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## Consideration of the Past and Passion to Relate it to the Present



by Lissy Medvedow,  
President

**THIS PASSOVER**, I had the pleasure of attending four seders, each distinct with its own flavors and meaning. First, I went to see our own Rabbi Toba honored at the New England Jewish Labor Committee seder, an annual event that brings together people who are deeply engaged in representing and supporting workers. Rabbi Toba was honored for her impassioned pursuit of justice on behalf of myriad individuals and organizations, including the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Hyatt 100 (a group of approximately 100 longtime housekeepers fired from three Hyatt hotels on the same day and replaced with less expensive non-Hyatt workers).

The Labor Seder Haggadah opened with the question “What makes this Passover different from all other Passovers?” The answer: the sixth night of Passover this year marked the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Rosa Parks, Mahatma Gandhi, Elie Wiesel, and Albert Einstein quotes infused the Haggadah with inspiration including this from Rosa Parks:

“People always say that I didn’t give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn’t true. I was not tired physically, or no more than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was 42. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.” While Ms. Parks power was in staying seated, we are now experiencing the power

of Standing Up for our rights, using our voices, and fostering generational activism.

My second seder was put on by the Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA) at Boston College Law School, where I work. Stu-

state New York, and often Georgia. Her husband’s father was a longtime Rabbi in the Boston-area and his family knows every word of the seder. My brother-in-law studies in preparation each year for the holiday and leads a joyful, boisterous, and



dents shared the story of Passover through an abbreviated Haggadah and a full holiday dinner in a seder attended by several non-Jewish members of the community. The students ran the seder, used a powerpoint to explain the holidays, and in classic academic fashion, one person stood in front of the room directing the participants. The history of Passover, represented by the Seder plate’s symbolic foods, educated and enlightened the students experiencing their first seder. Both freedom fighters and free dinners resonate with law students (the former far more significantly).

My third seder was at my sister’s house. Every year, she hosts the first seder, a reunion of sorts for my brother-in-law’s family with relatives coming from Israel, Chicago, up-

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meaningful seder. My Mom comes up from Connecticut, and this year both my daughters were here. There's lots of singing and great food and much discussion of traditional and contemporary themes long into the night. Always fun.

Finally, my fourth seder, which we held at our house with friends, one of whom is not Jewish. We had created a Haggadah using large swaths from the Labor Seder as well as segments of the Reconstructionist Haggadah, including commentary by Rabbi Toba. I was struck by two parts of the Labor Seder Haggadah: the four cups of wine and the ten plagues. Each cup represented a bit of the divine spirit, a sense of looking forward. The first cup acknowledged Awareness; the second cup, Commitment; the third cup, Gratitude; and the fourth cup, Hope. We could use a bit of the divine spirit to keep us going every day amidst the struggles of so many people throughout the world.

Here the ten traditional plagues are transformed into today's scourges:

1. Ignorance: Neglecting the public school system and dismissing science
2. Lies: Attacking the media and inventing "alternative facts"
3. Divisiveness: Scapegoating immigrants, Muslims, and people of color
4. Hatred: Accepting and encouraging hate speech and violence
5. Thievery: Robbing from the poor and working class to give tax breaks to the wealthiest 1 percent
6. Tyranny: Disregarding democratic norms and scoffing at the law

7. Chaos: Breeding confusion and fear as a means of preventing dissent

8. War: Colluding with dictators while shunning democratic allies

9. Environmental Ruin: Denying the science of climate change and causing irreparable destruction by reversing environmental regulations

10. Death: ... of refugees, the homeless, the poor; from a drug overdose, for lack of medical care, in a hate crime; in solitary confinement, in a detention center, in extreme storms, heat, or cold; from domestic abuse, racial profiling, gun violence ...

*Credit to the New England Jewish Labor Committee.*

Our beloved non-Jewish friend wrote after the seder "how beautifully done the

customized Haggadah was – probably the most relevant and contemporarily thoughtful seder I've attended." Thanks go to the New England Jewish Labor Committee and the Reconstructionist movement for the ideas and language that enabled us to create a meaningful Haggadah.

