IT WAS just a year ago that I wrote my summer newsletter column in the wake of a terrible act of hate and terror—the mass shooting at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina. And now, as I write this column, there has again been an act of hate and terror—the slaughter at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. In each event, an unstable individual, inspired by his own twisted imagination and the provocations of online communities of hate, enacted unspeakable violence on a community that has known its share of discrimination and oppression. With each event, the outpouring of support for the community affected is moving and beautiful, an important antidote to the acts of violence.

With each event like this, I am left wondering about the ease with which some people are moved to violence, and I have to acknowledge the reality that for a large percentage of the world's population, ongoing violence is a part of people's everyday lives. As a society, we tend to distinguish between different types of violence: violent crime, mass shootings, state-sanctioned violence committed by police and armies, acts of terror. Certain types of violence are more visible to us, some less; some upset us more than others, depending on who the victims are, and who the perpetrators. But whatever lines we might like to draw, whatever distinctions might seem meaningful, I find no real way to justify any action in which one human takes the life of another.

The human propensity for violence is the subject of our most ancient texts. In the Torah, the first significant act of human-born men is when Cain kills his brother Abel. God seems surprised by this development, asking Cain what has become of his brother. Little did the Blessed Holy One know back in Chapter 2 of Genesis, continued on next page
when humans were created with free will, that just a few chapters later the human capacity to choose good or evil would lead to murder. It is possible to read the rest of the Torah as God trying to figure out how to deal with this unexpected tendency of its creations. From wiping out all of humanity and starting over with Noah, to choosing Abraham as a covenantal partner, to sending Moses back to Egypt to liberate the Israelites in an attempt to create a new kind of society, God just keeps at it, trying to foster a human community that can rise above its destructive urges.

The summer months are bracketed by two important moments in the Jewish calendar. In June we celebrated Shavuot, marking the moment at Sinai when the Israelites entered into a covenantal relationship with God and with one another. In the Torah’s imagining, those relationships are defined by ethical and ritual laws. To be a holy people, and to be fully human, the Torah argues, we need precise instructions to do what is just, Godly, and compassionate. Shavuot marks the culmination of our liberation from slavery, the moment in which we take on responsibility for creating a new kind of society.

Sixteen weeks after Shavuot, in the fall, we enter into the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe. During these ten days, we focus less on communal commitments and more on the state of our individual souls. We remind ourselves of all the ways we have fallen short, and seek forgiveness from one another and from the Source of all Life. We make amends; we try again.

Whether in Charleston or Orlando, in Tel Aviv or Ramallah, in Syria or Honduras or Russia, humanity still has a long way to go. We continue to hurt one another, to hate, to give in to our fear and our greed and our limited capacity to imagine another way. We need to remind ourselves that none of this is new, and at the same time that the world has changed, and will continue to do so. The violent death of a group of gay Latino men would not have evoked the same horrified response in America just a few decades ago. There is another, beautiful and loving side of human nature, a side which is fostered by both Shavuot and Yom Kippur—the need for transformation on both the social and the individual level. We need to continue our work for a world without racism, without homophobia, without anti-Semitism, without violence against women and children and the poor.

We need to continue our own spiritual work, challenging anger and fear as it arises within our own hearts and minds. I have no doubt that the daily headlines will continue their litany of heartbreaking news. And yet I take some solace in the awareness that we are in this for the long haul, and that creating a new kind of reality is not only possible, but is demanded of us. In these summer months, as we move from the revelation at Sinai towards the promise of renewal at Rosh Hashanah, may we replenish ourselves with the warmth of the sun, the light of long days, and hopefully some time off to rest and enjoy with family and friends. May the weeks and months ahead bring new possibilities for peace and healing, for a world in which violence becomes an aberration, and hatred a thing of the past.

