



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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Improvements in Infrastructure

by Jen Kaplan, President



Many hands are needed to create a successful CDT event, such as the annual Hanukkah Party.



AS WE BEGIN 2016, I am excited about the many programs and projects that are underway at Dorshei Tzedek. I hope most of you took the opportunity to fill

out the Chesed survey that was sent out in January. In our effort to keep fostering a greater sense of *kehillah* (community), the CDT Board and Chesed committee want to help break down barriers that may exist for some who don't feel comfortable asking for help and others who may not know all the ways that they can help. The committee will review the survey results, share this information with you at our March membership meeting (don't miss it on March 13th), and see what changes we can put into practice to more fully live up to one of our core values that we have defined: "We extend to one another loving-kindness, sharing joyful times and difficult times, providing comfort, marking milestones, and supporting one another through life's transitions."

Another area the board is looking at this year is our congregational infrastructure. What are our systems and how are they working? What technological solutions and other protocols can we implement that will bring us fully into the 21st century? How can we connect our members more easily with each other? What can we do to make our "house" run better? I think this is a wonderful way to learn what other successful congregations are doing that might apply to us, and then design the improve-

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ments that make sense. You will hear about some of these new ideas in the coming months!

We are also growing our Membership Committee. Several new people are working with our Vice President of Membership, Melanie Adler, to help flesh out ways for us to connect our members to one another and

so, take a “selfie” with your phone and post it on the CDT website in the members section under “Pictures of Members.” It’s very easy and quick to do.

If you are intrigued, interested, and wanting to be involved in some way, check out the committee descriptions on the website and meet some new, great people. If you

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to CDT. A new *Gesher* (Bridge) program is starting under the leadership of **Valerie Graf** to help new members who would like to connect with a current CDT family (more information inside this newsletter). Three-month follow-up calls are being made to new members, and **Linda Hsu** is writing short bios of our new member households for inclusion in the newsletter. Additionally, we are starting a campaign to upload members’ photos to the website, so that if you can’t place a name and a face, you’ll soon be able to. If you haven’t already done

want a one-time job, email me and I will try to find something that you will find interesting and meaningful.

There is so much talent in our midst. I find it inspiring. The more I get to know you, the more I am encouraged by the skills, warmth, and *mentshlekheyt* (qualities of a *mensch*, or good person) of this band of travelers—all on our own Jewish journeys.

B’shalom,
Jen

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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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.

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, February 5, March 4, April 1

6:00 pm Candle-lighting & potluck dinner

6:45 pm 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 6:45 pm, and we'll end with an Oneg Shabbat (dessert) at 7:30 pm. Services are geared towards children ages 3-8, but all are welcome!

TOT SHABBAT

February 20, March 19

Shabbat morning, 10:45 am-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.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturdays, February 13, March 12, April 16

8:45 am, 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!

CHANTING AND MEDITATION SERVICE

Saturday, February 27

9:45 am-noon

At this contemplative Shabbat morning service, we will use both sacred chant and guided and silent meditation to enter into the peace and joy of Shabbat. The service will be co-led by Rabbi Toba and CDT member **Linda Kramer**. Beginning at 11:15 am, there will be Torah study. No meditation experience necessary!

LEARN HOW TO LIFT & WRAP THE TORAH!

*Shabbat morning, March 5,
following services at noon*

CDT Sanctuary

Ever marvelled at the graceful lifting of the Torah at the end of the Torah reading? Wondered how to properly roll and “dress” the Torah scroll before we put it back in the ark? Here's your chance to find out! The Ritual Committee will be showing all who are interested the ins and outs of the mitzvah of *hagbah* and *gelilah* – lifting and wrapping the Torah scroll at the conclusion of the Torah reading.



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 111. 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).

Events

CDT FILM CLUB

Saturday, February 20

Potluck at 6:00 pm; movie starts at 7:00 pm to be followed by a group discussion

Home of Ellie Goldberg

Dancing in Jaffa (2013; 100 mins, English, Arabic, Hebrew)

Confident that dance will dissolve political and cultural differences, celebrated ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaine returns to his hometown of Jaffa, Israel, after years abroad and teaches 11-year-old Jewish and Palestinian Israelis to dance together.— Netflix

Feel free to attend 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). Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families.

We hope you can join us! Contact the co-chairs, **Stan Fleischman** and **Emily Sper**, film-club@dorsheitzedek.org, for more information or if you'd like to host a film.

