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## Missing Men?

by Ezra Hausman

Photo: June 2016 Members Meeting. Photo by Viv Shein.

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**A GROUP OF** CDT men was invited to join the Ritual Committee meeting on May 9 for a wide-ranging discussion of men's participation in CDT events, services, committees, and leadership. While we acknowledged the limitations of dividing ourselves into "men" and "women", given the many different ways that individuals gender-identify, we felt that this issue seems to pertain to the experience of people in our community identifying as male. While there are certainly many activities where men are well represented, such as family-oriented events, outings, and of course our men's softball team, there are certain areas of community life — including Chesed, the Ritual Committee, Tikkun Olam, and Shabbat morning services — where men are notably underrepresented.

All of the men present said they felt comfortable and welcome at services, although several admitted to counting the other male attendees from time to time. It is also a demographic fact, at CDT and elsewhere, that there are fewer single male members, or male members whose spouse is not affiliated. Many men in our community tend to have children who are engaged in numerous Saturday sports and activities; similarly-situated women probably have about the same attendance level. Still, there is a pervasive sense that the community is somehow run by women, with men encouraged to fully participate and getting extra kudos when they do.

This is not an issue at Dorshei Tzedek alone, nor is it confined to Judaism. As was discussed during the meeting, it may reflect the historic ability of cisgendered, heterosexual men to take for granted their access to full participation and leadership positions in our religious communities, while women and queer or gender nonconforming people have had to make room for themselves in Judaism and Jewish life. It may also reflect that, having lost their traditional role and responsibility for religious observance, many men don't really know where they fit in.

On a personal level, I believe there is room for men to find a sense of brotherhood in and responsibility for our community, but perhaps we have to find our own ways — i.e., it can't be coordinated by the women, even our beloved Rabbi. I think this would be rewarding for ourselves, salutary for the community, and good role modeling for our sons. I would like the opportunity to get to know other men in the community better, and to explore community service and spiritual life together in ways that work for us. I think we could find places and ways to take

on responsibilities, specifically as men, that would feel good for us and strengthen Dorshei without being exclusive.

Here are some ideas:

We could have a men's group that organizes certain activities & events, such as outings and tikkun olam happenings, speakers, etc. We could set a goal amongst ourselves to get a minion of men at services maybe once a month — with a sign-up to get men to commit to participate. We could have another men's shabbaton, which has happened twice in the past to great acclaim (I have not participated)

To help me gauge interest in these or other ways to nurture male involvement in community life, I will set up a Google Spreadsheet linked to our members' area, where (self-identified) men can indicate whether they are interested in participating in, or helping to implement, these ideas. I will also leave space for additional ideas. Depending on the response, we can figure out next steps and the best ways to coordinate amongst ourselves.

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## 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 [cbsrome@comcast.net](mailto:cbsrome@comcast.net).

## CDT

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

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## Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to [dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org](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:** John Holohan (chair), Josette Akresh-Gonzales, Barry Ingber, Barbara Pittel, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Michael Singer, Amy Westebbe.

# Shabbat and Holidays

## ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Friday evening, August 4

Please note: Because of the CDT Retreat, there will be no all-ages erev Shabbat service in June, and Rabbi Toba is on vacation in July. The next all-ages service will be on Friday evening, August 4.

## REMINDER: NO SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES, JUNE 3

There will be no Shabbat morning services on June 3 at the CDT sanctuary in West Newton because of the CDT retreat that weekend.

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturday mornings, June 10, 8:45-9:40 am

60 Highland Street, Library

All are welcome to explore the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries both traditional and modern. No text study experience necessary! Bring your own caffeinated beverage.

## BAR MITZVAH OF CALEB ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ

Saturday, June 17

Please join us as our son, **Caleb Alexander Schwartz**, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Caleb is in 7th Grade at Brown Middle School in Newton. His favorite activities include rowing on the Charles and throwing pottery on the wheel. He can also frequently be found in the kitchen baking cookies and other confections. For his Tik-kun Olam project, Caleb has been working in the CDT/FUSN Charity Garden, helping to grow vegetables to donate to local food pantries. All are invited to a festive kiddush lunch after the service.

—Abby and Jordan Schwartz

# Community

## CDT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, June 11

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

6:15pm-8pm — Meeting

Child care will be provided.

We hope at least one representative from each CDT household will be present as we vote on a budget and Board slate for the coming year, and hear updates on all facets of the congregation's activities. We will also be honoring Jen Kaplan for her service as CDT president, and thanking all of our outgoing Board members.