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. 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.
SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE
During the months of July and August, we hold two Shabbat mornings services each month, plus one all-ages erev Shabbat service in the month of August. Weekly Shabbat morning services resume on September 3.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES
Saturdays, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20
9:45 am - 12:00 pm, followed by Kiddush lunch

Shabbat morning services are led by CDT members in July, and Rabbi Toba returns in August. Join us for song and silence, prayer and reflection, and Torah study.

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).

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT
Friday, August 5
6:00 pm, candle lighting and potluck vegetarian dinner; 6:45 pm, service

All are welcome to 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 6:45pm, followed by dessert at 7:30pm.

INCLUSION TASK FORCE

By Susan Nitkin

At CDT one of our core values is Inclusion and Human Dignity, the affirmation that every human being is created b’tzelem Elohim, “in God’s image,” and is thus deserving of care and respect. Another core value is Kavanah, sacred intention, in which we strive to engage in speech and action with deliberate thoughtful attention and intention.

Our mission statement articulates our dedication to creating a caring, inclusive community and enhancing Jewish practice and learning in the lives of all our members. We are proud and happy that CDT is now a partner in the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RISP), a new entity created by the Ruderman Family Foundation and Combined Jewish Philanthropy. RISP provides support to synagogues in promoting inclusion in all aspects of synagogue life.

We’re excited to announce the formation of the Inclusion Task Force at CDT. Our two major areas of focus will be (1) addressing issues of food in order to make our events more accessible to members who have particular needs, and (2) promoting knowledge and understanding about human differences and inclusion within the CDT community. We plan to meet this summer in order to delineate what tasks we’d like to take on for the coming year and map out a plan for accomplishing these tasks. We invite any members who are interested in participating to contact either Susan Nitkin or Alison Lobron.

CDT at the “kick-off” event for the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RISP). In the photo are (left to right): Barry Shrage (president of CJP), Susan Nitkin, Carole Slipowitz, David Lobron, Alison Lobron, Jay Ruderman (president of the Ruderman Family Foundation), Rabbi Toba, Lisa Schneier, and Alyssa Cohen.
MAZEL TOV
To Eli Tarbox and his family, on becoming Bar Mitzvah!

To our Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Shahar Colt, who received her rabbinic ordination in a beautiful Hebrew College ceremony on June 5. At the ceremony, the Dean of the Rabbinical School, Rabbi Sharon Cohen-Anisfeld, offered a blessing that captured much of Rabbi Shahar’s gifts; here is a short excerpt:

“Shahar, one of your great strengths is the blend of sensitivity and stamina with which you seek out honest conversation about difficult questions... You challenge us to think about the power of literacy and shared language from a place of love, rather than fear. You care deeply about cultural fluency, and you long for a vision of Jewish life that is welcoming without being watered down. You take seriously the sacred task of teaching—as seriously as anyone I know—and you think carefully about how to create learning environments that are both honest and honorable, where all are elevated and none are demeaned. You understand that hesed is at the heart of our work as rabbis, that the knowledge we seek is not for our own aggrandizement, but to allow us to be of service to communities searching for genuine connection with each other and with God.”

Mazel tov to Rabbi Shahar and to the CDT community on this wonderful occasion!

TODAH RABBAH
A huge Todah Rabbah to everyone who made our Tikkun Leil Shavuot such a special evening, including: Laurie Goldman, for overall coordinating, planning, and shlepping; our teachers—Fran Malino, Susie Tanchel, Elaine Pollack, Lisa Schneier, Jethro Berkman and Esther Kohn; the Blintz Crew—Marcia Okun, Josh Lieberman, Aryeh Lieberman and Annalisa Flynn; and members of the Ritual Committee who helped with set up, clean up, and food—Marion Ross, Dianne Lior, and Debbie Weber.

