A new year of pathways to leadership and hope

by Lissy Medvedow, CDT President

IT HAS BEEN two months since the torch of President of CDT has been passed to me. I want to express my gratitude to Jen Kaplan, immediate Past President, who led us for two years with great aplomb through some difficult times and whose generosity of spirit has no bounds. Thank you, Jen.

I’m learning so much, meeting new members, and experiencing CDT’s multi-faceted ways to engage with one another. For example, I went to see Caleb Schwartz unveil the hand-burned sign he made as part of his Bar Mitzvah project for the extraordinary CDT garden in Waltham. If you haven’t been there, you really should go. The garden totally surprised me. It’s huge and bountiful and we’ve donated more than 600 pounds of fresh produce to help feed people in need.

At Auburndale Cove in August, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet member households with younger children, many of whom go to—and sing the praises of—our Religious School. Our Sanctuary initiative has captured the hearts and souls of many CDT members, as well as individuals from across religious entities in Newton and beyond. Chesed continues to bring its loving kindness to those in need. During my own recent recovery from ankle surgery, I personally benefited from the delicious home-cooked dinner (and dessert) that Jo Ann and Michael Feldstein brought to us via Chesed’s outreach. I feel as if I’m discovering the warmth and conscience of this community all over again.

My husband, Cliff, and I joined CDT 22 years ago, even before Rabbi Toba was our beloved Rabbi. We joined after going to an Open House where we met people who exuded friendliness, positive energy, and enthusiasm for Dorshei Tzedek. Over the years, we have jumped in and out of volunteer activities, ranging from fundraising to hire a Rabbi, organizing the High Holy Days held then at the Solomon Schechter Day School, Cliff becoming part of the Torah of Money group and currently serving as VP of Finance, my becoming an At-Large Board member and, now, President of this special congregation.

Volunteering gave me the chance to explore the congregation more deeply and to find meaningful ways to contribute to CDT that fit into my life at any given time. Everyone’s lives are full—or overfull—with jobs, looking for jobs, kids, pets, illnesses, elderly parents, and so on. When the time is right, please know that CDT welcomes volunteers and there’s an opportunity just waiting for you. We can always use extra hands. Volunteering gives you an instant connection to others and offers a pathway to leadership. All you have to do is reach out to a member of the Board, Staff, or Committee, and we will match your talents and our needs (see page 2 for a full list of the CDT Board, Staff, and Off-Board Chairs).

Repeating from my High Holy Day remarks, one need I think most of us share at this moment is HOPE. With DACA in grave danger, continued on next page
injustices perpetrated throughout the world, climate change wreaking devastating havoc, and a government that seems to scoff at civil rights and humanity, I’m trying to maintain a sense of hopefulness. I’m sticking to my belief that DACA will be reinstated as perhaps the first progressive act of this divisive Congress. In this new year of 5778, I’m planning to continue my own journey at CDT, learning every day, connecting and reconnecting with more new and prospective members, encouraging volunteerism, inspiring future leaders, and trusting that our core values at CDT—commitment to community, chesed, inclusion, and human dignity, respectful discourse (machloket Ishem shamayim), lifelong Jewish learning, mitzvah, spirituality, sacred intention (kavanah), and tikkun olam—will enrich our lives and sustain our hope in the days and months ahead. Shanah Tovah.

ON AND OFF THE BIMA:
AN OCCASIONAL COLUMN ABOUT JEWISH RITUAL AND PRACTICE IN THE DORSHEI TZEDEK COMMUNITY AND BEYOND

MY FIRST TALLIT
by Tony Broh

I grew up in a Reform congregation where a visitor wearing a kippah or tallit would politely be told that this is not an “Orthodox congregation.” While the congregation instilled my sense of Jewish identity, my Jewish training was not much different than, say, my wife’s childhood training in a Unitarian Fellowship.

In my married life, my family joined a Reconstructionist congregation and I wore a kippah to conform with the congregational custom, but never donned tallit in deference to my childhood and my late father’s Reform observance.