CDT BREWS! A PRE-PURIM WORKSHOP

Sundays, February 21 and March 6, 3:30-5 pm

FUSN, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton

Following on the smashing success of our first home-brewed IPA (Inspired Purim Ale) in 5775, CDT members are invited to join **Todd Carmody** and **Andy Cohen** for a beer-brewing-and-tasting extravaganza! The first session, on February 21, will feature beer making and beer tasting (bring a bottle of your favorite beer to share!). The second session will focus on bottling and labeling. The entire congregation will enjoy the brew at our Purim celebration on March 23.



Last year's CDT IPA label designed by Marla Lichtman.

TRAVEL TO ISRAEL WITH CDT!

Rabbi Toba is leading our second congregational trip to Israel (including a visit to the West Bank) this summer, July 7-16. For more information about the trip, please visit our website, <http://dorsheitzedek.org/israel-trip-2016>, or contact **Rabbi Toba** at rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org.

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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!

Community

2015 YEAR-END STATEMENTS & UPCOMING INVOICING

By the time you read this, you should have received your 2015 donor tax statement from CDT. Donor tax statements were issued end of January to anyone who contributed \$54 or more to CDT during 2015. If you have not received yours, or if you have questions about its content, please be in touch with Administrative Director **Marla Lichtman**—617-965-0330 or admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org.

Mid-February you will be receiving your next CDT invoice. We appreciate your timely response to these invoices—thanks! Please note that tuition payments were due in full on 12/31/15; if you have children in our school and have not yet had the opportunity to zero out your balances, please do so now. Membership dues are to be paid in full by 3/15/16.

If you have questions about your bill, please contact Marla. If you have financial concerns or need to discuss a payment plan, please be in touch with our Treasurer, **Cliff Cohen** (cliff.cohen54@gmail.com) to work out a mutually agreeable payment plan.

MAZEL TOV

To **Emily Mathis** and **Hali Diecidue** on the arrival of Ruby Lynne! Ruby was born on December 7th, and was placed with the Mathis/Diecidue family in January, joining her two older sisters, **Joita** (16) and **Nina** (6). Mazel tov to the entire Mathis-Diecidue family!

TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with kiddush/holiday programs in December and January:

Liz Reisberg, Shirley Milgrom — in memory of her parents, Louis and Esther Milgrom, **Vivienne** and **Norman Shein, Matilda** and **Edward Bruckner** — in memory of our parents, **Karen Wasserman, Jonathan Rosenthal, Sharon Sevransky, Linnette Liebling** — in memory of Zelda and Joel Liebling, **Judy** and **Chayim Herzig-Marx, Willa Kuh, Jackie Slivko** — in honor of her 65th birthday, **Paul Hattis** and **Lisa Samelson, Bryn Austin** — in memory of John Austin, **Karen Engels, Tom Brown, Barry Ingber, Rick Glassman** and **Alice Markowitz, Ora Gladstone**.

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.)

Membership

We warmly welcome new members **DB (Deborah) Reiff** and **Lisa Hirsh**. After having attended high holiday services for more than 20 years at B'nai Brith in Somerville before making the switch to CDT services, Lisa and DB wanted more engagement in community, one imbued with learning, fun, and active political engagement.

DB's memories of her childhood shul include sitting in the balcony with her grandmother during high holiday services while watching her brothers downstairs where the action was.

An avid gardener, one of the things always in bloom in her garden is a sign for which-

ever candidate she's currently supporting. After helping elect a city councilor-at-large in Boston, she recently took a job as Director of Communications in that counselor's office. DB also does workplace conflict resolution. She expects these skills will be valuable in her new job.

Lisa comes from a more secular background with a Reform confirmation and a lifetime of Yom Kippur observance, often on her own. Deeply and spiritually connected to Judaism through self-study, she and DB have developed their own meaningful Passover seder rituals for themselves and their family. From a career in organizational change to working as an executive

coach, Lisa and her watercolors share space in the house with childhood paintings and sculpture. The last thing she says to DB as DB leaves the house is, "Look for beauty everywhere."

Both DB and Lisa are lovers of language and laughter. Lisa can read an entire book in the bath and, given the time, would go to the movies everyday. DB loves children and goes outside to see if any neighborhood kids are out playing so she can play with them. DB and Lisa are happily surprised by the warmth of the CDT community and look forward to meeting more people and getting more involved, especially in social action.

