



# Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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## Spring is Blooming at CDT

by Jen Kaplan, CDT Board President



**SPRING HAS FINALLY** sprung. The rain and sun are providing the right combination for plants, trees and bushes to bloom, and baby animals to grow. As I reflect on my own growth over the course of this past year, I can't quite believe that 10 months have come and gone since I took the reins from **Allison Hausman** as president of CDT. This period has indeed been a learning process. Along this journey there have been times of great intensity and times of smooth sailing. I am glad to be on this journey and to be a part of this wonderful community. There are two exciting communal events occurring in June, that I hope you will be able to attend them both.

The first is our Sunday June 5th members meeting. We will be publicly acknowledging the contributions of our entire CDT Board and voting in new board members. I want to make special mention here of the executive board: **Allison Hausman, Ora Grodsky, Melanie Adler, Cliff Cohen, Lisa Schneier, David Lobron, and Rabbi Toba**, who put in ad-

ditional hours and who have guided and advised me, supported and helped me arrive at this stage of my leadership journey.

At the members' meeting, we will also be celebrating and honoring **Marla Lichtman's** (our administrative director) ten years of service to Dorshei Tzedek. She has been our go-to person for many things, among them, providing a sense of our history when questions need to be answered from staff and congregants. She is often the first person potential members speak with and can be counted on to help new and current members with many different aspects of life at CDT. Marla, thank you, for all you've given to us over the years.

The second communal event is our celebration of the festival of Shavuot on Saturday evening June 11th (5th of Sivan). Literally the word Shavuot means "weeks." It marks the completion of the seven-week counting period between Passover and Shavuot. Back in the day, Shavuot was one of the three pilgrimage festivals during which Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, it marks the occasion when Jewish people received the Torah. Thus, it serves as a celebration of Torah, education, and actively choosing to participate in Jewish life.

One tradition associated with this holiday is to stay up all night learning. An engagement with learning can benefit us all. Whether we want to improve ourselves, learn more about our culture or heritage, learn a new language, pick up an instrument, or take up a new sport, it is good for our brains to seek out new challenges. As my wife says, "the brain is a muscle — you have to use it." So we study with each other to continue the cycle of Jewish life and learning. While we won't quite be pulling an all-nighter at CDT (!), we will have several sessions to help us explore different aspects of Torah from 8 pm to midnight. This year, we will be dedicating our learning to the memory of **Gina Fried**, *zichronah l'vracha*, and will be celebrating the rabbinic ordination of our Director of Congregational Learning, **Shahar Colt**! I very much hope to see you there. (See page 4 for details.)

As I see new life blooming all around, I am looking forward to what lies ahead for our wonderful community. CDT is a special place, and I am excited about the growth and learning that lies ahead for each of us.

This year, we will be dedicating our learning to the memory of Gina Fried, *zichronah l'vracha*.

## Rabbinic Liaison

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 [cbssrome@comcast.net](mailto:cbssrome@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.

## Board

Rabbi Toba Spitzer

### Staff

Interim Religious School Director: Alison Lobron

Director of Congregational Learning: Shahar Colt

Administrative Director: Marla Lichtman

Administrative Assistant: Shaena Grossman

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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](mailto:dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org).

Usually the deadline is the 10th of the month for the following month's issue. For questions, email us at the same address.

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

# Shabbat

# CDT Events

## ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Friday, June 10

6:00 pm candle-lighting & potluck dinner,  
6:45 pm service

Join us each month for this fun, musical, all-ages celebration of Shabbat! We 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, drinks and dessert are provided. A musical service begins at 6:45 pm, followed by dessert at 7:30 pm. Services are geared towards kids ages 3-11, but all are welcome!