## TEEN CHILD CARE HELPERS NEEDED AND A CALL FOR SMALL KIDS!

Be a part of the reason CDT is a great place for families with small children!

Are you a teen who would like to make a meaningful contribution to the CDT community and earn some money? We are currently looking for a few more teens to sign on as caregivers for small children during Shabbat services on Saturday mornings and for various other events throughout the year. This is a great chance to gain working

experience, get to know more members of the community, and make a difference in the lives of our very youngest members and guests! If you are in middle or high school and are interested, please contact **Kate de Bethune**, [kdebethune@gmail.com](mailto:kdebethune@gmail.com), for more information.

## HOW CAN YOUR SMALL CHILD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CDT COMMUNITY?

Bring them to services on June 10th!!

Curious?

CDT will be giving our teen childcare providers a training session during Shabbat services on June 10th. We would like to ensure we have enough toddlers and preschoolers (18 months to age 5) to make for a rich learning experience.

Our teens and tots will be working with Barbra Kidd, a teacher at the Children's Corner childcare center at Newton Wellesley Hospital. Barbra also runs the babysitting certification courses at NWH. She is a wonderful person, and the session should be fun for everyone!!

Please consider bringing your small children on June 10th from 10:00am to 12:00pm! Contact **Kate de Bethune** ([kdebethune@protonmail.com](mailto:kdebethune@protonmail.com)) with any questions.

## MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to **Sharon Gorberg** and **John Holohan**, on the marriage of (CDT graduate) **Becca Holohan** and her spouse Karina Ruiz!

Mazel tov to new members **Rebecca Herst** and **Daniel Lesser**, on the birth and brit milah of **Jacob Milton**!

Mazel tov to **Maya Garg** and her family, on becoming bat mitzvah!

Graduation Mazel Tovs:

To **Julian Cohen**, son of **Nancy Gertz**, graduating from University of Maryland in December 2016 with a major in psychology and minor in business. Since then he has been traveling and studying Spanish in South America, with homestays and adventures in Panama, Colombia, Bolivia and Peru. When he returns he will have two months in Boston trying to replenish his savings (best use of bar mitzvah money ever!) and in August he will be working as a

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Photo by Viv Shein.

teacher for CityYear in Philadelphia. There he will undoubtedly get to make good use of his new fluency in Spanish. Mazel tov, Julian!

To **Sam Ehrlich**, son of **Barry Ehrlich** and **Barbara Blumenthal**, graduating from Needham High School. This fall he will be attending Washington University in St. Louis.

To **Maddie Ehrlich**, daughter of **Barry Ehrlich** and **Barbara Blumenthal**, graduating from Needham High School. This fall she will be attending the University of New Hampshire.

To **Jesse Feldstein**, son of **Amy Mazur**, graduating from Brandeis University with a degree in Economics.

To **Grace Kellman**, daughter of **Hope Kellman**, graduating from Newton North High School. Grace hopes to attend Pratt University in the fall. Grace's major is fashion design.

To **Celia Lewis**, daughter of **Janelle Winston**, graduating from Newton North high school. This fall she will be attending the Isenberg School of Management at UMass Amherst.

To **Benjamin Meschede-Krasa**, son of **Tatjana Meschede** and **Dani Krasa**, graduating summa cum laude from Brandeis University with a BS and MS in Neuroscience.

To **Maya Paris-Saper**, daughter of **Ruth Paris** and **Rob Saper**, graduating from Sarah Lawrence College, moving to Brooklyn, NY where she will work in the national office of Habonim Dror.

To **Allison Robbins**, daughter of **Lisa Goodwin Robbins** and **Andrew Robbins**, graduating from Newton South High School. She plans to attend George Washington University in the Fall.

To **Dalia Paris-Saper**, daughter of **Ruth Paris** and **Rob Saper**, graduating from Newton South High School, spending a gap year in Israel with Habonim Dror studying and doing service work. Heading to Clark University in the fall of 2018.

To **Tema Siegel**, daughter of **Steve Siegel** and **Theresa St. John-Siegel**, graduating from Newton South High School. This fall she will be attending the Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University. She will be majoring in Musical Theater with a vocal emphasis.

To **Louis Silberberg**, son of **Susan Silberberg**, graduating from Brookline High School. This fall he will be attending Drexel University in Philadelphia, where he will study mechanical engineering.

To **Siena Rebecca Small**, daughter of **Jan Gortler-Small**, graduating from Newton South High School. This fall she will be attending UMass Amherst in September.

To **Celia Snyder**, daughter of **Stuart Snyder** and **Abby Cohen**, graduating from Newton South High School. This fall she will be attending the Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University, where she will pursue her dream of becoming a photojournalist.

