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Shake Off the Husks!

by Rabbi Shahar Colt



BEFORE ANYTHING, I want to acknowledge the incredible support that my family has received from the congregation these past few months as Kalman entered our lives and turned them upside down (in the best of ways). We may not have had a chance to respond to every card, email, and offer of baby gear, but we have been so touched by each of them, and so grateful for each person who has signed up on our meal train. We are also grateful that Dorshei Tzedek allows me to take 12 weeks of family leave, of which six of them are paid. In this country it is a great privilege to have any paid leave, and it pushes me to recommit myself to pushing for more equity around family leave. We look forward to introducing Kalman to the community once Rabbi Toba returns from her sabbatical.

At the beginning of February my father and his partner came to Boston to spend quality time with us and Kalman, which meant that they joined us for their first All Ages shabbat in February. We celebrated this year's shabbat shira — “Shabbat of Song” — with the musical leadership of the *kita vav* band as well as CDT Sings. My father observed that the band included such a wide range of musical talents. He was struck that there was someone who seemed to play

only one or two chords, and could still be in the band. I responded that Tal Shalom Kobi, who leads the band, is incredibly skilled at and committed to including all who want to play, and also that inclusion is a strong value and active part of the conversation about many aspects of this community.

This ongoing effort to include all who seek to participate is one of the reasons that Dorshei Tzedek is so special, and musical participation feels especially valuable. There is much to say and hear about how Jewish music moves our souls, and then there is much more to say about how different Jewish souls are moved by different kinds of music. Once at a GBIO action where a church choir was singing, a CDT congregant leaned over to me to say that he would come to our services if the music was that good! This sense that music is intimately connected with our spirituality is not new. Cantor Hinda Eisen recently introduced me to a teaching by Ze'ev Wolf of Zhitomir, a hassidic master, who discussed *P'sukei D'Zimrah*. *P'sukei D'Zimrah* is the first section of a morning service, and its title literally means, “verses of song.” In his text, *Ohr Ha-Me'ir*, he asks “Why are they called *P'sukei D'Zimrah*?” and responds, “Because they pare away the husks.” Husks? Yes, like corn husks. The Hebrew

word for husks is *mezamerim*, from the same root as “*d’zimra*.” The text continues, “But look: who has ever seen husks left on the floor of the shul? Rather, it really means to pare away the husks from one’s heart and bones... [...] We pare away the husks of the negative qualities we feel within us, and after, we are ready to pray, implying connection, uniting one’s inner thoughts to the loftiness of one’s divinity.” Specifically, starting off our prayer time with heartfelt song is what opens us up to the possibility of prayer. If music is this powerful, everyone should be encouraged and expected to explore song in their prayer, right?

A short while after our shabbat shira, I was talking with a Cantor friend of mine about her work. She absolutely wants everyone to find joy in using their voice in prayer, but she was facing a challenge. Her colleague, the rabbi, loved to sing along in prayer... but off key. It made the cantor’s job harder because she lost track of her own key, and the musically sensitive congregants were starting to complain to her about it. Meanwhile, the rabbi was very touchy about it. The rabbi did not want to be told that his song was not welcome — if a rabbi raises their voice in prayer-song, how could a community object? Any suggestion that the rabbi should sing quieter or leave something to the cantor felt disrespectful. My friend wanted to validate the rabbi’s right to sing and pray, but it was making her work difficult and their congregants uncomfortable. Now, I am a rabbi who probably sings off-key plenty of times, and I have definitely had my own process of becoming comfortable enough to sing in front of a group. If someone approached me about singing less or more quietly, I would be embarrassed and hurt. I can see how this would be a difficult conversation to have in an ongoing way. My friend

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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

Join the Newsletter team! Contact John Holohan at dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org.