## BAR MITZVAH OF ELI TARBOX

Saturday, June 11th, 9:45 am

**Eli Waters Coen Tarbox** is a 7th grader at Clearway School where he enjoys activities such as basketball, Dungeons and Dragons, art, ultimate frisbee and computer programming. For his Tikkun Olam project, Eli is volunteering at the Centre Street Food Pantry in Newton. Eli welcomes you to join him and his family as he becomes a bar mitzvah. Kiddush luncheon to follow. —*Sara and Ben Dash, mom and step-dad.*

## PRIDE SHABBAT!

Shabbat morning, June 18

Torah study 8:45 am

Shabbat morning services 9:45 am

We will be marking LGBTQ Pride month with Torah study that brings a queer lens to the weekly Torah portion, and special readings and aliyot during Shabbat morning services. All are invited!

## CDT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, June 5

5:30 pm — Pizza (and gluten/dairy-free alternative) dinner

6:15 pm-8 pm — Meeting

Childcare will be provided.

We hope at least one representative from each CDT household will be present as we vote on a budget and Board for the coming year, and hear updates on all facets of the congregation's activities. In addition, we will be thanking **Marla Lichtman** for her ten years of service to the community!

## CDT HIKES!

Saturday, June 25

Meet at the CDT parking lot for carpools at 1 pm or meet at the trailhead at 2 pm.

We will hike Dogtown in Gloucester, which is extremely dog-friendly, but humans are also very welcome. It is about an hour drive from West Newton to the trailhead at 99 Dogtown Rd, Gloucester, MA 01930. Expect to not return until dinner. As always, please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers and bring a water bottle and a snack. And, as always, no RSVP is necessary — just show up! Questions? Contact **Diana Gombert** ([dfgombert@gmail.com](mailto:dfgombert@gmail.com)), **Richard Gombert** ([richardgombert@gmail.com](mailto:richardgombert@gmail.com)), **Marc Steinberg** ([marc@metaphasia.com](mailto:marc@metaphasia.com)) or **Stuart Snyder** ([SLS@SnyderLegal.com](mailto:SLS@SnyderLegal.com)).

## CDT MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

by Elliot Pittel, Team Captain

The CDT Men's Softball Team played Temple Beth David of Westwood at Forte Field in Newton on Sunday May 8, 2016. The Tzedekmen beat Beth David-Westwood, 15-7. One of the keys to victory was the team's ability to be patient at the plate and take walks by the wild Beth David pitcher. In

their small way, the Tzedekmen made it a point to do a lot of walking on Mother's Day. In the bottom of the second inning, CDT broke into the scoring column with five big runs. With one out, **Jon Weisberg** singled and **Jake Weinberg** lined a shot into center field for a base hit that was misplayed by the Beth David outfielder, and turned it into a round-tripper. However, the scoring wasn't over. With two outs, **Danny Shain** got an infield hit, **Nate Aronow** singled, **Stu Snyder** walked, and **Jeff Goldman** got a base hit that knocked in two more runs. **Miller** followed with an RBI scoring single that plated **Goldman**.

Beth David scored three runs in the top of the fourth inning, helped by some fielding mistakes, to tie the score at 5-5. The Tzedekmen got three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. With **Bruce Miller** making a spot start as the third starter, pitching effectively, CDT held Beth David scoreless in the top of the fifth inning. In the bottom of the fifth inning, CDT rallied for six runs. Beth David was held scoreless in the top of the sixth inning, and CDT scored another run in the bottom of the sixth. Beth David scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning, but Miller retired the last two batters on an infield pop and a come-backer to the mound, and the game ended 15-7.

The CDT Softball team has a full schedule in June with two home games and two away games. For more information, contact **Elliot Pittel** at [epittel@comcast.net](mailto:epittel@comcast.net).

## 2016-17 KIDDUSH SIGN-UPS OPENING SOON!

Members! Please look for a CDT-Announce message in early June letting you know it's time to choose your kiddush date(s) for next year. A link to the sign-up pages will be included. Any kiddush slots left unfilled after the sign-up closes will be randomly assigned, so do take the opportunity to pick the date(s) that work well for you and your family. Any questions? Email **Marla** at [admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:admindirector@dorsheitzedek.org).

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).