## YAHREZEIT

This month we remember **David Keimowitz Crozier**, son of **Jessica Keimowitz** and **Polly Crozier**, whose 5th yahrzeit falls on

June 10. We will be remembering David at Shabbat morning services on June 10.

## REFUAH SHLEYMAH

We send blessings for complete healing to **Lissy Medvedow**, **Susan Moser**, **Thea Breite**, **Jacqui Bloomberg**, **Charlene Brotman**, **Dan Karp**, and **Jaime and Susana Wurzel**.

## CONDOLENCES

To **Rochelle Weichman** and **Jo Anne Share**, on the death of Ro's father, Jack Weichman, may his memory be for a blessing.

To **Miriam Bronstein** and **Lev Kling-Bronstein**, on the death of Reena Kling, may her 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 <http://dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf>.

## NEW MEMBERS

We give a hearty CDT welcome to the following new member: **David Schatz** (partner of **Stacey Chacker**).

## TODAH RABBAH

Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with Shabbat set-up/clean-up in April and May: **Ellen White** (Captain)—*In Memory of Paul M. & John S. White*, **Sara Dash**, **Ilana Joy Streit**, **Haralie Alpert**—*In Memory of Francis & Sylvia Greenberg*, **Pamela Rosenstein**—*In memory of Beatrice Kleiman*, **Reinhard Engels**, **Alyssa Cohen**, **Noah Goldman**, **Jodi Sugerman-Brozan**, **Lev Sugerman-Brozan**, **Abby Cohen** (Captain), **Marni Goldstein Caputo**, **Vilunya Diskin**, **Mark Bronstein**, **Ellen Hemley**, **Jo Radner**, **Jennifer & David Greenberg**, **Theresa St. John-Siegel**, **Elliot Pittel** (Captain) & **Barbara Pittel**, **Helaine & John Carroll**, **Amy Brodesky** (Captain) & **Rex Flynn**, **Jordan Namerow**, **Sharon Gorberg & John Holohan**, **Wendy Gedanken** (Captain), **Emily Mathis**, **Jeffrey Arnold**, **Tessa Goldsmith**, **Bill Shorr**, **Sharon Sevransky**, **Abby & Jordan Schwartz**



# Religious School Notes

## RUDERMAN SYNAGOGUE INCLUSION PROJECT:

*A Reflection from the 2016-17 School Year*

By Alison and Shira Lobron

Last spring, Dorshei Tzedek was selected to be a participating member of the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project (RSIP). As a member of this project, we received consultation and advice from RSIP staff. We also received a \$5000 grant, which we used to fund the newly created Inclusion Coordinator position at the CDT Religious School.

On May 23, RSIP hosted an end of the year event to celebrate the success of all the participating members, as we move towards greater inclusion of individuals with disabilities across Boston area's Jewish community. A highlight of the evening was a series of personal vignettes, told by representatives of each participating synagogue. We think **Shira Lobron**, age 11, aptly sums up the impact of our RSIP participation in her vignette:

"My mom, **Alison Lobron**, is the Inclusion Coordinator at our Religious School. The Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project helped create this important job. All people and kids have different learning needs and different ways they learn. The Inclusion Coordinator's job is to help everyone gets their learning needs met in different ways. If your learning needs aren't met, you might feel behind from your peers or less accomplished. You also might feel like you've been excluded from the group. This is not how we want people to feel. It's important to us that everyone has an opportunity to get a Jewish education in their own community. In our Religious School we give everyone the special help they need so they can feel accomplished for what they've learned, proud and valued for who they are. Thank you Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project for all the help you've given to the kids in our community."

## CDT Events

### CDT FILM CLUB

*On hiatus until the fall!*

See you in the fall! Contact the co-chairs, **Stan Fleischman** and **Emily Sper**, [film-club@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:film-club@dorsheitzedek.org), for more information or if you'd like to host a film.

### CDT HIKES!

*Saturday, June 17, 1:00 pm (carpool from CDT), 1:30 pm (hike)*

*Upcoming date: July 16*

Now that we've gotten our hiking muscles back in shape with our spring hikes, our June CDT Hike will be longer, farther away, and more strenuous. On Saturday, June 17th we will take on the Summit Loop Trail of Mt. Wachusett.

Caravan/carpool from CDT at 1PM sharp, or meet us at the trailhead at 2:15pm. Enter 345 Mountain Rd. Princeton MA 01541

in your GPS to find the park headquarters. There is a \$5 parking fee per car.

The website describes the hiking as "difficult" and "recommended for very experienced adventurers." We expect to finish the hike around 6:30 PM, at which time people can choose to go home or they can first rest and feed their happy, weary muscles at a restaurant near the mountain.

