The discussions we’ve been having as a board exploring the meaning of “membership” at CDT and a “covenantal community” have illustrated in an undeniable way that the more you learn, the less you know. So far, board members have led deep and fascinating discussions about how our membership experience changes over each member’s life-span, and about what “membership” looks like in other thriving Jewish communities. We all finished each of these sessions hungry for more information and more discussion.

As a result, we have decided to extend the conversation into next year. Our original two goals for the year were:

1. A deeper understanding of why and how commitment to the CDT community adds value to the lives of our members. This deepened understanding will enable us to articulate this value for current and potential members, and to evolve as a congregation in ways that enhance this value.

2. A set of concrete policies and procedures regarding the membership function at CDT, including leadership and staffing (i.e., Executive Committee role, Membership Committee role, and processes for reaching out to both potential and existing members.) We will still directly address the second goal this year. Our discussions shed light on how our membership function can be improved and we believe we can and should make significant progress to strengthen and support this crucial function of our congregation.

Our preliminary explorations, however, demonstrate that the first goal will require more time to complete and it is in the community’s best interest to take that time. Our relationships to our Jewish community are complicated and are changing rapidly. In fact we’ve learned that we’re not at all alone in our effort to grasp what a Jewish community can be in our current historical and social contexts. The community at large is struggling with similar questions. But, most importantly, we are certain that to truly succeed in gaining this understanding, we need to include everyone in the community. This takes time to do well.

What this means for you
The board has yet to define what exactly “extending our conversation” entails. While we’ve devoted some member meetings to asking some important questions, we think that the most valuable information from members needs to come from smaller, deeper conversations among individuals. In this way, members will be able to take the time to really understand why we are committed to CDT, how we see that relationship changing over time, and what our hopes are for the community. In addition, these conversations will help us as a community learn how we can benefit from all the resources we each bring to bear. The community is, after all, the sum of all of us as individuals.
One way we’re beginning these conversations is through participating in an initiative led by the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) called “Relational Conversations.” A group of us went to the first training for this effort on Sunday, February 9th. It was an interesting day with over a hundred members from a diverse collection of Boston area religious institutions. Some of you might remember that we worked with GBIO several years ago doing a similar effort. That group attended the new training and the board will integrate what we learned into our discussion and determine how this method of “in reach” can help us expand and deepen our inquiry next year.

Rabbinic Liaison Committee

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 Toha, 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. To discuss a question or concern, contact Cindy Shulak-Rome, Rabbinic Liaison Chair at cbrome@comcast.net, or Marc Steinberg at marc@metaphasia.com.

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Our 2014 Nediv Lev Campaign this year is well on its way. To those who have already given, THANK YOU! For those who have not yet made your Nediv Lev donation, please don’t wait. We are working towards our goal of $76,000 which is needed to ensure our congregation’s financial health.

The Nediv Lev campaign is an opportunity to reflect on what the CDT community means to you—the music of our Shabbat services, our adult learning classes, our community celebration of holidays and festivals. Please honor the contribution that CDT makes to your life with a Nediv Lev gift, large or small. Every contribution, of any size, is very important to the Nediv Lev campaign. If you choose, you may direct your gift to be in honor of a member of our community, or as a way to remember a loved one. It is easy to give:

• Online—You can go to http://dorsheitzedek.org/ndlev

• Mail—Send a check (payable to Congregation Dorshel Tzedek) to the office at 60 Highland St, West Newton, 02465.

Thank you for your support of our community.

Newsletter

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**Shabbat Programs**

**Children's Shabbat Programs**

**Simchat Shabbat**

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

**Tot Shabbat**

*Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program for children age 5 and younger and their parents, led by CDT members and Jewish educators Susan Moser and Alison Lobron. Join us in celebrating Shabbat and Purim with prayers and songs, stories, crafts, and other fun activities.*

**Upcoming Shabbat Morning Guests**

**Shabbat Peykudei with Roberta Isberg and Yoheved Katz**

*Saturday, March 1

**Shabbat Tzav with Dr. Susie Tanchel**

*Saturday, March 15, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Robert and Yoheved will lead a contemplative service that combines meditation and chanting with prayer and Torah study.*