# Shavuot

Saturday evening, June 11, 8 pm-12:30 am

60 Highland Street, West Newton

This year, as we celebrate the mythic moment of receiving Torah on Mount Sinai, we will dedicate our learning to the memory of beloved rebbetzin **Gina Fried**, zichronah l'vracha. It is traditional to usher in the holiday of Shavuot with all-night Torah study, and this evening we will both honor Gina's gifts as a teacher and celebrate the rabbinic ordination of our Director of Congregational Learning, **Shahar Colt**! So come learn with us.

**8:00 pm**—Keynote talk with CDT's own **Fran Malino**, director of Jewish Studies at Wellesley College. "**Jewish Sisters in Muslim Lands: The Teachers of the Alliance Israélite Universelle.**" The Alliance Israélite Universelle, an international Jewish organization established in 1860, created a network of schools to educate Jewish girls and boys living in North Africa and the Middle East. Fran will explore the goals, self-identity, struggles and accomplishments of the young women who founded and directed these schools.

**8:50 pm**—Havdallah and champagne toast to Shahar!

**9:15pm to midnight**—Join with teachers from the CDT community for an evening of learning of all sorts, including:



Photo of Shahar Colt, our Director of Congregational Learning

## SESSION ONE

9:15 pm-10:00 pm

### HARLOT OR HEROINE?

with *Susie Tanchel*

*The Book of Ruth*, traditionally associated with Shavuot, focuses on Ruth's actions and choice. This evening, through a close exploration of Genesis 38, we will look at another biblical woman's choices and actions and her impact on our history. (This session is rated PG-13!) *Susie is a Bible scholar and Head of School at the Jewish Community Day School.*

## THE TORAH OF BLINTZES

Join the **Okun/Lieberman** family to learn how to make cheese blintzes, the iconic food for celebrating Shavuot! The blintzes will be enjoyed later in the evening.

## SESSION TWO

10:10-10:55

### HASIDIC TEACHINGS ON SONG

with *Elaine Pollack*

Through the teachings of Reb Pinhas of Koretz, we discover the power of song in building community and relationship, so that prayer has the power to reach up to the divine. Each teaching is matched to a song or prayer from our siddur, *Kol HaNeshamah*. *Elaine is a founder of CDT and was ordained at the Rabbinical School of Hebrew College in 2008, as part of its first class.*

## THE POETRY OF MOUNTAINS

with *Lisa Schneier*

We will explore what the mountain setting gives to the Revelation story through a group experience of poetry that brings us into a variety of human encounters with mountains. *CDT member Lisa Schneier is a lover of poetry, a former high school English teacher, and currently a professor of education.*



## BLINTZ BREAK

10:55-11:15

## SESSION THREE

11:15 to midnight

### THE COURAGE TO TEACH

with *Jethro Berkman*

In this session we'll explore the nature of teaching and learning through the lens of a classic rabbinic text and a modern Israeli poem. *CDT member Rabbi Jethro Berkman is the Dean of Jewish Education at Gann Academy.*

## THE TORAH OF YOGA FROM LIBERATION TO REVELATION

with *Esther Kohn*

As we practice simple poses to free our bodies, minds, and spirits from everyday stress and constriction, we'll discover how yoga can help us tune into the teachings and themes of Shavuot. *Esther is a devoted member of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek and an educator who has been practicing yoga for over twenty years.*

## WHEN THE HEAVENS OPEN

Midnight

We will come together at midnight for a brief closing teaching and meditation with **Rabbi Toba**, at the time when, traditionally, the heavens open and the Torah (teaching) meant especially for each of us is most accessible.

Photo of blintzes from Wikimedia Commons

# Community

## MAZEL TOV

A belated mazel tov to **Matilda and Ed Bruckner**, on the birth of their granddaughter, Helena Birdie Bruckner, born on Feb 15 to their son Rafi and his wife Karolina!

To **Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx**, and to **Josh Herzig-Marx and Carla Naumburg**, on the birth and brit milah of their grandson/nephew, Nadav Achituv!