Passover gives us the opportunity each year to reflect on the impassioned quest for freedom yearned for by so many people in this country and beyond. Four seders may be two too many, but I consider myself extraordinarily fortunate for having experienced such an abundance of reflection, family, Judaic spirit, and traditions interposed with the Reconstructionist tenet of "consideration of the past and a passion to relate it to the present." I ended the holidays with awareness, commitment, gratitude and hope. Next year in Jerusalem and throughout the world.

## "What makes this Passover different from all other Passovers?"

## Rabbinic Liaison Committee

**Rabbinic Liaison Committee:** The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to insure 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 [chsrome@comcast.net](mailto:chsrome@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) by the 10th of the month for the following month's issue.

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# Shabbat & Holidays

## SHABBAT UNPLUGGED

*Friday-Saturday, May 4-5*

While every Shabbat is an opportunity to “unplug,” this is our yearly opportunity as a community to take the invitation that Shabbat offers us: to “be” rather than “do”; to turn our attention from the world of consumption to the realm of reflection; to unplug from those things-- our computers or workplaces or cars-- that keep us harried or stressed or tied into the busyness of our lives. It's an opportunity to enjoy a Shabbat meal with family and friends, enjoy a Shabbat service, take a walk or an afternoon nap.

Whether you join in a CDT activity or rest at home, take the opportunity to unplug this Shabbat!

### MAY 4, ALL AGES EREV SHABBAT DINNER & SERVICE,

*6:00pm Candle-lighting and potluck vegetarian dinner*

*6:45pm Service*

All are welcome to this fun, kid-friendly, musical evening as our Kitah Dalet (4th grade students) co-lead the service with

Rabbi Toba. We begin with Shabbat blessings and a veggie potluck dinner at 6pm (please bring a main dish or salad to share, enough for 10-15 people), followed by a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:45pm, and ending with dessert at 7:30pm!

The next all-ages Erev Shabbat will be Friday evening, June 8.

## SHABBAT MORNING- MAY 5

### MAY 5, SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA SPITZER

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

**8:45am Torah Study:** All are invited to join Rabbi Toba for Torah study preceding the Shabbat morning service - bring your own caffeinated beverage! We will explore ancient and modern commentaries on the weekly Torah portion Emor - including instructions for the counting of the omer during these weeks between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot (no previous Torah study experience required). The next Shabbat morning Torah study will be June 16.

**9:45am Shabbat morning service,** featuring our **Kitah Vav** (6th grade) class! Join us for prayer, song, study, and more.

**Noon - Kiddush lunch!** Whether or not you attend services, come join us for a community lunch.

**Shabbat afternoon: Read a book, meditate, take a nap!**

**Or join CDT Hikes for a hike!**

It's finally spring so let's start to wake up our hibernating hiking muscles on a nearby, gentle hike around the Weston Reservoir and Doublet Hill. Caravan/ carpool from CDT at 1PM sharp, or meet us at the trailhead at 1:15pm. To get there, take Rt. 30/Commonwealth Ave. west into Weston. Take a right on Ash Street and park on the left just before the reservoir, or park on the right just after the reservoir. We will meet on the grassy field on the right just before the reservoir. The address for GPS is approximately 134 Ash St., Weston. No need to RSVP, just wear good walking shoes and bring a water bottle and an extra upper body layer. Dogs are welcome! Questions? Contact **Diana at DFGomberg@gmail.com.**

## SHABBAT MORNING, MAY 19 - KITAH HAY SIYYUM & TOT SHABBAT

*9:45am-Noon Shabbat morning service*

*10:45am-Noon Tot Shabbat*

Our Kitah Hay (5th grade class) will be co-leading the Shabbat morning service, all are welcome to join us! And families with children aged 2-5 are invited to a fun Tot Shabbat program featuring music, art, story, and more! Tell your friends; all are welcome.