At some point, I decided to have a conversation with Toba about my religious practice. I explained that the “requirement” of wearing tallit to take part in the Torah service at Dorshei Tzedek gave me a feeling of rejection of my personal, albeit idiosyncratic, views about ritual garments. I don’t recall her exact words and my limited Jewish training provided little foundation to assimilate her wise, rabbinical logic.

A short time later, my wife Jennifer and I were house decorating and came across an antique silk fabric among our table linens and spread it decoratively across an antique table. It looked nice, but the pattern of the cloth reminded me of tallit.

Thinking back to my discussion with Toba, I felt sacrilegious to use this ornamental fabric as a tablecloth; so I decided to use it differently. I would make my first tallit.

The fabric was weak and needed reinforcement for its new assignment. My mother-in-law used four small silk squares from her remnant collection and some silk thread from her hand-me-down sewing supplies to bind squares at each corner. If I were ever disrespecting my father and my family’s Reform tradition by wearing tallit, certainly I would be celebrating my married life with artifacts from my Unitarian in-laws. Jennifer, who converted when we were married, liked the idea.

Some Internet research informed me that tying tzitzit is a mitzvah (and that tsetse is a fruit fly). This could be a win-win-win. I paid nothing for an unused piece of cloth; my extended family had been drawn into my ritual preparation at no expense; and I would enhance my feeble Jewish training by tying tzitzit and wearing my first tallit.

So the moral of the story is: Recycle unused items, engage in meaningful family activities and talk with Toba whenever you are confused.
SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH

Sukkot is the “Festival of the Ingathering,” the Biblical harvest holiday where we celebrate the abundance in our lives while remembering the precariousness of our ancestors’ journey through the wilderness. It is also called zman simchateynu, “the season of our joy”—come join one or more of these joyous holiday activities!

SUKKOT HOME DINNERS

Wednesday, October 4 through Tuesday, October 10

CDT potlucks - Sukkot style! Sign up for our first round of CDT community potlucks, happening throughout the week of Sukkot - October 4-10. Don’t miss out on experiencing the joys of eating in a sukkah, dining with friends, and celebrating the end of the harvest as a community!

Go to the CDT website, sign in, click on the Members tab, then Signups. Contact Debby Saltzman, CDT Community Potluck Coordinator, for more info (debbysaltzman@gmail.com). This is a members-only event.

SUKKOT MORNING SERVICE

Thursday, October 5, 9:30-11:30am
60 Highland Street, West Newton

Bring your lulav and etrog as we sing Hallel and celebrate the holiday! There is no childcare provided but kids are welcome at the service.

GOT SHABBAT? SUKKOT THEMED (INCLUDING TOT SHABBAT)

Saturday, October 7, 9:45am-12:00pm

Join us for “Got Shabbat?”, an opportunity for the whole community to come together and have fun, learn together and find new ways to celebrate Shabbat. Beginning together with songs and blessings, adults and kids are then invited to choose from a panoply of activities, until we gather again to read a little Torah and close the service together. Our October 7th Got Shabbat program will focus on Sukkot, and workshops will include Yoga with Alix Zamanski, Art with Alison Lobron, and the Double-Dutch-Sukkot Connection with Josette Akresh-Gonzales.

Come find out if you’ve “Got Shabbat”! A kiddush lunch will follow.

TOT SHABBAT

October 7, November 18, December 16, January 13, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, & June 9

Tot Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program, for children age 5 and under and their parents. Join us in celebrating Shabbat with songs, stories, crafts and other fun activities! Tot Shabbat happens when we have Got Shabbat (October 7!) as part of the morning’s activities, and on non-Got Shabbat months runs from 10:45am-noon.

SUKKOT ON THE FARM! A COMMUNITY-WIDE CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 8, 9:30am-12:30pm
Powisset Farm, Dover, MA

Join CDT and Ganai Beantown at Powisset Farm in Dover for a Sukkot Harvest Festival! We’ll start all together to frame the day and then have activity stations. Past activity stations have included:

• building a sukkah
• a book nook
• apple-cider press
• making sauerkraut
• harvesting herbs for tea
• Sukkah decoration/craft corner
• harvesting schach and potatoes
• Torah learning

We’ll end the day with (BYO) picnic lunches! Please dress in clothes you don’t mind getting dirty. Please bring a water bottle & picnic lunch.

