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Elul: The Journey Begins

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



THE JEWISH HIGH HOLYDAYS are known in Hebrew as the *Yamim Noraim*, “Days of Awe,” and also as *Aseret Yamei Teshuvah*, “the Ten Days of Turning/Repentance.” I like this latter appellation, with its focus on the work of teshuvah, from the root to “turn” or “return.” This name also implies that teshuvah is a process, unfolding over time. The “ten days” begin with Rosh Hashanah, falling on the first day of the month of Tishrei, and continue through Yom Kippur, on the tenth. Yet the process begins earlier, in the month of Elul, the four weeks preceding Rosh Hashanah.

This year, Elul began on August 27. These four weeks of preparation are an important part of the experience of the *Aseret Yamei Teshuvah*, an opportunity to begin the work of “(re)turning.” This summer, during my trip to Israel and in the weeks following, I have been reflecting on what and how profound change comes about. It is fairly easy to identify obstacles to change—in the case of the

Israeli-Palestinian conflict, they are myriad, from lack of political will to entrenched attitudes to despair and hate to apathy and ignorance.

But what allows for transformation, whether on the socio-political or personal level? And, if we can identify these factors, might we be able to foster them in ourselves, perhaps beginning during these weeks of Elul?

One important factor would seem to be fairly straightforward—a willingness and desire to change. This of course requires that we first see a need to make a change. If our life situation feels intolerable, we are likely to want things to be different. But it’s not always so clear. There may be discernment required to realize that there is room for things to be better than they are—in our relationships with others, in our physical or emotional wellbeing, in the ways in which we use language or money or food or anything else. Traditional Jewish texts speak of making God’s will our own will.

When I think of God/liness as that Power in the universe that orients me towards the wholesome, the good, and the just, then making God's will my own really means getting myself into alignment with that Power. Discernment means trying to see where I am out of alignment—where there is tension or stress, or where I keep butting my head up against the same problem over and over again.

Another factor is a certain kind of openness—an awareness that I haven't figured everything out, that there may be opinions or convictions I've settled into that are no longer useful or are flat-out wrong. These weeks of Elul are an invitation to investigate the seeming truths that have hardened into dogma, those beliefs that keep us closed off from a more expansive kind of vision. There might be an area of my life where I can consciously seek out different ways of approaching an issue, where I can try to put aside my assumptions and certainties to let in new information and perspective.

Growth is impossible without uncertainty and confusion. If I am experiencing those in my life, I can embrace them as signs of something new to come, and be open to the new insights that can arise from a more open stance towards the universe.

Finally, to make real change, we need to feel nourished and supported. There is a rabbinic teaching that the word Elul—the Hebrew letters *aleph-lamed-vav-lamed*—is an acronym for the Biblical verse *Ani L'dodi V'dodi Li*—I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is mine. The midrash teaches that Elul is a time of love between the Divine and humanity, that as we seek to make change, to come closer to the Source of life,

It, in turn, comes closer to us. I take this to mean that the Universe is on my side as I do my work of teshuvah. I—we—are supported and nurtured when we attempt the hard work of change. We have access to Something within us and around us that gently urges us towards wholeness.

So this might be a program for beginning the work of teshuvah, of “turning” onto a new path or “returning” to the paths that we know to be most conducive to living a full, meaningful, and ethical life. During these weeks of Elul, and through the course of High Holydays, we are invited to take time for discernment, for exploring where in our lives we are out of alignment, not serving ourselves or others in the most healthy or helpful of ways.

We can practice openness and uncertainty by looking at habits of mind or behavior that we have fallen into, by questioning “truths” we hold that are perhaps no longer so true. We can admit when we are wrong—even say it aloud to someone else! We can embrace confusion when it arises and be open to the surprises that sometimes come along, prodding us into ways of thinking and being. And we can also nurture within ourselves that sense of being loved by the Universe, by God, by the Source of Life. This is not so much a matter of belief but of willingness to be open to what is available to us. We can imagine ourselves held and supported, we can imagine that we are not alone as we do this work of transformation.

