



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

An Affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement

Elul 5773/Tishrei 5774 September 2013

60 Highland Street, West Newton, Massachusetts 02465
617-965-0330 | www.dorsheitzedek.org | info@dorsheitzedek.org



Remembrance, Return, Renewal

By Rabbi Toba Spitzer



WHILE IN MANY ways Rosh Hashanah feels “early” this year, coming so close to Labor Day, it also means that in many ways the Jewish year is closely aligned with our secular calendar. Labor Day weekend marks the official end of summer, and just as the school year begins, so does the Jewish year 5774. For those of us who teach, who are in school ourselves or who have school-age children, we’re just settling in to new classrooms, new learning opportunities, new curricula. Similarly, Rosh Hashanah and all of the fall holidays promise a chance of renewal.

A few years ago, I wrote in the newsletter about the entire High Holydays season—beginning with the month of Elul preceding Rosh Hashanah—as a time of the three “R”s – remembrance, return, and renewal. We look back as well as ahead; we move into what is new but use a metaphor of “return” to get there.

In the realm of remembrance, we connect to our past during this time by visiting the graves of loved ones, by honoring the memories of those who have passed away in the Yom Kippur Yizkor rituals, and by connecting to the many layers of our Jewish history reflected in the High Holydays liturgy. For many of us, the High Holydays brings a sense of connection to the past—to childhood memories of holiday meals or times in shul with family members. When we go to services, we encounter ancient metaphors for the divine that can challenge us or comfort us, repel us or intrigue us—God as King; as Father; as Compassionate One; as Shepherd. On Rosh Hashanah we blow the shofar—a ram’s horn that has been in use during this season for perhaps three thousand years—in a way that Jewish people millennia ago would recognize. We sing, *“Hashivenu Adonai elekha v’nashuvah; chadesh yameinu k’kedem:* Turn us, YHWH, to You, and we will re-

turn; make our days new as in ancient times.” This verse from the book of Lamentations sums up the paradox of the Yamim Noraim: in order to become new, we turn back—to ancient rituals and traditions, to where we have been as a people.

“Return,” or *teshuvah*, is the central theme of this season. It conveys the sense of returning to a Godly path, to our true selves, to that which we know is right. As my colleague Rabbi Barbara Penzner pointed out to me recently, the word “*kedem*” in the verse from Lamentations quoted above is usually translated “old” or “ancient,” but it also means “east,” the direction of the rising sun. So when we sing to “make our days new *k’kedem*,” we might be saying, “make our days new like the start of every day, the potential of every sunrise.” The earth revolves and turns, and so our turning lives make possible a new day.

Ultimately, remembrance and the work of “turning” is all in the service of renewal—of beginning a new year with renewed commitment to living life according to our deepest values, to letting go of the old patterns and habits that keep us from coming into our full selves. We embrace the notion that change is indeed possible, and that we can make new commitments, chart a new course, in the year to come. As we move into 5774, I want to bless all of us with the strength, insight and wisdom to make good choices, to write ourselves for blessing in the year ahead. *L’shanah tovah tikateivu!*

Rabbinic Liaison

The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to insure the maintenance of a good working relationship between our rabbi and the congregation. While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with Rabbi Toba, they may at times feel more comfortable talking to the Rabbinic Liaison committee. Issues raised by congregants are discussed confidentially and, when appropriate, are shared with the Rabbi in a constructive manner.

Contact Cindy Shulak-Rome, Rabbinic Liaison Chair at chsrome@comcast.net



Photo: High Holydays services at Gann Academy. For a full schedule of services and children’s programming, please go to <http://dorsheitzedek.org/high-holydays>.

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.

