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Photo: CDT members in Spain, April 2018

Reflections on Jewish Spain

by Rabbi Toba Spitzer



FROM APRIL 16TH through the 25th, an energetic and thoughtful group of CDT members (plus a few family members and friends) joined me and my colleague Rabbi Leila Gal Berner on a tour of Jewish Spain. Thirty-two in all, we covered a lot of ground: Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Granada, Barcelona, Gerona, Tarragona and Besalu. While an enormous amount of Jewish history occurred on the Iberian peninsula (where Jews lived from the days of the Roman Empire in the 2nd and 3rd centuries through the expulsion in 1492), there is not much physical evidence of that history left. In Toledo we visited the remains of two synagogues from the 12th and 14th centuries. Along with a small synagogue in Cordoba (which unfortunately was closed to visitors during our tour), these are the only significant medieval synagogues still visible in Spain. We visited the remains of a very small synagogue, located beneath street level, in Barcelona, and saw remnants of communal mikvahs

(ritual baths) in Gerona and Besalu. In the evenings we learned about the history of the Jews in Spain with Rabbi Leila, who earned a PhD in medieval Spanish Jewish history before becoming a rabbi.

The Jewish experience in Spain is a story of highs and lows. Things could be very very bad and then quite good—and then turn bad again. The Visigoths who ruled the Iberian peninsula in the 6th and 7th centuries promulgated the first Christian anti-Jewish laws in Europe, and so it wasn't surprising when the Jews of Andalusia gave a hearty welcome to the Muslim conquerors coming up from Morocco in 711. By the 10th century, the city of Cordoba — the capital of Muslim Spain — had also become a great center of Jewish learning and culture. Jews and Christians under Muslim rule were given a special status — subordinate but protected. Prominent Jews enjoyed great privileges in the courts of Muslim rulers, and Jews were able to own land and practice all professions (in contrast to much of Christian Europe). It was during these centuries that a new kind of Hebrew poetry flourished, influenced by the great Arabic poetic traditions, and Jewish philosophy, in dialogue with Muslim philosophy, reached its peak. But there were also times of persecution and unrest, when more extreme Muslim groups took

Correction: In the president's article in last month's newsletter, some text was inadvertently dropped due to an error in the editorial process. In addition, the article was printed with the wrong title. We apologize for these errors.

power and Jews fled either to the Christian north or south into North Africa.

In the north, where Christian conquerors regained power by the 10th century, Jewish communities flourished as long as the local king offered his protection. This protection was most pronounced in Barcelona during the reign of James I (“Jaume the Conqueror”) in the 13th century: we saw the spot in the old city where the king personally fended off a mob coming to attack the Jewish quarter. It was in the north that the Kabbalah, the Jewish mystical tradition, flourished and spread.

As the Catholic monarchy tightened its control over Spain, life for Jews got significantly worse. After the Black Death reached the Iberian Peninsula in the middle of the 14th century, and Jews were blamed for it, massacres and mass conversions became more common. In 1478 the Inquisition — which had been established in Spain since the 11th century — was reactivated, specifically targeting “conversos” — Jews who had converted to Christianity but were suspected of retaining Jewish customs and religion. Those convicted of “Judaizing” could be tortured and burned at the stake.

The day that we visited the Alhambra, in the city of Granada, offered a microcosm of the experience of Spain. The Alhambra — a fortress and palace complex built by the Muslim rulers of Granada in the 13th and 14th centuries — is one of the most exquisite places I have ever seen. The architecture and the beautiful tiles covering the walls are breathtaking. And yet it was here that the Catholic Monarchs, Isabella and Ferdinand, completed their “reconquest” of

Spain, consolidating their rule by expelling both Muslims and Jews. Between March 31 and July 31 of 1492, somewhere between 50,000 to 250,000 Jews were forced to flee, and in the months preceding, tens of thousands converted to Christianity to avoid being expelled.

