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Let this be a time of Connection, Sacredness and Community

by Jennifer Kaplan, CDT President



SHANA TOVA! MAY 5776 be a caring, productive and stimulating year for us all. Many of you have heard my Jewish journey talk on Rosh Hashanah.

It was a significant exercise in thinking about where I've come from, where I've been and where I am today. I feel very blessed to be a part of this community.

There are a couple of themes that are resonating with me at this time of year. In the book *The Feminine Face of God* (by Sherry

Ruth Anderson), there are some beautiful themes that speak to me – the notion that we are all connected as well as the importance of creating an opening for awareness of the sacred in our daily lives. I continue to wonder and search and question. As I become more fully myself in my different roles in the world, I can connect more deeply with others and with what's sacred. I find that my life has more meaning.

This is very much connected to our congregation's value of *kehillah*—of community, of connections—how Congregation Dor-

shei Tzedek can do a better job of fostering that feeling in different ways. The core values that were solidified by the members throughout last year and supported at the members meeting in June—Kehilah, Chesed, Inclusion and Human Dignity, Kavvana, Mitzvah, Spirituality, Tikkun Olam, Lifelong Jewish Learning, Respectful Discourse—all of these have a place at Dorshei Tzedek and I hope in other places in our lives as well. I look forward to growing and struggling right alongside you, with issues that may be at times uncomfortable.

I just finished reading *The Boys in the Boat* (by Daniel James Brown), which is about

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New CDT President Jen Kaplan and her family: (l-r) Jordana Rachel Kaplan-Tanchel, Susie Tanchel, and Jen.

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eight boys from the University of Washington and their quest to win the gold medal in rowing at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. One of the dominant themes that emerged was the importance of each crew member working as a part of a team. When one member was out of sync, the boat did not ride smoothly. When the oarsmen were working as one and in sync, the boat would “swing, ” as if the boat was flying above the water. They cared about each other and did not want to disappoint their crew mates.

In some ways, we are oarsmen (and women) riding on the same boat, working to attain a community that meets the needs of our members and which helps anchor us, provide meaning, friendship and spiritual sustenance. The more people riding in tandem, the more we can accomplish. There is room for you on the boat!

I hope you will take advantage of all that CDT has to offer. There are so many ways to be a part of this community. Join in our exploration of what it means to be in community and to be in relationship with one another. Host a potluck Shabbat dinner. Be a buddy to a new member. Take an adult education class or get involved in tikkun olam, attend a shivah minyan of someone whom you don't know well, provide a meal, visit or ride to someone in need or decide to go to shul once a month.

I look forward to meeting those of you I don't yet know. I hope to see you in the upcoming months for an event, service or holiday celebration.

Rabbinic Liaison Committee

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 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.

CDT

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

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Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org by the 10th 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 & Holidays

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Fridays, October 2, November 6 and December 4

6:00pm Candle-lighting & potluck dinner

6:45pm service

Join us for this monthly fun, musical, all-ages celebration of Shabbat! We'll begin with candle-lighting and the Shabbat blessings at 6 pm, followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner (please bring a main dish or salad, enough for 15-20 people; challah, drinks and dessert provided). Services begin at 6:45pm, and we'll end with an Oneg Shabbat (dessert) at 7:30pm. Services are geared towards children ages 3-9, but all are welcome!

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE AND CDT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 3

9:45-noon Services

12:15 Open House

Interested in learning more about Dorshei Tzedek? Join **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** and CDT leaders for a Kiddush lunch and conversation. This is an opportunity for prospective members to learn more about Reconstructionist Judaism, find out about life as a member of CDT, hear about educational opportunities for adults and kids, and more! To RSVP or for more information, please call **617-965-0330** or email **outreach@dorsheitzedek.org**. And if you are a CDT member, tell your friends!

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).

SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday evening, October 4, 7:00-8:30pm

60 Highland Street

We close the week of Sukkot festivities with this celebration of the Torah! All ages are welcome as we mark the end of the year cycle of reading Torah and begin anew with **Torah Quiz, dancing with the Torah scrolls, and unrolling the scroll to read the very end and the very beginning**. Join Rabbi Toba and musicians for this lively musical evening. It's an annual opportunity to be close to the Torah!



