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Creating Learning Opportunities for All



by Rabbi Shahar Colt

Photo of Kitah Aleph by Talia Cohen, teacher



ACCORDING TO rabbinic tradition, once upon a time Rabbi Elazar visited a Jewish community he had never been to before. The people recognized him and invited him to lead the Shema. But he said, “I don’t know how.” So they invited him to lead the Amidah prayers. To their surprise, he again said, “I don’t know how.” Shocked, they said, “Can this really be Rabbi Elazar, the one everyone goes on about?!”

Rabbi Elazar blanched and walked to his teacher, Rabbi Akiva. Akiva met him and asked what was wrong. After Rabbi Elazar explained, Rabbi Akiva said, “Master, are you willing to learn?” He was, and he did.

Sometime later, he returned to that place, and again the people recognized him. Again they invited him to lead parts of the service, and this time, he did. They gave him a nickname, Elazar Hisma, meaning, “Elazar who found his voice.”

This story is surprising—how did it happen that great Rabbi Elazar didn’t know how to lead these central parts of the liturgy? While it is tempting to wonder if he had some kind of memory lapse, the fact that Rabbi Akiva offers to teach him suggests to me that somehow he became a rabbi without learning this material. And yet, Akiva still calls Elazar, “Master”—simultaneously showing deep respect for his student’s standing as a rabbi, while inviting him into further learning.

Akiva’s approach to Elazar invites reflection on teaching, learning, and leadership in Jewish life. Even in synagogues that strive for inclusion and accessibility, Jews and non-Jews alike can feel disempowered, like Elazar, when they don’t know how the ritual works, aren’t familiar with a word or phrase in Hebrew (or Yiddish!), or a particular custom. Jewish life and the Jewish “library” contain whole worlds of meaning developed over the past two thou-

sand years by Jews in vastly differing circumstances around the world. As a result, Judaism has endless lessons to offer on how to live meaningfully through every aspect of our lives. Some of these lessons are more “book oriented” Torah study and interpretation, some of those lessons relate to ritual and spiritual practice, while others flow through how we approach daily life. If there is anything I learned from five years in rabbinical school, it is that there is absolutely no way any of us can know it all.

Akiva takes for granted that not everyone, not even all rabbis, can know how to lead a service—and I would add that this is true about other lessons in our tradition, as well. So, faced with Elazar’s embarrassment and the need of the community for service leaders, Akiva gently and respectfully invites learning—and we can invite and support each other’s learning, too.

When I think about the activities of our community, I see learning opportunities happening or being planned in every arena. We have robust learning programs for children and adults. This year, adult learning covered a wide range including, but not limited to, a Reconstructionist “Intro to Judaism,” Mussar, Interfaith Torah study, Shabbat practice study, and how to talk to children about death. We went to the printing press to learn about our Hebrew letter printing blocks and learn to make prints. Members showed each other how to make kiddush happen, how to care for our communal garden, and how to deepen our understanding of key issues like democracy in Israel. Members bring their children to shiva minyanim to model how we care for each other in times of mourning. Members are teaching each other how to answer the BIJAN hotline to support people in immigration prison. And this isn’t even all of it.

As I write this, I am in conversations with Rabbi Toba and members of the Inclusion Committee, the Ritual Committee, the Israel/Palestine Peace group, the Board, and the Children’s Education Committee about learning opportunities that the Dorshei community will be offering next year. It’s all still in process, but I’m sure the offerings will be rich, so please keep an eye out. And, if there’s something you want to learn in the realm of Jewish life, please be in touch! I am excited to support you in figuring out how to make that happen.

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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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, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Amy Westebbe.

Shabbat & Holidays

SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES SCHEDULE

During the months of July and August, we hold Shabbat morning services every other week, plus one all-ages erev Shabbat service in the month of August. Weekly Shabbat morning services resume on August 31.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturdays, July 13 & 27, August 10, 17, & 31

9:45am-12:00pm, followed by kiddush lunch

Shabbat morning services are led by CDT members in July, and Rabbi Toba returns in August. Join us for song and silence, prayer and reflection, and Torah study!

