



# Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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## A Few Closing Thoughts

*We are like a repertory company, where everyone plays a part and where many people, over time, play many different parts.*

by Peter Katz,  
CDT President



**I HAVE** struggled to find the right theme for my last presidential column. It is easy to see that warnings against entangling alliances and the military-industrial complex would be out of place. It also seems to me that torch-passing metaphors do not fit CDT well. Why do I say that?

We are a participatory community. This means, of course, that all members are expected to take on their share of certain tasks, such as Kiddush setup. More than that, I think it means that we value and hope for the active engagement of our members in the life of the community.

From my perspective, this is both a critical feature of CDT culture and a successful one. This relatively small community has managed to develop and sustain a rich variety of activities relating to ritual, culture, education, social action, and fun. This happens because many, many individuals and teams make it happen.

Let us frankly recognize that this is not always easy. It may be that CDT expects more from its membership than many other congregations. However, it seems to work and I hope and believe that it is more rewarding for the members. This will be an aspect of our congregational consideration of membership in the coming year.

In this kind of community, leadership should be, and is, diffuse. We are not like a relay race team. We are more like a repertory company, where everyone has a part and many people, over time, play many different parts. The president is not a team captain, or even the company director; the president is more like the person who helps cast the roles. Or, to drop the possibly strained metaphor, I have come to see the president's main task as helping to match up people with CDT needs—a kind of congregational *shadchan* (matchmaker), if you will. The president does not have to be, and should not and cannot be, a kind of CEO. The members can execute on their own very nicely.

By the way, I have mentioned to several people that it has taken me about two years to get a handle on the job of president. This may just mean that I am a slow learner, but it does occasionally cause me to muse about a longer presidential term (kidding, just kidding... mostly).

I want to recognize the executive committee members, the board members, the off-board leaders, the project leaders and other volunteers, Rabbi Toba, and the staff with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the past two years. Thanks to you all for your hard work and collegial support.

And I offer enthusiastic best wishes to **Allison Hausman** and the incoming leadership group. I look forward to continuing to help out next year as Immediate Past President.

A relaxing summer to all.

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# CDT Retreat 2013

*Friday, June 14-Sunday, June 16, 2013  
Camp Yavneh in beautiful Concord, New Hampshire*

Celebrate Shabbat in a beautiful outdoor setting, with good food, great community, comfortable accommodations and fun for people of all ages. The retreat is a wonderful place to make new Dorshei Tzedek friends and reconnect with old friends while you sing, daven, play ball, swim, and eat!

Register now! Just go to <http://dorsheitzedek.org/members/retreat-2013>, print the registration form, and send it back with your check to reserve your spot. We greatly appreciate your speedy registration, so that we can best plan for your accommodations.

For more information, or to get involved, contact Corinne at [clotchie@gmail.com](mailto:clotchie@gmail.com) or Stacey at [chacsjc@aol.com](mailto:chacsjc@aol.com).

Don't miss it!



Photo: Michele Arons, Michael Brann and their daughter Tamar Arons-Brann enjoying the 2011 CDT Retreat

## CDT

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.

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## Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to [dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org) by the 15th of the month for the following month's issue.

#### **Volunteer Staff:** Josette Akresh-Gonzales

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

# Nediv Lev

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

## GENERAL FUND

Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent—*In memory of Allison's dad, Cary Andrews*

Polly Crozier and Jessica Keimowitz—*In memory of David Levi Keimowitz Crozier*

Diana Fisher Gomberg—*In memory of Larry Fisher*

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Elaine Pollack

Lisa Dee Port-White—*In honor of the CDT men's softball team; in honor of the board members, executive committee, chairfolks and everyone who helps to keep CDT going*

Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome—*In honor of Peter Katz, with appreciation for his term as Dorshei Tzedek president—Toda Rabbah! In honor of Allison Hausman, with appreciation for her role as incoming president of Dorshei Tzedek—yasher koach! In honor of Annette Lawson, for her dedication to our school and education of our youth. In honor of Laurie Goldman, for her wonderful leadership of the Ritual Committee*

Steven Siegel—*In memory of Sylvia Siegel*

Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Gina Fried—*With gratitude to all the CDT members who have given a new home to our erstwhile possessions*

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Avital Lewis—*In honor of my mother Jill Volk's yahrzeit*

## BUILDING FUND

There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek: through contributions to the General Fund or to targeted funds. The Rabbi's Discretionary 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 important, to help out congregants in need. The Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund provides 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 allows her love of Jewish learning to continue to enrich our community.

## IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Your gift is needed and appreciated! We are approaching the end of our fiscal year and our annual Nediv Lev campaign. To members who have already given to the Nediv Lev Campaign, THANK YOU! For those members who haven't given yet, please don't wait. To date, we are about \$6,000 short of our \$75,000 goal, leaving an 8% gap in our Nediv Lev budget for this year. We're almost there!

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

Donating is easy. You may send your check to the CDT office at 60 Highland St, Newton, MA 02465, or pledge on-line at <http://dorsheitzedek.org/nediv-lev> and we will bill you.

Thank you for your generosity.

Shalom,

Sharon Sevransky, Nediv Lev Chair

# Shabbat

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA

Saturday, June 8

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! This will be the final Shabbat morning Torah study of 5773!

## ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Friday, June 7

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, followed by a potluck vegetarian dinner (please bring a dairy or veggie main dish or a salad, enough for 15–20 people). The service begins at 6:45 and is followed by dessert. This will be the last all-ages service before our July break—we'll be back in August!

## TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, 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 MAYA FISHER GOMBERG

Saturday, June 8

Please join us for the Bat Mitzvah of **Maya Fisher Gomberg** at morning services on June 8, to be followed by a kiddush lunch. Maya is a seventh grader at Day Middle School, where she is passionately involved in the theater program. She particularly loves singing and acting. She sings in the school chorus and Youth Pro Musica, so you will be in for a treat as she sings at her Bat Mitzvah! Maya also enjoys running track, throwing shot put, and taking jazz dance classes. Maya's Tikkun Olam project this year has been volunteering at Spotlighters, a chorus for developmentally and otherwise disabled teens and adults. She has loved both the singing and the wonderful friends she has made there. We hope you can join us for our simcha!

—Richard and Diana Fisher Gomberg

## BAR MITZVAH OF DAVID KATZ

Saturday, June 22

**David Katz** is a sixth-grade student at the Edward R. Devotion School in Brookline. David loves to draw comics—his super heroine is Ms. Amazing. He also loves movies and music and is quite the movie trivia buff. David also enjoys horseback riding and skiing. David's Tikkun Olam project focuses on the "Spread the Word to End the Word" campaign to encourage people to stop using the r-word to describe individuals with intellectual disabilities. David plans to meet with his school principal about including the campaign in the school's Understanding Disabilities program, and plans to encourage at least 100 people to "take the pledge"

to stop using the r-word. To sign up to take the pledge, go to <http://www.r-word.org>. Please join us for a kiddush luncheon following services.

—*The Katz Family—Pam, Steve, Joseph, Elan, and David*

## SHABBAT MORNING, JUNE 15: NO SERVICES AT CDT!

Saturday, June 15

Because the congregation will be on retreat, there will NO services at 60 Highland on this Shabbat morning.

## LASTING IMPRESSIONS FROM SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

by Laurie Goldman

*Here are some memories from some of the participants in Shabbat Unplugged activities:*

"Shabbat Unplugged erev Shabbat dinner was a lovely way to end the work week. Feeling totally wound up when I arrived, the camaraderie, ritual and sharing, wonderful meal and relaxed atmosphere left me feeling calm, centered and peaceful. We should do this more often!"

—*Marla Lichtman*

"It was lovely spending time in nature's beauty and listening to poems. What added to the experience was that we were a multi-generational group and for me children always add to a group."

—*Sharon Gorberg*

"We are new members to the congregation and loved the idea of havdalah on the wa-

**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 OUR SERVICES TO AVOID WEARING FRAGRANCES (PERFUME, COLOGNE, HAIR AND BODY SPRAYS).**

# Learning

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ter. It was such a lovely sense of community, all of us holding on to each other’s boats to keep the group intact, and passing the flame around. The younger members of the group led us in song. It couldn’t have been a warmer, lovelier introduction to the congregation and it felt so good to share in the havdalah service.”

—Denise and Mark Yurkofsky

“I loved it! As a single person and new member, I loved having a community with whom to share Shabbat. The experience felt intimate even though the head count was high at both Becca’s dinner and the havdalah. A memorable highlight was definitely singing in the canoe—and seeing an otter!”