GOT SHABBAT?

Saturday October 10, 9:45am-Noon

Next date: November 21

"Got Shabbat?" is an opportunity for the whole community to gather and have fun, learn together, and explore new ways to celebrate Shabbat. Beginning together with songs and blessings, adults and kids of all ages are then invited to choose from a panoply of activities until we gather again to read Torah and close the morning together. On this **"Got Shabbat"** we will be beginning the Book of Genesis and celebrating Creation—what kind of world do we want to create this year?

Workshops include:

*Tot Shabbat—a musical, interactive Shabbat experience for families with kids age 0-5

*Adult Text Study with **Susie Tanchel**

*Rhythm & Poetry with **Rakia Shemaya**

And more! Don't miss it!

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday October 10, November 21 and December 19, 10:45-noon

Monthly Shabbat program, led by CDT members, musicians and educators, **Susan Moser** and **Tal Shalom-Kobi**, for children under age 5 and their parents. Join us in celebrating Shabbat with song, stories, and crafts.

"GOD LOVES A STRANGER": AN EVENING OF LEARNING AND REFLECTION



with Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg

Free and open to the community

Friday, October 16, 8:00-10:00pm

As we welcome the peace of Shabbat, beloved teacher and Reconstructionist **Rabbi Sheila Weinberg** will lead us in an exploration of the experience of the "stranger" both within and outside of ourselves. Rabbi Weinberg writes: "When I am receptive to the love of the stranger who lives within my own heart and mind, I can extend this love to the other, to one I think I know and to one I do not know. This attitude aspires to create a world that is moving toward a more

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equitable distribution of resources and opportunities, a world of respect and sharing, a world saturated with the recognition of unity and love.” Join Rabbi Toba and Rabbi Weinberg for the music of Kabbalat Shabbat, followed by contemplative study and guided meditation practice.

Sheila Peltz Weinberg is a leading teacher of mindfulness from a Jewish perspective and a founding teacher of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality.

BAR MITZVAH OF NOAH MAGAZINER

Saturday October 17

On October 17, our son, **Noah Yadid Marcus Magaziner**, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah! Please join us. An 8th grader at Boston Latin School, Noah is an all-around athlete, and especially loves playing basketball and baseball. A shortstop at heart, he has played on baseball teams based in Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Brookline, and even Costa Rica! For Noah’s Tikkun Olam project he is collecting gently used baseball equipment for 10-16 year old boys, and shipping it to his team outside San José, Costa Rica. Support for his project is still welcome. —**Hilary Marcus and Jonathan Magaziner**

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturdays, October 17, November 14 and December 19, 8:45am, Library

Each month before the Shabbat Morning service, we will explore parshat hashavua, the weekly Torah portion, through the lens of commentaries both traditional and contemporary. No prior experience necessary. Bring your own caffeinated beverage!

EREV SHABBAT POTLUCK & PROGRAM ON THE ISRAELI ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT

Friday, October 23

Potluck Dinner, 7 pm

Presentation, 8 pm

Erev Shabbat Dinner and Talk with Hayley Shaham, Director of International Relations for the leading Israeli environmental organization Adam Teva V’Din. Hear from Ms. Shaham about the crucial environmental and social challenges facing Israel today, and Adam Teva V’Din’s practical, people-centered solutions. For more information, see **DorsheiTzedek.org/tikkun-olam**.

SHABBAT MORNING PRESENTATION ON JEWISH-ARAB EDUCATION IN ISRAEL

October 31, during Shabbat morning services

We’re delighted to welcome Rebecca Bardach, Director of Resource Development for Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish-Arab Education in Israel. Their mission is to foster peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs through the development of integrated, bilingual and multicultural schools. Students at all grade levels learn in the same classrooms that are equally balanced between Jewish and Arab children and are taught in both Hebrew and Arabic. They believe that when Arab and Jewish children learn together, they break the cycle of negative stereotypes and learn to relate to one another with mutual understanding and respect.

