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Telling the Story

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



THIS FALL, I taught a class that explored different ways of thinking about what it means to be Jewish. We discussed the idea that to be a Jew is to be part of a narrative—a story that we tell ourselves about who we are. The Jewish “master narrative” is the Exodus story: we were slaves in Egypt and, with a little help from God, Moses, and the 10 plagues, we became free. Even as the Torah itself recounts the story, it seems to be aware of the story as story: in the book of Exodus, the Israelites are instructed to tell the story of the liberation from Egypt to their children – to make sure that the experience of the Exodus becomes a shared national “memory,” even for those of us hundreds of generations removed.

In the yearly cycle of reading the Torah, we read the book of Exodus in these winter months, revisiting the story yet again. On the evening of March 30th, when we sit at the Passover seder, we will tell the story “as if” we were there. The Passover haggadah says that we are required to see ourselves as if we personally came out of Egypt—to feel the experience of liberation in our bones, and to rejoice. Yet when we take 10 drops of wine from our cups as we recite the ten plagues, we also remember that non-Israelites suffered as part of our liberation. When we apply the lessons of the Exodus, we are challenged to think about our own privilege as well as our own suffering, and to reflect on who are the enslaved and oppressed in our world today.

Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, felt that the American Jewish community could help



America develop its own “civic religion” by bringing our ancient wisdom for creating a shared collective story to our new home in the U.S. I was thinking about this when, earlier this fall, I met with Ralf Horlemann, the Consul General from Germany. He told me about the “Stumbling Stones,” a project of German artist Gunter Demnig to challenge his countrymen to reckon with the horrors of the Holocaust. In the 1990s, Demnig began installing plaques around Germany in places where Jews had lived before being deported, marking their names and last known residence. Today, there are thousands of these stones around Germany as well as elsewhere in Europe.

I shared with Mr. Horlemann the theme of my Yom Kippur talk, about what it might

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mean for white America to atone for the sins of slavery and genocide upon which this country was founded. As he told me about the process that Germany had gone through to enable its citizenry to honestly deal with the horrors of its recent past, he said something that stuck with me: this kind of work cannot be done until the large majority of the citizens of a nation have a shared understanding of their history.

Given recent arguments about the Confederacy here in the U.S., and an ongoing unwillingness by many Americans (not just in the South) to face up to the painful parts of our heritage, it feels like we are a long way from the kind of understanding Mr. Horlemann described. I wonder what it would mean to create a shared American narrative that can encompass the varied experiences of all those who live here: those who came willingly as immigrants, and those who were brought in chains; those who achieved prosperity and freedom, and

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those who have suffered the most profound losses. Is there a “master story” we can tell that is honest, that truly reckons with the darkness as well as the light in America?

The Hasidic masters encourage us to read the Exodus story not only as national myth, but also as personal spiritual journey: there is Pharaoh within each of us, as well as Moses. May we have the courage to name all the Pharaohs that are with us still—not just “out there” in the world, but in here, within us, all the forces of oppression that the authors of the Torah recognized so many years ago. Perhaps that insight can help us all—as Jews, as Americans, as citizens of the world—reckon with the complex legacies we carry within us as individuals and as societies. As we engage with the Exodus story this year, may we remember that our stories cannot be told without bitter herbs and the bread of affliction, and also not without song and gratitude and the bread of freedom.

CDT

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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 by the 10th of the month for the following month's issue.

Volunteer Staff: John Holohan (chair), Josette Akresh-Gonzales, Barry Ingber, Barbara Pittel, DB Reiff, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Amy Westebbe.

Shabbat & Holidays

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday evenings, February 9, March 9,
April 13

6:00pm candlelighting & potluck dinner,
6:45pm service

Join us for this fun, musical, all-ages celebration of Shabbat! We begin with candle-lighting and the Shabbat blessings at 6 pm, followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner (please bring a main dish or salad, enough for 10-15 people; drinks and dessert provided). Services begin at 6:45pm, and we end with an Oneg Shabbat at 7:30pm.