Learning

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15 am

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.

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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**.

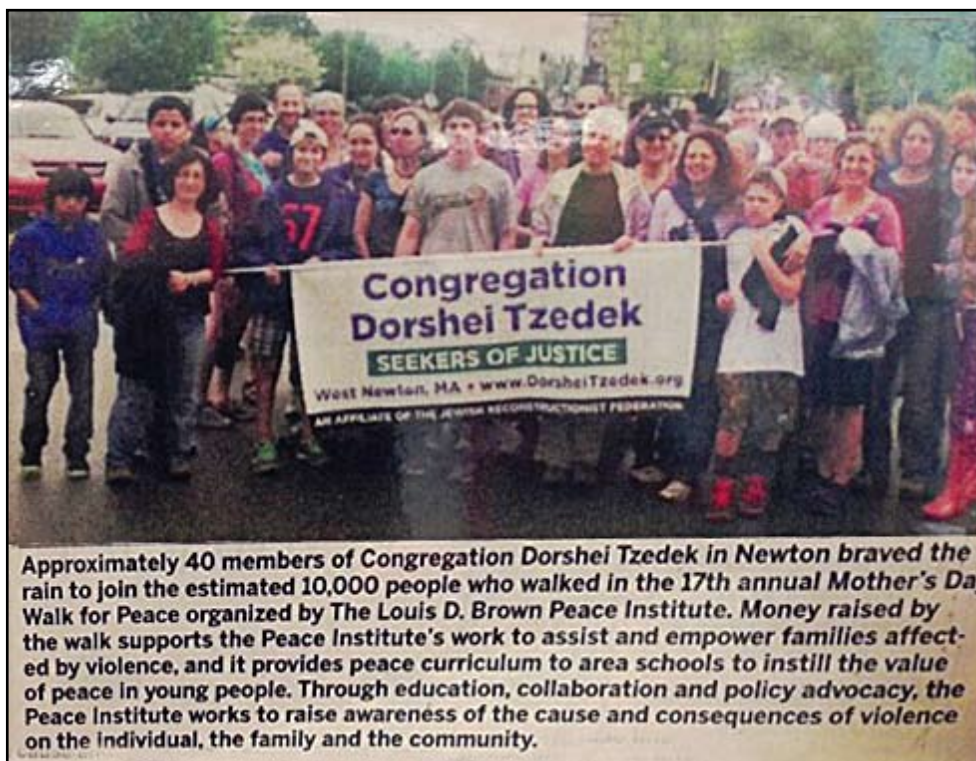
Tikkun Olam

by Bonnie Tenneriello

Come connect with CDT's social justice work at the Tikkun Olam Committee's meeting on February 4 at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

From now on, our Tikkun Olam meetings will have more time for substantive discussion, and we'll do as much nuts-and-bolts planning as we can beforehand by email. In February, **Josette Akresh-Gonzalez** will lead a discussion about our engagement with environmental activism. This should be interesting, as many of us struggle with a sense of despair about the environment, and we also have different thoughts about the importance of personal responsibility versus seeking political/corporate accountability.

Of course, we're also planning lots of education and activism around incarceration, race, economic justice, and the environment. So please join both for the conversation and to make a difference!



Religious School Notes

SNAPSHOT OF A SUNDAY

by Alison Lobron,
Interim Religious School Director

Have you ever wondered what happens on a typical, ordinary Sunday morning at CDT Religious School? The answer is: there are very few “ordinary” days. When I reflect on the first few months of CDT Religious School, I am struck by the range and variety of programming happening every week at our school. In an effort to capture the breadth of offerings, I walked around the building one Sunday morning, camera in hand, so that I could offer you a “Snapshot of a Sunday.”



Sidney Hackett and Celia Gilbert-Sartori

On this particular Sunday, both of our younger classes, Gan/Alef and Bet, were learning about Tzedakah. Both classes are learning that there are many ways in which the world is unjust or unfair. It is up to us, through our actions and words, to be Seekers of Justice (we are members of Dorshei Tzedek—Seekers of Justice—after all!). Pictured here, members of Kitah Bet create Tzedakah boxes to collect coins at home, while members of Kitah Alef have a special Tzedakah-themed music session with community member, **Tal Shalom-Kobi**.

