One of my current rabbinic “extracurricular” activities is serving on the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis (MBR). The MBR is a statewide professional organization that offers learning opportunities for its members (both working and retired rabbis) and makes policy statements on a range of issues, from labor rights to gun violence to the environment (to see these thoughtful and powerful position papers, go to massrabbis.org, under “public policy”).

In February, I attended a program we organized on end-of-life care and decision making, that featured a number of our colleagues who work in the fields of chaplaincy and hospice. The first thing I noticed was the attendance; about 40 rabbis, double the usual number. Clearly the topic had struck a chord.

The program itself didn’t disappoint. I was particularly moved by the words of Rabbi Herman Blumberg, a former pulpit rabbi and the director of a new Jewish hospice program here in Boston. Rabbi Blumberg
impressed upon us the fact that a relatively small percentage of people discuss with their closest family members—including those who will be making decisions on their behalf—their wishes when it comes to their care at the end of life. While many people have opinions about their care, most do not articulate them. This can lead to “seat of the pants” decision making by family members, who may or may not agree among themselves about what the person being treated would have wanted. Involving the dying person in decisions about end-of-life care enhances their dignity, and research indicates that when preferences are made clear as people are dying, the bereavement process is much easier for those left behind.

Knowing how many members of Dorshei Tzedek are currently involved in caring for aging parents and/or are thinking about their own care, I want us to take Rabbi Blumberg’s words to heart, and to think about conversations we should be having, whatever age we are and whether our loved ones are in perfect health or in the midst of a decline. There are medical questions to consider, in terms of what kinds of life support we, or our family members, may or may not want. There are practical matters like making sure everyone in your family has a health-care proxy, someone who is empowered to make decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. (I learned two important facts at the meeting: Massachusetts law does not specify who a health-care proxy is absent a specific, official designation; and parents of college-age children are neither privy to their children’s medical information nor able to make decisions on their behalf if the parents are not formally designated as proxies.). And there are more general questions to discuss, including how one imagines one’s final days, and what kinds of support would be most appreciated.

No one particularly likes talking about death, but these kinds of conversations don’t have to be either overwhelming or depressing. There is a useful conversational tool, “Five Wishes,” put out by the group “Aging With Dignity” (agingwithdignity.org/five-wishes.php) that asks us to articulate “five wishes” about our care at the end of our lives. One of the questions was whether, in our final days, we’d like frequent massages with warm oil—I wondered exactly would not prefer that! Another tool is available at googish.com—a card game, “Go Wish,” that can be ordered or played online, and that gives family members an opportunity to raise questions and explore answers about end-of-life care.

My own “wish” would be that every CDT member designates a legal health-care proxy, articulates an advanced directive making our wishes for medical and end-of-life care known, and commits to having a conversation about these topics with our parents, our adult children, and other loved ones.

I am looking forward to next fall, when the new Jewish hospice will be fully up and running and offering educational programs as part of the programs about choices at the end of life. In the meantime, I encourage you to be in touch with me if I can be of any help in facilitating your own planning or thinking about how to broach the topic with your family members.
Shabbat

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Fridays, March 1, April 5, May 10, June 7
6:00 pm, candle lighting and dinner;
6:45 pm, service

Join us for this fun, musical 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.

SPECIAL GUESTS FOR OUR APRIL ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, April 5

We will be welcoming guests from K’sharim, a program for Jewish adults with disabilities. This is our third year hosting this program; come help us give a warm welcome!

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Saturdays, March 9, April 6, May 18
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.

LEARNING WITH LEORA (FOR STUDENTS IN KITOT DALET, HEY, AND VAY)

Saturdays, March 9, April 6, May 18
10:00–10:45 am
60 Highland St., Room 111

CDT Kitot Dalet, Hey and Vay 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.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturdays, March 9, April 13, May 4, June 1
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.