**Shoshana Friedman**

*Saturday, March 8, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Shoshana Meira Friedman is in her final year of rabbinical school at Hebrew College in Newton, and will be leading our Shabbat service with vibrant melodies accompanied by her ukulele, guitar, and sense of humor.*

**Shabbat Vayikra with Shoshana Friedman**

*Saturday, March 8, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Shoshana is a singer-songwriter who recently released her first album, Guesthouse, and is a contributing writer for the Huffington Post on Scripture—the Torah.*

**Shabbat Tazria with Rabbi Adam Lavitt**

*Saturday, March 15, 10:30 am - noon

Rabbi Adam Lavitt is serving as CDT’s Assistant Rabbi this year. He is a 2012 graduate of the Rubins School of Hebrew College. He recently served as Liturgist in Residence at the National Havurah Institute, and is currently part of Clal’s Rabbis Without Borders Fellowship. His interest in experiential, embodied, Jewish education and spiritual practice has led him to found several projects, including the Movement Mignon and Circus Shal. In his service leading, he draws on his interest in meditation and embodiment.*

**Shabbat Tazria with Rabbi Nathan Margalit**

*Saturday, March 29, 9:45 am - 12:00 pm

Nathan will lead our shabbat service and guide our exploration of the week’s Torah reading in the spirit of what he calls “Organic Torah”—an integration of Jewish wisdom with the world-wide struggle for a sustainable, healthy and just world.*

**CDT Film Club**

*Saturday, March 1

**Location to be determined**

Film: The Other Son (2012, French, Hebrew, Arabic, 105m)

While preparing to enter the Israeli military for his compulsory service, young Joseph Silberg learns he was accidentally switched at birth with the son of an Arab couple from the West Bank—a shocking revelation that sends both families reeling. –Netflix

Feel free to come for any part of the evening. If you’re coming to the potluck, please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share (in consideration of members with dietary constraints, if you are making a dish with dough or rice that can be added later, e.g. salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate).*

We hope you can join us! Please contact Stan Fleischman or Emily Sper (film-club@dorsheitzedek.org) if you need directions/answers to any questions. Despite these constraints, this event is only for members and their families.

**CDT Film Club 5774 Complete Schedule**

April 5: The Ritchie Boys

May 10: Five Hours From Paris

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**Rosh Chodesh**

*Tuesday, April 1

**Living Room at 60 Highland Street**

**It’s no joke! Rosh Chodesh Nisan is coming on Tuesday, April 1st.**

Nisan is called the First Month because the Israelites left Egypt in Nisan, and it is the “first month” in the life of the Israelites as a free people. Nisan also marks the birth of spring. What is new in your life? Is there anything that you want to cultivate this spring? Come share conversation, reflection, fun and great snacks with other CDT women. For more info or to RSVP contact Erica at ericaestrakiplan@yahoo.com.
The Chesed Committee would like to thank meals, grocery shopping, and transportation for a medical appointment.

The Chesed Committee would like to thank everyone who did acts of Chesed last month.

The Chesed coordinators for March are Benita Danzing and Barbara Shatkin, who may be contacted at 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.

Stonehead, Ruby Gan, Nancy Gertz, Stephanie Hackett, Steffi Karp and Susan Nitkin. The same weekend day, which would also bring us to many of our families who find it difficult to make it to Shabbat experiences geared to different age groups and stages, as well as with the school staff and others in the congregation. Stay tuned for ways that you can get involved!

We are anticipating that meetings will continue with parents of the Aleph class and of the upper grades as well as with the school staff and others in the congregation. Stay tuned for ways that you can get involved!

RECONSTRUCTIONISM IN THE 21ST CENTURY
April 26-27, 2014
Boston
Join us for a gathering of Reconstructionists from all over New England. Please mark your calendar! Our program will feature a special presentation by Rabbi Deborah Waxman, Ph.D.—president of Jewish Reconstructionist Foundations and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. She will speak on "Composing a New Song: Reconstructing the Post-Holocaust Jewish Community." More details to follow soon.