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

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICES

Friday evenings, March 20, April 3, May 8

6:00pm candle-lighting and potluck dinner

6:45pm service

Rabbi Toba will be back for this fun, musical all-ages celebration of Shabbat in March! 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 - and please avoid nuts if possible!). Services begin at 6:45pm, and we end with an Oneg Shabat dessert at 7:30pm.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA SPITZER

8:45am-9:40am, March 21, April 18, May 9, June 13

All are welcome to explore the weekly Torah portion before Shabbat morning services, with commentaries both traditional and modern. No text study experience is necessary! Bring your own caffeinated beverage.

SHABBAT TETZAVEH—D'VAR TORAH BY DR. MALINO

Saturday morning, March 7, 9:45am-noon

From Priests to Maskilim — What Does Dress Matter?

Dr. Frances Malino is the Sophia Moses Robison Professor of Jewish Studies and History Emerita at Wellesley College. She is the author of *The Sephardic Jews of Bordeaux: Assimilation and Emancipation in Revolutionary and Napoleonic France* (1978) and *A Jew in the French Revolution: the Life* (1979) of *Zalkind Hourwitz* (1996) and co-editor of (1980) *Essays in Modern Jewish History: a Tribute to Ben Halpern* (1982), *The Jews in Modern France* (1985), *Profiles in Diversity: Jews in Changing Europe* (1998), and *Voices of the Diaspora: Jewish Women Writing in New Europe* (2005). Her current project is titled *Teach-*

ing Freedom: Jewish Sisters in Muslim Lands. In 2012 she was named Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes académiques by the French Ministry of Education.

GOT SHABBAT?

Saturday morning, March 14, 9:45am-noon

People of all ages are welcome at this Shabbat celebration, as we read the Torah portion *Ki Tissa*, about the Golden Calf, and learn together and have fun, and find new ways to celebrate Shabbat.

Rabbi Toba will be back to lead us in morning songs and blessings at 9:45am, followed by workshops for all ages from 10:15-11:15am, including returning Got Shabbat activity leader, **Shira Moss** with her drums, mezzuzah making with CDT member **Pamela Reider**, and Yiddish shabbat songs with **Adah Hetko**.

Tot Shabbat with **Morah Devora** will start at 10:45, and we come together for the Torah reading at 11:20am and then will enjoy a vegetarian kiddush lunch at noon.

Don't miss it! Whether you are 5 or 50 or 100, we hope to see you there!

TOT SHABBAT!

Shabbat mornings (Saturday) at 10:45am

Mar. 14, Apr. 4, May 9, June 13

Tot Shabbat is a monthly Shabbat morning program for children ages six and younger, and their adults and siblings. New this year, it will be led by **Morah Devora Rohr**, CDT's Nitzanim/Gan teacher.

We will sing, pray, dance, march with Torahs, play games, read stories, and eat... all we need is YOU!

CDT PURIM CELEBRATION

Monday evening, March 9, 7:00-9:00pm

1326 Washington Street, West Newton (First Unitarian Universalist Society)

Put on your costume and your dancing shoes, and get ready to have fun and nosh on hamantashen! This is the one time during the year when we're commanded to get a little wild - so come join our Purim extravaganza, featuring:

- Megilla reading!
- Purim davening!
- Costume parade!
- Hilarious purim spiel!
- Dance party!
- Come dressed in costume!

Show off your costume creativity by dressing as your silliest, most liberated self! There will be kid and adult prizes for everyone in the costume parade. **Note:** Those wearing appropriate costumes will be asked to change. Cultural appropriation often takes the form of dressing up as an ethnicity, race, or culture that is not your own. Not sure about your costume? Ask us!

Exchange mishloach manot (gift baskets)! Bring a plate of mishloach manot — hamantaschen, fruit, chocolate, wine, or whatever you like—to swap with another household who is attending the celebration!

Bring matanot le'vonyim — gifts of money for those in need. To fulfill the mitzvot of Purim, all are encouraged to bring some cash, which we'll donate to a local charitable organization. Any amount helps, from \$1 on up!

Want to help with the spiel!?

Kids and adults are invited to help with the spiel, experience is not required. To get involved, contact **Sheree Galpert**.

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Families: We will have two trained CDT CHILDCARE providers every Shabbat, Saturdays, from 10:00am until 12:15pm.