That afternoon, in one of the beautiful gardens of the Alhambra, our group stood and said Kaddish for those who had died during the trauma of the expulsion and as victims of the Inquisition. For at least 800 years, significant Jewish communities had thrived in Spain (in the 12th century, 90% of the world’s Jewish population lived on the Iberian peninsula). By the end of the 15th century, no one was openly practicing Judaism in Spain. Yet Jewish life in Spain is reviving. The day after our visit to the Alhambra, we flew to Barcelona, and that evening we joined Bet Shalom: The Progressive Jewish Community of Barcelona, for a lovely Kabbalat Shabbat service and overflowing Shabbat meal. The community is made up of Jews from all over the world who have made their homes in Spain, as well as Spaniards who have chosen to convert to Judaism, some as a result of rediscovering their Sephardic roots. The Jewish community of Spain is small, numbering in the tens of thousands, but our visit to Bet Shalom was a sweet and moving reminder that new beginnings are always possible. And our trip to Spain was a reminder to me of the incredible adaptability of Jews and Judaism over the centuries, gleaned what is best from the cultures around us and somehow figuring out a way to make it through the hard times. May our Spanish ancestors inspire us to do the same today.

Photo, opposite: The reflecting pool at the Alhambra palace in Granada, Spain. Photo by Sharon Gorberg

Rabbinic Liaison

The **Rabbinic Liaison Committee** exists to ensure the maintenance of a good working relationship between our rabbi and the congregation. While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with **Rabbi Toba**, they may at times feel more comfortable talking to the Rabbinic Liaison Committee. Issues raised by congregants are discussed confidentially and, when appropriate, are shared with the Rabbi in a constructive manner. To discuss a question or concern, contact **Cindy Shulak-Rome, Rabbinic Liaison Chair** at cbsrome@comcast.net.

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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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.

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Shabbat

SPECIAL GUEST - PROFESSOR JUDITH KATES

Shabbat morning, June 2

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 dvar 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*.

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Friday evening, June 8

6:00pm candle-lighting & 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 6:00pm, 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 Oneg Shabbat dessert at 7:30pm

NOTE: Rabbi Toba is off in July, but there will be an all-ages erev Shabbat on Friday, August 10.

PRIDE SHABBAT

Saturday morning, June 9, 9:45am-Noon

Family Program 10:45am-11:45am

As Boston celebrates LGBTQ Pride, we will also celebrate this morning, incorporating readings and teachings related to queer themes in our service, and featuring a family program for kids ages 5 and up with their parents or other adult buddies (10:45am-11:45am). Pride is about coming together to celebrate all different kinds of family structures and all the ways that people express their genders. This family program will focus on exploring what gender means to each of us, and especially to kids! We will then work together on a creative project to support people of all genders being safe in our communities.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA SPITZER

Saturday morning, 8:45-9:40am, June 16

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.



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 ROOMS 109-110. 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

CDT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, June 10, 4-6pm (PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!)

60 Highland Street, the CDT Sanctuary

We hope that every CDT household will send at least one member to the last CDT Members Meeting of the year! We need your vote on incoming Board members and the upcoming budget. Come say thank you to staff, our many “behind the scenes” champions, and outgoing leaders. We’ll also hear about immigration, inclusion, and membership initiatives, and we’ll have time for meaningful conversations with one another. Hope to see you there!

CDT CAMPS!

Nickerson State Park in Brewster, Cape Cod

June 29 - July 5

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)!

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.

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. 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/signups>. Questions will be fielded by Diana at DFGomberg@gmail.com. Hope to see you at the campground!

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to our recent bnei mitzvah — **Spencer Goldman, Jane Robinson, Anna Kaplan** — and their families!

Mazel tov to **Chanda Prescod-Weinstein**, on her new faculty position at the University of New Hampshire Department of Physics!

To **Livia Reider**, daughter of **Gail Harris** and **David Reider**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall she

will be attending Occidental College in St. Louis.

To **Julian Sofer**, son of **Bonnie Tenneriello** and **Andrew Sofer**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall he plans to attend Mass Bay Community College.

To **Maya Fisher Gomberg**, daughter of **Diana Fisher Gomberg** and **Richard Fisher Gomberg**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall she will attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut. The Rotary Club of Boston awarded Maya the 2018 Newton North High School Anthony J. Bibbo Scholarship for “Service Above Self” for her founding of VOICE, her work on the Newton Youth Commission, the Newton North School Council, and with Newton Spotlights (which she has worked with for the five years since her Bat Mitzvah project at CDT!) She is planning to study political science and psychology.