A map is available at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/parks/trails/fells.pdf>. Details about the Skyline Trail are available at: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/recreate/fells-hikes-rides.pdf>.

Dogs are allowed, but they will need to be on leash. As always, please wear sturdy shoes, dress in layers and bring a water bottle. And, as always, no RSVP is necessary—just show up! Questions? Contact **Diana**, [dfgomborg@gmail.com](mailto:dfgomborg@gmail.com); **Marc**, [marc@metaphasia.com](mailto:marc@metaphasia.com), or **Stuart**, [SLS@SnyderLegal.com](mailto:SLS@SnyderLegal.com).

## Reconstructionist News

### HEVREH 3

*July 19-23, 2017*

*Waynesboro, PA*

Hevreh is back for a third summer for adults seeking to broaden their Jewish experience through study, prayer, spiritual renewal and growth with leading Jewish scholars, including Rabbi David Teutsch, Ph.D. and Rabbi Jacob Staub, Ph.D.

Participants will study with master teachers of Judaica; reflect and rejuvenate; pray, sing and dance, reconnect with friends and make new ones; encounter nature; and celebrate Shabbat! For more information, please visit Hevreh's website: [www.hevreh.net](http://www.hevreh.net).

### Other Current and Upcoming RRC Initiatives

#### • Next Summer: New Reconstructionist Camp

Camp JRF recently announced plans to open a film and arts-based specialty camp in Southern California. The camp is slated to open in 2018, with the goal of providing high-level arts programming within the Jewish, values-based community for which Camp JRF is known. To learn more, please visit [www.rrc.edu/news-media/news/coming-soon-new-reconstructionist-camp](http://www.rrc.edu/news-media/news/coming-soon-new-reconstructionist-camp).

#### • Minute Lessons

Get your three-minute Torah fix any time with the latest podcast by rabbinical student Sandra Lawson. Check out Minute Lessons From the Torah online, iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher.

#### • Kaddish: A Podcast on Death and Mourning

RRC student Ariana Katz has promoted honest and open discussion of death, believing that confronting mortality can help people live more meaningful lives. The tagline for her podcast is "Sometimes Your Shiva Minyan is Digital."

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# Tikkun Olam

## NEWTON-AREA TRAINING - SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANTS

Thursday, June 8th from 7:00-9:00PM, 60  
Highland Street

The training, done in conjunction with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and Massachusetts Community Action Network (MCAN) will focus on:

- Rapid response to ICE (Immigrations and Customs Enforcement) raids
- SAFE Communities Legislation
- Material support for families who have had a loved one detained or deported

Many area congregations have begun the work of building a Sanctuary and Solidarity Network focused on standing with undocumented immigrants in this precarious time. To make it through, we know it is important to stand together, which is why Dorshei Tzedek has voted to become a Supporter Congregation! To expand upon this work, join us on the evening of June 8th to learn how to show up as moral witnesses (and in some cases, legal observers) for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids and hearings. The training done in partnership with MCAN (the MA Communities Action Network) and JCRC (the Jewish Community Relations Council), facilitated by JCRC organizer, Rachie Lewis, will also cover how to participate in efforts to accompany families in the wake of a loved one being detained or deported, and updates on how to support important legislative efforts to defend immigrants.

Please invite friends — this is open to all.

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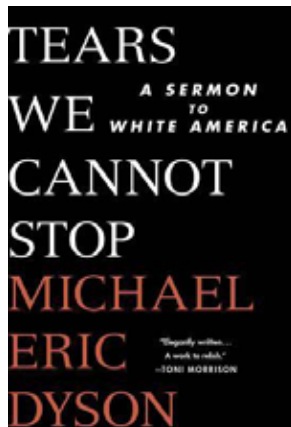
## UNDERSTANDING RACE BOOK DISCUSSION: *TEARS WE CANNOT STOP*

Wednesday, June 14 from 7-8:30pm, Rm 111

CDT's Understanding Race group will be holding a book discussion on Michael Eric Dyson's *Tears We Cannot Stop*. In the words of the New York Times Book Review, "'Tears We Cannot Stop' is a fiery sermon, and an unabashedly emotional, personal appeal. 'What I need to say' to white America, Dyson writes, can only be said in 'a plea, a cry, a sermon, from my heart to yours.'"

Please join us for what should be a very meaningful conversation about Dyson's words, intentions, and challenges. Reading this book will give you a deeper understanding of both race relations in our country today and the concept/consequences of the culture of "whiteness" in which we live.