Join us to hear about this unique model of education in Israel during the Torah service, with an opportunity for more conversation during Kiddush lunch. Contact **Cindy Shulak-Rome** at cbsrome@comcast.net for more information.

Membership

A warm welcome to new members

DB Reiff and **Lisa Hirsh** who live in Brighton.

A warm welcome back to **Lisa Port White**!

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.)

Events

CDT FILM CLUB

Saturday, October 17

*Potluck at 6:00 pm,
movie starts at 7:00 pm*

Home of Jackie and Stan Fleischman

*additional dates: November 21, December
19 and January 16*

Do you like movies? CDT Film Club gathers in members' homes monthly to watch and discuss moving and thought-provoking Jewish films from around the world.

This month's film is: *Gett: The Trial of Viviane Amsalem* (2015, 116 min, Hebrew with subtitles): In this intense courtroom drama, Viviane Amsalem faces an uphill five-year battle as she seeks a divorce from her intractable spouse, who opposes the dissolution of the marriage — and holds all

the cards under Israeli law. —description from 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 dairy or wheat that can be added later, i.e. salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate). After the film, there is a group discussion.

Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families only. We hope you can join us! Contact the co-chairs, **Stan Fleischman** and **Emily Sper** at film-club@dorsheitzedek.org for more information or if you'd like to host a film.

ROSH CHODESH REINVENTED!

with the WOMEN OF CDT

*Sunday Evenings, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Jan. 3,
Feb. 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, 7:30-9:00pm*

Starting in November, the women of the Rosh Chodesh group are exploring our future. Come join us and see where our group will take us!

Rosh Chodesh groups explore Jewish women's issues with particular emphasis on personal spirituality, ritual, education, prayer and celebration. Join us as we co-create this group at CDT during 6 sessions taking place the first Sunday of the month. (We are asking participants to commit for all 6 months). Come to our first meeting to celebrate the month of Cheshvan at CDT! For more information, contact **Margo Michaels** at rosh-chodesh@dorsheitzedek.org.

Community

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to **Erica Fretwell** and **Todd Carmody**, on the birth of their first child, **Noam Steven Carmody**. We will welcome Noam into the community on Shabbat morning, October 3.

TODAH RABBAH

Hamon Todot (many, many thanks!) to everyone who helped create our beautiful High Holydays services:

To all those who helped with planning and logistical support: **Laurie Goldman**, **Marion Ross**, **Matilda Bruckner**, **Elaine Pollack**, **Fran Malino**, **Cindy Shulak-Rome**, **Dan Rome**, **Debbie Waber**, and **Chayim Herzig-Marx**.

To **Mark Bronstein**, for the sound system, and to **Mark** and **Dan Halbert** for the live-streaming!

To our wonderful staff, **Marla Lichtman**, **Shahar Colt**, **Alison Lobron**, and **Shaena Grossman**, and to **Wendy Buglio** and her helpers, **Elizabeth Goodsell** and **Melanie Fried**.

To our chazzanim (cantors): **Bill Shorr**, **Doug Hersh**, **Karen Arnold**, **Dan Rome**, **Marc Steinberg**, **Heather Goldman**, **Nadia Diskin-Gaudette**, **Henry Wasserman**, and **Elan Katz**.

To all of our Torah & haftarah leyners: **Mark Bronstein**, **Debbie Waber**, **Zanny Weinreb**, **Audra Karp**, **Ed Bruckner**, **Chayim Herzig-Marx**, **Karen Arnold**, **David Lobron**, **Jacob Roll**, **Sue Lanser**, **Amalia Lieberman**, **Louise Enoch**, **Steffi Karp**, **Cindy Shulak-Rome**, and **Susan Moser**.

To the members of CDT Sings, for the beautiful music: **Karen Arnold**, **Sue Lanser**, **Jo Radner**, **Leila Zisk**, **Steve Zisk**, **Doug Hersh**, **David Felson**, **Michele Arons**,

Bob Warren, **Marcia Okun**, and **Sami O'Reilly**.

