by Allison Daskal Hausman

I WRITE THIS a few days after Rabbi Toba is back on active duty at our synagogue and I am grateful. Having our rabbi away did demand that many of us do more to keep the congregation running smoothly and I know that for many of us, it wasn’t always easy. But I also know that I am inspired by our community’s talent and devotion. Every day I witnessed the people who stepped up and gave of themselves.

I want to use this column to recognize everyone who stepped up and contributed, but I know I can’t possibly capture you all. So many people did their part, privately or publicly. Please forgive me if I miss someone, and please know that your efforts and your spirit added to the strong sense of community throughout the sabbatical, and are appreciated!

Let me first give thanks to every member who just kept being there and participating in services, education events, meetings, and Purim. The role of participation cannot be overstated. Your presence provided life to our efforts.

Next, a huge thank you to our ritual committee, led by Laurie Goldman and Marion Ross. I had the pleasure of going to most of the services that they organized and it was a fabulous combination of new and familiar elements—but always thought-provoking. Thanks as well to the other committee members: Cindy Shulak-Rome, Ed and Matilda Bruckner, Debbie Weber, Cindy Rivkah Marshall, and Elaine Pollack (who also provided a homemade kugel for every Kiddush!). The ritual committee all helped lead services in addition to many others, including: Dan and Elana Rome, Laya Steinberg, Judy and Chayim Herzog-Marx, Esther Kohn, Ora Gladstone, Miriam Bronstein, Karen Arnold and the members of CDT Sings, Marc Steinberg, Ellie Goldberg, Marcia Okun, Bill Shorr, Susan Moser, and Susie Tanchel. And thanks to Bruce Miller, who took on the job of opening the building, and Rachel Pytel, who is organizing child care.

I also want to thank the incredible CDT Executive Board and Board. Peter Katz, Past President, continues to give to our community in so many ways, including helping finalize

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new space contracts. Laurie Gould, our VP of Leadership, has given her talents and a lot of time to keeping our board discussions moving forward and working to make sure that they are interesting and productive. Melanie Adler, our VP of membership, has overseen bringing many new members in and organizing the Shabbat potluck effort. Lisa Schnieer, our VP of Education, worked closely with Education Director Annette Lawson to continue the work we’re doing to improve and change the school’s schedule, including managing a series of parent meetings and getting the evaluation going (thank you, David Reider!). Our VP of Finance, Si- van Assoff, kept us on track with our budgets, and Jen Kaplan, our secretary, kept track of our meetings and is helping with purchasing a new rug for the bimah.

Thanks as well to our board members: Louise Enoch, David Lobron, Linda Hsu, Laurie Goldman, Jonathan Rosenthal, Jake Weinberg, and Vilunya Diskin. Louise has also led the initiation of MOCA (Members of a Certain Age), And while Noam Shore and Sharon Sevransky are not officially on the board, their leadership has been a huge help around improving our space and organizing Nediv Lev. Thank you both!

I also want to thank Josette Akresh-Gonzales and her newsletter team, who do a remarkable job of collecting and beautifully presenting what’s happening every month, along with Dan Halbert, our web/technology master who continues to help our online presence run smoothly year after year. The Tikkun Olam committee didn’t miss a beat under the leadership of Bonnie Tenneriello with the Jobs Not Jails campaign and involvement with City Life/Vida Urbana, and Ilana Mainelli helped us pull together a big Passover donation for Family Table. And we are grateful to the Chesed committee with rotating chairs Diane Lior, Chagit Steiner, Benita Danzing, Barbara Shatkin, Jamie Tessler, and Ruth Paris.

Finally, I want thank CDT’s Administrative Director, Marla Lichtman, and Administrative Assistant, Jon Sarner. All of you are touched by their work when you receive a mailing or take care of your Kiddush assignment. But I don’t know if you realize the degree of knowledge and talent that they bring to the daily functioning of CDT. With Toba away, we were dependent on their keeping track of many details, and their care was essential to the continued smooth functioning of Dorshei Tzedek as an organization.