—Diane Yates

“We were so excited to go canoeing and have a havdalah service on the Charles River while sitting in canoes! The feeling of peace and togetherness was wonderful. I thought it was funny when someone’s child asked her mom, ‘Mom, are we connected right now?’ while they were in the boat. And her mom said, ‘No, I left my cell phone on the shore.’” Then my son Jacob said, ‘Dad, are we connected?’ and my husband said he had his cell phone. I knew we weren’t calling anyone while we were canoeing, even if we fell in the one-foot deep Charles River. I said to myself, remember a few years back when we didn’t even have cell phones? We knew that nature was just a quiet ride away on a human-powered boat. Thanks to Diana and Richard Gomberg for making the event happen. The havdalah candles lit on the water at sunset, the singing, and the people in kayaks and canoes huddled together—almost holding hands—were beautiful.

—Emily Shumsky

## MINDFUL MORNINGS

*Thursdays, 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. The group will continue through the month of June.

## 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](mailto:stanfma@gmail.com) or **617-332-5433** for more information.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

**by Annette Lawson, Education Director**

Another school year has come to an end, and as we pause for summer break, it is a good time to thank everyone who made this year possible.

We are fortunate to have dedicated and talented teachers who share with our students their love of Jewish living and learning. Profound thanks to our teaching staff: Rabbi Adam Lavitt, Alison Lobron, Sarah Rund, Dale Norman, Vered Schreiber, Adina Mailick, Risa Wallach, Anna Yankelev, Gina Fried, Leora Abelson, and Becca Richman.

Assisting our teachers in our younger classes is a wonderful group of energetic teens who

serve as our *madrichim*. In addition to reading stories, helping students with art projects, assisting children as they learn to write their Hebrew letters, our madrichim are “big buddies” to our youngest learners and wonderful models of involved Jewish teens. Todah rabbah to Isabel Snyder, Celia Gittleman, Nathan Reider, Abby Leonard, Jake Roll, Benyamin Meschede-Krasa, and Clara Ives.

Administrative director Marla Lichtman and administrative assistant Jon Sarnier provide skilled support to keep the administrative aspects of our school running smoothly. Hats off to both!

I am so grateful to Rabbi Toba, who shares her extensive talents with our school. Rabbi Toba leads *ma’ariv* (evening) services and Rosh Chodesh assemblies, helps lead Project LO”X programs as well as other family education programs, collaborates with me on staff professional development, and gives generously of her time as we plan educational programming for our school.

I am excited as I look ahead to next year, when we add a new class, *Darshanim* (seekers) for our tenth grade students, experiment with “expeditionary learning” for our fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, explore how to apply what we have learned through our Project LO”X initiative throughout our school program, and continue to work on the logistics of changing our school schedule for future school years. Lots more on all these topics in next year’s Religious School news!

# Events

## ONCOGLYPHS: 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.*

## ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

Monday, July 8

7:30-9:00 pm

Save the date for the next Rosh Chodesh gathering as we observe the New Moon of Av and start preparing for (gasp!) the High Holydays. To learn more, please contact **Erica Streit-Kaplan** at [EricaStreitKaplan@yahoo.com](mailto:EricaStreitKaplan@yahoo.com).

## A NEWCOMER'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE NEW MONTH/ROSH CHODESH GROUP

### by Laya Steinberg

For years, I have wanted to join the bi-monthly gathering of CDT women to celebrate the new month. Each missed meeting was blamed on busy schedules and conflicting commitments. Yet I knew that having such a group in my life would be like an island in the rolling sea of life, and I continued to believe someday I'd get there. I finally set out on my raft to find that island and attended my first gathering on May 9 to welcome the month of Sivan. I enjoyed the ritual of quiet reflection, sharing, meditation, and of course snacks (never go to an island without snacks). I felt welcomed and at ease and knew that carving out this sacred space in my life was no longer another thing to squeeze into my calendar, but rather a desired priority.

## CDT MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM CONTINUES ITS 2013 SEASON

Sunday mornings through June

If you're over 25 and a member, or a son of a member, you can still join the team for the final three games in June. Join us for Sunday morning batting practice sessions. Playoffs will start in mid-June. The winner of the championship earns the "coveted" Kiddush Cup.