To **Kate DeBethune**, for her cello rendition of Kol Nidre.

To **Deb Albenberg**, for leading our Yom Kippur afternoon Nature Walk.

To those who organized "Isaiah Comes to CDT" and our Mincha program on Solitary confinement: **Stacey Chacker**, **Rachel Greenberg**, **Josette Akresh**, **Miriam Bronstein**, and **Karen Lischinsky**.

To the High Holydays Children's Programming committee: **Valerie Graf**, **Lauren Stefano**, and **David Shumsky**; and our wonderful service leaders: **Susan Moser**, **Tal Shalom-Kobi**, **Esther Kohn**, **Karen Engels**, **Gina Fried**, **Laura Bellows** and our 12th graders – **Lily Gomborg**, **Zoe Grodsky**, **Jake Roll**, **Aryeh Lieberman**, **Zev hattis**, **Joseph Katz**, **Annalisa Flynn**, and **Elise Hausman**.

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Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with Kiddush in August and September:

Jonathan Gordon; Miranda Phillips; Pamela Rosenstein; Jeff Arnold; Steffi Aronson Karp; Eric Karp; Phyllis Kantor and Bill Kantor; Andrew Stefano; Matt Fried; Caitlin Golden and Danny Shain; Linda Katz; Peter Katz; Lisa Goodman; Bill Weinreb.

Reconstructionist News

TIKKUN MIDDOT: CULTIVATING OUR CHARACTER

You are invited to participate in RRC's *Tikkun Middot* program, with the goal of introducing the Jewish practice of *Mussar*.

Learn more about the first several *middot* and sign up to receive the "Middah of the Month" at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College web site (rrc.edu).

COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATE!

CDT'S FIRST COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS OF THE NEW YEAR!

Our first round of CDT Erev Shabbat community dinners will be happening **Friday, November 13**. Signups will open **Monday, October 26**. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new people, eat delicious food, and celebrate our community! All members are welcome!

Wondering what all the excitement is about? Check out these FAQs:

What's a CDT Erev Shabbat community dinner?

CDT Erev Shabbat community dinners are potluck meals shared by CDT members in people's homes. Dinners happen on a designated night, usually once every other month. Between 5 and 7 families typically host at a time. Most dinners happen on Friday night (to usher in Shabbat), but Havdalah dinners have also been gaining popularity—particularly among families with young kids.

Who can attend?

All members are welcome! Some dinners may be geared toward families in a certain Hebrew school class, or for members of a certain age, but most are open to anyone. On a given weekend, there's guaranteed to be a dinner that's right for you!

Do people really go?

Yes! Last year, more than half of CDT's families attended at least one potluck, and many attended more than one. People loved them!

I heard that some dinners have themes. How does that work?

The hosts pick the themes, and they can be about pretty much anything. Some of last year's themes included women in the bible, empty-nesters, people who like to shop at Russo's, people who like craft beer, and time to celebrate spring!

Are all dinners in West Newton?

Definitely not! In addition to Newton, most rounds include at least one potluck in the Jamaica Plain/Roslindale area, one in Watertown, and one in either Brookline or Cambridge.

How do you choose your hosts?

Everyone is welcome to host—there's no choosing involved. The more the merrier! Last year, 27 CDT families hosted a dinner, and many have already signed on to do so again. In addition to choosing a theme, hosts determine the number of guests they can fit, specify any food restrictions, and usually let people know if there are any animals on-site. If you'd like to host a dinner, contact **Melanie Adler**, CDT's VP of Membership at madler@edc.org. We're still looking for hosts for the November potlucks!

These dinners sound amazing! How can I sign up to attend?

Members can sign up online, in the Members area of the CDT website. Sign-ups typically open about three weeks before the potluck date (we'll send a reminder via the CDT listserv).

We hope you'll join us for at least one potluck this year! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Melanie** at madler@edc.org.

Learning

NEW CLASS!

