

## Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

An Affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement

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# Reconstructing Judaism's Inspirational Convention



A moment from Convention



by Lissy Medvedow

IN MID-NOVEMBER, I had the great pleasure of attend-

ing the Reconstructing Judaism Convention, the first such gathering in eight years. Congregation Dorshei Tzedek was well represented at Convention (for some reason, RJ referred to the event as "Convention," not "the Convention"). Both Rabbi Toba and Rabbi Shahar were there, as well as Robin Bernstein, Cliff Cohen, Lily Fisher Gomberg (she was a star, prominently featured in the RJ video that you can see at www.reconstructingjudaism.org/convention), Rob Greenly, Judy and Chayim Herzig-Marx, Jen Kaplan, Cindy Rivka Marshall, and Dan

Rome. I had never been to Convention before and I ended the four days feeling inspired, engaged, and encouraged by the hundreds (nearly 700 people attended) of Reconstructionist Jews who traveled from throughout the country and world to convene with like-affiliated, not necessarily like-minded, individuals.

I appreciated so much about Convention: the diversity of congregations, from tiny (17 households) to enormous (more than 1,000), meeting people from different walks of congregational life, learning, and feeling a part of something much bigger than myself: expanding from inward on a personal journey as a member of one particular congregation within one particular organized religion to outward as president

and a member of the leadership team at CDT. I left wanting to gain an even deeper understanding about the Reconstructionist Movement.

My four days at Convention were jam packed. RJ planned for the first day to be targeted sessions for presidents of Reconstructionist congregations. In small groups, we heard from past presidents, discussed issues relating to staffing, membership, security, fundraising, religious schools, and more, and had a special workshop dedicated to learning about the evolving roles of Executive/Administrative Directors of congregations. The president of Dor Hadash, the Reconstructionist shul in Pittsburgh that had just suffered such devastating losses in the Tree of Life shootings, gave an impromptu lesson on security learned from the FBI, Department of Homeland Security, and the many local investigating law enforcement agencies.

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Friday began with a plenary session on "Reconstructing Food and Justice," with dynamic panelists addressing how Jewish values contribute to thinking about food in the context of social justice. We can do

better at CDT and towards that end, Laya Steinberg has been and will continue to expend her creative and educational energies on sustainability issues. Later that morning, Rob Greenly, our VP of Leadership, and I presented on Leadership Development with two members of Bet Am Shalom in White Plains, New York. Rob and I talked about the leadership development workshops we put on last spring (and are repeating this spring); our co-presenters shared their succession planning process for lead-

ership positions. Since succession planning for CDT is near and dear to my heart, I paid close attention and intend to incorporate some of their methods into our nomination processes. Meanwhile, elsewhere at Convention, Rabbi Toba presented on the topic of "Voice, Water, Place: God in Metaphor." Happily, Rob and I didn't need to lament too much about not being able to attend Rabbi Toba's session since we happen to know that she plans to share her thoughts on the topic at CDT in the near future. Along with other members of our current and former leadership team, I also attended a session on rabbinic evaluations.

Shabbat took on a whole new meaning when celebrated with hundreds of people from the different congregations. Services were beautiful, lots of singing and joyfulness, followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner with new friends, and a totally delightful concert by the 38-member (!) chorus of Congregation Bet Haverim in Atlanta.

> After choosing one of four Shabbat services on Saturday morning (I went to the music service), I had great fun listening and watching our own Cindy Rivka Marshall shine in her storytelling craft. Cindy was truly expressive in both word and actions throughout her stories.

Among other programs I attended were "The New Face(s) of American Jewish Life," led by Rabbi Sid Schwarz. He talked about the multi-faceted nature of Judaism and how different constituent groups are cre-

ating new identification pathways across North America. I ended Convention with a final workshop entitled "The Implications of the U.S. Midterm Elections: What Happens Next." Andy Levin, newly elected Congressman from Michigan, and a member of a Reconstructionist congregation, was one of the panelists. He exuded hope and inspiration that he, along with at least a handful of colleagues, will challenge the status quo and bring passion, compassion, and intelligence to today's political quagmire.

