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Two Topics and a Plug

by Peter Katz



Photo courtesy of Vivienne Shein



IN EARLY NOVEMBER, two weeks after Hurricane Sandy, my wife and I went to New York City for a weekend visit. As we passed Hartford, we began to see fallen trees, and their numbers increased as we drove southwest. Many had apparently been recently removed from the highway, and at one point we passed a crew blocking traffic while

they worked on a tree still jutting out onto the road. In that one relatively short drive from Hartford to the Bronx, mostly confined to one route, I estimate that we passed woods containing hundreds of broken and downed trees.

In New York we stayed in the Upper West Side near Columbia. There was not a sign of a storm, not even broken branches in Central Park. In this part of New York there had been relatively little wind, no flooding, and nothing more than momentary power loss. A friend from New York told me that, when it came to the hurricane, the areas north and south of 42nd Street were two different cities.

Our stories and narratives, including those in the Torah, are about the rewards and penalties of righteousness and wickedness, wisdom and foolishness, humility and arrogance. Sometimes, however, events remind us of how much mere chance shapes our lives.

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When you read these musings, Rabbi Toba's sabbatical will be a little over half done; she will be returning for Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. Meanwhile, CDT is experiencing a wide range of inspired and inspiring shabbats. For example, we have had a racy d'var on Noah, another challenging d'var on listening and not listening, a service accompanied by a soothing, droning musical box, and an unusual and thought-provoking contemplative service. As I write this column, the congregation is planning to welcome newborn twins and to honor a yahrzeit.

These shabbats have not happened by chance. Let us note and thank all our service leaders and leyners whose spirit and energy are at the heart of our services. The ritual committee has been working hard for months and continues to work at organizing services, inviting guests and members to participate, and dealing with the inevitable snafus and inconvenient happenings. And our fine staff has been firmly supporting the entire endeavor.

There is more to come and CDT's other activities continue in full swing. Come and enjoy!

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Sivan Nasoff and daughter Noa relax at the 2011 retreat.

Photo courtesy of Vivienne Shein

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Speaking of enjoying, those of us who went to the CDT retreat at Camp Yavneh in 2011 have happy memories of it. True, it was rainy or cold or both almost every minute. But there was good food, good singing, good activities for kids and adults, and a memorable all ages talent show. Best of all was hanging out and schmoozing.

Why am I writing about this, you may ask? Because another CDT summer retreat is coming up, of course. Our 2013 retreat will be June 14–16. Save the date! And do sun dances. Stacey Chacker (chacsjc@aol.com) and Corinne Lofchie (clofchie@gmail.com) are the coordinators for the 2013 retreat, and as the days get longer they will be looking for your help, so keep those smartphones fired up. Come to think of it, if you have ever had a yen for a career as a party planner, why not call them—they're in the book.

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 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.

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).

Tot Shabbat

Saturdays Dec. 8, Jan. 19

10:45 am–noon

Tot Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program for children age five and younger and their parents, led by **Susan Moser**—CDT member, musician, and Jewish educator—and by **Alison Lobron**—CDT member and Jewish educator. Join us in celebrating Shabbat with prayers and songs, stories, crafts, and other fun activities.

All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck

Fridays, Dec. 7, Jan. 4

6:00 pm, candle lighting and dinner; 6:45 pm, service

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

Shabbat Morning Services

Dorshei Tzedek holds Shabbat morning services every Saturday from 9:45 am to noon. From October 15 through January 15, while Rabbi Toba Spitzer is on sabbatical, services will be led both by members of Dorshei Tzedek and special guests. Read on about special services this month.

Shabbat Vayishlach with Rabbi Shawn Zevit

(part of Limmud Boston) December 1

Rabbi Shawn will lead a musical Shabbat morning service, highlighting his own music and music of the Reconstructionist movement. During the Torah service, he will lead us in

an exploration of Parshat Vayishlach, with a special focus on relationships between men and on being a Jewish man in Western culture, drawn from his years helping lead the annual Jewish men's retreat and his and Harry Brod's new book, *Brother Keepers: New Essays on Jewish Masculinity*.