Board

Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Staff

Education Director: Annette Lawson

Administrative Director: Marla Lichtman

Administrative Assistant: Jon Sarner

Assistant Rabbi: Rabbi Adam Lavitt

Executive Committee:

President: Allison Hausman

Immediate Past President: Peter Katz

VP Finance: Sivan Nasoff

VP Membership: Melanie Adler

VP Education: Lisa Schneier

VP Leadership: Laurie Gould

Secretary: Jen Kaplan

Board Members-at-Large

Louise Enoch, Jake Weinberg, Jonathan Rosenthal, Laurie Goldman, Vilunya Diskin, Linda Hsu and David Lobron

Off-Board Chairs

Ritual: Marion Ross and Laurie Goldman

Nediv Lev: Sharon Sevransky

Children’s Education: Bill Shorr

Website: Dan Halbert

Space: Noam Shore

Rabbinic Liaison: Cindy Shulak-Rome.

Chesed: Judy Hersh and Janice Cole

Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a 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, 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

Audra Karp and Deb Albenberg

Lauren Gibbs—*In memory of Mel Dorfman; in honor of Nathan Greenberg's graduation; in honor of Joanna Marcus's bat mitzvah; in appreciation of Janice Cole, Sue Lanser, Dianne Lior, Lisa Schneier and Ellen White, who drove me to and/or from DT events; in thanks to Rabbi Toba*

Marion and Robert Ross—*In memory of Diana Levenson*

Lynda and Joe Bayes

Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx—*In honor of our children and grandchildren*

Ilana Streit

Marion Ross—*In celebration of Leah Diskin's earning her Doctorate degree*

Joan Lister and Steven Fogel

Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent

Deborah Waxman—*In honor of Chayim Herzig-Marx, in deep appreciation for his wisdom and generous spirit*

Elliot Pittel—*In memory of Dorothy Pittel*

Ilene Ungerleider—*In gratitude for the "Preparing Our Hearts" classes*

Linda and Peter Katz—*In memory of Milton Katz*

Nessa Spitzer—*In memory of Bill Spitzer, Rabbi Toba's dad*

Cheryl and Jeff Sacks—*In honor of Barbara Huggins and her incredible flexibility and her good spirit in facing the natural world; in memory of Charlotte Wasserman—may her memory be a blessing for her family.*

Abby Cohen and Stuart Snyder—*In memory of Burton Cohen*

Lisa Goodman and Bill Weinreb—*In memory of Daniel Weinreb*

Lisa Samelson and Paul Hattis—*In memory of Ellie Goldberg's father*

CAMP JRF FUND

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

SCHOOL FUND

HOLY BOOKS FUND

JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

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.

Shabbat and Holidays

SHABBAT SHUVAH CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Saturday, September 7, 9:45am-noon

For the special Shabbat of “turning” that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will have a contemplative service, incorporating singing and times of silence and guided meditation, as well as Torah study. Children are welcome, but please be advised that there will be 10- to 20-minute periods of silence. In order to not disrupt the silence, we ask that you arrive no later than 10 am. Torah study will begin at 11:15 am. Child care will be provided.

SHABBAT CHOL HAMO’ED SUKKOT

Saturday, September 21, 9:45 am-noon

At this special Shabbat service of the Sukkot week, we’ll sing Hallel and get happy! We will also celebrate the *aufbruch* of Gabe Landes and Alexis Canter, in anticipation of their upcoming wedding!

BAR MITZVAH OF SIMON ROSENBERG

Saturday, September 28, 9:45am-noon

Please join us as Simon is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah!

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

*Fridays, October 4, November 1,
December 6*

*6:00 pm, candle lighting and dinner;
6:45 pm, service followed by dessert*

Join us for this fun, musical erev Shabbat service, appropriate for all ages. Please bring a dairy/veggie main dish or salad, enough for 15–20 people.

BAT MITZVAH OF ARIANE CHACKER-BOURRUT

Saturday, October 5, 9:45 am

Ariane is in the 8th grade at the Lincoln School in Brookline. She loves music, animals, reading, hanging out with her friends and family, and she is bi-lingual in French. Ariane is fearless both on the ski slopes and riding the ocean waves. In the summer, she works at the Natick Community Organic Farm. For her Tikkun Olam project, Ariane assisted with Shabbat services with people with Alzheimer’s at the Goddard House and served homeless elders at Haley House. Please join us as she is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah, and for Kiddush lunch.
—*Stacey Chacker*

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA

Saturdays, September 28, October 19, November 23, December 14

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!