To our May b'not mitzvah and their families, **Dani Imperato** and **Amalia Mireles-Shorr!**

To **Deb Albenberg**, who started a new job as the Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent for the Town of Provincetown.

And a big Mazel Tov to all of our graduates:

To **Lily Gombert**, who is graduating from Newton North High School, and in January 2017, she will be attending Brandeis University. Before then she will be spending a gap semester doing homestay, service, and traveling in Latin America.

To **Elise Hausman**, who is graduating from Newton North High School and is very excited to be heading to Northwestern University in the fall of 2016.

To **Zev Hattis**, who is graduating from Newton North High School this June and will be attending Tufts University starting in the fall.

To **Julia Ansolabehere**, who is graduating from Newton North High School. She is heading to Northwestern University, where she will pursue a dual degree

in clarinet performance and "a natural science."

To **Jake Roll**, who is graduating from Newton North High School in June. This fall he will be taking a gap year. In September 2017 he will attend Cornell University.

To **Annalisa Zoe Flynn**, who is graduating from Newton South High School and will be attending University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Honors College.

To **Mikayla Marshall**, who is graduating from Newton South High School and plans to attend Mount Holyoke College in the fall.

To **Aryeh Lieberman**, who is graduating this Spring from Newton South High School and will be heading to the Rochester Institute of Technology in the Fall to study Computer Science and whatever else strikes his fancy.

To **Zoe Grodsky**, who is graduating from Watertown High School and will be attending Middlebury College.

To **Luke Alley**, who is graduating from Bancroft High School in June and will be attending Northeastern University in the fall.

To **Lev Kling-Bronstein**, who is graduating from Gann Academy and will be going to Boston University this fall.

To **Sasha Grodsky**, who is graduating from Bates College with a degree in Rhetoric.

To **Jeremy Marshall**, who is graduating from Clark University, where he majored in Ge-

ography. He will be staying in Worcester.

To **Rebecca Ansolabehere**, who is graduating from Washington University in St. Louis with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

To **Zoe Miller**, who graduated from the University of Michigan with an honors degree in Organizational Studies.

To **Mira Netsky**, who is graduating from Kenyon College with Phi Beta Kappa in Political Science.

To **Cora Hersh**, who is graduating from Haverford College this May with high honors in physics. In June, she will begin a fellowship in science writing at the National Cancer Institute in Maryland.

To **Marina Miller**, who is graduating from McGill this spring with a BA in English/Cultural Studies. She will be attending graduate school at the University of Manchester, England, where she is beginning a Master's program in Visual Anthropology.

To **Charlotte Cohen**, who is graduating from the University of Rochester with a BA in psychology and brain and cognitive science.

To **Davin Paley-Zimble**, who graduated from Hampshire College in May.

To **Zach Demuth**, who is receiving his Master's Degree from the Hotel School at Cornell University, where he won the Cornell Hospitality Business plan competition. He will be starting a job at the Ritz Carlton.

To **Nate Farber**, who is completing an MBA at Columbia Business School and starting a new finance job at Pepsi's headquarters, just north of NYC.

## TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with kiddush or holiday programs in April and May:

**Jenny Sartori & Barry Gilbert, Benita Danzing, Lisa Chedekel & Isabel Morais, Marcia Okun & Josh Lieberman, Gail Pressberg, Rebecca Pomerantz, Tania Mireles & Bill Shorr, Ilana Joy Streit, Denise Yurkofsky, Idit Klein and David Greenberg, Ruth Paris, Miriam Bronstein, Cindy Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury, Tal Shalom Kobi, Sharon Sevransky and Karen Engels.**

Todah Rabah to CDT Members who chanted from the Torah, led services, and provided Divrei Torah from March 19 through May 7: Leyners: **Miriam Bronstein, Laurie Goldman, Ezra Hausman, Dani Imperato, Reva Kasman (guest), Sue Lanser, David Lobron, Elaine Pollack, and Bill Shorr.**

Service Leading: **Karen Arnold, Jethro Berkman, Shahar Colt, Laurie Goldman, Audrey Marcus-Berkman, Susan Moser, and Dan Rome.**

Divrei Torah: **Ellie Goldberg, Ruth Paris**, and the Tikkun Olam Committee (for coordinating Sam Williams' guest talk).