Our March members’ meeting was a great culmination to all of this hard work. With the help of Laurie Gould, Jonathan Rosenthal, Ora Grodsky, and the creative and enthusiastic contributions of all who attended, we kicked off a process for member interviews—so please stay tuned! We are just starting to look at the results of the discussion, but I am certain we are learning important things about our community that will help it grow and get stronger.

Rabbi Toba’s sabbatical was a much-needed time of reflection and growth for her as a rabbi, and I am inspired by how we as a community took the opportunity for reflection and growth of our own. Now that we are reunited, we can all look forward to enjoying the benefits of that growth as we continue our journey and our explorations as a covenantal community together.

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with 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), John Holohan, Barry Ingber, Barbara Pittel, Rachel Ross, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Emily Shumsky, Michael Singer
Shabbat

Does life feel too busy, not enough down time, too “plugged in”? The antidote to our contemporary over-scheduled world was invented a few thousand years ago – Shabbat!

Shabbat is a space in which to leave behind the stress and strain of the work week, and to savor the simple pleasures of family and friends, a leisurely meal or a contemplative moment. Each year on Shabbat Unplugged, we invite our members to “unplug” from any or all of those things (like email, computer, work from the office or school, commercial transactions, iPads and video games) that tether you to the world of busyness and stress, and enter into the peace and rest of Shabbat. And if you’d like to join with others from CDT over Shabbat Unplugged, here are some activities taking place:

EREV SHABBAT, FRIDAY MAY 2

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK
6 pm candle lighting and dinner, 6:45 service

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome! Whether you’re personally attached to a young one or you enjoy youthful energy, come join us for a potluck dinner (please bring a salad or veggie main dish to share, enough for 20 people) and a fun, musical service!

SHABBAT AT HOME DINNERS
Various locations
If you prefer a quieter evening in someone’s home (or your own), we encourage you to invite folks over, or if you’d like a place to go, please go to the CDT website to sign up (dorsheitzedek.org) and join other CDT members for a potluck dinner and an evening of conversation, singing, and more!

SHABBAT MORNING & AFTERNOON, SATURDAY MAY 3

SECOND ANNUAL BIKE TO SHUL (AND HEBREW SCHOOL)
Unplug from your car!
Reduce our carbon footprint and partake in tikkun olam!
All are encouraged to bike (or walk, or scooter, or rollerblade) to shul instead of driving to Shabbat Unplugged! Please keep track of your mileage. Last year we prevented nearly 100 miles of driving, and this year we’re aiming for 150 miles. Let’s see if we can offer even greater repair this year! Please sign up to participate at bit.ly/bike-to-shul. Rain date: May 17th

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY
8:45 am
Join Rabbi Toba for Torah Study at 8:45 am, as we explore parshat Emor and teachings about the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
9:45
Please join us for this very special service, as we celebrate the learning of both our Dalet/Hay (4th-5th grade) class, and our first-ever Darshanim (10th grade) group. The Dalet/Hay kids will be sharing the fruits of the incredible Shabbat morning siddur that they are creating, and the Darshanim will share teachings from their past two years of learning and spiritual reflection. All are encouraged to stick around for a wonderful Kiddush Lunch in honor of our students after the service.

TOT SHABBAT
10:45am
Families with kids age 0-5 are invited to celebrate Shabbat with songs, prayer, movement, and more!

SHABBAT AFTERNOON (AFTER KIDDUSH)
Enjoy an Unplugged Shabbat afternoon by:

Join members of CDT Sings for an “open sing” at 12:45 pm, following kiddush lunch at 60 Highland Street

Rendezvous at 1:30 pm at Auburndale Cove in Newton--people of all ages are invited to play on the playground, go for a walk in the woods, and/or participate in field games with Alison Lobron and David Shumsky

Take a nap!