Todah rabbah to everyone who helped with kiddush or holiday programs in May and June:

Todah Rabbah Rabbah to our 2015-16 leadership team:
President: Jen Kaplan; VP Finance: Cliff Cohen; VP Membership: Melanie Adler; VP Education: Lisa Schneier; VP Leadership: Ora Grodsky; Secretary: David Lobron; Children’s Education: Erica Streit-Kaplan; Nediv Lev: Mark Paley; Newsletter: Danny Shain; Ritual: Marion Ross and Laurie Goldman; Rabbinic Liaison: Cindy Shulak-Rome; Space: Noam Shore; Tikkun Olam: Bonnie Tenneriello; Website: Dan Halbert; Members At Large: Roy Edelstein, Mark Farber, Jessica Keimowitz, Jen Levine-Fried, Lissy Medvedow, Susan Silberberg, Andrew Sofer.

We gratefully welcome our incoming 2016-17 Executive Board, Members at Large, and Off-Board Chairs (see page 2)!

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.)
Our congregation values chesed, acts of loving-kindness. The Chesed Committee coordinates our community's response for members who are in need of support, such as at the time of a birth or adoption, illness, death, or other significant life change. Some of the types of things we coordinate include meals, grocery shopping, and transportation for a medical appointment.

The Chesed coordinators for July are Ellen Pashall and Fran Malino, and for August are Benita Danzing and Amy Westebbe. Contact them at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

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.

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**Chesed Update**

**By Ellie Goldberg**

CDT’s Chesed Survey gave the Chesed Committee members useful feedback for improving communication, explaining the different types of chesed tasks members can do, and encouraging men to respond to chesed requests.

Watch for these changes:

- When Chesed Coordinators contact a member, they will explain that Chesed can provide non-food options as well as meals or food baskets. Chesed coordinators can facilitate requests for rides, errands, pet or childcare, etc.

- The initial email to the congregation will include the date, time, and location of the Chesed request so members can see the logistical details without going to the LotsaHelpingHands calendar.

- Coordinators will break up large meal requests into several parts so more than one member can share the task.

- The Chesed page on the CDT website will include resources such as menus and recipes, especially for gluten-free items, as well as places to get take-out meals or food baskets. If you have a favorite recipe for a Chesed or kiddush dish, please send it to chesed@dorsheitzedek.org so we can share it.

- The Chesed page also includes Chesed Q&As and inspirational readings about giving and receiving acts of chesed.

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Rabbi Toba will be in Israel for much of July and on retreat during parts of August; while she is away, there will be an on-call rabbi. In addition, there will be CDT members coordinating shivah minyanim for anyone in need during those times. If you are in need of a rabbi or help with a death in the family, call 617-965-0330 x2 (Rabbi Toba’s extension); if she is out of town, there will be instructions to call the Chesed Coordinators, who will provide you with any necessary information and support, or you may email the coordinators at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

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**REFUAH SH’LEYMAH**

We send blessings for healing to Ruby Cohen, Dan Karp, and DB Reiff.

**CONDOLENCES**

We extend our deepest sympathies to Barbara Blumenthal and Barry Ehrlich, on the death of Barbara’s father, Robert Blumenthal; may his memory be for a blessing.

**YAHRZEIT**

We remember CDT member Evelyn Felson, whose 10th yahrzeit falls on July 21. We will be remembering Evelyn at Shabbat morning services on July 23.

**MOURNING AT CDT**


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Photo by Ellie Goldberg
Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 18, 7:30 pm

Join the Tikkun Olam Committee as we look ahead to next year's social justice work at Dorshei Tzedek. Bring your commitment, your chutzpah, or just your curiosity.

Cdt Represented at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Action

By Emily Sper

A group of 22 members represented Dorshei Tzedek at the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) Action on May 24 at the Old South Church. It was an inspiring evening.

On the criminal justice front, we heard from a young man who, as a minor, had agreed to a plea bargain and now, even with a GED, was having problems getting a job because the conviction was being held against him. He asked to be valued as a human and for a second chance. Chief Justice Gants spoke of the need for individually tailored, rather than mandatory, sentencing, keeping minors out of jail, and getting them the help they need to get on the right track. He asked for our help in lobbying our legislators for criminal justice reform in the fall.