TOT SHABBAT

Saturday morning, February 17 & April 21,

10:45am-noon

(and on March 17 as part of "Got Shabbat")

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 (November 11!) as part of the morning activities, and on non-Got Shabbat months it runs from 10:45am-noon.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

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

Feb 10, March 10, April 14

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.



Students performing Chanukah songs at the 2017 Chanukah Assembly.

UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, ALL SHABBAT PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE DORSHEI TZEDEK PRAYER SPACE: 60 HIGHLAND STREET IN THE SECOND CHURCH OF NEWTON, WEST NEWTON. SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES ARE HELD WEEKLY, STARTING AT 9:45 AM. FREE CHILDCARE IS AVAILABLE DURING SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES IN ROOM 111. FOR THE COMFORT AND HEALTH OF OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS, WE ASK EVERYONE ATTENDING OUR SERVICES TO AVOID WEARING FRAGRANCES (PERFUME, COLOGNE, HAIR AND BODY SPRAYS).

CDT Events

CDT PURIM CELEBRATION!

Wednesday evening, February 28, 7pm-9pm

1326 Washington Street, West Newton
(First Unitarian Society)

In a galaxy far far away...all the forces of good and evil came together to enjoy Purim! Bring a friend and join us for:

- ***Purim davvening** with Rav Tiffany
- ***Costume parade** (prizes for kids and adults in costume – comes as you wannna be!)
- ***Megillah reading** (give a shout when you hear You-Know-Who's name!)
- ***Young children's activities**
- ***The Purim Spiel** (may the Forshpeiz be with you)
- ***Purim dance party**, and hamentaschen galore!

Mishloach Manot – One Purim tradition is the exchange of sweets and other goodies with friends and neighbors. Bring a *mishloach manot* plate to the Purim party (plates can include hamentaschen, other sweets, fruit, what you'd like!) and take a different one home.

CDT FILM CLUB

Fanny's Journey (2016, 96 min., French)
Saturday, February 10

at the home of Helaine and John Carroll.

Based on a true story, this affecting drama recounts the wartime struggles of Fanny, who ends up in an Italian foster home for



Jewish children after her dad's 1943 arrest. With the Nazis approaching, it falls on Fanny to get the other kids to safety.

Potluck at 6:00 pm, movie starts at 7:00 pm to be followed by a group discussion. Feel free to come for any part of the evening. If you're coming to the potluck, please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share (in consideration of members with dietary constraints, if you are making a dish with dairy or wheat that can be added later, i.e. salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate). Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families.

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

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!

Jewish Community Events

RABBI TOBA TO BE HONORED AT THIS YEAR'S NEW ENGLAND JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE LABOR SEDER - MARCH 25

Every year, the New England Jewish Labor Committee hosts a Labor Seder to commemorate the story of the Exodus, to bring the wider Labor and Jewish communities together, and to honor those who have worked tirelessly on efforts supporting workers. This year Rabbi Toba will be one of the honorees at the Labor Seder scheduled for Sunday, March 25 at 4:00pm at Temple Israel in Boston. More information is forthcoming regarding the details of

the event, so stay tuned. For now, if you are interested in learning more, visit

www.newenglandlabor.org, or contact **Amy Mazur** at acmazur@comcast.net.

A hearty Mazel Tov to **Rabbi Toba**, and thank you for all your work on behalf of workers and all those who are marginalized in our community.