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**InDepenDence DAy eVenT**

**Film:** Home of Jackie and Stan Fleischman, discussion

Movie, 7:00 pm to be followed by group Potluck, 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 3

CDT FILM CLuB

**The public. Please invite your friends!**

This performance will be free and open to

**ROSH CHODESH**

**Tuesday, May 28th**

**60 Highland Street, Room 111**

**What is Rosh Chodesh?**

The first of each Jewish month—the celebration of the new moon, its slender crescent barely visible in the night sky—is a day historically associated with women's renewal and celebration. In recent decades, Rosh Chodesh has become an occasion for Jewish women to gather for learning, ritual, and spiritual exploration, and to mark life passages. —from Ritualwell.org

The Dorshei Tzedek Rosh Chodesh group began in 2005, and meets every other month. In the past, the group has explored the themes associated with each Hebrew month through conversation, singing, movement, crafts, and reflection. Women at all ages and stages are welcome!

Please join the next Rosh Chodesh group as we celebrate the month of Sivan. For more information or to RSVP please contact Erica at ericacristkaplan@yahoo.com.

**MOCA KICK-OFF eVenT- EXPLORING OUR LEGACIES**

**An Interactive Presentation by Meg Newhouse, PhD, CPCC**

**Thursday, May 29, 7pm**

**60 Highland Street, Room 111**

Far from the popular stereotype, the journey through the second half of life is potentially the richest of all. We need to embrace rather than resist conscious elderhood. Exploring and expanding our legacies is part of the process.

As we approach elderhood, we think and care more about the meaning of our lives, our contributions – past and still to come – and the legacies we want to leave behind.

In this interactive presentation, Meg will set the context for and then facilitate an exploration of our legacies, which we are all leaving all the time, whether or not we are aware of them. The fact is we can’t help but leave legacies – as memory of who we were and what we did that live on in others’ memories and actions, as well as any material records and property left behind. Wouldn’t we rather be intentional and thoughtful rather than unconscious and careless about leaving our legacies?

Please RSVP to Louise Enoch (lpenoch@rcn.com) if you plan to attend. This event is open to everyone.

Margaret (Meg) Newhouse, Ph.D., CPCC, is a nationally known pioneer in Third-Age Life-Crafting, an author, and a seasoned educator, group facilitator, and coach specializing in values-based life planning for the post-midlife “bonus years.”

**WHAT IS MOCA?**

MOCA is the official name of our new initiative to engage our older members with each other and the congregation through a variety of programming, participation, and sharing. MOCA also refers to our older demographic itself. Okay, but what does the acronym MOCA stand for? It stands for Members of a Certain Age. We love the name because it’s a bit mysterious and whimsical. It is also inclusive of anyone who wants to be included, whatever their age. Our members are enthusiastic and hope to bring a new energy to the congregation and new ways to fulfill our lives in a Jewish context.
Shavuot

Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Starting at 8:15 pm, June 3, until dawn on June 4
Congregation Kehillath Israel, 384 Harvard Street, Brookline

Shavuot is the holiday when we celebrate the mythical moment of receiving Torah at Mt Sinai, and the ongoing unfolding of Torah—Jewish learning—in all its many forms. This year, as in recent years, we will celebrate Shavuot by joining with many other area congregations and Jewish groups for an all-night learning (and schmoozing and eating) extravaganza! For the Tikkun schedule and session descriptions and to RSVP, visit www.charlesriverlearning.com after May 6.