Reducing healthcare costs is another issue GBIO has been addressing. We heard how health insurance isn’t the same as healthcare. While most Massachusetts residents now have health insurance, many are struggling with costs. A young woman with a decent job, who had chosen a new Health Connector plan when the one she had was eliminated, told how the cost of her life-sustaining diabetes medications jumped to $500 from $50 when she went to fill her prescription.

GBIO’s Affordable Housing & Displacement Team, along with City Councilors, the Chief of Housing, and Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development, urged us to get Boston voters (maybe you!) to vote for the Community Preservation Act (CPA), which would raise money that could be used for housing.

A single mother told us that, after waiting for over a year, her application for public housing had been turned down. The reason? She’d moved into her mother’s one-bedroom apartment in Quincy where she, her child, and mother slept in the same bed. They’d all been forced out of South Boston by high rents. Another member spoke of wanting to remain in the house she owns in Roxbury and for her grown children to be able to afford to live nearby.

Rev. Burns Stanfield, GBIO President, brought out the best “amens” of the crowd after his fiery talk about affordable housing. We filled out pledge cards—the number of Boston residents we’ll get to vote for CPA and for donations to the GBIO Impact Fund—and then, while we waited for the numbers to be crunched, some great music got us on our feet singing and clapping. I left hopeful we will make a difference.
CDT “UNDERSTANDING RACE” GROUP DISCUSSION

By Linda Kramer

On Sunday evening May 22, the CDT “Understanding Race” group hosted a discussion of Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book, *Between the World and Me*. The book has received many accolades, and this was reflected in the considerable value folks found in reading it. Written to Coates’ 16 year old son, it prepares him to grapple with living in the world as a black male. People shared their take-aways, with comments such as “vulnerability of the black body” and “what does it mean to be safe.” Overall, the comments reflected the readers’ experience that the book brings us closer to understanding what it might be like to live in a black (male) body. Coates helps us understand the visceral terror that underlies the tough image of black teens living in violent neighborhoods.

We discussed Coates’ description of whiteness as a constructed notion. He describes white people as “those who believe they are white” and how ideas of whiteness came to be. He discusses the [American] “dream” that white folks strive towards, and yet is an illusion, as it is a false sense of security if it’s only available to some and not to others. We noted the exuberance of Coates’ experience of blackness when he attended Howard University, where he was surrounded by a rich diversity of people of color. Coates calls on all of us to be part of the greater humanity of our planet. We ended our discussion with reflections on being Jewish, and how our identity, as an ethnicity, has parallels and differences to black experiences.

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. 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!
Nediv Lev

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**BUILDING FUND**

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Learning

Religious School Notes

From the Children’s Education Committee

Thank you to all the Religious School parents who completed the CEC survey. We received some great ideas and have some action items for this summer and into next year.

Many respondents congratulated Rabbi Shahar and Alison Lobron for their dedication, hard work, and success this year. Others noted that they enjoyed the JCDS location, Z’mon Rishon and parent learning programs.

Communication, especially regarding scheduling, was an important theme in areas to be improved. To that end, there is now a master schedule for Religious School 2016-17 on the religious school website so that you can begin planning next year right now.

Many parents had suggestions for tweaks to the curriculum, such as inclusion of more Jewish history. Rabbi Shahar will be undertaking curriculum development projects for a few different grade levels this summer, and would love to hear from parents about Jewish curricular topics that feel important to them.

Many other ideas were suggested, and the CEC and Rabbi Shahar will be working together to see how each can be incorporated into our school.

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 Andy Stefano, Chair of the CEC, at CEC@dorsheitzedek.org.

ELUL: PREPARING FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Wednesday evenings: September 7, 14, and 21, 7:30-9:00 pm
60 Highland Street, Library

In rabbinic tradition, the month of Elul—the 4 weeks leading up to Rosh Hashanah—are an auspicious time for personal reflection and transformation. In this class, we will explore some of the themes of the High Holydays, studying a variety of Jewish texts and thinking together about how to make meaningful changes, whether big or small, in our lives. Free and open to the community; please join us.