For more information, please contact **Louise Enoch**, [lpenoch@rcn.com](mailto:lpenoch@rcn.com).



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Learn more and listen here:  
[www.rrc.edu/news-media/news/  
student-launches-new-podcast](http://www.rrc.edu/news-media/news/student-launches-new-podcast).

### • New Resources from Ritualwell

This year, counting the Omer at Ritualwell means sharing new songs, poems, prayers, blog posts, and meditations each week. Peruse the latest Omer material here: [www.ritualwell.org/  
counting-omer/](http://www.ritualwell.org/counting-omer/).

### • Connect!

Join members of other Reconstructionist congregations on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for wisdom, news and special announcements.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/  
RRCCcommunity](http://www.facebook.com/RRCCcommunity)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/rrcccommunity](http://www.twitter.com/rrcccommunity)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/  
reconstructionistjudaism](http://www.instagram.com/reconstructionistjudaism)

### • Reconstructionism Today!

Enjoy the recently relaunched monthly e-mag Reconstructionism Today, with news and ideas from the Reconstructionist movement. If you aren't receiving it, sign up at <http://bit.ly/ReconEmail>.

### • Jewish social justice gap year in Portland, Oregon!

Tivnu Gap Year participants discover the Pacific Northwest, connect Jewish life and social justice through individualized internships, and live together in beautiful Portland, Oregon. Young adults develop confidence, purpose, and skills for farming, teaching, building, and advocating. Build a caring home, a compassionate city and a country in which all are included. Learn more: [www.tivnu.org](http://www.tivnu.org), [info@tivnu.org](mailto:info@tivnu.org) or call 503.232.1864. Tivnu: tools to build a better world.

### Save the Date! Plan to Attend!

## RECONSTRUCTIONIST CONVENTION

November 15-18, 2018, Philadelphia, PA

Join with other Reconstructionists to sing, pray, learn, eat and be together. Strengthen our networks and deepen our connections. Celebrate the movement and 50 years of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. More details to follow!

# Learning

## YOVEL: 50 YEARS

This spring marks the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and the beginning of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. In Jewish tradition, the 50-year cycle of Yovel (Jubilee) is an opportunity to re-set national priorities and to enact “release”—from oppression, from inequality, from the ways in which the past limits possibilities for the future. To mark these 50 years, we are sponsoring the following educational event, open to the community, that explores the future of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—please join us!

## WOMEN WAGE PEACE: A NEW APPROACH

Saturday, June 10, 6:30-9:00 pm (dinner included), 60 Highland Street

with Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum of Women Wage Peace

At this Shabbat evening/Havdallah program, marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Six-Day War, we will enjoy Middle Eastern food, do a bit of text study with Rabbi Toba, and learn about the work of one of the most exciting developments in the movement to find a just and peaceful solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum will share with us the growth and impact of Women Wage Peace, and we will present her with the quilt squares that our members have been making this year for WWP’s “Piece by Peace” project.

Women Wage Peace (WWP) is a unique grassroots movement founded in Israel just after the 2014 Gaza War/Operation Protective Edge. Its one goal is to bring about the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in a manner that is non-violent, respectable, and agreeable to both Israelis and Palestinians, within four years. WWP has grown in the past 28 months from a handful of women who came together agreeing that enough is enough to over 13,000 registered members in Israel, hundreds of activists who work on a volunteer basis day and night, and more than 36,000 followers and supporters worldwide. WWP reaches out to women across Israeli society, from all parts of the political spectrum—Arab and Jewish, religious and secular—and from a range of socioeconomic backgrounds. The movement’s demand for a change in national priorities

has begun to resonate deeply with tens of thousands of women who refuse to accept that future generations in this region must live indefinitely by the sword.

CDT members, please sign up for the the dinner (at no cost) [here](#).

For non-members, please sign up for the dinner [here](#) (we are asking for a contribution of \$10 per person).

*Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum is a 2008 graduate of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College who made aliyah in 2013; in addition to helping to build up the new Israeli movement “Women Wage Peace,” she continues as project manager and co-editor for Jewish Women International’s Holiday Guides and as an active member of its Clergy Task Force on Intimate Partner Violence.*

## ON MEMORY UNEARTHED: PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE LODZ GHETTO

By Rabbi Shahar Colt

On May 7th, CDT Teens and adults visited the MFA exhibit Memory Unearthed: Photography of the Lodz Ghetto, by Henryk Ross, a survivor of the ghetto. The stories of the Lodz ghetto, like many Holocaust stories, are devastating. Though most of the

“I buried my negatives in the ground in order that there should be some record of our tragedy.”