To **Simon Rosenberg**, son of **Danielle Klainberg** and **Mark Rosenberg**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall, he will be attending University of Vermont.

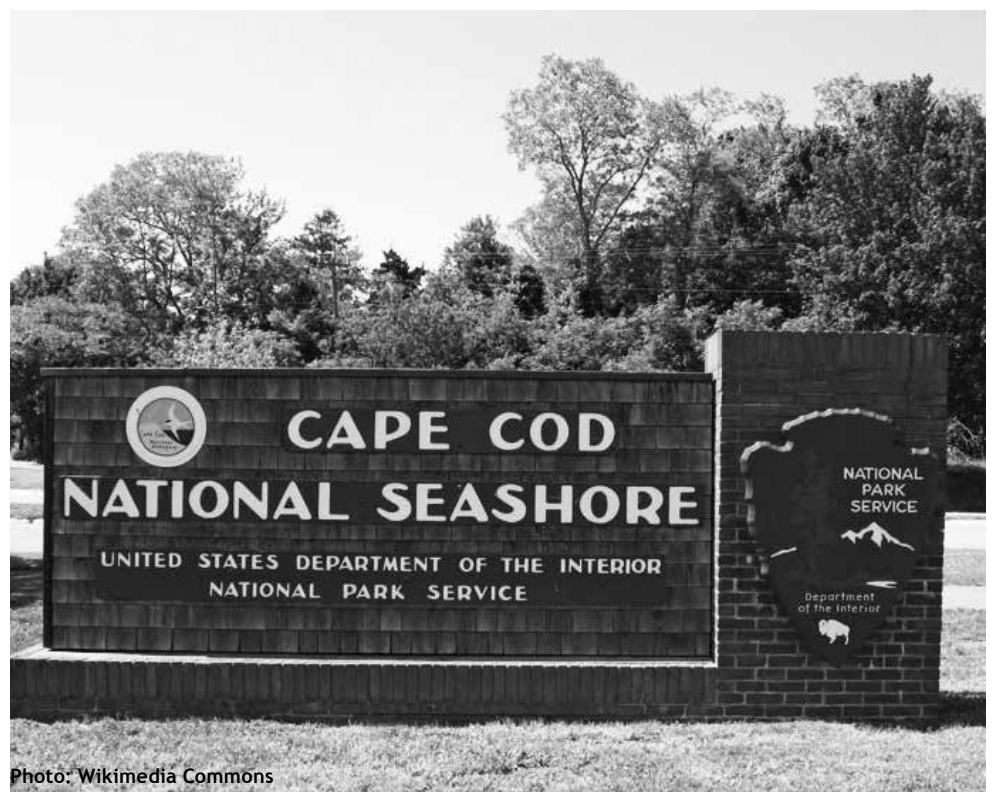


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CDT Events

To **Theo Tessler Shapiro**, son of **Jamie Tessler**, graduating from Meridian Academy in Jamaica Plain. This fall, he will be attending Northeastern University to study Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.

To **Joanna Marcus**, daughter of **Susan Nitkin and Jeff Marcus**, graduating from Newton South High School. This fall she will be starting at Brandeis University, where she will be majoring in music (violin), and exploring other possibilities, such as neuroscience. She plans to take part in social justice and inclusion initiatives at Brandeis.

To **Ari Goldman**, son of **Alyssa Cohen and David Goldman**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall, Ari and his family will be moving back to their home state of NY, where Ari will attend school at Westchester Community College in the fall.

To **Alexander Jablon**, son of **Eileen Morrison**, graduating from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance and Business Law. He will relocate to the greater Washington, DC area to work in the Finance Leadership Development Program with Raytheon Corporation.

To **Sara Kramer-Fried**, daughter of **Linda Kramer**, graduating from the Grove school in Connecticut. This fall she will be a freshman at Clark University.

To **Sam Zisk**, son of **Steven Zisk**, graduating from Gann Academy next month. This fall, he will be a freshman at University of Vermont.

To **Ariane Chacker-Bourrut**, daughter of **Stacey Chacker**, graduating from Brookline High School. This fall, she will be attending UMass Amherst.