## HAVDALLAH ON THE WATER

*Saturday evening, May 12*

*6:00-9:00pm*

*Fisher-Gomberg home, Auburndale*

All are welcome to come by beginning at 6pm for a vegetarian potluck dinner and some casual canoeing and kayaking on the Charles River. Around 8:30pm, we'll all paddle onto the river with our Havdallah candles and spices for a very special Havdallah service on the water. In case of rain, dinner and Havdallah will be indoors. RSVP's are requested so that we can make sure we have enough boats and candles ([dfgomberg@gmail.com](mailto:dfgomberg@gmail.com)). If you happen

to have a canoe or kayak, or a Havdallah candle and/or spices, it would be great if you would bring them, but it's fine to just come with a vegetarian dinner contribution. The Gombergs will provide drinks and desserts (and boats, paddles, and life jackets!) All ages welcome. If you'd rather just watch from the shore, you can join the photography crew or the unofficial rescue crew!

## SHAVUOT - TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT - A NIGHT OF LEARNING

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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. 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

## NEW: CDT CAMPS!

There's no official CDT retreat this year, so let's try something much less organized, much more messy, and altogether much more DIY (do-it-yourself)!

Richard and Diana Fisher Gomberg have reserved a group campsite June 29 - July 5 at Nickerson State Park in Brewster, Cape Cod. To make things easy, the theme is BYO... (bike/tent/potluck/etc.) It's only a 1 1/2 hour drive if you hit the traffic right and there are bike trails, kettle ponds for swimming, nearby beaches, walking paths, an ice cream shop you can bike to, real showers in the campground, and a nearby grocery store. People can just stay for a night or two, the whole time, or just for a day trip! There won't be a set menu or agenda of activities but there are plenty of things to do and people can come and go as they wish. If you'd like to join but don't have a tent or a sleeping bag or a ride or something, let us know via the sign-up. We think we can crowd-source everything we need. If you can not attend but you have camping equipment you'd like to offer, please email Diana at [DFGomberg@gmail.com](mailto:DFGomberg@gmail.com). The

campground gave us a limit of 30 people per night (no particular limit on dogs). We are starting with a Members-only policy and recommend signing up early to reserve your spot. Children and teens are welcome if accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them. More details and sign-ups are at this link: <https://dorsheitzedek.org/members/signup>. Questions will be fielded by Diana at [DFGomberg@gmail.com](mailto:DFGomberg@gmail.com). Hope to see you at the campground!

## CDT GARDEN WORK PARTY MAY 6TH

Spring is finally here! Help us wake up our CDT donation garden on May 6th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. We're located in Waltham at 240 Beaver Street. We'll be removing stones, putting down compost and re-building our fence. All ages are welcome. We especially invite the religious school families and the CDT Softball team after your Sunday morning activities. Please RSVP to [Judy at judyhersh5@gmail.com](mailto:judyhersh5@gmail.com), but come even if you don't RSVP! Bring work gloves and a shovel if you have them, and a water bottle. We'll provide snacks.

## CDT FILM CLUB - MAY 12

*A Tale of Love and Darkness* (2015, 1 hr. 38 min., Hebrew)

Based on the memoirs of author Amos Oz, this poetic drama shares his family's tale of suffering and survival in the early years of independent Israel.

Saturday, May 12 at the home of **Sharon Gorberg and John Holohan**.

Potluck at 6:00pm, 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, ie. salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate). Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families.

We hope you can join us! 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.

# Jewish Community Events

## JUNE 2 -HOLD THE DATE!

Dr. Judith Kates, Professor of Jewish Women's Studies at Hebrew College, will be our guest and give the D'var Torah at our Shabbat morning services on June 2. The Torah portion that week is B'ha'alotkha. The title of her d'var will be *In the wilderness: Loss, Longing and Leadership*. She will explore the psychological complexity of the wilderness journey in the book of Bamidbar and compare Moses and Miriam as leaders, responding to those complexities.