DATE	TIME	FIELD	LOCATION	HOME TEAM	VISITING TEAM
Sun, 06/02/2013	10:00 AM	Forte Park, 235 California St	Newton	Dorshei Tzedek-Newton	Reyim-Newton
Sun, 06/09/2013	10:00 AM	TBD 5-Brookline	Brookline	Sinai-Brookline	Dorshei Tzedek-Newton
Sun, 06/16/2013	10:00 AM	Forte Park 235 California St	Newton	Dorshei Tzedek-Newton	Beth David-Westwood

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

## GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

### ANNUAL TRIBUTE CELEBRATION

Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm at Temple Emanuel in Newton.

The Synagogue Council invites you to share an exciting event, which will honor community leaders **Steffi Aronson Karp** (CDT Founding Member), and State Treasurer Steve and Tufts Professor Barbara Grossman. Steffi will be presented with the K'lal Yisrael Award, as she has distinguished herself in the Greater Boston Jewish community for her love of synagogue, religious pluralism, and Jewish learning. Inspired by her early teen youth group activities and the Synagogue Council's Unity Missions, she has lived a truly pluralistic Jewish life, leading to her role as founder of LimmudBoston, where, according to Steffi, everyone is a learner. She helped establish Congregation Dorshei Tzedek in Newton, and serves on the Leadership Council of Hebrew College and on the Board of the Vilna Shul. Please join in celebrating this warm and vibrant member of our community. For more details, invitation or reservations, please go to [http://www.synagoguecouncil.org/Annual\\_Tribute\\_Celebration/](http://www.synagoguecouncil.org/Annual_Tribute_Celebration/)

## 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](http://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](http://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.

# Construction at Second Church

The Second Church has launched a project to refurbish the front hall and the Fellowship Hall. This work, which has already begun, will include creating storage space for the tables and chairs now piled in the Fellowship Hall, building a closet to replace the coat rack in the front hall, improved lighting, new flooring, and painting. The work will last through the summer. Please heed any cautionary signs. They have told us that they will do their best not to disrupt kiddush.

The Church also reminds us to heed the parking limitations in the neighborhood, particularly on Highland Street where we should park only on the Church side of the street and avoid blocking driveways.

# New Shabbat Resource on CDT Website

We now have in our "Prayer & More" section of the CDT website a series of videos of the "Shabbat blessings. You can see them at <http://dorsheitzedek.org/shabbat-videos>. If you need a refresher on any of the blessings, you can sing along with the Steinberg/Hsu family, and there's a reflection on the meaning of Shabbat in the very last video. Thanks to the **Steinberg/Hsu** family, to **Jen Kaplan**, moviemaker extraordinaire, and to **Dan Halbert** for getting it all onto our website. Feel free to share widely!

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.)

# Chesed

If you or someone in your household is ill or needs support, please contact **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** ([rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org), 617-965-0330), or the Chesed coordinators, **Ellie Goldberg** and **Fran Malino** ([chesed@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto: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.

## REFUAH SH'LEYMA

We send blessings of healing to CDT member **Ruby Gan**.

## Yahrzeit

We remember **Evelyn Felson**, whose seventh yearzeit falls this year on June 23. We will be remembering Evelyn at Shabbat morning services on June 29. May her memory be for a blessing.

**AVELUT** is a member-led group for CDT members to talk about the impact of loss, the journey of bereavement, and the legacies of loved ones we carry with us. If you have suggestions for future meeting topics or questions about the AVELUT group please contact **Ellie Goldberg**, at [ellie.goldberg@gmail.com](mailto:ellie.goldberg@gmail.com).

## CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

*Sunday, June 9, 10:30 am*

*12 Randolph Street, Newton*

Please join our next monthly drop-in 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 think about ways we can take care of ourselves. We'll be meeting this month at the home of **Judy Hersh**, but contact **Ellen Pashall** if you have any questions, at [elpashall@aol.com](mailto:elpashall@aol.com).