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Friday evening, August 9

6:00pm Candle-lighting and potluck vegetarian dinner

6:45pm Service

All are welcome to 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 are provided). A musical service begins at 6:45pm, followed by dessert at 7:30pm.

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT & OPEN HOUSE—DINNER PROVIDED!

Friday, September 6

6:00pm Candle-lighting and catered dinner

6:45pm Service

Spread the word! This all-ages celebration is an opportunity to bring guests and friends to find out more about CDT and our family-friendly programming, as well as the religious school. We'll begin at 6:00pm with candle-lighting and a dairy/vegetarian dinner, provided by the congregation (gluten- and dairy-free alternatives will be available), and the musical, fun service begins at 6:45pm. Please check the CDT website the

week of August 12 for a sign-up, so we can order enough food.

BAR MITZVAH OF SHALEV MOSER

Shabbat morning, August 31, 9:45am

We invite the CDT community to celebrate with us as our son, **Shalev Maor Breite Moser**, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. A kiddush lunch will follow the service. Shalev is a rising 8th grader at JCDS, Jewish Community Day School. He enjoys participating in theater and playing music, as well as hanging out with friends. For his service project, Shalev has been active in Kids4Peace, a year-round program that brings Jewish, Christian and Muslim youth together to learn about each other's religions, engage in activism, and talk about peace. We hope you can join us!

—Thea Breite and Susan Moser

TISHA B'AV

Saturday evening, August 10,

8:00pm-9:30pm

60 Highland Street, Living Room

The 9th of Av marks the deepest day of mourning on the Jewish calendar: a fast day when we remember the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem, as well as other moments of loss and exile in Jewish history. It is traditional to chant the book of Lamentations and recite special poem-songs of loss and sadness. Tisha b'Av is also a turning point in the Jewish calendar, for immediately afterwards we begin counting seven weeks to Rosh Hashanah—weeks of comfort and preparation for renewal. During this evening program, we will hear portions of Lamentations, sing contemplative songs, and explore together the brokenness in our hearts and in our world as we prepare for the work of tikkun, repair.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: 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 Prunte** (officeassistant@dorsheitzedek.org) 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 a member of the CDT staff if they are needed, before dropping anything off. Thank you!

MAZEL TOV

To **Celia Gilbert-Sartori** and **Cary Lent** and their families, on becoming b'nai mitzvah!

To **Elaine Bresnick**, on the birth of her granddaughter, Charlotte Ellie Kosib, on June 13, to CDT alum Anna!

To Marc Brown, grandson of **Stan and Jackie Fleischman**, on graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington, DC. He will be attending George Mason University in the fall, majoring in Music Technology.

To **Rachel Kelemen**, on graduating from Boston College with a PhD in biochemistry.

To **Jay Garg**, son of **Lori and Pushkal Garg**, on graduating from Newton South High School. He will be attending Harvard University in the fall.

To Rachel Saltzman, daughter of **Debby Saltzman**, on receiving her MSW from Boston College School of Social Work.

Yahrzeit

This month we remember CDT member **Evelyn Felson**, whose 13th yearzeit falls on July 18. We will be remembering Evelyn at Shabbat morning services on July 27.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to **Cindy Bittker** on the death of her sister, Terry Elyse Bittker; may her 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 MEMBER WELCOME

A warm welcome to new members **Rebecca Thal & Aliza Levine**.

TODAH RABAH

To **Lisa Schneider, Marcia Okun** and **Josh Lieberman**, for their contributions — artistic and culinary — to our Tikkun Leil Shavuot!