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00-9:00pm
60 Highland Street, West Newton

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

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).
Community & Events

TODAH RABBH AH
Todah Rabbah to everyone who helped with Shabbat set-up/clean-up in August and September: Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein, Izzy Feinfeld, Sharon Sevransky, Karen Wasserman & Betsy Hinden, Josh Komyerov.

NEW MEMBERS
Welcome to Justin Sweder and Heather Barber, and their children Noah and Zoe.
Welcome to Laura Schulz and Susan Kaufman, and their children Adele, Rachel, MJ, and Henry.
Welcome to Robert Ross, husband of member Marion Ross.

CDT SUKKOT POTLUCKS
The first round of CDT community potluck dinners will be held on the weekend of October 5-6 (see page 3). Thank you to various Sukkah-building CDT members who are hosting dinners in Sukkot around Newton and Brookline.

If you would like to host a community potluck later in the year, email potluck coordinator Debby Saltzman (debbysaltzman@gmail.com). If you’d like to attend one of the potlucks, sign-up in the Members Section of the CDT website.

NEW CDT “GALLERY” EXHIBIT
The next time you are in the CDT sanctuary space, check out the new display of paintings by our very own Rochelle Weichman! Ro writes: “I began painting as I retired from MIT. It was a surprise to all who knew me! I started with watercolors, and now primarily work with acrylics. I paint with wonder and am often awed by the outcome. This showing at Dorshei Tzedek is my first ‘solo’ exhibition!”

TOYS AND GAMES NEEDED
Do you have any lightly-used (or new!) early childhood toys or games to donate to CDT’s Childcare Program? CDT Childcare is a complimentary service provided to families attending morning Shabbats and occasional Members Meetings/Special Events.

Needed items: Toys/games/art supplies suitable for use by toddlers to 8-year-old children.

Please email CDT Childcare Coordinator Sami O’Reilly (samioresilly@gmail.com) to describe the items you can donate. Then, bring your donations to Room 111 (the childcare room) at 60 Highland Street on any Shabbat services morning between 10 and 11:30am, and give them to the CDT childcare teen on duty.

Please attach a card with your name so we can send a proper thank you.

Inclusion Task Force

NEWS FROM THE INCLUSION COMMITTEE
by Susan Nitkin, access@dorsheitzedek.org

I have a request! The Inclusion Committee would like to do a series of interviews with individuals/family members who experience differing abilities so we can learn, promote understanding, and develop our inclusion resources in order to make it easier for folks to participate more fully and comfortably. Please contact me if you would like to be part of this, and know that all information will be confidential. You can use the “access@” email or my personal email address.

As we move into the new year, I want to give you a list of available accommodations for physical needs:

- Assisted Listening System for individuals with hearing impairments, for use with or without hearing aids. The system has been piloted at High Holiday Services, and will be available during Shabbat services.
- Portable ramp for access to the bimah for people who use a wheelchair or scooter for mobility. Please contact Lidia, Program Associate, or Susan, Inclusion Committee Chair, if you anticipate needing this for a particular Shabbat service.
- Elevator from Fellowship Hall to our Sanctuary. Park in the Chestnut St. lot, enter the building from the walkway to the handicap-accessible entrance (there is signage), and follow the posted directions on how to use the elevator.
- Spiral-bound large print siddurim are located on the right side of the bookshelf adjacent to the Sanctuary closet.
- Some extra reading glasses are often available, next to the kippot on both sides of the Sanctuary.
- Fidget toys are in baskets next to the kippot, for people who need to be doing something with their hands during services.
- At Kiddush, there is often a separate table for people who require gluten-free food. Kiddush instructions will be updated within the next few months to help make things more consistent.

