformation: Reconstructionist Judaism Today

Sunday, October 14 / 10:30am-noon

What does it mean to "reconstruct" Jewish tradition for a contemporary world? How can ancient texts and rituals be meaningful for us today? Join Rabbi Toba Spitzer and members of CDT to learn more about our approach to Jewish living and our community. This is a program for prospective as well as new and current CDT members—tell your friends!

New Member Orientation

Sunday, October 14 / 12:00–12:30pm

We hope you will come to Rabbi Toba's talk, "Tradition and Transformation: Reconstructionist Judaism Today" (see above). If you are new to CDT since this past spring, please join us after for a New Member Orientation. We will give a short overview of the "ins and outs" of CDT, as well as answer any questions you may have.

ask lisa dee

Have a question for the Ask Lisa Dee column? Anything you want to know about CDT? Anything you want to know about anything? I'll do my best to get you the answers. Contact me at ldpw@rcn.com.

Adult Learning & Reflection

Ikkarim: Parenting Through a Jewish Lens

Registration is open for Fall 2012; Sunday evenings beginning October 14 / 7:30-9:00pm

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.

Rosh Chodesh

Tuesday, October 16 / 7:30-9pm

After a summer hiatus, the CDT Rosh Chodesh group will meet at 60 Highland Street to celebrate the new

moon of Cheshvan. For those who are new to Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the new moon is a day historically associated with women's renewal and celebration. In recent decades, Rosh Chodesh has become an occasion for Jewish women to gather for learning, ritual, and spiritual exploration, and to mark life passages.

For more information or to RSVP please contact Erica Streit-Kaplan at EricaStreitkaplan@yahoo.com. New-comers welcome!

Please save the date for the Rosh Chodesh Kislev on Thursday, November 15.

Me'ah

Due to low enrollment, CDT will NOT be hosting a Me'ah class this year. For those interested in taking this intensive adult learning course at another site, please go to <http://www.hebrewcollege.edu/meah>.

Religious School News

**by Annette Lawson,
Education Director**

DURING THE SUMMER, when the students and teachers are away, the pace at the school changes, but work continues on. Summer is a good time for reflecting on the successes and challenges of the past year, developing curriculum and programming, and planning for the coming year.

In addition to working with Rabbi Toba, I was fortunate this year to be able to collaborate over the summer with (now) Rabbi Adam, whose role as our Community Educator has been expanded to a half-time position.

One of the areas we focused on this summer was how our students learn about and experience prayer. As part of this work, we considered the feedback provided by our Project LO"X families in a year-end survey. We also consulted

with Rabbi Michael Shire at Hebrew College, who was generous with both his time and expertise. As a result of our discussions, we redesigned both the Shabbat Circle time for Grades 1-3 and Junior Congregation for Grades 4-6. Parents of students in these grades will be receiving more detailed information about these changes, and I hope to report back to the larger community after we have put these changes into practice.

We also worked on expanding Project LO"X programming beyond the 1st-3rd grades. In the works are new parallel learning and family learning experiences for 4th and 5th grade students and parents around the topic of Jewish prayer. This year, we will also be including other cohorts in our "LO"X@home" programs.

Summer also affords time for professional development. In July I was fortunate to attend the Moreh L'Morim conference for Jewish educators pre-

sented by Siegal College. The highlight of the conference for me was the 10-hour "intensive" I took on educational leadership. It was a valuable opportunity to meet for an extended period of time with other education directors and share our ideas and concerns about leading a synagogue school and creating vibrant "21st century" educational programs.

Also, I have been spending time talking to and meeting with families who are considering our school program for their children. We are still enrolling students in all grades. If you know of a family who might be interested in our school, I encourage you to have them to contact me at 617-965-5443 or school@dorsheitzedek.org.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school soon. The first day of our Tuesday/Thursday classes is September 11 and the first day of Saturday classes is September 15. See you all then!

Tikkun Olam

Family Table: Whole Grains and Kosher Soup

CDT has now been assigned to collect **25 cans of kosher or vegetarian soup and 25 boxes of whole grain cereal** per month. We need your help to fill this need. Please bring your donations with you when you come to services or to drop off/pick up your child from the CDT school.

One volunteer is needed **one Sunday per month** to transport the food.