TOT SHABBAT

Saturdays, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, Dec. 7

10:45 am-noon

Tot Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program for children age 5 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.

SIMCHAT SHABBAT

*Saturdays, September 28, November 2,
December 7*

10:30-noon

For our 4th through 6th graders, this NEW program is an experiential exploration of the joy of Shabbat. Through music, meditation, art, movement, drumming and more, kids will enter into the possibilities of prayer outside the box. Come join the exploration!

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

We welcome our members and the larger Jewish community to our High Holydays services at the lovely Gann Academy in Waltham, MA. Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of Wednesday, September 4. For a full schedule of services and children’s programming, please go to <http://dorsheitzedek.org/high-holydays>.

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).



Sukkot

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

SUKKAH, SUSTAINABILITY, AND SOCIAL CHANGE: ALL-AGES LEARNING PROGRAM & HARVEST DINNER

Sunday, September 22, 4:30-7:00pm

First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton

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

5:00-5:50pm — Sukkot Workshops

LOCAL LULAVIM (FOR KIDS AGE 3-7, PARENTS WELCOME!):

Written in the land of Israel, the Torah says “On Sukkot, take the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palms, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook, and be joyful for seven days.” This verse describes the lulav, made of willow, myrtle, and palm branches, and the etrog fruit. But what if the Torah was speaking to us in New England? What kinds of plants might we “take” for our Sukkot celebration? Join Leora Mallach of Ganei Beantown to learn more about the lulav and etrog and how they relate to the world around us. Come prepared to learn, create and shake it in the Sukkah!

Leora is the Co-Founder and Director of Ganei Beantown, dedicated to food justice and agriculture education in the Boston Jewish community.

DESIGNING A WELCOMING SUKKAH (FOR KIDS 8+ AND ADULTS):

On Sukkot, we are taught to welcome guests to our sukkah. But most sukkot aren’t so inviting—they are square structures that, unless we’re incredibly lucky, barely stay up for the week! If you were going to design a sukkah to be as warm, welcoming, and inviting as possible, what would it look like? Get your creative juices flowing as Joshua Sternburg leads us in imagining and making sukkot that are truly open to everyone. Joshua Sternburg is the assistant director for operations at Camp JRF. A graduate of the Hornstein program at Brandeis University, Josh’s passion for informal Jewish education and camping led him to Camp JRF, the summer camp of the Reconstructionist movement.

SUKKOT & SH’MITA—RHYTHMS OF REST & JUSTICE (FOR ADULTS AND TEENS):

Every seven years, Jewish tradition calls for a *Sh’mitta* or sabbatical year of rest and release; the next one is approaching in 2014. The biblical *Sh’mitta* year was one in which debts were forgiven and slaves released, the land and workers given a rest, and food made accessible to all. How can we apply the teachings of *Sh’mitta* to the economic and social justice challenges we face today? Come join Rabbi Toba for study, discussion, and exploration!

SUKKOT FUN ROOM

For toddlers and their parents, visit this “do-it-yourself” activity center to experience a harvest, shake the lulav, read a Sukkot story, and more!

SUKKAH CELEBRATION

5:50pm

We will gather in our brand-new sukkah to celebrate the Sukkot holiday, with songs and a story and special blessings.

SUKKOT POTLUCK

6:10pm

We’ll share our bounty together at this holiday meal. If your last name begins with A–L please bring a veggie or fish main dish; M–Z, a salad of any sort. Please avoid nuts, and please make enough for 20 people! Drinks and dessert will be provided. During dinner, Josh Sternberg will show a video of Camp JRF and be available to answer your questions about our movement’s summer camp!

SUKKOT MORNING SERVICES

Thursday, September 19 / 9:30-11:30am

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

Simchat Torah

Thursday, September 26 / 7:00-9:00pm

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

Events and Announcements

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN'S CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 6, 7:30-9:00 pm

The Women of CDT are invited to the next Rosh Chodesh group. Welcome Cheshvan, a month where we welcome fall, planting and slowing down. It's also traditionally associated with remembering important matriarchs. For more information please contact **Erica Streit-Kaplan** (ericastreit-kaplan@yahoo.com).