Thanks to everyone who provided kiddush in May and June:

Allison Andrews & Arthur Lent (Captain), Rebecca Byard, Vilunya Diskin, Nancy Gertz (Captain)—In memory of Junius Gertz, Max Roberts, Mike McEwan, Diane Becker, Jodi & Alex Sugerman-Brozan, Stephanie & Nem Hackett, Sue Lanser, DB Reiff (Captain), Stephen Gomperts, Cindy Shulak-Rome, Eileen Morrison (Captain) & Michael Jablon, / Ellen Hemley & Mark Bronstein, Melanie Adler & Andy Cohen (Captain), Myra Schwartz, Amy Westebbe, Rebecca Pomerantz, Kristin Butcher, Jenny Sartori & Barry, Elizabeth Carver, Judah Axe, Daniel Reeves, Alli Roberts.

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

Inclusion

MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

By Susan Nitkin

This past year, the Inclusion Committee has been gathering information about our community's needs and wishes with regard to our new Mental Health Initiative through 1:1 conversation and by distributing a questionnaire at the March members meeting. As I read through the written responses to the questions, I was taken by people's generosity as they shared their deeply-felt experiences and thoughtful ideas about programming, and also their worries about not knowing enough about mental illness, and their uncertainties about what to do when they notice suffering.

I want to tell you that I truly feel our collective wisdom is situated not only within a place of knowledge and experience, but also very importantly within the ability to say we don't understand and are wondering what to do about that. It is from this sometimes-raw place of vulnerability, openness, and curiosity, that we can move forward and do better, as we constantly seek to be a more inclusive and healing community.

Our committee met in May to process the responses from the members meeting and begin to outline plans for the upcoming year, and we will continue to meet regularly as we create programs that highlight the following areas:

- Interpersonal awareness,
- Sustenance and spiritual resiliency,
- Sharing stories, and
- Text study, Jewish ritual, and spiritual practice.

Please let me know if you would like to be part of the committee and, as always, please reach out to us if you have ideas to share, if you have needs that the Inclusion Committee can help with, or if you just want to talk.

Events

GET READY FOR THE CDT SUMMER BBQ!

Sunday, August 18, 11:00am-1:00pm

The Auburndale Cove in Newton

The CDT Summer Barbecue is coming up on August 18! This event is open to all CDT Members, friends, and even your friendly dogs. There will be games to play, playground equipment to climb, and friends to meet or reconnect with. It's a great way to meet other members you wouldn't otherwise interact with, and it's also a great opportunity to introduce folks who may be interested in joining the CDT religious school. Dorshei provides the BBQ supplies, and members are invited to bring salads, sides, drinks, or desserts. If you'd like to help organize the games or BBQ, please be in touch with **Rabbi Shahar (dcl@dorsheitzedek.org)**.

YOUNG ADULTS HIKE

Saturday, July 13, Time and Location TBD

Following up on a fun havdallah gathering in May, CDT young adults will be going for a hike on Saturday, July 13. Join us to build community and enjoy the summer! Exact location is to be determined based on the needs and interests of the group, but it won't be too steep or strenuous, and we will try to find a hike that works for everyone who wants to join. Friends are welcome. If you are interested, contact **Allegra at allegra.heathstout@gmail.com**.

MONROE TO MILLER: 200 YEARS OF IMMIGRATION IN 45 MINUTES

Presentation by Victor Aronow

Tuesday evening, July 2, 7:30pm

The home of Nathan Aronow and Benita Danzing, 79 Brookside Ave., Newtonville

On Tuesday evening, July 2, Victor Aronow, brother of CDT member **Nathan Aronow** will be giving the presentation "Monroe to Miller: 200 years of Immigration in 45 Minutes". This review of US immigration policy, from President James Monroe to President Trump's immigration advisor Stephen Miller, will explore the politics of immigration and the conflict between American ide-

alism and American bigotry. Following the presentation, there will be opportunities to start taking action on immigration.

A practicing criminal defense and civil rights lawyer in Phoenix for more than 45 years, the core of Aronow's practice involves clients who have been arrested as a result of their political activities. He is a member of "Refugee Aid," a non-profit based in Phoenix that provides materiel assistance to refugees and asylum seekers from Latin America. Aronow grew up in the Boston area, graduated from Boston College Law School in 1970, earned a Masters degree to teach English as a second language, and has taught adult education for 10 years.