More Shabbat Events

Bat Mitzvah of Jasmine Meltzer
Saturday, May 10

B’nei Mitzvah of Sam and Ava Feuer
Saturday, May 24

Please join us for a wonderful simcha as our children, Sam and Ava Feuer, are called to the Torah as B’nei Mitzvah. Sam and Ava are seventh grade students at the Pollard Middle School in Needham, MA. Sam is an avid jazz pianist, math and science enthusiast and lover of board and strategy games. Sam has a deep passion for all kinds of music. Ava enjoys playing her beloved flute, is a prolific reader and creative writer, aspiring artist, and dog lover. Both kids tell us that they hope to make the world a better place. We are delighted by their commitment to our Jewish community and their hard work and study and we look forward to this special occasion. Kiddush luncheon will follow services and all members of our congregation are invited to join us.
–Madeline Steinberg and Mitch Feuer

Sunset Potluck and Havdallah on the Water
May 17, 5pm - 8:30pm
Fisher-Gomberg home, Newton

CDT’ers are welcome to come by as early as 5 pm for a vegetarian potluck Havdallah dinner and some casual canoeing and kayaking on the Charles River. Around 8pm, we’ll all paddle onto the river with our Havdallah candles and spices for a very special Havdallah service on the water.

In case of rain, dinner and Havdallah will be indoors. RSVP’s are requested so that we can make sure we have enough boats and candles (dfgomberg@gmail.com). If you happen to have a canoe or kayak, or a Havdallah candle and/or spices, it would be great if you would bring them, but it’s fine to just come with a vegetarian dinner contribution. The Gombergs will provide drinks and desserts (and boats, paddles, and life jackets!) All ages welcome. If you’d rather just watch from the shore, you can join the photography crew or the unofficial rescue crew!

Sha’arim Shabbat
Saturday, June 7, 9:45am

During our Shabbat morning service, we will be celebrating the learning of the CDT members who participated in Rabbi Adam Lavitt’s year-long exploration of Judaism in the Sha’arim class. We also be saying goodbye and thank you to Rabbi Adam for his three years of teaching here at CDT, as he heads off to Israel and the next phase of his rabbinic journey.

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

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Learning

JEWISH APPROACHES TO DEATH & MOURNING:

A PRACTICAL EXPLORATION WITH RABBI TOBA SPITZER

Thursday evening, May 1, 7:30-9:00 pm
60 Highland Street, Room 111

At this final session, we will explore the wisdom and practice of Jewish mourning traditions. This is an opportunity to learn about the roots of those practices, how they can support us today, and what it means care for ourselves and others at times of grief.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Annette Lawson, Education Director

As this school year is coming to a close, it is a good time for an update on the change process underway and what is yet to come.

We will have a new schedule for our students for next year. Students in Pre K to 6th grades will all have classes on Sunday mornings. I am excited to have those grades together for the first time and look forward to the possibilities of our older and younger students learning together. The 3rd through 6th graders will also attend classes on Tuesday afternoons. At the time of writing this we are still gathering feedback to decide on the schedule for 7th grade. We have negotiated a lease (it still needs to be finalized) for a terrific new space for our Sunday classes (very roomy and sunny!). More details about the location will be coming soon.

With help of CJP consultant, Shaina Wasserman, our VP of Education Lisa Schneier, and a group of CDT parent facilitators, most parents had an opportunity to participate in “visioning meetings” to share their thoughts about what Jewish education they would like to see for their families. The information gleaned from those meetings will form the basis for creating “guiding principles” and choosing the “core competencies” we will focus on as we develop new curricula for our educational program.

Registration for the coming school year will begin soon. If you have friends who are looking for a Jewish educational program for their families, I hope you will encourage them to check us out. I am happy to talk with prospective families to see if we are a good fit for their family and would be pleased to have them visit the school while classes are still in session. Also, please let friends know that we offer a “trial year option” in which they can enroll their children (3rd grade and younger) in our school for a year without becoming members. Also, we have openings for teachers for next year. If you know of someone who is creative, energetic, and excited to share their love of Jewish learning and Jewish life with children, please encourage them to be in touch with me to talk about the possibility of joining our faculty.

I can be contacted at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

From BaDerech (8th grade): We need your help for a project we are doing to support The Second Step, an organization which provides housing and financial and healing support for adult and child survivors of domestic violence who are now homeless. We are donating a bookshelf and a collection of children’s books and games for a new computer room in Second Step’s free afterschool program. We are collecting children’s books, educational computer games, and DVD’s (computer games especially wanted!). There will be collection boxes at FUSN (downstairs by the religious school office) and outside the CDT Sanctuary – through May 10. Thank you for your help!