SEEK SHALOM AND PURSUE IT: JEWISH APPROACHES TO PEACE AND WAR



with Rabbi Toba
Spitzer and Larry
Rosenwald

Wednesday evenings,
7:30-9:00pm

October 21 & 28,
November 4, 11 & 18,
December 2

(free for CDT members; \$36 for non-members)

Is there a pacifist tradition in Judaism? How have Jewish teachers, activists and thinkers, responded to war in their time? How might Jewish texts and teachings help us navigate the violent world in which we live? Join **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** and guest teacher Larry Rosenwald, Professor of English at Wellesley College, Director of Wellesley's Peace and Justice Studies Program and longtime pacifist and war tax resister, in an exploration of Jewish texts both ancient and modern on the topics of nonviolence, war and the pursuit of peace.

READING HEBREW (AND LIKING IT!)

with Michael Singer, CDT Member

Sunday Afternoons, 2:30 to 4:00pm, Oct.
11-Nov. 22

Cost: \$130 (members); \$180 (non-members)

This fall, expand your Hebrew knowledge in this participatory, relaxed and fun Hebrew reading course. After a 6 year hiatus, **Michael Singer** is once more offering his course to the CDT community. This class is primarily for adults at an advanced-beginner level of reading Hebrew (i.e. knowledge of the aleph-bet and the vowels, but not much vocabulary knowledge or reading fluency). The goals of this course are: to strengthen students' Hebrew reading fluency in prayerbook/rabbinic Hebrew, and to deepen students' knowledge of Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and verbs. (Please note: this is **not** a modern Hebrew course).

The course book will be the engaging *Aleph Isn't Enough* by Linda Motzkin (URJ Press, 2001).

From Michael: "I want you to experience the beauty of the Hebrew language and the joys of exploring it in a warm, judgement-free setting. If you have any questions, please reach out via email to msinger620@gmail.com."

Michael Singer is a CDT member with an MA in Biblical and Hebrew Studies from Brandeis University. He has taught adult education classes at CDT and in the greater Boston area.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, starting Sept 10,
8:30am-9:15am

60 Highland Street, Library

This weekly gathering combines guided and silent meditation to develop our capacity for mindful awareness, and to help us cultivate qualities of patience, gratitude, and compassion. On the first Thursday of each month, **Karen Arnold** will lead a meditation based on the weekly Torah portion. On the second Thursday of each month, Rabbi Toba Spitzer will incorporate chant (the singing of simple Hebrew phrases from liturgy and biblical texts) as well as mindfulness meditation. At other sessions, **Carole Slipowitz** and other CDT members will facilitate the meditation. All are welcome, whether experienced in meditation or not.

No need to make a weekly commitment; join us when you're able! For more information, please contact mindful-mornings@dorsheitzedek.org. All are welcome.

EXPLORING THE BIBLE

with Dr. Sanford Goldfless

Meets Weekly September through May at
Participants' Homes

(Cost: \$15 per session. Fee can be reduced
based on what you feel comfortable with)

In this class we get familiar with the Jewish Bible (the Tanach or Torah, Prophets and Writings) by reading it in English and discussing large parts of it together. We often look at the biblical text from a historical perspective, and we always pay attention to the literary features of the text that are essential for conveying its meaning. We also converse about the course of Jewish history. The class is interactive, low key and open to all Dorshei Tzedek members and their friends. For more information contact **Stan Fleischman** at stanfma@gmail.com.

PARENTING YOUR TWEEN THROUGH A JEWISH LENS [CLASS IS NOW FULL]

Sundays, 10:15-11:45 am (During religious
school at JCDS)

October 25, November 1, November 8,
November 15 and December 6

Coming to Dorshei Tzedek for the first time, a five-session program brings together caring parents and expert facilitator Judy Elkin. Parents explore compelling Jewish texts and traditions while sharing stories and ideas about raising tweens. For more information visit www.hebrewcollege.edu/parenting or email parenting@hebrewcollege.edu.

Religious School Notes

WHAT'S IN YOUR ERUV?