Shabbat Vayeshev with Cantor Louise Treitman

December 8

Cantor Treitman will be incorporating some of post-Reformation Italian composer Salamone Rossi's glorious choral pieces into our service, and will also present a musical d'var on the history of Rossi and the Jews of Mantua. Rossi (ca. 1570–1630) was a musician and prolific composer who spent most of his career in the service of the Gonzaga family, the Dukes of Mantua, Italy. His first known work of choral music set for our Jewish liturgy is entitled *HaShirim asher liShlomo*.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Adam Lavitt

Saturdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 12

8:45 am

Once a month, before the Shabbat morning service, we will explore the parshat hashavua, the weekly Torah portion, through the lens of commentaries both traditional and contemporary. No prior experience in Torah study is necessary. Bring your own caffeinated beverage!

Rabbi Adam Lavitt will be leading the Torah Study while Rabbi Toba is on sabbatical.

Learning with Leora (for students in Kitot Dalet, Hey, and Vav)

Saturdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 12 10:00–10:45 am
60 Highland St., Room 111

CDT Kitot Dalet, Hey and Vav students join **Leora Abelson** for a

special learning session before the regular Junior Congregation service.

Spend a special Shabbat morning learning with your friends! Continue on, at 10:45 am, to Junior Congregation. After services, join with everyone for kiddush in Fellowship Hall.

Leora Abelson is in her second year of rabbinical school at Hebrew College. She loves to make music and lead creative prayer experiences.

Junior Congregation

Saturdays, Dec. 15, Jan. 12

10:45 am–noon

This is a fun, participatory service for third through sixth graders, led by **Leora Abelson**. After services, join with everyone for kiddush in Fellowship Hall.

Men's Shabbaton

(for CDT members only)

Friday, January 4, 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 5, 9:00 am–7:00 pm

Building upon last year's success, the second annual CDT Men's Shabbaton will take place on Friday, January 4, and Saturday, January 5. It will start with Friday night dinner coordinated by **Steve Siegel** (spsiegel@aol.com). We will begin shabbat day with Rabbi Adam, holding our own song-filled and meditative morning service, followed by kiddush and lunch. The afternoon will include a tisch (festive gathering) with plenty of song, Torah exploration, and discussion about what it means to be Jewish men. The day will conclude with havdalah.

If you would like to be involved, please be in touch with Rabbi Adam (communityed@dorsheitzedek.org).

CDT Events

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Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 94:30–7:00 pm FUSN,
1326 Washington Street, West Newton

Come welcome the second night of Chanukah at CDT! The evening will feature candle-lighting (please bring your own menorah with three candles), latkes, and activities for all ages! We'll begin with candle-lighting at

4:45 pm, followed by activities, including arts and crafts, dreidel, and text study for adults. At around 6:00 pm we'll have dinner; please bring a salad—green, veggie, tuna, pasta, whatever you like—to accompany the latkes, enough for 20 people. Drinks, dessert, and latkes will be provided! And tell your friends—this is a great way for folks to learn about CDT.



Gabby Cummins, Maya Fisher Gomberg and Leila Zisk celebrate at last year's Chanukah party.

Photo courtesy of Vivienne Shein

CDT Film Club

Saturday, December 15

Potluck, 6:00 pm; film, 7:00 pm

Home of Judy Hersh and Tim Rosa

12 Randolph St., Newton Highlands, MA 02461

Film title: **Footnote**

(2011, 106 minutes Hebrew with English subtitles)

This film is the 2012 Israeli Academy Awards nominee for Best Foreign Language Film. Long-buried tensions erupt in this witty drama, which follows the strained relationship between a reserved Talmudic scholar and his ambitious son—both professors in the Talmud de-

partment at Hebrew University of Jerusalem—when the father wins a prestigious award the son covets.

Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share, and let us know ahead of time if you're coming and what you'll bring. After the movie we will have a group discussion. Feel free to come for any part of the evening. Please contact **Stan Fleischman** (stanfma@gmail.com) or **Emily Sper** (emily@emilysper.com) if you have any questions.

Upcoming:

January 5: **The Shop on Main Street**

Would you like to host a film?

All you need to provide is the house and TV or white wall. Please let Judy Hersh (judyhersh@comcast.net) know if you are a potential host.