I left Convention proud to be a Reconstructionist Jew, feeling a stronger sense of connection, and knowing that I am truly blessed to be a member of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek.

## **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.

## **Board**

Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Director of Congregational Learning: Rabbi

Shahar Colt

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Space Liason: Jen Kaplan Website: Dan Halbert Welcoming: Benita Danzing

## Rabbinic Liaison Committee

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Rabbinic Liaisons: While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with Rabbi Toba or Rabbi Shahar, there are other avenues through which to bring concerns. The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to ensure the maintenance of a good working relationship between Rabbi Toba and the congregation., 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. Rabbi Toba, as Rabbi Shahar's supervisor, is the person to whom to bring any concerns relating to Rabbi Shahar and her work for the congregation.

## Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to dtnews@dorsheitzedek. org. Usually the deadline is the 10th of the month for the following month's issue. For questions, email us at the same address.

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

## Shabbat & Holidays

### ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday evening, February 1, March 1, April 5

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 to share; drinks and dessert provided). Services begin at 6:45pm, and we end with an Oneg Shabbat dessert at 7:30pm.

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA SPITZER

Saturday mornings, 8:45-9:40am, February 9, March 9, April 6

All are welcome to join Rabbi Toba for an exploration of the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries both traditional and contemporary. No previous experience in Torah study necessary! Bring your own caffeinated beverage.

### SANCTUARY SHABBAT

Saturday, February 9, 9:45am-noon

At this Shabbat morning service, we will be honoring CDT members who have been involved in our efforts in the Newton Sanctuary & Solidarity Collaborative, as well as other immigration solidarity work. During the Torah service, we will be welcoming special guest Rev. Gretchen Grimshaw of St. Paul's Episcopal Church (the host of the Sanctuary Collaborative), who will share words of Torah with us.



At Got Shabbat? Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration service members of Grant AME Church joined with CDT members on the Bimah for an aliyah.

## SAVE THE DATE! KLEZMER KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, March 29, 8:00-10:00pm

The Klezmer Kabbalat Service was created by Amy Lieberman and Cantor Becky Khitrik in 2014 as an outgrowth of their love of Klezmer music. "Since Klezmer is primarily an instrumental genre and we love to sing, we were all interested in creating a Kabbalat Shabbat Service that was built on the Kabbalat Shabbat liturgy, but for choir and congregational voices, using the melodies of the Klezmer world and a Klezmer band to accompany our singing." The result of that work was the Klezmer Kabbalat Shabbat Service. They have brought this service to communities across the Boston area, finding ways to integrate it with the community's context. This service is an opportunity to experience the flow of the shabbat music in a truly unique way- all are invited!

## SAVE THE DATE! CDT PURIM CELEBRATION:



WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 20.

Rav Tiffany says, "You better be working your costume already!"

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 9:45AM. 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

## IMPORTANT NOTES FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

A TIME OF TRANSITION

By Marla Lichtman, CDT Administrative Director

Dear CDT members,

After 13+ years working with this wonderful congregation, I want to let everyone know that come May 2019, I will be stepping away from my role as Administrative Director of CDT. It's time for me to slow down a bit, find other ways to feed my soul and take time for myself.

It has been my honor to help each of you in one way or another over the years, whether with membership issues, the logistics of your child's b'nei mitzvah celebrations, supporting the various Board and committee endeavors or working behind the scenes to ensure smooth financial and administrative flow.

So many of you have spent time in my office with me, just talking and sharing yourselves - I will truly miss the daily interactions and hope that we can and will stay connected and in touch. So I will come around from time to time, to services or High Holydays, or to a program or holiday celebration. I look forward to that and to seeing folks at those times.

CDT leadership is currently working to assess how my role will evolve for the next person to come, and what name that role will have. You will hear more about this soon. In the meantime, I will continue to help facilitate the changeover as needed, and hope to be able to assist my successor in "learning the ropes" and settling in, making for a seamless transition.

On May 4, there will be a gathering to bring us all together. I hope many of you will be able to join in! You will also be hearing more about this - stay tuned and SAVE THE DATE! In the meantime, please feel free to be in touch.