Please know that, as different needs arise, we want to make things easier for you to have access to Shabbat services and other congregational activities, whether it is a physical, developmental, or mental health need. Let me know if you want to discuss any barriers or possible accommodations.

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.)

CDT MEMBERS MEETING —SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, November 5, 6:15pm-8:00pm
5:30pm pizza dinner
Childcare will be provided.
CDT/FUSN GARDEN - A SIGN AND A MILESTONE

On a lovely summer evening CDT folks came to the garden to celebrate the bountiful harvest and to help install Caleb Schwartz’s beautiful hand-made sign (see page 1). In August we topped 500 lbs., and we’re well on the way to 600. Late fall winter squash will be plentiful and heavy so we’re excited to have a record-breaking year.

Stay tuned for a late fall garden clean-up and final harvest day—we could use a few extra hands then (or in the next few weeks). We won’t even mind if you pop a few cherry tomatoes in your mouth while picking.

JOIN CDT FACES NOW!

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.

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) for tech support, or just send him your photo and he’ll be happy to upload it for you.

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

CDT FILM CLUB: A MEMBER-ONLY MONTHLY EVENT

Do you like movies? Do you enjoy watching and discussing Jewish films, but don’t always have the chance? The CDT Film Club gathers in members’ homes to watch and discuss moving and thought-provoking Jewish films from around the world. Many of the films have been featured in recent Jewish film festivals.

We start with a potluck dinner at 6 pm, followed by the film at 7 pm. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share (if you are making a dish with dairy or wheat that can be added later, please keep separate). Feel free to come for any part of the evening. We hope you can join us!

Contact the co-chairs, Stan Fleischman and Emily Sper, filmclub@dorsheitzedek.org, for more information or if you’d like to host a film.

Here’s a list of 2017-18 films. Dates and films subject to change. Updates will be posted in the CDT Newsletter and/or email.

- November 11: Past Life
- December 9: In Search of Israeli Cuisine
- January 6: The Tenth Man
- February 10: Fanny’s Journey
- March 10: Arab Labor, Season 1
- April 14: Menashe
- May 12: The Women’s Balcony
Partisan rancor, threats of war, rising anti-Semitism and racism and real challenges to our democratic institutions characterize public life in the United States today. Jewish tradition calls on us to respond to these challenges in public life and work to make the world a better place. How do we draw on the rich spiritual resources of Judaism to support and inform the work of social change? This two-session class will distill centuries of Jewish wisdom about cultivating and refining the inner life into an accessible program for the globe, and will explore the myriad possibilities for engaging in the world of sustainable change. Through explorations of deep motivation, inner drive, and traits like trust and anger, the class will engage in questions of self-development and transformation, demonstrating that sustainable social change activism is indeed a spiritual practice.

Rabbi David Jaffe is the author of Changing the World from the Inside Out: A Jewish Approach to Personal and Social Change, winner of the 2016 National Jewish Book Award for Contemporary Jewish Life. He is the Founder and Principal of Kirva Consulting, which helps individuals and organizations access spiritual wisdom for creating healthy, sustainable relationships and communities. He teaches Mussar (applied Jewish ethics) nationally with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and the Mussar Institute and is an adjunct faculty member at Hebrew College.

**LESSONS ON IMMIGRATION: LILLIAN WALD**

with Marjorie Feld

Sunday, October 29, 10:45am-noon

JCCS, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown

(Child care is available for younger children)

Lillian D. Wald (1867-1940) championed the rights of immigrants and women, workers and African Americans. She left her comfortable, wealthy upbringing in order to live among the industrial, immigrant poor of New York’s Lower East Side in 1893, founding Henry Street Settlement House and the Visiting Nurse Service of New York in order to improve the lives of her neighbors. Throughout her career, Wald spoke to diverse audiences about the crucial importance of face-to-face encounters with people of different classes, races, religions, and nationalities. Join CDT member Prof. Emily Drabkin and Dr. Orit Kent to learn about the life of Lillian D. Wald and the Morris K. Udall Center for National Humanities Education, at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., and the many ways that we can support the work of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York and the Henry Street Settlement House.