Community

TODAH RABAH

Todah Rabah to everyone who helped with kiddush:

Team captains: **Carol Sklar, Emily Sper, Andrew Sofer, Matilda Bruckner, Liz Reisberg, Chagit Steiner**

Team members: **Gail Pressberg, David Schatz, Susana & Jaime Wurzel, Ellie Baron & Kate deBethune, Bonnie Tenniferello, Diana & Richard Fisher Gomborg, Jonathan Weisberg, Jennifer Nichols & Jerold Gelfand, Vivienne & Norman Shein, Edward Bruckner, Amy Dain, Valerie Graf, Reinhard Engels, Jennifer Greenberg, Tessa Goldsmith, Corinne Lofchie, Lisa Schneier, Bill Kantor, Louise Enoch & Alan Epstein, Polly Crozier & Jessica Keimowitz, in memory of David Crozier, Phyllis Kantor, in memory of her mother Sylvia Waltzer on the occasion of her 11th yahrzeit**

CDT AT THE WOMEN'S MARCH IN CAMBRIDGE



More than 16 CDT members attended the Cambridge/Boston Women's March 2018: The People Persist on Saturday, January 20th, on the Cambridge Common. Here are Idit Klein, Lior Namerow-Klein, Lily Fisher Gomborg, and Jordan Namerow, with Lily's sign: "You are not expected to complete the task, but neither are you free to avoid it." - Pirkei Avot 2:21 Rally attendees heard speakers including Maura Healey, Laura Rotolo of the ACLU, Tina Chery of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, and Andrea James of Families for Justice as Healing, and voiced their opposition to Trump's administration and in support of the rights of women and other marginalized people.

Inclusion Task Force

INCLUSION AT CDT

By Susan Nitkin and Alison Lobron

We "do inclusion" year-round as part of the Congregation Dorshei Tzedek culture. Still, it's nice to observe Jewish Disabilities Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) in February, when we create a special learning opportunity about welcoming both children and adults among us who struggle with physical, developmental, sensory, and mental health challenges.

This year we'll be recognizing JDAIM at CDT's Religious School on Sunday February 11 from 9:30 to 10am. During this program, which is open to the CDT community, we will harness the power of stories to build a more inclusive community. Telling ourselves stories as a way of managing uncertainty and planning for stressful situations is common. However, it's hard

for some people to do this without help because it can be difficult to imagine the context. Even if we've been told about the context, fear, anxiety and other uncomfortable feelings can make it hard to remember. A Social Story is a small book written and illustrated to help an individual anticipate an event, or enter a situation that feels scary or unfamiliar. It describes feelings, explains what to expect, and outlines the steps required to navigate a particular circumstance or setting, thereby reducing anxiety and increasing competence.

During our JDAIM program, participants will reflect on what it's like for them to come into an unfamiliar situation when they don't necessarily know what is expected of

them. They will draw on those feelings to figure out what a new student would need to know in order to feel comfortable in our Religious School program. Each grade will handle a topic that has to do with their experience at Religious School. Eventually these will be developed into Social Stories, which will become handy tools for many, if not all, children in our school as they enter our program and move from grade to grade. The congregation is welcome to join in for this event. If you are interested in being present that day, or participating in the creation of these books at a time more convenient for you, please let us know!

Contact access@dorsheitzedek.org for more information.

Learning

NEW CLASS!

JEWISH LIFE IN MEDIEVAL SPAIN: AN INTRODUCTION

Wednesday evening, March 7 and Thursday evening, March 22, 7:30-9pm

with Dr. Fran Malino, Sophia Moses Robison Professor of Jewish Studies and History at Wellesley College and Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Jewish history in Spain began in the Roman period, reached its “golden age” under the Umayyad Caliphs in Andalusia and continued until the expulsion of 1492. In these two classes, CDT’s own **Fran Malino** will explore the pre-Islamic and early Islamic context for the flowering of Jewish culture in Spain, as well as give an introduction to the great sweep of Spanish Jewish history under both Islam and Christianity.

JEWS, RACE AND IDENTITY WORKSHOP REFLECTIONS

by Jake Weinberg

The Got Shabbat workshop on Jews, Race and Identity, facilitated by the Racial Justice group of the Moishe Kavod House, was a unique opportunity to do some critical thinking with 11-year old Ruby about our identity as American Jews. Four excellent facilitators led the 6-8 graders and parents through the following questions: How do I see my racial identity? How do other people see my racial identity? How did some Jews “become White” in the U.S.? Am I White? If so, how did my family become White? What are stories of Antisemitism in your family and how have they changed over time? What have Jews benefited from and lost from most American Jews “becoming White”?