BAT MITZVAH OF LEILA ZISK

Saturday, March 2, 9:45 am

Leila Miriam Zisk is in school at the Acera School, where she especially loves math, science and her “Creativity Mornings”—filmmaking, cooking, and live-action role playing. She has focused on senior needs both in school (as part of a robotics project, her team designed a senior-friendly operating system) and for her tikkun olam project. Leila connects with her Jewish heritage by singing in the Workmen’s Circle Chorus, A Besere Velt, and through CDT and Camp JRF. Like her mother, Leila is artistic, outspoken and independent; we look forward to her ideas and her voice at services, with a kiddush lunch afterward. —Stephen Zisk

BAT MITZVAH OF SUSANNAH WEINREB

Saturday, March 9, 9:45 am

We hope to see you at services when our daughter, Zanny Weinreb, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah. Zanny is in seventh grade at Brown Middle School, after spending a year at Rashi. She is passionate about singing, acting, and socializing (not necessarily in that order). She is also a devoted daughter, sister, and friend. We hope you will join us for a kiddush lunch after the service. —William Weinreb and Lisa Goodman

BAT MITZVAH OF RUBY COHEN

Saturday, March 23, 9:45 am

Ruby Cohen is a seventh grade student at the Fayerweather Street School in Cambridge. Ruby enjoys summer, being with her friends, music, and laughing. She is an avid reader and plays soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. For her tikkun olam project, Ruby supported young students with special needs in a sports program at the JCC. Please join us for services and a kiddush luncheon to follow. —Rachel Nemeth Cohen and Richard Cohen

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA

Saturdays, March 9, April 20, 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!

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Events

CDT FILM CLUB
Saturday, March 9
6:00 pm, potluck; 7:00 pm, film

Film: The Secrets (2007, Israel; Hebrew with subtitles)

The CDT Film Club will meet at the home of Linda Schiller and Steve Robbins to watch The Secrets, the film that was snowed-out in February. At an all-female seminary in the Israeli holy city of Safed, brilliant Naomi (Ania Bukstein) befriends rebellious Michelle (Michal Shtamler), but their friendship is tested when they meet a sickly Frenchwoman named Anouk (Fanny Ardant) who needs their help. Risking expulsion, Naomi and Michelle embark on a journey of self-discovery as they secretly study kabbalistic texts, learning cleansing rituals that will aid the mysterious Anouk. (Netflix)

Potluck dinner starts at 6 pm. Please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Please let us know ahead of time if you're coming and what you'll bring (in consideration of members with dietary constraints, if you are making a dish with dairy or wheat that can be added later, e.g., salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate). Feel free to come for any part of the evening. The movie starts at 7 pm and is followed by a group discussion. We hope you can join us! Please email or call Steve and Linda to RSVP or if you need directions. Contact Stan Fleischman (stanfma@gmail.com) or Emily Sper (emily@emilysper.com) with any questions.

ROSH CHODESH
Tuesday, March 12, 7:30–9:00 pm

Join the women of CDT to welcome the new month of Nisan. Rabbi Elaine Pollack will facilitate a special learning program on Preparing Our Spiritual Selves for Passover, with a focus on songs and readings, traditional background and text, and activities to engage children. There will be time for discussion, questions and sharing. For more information or to RSVP please contact Erica Streit-Kaplan (EricaStreitKaplan@yahoo.com). Newcomers are welcome!

ONCOGLYPHIS: AN EXHIBIT
Quilts by Susannah Zisk
Ongoing

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.

CDT MEN’S SOFTBALL TEAM OPENS 2013 TRAINING CAMP
Practices to start in March

With all the news of snowstorms and blizzards, it’s also time to turn to the well-known spring ritual of softball practice! The CDT Men’s Softball Team will be entering our seventh season in the Men’s Synagogue Softball League this spring. Whether you are new to CDT or a long-standing member, if you can swing the bat and flash some leather, you’re eligible to be on the team. Why miss out on the fun when you can see your name in the box score in the weekly recaps? Think of the advantages of being known as a “slugger” when you show up at Shabbat services!