Thank you to our CDT Team Captain for the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, **Abby Cohen**, for organizing our team web page and donations, and to **Shahar Colt** for organizing our CDT school participation.

# Community



The story of the Nowy Dwor Jewish cemetery's rescue and restoration began in 1988 and really took off in 2009. A fundraising campaign through descendants of survivors, and work with the local Polish government, allowed local city employees to dig up over 100 gravestones that had been paved over. These matzevot have been installed on a wall in the partially restored cemetery, kept secure by a fence around the premises.

There was a dedication in July of 2011. In June of 2014, a yahrtzeit wall to those who perished in the Shoah and were never buried, was dedicated. David's presentation was a beautiful story, as he and others are helping to right the wrong of what occurred during a horrible part of world history. For more information, visit [nowydworjewishmemorial.org](http://nowydworjewishmemorial.org).

Photo of David Wluka

## YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM AT CDT

by Jen Kaplan

On May 4, 2016, David Wluka, whose father Icek Wluka was a survivor of the Holocaust, came to CDT to share the story of what happened to the Jewish cemetery from the town of Nowy Dwor in Poland and what is occurring now.

After the transport of the last 4,000 Jews from the Nowy Dwor ghetto in May 1942, the Jewish cemetery was plundered, and the headstones (*matzevot*) and caskets were removed and used as roads and walkways and the bones scattered. The earth left was mined as a gravel pit with just random pieces of graves remaining, on what should have been a holy site.

## RECONSTRUCTIONIST NEWS

### RITUALWELL.ORG: SHAVUOT

Celebrate Shavuot on June 11 with new prayers, rituals and readings on Ritualwell.org, the Reconstructionist movement's website for experimental ritual: <http://ritualwell.org/categories/27>.

### REGISTER NOW FOR HEVREH, SUMMER ADULT LEARNING

July 20-24, 2016

For the second year in a row, RRC / Jewish Reconstructionist Communities has partnered with TriBraining (a not-for-profit educational foundation) and Capital Camps to create Hevreh — a summer retreat for adult Jewish learning.

Located in Waynesboro, PA, Hevreh is a summer retreat for adults who want to broaden their Jewish experience through study, prayer, spiritual renewal and growth with leading Jewish scholars from around the country, including RRC professors Rabbi Jacob Staub, Ph.D. and Rabbi David Teutsch, Ph.D.

For more information about the camp site and location, teachers and classes, visit [www.hevreh.net](http://www.hevreh.net).

## JEWISH COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF MASSACHUSETTS ANNUAL TRIBUTE CELEBRATION

### TORCH BEARERS: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

Thursday, June 16, 2016, 6:00 pm

Temple Aliyah, Needham

Honoring Arinne Braverman, Carol Clinigan, Linna Ettinger and Marilyn Lipman.

Contact them for more information, **617-244-6506**; [info@synagoguecouncil.org](mailto:info@synagoguecouncil.org).

# Tikkun Olam

Join the Tikkun Olam committee for its next meeting on Thursday, June 2, 7:30 pm, in the Second Church Living Room. We'll have a discussion of immigrants rights with special guest Phoebe Gardner. She'll talk about her work with a new immigrant rights movement called Cosecha, building towards a national strike of millions of students and workers. We'll also touch base on ongoing work on criminal justice reform and racial justice, and discuss any new ideas folks have. At each meeting we are aiming to take time for substantive discussion on a topic of interest. Feel free to contact me.  
— *Bonnie Tenneriello, Chair*

On March 30, at the Tikkun Olam Committee took up the topic of reparations, fueled by Ta-Nehisi Coates's article "The Case for Reparations" (link available at the "Understanding Race" link on CDT's Tikkun Olam page on our website).