# Tikkun Olam

## CDT Marches In Mother's Day Walk For Peace

by Sophia Wilcox-Warren

**L**OVED ONES, FRIENDS, school-mates, neighbors. Residents of Boston have lost these kinds of people due to shootings, stabbings and other violence over the years. The Mother's Day Walk for Peace started in 1996, three years after Tina Chéry's son Louis Brown was killed by gang crossfire at the age of 15, while walking to a Teens Against Gang Violence event a few days before Christmas. Tina wanted to stop all of the horrible violence happening in their neighborhood and to bring forward her son's vision to continue to create

an environment where people can come together in peace and unity. In support of Louis's vision, 40 members of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek joined 10,000 marchers through Dorchester on Mother's Day calling for peace in Boston. CDT members raised over \$2,000 of the \$130,000 total donations. The money supports anti-violence organizations and families that have suffered losses because of street violence. A story about this year's march was on the front page of the Boston Globe.

This year's march was mostly dedicated to the shooting victims in Newtown, Connecticut and the Boston Marathon bomb-

ing. Marchers wore shirts and pins with pictures of their lost loved ones and held huge banners with all the names of the people who died in their neighborhood and their friends. During the march, some in the crowd shouted: "What do we want?" and in response, the rest of the crowd shouted back: "Peace!" Then the first group shouted: "When do we want it?" and the rest responded: "Now!". As we walked, people on their porches in their houses said to us: "Thank you" and "Happy Mother's Day!". Some people in the march responded: "May you have a peaceful Mother's Day."



### FAMILY TABLE

CDT has been asked to collect **25 cans of kosher or vegetarian soup** and **25 boxes of whole grain cereal per month** for the area's only food pantry offering kosher food for Jewish families. We need your help to fill this need. Please bring your donations with you when you come to services or to drop off or pick up your child from the CDT Religious 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 it to Family Table in Waltham. **Drivers are still needed on the following dates: June 9, and July 14; Sign up for one day (or more!) here: <http://doodle.com/z75uie72aic5zf4m>.**

It is a great mitzvah for someone to do solo or with others. Questions? Contact **Pamela Schoenberg Reider** at [jomela@rcn.com](mailto:jomela@rcn.com)

### JOIN TEAM DORSHEI TZEDEK IN THE BIKES NOT BOMBS ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON!

*Sunday, June 2*

*Jamaica Plain*

Bikes Not Bombs is a local nonprofit which collects thousands of used bicycles and tons of used parts from supporters around Greater Boston and New England every year. They ship most of these bikes overseas to economic development projects through international programs in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Bikes that don't get shipped often land in their youth programs, where teens learn bicycle safety

and mechanics skills in the process of earning bikes to keep for themselves. Their retail bike shop also reconditions and sells some of the donated bikes that we receive, employing many graduates of our programs.

The Bike-A-Thon is family- and kid-friendly. You choose from four scenic routes: 15, 25, 40 or 65 miles. There is a minimum fundraising commitment (\$150). Proceeds benefit Bikes Not Bombs local programs and international development programs, using bicycles as a vehicle for social change!

Learn more at [bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon](http://bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon). If you want to join Team Dorshei Tzedek, or have questions, email **Alex** at [abg717@gmail.com](mailto:abg717@gmail.com).

Photo: Kitah Zayin leads Mother's Day Walk for Peace.

# Community

## CDT CHALKBOARD

by Marla Lichtman, Administrative Director

### *Infamous Kiddush, Invoices and More*

Now that the infamous, online sign-up process is once again complete, the 2013-14 kiddush calendar will be finalized. If you chose a summer 2013 kiddush date, you will be receiving a confirming email from Jon very soon. Folks with chosen/assigned dates beginning in September can expect to receive emails from Jon around the middle of June, and everyone else, including those who help with B'nei Mitzvah kiddush, will get their notices soon thereafter. For everyone, **please take the time to put these dates into your personal calendars when you see his email. Thank you!**

The entire 2013-14 calendar of Shabbats, holidays, and member meetings, including names of kiddush providers, will be posted on our website. Be sure to check out the calendar to see what's happening and to find the names of your kiddush partners for your scheduled date(s). It's always a good idea to connect with them prior to kiddush, to arrange "who will bring what."

To gain access to member-only information on our website, remember to sign with your username and password. To do so, on the website home page, **www.dorsheitzedek.org**, look under the "Members" tab (click on "Members Area"), and you will be prompted to create a password if you do not have one already. If you need help with this, please don't hesitate to ask.