I wish everyone a good, sweet and healthy new year, an opportunity for new beginnings and meaningful changes. May it be a year of peace and of blessing. *L'shanah tovah tikateivu!*

CDT

Dorshei Tzedek is a Reconstructionist Congregation dedicated to creating a caring and inclusive community, and to enhancing Jewish practice and learning in the lives of our members.

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The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to ensure 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. To discuss a question or concern, contact **Cindy Shulak-Rome, Rabbinic Liaison Chair** at cbsrome@comcast.net, or **Marc Steinberg** at marc@metaphasia.com.

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: Danny Shain (chair), Josette Akresh-Gonzales, John Holohan, Barry Ingber, Barbara Pittel, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Emily Shumsky, Michael Singer

Shabbat

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Friday, September 5 (Open House), October 10 (Sukkot-themed), November 7

6:00 pm, candle lighting and dinner; 6:45 pm, service

Join us for this fun, musical erev Shabbat service, appropriate for all ages. We begin with candle lighting and kiddush at 6:00 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.

BAR MITZVAH OF JARED MAXWELL SMALL

Saturday, September 6, 9:45 am

Please join us in celebrating this special day as **Jared Maxwell Small** is called to the torah as Bar Mitzvah. Jared will be a 7th grader at Oak Hill Middle School in Newton this fall and loves basketball and soccer. —**Jan and Roger Small**

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, September 6, 10:45 am–noon

Tot 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.

CDT SINGS OPEN REHEARSALS FOR HIGH HOLYDAYS

Saturdays, September 6 & 13, 12:45pm

Any CDT member is invited to join in singing for the High Holydays services. We will meet after kiddush lunch to learn three rounds to sing at Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services. For more information,

please contact **Vilunya Diskin**, vdiskin@comcast.net.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Saturday, September 13, 8:45am

Join Rabbi Toba for an exploration of the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries both traditional and contemporary. Bring your own caffeinated beverage!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE WITH BRIT BAT AND AUFRUF

Saturday, September 13

Join us at Shabbat morning services as we officially welcome the newborn daughter of **Corinne Lofchie and Noam Shore, Carmela Jordan**, to the Jewish people and the CDT community, and as we celebrate the upcoming wedding of new CDT members **Erica Fretwell and Todd Carmody**.

SHABBAT SHUVAH CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE

Saturday, September 27

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.

The service will be co-led by Rabbi Toba Spitzer and CDT member **Linda Kramer**, a long-time practitioner of mindfulness meditation. 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 if possible that you arrive no later than 10am. Torah study will begin at 11:15am.

GOT SHABBAT?

Saturday morning, October 25, 9:45am–noon

This year we are launching a new program, for all ages and all types of interest, on five different Shabbat mornings. We'll gather for songs and blessings to start things off, and then adults and kids are welcome to choose for a panoply of activities—from yoga to drumming to art midrash to discussion to good old Shabbat morning services—until we gather again to read a little Torah and close the service together. Stay tuned for more info and a “Got Shabbat” photo contest!



Rabbi Toba with Ruby Weinberg in the 2013 Sukkah. Photo by Vivienne Shein

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).

High Holydays



Open House

CDT OPEN HOUSE: TRADITION AND TRANSFORMATION: RECONSTRUCTIONIST JUDAISM TODAY

Sunday, September 14, 2:30-4pm

CDT Sanctuary, 60 Highland Street

What does it mean to “reconstruct” Jewish tradition for a contemporary world? How can ancient texts and rituals be meaningful for us today? Join Rabbi Toba Spitzer and members of CDT to learn more about our approach to Jewish living and our community.

THE DAYS OF AWE

Selichot Program with Temple Hillel B’nai Torah & Congregation Shir Hadash

Saturday, September 20, 8:00-10:00pm

CDT Sanctuary, 60 Highland Street

We kick off the High Holydays season with Selichot, an opportunity to begin the process of teshuvah, turning/returning. The evening will feature a viewing of Encounter Point, a powerful film about the Bereaved Parents Circle, an organization of Israelis and Palestinians who have lost loved ones in the conflict and are committed to dialogue and reconciliation in the wake of their loss. Through their example, we will explore possibilities for compassion and forgiveness in our own lives. The program is for adults and teens, beginning with havdallah, dessert & schmoozing at 8:00pm, and the Selichot program at 8:30pm. Childcare available.