By Alison Lobron,
Interim Education Director

When I was growing up, I spent my summers at Jewish overnight camp. When I was eighteen, I spent my first summer as a camp counselor. It was incredible! I returned summer after summer—long past the time when my friends grew up and got “real” jobs. I loved being at camp so much, my friends used to tease me and say that college was just what I did to “fill the time between camp seasons.” This summer, I had the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream of working at a Jewish summer camp as a grown-up. To say that the experience exceeded all of my expectations would be an understatement. While at home, I don’t have much of a daily prayer practice, and I loved the chance to start each morning at camp praying and singing with members of my community.

For five weeks, I felt truly, wholly alive, engaged, and spiritually uplifted. I found my daily life as part of a vibrant Jewish community to be inspiring. I loved walking through camp and hearing Jewish music and hearing the sounds of Hebrew being spoken. I loved spending my working hours contributing to a meaningful Jewish learning experience for a camp full of children.

As I walked around camp, I found myself thinking a lot about how this temporary community, formed once a year and for such a short time, was able to have such a powerful hold on me. How did I come to feel so connected in such a short time? How did I come to feel so inspired to work incredibly hard at my job there? How could I bring some of this energy and some of these feelings home?

Then one day, I noticed the Eruv. An Eruv is an enclosure around a Jewish community. It’s a symbolic structure that demarcates the edge of the community. The practical purpose of the Eruv is to transform a large space into a private domain, so that anywhere within the enclosure, it is permissible to carry things during Shabbat. However, for me, the Eruv was a visible reminder that

I was living and working in a Jewish space, as part of a Jewish community. Whenever I saw the Eruv, it rekindled in me a sense of purpose for the work I was doing and a commitment towards the Jewish environment that I was helping create.

At our first staff meeting for the 5776 school year, I asked the staff to think about how we can create this type of commitment and sense of purpose in our short time together during the school year and in our temporary spaces at JCDS and FUSN. What are the values and experiences we hope to share? What are the commitments we hope to make to one another?

Whenever I saw the Eruv, it rekindled in me a sense of purpose for the work I was doing and a commitment towards the Jewish environment that I was helping create.

The range of their responses was beautiful and inspiring:

“I hope to be involved in active, evolving, applicable Judaism.”

“I hope to inspire meaningful Judaism in connection to our whole lives.”

“I hope to always remember, and to help my students remember, the value of listening. God created us with two ears, and only one mouth.”

“I hope to help create an environment that promotes our best selves.”

“I hope to help create an environment of inspiration and Godliness.”

And now I invite you—parents, children and community members. What would you like to find in the holy space we are creating together? What experiences do you hope to share?

As we enter the 5776 school year, I’m mindful of the amazing opportunity we have. Together, we decide what will happen inside our Eruv. We can choose to bring our best selves, and to help others express their own best selves. We can help each other learn and grow, and make exciting discoveries about ourselves and the world around us. It’s going to be an exciting year. I can’t wait to discover all the meaningful things we can create together.

If you are interested in more information about CDT Religious School, please be in touch with me at school@dorsheitzedek.org.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTION FROM THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER, RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES COLUMN: New Kitah Alef Teacher **Alli Moss** writes that she is no longer teaching in Peabody, but teaches Spanish in Sudbury at the elementary level.

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Chesed

Chesed (Loving-Kindness) is an important CDT community value.

The **Chesed Committee** is dedicated to creating a caring community by providing a gesture of support and comfort when one of our members has a major life event such as the arrival of a child, death, injury or illness or other significant life cycle event.

Chesed coordinators use the website **Lotsa Helping Hands** to post volunteer opportunities, often a Shabbat meal, and occasionally for doing grocery shopping, errands, giving rides to doctor appointments or taking children to school when a member is in need.

The Chesed Committee encourages all members to sign up at <http://dorsheitzedek.org/chesed-caring-community> so you can respond when a Chesed request goes out.

The Chesed coordinators for October are: **Corinne Lofchie and Susan Nitkin**. Please use chesed@dorsheitzedek.org to contact them.