On the other side of the building, we had a very special program taking place. CDT

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Community member, and master storyteller, **Cindy Rivka Marshall** did a storytelling workshop with our third through fifth graders. The program was based on Cindy’s original selection of stories, “Entering the World of Torah.” Through her stories, Cindy invited the students to engage with the Torah in new and imaginative ways. Using the story of the ten plagues as a jumping off point, Cindy asked her group of students to imagine themselves as characters in the story. This invitation evoked a wide range of responses; one student chose to be Miriam, another chose to create a persona for herself



Cindy Rivka Marshall, Lily Gomberg and Maya Wilson

based on a Jewish slave, while a third imagined herself to be Moses’ shoe!

At the same time that Cindy’s group was exploring the story of the ten plagues through drama, **Shahar Colt’s** group of students was exploring the same narrative through visual arts. Shahar’s group had the opportunity to create a “crankie,” a story told through pictures on a long scroll. The students conducted a close reading of the text, and used the words to help them visualize what was taking place in the story.

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Tal Shalom-Kobi

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.

GENERAL FUND

Barbara and Jerome Albenberg

Allison Andrews – *In memory of Irving Cary Andrews*

Ellie Baron and Kate DeBethune – *With thanks to the Steiner/Brown and Cushman/Auslander families for their generosity towards our family!*

Meryl Epstein and Trish Nuzzola – *In memory of Lillian Epstein; in appreciation for the support and kindness of the CDT community*

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Sue Fischlowitz and David Roberts

Roberta and George Gordon

Rob Greenly – *In memory of Lucille Greenly*

Gail Harris and David Reider – *In memory of Raphael B. Reider*

Allison and Ezra Hausman – *In honor of the CDT Executive Committee (Jen Kaplan, Melanie Adler, Ora Grodsky, Lisa Schneier & David Lobron) for their leadership*

Linda Hsu – *In honor of Lisa Samelson*

Steffi and Eric Karp

Pamela and Steven Katz

Judith Kogan and Hugh Wolff

Linette Liebling – *In honor of Cindy Shulak Rome's tireless work on behalf of CDT; in memory of Ora Gladstone's dad*

Shirley Milgrom – *In memory of Rabbi Louis Milgrom*

Marion Ross – *In memory of Benjamin Levenson*

Mark Rubin

Lisa Samelson – *In memory of William and Rosalie Samelson*

Pamela Schoenberg and Joel Reider – *In memory of Raphael Reider and in memory of Mickey Schoenberg*

Steven Siegel – *In memory of Philip Siegel*
William Small

CAMP JRF FUND

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Emily Sper – *With thanks to Rabbi Toba and the many members of the community who supported me after my mom's death by coming to the shiva minyan, sending cards and emails, or bringing food. To feel the power of the community was awesome.*

SCHOOL FUND

Madeline Steinberg and Mitchell Feuer

RETREAT FUND

HOLY BOOKS FUND

JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

Caren and Nathan Bosk – *In memory of Jill Volk*

BUILDING FUND

Chesed

CHESED Q&A

by Ellie Goldberg

Dear Chesed Coordinators,

Q: I want to provide a meal but worry about doing the wrong thing, especially for a family I don't know. What about the family's allergies, and food sensitivities and preferences?

A: The Chesed Coordinators' role is to take the guesswork out of providing a meal. Our goal is to make the mitzvah of Chesed easy and clear for both the giver and the recipient.

We ask about allergies and other preferences. You can see the family's selections on the LotsaHealingHands task request. For example, we ask about...

Vegetarian

Kosher

Nut-free

Lactose-free

Wheat-free Gluten-free

Soy-free

Sugar-free

Low-fat

Low-carb

Low-salt

Other (see Notes)

We also show the family's request for the time of day for meal drop off, whether to leave the meal in a cooler on the porch or to ring the doorbell, and calling or texting when you are on your way. We give you contact information so you can ask the person directly for guidance about special foods.

Chesed (Loving-Kindness) is an important CDT community value. The Chesed Committee is dedicated to creating a caring community by coordinating volunteers who provide a meal or other acts of support and comfort when one of our members has a major life event such as a new baby, illness or death in the family.

We post Chesed tasks online on the LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) calendar:

Sign up for LHH at <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH>.

Forgot your LHH password?

Go to <http://tinyurl.com/GetPsWrdLHH>.