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, September 24

Gann Academy in Waltham

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 24.

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

While we do not want finances to be an obstacle to anyone’s participation, we do rely on contributions from our guests, as well as fees for childcare, to cover the considerable expense involved in our High Holydays programming.

All nonmembers who preregister for services will have a name tag waiting!

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. The Chesed coordinators in September are: Ellie Goldberg and Elaine Landes. Please use chesed@dorsheitzedek.org to contact them.

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.

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.

REFUAH SH'LEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to **Stephanie Hackett, Fran Malino and Susan Nitkin.**

Yahrzeit

On Saturday, September 13, we will be remembering CDT member **Debbie Sher** on the occasion of her third yahrzeit.

We will be remembering **Zachary Carson** on Shabbat morning, September 27, on the occasion of his seventh yahrzeit.

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 are interested in attending one of the meetings or have questions about the Avelut group, please contact **Ellie Goldberg (617-965-9637, ellie.goldberg@gmail.com)**.

MOURNING AT CDT

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 on our website under: <http://dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf>.

Tikkun Olam



FIRST TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm

60 Highland Street, Library

Time to plan our social justice work for the next year! Bring your passion for social justice to the next meeting of our Tikkun Olam Committee. Please bring ideas for programming on economic justice and the prison system, projects you're interested in, or just an interest in joining our ongoing work.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD DAY

Sunday, October 12

Wayland construction site.

As part of our Sukkot Day of Learning and Action, adults and teens aged 16+ are welcome to join us for a second day of building at the Habitat for Humanity site in Wayland. Stay tuned for details about how to sign up! Contact **Barbara Shatkin** for more information.

FAMILY TABLE—DONATIONS NEEDED!

by Ilana Mainelli

Please donate kosher or vegetarian soup and/or whole grain cereal (CDT is committed to collect 25 of each, every month), or money that Family Table can use to purchase fresh produce and dairy items. Please place your donations in our collection boxes (food in the wooden one, checks in the cardboard one next to it) on the landing at the upper entrance to our sanctuary. If you have any questions, please email me at familytable@dorsheitzedek.org. Thank you!

Learning

ADULT EDUCATION

IT'S ELUL: HOW WILL YOU MAKE THE COMING YEAR THE BEST EVER?

with Janette Hillis-Jaffe

Monday evening, September 8, 7:30-9pm,
60 Highland St., Living Room

This workshop will use text study, stories, and personal reflection to explore a key lesson from *Shmita* (The Biblical Sabbatical year starting this September): How to harness the quality of bitachon (trust) to deepen and enrich your relationships, work and personal health, and more completely fulfill your potential. To register, please email **Marla** in the CDT office at amindirector@dorsheitzedek.org by Sept. 4 (we need a minimum of 10 people to run the workshop).

Janette Hillis-Jaffe is an author and health consultant with her own personal healing story. She has a Masters in Public Health from Harvard and studied Torah at Nishmat, Yakar, and Matan in Jerusalem from 1999 to 2004. Learn more at www.HealforRealNow.com

REFLECTIONS ON MY TRIP TO ISRAEL

presented by Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Wednesday, September 10, 7:30-9pm

Rabbi Toba will share pictures and reflections from her recent visit to Israel and the West Bank with the first Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association study tour. The trip included meetings with a wide variety of thinkers and activists from both Israeli and Palestinian society, as well as a personal visit to Sindyanna of Galilee, the Jewish-Arab cooperative with which CDT has had a relationship (and gotten delicious olive oil from) for the past five years. The evening will be an opportunity for exploration and discussion. All thoughts and questions welcome!