Parents and kids learned together for half of the workshop and separately for the other half. This was an effective combination of learning with our kids and with our parent peers. I most enjoyed being able to experience this workshop with Ruby. Always up for a visual assignment, she seemed to enjoy creating a timeline of our family history of Jewish identity in the U.S.. We both left the workshop realizing how little we know, and wanting to ask many questions to Ruby’s grandparents and great-grandmother about the racial identity experiences of our ancestors in the US.

By Izzy Feinfeld (7th grade)

In the workshop on “Jews, Race, and Identity,” middle schoolers and their parents learned a brief history of Ashkenazi Jews and whiteness in the United States. I enjoyed the visuals they provided to do this work. We then talked about the complexities of identifying—or being identified—as white, and what American Jews lost (traditions, languages, the visibility of Jews of Color) and gained (property ownership, mainstream acceptance) by gradually being understood as “white.” Given what’s happening in our country right now, and how much work we need to do against racism, this was a great workshop.

THE BEGINNING OF DESIRE: REFLECTIONS ON GENESIS

Aviva Zornberg Reading Group

Tuesday evenings, Feb. 13 & 27, March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 1 & 15

7:30-9:00pm

60 Highland Street, Library

This February we will continue our exploration of Aviva Zornberg’s first book, *The Beginning of Desire*. Zornberg’s book offers an intellectually stimulating and personally uplifting exploration of Genesis, breathing new life into the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Esau, Rachel, and Joseph. Zornberg brings biblical, midrashic, and literary sources together, weaving them into a seamless tapestry and illuminating the tensions that grip human beings as they search for and encounter God.

Since Zornberg’s writing is dense and deep, we will focus on one Torah portion each month, spending two meetings on each chapter of her book. In February we will work on the second chapter, about Noah. No pre-reading is required, but **please be in touch with Rabbi Shahar if you are interested in joining the group (for one night or several!)** - ddl@dorsheitzedek.org.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30am-9:15am

60 Highland Street, Library

CDT members and guests are welcome at this weekly meditation session--no background necessary, nor a weekly commitment! Rabbi Toba leads the session on the second Thursday of each month, and CDT members **Karen Arnold**, **Laya Steinberg**, and **Carole Slipowitz** lead the other sessions. If possible, please try to arrive by 8:30am, in order not to disrupt the silence.

Tikkun Olam

FIGHTING FOR “FAIR FOOD”

On January 18, **Rabbi Toba** and CDT members **Barry Ingber**, **Marjorie Salvadon**, **Amy Mazur** and **Phyllis Kantor** attended actions at local Wendy's restaurants, calling on the fast food chain to join the Fair Food Program of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW). The groundbreaking Fair Food Program has eradicated slavery in the Florida tomato fields and continues to fight sexual abuse and other challenges facing farmworkers. Clergy around the country participated in a fast marking 20 years since the first CIW campaign, and here in Boston both clergy and lay people gathered at Wendy's restaurants in Waltham, Boston, Natick and Stoughton to bring the message of fairness and dignity for farmworkers.



A group that was at Wendy's Downtown Crossing in Boston.

One of Dorshei Tzedek's Core Values is that of Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World. Our congregation's name means "seekers of justice," and, as that name implies, we strive to create a just and kind world by pursuing a variety of social action initiatives and projects both within our congregation and in conjunction with the broader community. We view such actions to end injustice and oppression as core to our spiritual journey and as a cornerstone of our ethical and moral tradition. At our meeting, all are welcome to come and find out what the various committees have been doing as well as bring your own ideas and questions. If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact **Abby Cohen** at abby.cohen@verizon.net



Rabbi Toba with Sue Ann Wasserman, former CDT member and sister of Karen Wasserman, inside the Waltham Wendy's speaking with the manager.

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Do you enjoy the newsletter and want to contribute?

Volunteers are urgently needed to help produce our monthly newsletter. No experience needed - we'll train you!