Oncoglyphs: An Exhibit Quilts by Susannah Zisk

CDT Sanctuary

In the final year of her life, **Susannah Zisk** created a stunning series of quilts incorporating images of cancer cells as a contemplation and exploration of the disease that was threatening her own life. The quilts are being displayed for the first time in the CDT sanctuary, with accompanying text by Susannah. They will be up for a few months, so please take the time to view them the next time you in the sanctuary. They are a beautiful celebration of life in the face of mortality. —*With thanks to Stephen Zisk and Emily Sper for organizing this exhibit.*

Special Night for CDT Film Club

November's CDT film club, in addition to the usual fine food and convivial company, was honored by the presence of Edgar Krasa, Holocaust survivor and father of CDT member Daniel Krasa. Edgar spoke to the more than 20 attendees, introducing the film *Inside Hana's Suitcase* and describing his personal connection to the story. In the film, the curator of the Tokyo Holocaust Museum searches to discover details of the life of Hana Brady, the name painted on a suitcase from Auschwitz that is displayed in her museum. Her search leads to Hana's brother George, living in Toronto. As small children they had been sent to Theresienstadt. Edgar had befriended George as they were being transported from Theresienstadt to Auschwitz, and they have remained friends ever since.



Edgar Krasa speaks to the CDT Film Club in November.

Photo courtesy of John Holohan

Greater Boston Jewish Community 3rd Annual LimmudBoston

Organized by CDT Member Steffi Aronson Karp

Sunday, December 2

8:00 am–7:00 pm

The third volunteer-driven, community-wide Limmud-Boston celebration of lifelong Jewish learning takes place on Sunday, December 2, at Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill.

Register today, and bring your friends and family! Amazing presenters will once again be with us this year. There is a special family rate for those seeking childcare (for kids aged three to eight) and Camp Limmud (for kids

aged nine to 14) programs. New this year is the Limmud-Boston Shabbat Experience, “Shabbat: The REST of Limmud!” Check out all the plans for LimmudBoston 2012 by visiting the website www.limmudboston.org.

Steffi Aronson Karp (steffi@LimmudBoston.org) is happy to answer any questions.



Religious School News

by **Annette Lawson,**
Education Director

LAST YEAR WE began Project LO”X (Learning Outside the boX), a pilot program for our first through third graders and their families. Aided by a grant and consultant services from Combined Jewish Philanthropies, we sought to explore what are the most effective venues for different types of learning and to empower children and adults as Jewish learners and practitioners. We also hoped to increase home-based Jewish practice and foster community among CDT households through Jewish practice.

In our first year, families met monthly to celebrate and learn about erev shabbat practices. One of our innovations was LOX@home, in which groups of families met at a LO”X family home for erev shabbat. CDT school staffers were on hand to lead erev shabbat table blessings, and then after dinner, to lead parallel learning activities for the adults and children, exploring elements of erev shabbat ritual.

Additionally, parents of each grade met periodically with our community educator, Rabbi Adam, to study, from an adult perspective, topics covered in

their children’s curriculum. At the end of that study, parents and children met together to talk about bringing what they had learned into their homes and out into the world.

We were excited when CJP acknowledged the work we are doing in Project LO”X by extending our grant for two years.

This year we are continuing this program with a few changes that were in response to parent feedback. For example, this year some of the LOX@home programs will be on Saturday evenings giving our families an opportunity to experience havdalah together. The learning this year in the LO”X@home programs will focus on different ideas of home in Jewish thought.

The LO”X@ home programs are fairly staff-intensive. On evenings when we have programs happening in three different homes, we need as many as six adults to facilitate the programs. Rabbi Toba, Rabbi Adam, and I realized that if we wish to expand this model to other groups within the congregation, we would need adults other than school staff to support this endeavor.

With the idea of training facilitators in mind, in November we hosted a workshop, “From Text to Talk,” led by Orit Kent and Allison Cook of the Mandel Center at Brandeis University. The workshop was designed to help participants develop their skills in leading text discussions and we hope those who participated will share their new skills leading at LO”X programs.

Additionally, this year we have expanded the idea of parents engaging in learning that parallels their children’s as well as continuing to experiment with learning outside of the classroom. We have redesigned Junior Congregation so that each month, before the service, students will explore different aspects of Jewish prayer with leader Leora Abelson. Beginning in November, parents of fourth and fifth graders will also meet with Rabbi Adam to learn about the same topics their children are studying.

As Project LO”X continues, we hope it will lead us to ever more effective and engaging ways to educate Jewish children and adults.