*NOT PLANNING TO REJOIN CDT? If for some reason you think you may not be rejoining CDT next year (please say it isn't so!), please let me know as soon as possible, so that you are not assigned a kiddush date for which you will not be present. Thank you!*

During mid-June, we will be mailing out your final **CDT invoice** of the year. Please make every effort to clear your balances as soon as possible after getting your invoice, so they arrive before the end of our fiscal year on July 31. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Remember too, if you have children returning to our **religious school** or start-

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

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

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

## MEMBERS' MEETING

Sunday, June 2

5:30 pm, pizza dinner

6:15-8:15 pm, members' meeting

Childcare available!

We hope that every CDT household will join us for this important meeting. In addition to approving a budget for next year, thanking our outgoing Board members and committee chairs, and electing a new Board slate, the membership will be asked to vote on a new governance structure—we need a quorum, so please plan to attend!

## MAZEL TOV

To **Rick Glassman** and **Alice Markowitz** on their wedding.

To **Deborah Waber**, who was promoted to Professor of Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

To the following graduates and their families:

**Alex and Daniel Boguslaw Kaufman.** Alex graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington University with majors in Political Science and Economics. He was recognized with the Grossman-Alexander Prize for Best Paper in American Politics. He will be staying on as a research assistant this summer in the Economics department, and then looking for work in Washington DC, New York, Boston, or other places where he can find gainful employment!

**Daniel** will graduate from Newton North High School. He has deferred admission to Reed College, and will be taking a year to work, travel, study and explore!

**Julian Cohen**, who will graduate from Newton North High School and will be attending University of Maryland, College Park.

**Jolie Liebling Demuth**, who graduated from Tulane University after a fabulous four years which included one semester at the University of Sydney, in Australia.

**Jesse Feldstein**, who will graduate from Newton South High School and will attend Brandeis University in the fall.

**Rachel Felson**, who graduated summa cum laude from Simmons College with a BS in Exercise Science.

**Jared Frankston**, who will graduate from Newton South High School and expects to attend The Polytechnic Institute of NYU in the fall.

**Ilana Galpert**, who will graduate from Newton North High School and will attend Boston College.

**Adam Goldsmith**, who graduated from Boston University with a major in American Studies.

**Nathan Greenberg**, who will graduate from Newton South High School and plans to attend the School of Computer Science at UMass Amherst in the fall.

**Joey Hattis**, who graduated from Lafayette College with a BS in Civil Engineering. This summer, Joey will be working as a counselor at "e-camp," an international technology camp in Meir Shfeya, Israel. Joey will then move to Chicago to work as a civil engineer at a construction company specializing in highway construction.

**Shana and Julia Hausman.** Shana graduated from Bard College with a major in Anthropology. Her thesis, "Conventions

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# CDT Calendar

# June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Sara Kramer-Fried, 9:45 Tot Shabbat, 10:45am to 12pm
2 CDT Men's Softball 10am Member's Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm to 8:00pm	3	4	5	6 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland St: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	7 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck 6:00 pm	8 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Maya Gomberg 9:45am to 12:00pm
9 CDT Men's Softball 10am	10	11	12	13 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland St: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	14 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT	15 CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT Shabbat Morning Service at Camp Yavneh 9:45am to 12:00pm
16 CDT Men's Softball 10am	17	18	18	20 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland St: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	21	22 Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of David Katz 9:45am to 12:00pm
23 CDT Board Meeting 7:30pm	24	25	26	27 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland St: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	28	29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
30	JULY 1	2	3	4	5	6

# Community (continued)

in Cosplay” looks at gender and “fandom” at Comic Conventions. Julia graduated from the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst. She’s been working at the Apple Store in Holyoke, MA and will be moving to Chicago.

**Elizabeth Holohan**, who graduated from Carleton College.

**Reuben Kantor**, who graduated from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government with a master’s in Public Administration. His first post-grad job is heading the election campaign of Bill Wolczak for mayor of Boston.

**Adam Karp**, who graduated from UMass Amherst with majors in History and Judaic Studies, as well as minors in Religious Studies and Education. A member of the Commonwealth Honors College, Adam was the only graduate to walk for the Judaic Studies major in this year’s School of Humanities and Fine Arts ceremony. After the summer, Adam will be a teaching fellow at American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Annalise Littman**, who graduated from Tufts University.