Contacting Rabbi Toba: Rabbi Toba Spitzer is available to talk about any spiritual, religious, or personal issues that you might want to discuss. To schedule an appointment, please contact her (confidentially) at rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org or 617-965-0330 #2. She does not check email or voicemail on Shabbat (Friday evening through Saturday evening) or on Mondays (her day off).

For congregants experiencing financial difficulties, help is available through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. This fund is administered solely by the rabbi and is completely confidential.

REFUAH SH'LEYMAH

We send blessings for a complete healing to **Lissy Medvedow, Ilana Streit, Ruby Cohen-Weinberg, Allison Hausman and Elaine Pollack**.

CONDOLENCES

To **Linda, David and Sara Kramer**, and to **Stephen Zisk and Leila Zisk** on the death of Linda's mother, **Lila Kramer**. May her memory be for a blessing.

Yahrzeit

This month, we remember CDT members **Shari Zimble**, whose 7th yahrzeit falls on October 7; and **Eugene Black**, whose 2nd yahrzeit falls on October 27. We will be remembering Shari at Shabbat morning services on October 3, and Eugene at Shabbat morning services on October 31. May each of their memories be for a blessing.

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>.

Nediv Lev

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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.

CDT Calendar

October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>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.</p>				<p>1 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p>2 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck Candle lighting and dinner 6:00pm Service 6:45pm</p>	<p>3 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12pm CDT Open House! 12:15pm</p>
<p>4 Religious School Classes for Alef-Zayin 9:30am to 12:00pm Sukkah Take-down @FUSN 12:00pm to 2:30pm Simchat Torah Celebration 7:00pm to 9:00pm</p>	<p>5 Shemini Atzeret</p>	<p>6 Religious School Classes for Gim-mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm</p>	<p>7 CDT Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Got Shabbat? (including Tot Shabbat) 9:45am to 12:00pm</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Religious School Classes for Gim-mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p>16 “God Loves the Stranger”: An evening of learning and reflection with Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg 8:00pm to 9:30pm</p>	<p>17 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Noah Marcus Magaziner 9:45am to 12:00pm</p>
<p>18 Religious School Classes for Nitzanim-Zayin (Pre-school-Gr. 7) 9:30am to 12:00pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Jewish Approaches to Peace and War with Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Prof. Larry Rosenwald 7:30pm to 9:00pm</p>	<p>22 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p>23 Erev Shabbat with Hayley Shaham 6:00pm</p>	<p>24 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm Book Discussion of “The New Jim Crow” 12:45pm</p>
<p>25 Religious School Classes for Alef-Zayin (Gr. 1-7) 9:30am to 12:00pm Parenting Your Tween Through a Jewish Lens 10:45am to 11:15am</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Religious School Classes for Gim-mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm</p>	<p>28 Seek Shalom and Pursue It: Jewish Approaches to Peace and War with Rabbi Toba Spitzer and Prof. Larry Rosenwald 7:30pm to 9:00pm</p>	<p>29 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm</p>

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.

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Erev Shabbat, October 2: Ami Gordon / Bobby Kleinberg / Jan Gortler-Small / Dan Halbert

Shabbat, October 3: Becca Gutman / Barbara Beck - *In memory of Irving & Edith Beck and Stephen Beck* / Elizabeth Ferrenz & Jenny Siegel

Sukkah Take Down @ FUSN, October 4: Benjamin Dash / Joel Auslander / Rachel Pytel / Chad Pytel / Josh Lieberman / Sarah Hartman
*Sukkah take down coordinator/David Shumsky

Simchat Torah, October 4: Miriam Bronstein / Peter Hess / Chanda Prescod Hsu-Weinstein

Got Shabbat?, October 10: Andy Cohen / Rachel Cohen / Robin Bernstein / Scott Gordon / Erica Fretwell & Todd Carmody / Gail Pressberg

Erev Shabbat, October 16: Jamie Tessler, *in memory of Ted Tessler* / Marion Ross, *in memory of Benjamin Levenson* / Liz Carver, *in memory of Harold Carver* / Allison Peiser