—Henryk Ross

photography is not “graphic,” (for example, mostly they don’t depict corpses) they tell a story of both the extreme human cruelty that created the ghetto situation and the vibrant spirits of individual people who suffered there.

One photo that stood out to me was an image of a bridge over an “Aryan” street

that divided the ghetto. Jews were not allowed on that street, so they had to cross over a footbridge to the other section of the ghetto. In this image, you can see people walking on the street below the bridge. I wondered, what were these other Polish people thinking, when they saw the ghetto walls and the Jews crossing the bridge overhead? How did they just walk by? When I voiced this thought, one of the CDT members responded, “and how can we just walk by homeless people on the street? We feel badly, but assume we can not do anything to help.” This wise response raises the challenge that we may be as callous as those Polish pedestrians, and in fact we can and must do something to help.

One of Facing History’s tag lines is, “People make choices. Choices make history.” The point is, each of us makes choices all the time, and those small choices can add up to something much bigger — whole social trends. As I continue to process the experience of Ross’ photography, I find myself feeling even more pressed to hold up the question: how do my daily choices — personally and in my professional role at Dorshei — affirm the value of every human life? What cruelty has become normal to me? Viewing this exhibit is an opportunity to shake myself into awareness of what normal behaviors might in fact enable great cruelty.

The exhibit is up through the end of July. It is not easy material, but it is a profound and valuable documentation. If anyone would like to speak further about the exhibit, or would like some framing before visiting it, I invite you to be in touch with me.

## 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, helping us cultivate qualities of patience, gratitude, clarity and compassion. All are welcome, whatever your level of experience (or lack thereof!). 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).



# CDT Faces

*CDT Faces is CDT's online photo gallery –the place to go to match names with faces, and to finally figure out who that person is who you see everywhere!*



~Nancy Gertz~

*If you haven't already done so, please upload your photo to CDT Faces now! It's super easy—any size photo will do. Just go to the Members section of the CDT website, click on CDT Faces, and follow the instructions.*

*You can also contact Dan Halbert, [halbert@halwitz.org](mailto:halbert@halwitz.org), for tech support or just send him your photo and he'll be happy to upload it for you.*



~Jacob Weinberg~

*Thanks for your participation! The more people who join, the more useful the resource and the more fun the search!*



~Mark Schafer~

# Chesed

## THE CARING CONNECTION

by Ellie Goldberg

CDT's Chesed Committee is dedicated to encouraging our members to be Chesed givers and receivers. We are part of the Jewish Family and Children's Services (JF&CS) Caring Communities Resource Network (CCRN) dedicated to bringing together members of more than 60 synagogue communities to learn from each other.



ties Resource Network Manager, JF&CS, 781-693-5659 or [sspielman@jfcbsoston.org](mailto:sspielman@jfcbsoston.org)

CDT member **Gail Pressberg** is attending. Contact Gail at [gpressberg@aol.com](mailto:gpressberg@aol.com) if you would like to join her.

The Chesed Coordinators for June and July are **Susan Nitkin** and **Benita Danzing**. Our congregation values Chesed, acts of loving-kindness, especially when members have a major life event such as the arrival of a child, death, injury or illness.

The Chesed Committee offers Dorshei Tzedek members the opportunity to experience the joys and blessings of Chesed as both receivers and givers. The Chesed Committee coordinates tasks such as meals, grocery shopping, and transportation to a medical appointment. We post Chesed tasks online on the LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) calendar. We encourage emails or phone calls be-

## The Chesed Committee would like to thank everyone whose acts of kindness manifest the spirit of Chesed in our community.

CDT members have attended CCRN programs to build our Chesed skills and to enrich our community's caring experience. We get regular notices of JF&CS resources, supports and events such as the following workshop.

**June 5 at 7 - 8:30 p.m.** "Creating Communities that Include and Support Families Living with Dementia" with Beth Soltzberg, Director, JF&CS Alzheimer's/Related Disorders Family Support.

This workshop will enhance your understanding of memory changes and give you ideas and strategies that can benefit your interactions with family, friends, and congregants.

The program will be held at JF&CS Headquarters, 1430 Main Street, Waltham. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to Sue Spielman, MPA, Caring Communi-

tween the volunteers and recipient families to confirm arrangements.

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 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 completely confidential.



# Nediv Lev

## NEDIV LEV CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**By the Nediv Lev co-chairs, Mark Paley and John Carroll**

We hope your Pesach was fulfilling (and not just with matzah!), and that you enjoyed your Sedarim.