To **Eli Adler-Cohen**, son of **Melanie Adler and Andy Cohen**, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall, he will be attending Franklin and Marshall College.

To **Sophia Wilcox-Warren**, known as Dubby, daughter of **Bob Warren and Meg**

Wilcox, graduating from Newton North High School. This fall she will be enrolled in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont.

To **Aviva Galpert**, daughter of **Sheree Galpert and Peter Hess**, valedictorian of her law school class at UC Hastings in San Francisco. This coming fall, she'll be moving to NYC to clerk for US District Court Magistrate Ramon Reyes. Check for her valedictory speech

YAHARZEIT

This month we remember **David Keimowitz Crozier**, son of **Jessica Keimowitz and Polly Crozier**, whose 6th yahrzeit fell on May 30. We will be remembering David at Shabbat morning services on June 2.

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

A huge Todah Rabah to all those who helped make our Tikkun Leil Shavuot such a meaningful and Torah-filled event: **Fran Malino**, for inviting our keynote speaker; **Marcia Okun & Josh Lieberman**, for their blintz-making prowess; **Susie Tanchel** and **Lisa Schneier** for beautiful teachings; and **Esther Kohn** for late-night yoga!

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

George Howard, Deb McEwan, Laya Steinberg, in memory of Victor Steinberg & Bruce Miller (Captain), Carolyn Fine Friedman, in memory of Sara Fine & Jeremiah Friedman, in memory of Mark and Pepi Friedman, Elaine Pollack (Captain), Phyllis Glazerman, Jackie Fleischman & Stan Fleischman, Stephanie Hackett, Linda Hsu & Marc Steinberg, Michele Arons & Michael Brann, Sharon Gorberg (Captain) & John Holohan, Diane Becker, Ellen Lubell & David Nathan, Rachel Pytel (Captain), Noah Rumpf, Mike McEwan.

CDT FILM CLUB

The film club is on hiatus until the fall. See you in October!

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

Please notify the Newsletter of life cycle events, significant accomplishments, or other moments you would like to share with the community.

Tikkun Olam

“WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DA MAKES” #2

Dorshei Tzedek Hosts an Educational Forum

Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Many local organizations led by the ACLU of MA (GBIO and NASW among them) have been focusing recent efforts on educating voters about the Massachusetts District Attorney (DA) elections, and the important role these prosecutors play in the criminal justice system.

On Wednesday, June 13, Dorshei Tzedek's Criminal Justice Committee will take one more step toward supporting this effort, and host an event to educate ourselves about this critical role DAs play. The event will explain how we all need to engage and describe what we all need to know to ensure

these elected officials provide greater transparency and are held accountable for their decisions. By becoming aware, we can begin to address the current racial disparities which define the criminal justice system as it is practiced today.

We plan to have a speaker who is well-versed in the issues of the DA races who will share his knowledge and expertise, and help us understand what we can do to support criminal justice reform with our votes for District Attorney. Whether you are living in a contested district or not, (this year, there are five out of 11 contested races, including in Middlesex and Suffolk Counties), learning about this issue is important for all Massachusetts citizens, as DAs help determine whether our legal system is fair, compassionate, and effective — or biased, punitive, and destructive.

Please come learn about what a good DA does and what we all can do. We hope to see you, your friends and your neighbors at our upcoming June 13 event. For further information on this important and timely issue, visit dadifference.org.

MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

CDT had a great showing at the 22nd Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, benefitting the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Approximately 70 CDT members of all ages did all or part of the walk, and we raised almost \$3,000 towards the Peace Institute's goal of \$400,000.

We heard moving stories from mothers who had lost their children to violence in Boston, and joined in the powerful call to turn “Pain into Power.”

Inclusion Committee

NEWS FROM THE INCLUSION COMMITTEE

by Susan Nitkin

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I am delighted to announce that Abby Schwartz is co-chairing the CDT Inclusion Committee with me! Our committee is dedicated to promoting a warm welcoming environment, accessible to people of all abilities, that values the unique contributions of each person and family. We have a wonderful core group of folks and are hoping to recruit more committee members so if you are interested please contact us, even if you are not in a position to contribute a lot of time. We do want to hear from you and we welcome your ideas and involvement!