We began with a check-in on initial feelings on the issue of reparations for African-Americans as well as reactions to the Coates article. Examples of reparations to other populations include Japanese incarcerated during WWII and Americans and Europeans held in other countries, such as Germany, were introduced. The ensuing discussion focused on feasibility, potential sources for reparations, who would be asked to contribute, and the need to be more inclusive of other race groups, like Native Americans. Alan challenged us by asking how much each person would be willing to pay toward reparations as a way to personalize our conversation. It became clear that more conversations are likely to follow.  
— *Tatajna Meschede*

## NEW GARDEN PROJECT: CDT AND FUSN TO GROW FOOD FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

by Laya Steinberg

A new project is being organized in conjunction with FUSN to grow produce to donate to the Newton Food Pantry and Family Table. FUSN has been growing vegetables for a few years on a plot of land in Waltham (Beaver Street). Fresh produce is an important staple that is harder to obtain than

canned and dried food, so this is a welcome and healthy addition to what we are already donating to families in need.

If you'd like to be involved in some way: planting, watering, weeding, harvesting or delivering, please get in touch with **Laya Steinberg** at [lasword@rcn.com](mailto:lasword@rcn.com). No experience necessary and no long-term commitment needed — come for an hour, an afternoon or all summer! There are plenty of tasks for those that don't dig the digging. Families welcome, especially fun for kids!

## MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

by Abby Cohen

On Sunday, May 8, over 70 members of CDT joined an estimated 15,000 who participated in the 2016 Mother's Day Walk for Peace through Boston. The walk began in Fields Corner, Dorchester and ended at City Hall. Funds raised support the work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, whose vision is to transform the way society responds to homicide, treating families impacted by murder with dignity and compassion. In addition to taking part in the walk, CDT members donated over \$2,600 this year to this worthy organization.

It was both inspiring and humbling walking through the streets of Boston, going from one neighborhood to another along with so many people, many of whom were families impacted by murder. The Peace Rally at the end of the walk was also moving as Charles Bogues, the man incarcerated for killing Tina Chery's son, Louis Brown, spoke to the crowd, acknowledging the harm he caused not only to Louis' family, but to his own and the greater community. Tina's efforts over the years included reaching out to Charles's mother as well as supporting Charles's efforts to receive parole and rebuild his life.

See photo of CDT members at the walk on page 12.

## CDT VOLUNTEERS AT THE PRISON BOOK PROGRAM

by Barbara Shatkin

In the late fall of last year, CDT collected over 400 books from members to donate to the Prison Book Program (PBP) in Quincy, MA.

On Tuesday, May 3, a group of eight CDT members went via carpool and T to volunteer for the first time with the PBP. CDT volunteers were assigned to one of three tasks: reading letters written by prisoners to the PBP requesting specific books or kinds of books be sent to them and selecting books from the PBP stacks that most closely match prisoners' requests; verifying that the set of books selected for individuals are a close enough match to the "invoice" describing the requested books, and packaging up the books and addressing the packages to be sent out.

We worked in the basement of the United First Parish Church (Quincy), finding the PBP — a totally volunteer-run organization — to be a very well-organized operation. A good number of other volunteers, some from Boston Cares, worked with us that night. CDT volunteers really enjoyed the experience and expressed interest in volunteering again. Those of us who drove in the carpool brainstormed on our way back about additional ways CDT might further the mission of the PBP; we plan to discuss this at our next CDT Tikkun Olam/Criminal Justice Reform (CJR) meeting.

As an unexpected bonus, a PBP volunteer and member of the Unitarian Church that meets at the United First Parish Church, invited volunteers to go on a tour of the historic church that houses the PBP. Among many other things we were told about the history of the Church, we learned that it was designed by Alexander Parris, the same architect who designed Quincy Market, and that the Church is a National Historic Landmark. Our tour ended with a visit into the crypt that holds the bodies of two presidents — John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and their spouses, down the hall from the PBP!