From The National Resource Center for Jewish Education (NRJCE): In April, the NRJCE hosted a week of webinars and a conference for CDT educators and students. This year’s conference was titled “Rediscovering Our Roots: The Jewish Source of Sustainability.” Many thanks to Carole Slipowitz for sharing this information.

From BaDerech: Our Teen Learners group is now open to any 7th or 8th grade student who is interested in learning about 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.

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 Tanakh 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.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursdays, 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. No need to make a weekly commitment; join us when you’re able! (Please arrive no later than 8:20 am, in order not to disrupt the session once we’ve started.) For more information contact Laya Steinberg (lasword@rcn.com) or Carole Slipowitz (carole@slipowitz.org).

From the Religious School Office

We have received many messages asking about the “adoption” of the school in the past two weeks. We are receiving many messages asking how long we have been a school, what changes are coming, and whether we will have a middle school. In response, I can say that we have been a school for a year without becoming members. Also, we have openings for teachers for next year. If you know of someone who is creative, energetic, and excited to share their love of Jewish learning and Jewish life with children, please encourage them to be in touch with me to talk about the possibility of joining our faculty.

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Chesed

The Chesed coordinators for May are Jamie Tessler and Ruth Paris, 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 for a medical appointment.

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

REFUAH SH’LEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to Ruby Gan, Stephanie Hackett, Steffi Karp, Susan Nitkin.

CONDOLENCES

To Debbie Waber, on the death of her father, Isadore Waber. May his memory be for a blessing.

To Roy Wilson and Pamela Rosenstein, on the death of Roy’s sister, Rebecca Wilson-Sealy. May her memory be for a blessing.

YAHRZEIT

We remember founding CDT member Jill Volk, whose 7th yahrzeit falls this year on May 11. We will be remembering Jill at Shabbat morning services on May 17.

AVELUT

Avelut is CDT’s member-led group for adults following a loss or marking a yahrzeit. We talk about the impact of loss, the journey of bereavement, and/or the legacies of loved ones we carry with us. You do not need to be in the official Jewish mourning period to attend.

The next meeting will be announced by email. For more information about Avelut see After Shiva, Now What? at tinyurl.com/AvelutCDT If you have suggestions for future meeting topics or questions about the AVEUT group contact Ellie Goldberg. 617-965-9637, ellie.goldberg@gmail.com

MOURNING AT CDT


Community

DORSHEI TZEDEK MEN’S SOFTBALL TEAM 2014 SEASON

by Elliot Pittel, Team Captain

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.

If you’re over 25 and a member, or a son of a member, and can play ball, we invite you to join the Tzedek Men for pre-season practices. For more information, contact Elliot Pittel, Head Coach of the CDT Tzedekmen at epittel@comcast.net.

You can also follow the team on our Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/CongregationDorsheiTzedekMensSoftballTeam, where you can “like” us. If you “like” us, we will hit better. Watch for recaps every week, sent to you on the CDT list-serve.

Our 2014 schedule is below, and you can post it on your refrigerator to know who we’re playing each week.

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**Tikkun Olam**

Take a look below at all the world-changing energy in our congregation and join in! Our next Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting is Sunday June 1, 5-7pm in the Living Room of 60 Highland St – Bonnie Tenne-riello, CDT Tikkun Olam Chair

JOIN TEAM CDT IN THE MOTHER’S DAY WALK FOR PEACE  
_Sunday, May 11_  
_by Abby Cohen_

This year will be the 18th occurrence of the Walk held in memory of those who have lost their lives to violence. In addition to honoring these individuals, the walk supports the work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. The goal of the LDB Peace Institute is to end gun violence and help surviving family members work through their loss, grief and trauma, both directly and by training those professionals who work with the in memory of those killed by homicide.