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

Nancy Gertz—*in memory of her father, Junius Gertz*

Marjorie and Newton Greenberg – *in memory of Sarah and Henry Kutner, and Anna Greenberg*

Deborah Waber – *in loving memory of Helen Waber*

Camp JRF Fund

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

School Fund

Pamela Schoenberg Reider & Joel Reider – *in honor of Annette's hard work for the school*

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

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton.						Shabbat Morning Service with Rabbi Shawn Zevit 9:45am-12pm 1
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9 Becoming and Being Elders 3:00-5:00pm Chanukah Party 4:30-7 pm Jewish Parenting 7:00-9:00pm	10 Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless 3:30 pm	11	12	13 Mindful Mornings 8:15am-9:00am	14	15 Learning w/Leora 10-10:45 am Parent Learning 10:15-12 pm CDT Sings 12:45- 2 pm Junior Congregation 10:45am-12:00pm Film Club 6:00 pmb
16 Caring for the Caregiver 4:00pm Jewish Parenting 7:00-9:00pm Board Meeting 7:30 pm	17 Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless 3:30 pm	18	19	20 Mindful Mornings 8:15am-9:00am	21	22 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am-12:00pm
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Kiddush Assignments

Shabbat 12/1: Sue Lanser & Jo Radner, Lauren Gibbs, Janice Cole

All Ages Erev Shabbat 12/7: Susie Tanchel, Reinhard Engels, Noam Shore, David Greenberg

Shabbat 12/8:

Linette Liebling— *in memory of Zelda Liebling*, Jacqui Bloomberg, Cindy Shulak-Rome & Dan Rome

Chanukah Party 12/9:

Setup: Jane Fox, Polly Crozier, Becca Gutman, Meiera & Hadley Stern, Abby Cohen, Susan Moser, Ilana Streit

Cleanup: Sue Weil & Sandy Goodman, Jennifer Hochschild, Rachel Ross, Andrew Stefano, Nathan Aronow

Shabbat 12/15: Pamy Mazur— *in memory of Marvin Irwin Mazur*, Esther Kohn, Nancy Gertz, Rachel Greenberg

Shabbat 12/22: Matilda & Ed Bruckner, Liz Reisberg, Jeffrey Arnoldr

Shabbat 12/29: Debbie Isenberg, Lynda Goldberg & Joe Bayes

All Ages Erev Shabbat 1/4: Susan Silberberg, Scott Gordon

Shabbat 1/5: Vivienne & Norman Shein, Sherry Katz & Mark Farber



A great miracle happened there (at the 2011 Chanukah party)

Photo courtesy of Vivienne Shein

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

Rabbi Michael Luckens will be “on call” during Rabbi Toba’s sabbatical (November and December). To reach Rabbi Luckens or for other Chesed needs, please contact the Chesed coordinators, **Ellen Hemley** and **Ellie Goldberg** (chesed@dorsheitzedek.org), or CDT President **Peter Katz**. If there is a death in your family and you need to organize the shivah, please be in touch with **Nancy Gertz** or **Amy Mazur** (they can also put you in touch with a rabbi, if needed). **Rabbi Adam Lavitt**, our Community Educator, is also available for pastoral support, and can be reached at communityed@dorsheitzedek.org.

You are the Eyes and Ears of Chesed

With Rabbi Toba away, we are counting on each of you to inform us if there are needs for chesed within our community.

We often use the Lotsa Helping Hands website to fill chesed requests. Over two-thirds of our households have at least one member who is signed up with LHH. Sending requests for chesed from the website itself is the most direct way of requesting helpers. If you haven’t signed up but want to, please contact **Corinne Lofchie** (clofchie@gmail.com).

Caring for the Caregiver Group

*Sunday, December 16
4:00 pm*

Home of **Judy Hersh** (12 Randolph St, Newton Highlands, MA 02461)

Please join our next monthly drop-in support group for those of us caring for family members. Whether you’re supporting someone at home or in another state, this is a time to connect with other CDT members, share our stories, and to think about ways we can take care of ourselves. We’ll be meeting this month at the home of Judy Hersh. Please contact her at judyhersh@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

New Members

We give a hearty welcome to:

Karen Leitner & Noah Rumpf, and their children, **Emilia & Lila**

Jennifer Nichols & Jerold Gelfand, and their daughter, **Carolyn** (4)

Mazel Tov

To **Lauren & Andy Stefano**, and big sister **Robyn**, who welcomed baby **Julia Samara** on October 20.