After finishing first in the regular season with a 7-1 record, the Tzedekmen advanced to the playoffs for the first time ever last season. The team has our sights set on making it deep into the post-season this year.

So check your age, and if you’re over 25 and a member, or a son of a member, you can join the team. Pitchers and catchers are already reporting, so don’t miss out on the excitement! Join us for Sunday morning batting practice sessions at a local batting cage, or for our outdoor practices and scrimmages in March.

For more information on the team, or to sign up, contact Elliot Pittel, Head Coach of CDT Softball, at epittel@comcast.net.

The MSSL (www.msslonline.com) has over 40 teams in Greater Boston. Games are played on Sunday mornings from mid-April to early June, with playoffs starting in mid-June. The winner of the championship earns the “coveted” Kiddush Cup.

THE 2013 CDT RETREAT
Friday, June 14—Sunday, June 16
Camp Yavneh in Concord, NH

Mark your calendars now for a not-to-be missed experience: CDT’s biannual retreat is this year!

Celebrate Shabbat in a beautiful outdoor setting, with good food, great community, and fun for people old and young. Plush housing available (okay, plush is a stretch, but comfortable is accurate) for our more “mature members.”

Here’s what a few members had to say about the 2011 retreat:

“It’s so great to get away for the weekend and have the time set aside to just hang out with each other and do fun activities.” —Diana Fisher Gomberg

“I loved it. We connected to the Dorshei community in a deeper and more meaningful way than we have so far. We made new friends and had a restful Shabbat.” —Irena Fayngold

Register early at dorsheitzedek.org.

Please send questions or thoughts to Stacey Chacker (chacsjc@aol.com) or Corinne Lofchie (clofchie@gmail.com)

Don’t miss it!
GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

BOSTON JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL
March 1-10
Various locations throughout the greater Boston area

The fourth annual Boston Jewish Music Festival takes place throughout the greater Boston area (and this year expanding to the North Shore and New Hampshire). Bringing the finest Jewish music and musicians to the region, this year’s concerts run the gamut from klezmer to Ladino, classical to pop and electronic dance music, family fun to folk—something for everyone. Performers this year come from Argentina, France, Germany, Holland, as well as the good old USA and Boston area. Tickets, info, videos, and more are available at http://bostonjewishmusicfestival.org/. Don’t miss this exciting showcase of Jewish culture.

2013 BOSTON JEWISH FOOD CONFERENCE

Sunday, March 3, 10:30 am–6:00 pm
Tufts Hillel, 220 Packard Avenue, Medford, MA 02155

CDT is once again co-sponsoring this all-day learning and activism conference, which is focused this year on the theme of “Justice within Sustainability.” We’ll ask critical questions: What are the implications of my food choices? What constitutes a responsible Jewish food ethic today? And what resources exist in my community to guide my decision making? Join Rabbi Toba, CDT’s Jonathan Rosenthal, and other teachers for a wonderful day of learning! Learn more at http://beantownjewishgardens.org

RASHI SCHOOL’S “CURIOUS MINDS PROGRAM” FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Tuesday, March 12, 10:00–11:30 am
Rashi School, 45 West Street, Dedham, MA
Let’s get ready for Passover! Create a fabulous ceramic seder plate with Rashi’s Art Teacher, Erica Smiley. Hear a Passover story with Rashi’s librarian and learn some Passover songs with Max Chaikin as we get into the Passover mood. Please RSVP at http://rashi.org/cm/. For more information, call 781–355–7317.