L'shalom, Marla

### LOGISTICS

Meeting and program set-up: If you are holding an event or meeting at CDT and would like help with setup or assembling supplies, please email requests to Program Associate Lidia Pruente (officeassistant@dorsheitzedekorg) at least two weeks in advance of the meeting. Thank you for understanding the need for advance notice!

Storing congregant items & item donations: Due to space constraints in the Second Church, CDT is not able to store items belonging to congregants. If you'd like to leave an item for another member to pick up, items can be kept for short periods of time (a few days) in the church's lost and found basket, next to the coat rack, by the Mass Pike entrance. And of course, you may always arrange to meet each other in the building to do your exchanges.

And while we really do appreciate the thought, if you have anything to donate to CDT, please ask Administrative Director Marla Lichtman or Program Associate Lidia Pruente if they are needed, before dropping anything off. Thank you!



## Community

## **MAZEL TOV**

To **Andy Chapolini**, on formally joining the Jewish people, a huge "welcome" and mazel toy!

### **YAHRZEIT**

This month we remember CDT member Frances Greenberg, whose 14th yahrzeit falls this year on February 6. We will be remembering Frances at Shabbat morning services on February 2. May Frances' memory be for a blessing.

### **REFUAH SHLEYMAH**

We send blessings for complete healing to Lissy Medvedow and Shirley Milgrom.

### **CONDOLENCES**

To **Matt Shuster** and **Diane Shufro**, on the death of Matt's mother, Esther Shuster. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Michele Arons, Michael Brann** and **Tamar Arons-Brann**, on the death of Michele's father, Gilbert Arons. May his memory be for a blessing.

To Marjorie Salvodon, Mark Schafer, and Marie-Carmel Schafer, on the death of Marjorie's father, Jean Léon Salvodon. May his memory be for a blessing.

### **MOURNING AT CDT**

As a reference, CDT members have created the brochure "Finding Comfort, Giving Support: A Guide to Mourning at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek," available on the resource table in our sanctuary and on our website http://dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

A warm welcome back to **Scott Tepper**, a former member who rejoined CDT in January! We look forward to his participation and the many positive contributions he is sure to make to the CDT community.

### **TODAH RABAH**

A huge Todah Rabah to the CDT musicians who brought their talents to our Shabbat Shira service: Nathan Aronow, Tal Shalom-Kobi, Terry Traub, and "STAM" - Shira Lobron, Tamar Arons-Brann, Ayla

Kobi, and Malka Pomerantz! And a big thanks as well to guest percussionists Laurie Goldsmith and Noam Sender.

Todah Rabah to the CDT members who contributed to our celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Shabbat - Got Shabbat? Workshop leaders Joan Autio, Esther Kohn, Ayelet Lipton, Shira Moss, and Rebecca O Murchadha, and to Laurie Goldman, for her fabulous leyning!

Todah Rabah to everyone who helped with kiddush last month:

Carla Naumburg (Captain), Sheryl Koenigsberg, Rebecca Herst, Janelle Winston, Jen Levine-Fried, Melody Komyerov, Matt Fried, Allison Hausman, Marjorie Feld & Michael Fein, Karen Engels, Polly Crozier, Jessica Keimowitz, Roy Edelstein, David Greenberg, Josh Komyerov, Valerie Graf, Josette Akresh-Gonzales, Susan Moser, in memory of Kayla & Izzie Moser, Phyllis (Captain) & Bill Kantor, Meryl Epstein & Trish Nuz-

zola, Vilunya Diskin, Janelle Winston, Tal Shalom-Kobi (Captain), Joel Katz, Karen Leitner, Laura Katz, Beth (Captain) & Jeffrey Green, Elaine Bresnick, in memory of Martin Bresnick and David Adler, Sharon Sevransky, in memory of Betty Baum

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

## **CDT Events**

### **CDT FILM CLUB**

Saturday, February 16, at the home of Emily Sper

Potluck at 6:00pm, with movie at 7:00pm, followed by discussion

Sand Storm (2016, 87 min, Arabic)

"When their entire lives shatter, two Bedouin women struggle to change the unchangeable rules, each in her own individual way."—IMDb

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

Future films and dates (subject to change): March 16: A Green Chariot April 13: The Insult May 11: In Sea

## **Religious School Notes**

## Interpretive Translations of the Shema

## by Kita Dalet

Each child in the Kita Dalet (4th grade) class was asked to provide several translations of the Shema. These thoughtful interpretations show our students' wonderful insights and understanding.