Dr. Kates has taught Tanakh and Jewish traditions of interpretation at the Hebrew College Rabbinical School since its

founding in 2003. She is co-editor of *Reading Ruth: Contemporary Women Reclaim a Sacred Story* and *Beginning Anew: A Woman's Companion to the High Holy Days*.

## SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF MASSACHUSETTS SEMINAR: MODELING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP

*Temple Emunah, Lexington*

*Sunday, June 3, 5:30pm*

Join us for a reception and panel featuring prominent and innovative leaders from various arenas including Ruthanne Fuller, Newton's first female mayor, and Lauren

Corduck, founder of OneinForty, devoted to increasing awareness and education about the BRCA gene mutations and high incidence of cancer in Ashkenazi Jews.

The event will launch a new initiative to cultivate women's mentorship and young leadership in congregations and in the Jewish Community. The initiative honors the memory and legacy of Anita Redner z"l, by continuing the type of work to which she was so deeply committed.

Details of the event, the initiative, tickets, and sponsorship coming soon.



# Community

## CDT HOME DINNERS

Friday, May 11

Sign up on the CDT website (under the “members” tab) for a potluck Shabbat dinner, for all types of households and neighborhoods! Or host your own and invite a friend or two.

Booklets with Shabbat blessings and erev Shabbat songs are available at CDT; contact **Lidia Prunte** ([officeassistant@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:officeassistant@dorsheitzedek.org)) to make arrangements to pick them up.

## KITCHEN TABLE CONVERSATION ON DOMESTIC WORKERS

By Amy Mazur

Domestic workers are house cleaners, caregivers and nannies. They are part of an invisible workforce, primarily immigrant women of color who come into our homes every day to do their work, and make it possible for us to go out into the world and do our work.

How do we engage with these women who are so much a part of our lives and our communities? How do we understand their lives and their experiences? How do

we support them in the work they do in our homes?

Please join in at the Kitchen Table Conversation that **Amy Mazur** will be hosting on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00pm in her home to gather with other domestic employers to discuss how we can support dedicated workers right in our homes. For further information or to RSVP, contact **Amy**: [acmazur@comcast.net](mailto:acmazur@comcast.net).

If you are interested, feel free to visit [www.domesticemployers.org](http://www.domesticemployers.org), or download information at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/docs/workplace/domestic-workers/dw-notice-of-rights.pdf>



In April, CDT hosted a gathering of women from the Matahari Women Workers' Center who spoke about their experience as domestic workers and women leaders.

## MAZEL TOV

B'nei Mitzvah – **Jane Robinson** and **Anna Kaplan**

To **Aviva Hess Galpert** on being named valedictorian of her graduating law school class at U.C.Hastings in SF. She's a true product of CDT!

## Yahrzeit

This month we remember **David Keimowitz-Crozier**, son of **Jessica Keimowitz** and **Polly Crozier**, brother of **Hannah** and **Miriam**, on the occasion of his 6th yearzeit.

## CONDOLENCES

To **Janet Boguslaw**, on the death of her sister, **Lisa Faith Boguslaw**; may her memory be for a blessing.

To **David, Jennifer, Max and Isadora Greenberg**, on the death of David's father, **Newton Greenberg**, and Jennifer's father, **Theodore Fitis**. May their memories 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>.

## TODAH RABAH

Todah Rabah to everyone who helped with kiddush in March and April:

**Ellen White**, in memory of **John and Paul White**, **Haralie Alpert** (Captain), in memory of **Francis and Sylvia Greenberg**, **Alison Lobron**, **Amy Pollack-Howard**, **Jen Levine-Fried & Matt Fried**, **Susan Silberberg**, **Rebecca Pomerantz**, **Jordan Schwartz**, **Lori Garg**, **Maya Garg**, **Jennifer Greenberg**, **Tal Shalom Kobi**, **Jordan Schwartz**, **Jake Weinberg**, **Amy Dain**, **Erica Streit-Kaplan**, **Jeff Goldman**, **Gail Harris**, **Sami O'Reilly**, **Daniel Reeves**,