- Editor - compiles content and edits
- Graphic Designer - selects photos and uses Adobe Indesign to create the layout.

Editors and designers rotate so that each person ideally works on only 3-4 issues per year.

Contact John Holohan, newsletter chair, for more information, at John.Holohan@mathworks.com.

Nediv Lev

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Chesed

The Chesed Committee recently hosted an orientation for new Chesed Committee members where we learned that lotsa CDT members have questions about being a volunteer and using the LotsaHelpingHands site. See some Q & A's below



CHESED QUESTIONS?
chesed@dorsheitzedek.org

True or False?

Only members of CDT can use the CDT LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) calendar.

True. Only CDT members can access the CDT Community on the LotsaHelpingHands calendar. However Chesed Coordinators can help members set up and administer their own LHH community to involve a broader circle of friends and neighbors. A separate LHH sign-up is necessary.

Chesed means I have to cook a meal.

False. A cooked meal is only one way to help. Chesed can be a “food basket” of non-perishables, an errand such as grocery shopping, babysitting, a ride to a doctor appointment or taking children to school or other assistance.

Responding to a Chesed request means I have to do it all.

False. We encourage volunteers to split tasks for larger requests. For example, two volunteers can provide a Shabbat meal and a third volunteer can deliver it. The Chesed Coordinators will post requests on the LHH calendar so that volunteers can team up.

Asking for Chesed means every request is public.

False. You can ask the Chesed Coordinator to make calls or send emails to a few CDT neighbors, fellow Hebrew School parents, or other friends or “affinity groups” within the congregation.

The Chesed Committee would like to thank everyone whose acts of kindness manifest the spirit of Chesed in our community. We welcome your questions and feedback.

Coordinators for February are **Beth Green, Judy Hersh, and Debby Saltzman.**

MAZEL TOV

To **Mark Faber** and **Sherry Katz**, on the birth of their first grandchild, Hayden Leo Farber, to their son Nate and his wife Aynsley!

To **David Schatz** on the birth of his new grandson, Daniel Alexander, to his daughter Carmit and her husband Alex!

Yahrzeit

This month, we remember CDT member **Mara Gibbs**, whose 1st yahrzeit fell on January 27. We will be remembering Mara at Shabbat morning services on February 3. We also remember this month **Frances Greenberg**, whose 13th yahrzeit falls on February 16, and **Marion Weinberg**, whose 21st yahrzeit falls on February 17. We will be remembering Frances at Shabbat morning services, February 10, and Marion at Shabbat morning services, Feb 24.

CONDOLENCES

To **Meg Wilcox**, and to **Bob Warren, Sophia** and **Liam**, on the death of Meg's father, Thomas Wilcox.

The CDT community mourns the death of former CDT member **Lisa Chedekel**, and sends blessings of comfort to her spouse Isabel Morais, and their children, Bernard and Evelyn. May Lisa's 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>.

CHESED

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>.

CDT Calendar

February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	2	3 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
4 Religious School Gr. 1-7 9:30am to 12:00pm	5	6 Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	7	8 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	9 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service/ Potluck 6:00 pm	10 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
11 Religious School Staff Meeting 9:30am to 12:00pm	12	13 Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm Zornberg Reading Group 7:30pm to 9:00pm	14	15 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	16	17 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm Tot Shabbat 10:45am to 12:00pm
18 Religious School Nitzanim/Gan - 7 9:30am to 12:00pm	19	20 Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	21	22 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	23	24 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
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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.