Shabbat, October 17: Sanctuary Cleanup: Alex Sugerman-Brozan/Jodie Siegel
Kiddush Set-Up: Sami O'Reilly/Erica Streit-Kaplan/Susan Silberberg/Michael Brann/Michele Arons/Rachel Greenberg
Kiddush Clean-Up: Bonnie Tenneriello/Steve Zisk/Linda Kramer/Rick Glassman/Pamela Katz/Sunny Schwartz (not CDT member)
Ushers: David Greenberg/Jennifer Greenberg

Shabbat, October 24: Pamela Schoenberg Reider, *In Memory of Mickey Schoenberg* / Joel Reider, *In Memory of Raphael Reider* / Lisa Goodwin Robbins / Beth Brooks, *In Memory of Leon Brooks*

Shabbat, October 31: Louise Enoch/Tracey Rogers & Jane Schwartz/Janet Boguslaw

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

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

Jewish Community Events

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF MASSACHUSETTS (SCM) BUS TOUR OF JEWISH BOSTON

Join us on **Sunday, October 18 from 12:00-6:00 pm** as we come together to explore the relationship between synagogue communities and their sacred sites.

What happens when demographic change requires a congregation to move to alternative space or a new community? How does a shul decide to remain in the same facility, and the same community, for generations? What kinds of renovations and infusion of capital are needed to bring this about?

The tour will go from suburban congregations in Newton and Brookline through the urban neighborhoods of Roxbury and Dorchester, to the Vilna Shul in the West End, ending up at the Walnut Street Shul in Chelsea (not yet confirmed). Advance registration is required (\$45 per person). For more information, go to: <https://www.synagoguecouncil.org/node/599>

The tour will be led by Ellen Smith, historian and curator of Boston Jewish history; and Associate Professor, Dept. of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and Director, Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program, Brandeis University.

Tikkun Olam

TURN TOWARD JUSTICE IN THE NEW YEAR!

The next meeting of the *Tikkun Olam* Committee is on October 22, 2015 at 7:30 at CDT. For more information on Tikkun Olam events, contact **Bonnie Tenneriello** at tikkunolam@dorsheitzedek.org.

Please join the Congregation Dorshei Tzedek Tikkun Olam Committee in these upcoming social justice events:

GBIO DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Thursday October 9, 7-9 pm.

Join fellow CDT members as we participate in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's delegate assembly. More details to follow.

STATE HOUSE RALLY AND HEARING ON JUSTICE AND PRISONS

Wednesday October 14, 2015

Rally at 11am, Hearing 1 pm.

State House, Boston

CDT will make its voice heard in support of criminal justice reform at a hearing before the legislature's Joint Committee on the Judiciary. The Committee will be considering the Justice Reinvestment Act, a

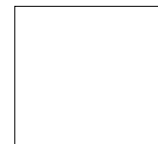
broad measure to reduce incarceration, as well as legislation to reduce the use of solitary confinement in prison. Rallies outside the State House begin at 11am. The hearing is scheduled for 1 pm.

UNDERSTANDING RACE: BOOK DISCUSSION OF THE NEW JIM CROW

October 24, 12:45 pm (after kiddush)

60 Highland Street, Living Room

CDT members are invited to participate in a discussion of the book, *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander, right after services and kiddush lunch. This highly regarded book provides a history and critique of America's system of institutionalized racism. It is important reading and a call to action for people of conscience. *Participants are encouraged to read the book prior to the discussion.* For more information, please contact **Alan Epstein** at alan.epstein@rcn.com.



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COMING SOON! SAVE THE DATE!

CDT's FIRST COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS OF THE NEW YEAR!



OK - this cake is from the Members Meeting - but this is what you'll feel like after attending (or hosting) a CDT Community Potluck Dinner!

Our first round of CDT Erev Shabbat community dinners will be happening **Friday, November 13**. Sign-ups will open **Monday, October 26**. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends, meet new people, eat delicious food, and celebrate our community! All members are welcome!

(See page 6 for more information).