**Ellie & Judah Axe** (Captain), **Andy Littman**, **Barbara Pittel**, in memory of **Edith and Murray Bushman**, **Alyssa Cohen**, **Tim Caputo**, **Alison & David Lobron**, **Gail Harris**, **Polly Crozier & Jessica Keimowitz**, **Marni Caputo**, **Alyssa Cohen**, **Valerie Graf & Doron Gan**, **Kristin Butcher & Scott Gordon**, **Abby Schwartz**, **Hilary Marcus & Jonathan Magaziner**, **Linda Kramer** (Captain), in memory of **Alex Fried**, **Alex Sugerman-Brozan**, **Marsha & Philip Klein**, **Cindy Shulak-Rome & Dan Rome** (Captain), **Marion Ross**, **Doug Hersh**

# Religious School Notes

## CDT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MADRICHIM (TEEN ASSISTANTS)

by Alison Lobron

Walk into any CDT Religious School classroom on a Sunday morning and who do you expect to see there? Yes, you'll find dynamic teachers guiding children through engaging learning experiences and inquisitive students, from preschool through seventh grade. You'll also find passionate guests, both volunteer and staff, sharing their love of Judaism through storytelling, music, crafts, gardening and social justice work.

And, you will find our madrichim (teen-age assistants). This year eleven outstanding madrichim supported our CDT Religious School programming. These high school students performed a variety of roles throughout the school: classroom assistant, childcare providers, and 1 to 1 assistants for students with special learning needs.

Our madrichim receive support in the form of staff training with their partner teachers and as a cohort. They also get individualized feedback and coaching from their partner teachers and the Inclusion Coordinator. There are three main goals of the madrich training. First, for many of our teens, being a madrich is their first "real" job. We try to offer our teens support in basic job skills, such as communicating about absences and other job responsibilities. Second, our madrichim receive instruction in general classroom management techniques. This training gives them the tools they need to be effective leaders in their classrooms. Finally, we hope that being a madrich at CDT Religious School offers our teens a meaningful connection to their own Jewish identity.

Our school and students benefit a great deal from our dedicated team of madrichim. If you know a CDT teen who would be a good match for our school for next year, please let us know!

Below, you can find advice for Future Madrichim, written by three of our current teens.



Rita Hackett



Hannah Steinberg, with student  
Maya Gomperts

Dear Future Madrich,

Being a madrich is a great experience to have and a job that makes it possible for the Religious School to run. I am guessing, since you wanted this job, that you like to work with kids. The most important part of this job is making connections with the kids in your class. You will need to be a good role model and get excited about what the teacher is teaching. If you do not seem engaged, the kids will not engage either. They want to be like you!

Have fun, and enjoy this great opportunity!

Sincerely,  
*Henry Wasserman*



Max Greenberg

Dear New Madrich,

Your role as a madrich is so important. First of all, the kids look up to you. They see you as a role model. They see you as a teacher and a friend. When you're not there, they notice it. I remember I was absent one week, and the next Sunday, one of the kids said to me, "Where were you last week? I missed you." Your role as someone who they can look up to, and someone who they can talk to is so important. Your role is also so important to the teacher -- they count on you as someone who can make sure everything goes smoothly in the classroom.

Sincerely,  
*Joanna Marcus*

Dear Future Madrich,

The role of a madrich is very, very important. Think of it as if you were in school, in class. You know that one class with that one kid who is always talking over the teacher when you and everyone else want to learn something? Or what about that class that YOU don't understand and are struggling to keep your grades up in? Now think about both scenarios. What if you or the other student had somebody helping out? When you don't understand something, wouldn't it be helpful if there were someone you could ask? Wouldn't it be great if somebody could help out that disruptive student? Enter the CDT madrich. YOU can be that person to help the student that needs an extra bit of clarification. YOU can be that person who can give some extra attention to a student who is having a hard time. It is an important role that you play as a madrich, and you make a huge contribution to a successful learning environment.