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. During the summer, sessions will be led by CDT members.

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.

PARTY IN THE PARK: SUN, SONG, GAMES, AND FOOD FOR THE BODY AND SOUL!

Sunday, August 21, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Location TBD

A special event for families with Rabbi Shahar Colt—for CDT members and prospective members! This is an opportunity to introduce your friends and acquaintances to CDT and our religious school. We are especially seeking more children for our preschool through 2nd grade classes. So tell a friend, spread the word, and join us yourselves! The party will feature a kosher cook-out, music, and fun.

FREE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAININGS

Tuesday, July 19, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Wednesday, August 10, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Sundays, September 11 and 18, 12:30-4:30 pm

Thanks to a grant administered through the city of Newton, Dorshei Tzedek, FUSN, and several other local faith communities are co-hosting Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings. These eight hour trainings are free, and directed towards any adult who has any contact with youth, not only youth professionals! This is a valuable opportunity for anyone who has children or youth in their family or extended family, neighborhood, or work environment. Free trainings are offered in July, August and September; we encourage any Dorshei members to attend. Please be in touch with Rabbi Shahar (dcl@dorsheitzedek.org) for more information.
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- **Prison Book Program**: 6:30-9:00pm United First Parish Church, Quincy
- **CDT Israel Trip begins**
- **Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting**: 7:30pm
- **Party in the Park**: 11:00am-1:00pm
- **Labor Day Shabbat Service**: 9:45am-12:00pm

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KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

JULY 9 Shabbat Morning Service: Ellie Goldberg—in memory of Theresa Koenigsberg & Leola Michaels / Lauren Stefano / Debbie Waber

JULY 23 Shabbat Morning Service: Andrew Stefano / Sarah Hartman / Laurie Gould

AUG 5 All-ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck: Erica Streit-Kaplan / Karen Arnold / Charles Frankston / Allison Andrews

AUG 6 Shabbat Morning Service: Linda & Peter Katz / Wendy Frankston

AUG 20 Shabbat Morning Service: Barry Ingber / Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx

SEP 2 All-ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck: Carla Naumburg / Carol Sklar / Emily Mathis / Sarah Birkeland

SEP 3 Shabbat Morning Service: Matt Fried / Rick Glassman / Alice Markowitz / Willa Kuh

Events

WISE AGING

Marion Ross and Louise Enoch will once again be offering the “Wise Aging” group. Based on a curriculum developed by the Jewish Institute for Spirituality, the group offers participants the opportunity to explore topics related to aging, as well as to develop a spiritual approach to the challenges of the later years. Designed for anyone over 60, the group uses discussion, texts, meditation, and self reflection to build a foundation for joy and resilience. Learn more about the potential for growth that the years ahead can offer, while deepening relationships among group members. Come join us! Let Marion or Louise (lpenoch@rcn.com or mariikal50@hotmail.com) know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Reconstructionist News

A BIking Shabbaton, in the Berkshires

September 3-5

Are you interested in social and environmental justice? Take hold of your handlebars and join the “Recon Riders” for Hazon's annual Ride and Retreat, a Shabbaton and supported bike ride through the Berkshires, Hudson Valley, and New York City. Never done something like this before? Don’t worry, all cycling levels are welcome! To get involved, contact team co-captain Becca Richman (becca.ilana@gmail.com) or visit http://hazon.org/bike-rides/rideandretreat/about-the-ride for more information.

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Contact Danny at dannyshain@gmail.com if interested.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: JOIN IN THE FUN!

CDT is partnering with FUSN to grow fresh produce for the Newton Food Pantry and Family Table. More on page 7.

Carole Slipowitz of CDT and Luca Antonucci of FUSN build a teepee for pole beans for the CDT/FUSN gardening project.

Photo by Laya Steinberg.