Hear, friends. The spirit, our spirit, is different.

Hearken, strugglers with God, ruach (spirit), our ruach, uno.

Clean out your ears, people! Love is our God, Love is numero uno.

Hear, people of Israel, Everything, Our God, Everything, One.

Clean out your ears, people of Israel, Adonai, Our God, whole.

Hear, descendents of Yacov, the Creator is our God, the Creator is unique.

Harken! Strugglers with God, the One who is around us is our God, the One who is around us is the one and only.

Focus, Israel. Infinite is our God, Infinity is different from Gods in other cultures.

Clean out your ears, people, the creator is our God, the Spirit is unique.

Focus, Descendents, the Lord who's around us is our God, the Creator is whole.

Pay attention, people of Israel, the one who's around us, our creator, is not lonely.

Get this, people. The Lord, our Immortal, is whole.

Clean out your ears, kids. Creator, our Adonai, is everything together.

Unclog your ears and listen up, Jews. Source of Life is unique.

Unclog your ears and listen up. Love is unique.

Hear this, strugglers with God. What's around us is Whole.

Focus Jews! Love, our God, is an infinite wholeness.

Listen, Spirit our God is an eternal One.

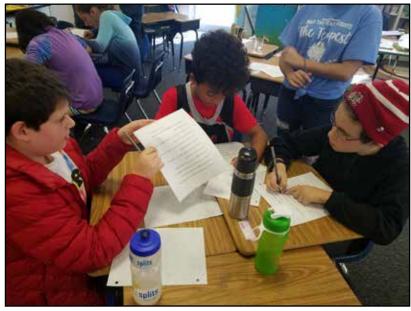
Pay attention!!! Jews, Eternalness is in Everybody.

Listen, Jewish People, the Creator is Whole.

Focus, Kids of Israel, Love is centered.



Kita Hey (5th grade) students enjoy working on their study of the Exodus story b'havruta, or in learning partnerships.



## Chesed

## Behind the Scenes: Your Chesed Committee

By Ellie Goldberg, February 2019

"I'll Be There For You...."

CDT's Chesed Committee is a large group of members dedicated to growing connections within our CDT community.

As in the mushroom world where a web of filaments make up a mycelium usually hidden in the soil or another food source, our Chesed committee works to form bonds of friendship in the shared belief that it makes Congregation Dorshei Tzedek a strong and caring community.

Every month, three coordinators match requests for Chesed with volunteers to provide a meal, a ride or other gesture of practical comfort. We use the LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) website to facilitate the match, so we encourage all members to sign up for our LHH community, "Chesed at CDT" at http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH.

Even if you don't respond to a request, when you are signed up for the LotsaHelpingHands community you see the world of Chesed at work. For more information go to Chesed @ https://dorsheitzedek.org/ chesed-caring-community.

The Chesed Coordinators for February 2019 are Annette Jacobs, Melanie Adler, and Ellen Pashall. Contact them with comments, questions, or recipes at chesed@ dorsheitzedek.org.

Chesed Q&A: What Do the Shivah and Chesed Committees Do?

https://tinyurl.com/Shiva-Chesed)

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 Rabbi Toba (confidentially) at rabbi@dorsheitzedek. org or 617-965-0330. Rabbi Shahar Colt, our Director of Congregational Learning, is also available and can be contacted at dcl@ dorsheitzedek.org. Rabbi Toba 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.

## Tikkun Olam

### JEWISH PERSPECTIVES ON BDS

Sunday, February 10 at 4:30pm 60 Highland Street, Library

The CDT Israel-Palestine Peace working group (ippeace) will host a conversation about "Jewish Perspectives on BDS," both for those who missed last year's session on this topic and those who want to continue the discussion. These events are open to all members of CDT, and readings for both sessions will be sent in advance.