Spring is here! Now that the trees and flowers are in full bloom (achoo!) and warmer weather has finally come to stay, we wanted to give you an update on the Nediv Lev Campaign (contributions made in addition to dues, “from the heart [lev]”).

We are happy to report that the Nediv Lev campaign has exceeded its goal of \$75,00, raising \$76,00 to date. Thank you! Your generous donations help us continue to build our CDT community and continue to make a difference in the larger community with our Tikkun Olam work. A special “Shout Out” to those of you who donated this year either for the first time or after not donating in previous years. An anonymous donor offered to match all such new donations and you met the challenge with over \$1,000 of new donations. Thanks again to you and the anonymous donor.

Yet even though we’ve met our goal, we can also use more financial support — so please give if you have not yet had a chance to do so! You can make your Nediv Lev contribution at <https://dorsheitzedek.org/members/nediv-lev-online-pledge-form> or look under “giving” on the CDT website. The CDT fiscal year ends on July 31.

Thank you, one and all. As always, we are happy to answer any questions you may have. You may reach us via email mark.paley@gmail.com or jcarroll6575@gmail.com.

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. 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

Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent—*In memory of I. Cary Andrews*

Janet Boguslaw and Howard Kaufman

Alyssa Cohen

Polly Crozier and Jessica Keimowitz—*In memory of David Levi Keimowitz Crozier*

Amy Dain and Misha Dudnik

Benita Danzing & Nathan Aronow—*In honor of Rabbi Toba; in memory of my parents, Daniel and Myra Danzing; in memory of Mara Gibbs; in memory of Edgar Krasa*

Meryl Epstein and Trish Nuzzola—*In memory of Mara Gibbs*

Lauren Gibbs—*In memory of Mara*

Ora Gladstone

Lynda Goldberg and Joseph Bayes—*In memory of Rose Bayes*

Laurie Gould

Beth and Jeffrey Green—*In memory of Eitan Shalom Green*

Marjorie Greenberg—*In appreciation for CDT welcoming me to the Memory Unearthed tour at the MFA*

Lisa Hirsh and DB Rieff

John Holohan & Sharon Gorberg—*In honor of the marriage of our daughter Rebecca to Karina Ruiz and in honor of Tal Shalom Kobi and the Kita Vav band*

Steffi and Eric Karp

Linda and Peter Katz—*In memory of Saul Weiss*

Tal Shalom Kobi

Sue Lanser and Jo Radner

Corinne Lofchie and Noam Shore

Ellen Lubell and David Nathan

Sivan Nasoff & Valerie Bodet—*In honor of Jen Kaplan*

Kathy Pillsbury and Cindy Marshall

Lisa Samelson and Paul Hattis—*In honor of our children*

Pamela Schoenberg and Joel Reider—*In memory of Mickey Schoenberg (Pamela’s father); in memory of Gina Fried; in memory of Susannah Zisk*

Ilana Streit

Karen Wasserman and Betsy Hinden

### CAMP JRF FUND

### RABBI’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

### SCHOOL FUND

### RETREAT FUND

### HOLY BOOKS FUND

### JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

Caren and Nathan Bosk—*In memory of Jill Volk, on her 10th yahrzeit*

### BUILDING FUND

# CDT Calendar

# June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	2 CDT Retreat! Camp Yavneh (All day)	3 CDT Retreat! Camp Yavneh (All day)
4 CDT Retreat! Camp Yavneh (All day)  CDT Men's Softball Game Forte Park, 235 Califor- nia St, Newton 10:00am  CDT Sings Rehearsal 60 Highland St: Living Room (Parlor) 7:00pm	5	6	7 Ritual Committee Meeting 60 Highland St, Library 7:30pm to 9:00pm	8 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am  Newton-Area Train- ing - Support for Immigrants 60 Highland Street, Room 111 7:30pm	9	10 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm  Childcare Training Session 10:00am to 12:00pm  Women Wage Peace: A New Approach 60 Highland St: Room 111 6:30pm to 9:00pm
11 CDT Men's Softball Game Hamilton Field, 36 Pine Grove Ave., Newton 10:00am  Economic Diversity Committee Meeting 4:00pm to 5:30pm  Members' Meeting & Dinner 5:30pm to 8:00pm	12	13 CDT Board Meeting 60 Highland Street: Living Room 7:00pm to 9:00pm	14 Book Discussion - "Tears We Cannot Stop" 60 Highland St: Room 111 7:00pm to 8:30pm	15 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	16	17 Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Schwartz 9:45am to 12:00pm
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# Kiddush Assignments