**Benjamin Meschede-Krasa**, who will graduate from Newton South High School. He is looking forward to attending and joining his brother, Yonatan, at Brandeis University, where he plans to study neuroscience.

## NEW MEMBERS

We give a hearty welcome to:

**Sarah Birkeland** and **Roy Edelstein** and their two children, **Tali** (6) and **Abigail** (3)

**Sara and Ben Dash** and their three children, **Leah** (12), **Eli** (10) and **Jesse** (4)

**Aaron Fischlowitz-Roberts**

## TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbah to all of those who helped with Kiddush and B’nei Mitzvah in April and May:

Corinne Lofchie, Rebecca Cohen, Mark Paley, Karen Leitner, Jerold Gelfand and Jennifer Nichols, Janelle Winston, Abby Cohen, Lissy Medvedow and Cliff Cohen, Linda Schiller, Steve Robins, and Sara Schiller-Robins—in honor of Linda and Steve’s anniversary.

Todah Rabbah to everyone who made Shabbat Unplugged a restful and joyous celebration of the palace in time. Thanks to the potluck dinner hosts: Phyllis and Al Glazerman, Amy Mazur, Louise Enoch and Alan Epstein, Rachel and Chad Pytel, Becca Gutman, and Dianne Lior. Thanks to Karen Arnold and the members of “CDT Sings,” Doug Hersh and Andrew Sofer for leading the nature walk with poetry reading, Judy Hersh and Tim Rosa for hosting the film club, Diana Fisher and Richard Gombert for havdalah on the water, and Vilunya Diskin and Laurie Goldman for coordinating the events.

## KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

**6/1 Shabbat & Bat Mitzvah:** Sanctuary Cleanup: Gail Harris / Dan Halbert; Setup: Pamela Katz / Ilana Mainelli / Lisa Goodwin-Robbins / Jodie Siegel / Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess; Cleanup: Steven Katz / Madeline Steinberg & Mitchell Feuer / Peter Shapiro / Carole Slipowitz; Ushers: Rachel Nemeth Cohen / Stacey Chacker—in memory of Alex Fried

**6/2 Members’ Meeting & Dinner:** Lilly Platt—in memory of Chaike Platt / Andrew Milsten / Wendy Gedanken / Clifford Goldsmith

**6/7 Erev Shabbat:** Paul Schimek—in memory of J. G. Schimek / Rebecca Cohen / Bryn Austin / Misha Dudnik

**6/8 Shabbat & Bat Mitzvah:** Sanctuary Cleanup: Theresa St. John-Siegel & Steve Siegel; Setup: Hope Kellman / Ruth Paris / Sharon Sevransky / Jamie Tessler / Karen Wasserman & Betsy Hinden; Cleanup: Pamela Katz / Rob Saper / Jeff Goldman / Peter Shapiro & Aline Newton; Ushers: Isabel Morais / Melanie Adler

**6/22 Shabbat & Bar Mitzvah:** Sanctuary Cleanup: Linda Hsu & Marc Steinberg; Ushers: Danielle Klainberg & Mark Rosenberg

**6/29 Shabbat:** Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess / Kristen Petersen / Kate Hoffman

**Kiddush Note:** The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members’ calendar on our website. When notified of your dates, please be sure to put them into your personal calendars. The whole congregation counts on your participation in kiddush and each assigned person is needed and expected to show up.

**Parents of students in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grades**, who generally help out with B’nei Mitzvah kiddush, ushering and sanctuary clean-up, can primarily find their names listed on B’nei Mitzvah dates.

**No Fragrances, Please.** So that Dorshei Tzedek events are accessible to all of our members and guests, we ask that people refrain from wearing fragrances (perfumes, scented oils, colognes, etc.) to all CDT events. While pleasant to some, fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.

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## Tikkun Opportunities

In the spirit of tikkun, repair, here is a local opportunity to take action for the betterment of our communities.

### **CJP Boston Relief Fund: Support for Marathon Bombing Victims**

Donate to the Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP) Boston Relief Fund: Support for Marathon Bombing Victims. The fund will serve as a central place where people can make donations in the aftermath of recent events. One hundred percent of collected funds will be used to help the victims of this tragedy and their families. To make a gift, please go to <http://www.cjp.org/page.aspx?id=262259>.