CDT OPEN HOUSE: TRADITION AND TRANSFORMATION—RECONSTRUCTIONIST JUDAISM TODAY

Sunday, October 6, 10:30am-12:00pm

What does it mean to “reconstruct” Jewish tradition for a contemporary world? How can ancient texts and rituals be meaning-

What does it mean to “reconstruct” Jewish tradition for a contemporary world?

ful for us today? Join **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** and members of CDT to learn more about our approach to Jewish living and our community. This is a program for prospective as well as new and current CDT members—tell your friends!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sunday, October 6, 12:00pm to 12:30pm

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

GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

LIMMUDBOSTON

Sunday, December 8, Congregation Mishkan Tefila in Chestnut Hill

The volunteer-driven Jewish learning fest of culture and identity, seeks presenters and volunteers for this year's conference. At LimmudBoston everyone is a learner, and anyone can offer to be a creative, dynamic, inspirational session presenter. To get involved as a team member or presenter, see www.LimmudBoston.org. Hold the date—volunticipate!

POST-MEAH SHABBATON AT HEBREW COLLEGE

November 15 and 16, Hebrew College, Newton

Come study with Hebrew College faculty on the topic: “What About God?” Panelists include esteemed Meah faculty Marc Brettler, Dr. Rabbi Shaye Cohen, Deanna Klepper, Jacob Meskin and a special Torah discussion with Rabbi Daniel Lehmann, President of Hebrew College and Reverend Nick Carter, President of Andover-Newton Theological School. Continue the celebration at the Saturday Evening Coffee House featuring Shuli Nathan, the voice of Yerusshalayim Shel Zahav. For further details and registration, visit the website, www.synagoguecouncil.org.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT

ISRAEL IS CALLING YOU!

May 14-21, 2014

Join us for the first Reconstructionist Movement trip to Israel, May 14–21, 2014. Deepen your connection to Judaism as you experience life in Israel today. Learn from leading academics, Israeli thinkers, and political activists in a unique series of stimulating and provocative programs. Take your part in a progressive Jewish conversation—an intellectual, spiritual and political dialogue that will build your knowledge, challenge your perspectives, and broaden your under-

standing of Israel. Learn more at www.rrc.edu/Israeltrip.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: RRC PRESIDENT'S JOB DESCRIPTION

The presidential search committee has released the president's job description, and we are asking for your help circulating it. The movement is seeking a visionary leader to head our restructured organization. The new president will lead and manage the organization, provide leadership for the communities and individuals affiliated with Reconstructionist Judaism, and head outreach to other Jewish and progressive audiences. In addition, he or she will support and strengthen the rabbinical training program in its commitment to both rigorous academics and spiritual and practical wisdom. The president serves as chief executive officer, intellectual lead, and development lead. For the full job description, please visit www.JewishRecon.org/presidentsjob.

MEET THE NEWEST RECONSTRUCTIONIST RABBIS

In June, the Reconstructionist movement gave the world eight new rabbis. Doris Dyen, Anne Feibelman, Lori Feldstein Gardner, Leslie Hilgeman, Shulamit Izen, Kelilah Miller, Saul Oresky and Alanna Sklover graduated from RRC in a beautiful ceremony held at a local synagogue. Learn more about the 2013 graduating class and watch a video of the response they delivered on graduation day at www.rrc.edu/2013grads.

UNDER THE RAINBOW HUPPAH

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, RRC '90, and several of her congregants at Congregation Beit Simchat Torah in New York City—the world's largest LGBT congregation—speak compellingly in a Jewish Forward video following the Supreme Court's DOMA ruling. Watch the video and read the article at <http://www.rrc.edu/news-media/news/under-rainbow-huppah>.