Joanna Marcus with Ziv Dudnik

# Tikkun Olam

## “WHAT A DIFFERENCE A D.A. MAKES”

The ACLU of MA, in partnership with GBIO and more than a dozen other social and criminal justice organizations, is spearheading a first-of-its-kind public education campaign to inform voters of the critical role district attorneys play in the criminal legal system and increase voters' knowledge and engagement in local DA elections. As a member organization of GBIO, CDT is actively supporting this campaign. The first Suffolk County DA Candidate forum will be held from 6-8 pm at the Hibernian Hall,

184 Dudley St, Roxbury on Thursday, June 7th. Look for further announcements from CDT's Criminal Justice Reform committee about other educational programs about DA's in Suffolk and Middlesex Counties and check out this amazing, multi-pronged campaign at [dadifference.org](http://dadifference.org).

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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](mailto:abby.cohen@verizon.net)

# Learning

## THE BEGINNING OF DESIRE: REFLECTIONS ON GENESIS

*Aviva Zornberg Reading Group*

*Tuesday evenings, May 1 & 15*

*7:30-9:00pm*

*60 Highland Street, Library*

In May we continue our study of Genesis through Aviva Zornberg's *Beginning of Desire*. This month we will be exploring selections from the third chapter, getting to know the characters of Abraham and

Sarah through Zornberg's broad use of midrash. All are welcome to join us (even if you haven't been before!). If you have any questions, or to find out about what we've been up to, please be in touch with **Rabbi Shahar** at [del@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:del@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.

## CDT MEMBER GIVES HONORARY WELLESLEY COLLEGE LECTURE

By DB Reiff

CDT member **Fran Malino** delivered the 2018 Wellesley College Distinguished Faculty Lecture this April. Her talk *“Jewish Voices: Muslim Lands,”* illuminated the lives of Jewish women teaching in a network of schools from Morocco to Iran in the early 20th century.

Paula Johnson, president of Wellesley College, introduced Fran as, “the highly admired and beloved inaugural chair of its Jewish Studies program and an authority on Jewish and European history who had shaped, expanded, and built a community



around this thriving area of study at Wellesley.” She described Fran's three-decade legacy of leadership and service and her perennially popular course, “Roots of Exile: Jews and Muslims,” in which Fran explores relationships between these diasporic and marginalized communities.

During her talk Fran showed a video clip of her father, the eloquent Rabbi Jerome Malino, and shared a little of her recent work on Digital Heritage Mapping and the Diarna project, a Geo-Museum of North African and Middle Eastern Jewish Life. ([diarna.org](http://diarna.org))

Several CDT members attended Fran's lecture taking advantage of both a golden opportunity to learn and to kvell. Although the government of France has named Fran a Chevalier of the Order des Palmes Académiques, we at CDT know her simply as, “one of ours.”



# Nediv Lev

## NEDIV LEV CAMPAIGN SPRINGS INTO ACTION

The CDT Nediv Lev campaign, our only fundraiser of the year, has reached about \$73,000 of our goal of \$76,500 with 102 households participating!

If you have already contributed, todah rabah for supporting the school and all the activities and programs that make CDT such a wonderful community. If you have not yet contributed, now is the time to give “from the heart” whatever amount is meaningful to you. Please either use the form mailed recently to members or look under “giving” on the CDT website or at <https://dorsheitzedek.org/members/nediv-lev-online-pledge-form>. If you have any questions, contact the Nediv Lev Chair, John Carroll ([jcarroll@mit.edu](mailto:jcarroll@mit.edu)).

*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.*

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# Chesed

CHESED IS...

by Ellie Goldberg



**CHESED QUESTIONS?**  
[chesed@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:chesed@dorsheitzedek.org)

Our community 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. Go to “chesed-caring-community” on the CDT website to find information about Chesed and links to inspiring articles and delicious recipes.

**C** is for our Caring Community.  
**H** is for Helping Hands.  
**E** is for Everyone involved..  
**S** is for Sharing our joys and sorrows.  
**E** is for Empathy and Engagement  
**D** is for Delight in both giving and receiving Chesed.