## ➤ Newsletter Help Needed!! <</p>



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.

## Learning

### ADULT LEARNING AT JCDS:

## TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT DEATH & DYING

Sunday February 3, 10:30-11:45am at JCDS 57 Stanley Ave, Watertown, MA

A child's first experience with serious illness or death can become a template for future coping with illness or loss. When we support our children skillfully, we can give them a gift that lasts a lifetime. While each child and family is unique, there are some effective ways to approach these topics, craft language, provide reassurance and to offer meaning. We will explore these together, and also view some books that parent and child can read together.

Mary Robinson is Chaplain Emerita of Boston Children's Hospital, where she cared for sick children and their families for 26 years. She is a mother of two young adults.

This program is open to all adults in the CDT community.

### MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15 am 60 Highland Street, Library

This weekly gathering combines guided and silent meditation to develop our capacity for mindful awareness, helping us cultivate qualities of patience, gratitude, clarity and compassion. On the first Thursday of each month, **Karen Arnold** leads a meditation based on the weekly Torah portion, and **Rabbi Toba** leads the meditation on the second Thursday of each month. Other group members lead the meditation on other mornings. All are welcome, whatever your level of meditation experience (or lack thereof!).

## **Jewish Community Events**

## Israel Experience and Unity Mission

## A PARTNERSHIP WITH HEBREW COLLEGE ADULT LEARNING DEPARTMENT & KESHET EDUCATIONAL JOURNEYS

## THE SYNAGOGUE THEN AND NOW: PEOPLEHOOD AND PLURALISM

February 26-March 10

- · Take an immersive historical approach to the topics of "Peoplehood and Pluralism," from antiquity to modernity.
- · Visit the earliest physical centers of assembly and religious practice for the emerging Israelite and Jewish communities–shrines, temples, mikvaot, and the first synagogues.
- · In these contexts, study texts at, and appropriate to, the various locations
- · Bring a modern lens to the same questions, with visits to innovative congregations, and cutting edge urban Kibbutzim.

- $\cdot$  Meet with leadership from institutions such as Oranim Educational College, The Taub Center for Social Policy Studies, and The Weizmann Institute of Science.
- · Connect in-depth with Boston-Haifa partners.
- · Take advantage of the top notch wine and food scene of Israel, practice yoga in the sun, and run the hills of Jerusalem and the banks of the Jordan.

For more information and registration, visit

http://www.keshetisrael.co.il/groups/1552

## **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.

### **GENERAL FUND**

Allison Andrews - In memory of I. Cary Andrews

Jeff Arnold – *In memory of Robert Levine* Michele Arons and Michael Brann - In honor of Sheree Galpert and her creative contributions to the CDT community!

Barbara Beck - Remembering my parents and brother

Elaine Bresnick - In memory of Marty Bresnick; in memory of David Adler

Helaine and John Carroll

Shahar Colt and Darya Mattes

Laurie Goldman

Sharon Gorberg – *In memory of my beloved* mother Sylvia Gorberg

Beth and Jeffrey Green - In memory of Beth's mother, Florence Zevin

Rob Greenly - *In memory of my parents*, Lucille and Sam Greenly

Gail Harris and David Reider - In memory of Raphael Reider

Phyllis Kantor - In memory of Sylvia Waltzer

Pam and Steven Katz

Idit Klein and Jordan Namerow - In memory of Gina Fried

Judith Kogan & Hugh Wolff

Susan Lanser and Jo Radner

Amy Mazur - In memory of Mara Gibbs, at her yahrzeit; in appreciation for the Thursday meditation group

Shirley Milgrom - In honor of my father, Lewis Milgrom

Gail Pressberg

Alli and Max Roberts - In honor of Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Tracey Rogers and Jane Schwartz

Marion and Robert Ross - In memory of Benjamin Levenson

Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome - In honor of our new grandson, Gabriel Jonah Cutler and his parents, Elana and David Cutler