Learning

ADULT LEARNING & REFLECTION

SHA'ARIM: GATEWAYS TO JEWISH LIFE & THOUGHT

with Rabbi Adam Lavitt

Monday evenings, 7:30pm-9pm

Beginning September 30

Cost: For CDT members, sliding scale \$180-\$225; non-members \$275

As Jewish adults, how can Jewish thought and practice support our personal journeys? This class will provide basics of Jewish education for those who feel they missed it growing up, including grounding in Torah study, the Shabbat morning service, and other fundamentals of Jewish life and practice. Through text study, discussion, and personal reflection, the group will explore Jewish prayer and spiritual practices, learn how to study Torah, engage with the Jewish year cycle, converse with a variety of Jewish approaches to God, and deepen our understanding of the Jewish imperative of caring for others and our world. The class will culminate in a special Shabbat morning service in June 2014, led by participants! To register for the class, please contact **Marla Lichtman** in the CDT office, admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org.

Rabbi Adam Lavitt is a graduate of Hebrew College, with experience in Jewish experiential education, chaplaincy, meditation and circus arts. For the past two years, he has helped shape and lead CDT's family education initiative, "Learning Outside the Box."

ISRAEL & US: CREATING A NEW NARRATIVE

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Wednesday evenings, 7:15-9:00pm

October 23 & 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4 & 11

Once a distant dream of Jews longing for a homeland, the modern state of Israel has become a difficult and contentious topic in American Jewish life. There are many narratives that surround the Jewish state, both positive and negative, yet most fail to capture the fullness and complexity of one of the most significant developments in Jewish life of the past few hundred years. In this

class, we will audaciously attempt to craft a new narrative, one that can move us beyond both confusion and hardened stances, to a

been working over the summer to bring new ideas to our curriculum.

As I order new books and supplies, I

In this class, we will audaciously attempt to craft a new narrative.

place of inquiry and deeper understanding, one that can encompass all of us, in our variety of views.

Whether you have lived in Israel or never visited, whatever your opinions (or lack thereof), you are invited to join us in an exploration of historical documents, traditional Jewish texts, contemporary Israeli and Palestinian narratives, personal reflections, and more. Nothing required but an open mind!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Annette Lawson, Education Director

The summer break is almost over, and we have been busy at the school getting ready for the coming year. The summer affords us the time to reflect on our program. **Rabbi Toba, Rabbi Adam**, the teachers and I have

look forward to welcoming you and your children back to another year of learning. School begins on Sunday, September 15 for Darshanim, our new 10th Grade class, on Tuesday, September 17, for grades 3-8 (Gimmel-Zayin and BaDerech) and on Saturday, September 21 for Pre-K through Grade 3 (Nitzanim, Gan, Alef, Bet, and Gimmel). Full calendars for each grade will be emailed to parents.

Do you know anyone who is looking for a Jewish educational program for their family? I hope you will encourage them to check out our school. We are enrolling new students in all grades and it isn't too late to register! Please let friends know that families with children up to Grade 3 can try our school for their first year without the requirement of membership. I am delighted to talk to prospective parents at any time, who can contact me at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

MAZON: A JEWISH RESPONSE TO HUNGER

This year, as we again come together as a community to make commitments for the new year, let's choose to make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with hunger, so they can look forward to a day when that struggle is a thing of the past. MAZON is committed to fighting for hungry families. Despite our best efforts, nearly 50 million Americans - more than the entire population of Canada - and nearly 25% of all Israelis are still either hungry or perched on the edge of being hungry. The number of people who would have little or nothing to eat were it not for the modest support of our federal safety net is still at a tragic all-time high.

As a community we can and must take action. I hope you will choose to join MAZON's effort to end hunger in the United States and Israel. There are many ways to get involved in the work of ending hunger, but the first step is an easy one: make a generous donation to MAZON. For 28 years, MAZON has been the Jewish response to hunger, representing the Jewish perspective and the Jewish voice within the anti-hunger movement. Won't you add your voice? You can visit mazon.org to donate and discover other ways to get involved, too.

Chesed

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, **Judy Hersh and Janice Cole** (chesed@dorsheitzedek.org).

Our congregation values chesed, acts of loving-kindness. The Chesed Committee coordinates our community's response for members who are in need of support, such as at the time of a birth or adoption, illness, death, or other significant life change. Some of the types of things we coordinate include meals, grocery shopping, and transportation for a medical appointment.