On May 15th, 9 members of CDT and Rabbi Toba attended the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project's (RSIP) annual celebration of inclusion, which this year focused on destigmatizing mental illness and supporting individuals and families affected by mental health challenges. Panelists spoke about feelings of shame associated with mental illness and trying to “pass” as being fine and in control, and then described their personal journeys of coming out of the closet which enabled them to bring their true selves to the community, set an example for others, and reach out to people who are suffering. One person said that folks brought hope and reassurance when she was hospitalized and that she derived a feeling of comfort from visitors who could be in her presence without being disturbed by what she was experiencing. A family member told us that he has learned, through a loved one's mental health challenges, that we must take action

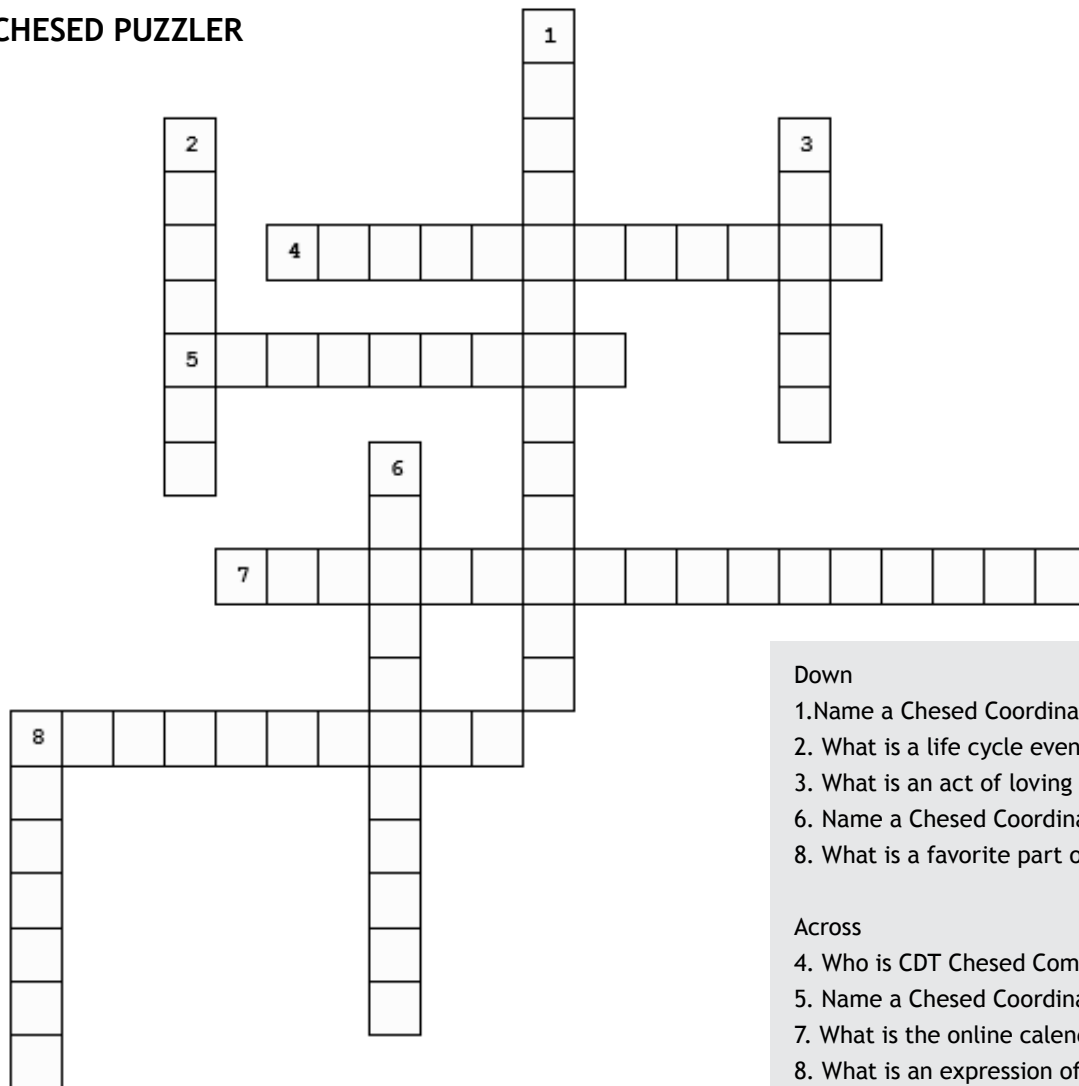
when we sense someone's suffering because reaching out to that person might make the difference between a life of pain and a life of achievement and meaning.