**JUN 10** Shabbat: Cindy Marshall (CAPTAIN) & Kathy Pillsbury / Josette Akresh-Gonzales & Michael Gonzales

**JUN 11** Members' Meeting & Dinner  
Jethro Berkman (CAPTAIN) & Audrey Marcus-Berkman / Marsha & Phillip Klein

**JUN 17** Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Schwartz:

Sanctuary Cleanup: Sara & Ben Dash

Kiddush Setup: Tania Mireles & Bill Shorr / Hilary Marcus / Emily & David Shumsky, In Honor of Marsha Tobias / Rebecca Pomerantz

Kiddush Cleanup: Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein / Josette Akresh-Gonzales & Michael Gonzales / Jennifer Sartori & Barry Gilbert

Ushers: Kristin Butcher & Scott Gordon / Alex Sugerman-Brozan

**JUN 24** Shabbat: Rachel Davenport (CAPTAIN) & Mark Paley / Marcia Okun & Josh Lieberman

**KIDDUSH NOTE:** The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members' calendar on our website. Please remember to sign-in to the site to access the calendar as well as all member-specific information. 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!

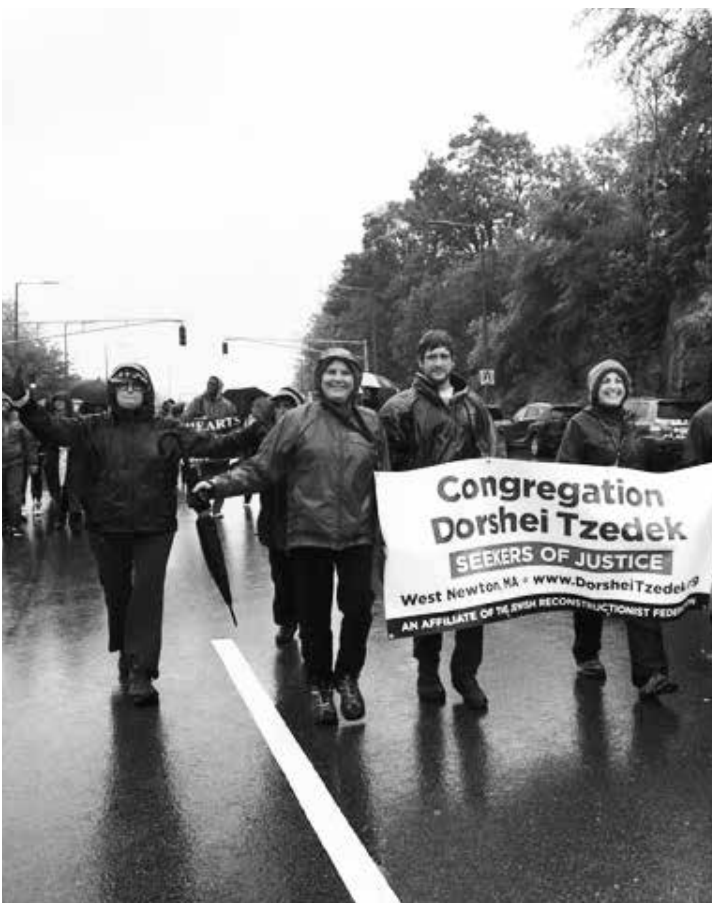
Parents of students in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, who generally help out with B'nei Mitzvah kiddush, ushering and sanctuary clean-up, can primarily find their names listed on B'nei Mitzvah dates.

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.

## SUPPORT CDT THROUGH AMAZON.COM

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 at [www.dorsheitzedek.org](http://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 online shopping you were planning to do anyway!

**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).**

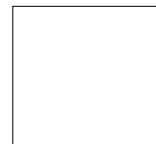


Photos: CDT members at the Louis D. Brown Mother's Day Walk for Peace. Photos by Lisa Schneier.

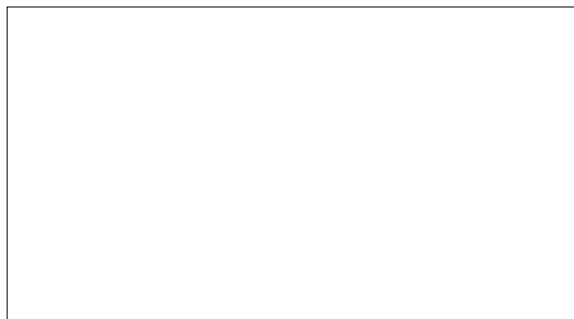


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## Mother's Day Walk for Peace 2017

Approximately 40 hardy CDT souls, kids and adults, braved the rain and cold to march for peace! Yasher koach to Kitah Vav for doing the entire walk. (More photos on p.11.)