It is likely we will do this volunteer activity again, so please keep an eye out if you have an interest in participating next time.

# 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 liturgical 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](mailto:mindful-mornings@dorsheitzedek.org). All are welcome.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES

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](mailto:CEC@dorsheitzedek.org) or reach out to any of us individually: **Erica Streit-Kaplan (Chair)**, **Andy Stefano**, **Audra Karp**, **Becca Gutman**, **Emily Shumsky** and **Tania Mireles**.



Photo of Will Kleinberg, Miranda Phillips, and Julia Kleinberg

## MOTHER'S DAY AT CDT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by The Feinfeld Family, Shahar Colt, and Alison Lobron

On May 8, more than 70 members of Dorshei Tzedek joined about 15,000 participants in the 20th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, sponsored by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, walking from Dorchester to Boston City Hall. With the core belief that "Peace is Possible," the Institute works especially on "healing, teaching and learning" with families directly affected by violence.

Members of our Dalet, Hay/Vav, and Zayin classes walked with their families. **Izzy Feinfeld** (Hay/Vav) said that "it was really meaningful to see all those people walking for the same important cause." This year's theme was "Celebrating the Courage of Community." We can reflect back on our Mother's Day walk, thinking about the meaning of courage as individuals, as members of our own unique community, and too as members of a broader community which is in need of both justice and peace.

Also on May 8, the younger members of the Dorshei Tzedek Religious School had an in-school program exploring what it means to pursue peace. Students read the story "The Zax," by Dr. Seuss, and learned about solving conflicts. They also explored the words of Oseh Shalom through writing and art. And, in honor of Mother's Day, students created beautiful bouquets to recognize the role of mothers in creating *shalom bayit* (peace in the home).

Starting with our youngest students, reaching up to our oldest and beyond, it was wonderful to come together and recognize that all of us can contribute to making our world a more peaceful place.

# Chesed

## CHESED TIP: FOOD CONTAINERS

by Eileen F. Morrison

We all know how crazy things can get when you have a new baby, a serious illness or injury, or a loss in the family. So when you're bringing a chesed meal consider increasing the mitzvah by bringing the meal in a recyclable container or foil pan that you don't need back.

If you want the container back, write your name on the container and the lid (or stick on an address label). Ask the recipient to leave the container on the front porch or other location so you can come back to pick it up.

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 to a medical appointment.

The Chesed Committee would like to thank everyone who provided chesed last month.

The Chesed coordinators for June and July are **Ellen Pashall** and **Fran Malino** — you can use [chesed@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:chesed@dorsheitzedek.org) to contact them.

We post Chesed tasks online on the Lotsa-HelpingHands (LHH) calendar. Sign up for LHH at <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH>. Forgot your LHH password? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/GetPsWrdLHH>

If you have a major life cycle event or illness or injury, contact **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** at [rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org) or call 617-965-0330.

Rabbi Toba 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](mailto:rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org) or 617-965-0330. She does not check email or voicemail on Shabbat (Friday evening

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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 healing to **Ruby Cohen** and **Dan Karp**.

We all know how  
crazy things can  
get when you have a  
new baby, a serious  
illness or injury, or a  
loss in the family.

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Linda and Peter Katz**, on the death of Linda's mother, Lina Weiss; may her memory be for a blessing.

## YAHARZEIT

This month we remember David Keimowitz Crozier, son of **Jessica Keimowitz and Polly Crozier**, whose 4th yahrzeit falls on June 22. We will be remembering David at Shabbat morning services on June 18. 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>.

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.