Barry Shrage, CJP president, spoke compellingly about how synagogue communities are at the heart of connection and compassion, and that we must hold on to these sacred places with hearts filled with love for everyone who is hurting.

This year marks the beginning of a CDT initiative focusing on awareness and sensitivity towards people affected by mental health issues. We will craft a way to hold conversations that feel safe and we envision creating practical, productive ways to support people.

Chesed

CHESED PUZZLER



Down

1. Name a Chesed Coordinator for June/July.
2. What is a life cycle event?
3. What is an act of loving kindness?
6. Name a Chesed Coordinator for June/July
8. What is a favorite part of the Shabbat meal?

Across

4. Who is CDT Chesed Committee chair?
5. Name a Chesed Coordinator for June/July
7. What is the online calendar for posting Chesed requests?
8. What is an expression of sympathy?

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

The Chesed Committee Chair is **Elaine Landes**. Chesed Coordinators for June/July are **Susan Nitkin, Ami Gordon, and Ellie Goldberg**.

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. 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>. We encourage emails or phone calls between the volunteers and recipient families to confirm arrangements.

If you have a major life cycle event or illness or injury, please contact Rabbi Toba Spitzer (confidentially) at 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. 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.

Learning

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15am

60 Highland Street, First Floor Parlor (Living Room)

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.

Correction:

We regret that the attribution for the third letter to future madrichim was left off in the May newsletter. The author of that letter was Teddy Mainelli.

Reconstructionist News



RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM

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RECONSTRUCTING JUDAISM CONVENTION 2018

Thursday through Sunday, November 15-18

Philadelphia, PA

Early Bird Registration is open through June 30 - subsidies available from Reconstructing Judaism and from CDT

This is the first national Reconstructionist gathering in many years, and we hope

to have lots of CDT members there! Highlights include: workshops on themes including social justice, Jewish identity, re-imagining communities, and teaching Reconstructionism; varieties of daily and Shabbat prayer experiences; music, storytelling, yoga, meditation, and much more! To learn more and to register, go to www.reconstructingjudaism.org; if finances are an obstacle, please be in touch with Rabbi Toba.

Jewish Community Events

BOSTON JEWISH FOOD CONFERENCE

Sunday, June 10, Noon to 7pm

Temple Israel, Boston



CDT is once again co-sponsoring the Boston Jewish Food Conference (BJFC), an annual springtime event that brings together community members to learn about Jewish agriculture, labor issues, health, food access, kashrut, and local food history.

The fun day of learning and community building includes workshops, a meal, a shuk (marketplace), and DIY activities. Check it out (before the Members Meeting!); for more information, go to www.beantownjewishgardens.org/programs/boston-jewish-food-conference.

REDEDICATION TO RESILIENCY: COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston

Sunday, June 10, 10:30am, Faneuil Hall, Boston

We invite you to stand with our community on Sunday, June 10th, for our annual Yom HaShoah Commemoration, "Rededication to Resiliency" at the newly renovated Faneuil Hall. The commemoration will feature Rabbi Alan Turetz, a second-generation Holocaust survivor of Temple Emeth in Chestnut Hill, survivor testimony from Esther Adler, and the winners of the 12th annual Israel Arbeiter Essay Contest.

This past summer in two separate acts of vandalism, ominously reminiscent of Kristallnacht almost 80 years ago, two of the iconic glass panels of the New England Holocaust Memorial were shattered. We will rededicate the now fully restored New England Holocaust Memorial in a symbolic gesture of our resilience and perseverance.