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

The Chesed coordinators for February are **Dianne Lior** and **Elaine Landes**. Contact them at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

Rabbi Toba is available if you have a major life cycle event or illness/injury, or would like to discuss any spiritual, religious, or personal issues. To schedule an appointment, please contact her (confidentially) at rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org or **617-965-0330**. 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.

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REFUAH SH'LEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to: **Ruby Cohen** and **Gina Fried**.

Yahrzeit

This month, we remember CDT member **Frances Greenberg**, whose 11th yahrzeit falls on February 10. We will be remembering Frances at Shabbat morning services on February 13. May his memory 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>.

CDT Calendar

February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Religious School Classes for Gim- mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm	2 “CDT Exploring the Bible” 2:00pm to 4:00pm	3 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	4 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck Candle lighting and dinner 6:00pm Service 6:45pm	5 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
7 Religious School Classes for Alef- Zayin 9:30am to 12:00pm	8	9 Religious School Classes for Gim- mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm	10 “CDT Exploring the Bible” 2:00pm to 4:00pm CDT Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm	11 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	12	13 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
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21 CDT Brews 3:30pm to 5:00pm	22	23 Religious School Classes for Gim- mel, Dalet and Hey/Vav (Gr. 3-6) Meets at FUSN 3:45pm to 5:45pm	24 “CDT Exploring the Bible” 2:00pm to 4:00pm	25 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	26	27 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
28 Religious School Classes for Alef- Zayin 9:30am to 12:00pm CDT Board Meeting 4:00pm to 6:00pm	29	March 1	2	3	4	5

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KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Erev Shabbat, February 5: Allison Andrews/
Noah Rumpf/Ilana Mainelli

Shabbat, February 6: Sue Lanser, *in memory of my parents, Mildred & Dave Sniader* & Jo Radner / Lauren Gibbs / Janice Cole

Shabbat, February 13: Helaine & John Carroll / Stan & Jackie Fleischman

Shabbat, February 20: Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein / Linette Liebling

Shabbat, February 27: Mark Farber & Sherry Katz / Cheryl & Jeffrey Sacks

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

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

No Fragrances, Please. So that Dorshei Tzedek events are accessible to all of our members and guests, we ask that people 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.

Religious School Notes

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They then worked collaboratively to translate the images onto the crankie.

As students interacted with the story through artwork and drama, their perspective on, and connection to, this one small section of Torah increased significantly.

Our final stop on the snapshot tour is with our sixth graders and their parents, who participated in a Family Learning session with Rabbi Toba. The focus of this session was on Torah: an exploration of what

Torah is (from a Reconstructionist perspective) and a taste of studying Torah with an eye to writing a d'var Torah. Pictured in this article are parents and students studying Torah together.

There were many other things happening that day that I did not capture on my photo tour. Fortunately, there are several months of learning yet to happen this year. I look forward to sharing many more snapshots with you in the coming weeks.

If you have questions, concerns or feedback about the CDT Religious School and would like to connect with the parent-run Children's Education Committee, feel free to email CEC@dorsheitzedek.org or reach out to any of us individually: Erica Streit-Kaplan (Chair), Andy Stefano, Audra Karp, Becca Gutman, Emily Shumsky & Tania Mireles.



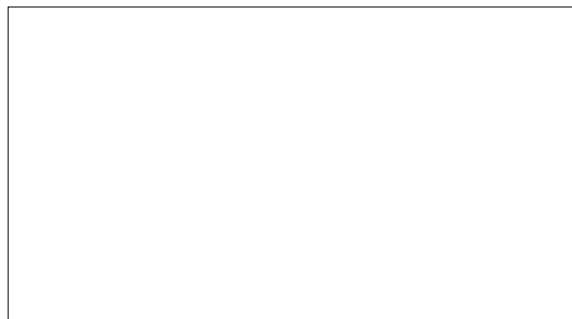
Above: Shahar Colt with her students from Kitah Dalet + Hay/Vav

Right: Marc Steinberg and Maya Garg





Address correction requested



Snapshot of a Sunday (Story on page 7)



In photos clock wise from upper left: Linda Hsu, Lev Sugarman-Brozan, Jordan Schwartz, Alex Sugarman-Brozan. Lila Rumpf, Abby Edelstein, Lia Kobi. Jodi Sugarman-Brozan, Temana Gordon. Gabriel Lobron, Ila Karp Albenberg, Ziv Dudnik, Nuriel Gutman, Jake Roll, Sammy Lent, Caroline Gelfand and Eleanor Kaplan.