Seating is limited, so please email your RSVP to **nathan.aronow@verizon.net**.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15am

60 Highland Street, downstairs living room (For July, not in the usual library location)

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. All are welcome, whatever your level of meditation experience (or lack thereof!).

Mindful Mornings will meet in the downstairs living room (to the right of the entrance) on Thursdays in July at the usual time of day, except no meeting July 4.

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**.

CDT Retreat

With huge thanks to retreat coordinators **Jen Levine-Fried** and **David Shumsky**, the 2019 CDT Retreat was a smashing success! With 147 adults and kids registered, it was our biggest retreat ever. Thanks as well to all the staff and CDT members who helped with planning, housing, and leading activities.



Our intrepid reporters interviewed a number of attendees on the final day of the retreat, and this is what they discovered: People’s favorite activities included “hanging out at the waterfront, Shacharit services, the campfire, doing arts and crafts, the softball game, meeting new people, the talent show, singing rounds, playing on the swings, the sing-down, swimming to the diving dock with friends, playing Capture the Flag, making bottle rockets, yoga, making havdallah spice boxes, talking to grownups, kayaking, the nature walk, playing Catch-Ball, the campfire, and talking with friends.” If you weren’t there, don’t worry — the retreat will be back in 2021!



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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Tikkun Olam

PRISON BOOK PROJECT

Tuesday, August 6, 6:30-9pm

Volunteer with the Prison Book Program at the United First Parish Church in Quincy on the first Tuesday of even-numbered months. Volunteers work at various tasks to respond to prisoners' requests for specific books and send them out. The Church is

in detention in Massachusetts and their families with other resources in the community through running a hotline, raising money for bond, providing accompaniment at hearings, housing, and meeting other needs that arise.

If you are interested in learning how this network functions and getting involved,

Newton Sanctuary and Solidarity Collaborative are invited to this coffee house style gathering to hear crafted stories on the theme of "Welcoming the Stranger" to celebrate the second anniversary of the covenant to provide sanctuary. Participate in small groups to share, listen and make personal connections to the theme. What motivates you to participate in sanctuary work? How does this work connect to your personal story? Join us for this opportunity to build community with others who share your sense of purpose in immigrant justice work.

BIJAN works to connect immigrants in detention in Massachusetts and their families with other resources in the community through running a hotline, raising money for bond, providing accompaniment at hearings, housing, and meeting other needs that arise.

very close to the Red Line/Quincy Ctr stop or volunteers can organize a carpool. CDT members can sign up in the Members section of the CDT website.

NEWTON SANCTUARY AND SOLIDARITY COLLABORATIVE (NSSC) UPDATES

Thank you to these members who served as companions between May 1-June 14: **Annette Jacobs, Amy Mazur, Barbara Shatkin, Stacey Chacker, Cindy Marshall, Corinne Lofchie, Danielle Klainberg, Diana Fisher Gomberg, Sue Weil, Marcia Okun, Pamela Rosenstein, Rachel Pytel, and Sarah Hartman.**

check out the BIJAN General Meeting. This meeting will include an overview, as well as trainings, to get involved in various aspects of the network. Contact **Rabbi Shahar** if you have any questions (dcl@dorsheitzedek.org).

WELCOMING THE STRANGER STORYTELLING EVENT

Thursday evening, July 18, 7:00pm

St Paul Episcopal Church, 1135 Walnut St, Newton Highlands, MA

Companionship volunteers and friends from participating congregations of the

JOIN THE JERICHO WALKS IN BURLINGTON, MA

Every third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm (3-2-1)

(Next walks on Tuesday, July 16 and Tuesday, August 20)

March in Solidarity with those being mistreated by an inhuman immigration system. The Jericho Walk is a silent interfaith prayer and act of solidarity. The walk draws inspiration from the Battle of Jericho, in which the community marched around the city of Jericho seven times, causing the city walls to fall. "The Jericho Walk of today is a silent, peaceful, and prayerful walk to bring down the walls of our unjust immigration system and is open to people of all or no faiths."