Condolences

To CDT member **Barbara Pittel**, on the death of her mother, Edith Bushman; may her memory be for a blessing.

Yahrzeit

We remember CDT member **Susanah Zisk**, whose first yahrzeit falls on December 1; may her memory be for a blessing.

Avelut: Monthly Support Group for CDT Mourners

Dates to be determined, 7:30pm
Please RSVP to **Ellie Goldberg** (ellie.goldberg@gmail.com) for time and location.

Avelut is CDT’s member-led group dedicated to supporting avelim (mourners). Any adult CDT member who has had a loss (family, friend, partner, other) or observing the Yahrzeit of a loved one is welcome. You do not need to be in the official mourning period. 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.

Todah Rabbah

Todah rabbah to all of those who helped with Kiddush or B’nei Mitzvah in October or November: **Michael Brann, Amy Brodesky & Rex Flynn, Helaine & John Carroll, Alan Epstein, Carolyn Fine & Jerry Friedman—in memory of Sara Fine, Ora Gladstone, Stacey & Bruce Gore, Debbie Hemley & Jonathan Weisberg, Betsy Hinden—in memory of Henry Hinden, Sherwood Ives, Laura & Joel Katz, Arthur Lent, Cindy Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury, Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon, Marcia Okun, Marion Ross—in memory of Leslie David Levenson, Carol Sklar—in honor of Leah Geller Sklar**

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)

Adult Learning & Reflection

Becoming and Being Elders with CDT member Louise Enoch

Sundays, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 10

3:00–5:00 pm

Living Room, Second Church

This is a four-part program on exploring what our tradition has to teach us about aging and elders. It is open to anyone who defines him or herself as approaching or in the elder years. We will read some texts as a starting point for personal sharing and will determine the direction of our reading and discussion together. Our text is *A Heart of Wisdom: Making the Jewish Journey From Midlife Through the Elder Years*, edited by Susan Berrin. For more information, please contact **Louise** at lpnoch@rcn.com.



Photo courtesy of Mary Kay

Mindful Mornings

Thursday mornings

8:15–9:00 am

This weekly meditation group for both new and experienced meditators is continuing with lay leadership during Rabbi Toba's sabbatical. Sessions include guided meditations followed by a brief discussion time. No need to make a weekly commitment; join us when you're able! (Please arrive no later than 8:15 am, in order to not disrupt the session once we've started.)

For more information, contact CDT member **Carole Slipowitz** at carole@slipowitz.org.



Photo courtesy of Reading Acts Wordpress

Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless

Mondays

3:30 pm, in participants' homes

\$15 per session (fee can be reduced to whatever you feel comfortable with)

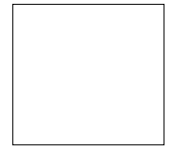
In this class we get familiar with the Jewish Bible (the Tanach or Torah, Prophets, and Writings) by reading it in English and discussing large parts of it together. We often look at the biblical text from a historical perspective, and we always pay attention to the literary features of the text that are essential for conveying its meaning. We also enjoy conversation about the course of Jewish history and culture through the ages.

The class is open to all Dorshei Tzedek members and their friends. This class will meet weekly through May, at participants' homes. Contact **Stan Fleischman** at stanfma@gmail.com or 617-332-5433 for more information.



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Address correction requested



Contacts:

During Rabbi Toba's Sabbatical: While Rabbi Toba is on sabbatical (October 15 – January 15), here are people to reach out to if you have questions or concerns:

Services and ritual	➔	Laurie Goldman
All-ages erev shabbat services	➔	Bill Shorr
Tot Shabbat	➔	Susan Moser
Chesed	➔	Coordinators are listed on dorsheitzedek.org and in the newsletter (see page 4)
Shivah minyanim	➔	Nancy Gertz or Amy Mazur
School	➔	Annette Lawson
Adult education and Holiday Programming	➔	Rabbi Adam Lavitt
Facilities	➔	Marla Lichtman
Financial matters	➔	Sivan Nasoff
Anything else	➔	Peter Katz, Marla Lichtman, or any member of the board