MINDFUL MORNINGS

To Be Announced

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. Please be in touch with **Laya Steinberg** (lasword@rcn.com) or **Carole Slipowitz** (carole@slipowitz.org) to find out when the group is meeting.

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 Fleis-



Photo: Sukkah decoration made by CDT religious school students. Photo by Vivienne Shein

chman at stanfma@gmail.com for more information.

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. As I meet with teachers and order new books and supplies, I look forward to welcoming you and your children back to another year of learning.

This year brings with it some big changes. We are inaugurating our new schedule—Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 12 noon for everyone in PreK-Grade 7 as well as Tuesday afternoons from 3:45pm to 5:45pm for Grades 3-6. On Sundays only, we will be in our great new space at the Jewish Community Day School, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown.

Classes begin on Sunday, September 14 for all Grades PreK-7. I am very excited as this will be the first time we will have students from all these grades meeting at the same time!

Parents will be emailed a complete school schedule, but I am happy to announce that school dates can now also be found on the congregational calendar on the CDT website. School dates are marked with a purple stripe, or you can click on the “children’s education” button on the calendar page to display school dates only. Thanks to Dan Halbert for designing our web calendar innovations!

CDT offers a wonderful “taste of Torah” for your pre-K or Kindergarten aged child.

We are enrolling new students in all grades and it isn’t too late to register!

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. Please let friends know that families with children up to Grade 3 can try our school for one year without becoming members. I am delighted to talk to prospective parents at any time, who can

about religious school?

CDT offers a wonderful “taste of Torah” for your pre-K or Kindergarten aged child. This is not your parents’ or even your dreaded Hebrew school experience.

The learning is joyous, fun, and easygoing. The class meets just once a month. It provides an opportunity for the children to learn about the holidays, their Jewish world, and *b'rachot*, “blessings,” while they

contact me at school@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-5443.

On behalf of the CDT Religious School, we look forward to an exciting year of learning for all of our students !

JEWISH LEARNING FOR LITTLE ONES

by Jen Kaplan

Is your child three, four, or five years old? Do you think you have a few more years before you should start worrying or thinking

also meet and bond with other kids from Dorshei.

Students, parents, and teachers begin the morning together (*b'yachad*) with “Mini-Minyan,” an informal, joyful, family-friendly celebration of Shabbat. Siblings, grandparents, and others are welcome to take part. Mini-Minyan lasts about 30 minutes, after which we have kiddush, and then students go to class.

Parents also meet periodically during class time for our parents study group, which includes a lively discussion of topics of interest to parents of Jewish children.

Our daughter loved going to “Hebrew school.” She loved wearing a dress (her choice), the Mini-Minyan, the challah, the grape juice, doing an art project associated with the topic, and meeting other kids her age from the shul.

I can’t imagine a better way to give our children a warm introduction to Judaism—indeed it is like putting honey on their lips.

There is information on the CDT website under the tabs “Learning” or “Kids and Families,” and then scroll to “Religious School” where you can click on the links to register for next year now!

School officially starts September 14.

SAVE THE DATE— 2015 CDT RETREAT!

May 29-31, 2015 (the weekend following Memorial Day)

Camp Yavneh in New Hampshire

The date is fixed

The die is cast

Other plans should be nixed

Our retreat is a blast

So block out that weekend

the last one in May

‘cuz 2015 is not that far away!