The Chesed Committee would like to thank everyone who provided chesed last month.

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.

REFUAH SH'LEYMA

We send blessings of healing to CDT members **Ruby Gan** and **Nancy Gertz**.

CONDOLENCES

To **Karen and Sue Ann Wasserman**, on the death of their mother, **Charlotte Wasserman**; may her memory be for a blessing.

To **Stan Fleischman**, on the death of his sister, **Marsha Schonefeld**; may her memory be for a blessing.

To **Isabel Morais, Lisa Chedekel, and Bernard and Evie**, on the death of Isabel's mother and Bernard and Evie's grandmother, **Bernadina Rodrigues**; may her memory be for a blessing.

YARZHEIT

We remember **Efrem Goldberg**, whose eleventh yahrzeit falls on September 18. We will be remembering Efrem at Shabbat morning services on September 21. May his memory be for a blessing.

We remember **Shari Zimble**, whose fifth yahrzeit falls on September 28. We will be remembering Shari at Shabbat morning services on September 28. May her memory be for a blessing.

We remember **Zachary Carson**, whose sixth yahrzeit falls on September 10. We will be remembering Zach during the "Eleh Ezkereh" remembrance service on Yom Kippur afternoon. May his memory be for a blessing.

AVELUT

Avelut (<http://tinyurl.com/AvelutCDT>) is CDT's member-led group for adults that meets for reflection, discussion, and support during the grieving process, especially following a recent loss or marking a yahrzeit. Participants have the opportunity to talk about the impact of loss, the journey of bereavement, and/or the legacies of loved ones we carry with us. All CDT members are invited to join Avelut at upcoming meetings (to be announced).

As a reference, CDT members have created the brochure "Finding Comfort, Giving Support: A Guide to Mourning at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek," available on the resource table in our sanctuary and online: <http://dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf>. CDT also has a "Shivah Team" that coordinates shivah logistics and we developed a pool of shivah leaders. In addition, the CDT Chesed Committee organizes meals or other needs when there is a loss in a member's family.

If you have suggestions for future meeting topics or questions about the Avelut group please contact **Ellie Goldberg**, at ellie.goldberg@gmail.com.

Tikkun Olam

TIKKUN OLAM IN THE NEW YEAR

by Bonnie Tenneriello

One of my favorite things about CDT is that tikkun olam—repairing the world, creating social justice—is held as a central aspect of Jewish practice. And we really do it. Recently, we've supported underpaid workers in Florida tomato fields and in Hyatt Hotels; we've taken our kids to protests at Trader Joe's and on a march for peace in Dorchester; we've biked to shul to promote carbon friendliness, we've joined the Red Fire Farm CSA, and much more. Jonathan Rosenthal has very ably shepherded the Tikkun Olam Committee for the past year, and as he moves onto the CDT Board of Directors, I am pleased to be chairing the Committee.

We'll meet on Thursday, October 3, at 7 pm to discuss work for the next year.

I hope you'll join us, whether you've been active in a CDT tikkun olam project, have an idea for something new, or you're just curious to hear what people are thinking about. You may, like me, work full time, have a kid, and/or otherwise have a busy life. There are ways both small and large to connect to tikkun olam at CDT, and playing even a small part in something worthwhile can be very rewarding.

As we enter the season of teshuva, a turning toward our best selves, you may be thinking about service to others, about justice. Join us and see what you can do about it!