**PARENTING THROUGH A JEWISH LENS**

with Dr. Orit Kent

Sundays, 6 sessions starting October 22, 10:15-11:45am

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens (PTJL) is coming back to Dorshei Tzedek this fall. This 6-session, interactive program is for parents of children ages 0-10 years and teachers, who come together in small group settings to share the “joys and oys” of parenting, and learn from Jewish wisdom that can enrich their families.

• Free babysitting is available.
• Fee: $95/person or $155/couple. Scholarships are available—cost should never be a barrier.
• To learn more, read this blog post and visit www.hebrewcollege.edu/Parenting.
• For more information about PTJL or to request a scholarship, contact parenting@hebrewcollege.edu or 617-559-8744.

Feel free to reach out to PTJL Coordinator and CDT member Erica at estreat@hebrewcollege.edu for more details.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NOTES**

by Rabbi Shahar Colt,
Director of Congregational Learning

**SCHOOL STAFF**

Our teaching staff this year is a fabulous team of 7 new and 6 returning teachers. You can find their bio on the Dorshei website at www.dorsheitzedek.org/religious-school-teachers-0. Here are profiles of two of our new teachers.

**TAIIA COHEN**

My name is Taília Cohen and I am so excited to be joining the Dorshei Tzedek staff as Kita’ah Alef teacher this year! I graduated with a degree in Psychology and Brain Sciences and Children’s Studies from Washington University in St. Louis in 2016. Currently, I work as a Clinical Research Assistant in the Schizophrenia & Bipolar Disorder Program at McLean Hospital. As a new Bostonian, I am excited to be a part of the welcoming community at Doshri. I look forward to bringing my passion for Jewish traditions and love of the Jewish holidays to the Kita’ah Alef “Jewish Calendar” curriculum.

**YAELE RHODES**

I grew up in Newton and moved back here this year to start a Masters in Conflict Resolution and Coexistence. I play competitive Ultimate Frisbee and have been a college coach for the last 3 years at Cornell University. At my last job I made pickles and am a lacto-fermentation enthusiast! I love being in nature and being with my family.

**CHANGING THE WORLD FROM THE INSIDE OUT: SPIRITUAL WISDOM FOR TURBULENT TIMES**

by Rabbi David Jaffe

Monday evenings, October 23 & 30, 7:30-9:00pm

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. Rabbi Toba Yohe and experienced CDT members offer a teaching to begin each session, with meditation instruction. All are welcome, whatever your level of experience (or lack thereof).

Special holiday sessions: On October 5 and 12, we will have special Sukkot and Simchat Torah-themed Mindful Mornings sessions, at the usual time.

**SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY**

with Rabbi Toba Yohe

Saturdays, October 21, November 18, December 9 9:45-10:15 am, Library

Beginning after the holydays, these pre-Shabbat learning sessions are an opportunity to explore the weekly Torah portion in depth, with a variety of traditional and contemporary commentaries. No experience in Torah study necessary! Just bring your questions and the caffeinated beverage of your choice.

**BUILDING AN ECONOMY THAT WORKS FOR ALL OF US by Amy Mazur**

Dorshei Tzedek members took to the streets this Labor Day in Boston to stand with working people, raise wages, and support the right of workers to join unions. Many individuals and organizations participated in the “Fight for $15” Rally to make sure that anyone who works at a job full-time earns a wage on which they can live and support their families, by being able to afford groceries, housing, heating, and other basic needs. Other items related to economic justice include:

• This year, Raise Up Massachusetts is focusing on winning three issues of critical importance to working families in Massachusetts. To learn more, visit www.raiseupmass.org.
• The Fair Share Amendment (on the ballot in November 2018) will invest in quality public schools, affordable higher education, a reliable transportation system, and high-quality early childhood education by creating an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars.
• Paid Family and Medical Leave will ensure that Massachusetts workers are not forced to choose between work and their own health needs or the well-being of their children and other family members.