This year will be my 6th year walking and supporting the important work that the LDB Peace Institute has been able to do. I began to walk as a way of supporting my friend whose father was shot and killed while in his own home as a result of a conflict. I continue to walk so others who experience this kind of traumatic loss can find a way to connect and begin healing. Last year, 40 CDT members –adults and kids – joined the Walk, and raised $2,000!

The walk route stretches approximately 3.6 miles from Town Field Park in Fields Corner through Codman Square and ends back at Town Field Park, all in Dorchester (1520 Dorchester Avenue). Walkers are invited to participate in all or just part of the route. This year will be my 6th year walking and supporting the important work that the LDB Peace Institute has been able to do.

For more information please click on the Mother’s Day Walk button at [http://ldb-peaceinstitute.org/](http://ldb-peaceinstitute.org/). If you would like to join the CDT team and/or make a donation to the Peace Institute, contact **Abby Cohen** at: abby.cohen@verizon.net.

**FAMILY TABLE FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED!**  
_by Ilana Mainelli_

We did a great job with our Family Table Passover Collection. Thank you very much to all of you who participated!!

Food insecurity is still a very pressing need in our community. And many people are especially dependent on Family Table to get them through the month because it is the only food pantry in the Metro Boston area to provide kosher food to those who need it, and it is one of very few that delivers food to those who can’t pick it up.

You can help support Family Table by:

1. Continuing to donate cans of kosher or vegetarian soup and/or boxes of whole grain cereal as often as you can. CDT is committed to collecting 25 of each, _every_ month. Please put your donations in the collection boxes either outside of our Sanctuary or at the Religious School when you attend.

2. Donating money that Family Table can use to purchase fresh produce and dairy items to distribute to its clients. Checks should be made payable to “JF&CS” with “Family Table” in the memo line.

3. We still need someone to sign up to collect our donations from the three boxes, and bring them to JF&CS/Family Table food pantry in Waltham this summer on Sunday July 20. Please sign up at for this at: tinyurl.com/signupFT, or you can link to it from the CDT web page.

If you have any questions, please call me at 617-923-0789 or email me at familytable@dorsheitzedek.org. Thank you!

**CDT MEMBERS ATTEND “ANTI-POVERTY” CONSORTIUM; TALK ABOUT ENDING HUNGER**  
_by Benita Danzing_

On Sunday, March 23rd, Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley sponsored an Anti-Poverty Consortium consisting of numerous synagogues throughout the Boston Area, including CDT, which was represented by **Benita Danzing** and **Abby Cohen**. The first part of the event was devoted to biblical and Talmudic text study around poverty.

The text study was followed by two presentations on poverty reduction. Samuel Chu, MAZON’s Director of Synagogue Organizing, spoke eloquently about MAZON and its 1,000 partner synagogues’ commitment to mobilize congregations and communities to end hunger by participating in anti-hunger advocacy and integrating tzedakah for hunger relief into holiday observances and community events.

Ruthie Lieberman, Vice President of Public Policy at the Crittenton Women’s Union (CWU), shared important data on low income and poor working families in Massachusetts and presented CWU’s Bridge to Self-Sufficiency, a theory of change that describes a person’s advancement from poverty to economic self-sufficiency. Consortium participant work groups who each prioritized a key policy area on which to focus, including education, minimum wage legislation, new approaches to ending hunger, housing legislation, highlighting poverty in Massachusetts in the governor’s race and others. CDT plans to be involved in this consortium in the future.

**MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit organization working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel.**

**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 all of us. Whether you are a current Newton resident, or not, we hope you’ll let us know if you see this as an important issue to tackle. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact CDT member **Ora Gladstone** at gladstone@brandeis.edu.