Walks take place at the ICE offices in Burlington, MA (1000 District Avenue, Burlington, MA, 01803). For anyone interested in taking part and carpooling from Newton, or for additional information, feel free to contact **Amy Mazur** at acmazur@comcast.net.

BIJAN GENERAL MEETING

Thursday evening, July 11, 6:00pm

Reservoir Church, 170 Rindge Ave, Cambridge

As part of our immigration justice work, Dorshei Tzedek members have been involved with several dimensions of the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN) over the past two years. This network works to connect immigrants

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Chesed

Rabbi Toba will be on vacation for much of July and on silent retreat during one week in August. While she is away, either **Rabbi Shahar** or an on-call rabbi will be available for pastoral and rabbinic support. There will also be CDT members coordinating shivah minyanim for anyone in need during those times. If you are in need of a rabbi or help with a death in the family, please contact the CDT office, **617-965-0330**, or via email: **Lidia Prunte** (officeassistant@dorsheitzedek.org) or **Melissa Colten** (execdirector@dorsheitzedek.org) will let you know if Rabbi Shahar or Rabbi Toba is available or whom else is on call. You can also email the Chesed coordinators at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

CHESED AT CDT

By Ellie Goldberg

Chesed (Loving-Kindness) is an important Congregation Dorshei Tzedek value. The Chesed Coordinators reach out when a member has a significant life event such as a birth or adoption, illness, or death in the family. Whether a meal, errand, or ride, these gestures of practical comfort and caring acknowledge each other's life transitions or stressful times.

Chesed Coordinators facilitate the match between the recipient and one or two volunteers using the LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) website. We encourage all members to sign up for our LHH community, "Chesed at CDT" at <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH>.

The Chesed Coordinators for JULY are Dianne Lior, Fran Malino, and Gail Pressberg. The Chesed Coordinators for AUGUST are **Susan Nitkin, DB Reiff and Elaine Landes**.

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

If you have questions about Chesed, as a recipient or as a volunteer, please contact the Chesed coordinators at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

Chesed Q&A: What Do the Shiva and Chesed Committees Do? <https://tinyurl.com/Shiva-Chesed>

Religious School Notes

HELP US BUILD OUR SCHOOL

While CDT staff is busy reviewing, cleaning up, and planning for the next school year, we hope you will all help us build our 2019-2020 religious school community.

Do you know someone who might be looking for their children's Jewish education in a warm and thoughtful community like Dorshei? The best way new families find our school is by our members sharing what they love about the community. You, our members, are our best religious school ambassadors.

We are welcoming new students across all grades, starting with three year olds for nitzanim.

If you have friends who might be interested, please put them in touch with **Rabbi Shahar** and also invite them to our Summer BBQ on August 18th!

REGISTER FOR CDT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TODAY!

The first Sunday will be September 15, and the first Tuesday will be September 17. A late fee of \$50 per family applies for registration

after August 6. Questions? Please contact **Rabbi Shahar** at dcl@dorsheitzedek.org.

SUMMER HEBREW CHALLENGE REMINDER!

All students who will be in grades 4, 5, and 6 this coming fall left last year with a challenge from **Amira** and **Rabbi Shahar**. Don't let all that hard work from this past year leak out your ears!

Practice your Hebrew reading using the packet we handed out, by working on prayers in the siddur, or with the quizlet app for twenty 15-minute study sessions... and you will get a prize when we return to school!

If you need another copy of the packet, contact **Rabbi Shahar**, who will email it to you.