This takes approximately one hour. The driver picks up the monthly donations of food from Dorshei Tzedek and delivers to Family Table at 1430 Main Street, Waltham between 9:00-11:00am on the designated day. **please see the calendar to sign up for an hour of driving:** <http://www.doodle.com/z75uie72aic5zf4m>

Supporting Family Table provides meaningful ways for people of all ages to spend a little time making a big difference in our community. We need your help to fulfill our commitment to Family Table. Please sign up to be a driver. Please remember your cans of soup or boxes of cereal. Thanks.

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

Despina Anton and Arthur Anton, Jr.—*In memory of David Keimowitz Crozier*

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Deborah Waber—*In honor of the birth of Shira Achituv, granddaughter of Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx; in honor of the birth of a new daughter to Audra Karp and Deb Albenberg*

Janson Wu—*In memory of David Keimowitz Crozier*

Camp JRF Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Michal and Michael Schneider—

In memory of David Levi Keimowitz Crozier

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

CDT Calendar

September 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a-12p |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service and Potluck / Open House 6:00p | 8 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40a Bar Mitzvah of Theo Tessler-Shapiro 9:45a-12:00p Selichot Service 8:00p |
| 9 | 10 AVELUT Monthly Support for CDT Mourners 7:30p | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a-12p |
| 16 Erev Rosh Hashanah Gann Academy 8:00p | 17 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Gann Academy 9:30a-1:00p | 18 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Gann Academy 10:00a-12:30p | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Shabbat Shuvah Chanting & Meditation Service 9:45am to 12:00pm |
| 23 | 24 | 25 Kol Nidre Gann Academy 6:30p | 26 Yom Kippur Gann Academy 9:30a | 27 | 28 | 29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a to 12:00p |
| 30 Sukkah Building 9:30 a Erev Sukkot 4:00-7:30p | October 1 Sukkot Service 9:30-11:30p | 2 | 3 | 4 | Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton. | |

Kiddush Assignments

Shabbat 9/1: Elena Eisman, Tessa Goldsmit, Barbara Huggins

All Ages Erev Shabbat and Open House 9/7: Irena Fayngold, Idit Klein, Benita Danzing—in memory of Myra Danzing, Kristin Butcherr

Shabbat 9/8:

Sanctuary cleanup: Hope Kellman, Jonathan Gordon

Set up: Ami Gordon, Jan Small, Elizabeth & David Roll, Susan Bernstein, Amelia Zalcmán

Clean up: Jan Small, Jonathan Gordon, Susan Silberberg, Elizabeth & David Roll, Leah Diskin

Ushers: Bonnie Tenneriello & Andrew Sofer

Selichot Service 9/8: Erica Streit Kaplan, Jordan Namerow

Shabbat 9/15: Phyllis & Bill Kantor, Ellie Baron & Kate deBethune

Shabbat 9/22: Marjorie Salvodon & Mark Schafer, Sarah Hartman, Alex Sugerman-Brozán

Shabbat 9/29: Steffi Aronson Karp, Phyllis Glazerman, Marion Ross—in honor of Benjamin Levenson, Tom Kuh

Sukkah Building 9/30: Audra Karp & Deb Albenberg, David Shumsky Rachel & Chad Pytel, Doron Gan

Erev Sukkot 9/30:

Setup: Rob Greenly, Stacie & Andrew Garnett-Cook, Tania Mirele, Emily Shumsky—in honor of my wedding anniversary / Sarah Little

Cleanup: Josh Herzig-Marx, James Kaplan, Liz Carver, Douglas Hersch, Jessica Engel, Ilana Streit

Sukkot Service 10/1: Stephanie & Nem Hackett—in memory of Benjamin Lipka and Eleanor Hackett, Diane Becker



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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 members and 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 Dorshei Tzedek events. While pleasant to some, these fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Spitzer (617.965.0330) or Elaine Landes and Linda Hsu (chesed@dorsheitzedek.org) 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.

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.

Mazel Tov

To **Chagit Steiner** and **Tom Brown** on the birth and *brit milah* of their son, Noam.

To **Jacqui Bloomberg** on her marriage to **Liz Gray**!

To **Audra Karp, Deb Albenberg,** and **Ila**, on the birth of their daughter/sister, Evelyn Bea!

To **Kate DeBethune**, on her official entry into the Jewish people!

To **Judy** and **Chayim Herzig-Marx** on the birth of their granddaughter, Shira Achituv!

Todah Rabbah

A special Todah Rabbah to **Lisa Goodwin-Robbins, Allison & Charlotte Robbins, Stacie Garnett-Cook, Michael Singer** (and baby Asher!) & CDT Administrative Assistant **Jon Sarner**, for their hard work in getting our High Holydays packets assembled for mailing and off to the post office. Thank you for your help!