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Lissy Medvedow & Cliff Cohen—*in memory of Gina Fried*

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Rachel and Chad Pytel

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Marsha and Alan Rubenstein—*in loving memory of Gina Fried*

Cheryl & Jeff Sacks—*in memory of Gina Fried*

Lisa Samelson and Paul Hattis—*in memory of Gina Fried*

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# CDT Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton.</p>			1	2	3	4
				<p><b>Mindful Mornings</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am</p> <p><b>Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting</b> 60 Highland Street: Living Room 7:30pm</p>		<p><b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am to 12:00pm</p>
			8	9	10	11
				<p><b>Mindful Mornings</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am</p>	<p><b>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck</b> 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>Shabbat Morning Service &amp; Bar Mitzvah of Eli Tarbox</b> 9:45am to 12:00pm</p> <p><b>Tot Shabbat</b> 10:45am to 12:00pm</p> <p><b>Shavuot with Congregation Dorshei Tzedek</b> 8:00pm to 12:00am</p>
			15	16	17	18
5	6	7	<p><b>CDT Joint Board Meeting</b> 60 Highland St.: Library 7:00pm to 9:00pm</p>	<p><b>Mindful Mornings</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am</p>		<p><b>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:45am to 9:40am</p> <p><b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am to 12:00pm</p>
12	13	14				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			<p><b>Mindful Mornings</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am</p>			<p><b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am to 12:00pm</p> <p><b>CDT Hikes: Dogtown, Gloucester</b> 99 Dogtown Rd, Gloucester, MA 01930 2:00pm</p>
26	27	28	29	30	JUL 1	2
			<p><b>Mindful Mornings</b> 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am</p>			

## KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

**JUN 4 SHABBAT** Josette Akresh-Gonzales & Michael Gonzales/Nathan Aronow/Steve Siegel

**JUN 5 MEMBERS' MEETING** Amy Mazur—in *Memory of Rhoda & Marvin Mazur*/Abby Schwartz/Ricky Greenly/Erica Fretwell

**JUN 10 EREV SHABBAT** Karen Leitner/Merav Opher/Audrey Marcus-Berkman/Amy Westebbe

**JUN 11 SHABBAT & BAR MITZVAH**  
**Sanctuary Cleanup:** Pamela & Steven Katz  
**Kiddush Setup:** Rebecca Pomerantz & Terry Traub/Hilary Marcus & Jonathan Magaziner/Susan Bernstein/Vilunya Diskin  
**Kiddush Cleanup:** Terry Traub/Hilary Marcus/Karen Wasserman & Betsy Hinden/Scott Gordon/Karen Engels  
Ushers: Abby & Jordan Schwartz

**JUN 18 SHABBAT** Jordan Schwartz/Rachel Davenport & Mark Paley/Ilana Mainelli

**JUN 25 SHABBAT** Karen Arnold/Robin Bernstein/Rabbi Allison Peiser/Wendy Gedaken

**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 and 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.

Please notify  
the Newsletter  
of life cycle  
events, significant  
accomplishments, or  
other moments you  
would like to share  
with the community.

## Nediv Lev (continued)

Linda Schiller and Steve Robins—in *memory of Inez Krohn*  
Lisa Schneier—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Sharon Sevransky and Jeff Goldman—in *thanks to Alissa and Gerry Leonard*  
Peter Shapiro  
Joanne Share and Rochelle Weichman  
Cindy Shulak-Rome & Dan Rome—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Emily and David Shumsky—in *honor of the excellent work done by Alison Lobron*  
Jodie Siegel—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Susan Silberberg—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Eileen Silverman—in *memory of Gina Fried; on the occasion of Dani Imperato's bat mitzvah*  
Carol and Julia Sklar—in *memory of Evelyn Bach*  
Emily Sper—in *memory of my mother, Rose H. Sper*

Laya Steinberg and Bruce Miller—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Chagit Steiner and Tom Brown—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Bonnie Tenneriello & Andrew Sofer—in *memory of Gina Fried*  
Kali Saposnick Van Campen—in *memory of Gina Fried; on the occasion of Dani Imperato's bat mitzvah*  
Rabbi Andrew Vogel, Temple Sinai—in *memory of Linda Katz's mother, Lina Weiss*  
Deborah Waber—in *memory of Isador Waber*  
Denise and Mark Yurkofsky  
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## CDT at the Mother's Day Walk for Peace



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