(See back page to learn about CDT’s participation in Habitat for Humanity.)
UPDATE ON OUR 5774 NEDIV LEV CAMPAIGN

by Sharon Sevransky, Nediv Lev Chair

Our 2014 Nediv Lev Campaign this year is well on its way. To those who have already given, THANK YOU! Thank you! About 115 members have already donated. For those members who haven’t given yet, it’s not too late! We have raised $70,000, and are striving towards $76,000. Your gift will help us bridge that gap. The programs that allow our CDT community to thrive are only possible if we are able to meet our Nediv Lev goals. Please consider how CDT enhances your life through our Shabbat services, holiday celebrations, religious school, adult learning, social action and chesed activities. Every contribution, of any size, is very important to Nediv Lev. 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. 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 support of our community.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

GENERAL FUND
Susan Bernstein
Marla Cummins
Amy Dain and Michael Dudnik
Jackie and Stan Fleischman – In memory of our dear friend Chuck Vernoff who passed away this year.

Nancy Gertz – In loving appreciation of my friendship with the extraordinary Cindy Shulak-Rome; with gratitude for the heartfelt kindnesses (and delicious!) support of members of the congregation during my recent health challenges; in loving memory of my father, Junius “Babe” Gertz; in honor of Allison Hausman for her CDT leadership and dedication.

Stephanie and Nem Hackett – In honor of the Feinfeld family (Marjorie, Michael, Izzy and Nate) for all their help this year. Thanks and love.; In honor of the Rosenstein/Wilson family (Pam, Roy and Maya) for all their help this year. Thanks and love.

Kate Hoffman – In memory of my mother, Noreen Williams

Jennifer Kaplan and Susie Tanchel

Idit Klein and Jordan Namerow – In memory of Ido Klein

Esther Kohn – In memory of Hso-Hwi Hsu; in memory of Jack and Charlotte Wasserman

Alison and David Lobron – In honor of Glenda Feuer

Sue Lanser and Jo Radner

Cindy Marshall and Kathy Pillsbury

Sivan Nasoff

Sami O’Reilly and Robert Imperato

Barbara and Elliot Pittel

Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome – In memory of Isadore Waber; in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Teddy Seidman; in honor of Allison and Ezra Hausman

Sue Ann Wasserman and Yale Lansky – In memory of Sidney Lansky

CAMP JRF FUND

RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sue Ann Wasserman and Yale Lansky / Karen Wasserman and Betsy Hinden – In memory of our parents, Charlotte and Jack Wasserman

SCHOOL FUND

HOLY BOOKS FUND

JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

BUILDING FUND

There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, including 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.

SUPPORT CDT THROUGH AMAZON.COM

Buy your books, electronics, and whatever else, and support CDT at the same time! CDT is an Amazon Associate. When you click on the Amazon link on the bottom of the CDT homepage (www.dorsheitzedek.org), a portion of any purchase you make will be contributed to Dorshei Tzedek. It’s an easy way to support the congregation while doing the on-line shopping you were planning to do anyway!
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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.
KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Erev Shabbat, May 2: Setup/Cleanup: Jessica Engel / Kim Ockene / Mark Yukofsky / Misha Dudnik


Shabbat, May 10: Sanctuary Cleanup: Stacey Chacker / Jennifer Greenberg – in memory of Max Kuperman

Ushers: Hope Kellman / Jodie Siegel – in memory of Florence Goldberg

Shabbat, May 17: Setup/Cleanup: Merav Opher / Aaron Fischlowitz-Roberts / Wendy Gedanken / Marjorie Greenberg

Shabbat, May 24: Sanctuary Cleanup: Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb

Ushers: Jodie Siegel – in memory of Allan Siegel / Nanette Byrnes

Shabbat, May 31: Setup/Cleanup: Marjorie Salvodon / Alex Sugerman-Brozan / Ora Grodsky

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 weekend assignments, 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.

MAZEL TOV

To Ellie Baron and Kate deBethune, on the birth and bris milah of Jonah!

To Teddy Seidman and his family, on becoming bar mitzvah!