## **LotsaHelpingHands**

(LHH) is your connection to **Chesed**.

To receive notices of requests and to volunteer you need to join the Chesed at CDT community on the LHH website. Sign up for LHH at: <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH>. Forgot your LHH password? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/GetPsWrdLHH>.

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

The Chesed Coordinators for May are **Ellen Pashall** and **DB Reiff**.

If you have requests, suggestions, recipes or questions, please contact **chesed@dorsheitzedek.org**.

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.

## **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>.

## ➔ Newsletter Help Needed!! ➔

**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](mailto:John.Holohan@mathworks.com).

# CDT Calendar

# May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1 Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm  Zornberg Reading Group 7:30pm to 9:00pm	2 Executive Board Meeting 7:30pm to 9:00pm	3 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	4 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service/ Potluck & Kitah Dalet Siyyum 6:00 pm	5 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am  Shabbat Morning Service & Kitah Vav Siyyum 9:45am to 12:00pm
					SHABBAT UNPLUGGED	
6 Last Day of Religious School Gr. 1-7 9:30am to 12:00pm  CDT Men's Soft- ball Game 10:30am  Kitah Zayin Trip 10:00am to 12:00pm	7	8 Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	9	10 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	11 CDT Erev Shab- bat Community Potluck Dinners 6:00 pm	12 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Jane Robinson 9:45am to 12:00pm  Havdallah on the Water 6:00pm to 9:00pm  CDT Film Club 6:00pm
13 CDT Men's Soft- ball Game 8:00am  Mother's Day Walk for Peace 8:30am  CDT Sings Rehearsal 4:00pm to 5:30pm	14	15 Last Day of Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm  Zornberg Reading Group 7:30pm to 9:00pm	16 Board Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm	17 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	18	19 Shabbat Morning Service & Kitah Hay Siyyum 9:45am to 12:00pm  Tot Shabbat 10:45am to 12:00pm  Shavuot, An Evening of Learning 7:30pm to 11:55pm
20 Shavuot Family Program: Hike for Torah! 9:00am	21	22	23	24 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	25	26 Shabbat Morning Service & Bat Mitzvah of Anna Kaplan 9:45am to 12:00pm
27	28	29	30	31 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am	June 1	2 Shabbat Morning Service with Dr. Judith Kates 9:45am to 12:00pm

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

**MAY 4, EREV SHABBAT:** Noah Rumpf / Mike McEwan / Margo Michaels / Rachel Pytel (Captain)

**MAY 5, SHABBAT:** Sharon Gorberg (Captain) & John Holohan / Diane Becker / David Nathan

**MAY 12, SHABBAT:**

**Sanctuary Cleanup:** Becky Cohen / Marni Caputo

**Kiddush Setup:** Emily & David Shumsky / Karen Engels / Stephanie & Nem Hackett / Pamela Rosenstein

**Kiddush Cleanup:** Becky Cohen / Tim Caputo / Josette Akresh-Gonzales / Scott Gordon / Allison Andrews & Arthur Lent

**Ushers:** James Kaplan / Michael Brann & Michele Arons

**MAY 19, SHABBAT:** Joel Auslander / Rachel Davenport & Mark Paley (Captain) / Mona Pollack

**MAY 19, SHAVUOT:** Marcia Okun (Captain) & Joshua Lieberman / Ilana Joy Streit / Willah Kuh / Rachel Kelemen & Josh Brown / Janet Penn

**MAY 26, SHABBAT:**

**Sanctuary Cleanup:** Betsy Hinden / Nem Hackett

**Ushers:** Allison Andrews & Arthur Lent

**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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# Shabbat & Holidays (cont'd)

## SHAVUOT



Weavings by Phyllis Cantor

## TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT - A NIGHT OF LEARNING

*Saturday evening, May 19, 8pm-midnight*

*60 Highland Street, West Newton*

This year, as we celebrate the mythic moment of receiving Torah on Mount Sinai, we will dedicate our learning to the memory of beloved rebbetzin Gina Fried, zichronah l'vracha. It is traditional to usher in the holiday of Shavuot with all-night Torah study, and we will honor Torah and Gina's memory with an evening of learning with and from CDT members and a special guest. So come learn with us, whether the whole evening or just as long as you can stay awake!