Andrew Sofer – *In memory of Elaine Sofer* Madeline Steinberg and Mitchell Feuer

Erica Streit-Kaplan and James Kap-

Susana Wurzel - In memory of Bernice Tabbat

Pamela and Robert Cutler - In honor of Gabe Cutler's baby-naming

Jeff Arnold - In memory of Martha Arnold Steffi and Eric Karp

Annette Jacobs - In memory of Josef Loewenherz; in memory of Marcus Jacobs

### **CAMP JRF FUND**

### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Sherry Katz and Mark Farber - In honor of Mark's mother, Phyllis Farber Peggy Stafford and Michael Shapiro

## **SCHOOL FUND**

### RETREAT FUND

## **HOLY BOOKS FUND**

## JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT **FUND**

### **BUILDING FUND**

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Buy your books, electronics, and whatever else, and support CDT at the same time! CDT is an Amazon Associate. When you click on the Amazon link on the bottom of the CDT homepage at www. dorsheitzedek.org, a portion of any purchase you make will be contributed to Dorshei Tzedek. It's an easy way to support the congregation while doing the on-line shopping you were planning to do anyway!

## **CDT Calendar**

## February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service/ Potluck 6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning Service & Young Adult Gathering 9:45am to 12:00pm  Tot Shabbat 10:45am to 12:00pm
Religious School Gr. 1-7 9:30am to 12:00pm Talking to Children about Death & Dying 10:30am to 11:45am Parenting Your 'Tween Through a Jewish Lens 7:30pm to 9:00pm		Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	6 Reconstructionist Intro to Judaism 7:30pm to 9:00pm	8:30am to 9:15am  New Wise Aging Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm	8	9 Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 8:45am to 9:40am  Sanctuary Shabbat 9:45am to 12:00pm  CDT Sings Rehearsal 12:45pm  Sanctuary Companions Meeting 1:00pm to 2:30pm
Religious School Nitzanim/Gan - Gr. 7 9:30am to 12:00pm Jewish Perspectives on BDS 4:30pm	11	Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	13	Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am Exploring Exodus 7:15pm to 9:00pm	15	Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm CDT Film Club 6:00pm
17	18	19	20	Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am New Wise Aging Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm	22	Shabbat Morning Service 9:45am to 12:00pm
24	Wise Aging Meeting 7:00pm to 9:00pm From Combating Each Other, to Combating for Peace 7:30pm	Religious School Gr. 3-6 3:45pm to 5:45pm	Reconstructionist Intro to Judaism 7:30pm to 9:00pm	28 Mindful Mornings 8:30am to 9:15am Exploring Exodus 7:15pm to 9:00pm	March 1 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service/ Potluck 6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning Service 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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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.

### KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

### FEBRUARY 1, EREV SHABBAT:

Elizabeth Roll (Captain) / Liz Reisberg / Joan Autio / Jenn Guptill

## FEBRUARY 2, SHABBAT:

Corinne Lofchie (Captain) / Jeff Kichen / Laya Steinberg, in memory of Victor Steinberg, & Bruce Miller

### FEBRUARY 9, SHABBAT:

Linda Hsu & Marc Steinberg (Captain) / Susan Bernstein / Lisa Goodman

## FEBRUARY 16, SHABBAT:

Pamela (Captain) & Steven Katz / Helaine & John Carroll

### FEBRUARY 23, SHABBAT:

Cheryl (Captain) & Jeffrey Sacks / Sherry Katz & Mark Farber

### MARCH 1, EREV SHABBAT:

Ellen White (Captain) / Noam Shore / Haralie Alpert, in memory of Sylvia and Francis Greenberg / Dave Roll

## MARCH 2, SHABBAT:

Lisa Goodwin Robbins (Captain), in memory of George L. Gorberg & Sylvia R. Gorberg / Sharon Gorberg & John Holohan / Jen Levine-Fried

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.



A Nitzanim/Gan brunch was held at Ellie and Judah Axe's house. Here are some photos....including of an art project for the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh.



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## **SAVE THE DATE - 2019 CDT RETREAT** JUNE 14-16, 2019 CAMP YAVNEH, NEW HAMPSHIRE



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