TODAH RABBH

Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with Events, Kiddush and B’nei Mitzvah in March and April: Barbara & Elliot Pittel, Judy Hersh, Corinne Lofchie, Karen Wasserman, Paul Schimek, Betsy Hinden, Jodi Sugerman-Brozan, Margo Michaels, Lissy Medvedow & Cliff Cohen, Liz Carver & Bryn Austin – in memory of Harold Carver; Tom Brown, Jackie & Stan Fleischman and Diane Becker.

From our Purim Party, a few belated but important thanks, to all those who contributed to the wonderful celebration! Todah rabah to: Bill “Lil Heinnie” Shorr, for Purim davening and MC’ing; Cindy Marshall and Laurie Goldman for inspired Megillah chanting and interpretation; Ora Gladstone, for leading folks in blessing and song; Sarah Hartman and Dorie Fried, young kids’ puppet show maestros; Scott Gordon, Linda Schiller & Steve Robbins, for all their help with the costume parade prizes (and keeping the kids out of the liquor!), and last but far from least, Rabbi Adam “Esther Moonbeam” Lavitt, for coordinating the entire effort.

A huge “Todah rabah” to our Seder Matchmakers, Linette Liebling and Lisa Goodwin-Robbins, for bringing seders and people together!

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.)

MAZEL TOV

GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

YOM HASHOAH

COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION: SHARING MEMORIES: FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Sunday, May 4, 10:30a -12:30pm

1 Faneuil Hall Square, Boston

All are invited to join the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Greater Boston Jewish community for this event, featuring survivor and scholar Dr. Anna Ornstein.

RECONSTRUCTIONIST MOVEMENT

** SAVE THE DATE **

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER 2014 AT CAMP JRF

Recognized as one of the “Top 10 Jewish Camps,” Camp JRF provides innovative, creative and engaging programs for youth entering second through 12th grades. As an inclusive community, we welcome children from a wide variety of family structures, religious practices, and socio-economic backgrounds. At the center of our Reconstructionist philosophy is a deep commitment to building a community in which all are welcome to grow and thrive. And it wouldn’t be camp without all the fun of summer – swimming, sports, arts, music, friends, and so much more! One, two, three, and four week sessions, plus a five-day Family Camp program, all in the beautiful Pocono Mountains! For more information and to register, call 877-226-7573 or visit www.campjrf.org. Scholarships are available to help your child attend Camp JRF this coming summer. For an application, please be in touch with Marla Lichtman at admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org.
Being able to help construct a house is a special experience, and to have that opportunity on the first sunny and warm Sunday afternoon of spring made the experience all the more wonderful. On Sunday, April 6, nineteen CDT members volunteered with Metrowest Habitat for Humanity, helping to build one of two duplex houses on town-donated land in Wayland. Our volunteers, ranging in age from 16 to 82 and representing six parent/teen pairs, worked with enthusiasm, determination, and good humor.

It was great to be able to spend time productively engaged, both with CDT members we knew and CDT members new to us. Before we began working, the Habitat site supervisor and board member shared background information about Habitat, including the facts that Habitat homeowners are given interest-free mortgages and must invest hundreds of hours in building Habitat homes before they can purchase their own home.

We all worked at one or two tasks that facilitated the construction of this duplex. Our jobs included:

- unscrewing parts of the forms that were used to make the basement windows that were no longer needed
- moving cumbersome foundation wall forms to a new location to eventually be removed from the site
- cutting boards to be used as T supports (extra wood that supports the center beam) and installing the T supports
- cutting joists and marking where the joists would go on the sills
- removing excess insulation foam from and shooting insulation foam into insulation sheets

We accomplished quite a bit in just a few hours and plan to hold another volunteer work afternoon at the Wayland site in October around Sukkot.

Front Row, L to R: Doug Hersh, Isaac Hersh, Barbara Shatkin, Laya Steinberg, Denise Yurkofsky, Barry Ingber, Miriam Bronstein, Marjorie Greenberg, Abby Cohen, Danielle Klainberg, Steven Katz