JEWISH APPROACHES TO DEATH & MOURNING:
A PRACTICAL EXPLORATION WITH RABBI TOBA SPIZTER
Thursday evenings, April 10 & 17, May 1, 7:30-9:00 pm
60 Highland Street, Room 111
What might it mean to imagine—and plan for—our own care at the end of our lives? What does Judaism have to say about end-of-life decision-making? What does tahar, the traditional Jewish preparation for burial, entail? Whether you are wrestling with your own mortality or caring for others as they near death, this class is an opportunity for learning and discussion in the context of the CDT community. Drawing on Jewish texts and traditions, and new local resources including a Jewish hospice center and community chevra kadisha (burial society), we will delve into Jewish approaches to end-of-life decision-making, care for the dying, and mourning practices, and what it means to care for ourselves and others at times of grief.

TOPICS:
April 10: Jewish approaches to dying and end-of-life decisions
April 17: Jewish burial traditions—caring for body and soul
May 1: The wisdom and practice of Jewish mourning

MINDFUL MORNINGS
Thursday, 8:15-9:00 am
60 Highland Street, Library
This weekly gathering combines guided and silent meditation to develop our capacity for mindful awareness and to cultivate qualities of patience, gratitude, and compassion. All are welcome, whether experienced in meditation or not. The group is facilitated by CDT members with occasional participation by Rabbi Toba. No need to make a weekly commitment; join us when you’re able! (Please arrive no later than 8:15 am, in order not to disrupt the session once we’ve started.) For more information contact Laya Steinberg, (lasword@ecn.com) or Carole Slipowitz (carole@slipowitz.org).

EXPLORING THE BIBLE WITH DR. SANFORD GOLDFLESH
March 16: 3:30 pm, in participants’ homes
$15 per session (fee can be reduced to whatever you feel comfortable with)

In this class we will 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 for more information.

UPDATE ABOUT EDUCATION PLANNING AT CDT
by Lisa Schneier, CDT Board VP of Education
The CDT education program is continuing a “visioning” process that will help to shape the program in the future.

On January 11th, parents from four of the school grades met with their cohorts to think together about what is important to them in the Jewish education of their children and their families. The meetings were very animated and productive. Thanks to all who participated and helped make them happen! We are anticipating that meetings will continue with the Aleph class and of the upper grades as well as with the school staff and others in the congregation. Stay tuned for ways that you can get involved!

The first addresses the issue of our school schedule and how it impacts enrollment. Our Tuesday/Thursday afternoon schedule for our upper grades presents a challenge to many of our families who find it difficult to get their children to religious school on busier weekdays. They would be helped by changing our schedule to one weekday/one weekend day, which would also bring us into line with other area congregations and makes us more attractive to new families.

The second change process involves examining what and how we teach. For the last three years we have been experimenting with different approaches to Jewish education, with the assistance of funding and consultants provided by Combined Jewish Philanthropies. Our Project LOX has explored different ways of engaging the Jewish family as Jewish learners and we have begun to experiment with Project Based Learning in our upper grades as a way of providing deeper learning experiences for our students.

With the help of our CJP consultant, Shaina Wasserman, we are now beginning to look comprehensively at our educational program to apply what we have learned from these experiments. As part of this redesign process, we have asked parents to participate in “re-visioning” meetings to share their ideas and hopes for their children’s Jewish education. Additionally, an evaluation of all of our children’s programming (including the school) will soon be under way. All of this input will be crucial to design decisions about our educational program as we move forward.

For an application, please be in touch with Marla Lichtman at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org.
Reconstructionist Press

Join us for the first Reconstructionist Move—May 14–21, 2014—Israel is Calling you!

What do a small Jewish community near the Sea of Galilee, a Pauline character, and the Jews of the 19th century have in common? All three communities recently decided to become affiliates of the Reconstructionist movement.

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Great New Titles from the Reconstructionist Press

A Guide to Jewish Practice, Volume 2 is now available. This rich, flexible tool offers traditional and contemporary approaches to Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. (If you don’t already have it in your collection, you may also want to consider volume one of the guide, on everyday living; the book helps navigate important contemporary issues, from sexual ethics and gender identity to end-of-life decisions.)

Chapters of the Heart: Jewish Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives invites readers into the lives of 20 women via beautifully written essays. The writers reflect on intimate experiences such as parenting, infertility and illness. Through a Jewish lens, they detail the meaning they discovered.

These titles and more are available through the Reconstructionist Press at www.jewish迎合books.org.