Nediv Lev

WE DID IT! NEDIV LEV CAMPAIGN SUCCESS

Each year CDT members contribute "from the heart" to the Nediv Lev campaign, our only fundraiser of the year. The Nediv Lev target this year was \$85,000 which is about 15% of this year's CDT budget. These funds help support the school, and activities and programs that help us come together as an inclusive and caring community to respond to our local, national, and global challenges. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, this year the Nediv Lev campaign raised \$95,910 from 162 donors!! Mazel Tov!!

If you have any questions or comments, or suggestions for improving the Nediv Lev campaign, please contact the Nediv Lev Chair, Debbie Waber (dpwaber@gmail.com).

CDT Calendar

July & August 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 (28 Sivan)	2 (29 Sivan)	3 (30 Sivan)	4 (1 Tammuz)	5 (2 Tammuz)	6 (3 Tammuz)
7 (4 Tammuz)	8 (5 Tammuz)	9 (6 Tammuz)	10 (7 Tammuz)	11 (8 Tammuz)	12 (9 Tammuz)	13 (10 Tammuz) Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a
14 (11 Tammuz)	15 (12 Tammuz)	16 (13 Tammuz)	17 (14 Tammuz)	18 (15 Tammuz)	19 (16 Tammuz)	20 (17 Tammuz)
21 (18 Tammuz)	22 (19 Tammuz)	23 (20 Tammuz)	24 (21 Tammuz)	25 (22 Tammuz)	26 (23 Tammuz)	27 (24 Tammuz) Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a
28 (25 Tammuz)	29 (26 Tammuz)	30 (27 Tammuz)	31 (28 Tammuz)	AUGUST 1 (29 Tammuz)	2 (1 Av)	3 (2 Av)
4 (3 Av)	5 (4 Av)	6 (5 Av)	7 (6 Av)	8 (7 Av)	9 (8 Av) All-Ages Erev Shabbat 6:00p	10 (9 Av) Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a Tisha B'av 8:00p
11 (10 Av)	12 (11 Av)	13 (12 Av)	14 (13 Av)	15 (14 Av)	16 (15 Av)	17 (16 Av)
18 (17 Av) Party in the Park, 11:00a, FUUSN, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton: Head Start Room (upstairs)	19 (18 Av)	20 (19 Av)	21 (20 Av)	22 (21 Av)	23 (22 Av)	24 (23 Av) Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a
25 (24 Av)	26 (25 Av)	27 (26 Av)	28 (27 Av)	29 (28 Av)	30 (29 Av)	31 (30 Av) Shabbat Morning Service & Bar Mitzvah of Shalev Moser 9:45a

Unless noted otherwise, all programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in the Second Church of Newton, West Newton.

Kiddush Assignments

Saturday, July 13, 2019 - 9:30am to 1:00pm:
Charles Frankston & Wendy Frankston

Saturday, July 27, 2019 - 9:30am to 1:00pm:
Peter Katz, Linda Katz, and Ellie Goldberg

Friday, August 9, 2019 All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck - 6:00pm: Erica Streit-Kaplan—In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary Joan & Roger Streit, Deborah McEwan, Mike McEwan

Saturday, August 10, 2019 - Judy Herzig-Marx & Chaim Herzig-Marx—In honor of our 45th wedding anniversary

Saturday, August 24, 2019 - 9:30am to 1:00pm: Judith Havens, Tim Havens, Elaine Bresnick—In celebration of our baby girl naming ceremony

Saturday, August 31, 2019: Bar Mitzvah of Shalev Moser: Sanctuary Cleanup: Ayelet Lipton, Jen Levine-Fried; Kiddush Setup: Zoe Stark, Matt Fried; Kiddush Cleanup: Ayelet Lipton, Marni & Tim Caputo, Karen Wasserman; Ushers: Marni & Tim Caputo

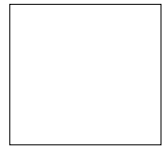
Kiddush Note: The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the members' calendar on our website. Please remember to sign-in to the site to access the calendar as well as all member-specific information. When notified of your dates, please be sure to put them into your personal 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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See p6 for more pics of the CDT Retreat!