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KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Shabbat, February 3: Janice Cole CAPTAIN/ Lauren Gibbs, *in memory of Mara Gibbs* / Sue Lanser, *in memory of Mildred and Dave Sniader* & Jo Radner, *in memory of Mardi Newlon*

Erev Shabbat, February 9: Shirley Milgrom CAPTAIN / Janet Boguslaw/Rebecca Hurst

Shabbat, February 10: JoAnn CAPTAIN & Michael Feldstein / Lisa Hirsh & DB Reiff

Shabbat, February 17: Helaine CAPTAIN & John Carroll / Debbie Waber / Fran Malino

Shabbat, February 24: Sherry Katz CAPTAIN & Mark Farber / Cheryl & Jeff Sacks

Purim Party, February 28: Setup: Tatjana Meschede & Daniel Krasa / Janet Boguslaw CAPTAIN / Laurie Goldman / Pamela & Steven Katz / Marsha & Philip Klein
Cleanup: Alissa CAPTAIN & Gerry Leonard / Howard Kaufman / Barbara Shatkin & Andy Littman / Alison & David Lobron

Shabbat, March 3: Ilana Joy Streit CAPTAIN / Madeline Steinberg, *in memory of Anne Glazer & Mitch Feuer*, *in memory of Glenda Feuer* / Laurie Gould, *in memory of Robert Gould*

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

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

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Religious School Notes

by Rabbi Shahar Colt

DORSHEI TZEDEK PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TENT AT TEMPLE ISRAEL

For the first time this year, Dorshei Tzedek has joined as a partner organization for The Tent, a Hebrew High School program at Temple Israel. Through this Monday evening program, our participating students meet new friends from several local synagogues representing a range of Boston area Jewish practices, including Hillel B'nai Torah, Temple Beth Zion, and Kehillath Israel, as well as Temple Israel.

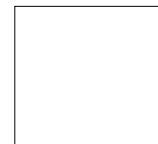
Students can choose from wide ranging electives such as Jewish cooking, disability justice, Judaism and refugee issues, and even volunteer work. The Tent welcomes 8th-12th graders for dinner and two electives, as well as trips (to New York, DC, even Israel), tikkun olam activities, and the opportunity to participate in the youth group. As part of our partnership with the Tent, Rabbi Shahar will be teaching a spring class on Sephardic history and culture. All our teens are invited to check it out- and you can even join mid-year. Be in touch with **Rabbi Shahar** (del@dorsheitzedek.org) if you have any questions!

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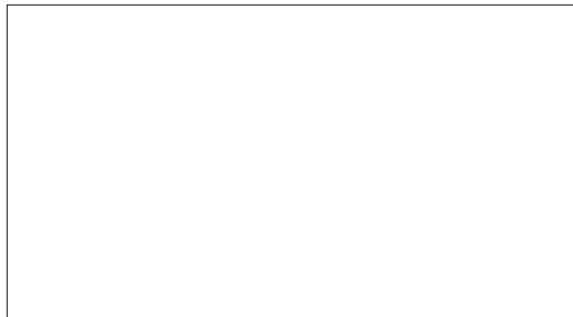


Alison Lobron and friends (top photo) and Lev Gordon (right photo) working on one of the Rosh Chodesh Sivan electives "Meditative Leaf Making" for Tu Bishvat decorations.





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THE CDT MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM 12TH SEASON WILL OPEN TRAINING CAMP THIS SPRING!

THE TEAM IS open to all men who are CDT members and their sons, who are at least 25 years old. Whether you're a rookie, a free agent, or a veteran considering coming out of retirement, you'll have a place on the Tzedekmen.

**...we can guarantee
you'll have a blast!**

Our Team belongs to the Men's Shul Softball League, which has roughly 40 teams throughout Greater Boston. Games are played on Sunday mornings from mid-April to mid-June, with playoffs starting at the end of June. The winner of the MSSL championship earns the "coveted" Kiddush Cup.

The 2017 Tzedekmen finished last year with a 4-4 record and narrowly missed qualifying for the playoffs. The 2018 team hopes to improve on that record. Preseason practices, which start in March, are a great way to get to know other guys on the team. Playing on the team gives men the opportunity to connect with other guys in CDT, and, while we can't guarantee wins, we can guarantee you'll have a blast!



Don't let age be a barrier to joining the Tzedekmen. Check out the MSSL website: <http://www.msslonline.org/> and the team's own facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CongregationDorsheiTzedekMensSoftballTeam/>
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