FAMILY TABLE

by Ilana Mainelli

We, the Dorshei Tzedek community, have made a commitment to be part of Family Table again this year. Family Table is a program of JF&CS, and it is the Boston metro area's only food pantry offering kosher food. The volunteers who make deliveries to the needy families bring warmth and caring to those homes, as well as food. I can tell you from personal experience that participat-



ing in Family Table is a very fulfilling experience. CDT has committed to collect **25 cans of kosher or vegetarian soup** and **25 boxes of whole grain cereal** every month. We also need a driver to bring our contributions to Family Table/JFCS in Waltham on one Sunday morning each month. And this year, we have taken on the additional mitzvah of collecting financial donations to help Family Table purchase fresh produce and dairy products to distribute to their client families. **We will need eight volunteers (individuals or families) to help pack and deliver groceries on either March 2 or January 5, 2014.**

Please help us fulfill our commitment to Family Table by bringing a donation with you whenever you come to Services, Hebrew School, or a CDT event. We have a collection box at the upper door to our sanctuary on Highland Street, and outside the Hebrew School office at the FUSN building. We will also have a box at the entry of Gann Academy during our High Holyday Services there. Also, we hope you can donate some funds to buy fresh food for those in need, as we celebrate the abundance of our harvest during our Sukkot celebration on 9/22. You can sign up to deliver our donations to Family Table at <http://doodle.com/by72xr9h6bn2hq8m>.

I would like to see us increase our participation in this worthy program this year. Please help us reach our goals, and improve the lives of hungry families in our local area! If you have any question, please email them to me at familytable@dorsheitzedek.org.

GBIO HEALTHCARE COST CONTAINMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION

September 17, 6-9 pm, Temple Israel, Boston

One year ago, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) pushed to get Massachusetts to pass a law to control how medical spending increases, eventually to be no faster than the growth rate of the state economy. At this action, GBIO members will be meeting with the CEOs of major hospital systems, insurance companies, and key state officials, so that they can report to us on their progress in meeting the target of keeping the increase in spending to no more than 3.6%. GBIO will continue to engage stakeholders on their plans for cost reductions in the months and years to come.

If you are interested in joining the CDT delegation to the action, please be in touch with **Paul Hattis** (paul.hattis@rcn.com).

CDT Calendar

September 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Erev Rosh Hashanah Gann Academy 8:00pm - 9:30pm	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Gann Academy 9:30am - 1:00pm	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Gann Academy 10:00am - 12:30pm	Shabbat Shuvah Chanting & Meditation Service 9:45am - 12:00pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Kol Nidre Gann Academy 7:00pm - 9:00pm	Yom Kippur Gann Academy Adult service: 9:30am - 2:15pm Children & Youth Services: 10:15am - noon Childcare provided: 9:30am - 10:30am; 11:30am - 1:15pm Afternoon program: 3:45pm - 6:45 pm Ne'ilah: 6:45pm Childcare resumes: 5:30pm - 7:30pm Havdallah, Break fast: 7:30pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Sukkah Building FUSN 11:30am				Sukkot Service 60 Highland St. 9:30am - 11:30am		Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am - 12:00pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Sukkot Celebration FUSN 4:30pm - 7:30pm				Simchat Torah Celebration 60 Highland St 7:00pm - 9:00pm		Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat morning service & Bar Mitzvah of Simon Rosenberg 9:45am to 12:00pm Simchat Shabbat 10:30am to 12:00pm
29	30	October 1	2	3	4	5
Sukkah Take-down FUSN 12:00pm					All ages Erev Shabbat Service/Potluck 6:00pm: Candle lighting 6:45PM: Service	Shabbat morning service & Bat Mitzvah of Ariane Chacker-Borrut 9:45am - 12:00pm

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

Community

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Shabbat, Sep 7: Carla Naumburg & Josh Herzig-Marx / Rachel Ross / Dianne Lior

Sukkah building, Sun, Sep 15: Sue Weil & Sandy Goodman / Marla Cummins / Audra Karp & Deb Albenberg / Danielle Klainberg & Simon Rosenberg - in honor of Simon's upcoming Bar Mitzvah

Sukkot Service, Thu, Sep 19: Ritual Committee provides kiddush

Shabbat, Sep 21: Elaine Landes & David Felson—in honor of *Aufruff* for Gabe Landes and Alexis Canter / Lisa Dee Port White / Susan Silberberg - in honor of *Aufruf* for Gabe Landes and Alexis Canter

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 re-

Pamela Rosenstein & Roy Wilson, and their daughter **Ariel** (8)

MAZEL TOV

To **Matilda and Ed Bruckner**, on the marriage of their son **Daniel** to **Laura Burkhauser**.