**8:00pm Keynote talk with Joyce Antler,** the Samuel J. Lane Professor Emerita of American Jewish History and Culture and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Brandeis University. Professor Antler's topic is "Ready To Turn The World Upside Down": Women's Liberation And Jewish Identity. Reconstructing the lost Jewishness of radical feminism, Professor Antler will explore why the honor-roll of women's liberation pioneers includes so many Jewish women. As they have shaped other American social movements, Jewish women have profoundly shaped modern feminism, both secular and religious. Her new book, *Jewish Radical Feminism: Voices from the Women's Liberation Movement* will be published this spring by New York University Press.

**9:00PM HAVDALLAH**

**SESSION ONE: 9:15PM-10:10PM**

**Biblical Text Study with Susie Tanchel**

**The Torah of Blintzes** - Join the Okun/Lieberman family to learn how to make cheese blintzes, the iconic food for celebrating Shavuot!

**BLINTZ & CHEESECAKE BREAK - 10:15-10:40PM**

**SESSION TWO: 10:4-11:35PM**

**Listening to Mind, Body, and Spirit: Yoga with Esther Kohn.** What can we learn by slowing down, becoming aware of the breath, and listening to our bodies? We'll practice breathing, simple yoga poses, and relaxation to explore Shavuot themes.

**Bringing in the "I": First Person Accounts of Liberation & Revelation with Lisa Schneider.** An interactive text study, exploring how we bring ourselves as readers—and people seeking freedom and wisdom—into our encounters with the written text.

**When the Heavens Open: 11:40pm-12:15am**

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

## SHAVUOT MORNING HIKE

*Sunday, May 20, 9:45am-1:30pm*

*The Blue Hills Reservation - Houghton's Pond parking lot, 840 Hillside Street, Milton MA*

In Jewish tradition, Shavuot was the day that Moses received the Torah at Mount Sinai. We'll climb our own "mountain" and see what Torah we find at the top! This will be a relatively easy, family friendly hike. We'll gather at the Houghton's Pond parking lot and set off promptly at 10am, and be back for a picnic lunch around 12:30pm. Bring your walking shoes, plenty of water, and a picnic lunch, and get ready to receive some Torah!



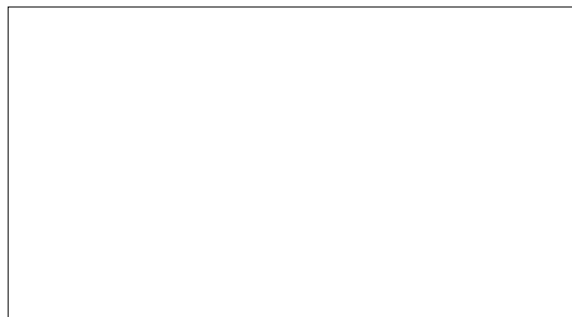


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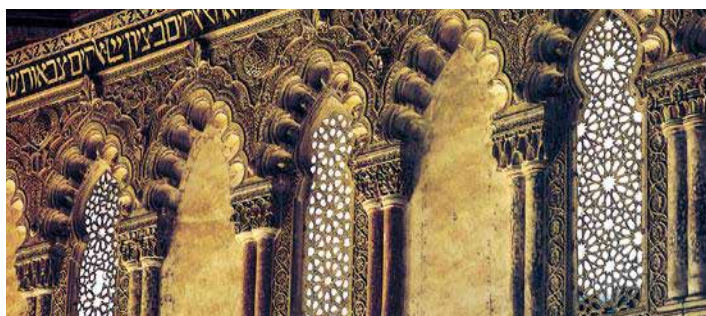
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CDT Spain-trippers share a wonderful Shabbat meal provided by Temple Bet Shalom in Barcelona



CDT Members Enjoying Toledo, Spain