Nediv Lev

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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Allison Andrews and Arthur Lent
Joanne and Geoffrey Andrews
Elaine Bresnick
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Phyllis and Al Glazerman
Carol Hemley—*In honor of Adina Hemley Bronstein's acceptance to law school*
Hope Kellman
Amy Mazur—*In memory of Rhoda & Marvin Mazur*
Rashi School—*In honor of the bat mitzvah of Maayan Magaziner*
Peter Shapiro—*In memory of Joan Shapiro*
Carol Sklar—*In honor of Marion Ross and Louise Enoch and their gentle leading of the Wise-Aging group*
Nessa Spitzer—*In honor of Rabbi Toba*
Karen Wasserman and Betsy Hinden

CAMP JRF FUND

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Hilary Marcus and Jonathan Magaziner—*In honor of all the Kitah Zayin Bar and Bat Mitzvahs to date, Joan Makepeace, and the wonderful volunteers who made Maayan's kiddush a true celebration; thank you to Lidia and Marla for your behind-the-scenes help in our Round 2!*

SCHOOL FUND

2017-18 Nitzamin/Gan & Gimmel classes

RETREAT FUND

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Photo: March, 2018 Phyllis Cantor's Weaving Exhibit. Photo by Vivienne Shein.

CDT Calendar

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton.						1 Shabbat Morning Service with Special Guest Dr. Judith Kates 9:45am to 12:00pm
3 CDT Men's Softball Game Forte Park, 235 California St, Newton 10:00am	4 Executive Board Meeting Location TBA 7:30pm to 9:00pm	5 CEC Meeting 60 Highland St: Library 7:30pm	6 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	7 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck 60 Highland Street: Kitchen, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary 6:00pm	8 Pride Shabbat & Family Program 9:45am to 12:00pm CDT Sings Rehearsal 60 Highland St: Living Room (Parlor) 12:45pm to 2:30pm	9
10 CDT Men's Softball Game Concord Ave Field, 365 Concord Ave, Belmont 10:00am Boston Jewish Food Conference Temple Israel, Boston 12:00pm to 7:00pm Members' Meeting & Dinner 4:00pm to 6:00pm	11	12 What a Difference a D.A. Makes 60 Highland St: Sanctuary 7:00pm to 9:00pm	13 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	14	15 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 60 Highland St.-Library 8:45am to 9:40am Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm CDT Sings Rehearsal 60 Highland St: Living Room (Parlor) 12:45pm to 2:30pm	16
17 CDT Men's Softball Game Rashi School, 4800-8000 Great Meadow Rd (45 West St), Dedham 10:00am	18	19 Spain Presentation Planning Meeting 60 Highland St: Library 7:30pm to 9:00pm	20 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	21	22 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm	23
24	25	26	27 Mindful Mornings 60 Highland Street: Library 8:30am to 9:15am	28	29 Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm Jun 29 to Jul 5: CDT Camps! Nickerson State Park, Brewster	30

KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

Jun 2 Shabbat: Benjamin Newman / David Schatz / Peter Shapiro / Mark Paley (Captain)

Jun 8 Erev Shabbat: Betsy Hinden (Captain) / Josh Komyerov / Rebecca Cohen / Rebecca O Murchadha

Jun 9 Shabbat: Josette Akresh-Gonzales / Jacob Weinberg (captain) / Elliot Pittel, in memory of Dorothy and Aaron Pittel / Daniel Lesser / Myra Schwartz / David Roll

Jun 10 Members' Meeting: Meryl Epstein & Trish Nuzzola (captain) / Sarah Hartman / Ricky Greenly

Jun 16 Shabbat: Ilana Mainelli (captain) / Theresa St. John Siegel & Steven Siegel / Tim Caputo

Jun 23 Shabbat: Eileen Morrison & Michael Jablon (captain) / Pam & Steven Katz

Jun 30 Shabbat: Amy Westebbe (captain) / Vilunya Diskin / Karen Wasserman / Misha Dudnik

Kiddush Note: The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members' calendar on our website. Please remember to sign-in to the site to access the calendar as well as all member-specific information. When notified of your dates, please be sure to put them into your personal calendars. The whole congregation counts on your participation in kiddush and each assigned person is needed and expected to show up. Thank you!

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

No Fragrances, Please. So that Dorshei Tzedek events are accessible to all of our members and guests, we ask that people refrain from wearing fragrances (perfumes, scented oils, colognes, etc.) to all CDT events. While pleasant to some, fragrances can cause illness to those who are chemically sensitive. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility.



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