To get involved in the signature gathering campaign to put the Paid Family and Medical Leave and the $15 Minimum Wage on the ballot as well, contact Amy Mazur, acmazur@comcast.net.

**PRISON BOOK PROGRAM VOLUNTEER NIGHT**

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-9:00 pm

United First Parish Church in Quincy

CDT is entering its second year of volunteering with the Prison Book Program (PBP) in Quincy, MA. The PBP receives letters from prisoners incarcerated throughout the country and sends books from its stacks to meet these requests. Volunteer tasks include reading letters and selecting books to match requests, creating invoices, and packaging books. Volunteers can get to the PBP by taking the Red Line to Quincy Center, driving, or carpooling from Newton. We volunteer the first Tuesday of every EVEN month. Please contact Barbara Shatkin (bshatkin@aol.com) if you have questions. Go to Member Sign-ups if interested in volunteering.

**SANCTUARY AND BEYOND: SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANTS**

Sunday, October 29, 5–6:30 pm

60 Highland Street, Library

CDT is part of a Newton-based cluster of congregations prepared to offer sanctuary to a family at risk of deportation, who will be hosted by another congregation. We are also exploring additional ways to support immigrants and immigrant rights, which will be the topic of a meeting on October 29, 5–6:30pm in the Second Church.

Sarang Sekharav, Federal Policy Director at Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Coalition (MIRA) will join us to speak about the proposed Safe Communities Act and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), and dialogue with us about the various ways that we as a community may support immigrants and immigrants rights... in addition to sanctuary. For more information, contact Danielle Kleinberg at daniellekleinberg@gmail.com, Bonnie Tenneriello at bonnie4@gmail.com, Stacey Chacker at chacejs@gmail.com, or Ellen Lubell at elubell@tllawgroup.com.
We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

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**BUILDING FUND**

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.

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**Reconstructionist News**

**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.

**RECONSTRUCTIONIST LEARNING NETWORKS**

You can register for these networks at [www.jewishrecon.org/networks](http://www.jewishrecon.org/networks). If you cannot join these live meetings, you can view videos, resources, questions and exercises to the Facebook group ([https://www.facebook.com/groups/canyouhearmenowRLN/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/canyouhearmenowRLN/)).

**Fair Trade Learning Network**

Mondays, October 23, November 6, January 8, and March 5, 1-2pm

**The Integrated Approach to Spiritual Lives and Social Justice Learning Network**

Wednesdays, October 25, November 1, 15, and 29, 12-1:15pm

**Can you hear me now? How can we harness the power of word of mouth?**

Wednesdays, October 18, November 1, 15, and 29, 8-9pm

**How can Reconstructionist communities market their best selves?**

Tuesdays, April 10, April 24, May 8, May 22, 8-9pm

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*Labor Day Rally. Photo by Amy Mazur.*
Chesed, For A Kind World

By Ellie Goldberg

The Chesed Committee is dedicated to building connections and support for each other during good times and bad times. Although we might feel shy about reaching out, no gesture of caring or act of kindness is ever wasted. We hope that you’ll find inspiration in the following stories.

Kind World is a collection of intimate stories about people whose lives have been profoundly changed by someone else’s kindness. You can hear Kind World on WBUR’s Morning Edition, online, and on Kind World’s podcast and Facebook page.

Fred Rogers had special advice for facing sad, stressful and tragic events. “When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother’s words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers – so many caring people in this world.”

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

The Coordinators for October are Eileen Morrison and Marla Cummins. Contact them at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

Congregation Dorshei Tzedek 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 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 between 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.

MAZEL TOV

To Carole Slipowitz and Dan Halbert, on the marriage of (CDT graduate) Adam Halwitz and his spouse Robin Harney!

To Elia Steinberg and his family, on becoming Bar Mitzvah!

REFUAH SH’LEYMAH

We send blessings for complete healing to DB Reiff, Susan Moser, Thea Breite, Marvin Brotman, Dan Karp, Lisa Hirsch, and Jaime Wurzel.