BOSTON’S JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL’S 14TH ANNUAL MATTERS OF TASTE EVENT

Sunday, March 17
For details on our 2013 special guest lineup, visit www.mattersoftaste.org. Join the conversation! We will start the night with a festive cocktail reception at JCDS, where you’ll discover the breadth and energy of this joyful, pluralist institution. The evening will continue with a series of simultaneous, privately-hosted dinners. Each dinner will feature a delectable meal and lively conversation with a renowned special guest from the world of politics, business, journalism, science, health care, or the arts. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Emma Sandler at 617-972-1733 ext. 207, emmas@jcdsboston.org.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT

Eden’s matriarch has been charged with theft and sedition following the sampling of a forbidden fruit from a special tree. What will the verdict be? In this dramatic, live courtroom battle, it’s up to the audience-as-jury to decide! Read about this creative fundraiser and text teaching that was just done by Congregation Kol HaLev in Cleveland, OH at www.rrc.edu/eve.

IT’S TIME TO ORDER YOUR PASSOVER HAGGADAH!

Visit www.jewishreconbooks.org or call Beverly at 215–576–0800 ext. 135 to place your order.

HAVE A RECONSTRUCTIONIST SUMMER!

Now registering for its summer sessions, June 25–July 21 and July 23–August 11. For kids in grades 3–11, Camp JRF in the Poconos is a magical place where campers can open up to the possibilities in life—and in Judaism—in order to become their best selves. Activities include sports, arts, drama, singing and dancing, boating and swimming, hiking, challenge course and overnight camping experiences. Most of all, kids experience community and learning in new and exciting ways. To learn more, go to www.campjrf.org.

Family Camp, August 14–18, lets the whole family have fun—parents, children, and other family members join the staff of Camp JRF for five days of swimming, sports, arts, experiential education, celebrating Shabbat like in no other place, and more! Learn more at www.campjrf.org/parents/family-camp.

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.

Photo: CDT retreat participants, 2011
LEARNING

GOD IN METAPHOR: AN EXPLORATION
with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Final two classes: Wednesday, March 6 and 20, 7:30-9:00 pm
Free and open to the community

Do traditional God concepts confuse you? Turn you off? Make you want to learn more? Drawing on new thinking about how fundamental metaphor is to human thought, in this class we will explore both ancient and new metaphors for the divine, drawn from Jewish tradition, in order to create a new vocabulary for how we might relate to the realm of the sacred. No particular belief or lack of belief required!

MINDFUL MORNINGS
Thursday mornings
NOTE NEW TIME: 8:30-9:15 am
Library, 60 Highland Street

This weekly meditation group is for both new and experienced meditators, an opportunity to cultivate mindfulness and qualities like patience, gratitude, and equanimity. Please join Rabbi Toba and lay leaders for a combination of guided and silent meditation and discussion. Beginning in March, we will explore themes of the season leading up to Passover (e.g. liberation from our “narrow places” and cleaning out the hametz that clutters up our inner lives) and then continue the journey to Sinai and the receiving of Torah (e.g. wisdom, discernment, and teachings for living).

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.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS
by Annette Lawson, Education Director

This month, at a staff meeting for our afternoon teachers, Rabbi Toba and I were exploring with our teachers the ideas of educational theorist Parker Palmer. Palmer believes that good teaching cannot be reduced to technique. What good teachers have in common, according to Palmer, is that they teach from the heart, “meaning heart in its ancient sense, the place where intellect and emotions and spirit and will converge.”

So we asked the teachers to think about teaching from the heart and to respond to the question “What am I passionate about in teaching Judaism/Jewish living/Jewish kids?” Here are their responses:

–The fact that Jewish practice grew out of real-life experiences and can enrich our daily life in new/changing ways.
–Connecting myself and my students to a greater Jewish community; instilling in them a Jewish identity and carrying on traditions.
–Music, singing, poetry, Jewish creativity, storytelling, justice, problem solving; and getting Judaism to come alive for students.
–I am passionate about getting students to think critically and ask questions, which is delightfully connected to the Jewish study traditions.
–I am passionate about kids.

And it’s not just our teachers who feel connected to Jewish practices in their core. This week, a mother of one of our students related to me that recently she heard her daughter singing in her sleep. When the mother listened to the singing, she realized it was in Hebrew and then recognized it as one of the prayers her daughter had been working on learning in Religious School!