CDT Calendar

September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Tikkun Olam Meeting 7:00pm 60 Highland St., Library		All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck 6:00pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Jared Small 9:45am to 12:00pm Tot Shabbat Rooms 110, 111 10:45am to 12:00pm CDT Sings Open Rehearsal 12:45pm location tbd
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	It's Elul: How will you make the coming year the best ever? with Janette Hillis-Jaffe 7:30pm to 9:00pm 60 Highland St., Living Room		Reflections On My Trip to Israel with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 7:30pm to 9:00pm			Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 60 Highland St., Library Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm CDT Sings Open Rehearsal 12:45pm 60 Highland St., Living Room
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
First Day of Religious School Classes for Nitzanim, Gan (Pre-K and K) and Alef-Zayin 9:30am to 12:00pm Meets at Jewish Community Day School, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown CDT Open House: Tradition & Transformation - Reconstructionist Judaism Today 2:30pm to 4:00pm		Religious School Classes for Gimmel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) 3:45pm to 5:45pm Meets at FUSN, 1326 Washington Street, W. Newton				Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm Selichot Program 8:00pm to 10:00pm
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Religious School Classes for Alef-Zayin (Gr. 1-7) 9:30am to 12:00pm Meets at Jewish Community Day School, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown		Religious School Classes for Gimmel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) 3:45pm to 5:45pm Meets at FUSN, 1326 Washington Street, W. Newton	Rosh Hashana			Shabbat Shuvah Chanting & Meditation Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
			Erev Rosh Hashanah 8:00pm tp 9:30pm Gann Academy	Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 9:30am to 1:00pm Gann Academy	Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 10:00am to 12:30pm Gann Academy	
28	29	30	October 1	2	3	4
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					Kol Nidre 6:30pm to 8:30pm Gann Academy	Yom Kippur Adult service: 9:30am - 2:15 pm Children's/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

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

Community

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Sep 5, Erev Shabbat: Jonathan Gordon—*in memory of Evelyn Ackerman* / Arthur Lent / Susan Silberberg / Paul Schimek

Sep 6, Shabbat & Bar Mitzvah of Jared Small

Sanctuary Cleanup: Ilana Mainelli / Madeline Steinberg

Kiddush Setup: Tania Mireles & Bill Shorr—*in memory of Bernie Shorr* / Alyssa Cohen / Ben Dash / Linda Kramer / Elizabeth Roll

Kiddush Cleanup: Eric Meltzer / Jennifer Greenberg / Jodi Sugerman-Brozan / David Roll / Jodie Siegel / Nem Hackett

Ushers: Hilary Marcus & Jonathan Magaziner—*in memory of Roslyn and Norman Marcus*

Sep 13, Shabbat: Ellie Goldberg / Erica Streit-Kaplan / Barry Ingber / Fran Malino

Sep 20, Shabbat: Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb / Tracey Rogers & Jane Schwartz

Sep 20, Selichot Program: Miriam Bronstein / Rick Glassman / Laurie Gould

Sep 27, Shabbat Shuvah: Mark Rosenberg / Hope Kellman / Andrew Stefano / Laura Katz

Oct 5, Sukkot: Marla Cummins / Sue Weil & Sandy Goodman / Pamela Schoenberg Reider & Joel Reider / Beth Brooks

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. 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'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-

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.

WELCOME

We give a hearty welcome to several new members:

Abigail and Jordan Schwartz and their children **Jacob** (13), **Simon** (11), **Caleb** (10) and **Jenna** (7).

Tal Shalom Kobi and her daughters **Ayla** (8) and **Lia** (5).

MAZEL TOV

To **Chayim and Judy Herzig-Marx** on the birth of their grandson, Lior Achituv, born to their daughter Rachel and son-in-law Tal in August!

TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with Events, Kiddush, and B'nei Mitzvah in June, July and August: **Dorie Fried; Theresa St. John-Siegel, Steve Siegel and Celina Siegel; Noah Rumpf; Carla Naumburg and Joshua Herzig-Marx; Aaron Fischlowitz-Roberts; Abby Cohen and Stuart Snyder; Dianne Lior; Alison and David Lobron; Karen and Reinhard Engels; Willa and Tom Kuh; Carol Sklar; Allison Andrews; Rebecca Pomerantz; Wendy and Charles Frankston; Linda and Peter Katz.**

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.)