To **Annette and Paul Lawson**, on the marriage of their daughter **Liliana** to **Alex Ashchian**.

To **Peter and Linda Katz**, on the marriage of their daughter **Pamela** to **Louis Perwien**.

TODAH RABAH

To **Pamela Schoenberg**, for her coordination of CDT's participation in Family Table for many years! And welcome to **Ilana Mainelli**, our new Family Table coordinator.

To the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class of 2012-13, for their donation of the beautiful new podium in our sanctuary, and to **Joel Reider** for designing and facilitating the project!

To all of those who helped with Kiddush and B'nei Mitzvah in June, July, and August: **Allison Andrews, Jonathan Gordon, Valerie Graf, Barry Ingber**—*In memory of Nathan Cohen*, **Wendy & Charles Frankston, Laura Katz, Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx, Tessa Goldsmith, Linda Hsu, Sheree Galpert & Peter Hess, Kristen Petersen, Mark & Simon Rosenberg, Joyce Traister**—*In memory of the Traisters and Budds who have passed*, **Ellie Goldberg, and Debbie Waber**.

To the following folks, for their invaluable help in getting Membership Renewal Packets and our High Holydays mailing assembled, stuffed, stamped and taken to local mailboxes: **Abby Cohen, Phyllis Glazerman, Ellie Goldberg, Marjorie Greenberg, Bruce Miller, Eileen Morrison, Rebecca Pomerantz, Carole Slipowitz, and Emily Sper**. Your help was very much appreciated!

Please notify the Newsletter of life cycle events and moments you would like to share with the community. (See page 2 for details.)

Sukkot Celebration, Sep 22: Setup: James Kaplan / Hilary Marcus—in honor of *returning to our community!* / Laya Steinberg & Bruce Miller / Stacie & Andrew Garnett-Cook; **Cleanup:** Dan Halbert / Ben Newman / Idit Klein & Jordan Namerow / Amy Dain / Rachel Greenberg

Simchat Torah Celebration, Thu, Sep 26: Pamela Schoenberg Reider—in memory of *Mickey Schoenberg* & Joel Reider—in memory of *Raphael Reider* / Emily Shumsky—in honor of *David's Birthday*

Shabbat, Sep 28: Sanctuary Cleanup: Rachel Nemeth Cohen & Richard Cohen; **Ushers:** Elizabeth & David Roll

Sukkah take-down, Sep 29: Emily Sper / David Shumsky / Rachel & Chad Pytel / Taryn Pinstein / Michael Singer

Erev-shabbat, Oct 4: Ami Gordon / Arthur Lent / Doron Gan / Janelle Winston

Shabbat, Oct 5: Sanctuary Cleanup: Diana & Richard Fisher Gomberg; Ushers: Danielle Klainberg & Mark Rosenberg

frain 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.

NEW MEMBERS

We give a hearty welcome to:

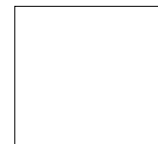
Sue Ann Wasserman & Yale Lansky (Sue Ann is the sister of member **Karen Wasserman**)

Alyssa Cohen, with her two sons **Ari** (13) and **Noah** (10) **Goldman**

Nanette Byrnes & Eric Meltzer, and their children **Ronan** (14), **Jasmine** (12), and **Maxine** (5)

Margo Michaels & Meran Opher, and their son **Liam** (4)

Miriam Bronstein and her son **Lev** (16)



Address correction requested



Shake Your Lulav!

Order Your Lulav & Etrog by September 10

A fun Sukkot tradition is to wave the lulav and etrog each morning of the Sukkot holiday, a symbol of our connection with the earth and its bounty. Order sets through CDT at a cost of \$40 each, available for pick up at CDT before Erev Sukkot. Please watch for an email letting you know when they are here.

To order, please contact **Marla Lichtman** in the CDT office, and let her know how many sets you would like, at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org. Pre-payment is appreciated. Please send checks (\$40 per set) to CDT, 60 Highland Street, West Newton.