Photo: Corinne Lofchie, Steffi Karp, and Rabbi Toba, at the Tu b’Shvat seder. Photo by Vivienne Shein.
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If you or someone in your household is ill or in need of support, please contact Rabbi Toba Spitzer (rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org, 617-965-0330), or the Chesed coordinators, Theresa St. John-Siegel and Corinne Lofchie (chesed@dorsheitzedek.org). 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. 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. If she is unavailable, there will be a rabbi on-call in case of emergency. The rabbi’s voicemail 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.)
FAMILY TABLE PESACH COLLECTION: MATZAH BALL SOUP MIX

Many thanks to those who continue to support our efforts with Family Table. Our donations reach many families in the Boston area. In addition to our continued collection of vegetable soup and whole grain cereals, we have made a commitment to Family Table for Pesach. We are collecting “Kosher for Pesach” matzah ball soup mix (soup mix and matzah ball mix in one box) in our drop boxes (next to the sanctuary and in the school). We will be collecting until March 16.

If you are attending services or picking up kids at the CDT school, you might consider bringing along a box of soup with you!

Please volunteer to be a driver one month! Sign up at: http://doodle.com/z75ue72aic5z4f4m.

Thanks to the following people who had driven our donations this year: many families from kitah vav as well as Annie Spanel, Jan Small, Stephanie Hackett, Marcia Okun, and Gail Harris.

If you have any questions or want to become more involved, please contact Pamela Schoenberg Reider (jomela@rcn.com).

Tikkun Olam

NEW MEMBERS
We give a hearty welcome to:
Dorothy (Dorie) Fried
Donna Rae Hirt

TODAH RABBHAH
Todah Rabbah to Erica Streit-Kaplan, for serving as the liaison for our “Parenting Through a Jewish Lens” class this fall!


REPORT FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE ON THE RABBI’S SABBATICAL
by Matilda Bruckner

Planning for Rabbi Toba’s sabbatical was carried out in many parts of Dorshei Tzedek but perhaps nowhere more vigorously than in the Ritual Committee. We pored over dates and lists of people to invite to lead services or give a d’var Torah; we lined up guests and members willing to keep the services as lively and enriching as they are under Rabbi Toba’s leadership; we strove to balance experimental approaches to the service (e.g. chanting or meditation, bibliodrama) with more traditional formats in keeping with our usual customs. And, while we all missed the rabbi’s strong presence, the report back from the community, based on anecdotal evidence as well as the 41 responses to our survey, indicates that the congregation as a whole responded positively to this opportunity to demonstrate that we are a vibrant and talented community, appreciative of the resources that connect us to the wider Jewish network around us, but also willing and able to take on more responsibilities ourselves when the occasion arises.

The numbers and percentages tabulated in the sabbatical survey showed that attendance at erev Shabbat and Shabbat morning services remained the same for most respondents, the majority of whom also appreciated the balance between traditional and alternative, lay led and guest led Shabbat morning services. The responses to our guests were quite positive on the whole, with particular kudos going to Rabbi Mar-
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in to make this sabbatical experience a success. As one respondent remarked, “I really like the lay-led services because they allow us to see the extent of member involvement. As a new member of the congregation, they provide ways to see members engaging with the text and the ideas therein.” Another respondent suggested that it would be nice to have guest-led services several times a year as a regular part of our custom. We will certainly have more such opportunities when Rabbi Toba goes on sabbatical in 2014 (January to March), so please send along to the committee any suggestions you may have. As the person responsible for finding volunteers to do the d’var Torah, I would also be glad to hear from members who would like to sign up as opportunities arise regularly throughout the year (bruckner@bc.edu).