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CuriouS MInDS At thE rashi sChool: prErIngeR yoUr PAssove

Engage your children in the Passover preparations as together you decorate your own “uniquely yours” ceramic seder plate. The Passover story will come alive as we hear it told in words and song. Sing your favorite songs and learn some new ones! A snack will be provided. Advance registration appreciated. RSVP at www.rashi.org/cm

Cdt Men’s Softball

Are you a softball player? It is only a few months until spring, and that means, softball season! The CDT Men’s Softball Team opens training camp for our 8th season with outdoor practices starting in March.

The softball team is open to all men who are CDT members, and there are plenty of opportunities for rookies to make an impact. If you can swing the bat, run the bases, pitch, catch, or flash some leather, you’re eligible to be on the team.

Our Men’s Softball Team participates in the Men’s Synagogue Softball League. The MSSL (www.msslonline.com) has roughly 40 teams throughout Greater Boston. Games are played on Sunday mornings from mid-April to early-June, with playoffs starting in mid-June. The winner of the MSSL championship earns the coveted Kiddush Cup.

This year, the team will be aiming to make it into the playoffs for the third straight season. Last year’s team had a 5-4 record, good enough for the playoffs, but we lost in the first round to Temple B’nai Torah by a score of 15-13.

We cannot guarantee wins, but we do guarantee you’ll have a lot of fun.

Coming up this season are games against some tough opponents. The guys on the team.

Cdt Builds With Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, April 6, 1pm-4pm

CDT will be volunteering with MetroWest Habitat for Humanity, helping to build two duplexes on town-donated land at 33 Stonebridge Road in Wayland, near Wayland High School. The exact nature of what we will be doing will depend on what stage the construction project is in, and ranges from framing and raising walls to hanging drywall and painting. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to volunteer, with some restriction on the work done by 16 and 17 year olds. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up for this event online by visiting the members sign-up page. If you are planning on volunteering, it would be helpful if you could sign up sooner rather than later so we can be confident of having the minimum number of 15 volunteers needed in order to hold the event. Please contact Barbara Shatkin at bshatkin@aol.com with any questions.

Jobs Not Jails Initiative: Film “The House I Live In” and Panel Discussion

Sunday, March 9, 4:00 to 6:00pm

The Jobs Not Jails initiative is well under way. We have a great partner in the American Civil Liberties Union, who is looking at affordable housing in Newton as a way to meet the guys on the team.

Come meet ACLU members and enjoy coffee, tea and baked goods at a house party fundraiser Sunday March 16 at 2pm at the home of Bonnie Tenneriello. (No minimum donation but bring a checkbook if you can.) Contact Bonnie or watch your email for more details.

Affordable Housing Initiative for Newton

Newton Congregations, an affiliate of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization of which Dorshei Tzedek is a member, is a coalition of approximately 12 churches and synagogues that work on local community and city issues. Newton Congregations is looking at affordable housing in Newton as its next project. The issue addresses important social justice and equity concerns for our city. Whether you are a current Newton resident, or wish you were able to afford a move to Newton, we hope you’ll let us know if you see this as an important issue for you. City Life’s Steve Meacham will speak at our MLK Shabbat on Sunday, March 16, 4pm, in the Room of Second Church.

Join us for a film showing of the documentary “The House I Live In” by Alex Winter. Who owns the homes that we rent and buy? And who does not have access to a house? The film shows how the housing crisis affects everyone, from the poor to the middle class.

This screening will be followed by a panel discussion. Newton Congregations members and guests will discuss how Newton Congregations can play a role in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Newton.

We are building toward a large rally on Bos-

ton Common on April 19 at 1pm, so if you’d like to join in please RSVP! We are a petition drive to begin conversations about the state of incarceration in Massachusetts and economic justice.

Come and join this satisfying way to make a difference! For more information contact Alan Epstein, alestein@rcn.com, Denise Yurkofsky, yurk@comcast.net, or Alex Sugerman-Brozan, abg717@gmail.com.

Meet and Support City Life/VIDA Urbana Activists

Sunday, March 16, 2pm

Home of Bonnie Tenneriello

Those who heard City Life’s Steve Meacham speak at our MLK Shabbat know that the group organizes communities affected by the foreclosure crisis and helps families stay in their homes through protest, eviction blockades and legal support. People facing loss of a home become organizers for themselves and others. Come meet ACLU members and enjoy coffee, tea and baked goods at a house party fundraiser Sunday March 16 at 2pm at the home of Bonnie Tenneriello. (No minimum donation but bring a checkbook if you can.) Contact Bonnie or watch your email for more details.