A special Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with the cleaning and beautification of our sanctuary. To **Diana and Lily Fisher-Gomberg**, for disposing of the old bima rug, moving furniture and painting the bima; to **Marla Lichtman** for coordi-

nating the removal and donation of our old chairs to various organizations and individuals; to **Jon Sarner** and **Marla Lichtman** for coordinating and overseeing the cleaning of our space; to **Jen Kaplan** for buying our new bima rug and to Jen, Jon Sarner, and the Second Church bookkeeper Mary Ayotte, for lugging said rug upstairs and putting it in place; to **Allison, Ezra and Elise Hausman**, Jon Sarner and Marla Lichtman for putting all the furniture, flow-ers, etc., back in place; to **Lissy Medvedow, Cindy Shulak-Rome** and Marla Lichtman for researching the many replacement chair options and ordering beautiful, new sanctuary chairs (due to arrive by the beginning of September); and to everyone else who gave input or came and put their *tuches* in a sample chair to help decide which one was best! We hope every CDT member and our guests will enjoy our rejuvenated space and benefit from these communal efforts.

And one more special Todah Rabbah to the incomparable **Dan Halbert**, who rises to every challenge given to him! Please see his new tweaks to our website calendar—events are now color-coded by category (color-key is at the bottom of each page) and school events only are easily viewed by checking the box at the top of each calendar page. Thanks for all you do, Dan.

MOCA MATTERS, AN UPDATE

Our MOCA (Members of a Certain Age) committee met at the end of June to discuss program planning for the upcoming year. Here is a summary of some of the things we

are thinking about:

- setting up an email listserv for CDT members who would like to have easy access to up-to-date information about MOCA events, as well as a way to connect with

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other MOCA group members for spontaneous activities. Once the listserv is established, we will notify all CDT members about how to participate.

- working closely with the CDT ritual committee and board to make sure that there are MOCA options for CDT's Community Shabbat dinners.
- promoting greater MOCA participation in Rosh Chodesh meetings and/or starting a MOCA womens group (or mens group).
- developing MOCA "TED" talks, a series which will feature CDT members speaking about what they do in their non-work or retired lives that would be of interest to others in the community, e.g. genealogical research, gardening, cooking.
- planning a couple of day trips to places in the area like the Vilna Shul and the Yiddish Book Center.

We look forward to helping MOCA members find new ways of connecting with each other and with the larger CDT community. Any suggestions or questions about MOCA can be addressed to Louise Enoch at lpenoch@rcn.com.

CDT FILM CLUB

On hiatus until October. Contact Stan Fleischman or Emily Sper (film-club@dorsheitzedek.org) if you have any questions.

GREATER BOSTON JEWISH COMMUNITY

CREATE A SPIRITUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Thursday September 4, 2014 and Thursday September 11, 6:30 -9pm

Gann Academy, 333 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02452

Sliding scale \$30--\$80 for the full two session workshop

Most of us enter the high holydays with only a vague sense of how we want to grow in the coming year. Through Torah study, structured exercises and meditations based on the teachings of Rebbe Nachman of Breslov and the Mussar movement, this workshop will help you review the past year and build a goal-oriented, personal spiritual action plan. Led by Kirva founder Rabbi David Jaffe.

Newsletter Seeks Volunteers

Are you looking for a way to contribute to your community? Want to boost your résumé or college application?

Volunteers are needed in the following positions at the newsletter:

- > Editor (gathers content, edits)
- > Graphic designer (uses InDesign to create the layout)
- > Photographer (we could especially use someone who wants to go to Tikkun Olam events -- all you need is a pretty good camera!)
- > Reporter (perhaps a high school student -- someone who can interview committees and members for short articles about their activities, news of the congregation, or the board)

Contact Danny Shain, newsletter chair, for more information, at dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org.



Photo: Sukkah decoration made by CDT religious school students. Photo by Vivienne Shein

Nediv Lev

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.

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

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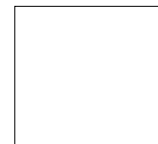
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Address correction requested



Tikkun Olam Kickoff

First Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting of the Year

Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm, 60 Highland Street, Library

Time to plan our social justice work for the next year! Bring your passion for social justice to the next meeting of our Tikkun Olam Committee. Please bring ideas for programming on economic justice and the prison system, projects you're interested in, or just an interest in joining our ongoing work.



Photo: CDT at Habitat for Humanity (next build in October—see page 6)