CONDOLENCE

To Jon, Ami, Max, and Zac Gordon on the death of Jon’s father Arthur Gordon. May his memory be for a blessing.

YAHRZEIT

This month, we remember CDT members Efrem Goldberg, whose 15th yarzheit falls on October 4, Shari Zimble, whose 9th yarzheit falls on October 14, and Eugene Black, whose 4th yahrzeit falls on November 3. We will be remembering Efren at Shabbat services on October 7, Shari on October 14, and Gene on October 28. May each of their memories be for a blessing.

MOUSING AT CDT

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<td><strong>Economic Diversity Committee</strong>&lt;br&gt;60 Highland Street, Living Room 7-9pm</td>
<td><strong>Tikkun Olam: Prison Book Program</strong>&lt;br&gt;1306 Hancock St, Quincy 6:30-9pm</td>
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<td><strong>Community Shabbat/Sukkot Dinners</strong>&lt;br&gt;Members’ Homes/Sukkahs</td>
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<td><strong>Lessons on Immigration: Lillian Wald with Marjorie Feld</strong>&lt;br&gt;JCDS 10:45am-noon</td>
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**Yom Kippur Services**<br>Gann Academy<br>333 Forest St. Waltham<br>9:30am-7:00pm
**Shabbat**

**BAT MITZVAH OF MALKA RAE TRAUB POMERantz**

*Saturday, October 21, 9:45 am-noon*

Please join us on October 21 as our daughter, Malka Rae Traub Pomerantz, celebrates her Bat Mitzvah. Malka is a seventh grader at John Glenn Middle School in Bedford. In addition to school, she enjoys violin lessons and ensembles, ballet, and step dance. For her Tikkun Olam project, she volunteers regularly, even in the summer, at a Head Start in Waltham. The community is invited to join us for a festive kiddush lunch after the service. —Rebecca Pomerantz and Terry Traub

**AUFRUF OF RABBI SHAHAR COLT**

*Saturday, October 28*

During the Torah service at 11am, we will give a special blessing to Rabbi Shahar and Darya on the day before their wedding!

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**KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS**

**OCT 7** Got Shabbat Morning Service: Judy Hersh (captain) / Elizabeth Ferrenz & Jenny Siegel / Stacie Garnett-Cook / Karen & Jeffrey Arnold / Judah Axe

**OCT 11** Simchat Torah Celebration: Tania Mireles / Pamela Schoenberg Reider & Joel Reider / Janelle Winston (captain)

**OCT 13** All-ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck: Josh Herzig-Marx (captain) / Doron Gan / Carole Slipowitz / Susie Tanchel

**OCT 14** Shabbat Morning Service: Diana Perretta—*in memory of Fred & Helen Herstein* / Alyssa Cohen (captain) / Susan Nitkin & Jeffrey Marcus

**OCT 21** Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Malka Pomerantz: Sanctuary cleanup: Linda Hsu & Marc Steinberg; Kiddush setup: Emily & David Shumsky / Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein / Polly Crozier & Jessica Keimowitz; Kiddush cleanup: Pamela Rosenstein / Jenny Sartori & Barry Gilbert / Misha Dudnik / Leah Diskin / Annie Panel; Ushers: Susan Silberberg / Karen Engels & Lucy Engels

**OCT 28** Shabbat Morning Service & Aufruf of Rabbi Shahar Colt and Darya Mattes: Annette Jacobs / Laura (captain) & Joel Katz / Ellen Lubell

**NOV 3** All-ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck: Jonathan Gordon (captain) / Dan Halbert / Tal Shalom-Kobi / David Greenberg

**NOV 4** Shabbat Morning Service: Diane Yates / Susan Bernstein (captain) / Ellen Pashall / Reva Kasman

**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 & 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 Tzdek 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.
Join us for observances of Sukkot and Simchat Torah!

Saturday, October 8
Sukkot on the Farm! A community-wide celebration

Thursday, October 5
Sukkot morning service

Wednesday, October 11
Simchat Torah Celebration