Finally, I would like to express the Ritual Committee’s special gratitude to Laurie Goldman’s indefatigable leadership and her always passionate contributions to so many of our services, whether reading from the Torah, leading parts of the service, making announcements and mishberachas, and generally keeping us all moving ahead in a timely and lively way through the beauties of the Shabbat morning liturgy and on to the no less nourishing delights of kiddush wine and challah. Todah rabbah to her and to the entire congregation!
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| **CDT Board Meeting**  
60 Highland Street: Living Room  
7:30pm |
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9:45 am |
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60 Highland St: Living Room  
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| **Members’ Meeting & Dinner**  
5:30pm to 8:00pm |
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9:45 |
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| **First Pesach Seder at sundown** |
| **Second Pesach Seder at sundown** |
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9:45  
CDT Sings, 60 Highland St: Living Room  
1:00pm to 3:00pm |
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| **Passover Service**, 9:30am  
Exploring the Bible with Dr. Sanford Goldfless  
Will meet at participants’ homes  
3:30pm |
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/ **Potluck** 6:00pm |
| **Shabbat Morning Service & B’nei Mitzvot of Bernard & Evelyn Chedekel**, 9:45  
Learning with Leora for students in Kitot Dalet, Hey and Vav, 10:00am to 10:45am  
Junior Congregation for all 3rd-6th Graders, 10:45am to 12:00pm  
CDT Film Club 6:00pm |

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MEMBERS’ MEETING

Sunday, March 17

5:30 pm, pizza (and gluten/dairy free alternative) dinner

6:15 pm, meeting

Childcare will be provided

We hope at least one member of every CDT household will join us for this important information-sharing meeting. On the agenda are a report from the School Growth Committee, Updates and Opportunities from the Tikkun Olam Committee, and a presentation of a potential restructuring of our Board and By-Laws, to promote more widespread and invigorated leadership in the congregation. Please join us!

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

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.

MAR 1 Erev Shabbat: Haralie Alpert - in memory of Francis Greenberg / Ellen White - in memory of John S. White / Alice Markowitz / Jodi Sugerman-Brozan

MAR 2 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Leila Zisk: Sanctuary Cleanup: Linda Hsu & Marc Steinberg, Ushers: Stacey Chacker & Ariane Chacker-Bourrut — in memory of Susannah Zisk

MAR 9 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Susannah Weinreb: Sanctuary Cleanup: Vilunya Diskin, Ushers: Melanie Adler & Andy Cohen

MAR 16 Shabbat: Josette Akresh-Gonzales & Michael Gonzales / Barbara & Elliot Pittel

MAR 17 Members’ Meeting & Dinner: Jennifer Kaplan / Alison & David Lobron / Lee Pinstein

MAR 23 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Ruby Cohen: Sanctuary Cleanup: Elizabeth & David Roll, Ushers: Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb

MAR 30 Shabbat Passover: Barbara Huggins / Annie Spanel / Ellen Pashall / Willa Kuh

APR 1 Passover service: ritual committee

APR 5 Erev Shabbat: Rachel Zakuta / Valerie Graf / Karen Wasserman / Carolyn Fine

APR 6 Shabbat Morning Service & B’nei Mitzvot of Bernard & Evelyn Chedekel Sanctuary Cleanup: Jodie Siegel / Jeff Goldman, Ushers: Gail Harris & David Reider

Photo: Jodi and Ezra Sugerman-Brozan at the Purim party, 2013. Photo by Vivienne Shein.
Pesach/Passover

PASSOVER BEGINS
Monday evening, March 25
This holiday marks the journey out of slavery in Egypt, and invites us to retell and re-experience that peak moment in our people’s narrative.

SEVENTH DAY OF PASSOVER
According to Reconstructionist practice (which follows the Israeli calendar), the seventh day of Pesach marks the end of the holiday. We will mark the seventh day of Passover with services on Monday morning, April 1, at 9:30 am. At this service we will celebrate (and read in the Torah about) the crossing of the Reed Sea with Hallel and other special songs. We will also be having a yizkor service, which is an opportunity to remember loved ones who are no longer with us to celebrate the holiday. For those remembering someone, yizkor candles are lit the previous evening (Sunday, March 31, after sunset).