Todah rabbah to all of those who helped with Kiddush or B'nei Mitzvah in June, July, and August:

Nathan Aronow, Stephanie and Nem Hackett-in memory of Benjamin Lipka, Kate McNally Hoffman, Ellie Goldberg, Joyce Traister-in memory of Joyce Traister's and Harriet Budd's parents, Debbie Waber, Bruce Gore, Tom Brown, Barry Ingber, Karen and Reinhard Engels, Mei See Sandson, Rachel and Vitaly Zakuta, Stan Meyer, Linda Katz, Lauren and Andrew Stefano, Barbara Beck-in memory of my brother, Stephen Beck.

Refuah Sh'leyma

We send blessings of healing to CDT member **Ally Cherkasky**.

Yahrzeit

We remember **Debbie Sher**, whose first yahrzeit falls on September 1. We will be remembering Debbie that morning at Shabbat morning services. May her memory be for a blessing.

We remember **Zachary Carson**, whose fifth yahrzeit falls on September 22. May his memory be for a blessing.

We remember **Efrem Goldberg**, whose tenth yahrzeit falls on September 30. We will be remembering Efrem at Shabbat morning services on September 29. May his memory be for a blessing.

Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

Monday, September 10 / 7:30pm.
Please RSVP to **Ellie Goldberg** for location.

Avelut is a monthly gathering of CDT members in mourning, focusing on mutual support and a chance to share individual journeys in bereavement. Meeting dates will be posted in the newsletter and the member calendar of the CDT website. Avelut meets on the second Monday of every month. Please join us if you would like to remember a family member or friend. If you would like more information about the group, contact Ellie Goldberg (ellie.goldberg@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer to host a meeting or for scheduling details, contact **Andrew Sofer** (sofer@bc.edu).

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)

CDT Chalkboard

by Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director

2012-13 MEMBERSHIP FORMS, HIGH HOLYDAYS PACKETS & OPPORTUNITIES!

BY NOW, EACH returning member household should have received their 2012-13 Membership Renewal Packets. Please fill out and return your member form, dues form and dues payment to the office by September 1. Be sure to include the Holiday Havurah sign-up form as well, if you'd like to be part of a group that helps 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 10. We have also started notifying members of yahrzeit dates so do check off the appropriate box on the Yizkor Scroll & Yahrzeit Notification Form if you would like to receive annual notifications.

High Holydays Packets have also been mailed to your homes. Reservation forms and payments must be received into the office no later than September 10 – thanks for cooperating! Please

remember that you must be a member in good standing to claim included adult High Holydays admission so do send in your membership renewal forms along with your High Holydays reservations by their due dates. Thanks!

The list of open High Holydays volunteer opportunities is now available on our website. Working with our wonderful High Holydays Coordinator, Wendy Buglio, you might like to help set-up Gann Academy for Rosh Hashanah or for Yom Kippur, or be a greeter and welcome members and guests by helping at the registration table. Maybe you're a kitchen maven - we could use your help in the kitchen, setting up or helping to prepare for kiddush. However you wish to engage, we do hope that every HH attendee will take the opportunity to help out and contribute to the success of our communal High Holydays experience. To review HH volunteer opportunities and sign up, go to the following link: <http://dorsheitzedek.org/members/signup/hh-signups-5773>.

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

For questions, please email me at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org or give me a call at 617-965-0330.

With wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet new year-Shana Tovah!



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Please join us for High Holyday services and events

Selichot—*Saturday, September 8 @ 8:00 PM*

Erev Rosh Hashanah—*Sunday, September 16 @ 8:00 PM*

First Day of Rosh Hashanah —*Monday, September 17 @ 9:30 AM*

Tashlikh—*Monday, September 17 @ 4:30 PM*

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah—*Tuesday, September @ 10:00 AM*

Shabbat Shuvah—*Saturday, September 22 @ 9:45 AM*

Kol Nidre/Evening Service—*Tuesday, September 25 @ 6:30 PM*

Yom Kippur Morning Service—*Wednesday, September 26 @ 9:30 PM*

Yom Kippur Afternoon—*Wednesday, September 26 @ 3:45 PM*

Ne'ilah—*Wednesday, September 26 @ 6:45 PM*

Break-Fast—*Wednesday, September 26 @ 7:30 PM*

For details, see www.dorsheitzedek.org/calendar