Family Table Food Donations Needed!

by Ilana Mainelli

Dorshei Tzedek is one of 70 synagogues and day schools, as well as individual volunteers, who donate, collect, sort, pack, and deliver groceries monthly to more than 7,000 people as part of Jewish Family & Children Service’s Family Table food pantry. Family Table is the Boston metro area only food pantry offering kosher food.

Any help you can give is appreciated! If you have any questions, please call or email me at familytable@dorsheitzedek.org. Thank you!

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uted to Dorshei Tzedek. It’s an easy way to support the congregation while doing the online shopping you were planning to do anyway!
CDT Calendar

March 2014

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 Learn to Leyn (Chant Torah) with Elaine 7:00pm to 8:00pm
CDT Board Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm
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CONTENTS DURING RABBI TOBA’S SABBATICAL

Rabbi Toba will be on sabbatical from January 1 through March 30. Rabbi Michael Luckens will be “on call” during this time. To reach Rabbi Luckens or for other Chessed needs, please contact the Chessed coordinators (chesed@dorshietzedek.org) or CDT President Allison Hausman. If there is a death in your family and you need to organize shivah, please be in touch with Judy Herzog-Max or Amy Mazur (they can also put you in touch with a rabbi if needed). Rabbi Adam Lavitt, our assistant rabbi, is also available for pastoral support, and can be reached at asst.rabbj@dorshietzedek.org.

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Mazal Tov

To CDT member Susan Moser, for getting her green card after a 14-year-long ordeal.

TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbi to everyone who helped with Events, Kiddush and B’nai Mitzvah in January and February.

Sharon Gorberg – in memory of Sylvia Gorberg, Willa & Tom Kuh, Frances Malino, Betsy Hinden, Esther Kohn – in memory of Priva Kohn, Sara Dashi, Scott Helman, Helene & John Carroll, Karen Arnold, Kate Hoffman, Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattie; Tracey Rogers & Jane Schwartz; Sharon Sevran – in memory of Betty Baum; Roy Edelstein – Jacklyn Haas; Doug Hersh

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

3/1 All Ages Erev Shabbat: Haralie Alpert – in memory of Sylvia and Francis Greenberg / Ellen White – in memory of John and Paul White / Denise Yurkofsky / Mark Schafer

3/8 Shabbat: Linda Schiller & Steve Robins / Miriam Brinatstein / Melanie Adler

3/15 Shabbat: Jennifer Nichols & Jerold Gelfand / Stuart Snyder / Diane Becker

3/22 Shabbat: Shere Galpert & Peter Hess – in memory of Alvins Galpert / Rob Saper / Marion Ross

3/29 Shabbat: Barbara & Elliot Pittel / Sarah Hartman / Corinne Lofchie

Kiddush Note: The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members’ calendar on our website. When notified of your dates, please make 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. Thank you!

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’nai 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.

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.)
Purim is coming!

*Saturday evening, March 15, 7:00-9:00pm,*  
*First Unitarian Society of Newton, 1326 Washington St, West Newton*

Get your costumes and groggers ready—Purim is coming! Come join special guest Esther Moonbeam for our yearly Purim bash, featuring zany costumes, Purim davening, hamantaschen, Megillah reading, and of course, the Spiel! Join fellow revelers and Spielers for part or all of the evening (times are approximate):

7:00pm—Purim davening with Esther Moonbeam (with sacred chanting and expressive movement).

7:20pm—Costume parade. Prizes for kids and adults with costumes! Don’t come as you are!

7:40-8pm—Megillah reading and Tot Purim. Come hear portions of the Megillah, with an alternate activity for the little ones.

8:00pm—The Spiel. From the inimitable spielmeister Sheree Galpert.

8:30pm—The Vashti Dancing Party. Wear your dancing shoes (at least...)

If you are interested in being involved in the Spiel, please contact Spielmeister Sheree Galpert (*sheree.galpert@gmail.com*). If you’d like to help out with a younger kids program, please be in touch with Rabbi Adam Lavitt (*asst.rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org*).