All members: Know a babysitter? Please help us fill in the gaps in the CDT CHILDCARE schedule.

14-17 year olds earn \$27.50 and 18+ earn \$40 per shift.

Contact Us! Please email Kristin Butcher at kfbutcher@yahoo.com, or call Rebecca Pomerantz at 617-312-2636 for more information.

Community

FROM THE CDT BOARD

The CDT Board met on January 26, 2020. Highlights of that meeting are these:

- To create Board Blurbs for the CDT newsletter in case anyone was wondering what happens in board meetings!
- To create new (hopefully, clarifying) signs for composting after Kiddush. When we put non-compostables in the compostables bin, someone has to fish them out, a job we don't want anyone doing!
- **Debbie Waber** kicked off this year's Neditiv Lev campaign by asking the board to be the first contributors. We discussed Neditiv Lev, the Torah of Money, and fundraising, in general.
- Members of the board volunteered to develop a process to help us plan for the next few years.
- We are looking for a VP of Tikkun Olam, a VP of Leadership, and several Board Members-at-Large, as our current volunteers conclude their terms.

If you are interested in any of these topics, please contact any board member (listed on page 2 of the newsletter). Our next board meeting will be March 15, a week after the March 8 members meeting.

YAHARZEIT

This month we remember CDT member and beloved rebbetzin **Gina Fried**, whose 4th yearzeit falls this year on March 22. We will remember Gina at Shabbat morning services on March 21. May her memory be for a blessing.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sympathies to **Philip Klein**, and to **Marsha Klein**, on the death of Philip's father, Ronald Klein. 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 at <https://www.dorsheitzedek.org/mourning>.

REFUAH SHLEYMAH

We send blessings for complete healing to **Ellen Pashall, Lynne Brandon, Elaine Pollack, Jamie Tessler, Stan Fleischman, and Linette Liebling**.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A warm welcome to new member **Melissa Spatz**.

A warm welcome to new member **Alec Stanton**.

TODAH RABAH

Thanks to everyone who provided kiddush:

Dan Halbert (Captain), Carole Slipowitz, Lisa Keshet, Elana Cutler, Richard Fisher Gombert (Captain), Marla Cummins, Lisa Goodwin-Robbins, Barry Ingber—*in honor of his grandfather Nathan Cohen*, Marjorie Salvodon (Captain)—*in memory of Jean Léon Salvodon*, Zak Kosan, Megan Cox, Linda Kramer, Mark Schafer, Judah Axe, Corinne Lofchie, Susan Bernstein (Captain), Cliff Cohen, Nancy Gertz—*in memory of Sandra Gertz*, Jeff Goldman—*in memory of Alex Fried*, Debbie Waber (Captain), Jeff Arnold, Fran Malino, Gail

Pressberg, Elizabeth Roll (Captain), David Roll, Ben Tillinger, Jodi Rosenbaum Tillinger, Jeffrey Sacks (Captain), Cheryl Sacks, Sherry Katz, Mark Farber

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM OUR STAFF: LOGISTICS

Please Don't Forget Your Bambaggies! We're excited to compost at our communal meals, however the price of compostable plates, cups, and utensils costs an extra \$700 per year! Help us save the planet and keep our costs down by remembering to bring your Bambaggie or other reusable dishes.

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** (l.prunte@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!

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

CDT Events

MEETING FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

Sunday morning, March 1, from
10:30-11:30am

JCDS, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown

All parents/guardians of religious school children are invited to ask questions and share your thoughts about qualities and characteristics for the next head of the Religious School with members of the Board (**Diana Fisher Gomberg**, and **Lissy Medvedow**), the CEC, and **Melissa Colten**. We really want your input so please try and attend.

MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday morning, March 8, 10:00am - noon

JCDS, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown

For the entire community, on Sunday morning, March 8th, we'll be discussing the

broader position of CDT Director of Congregational Learning during the first hour of our Members Meeting from 10-11 am.

During the second hour, we're very excited to welcome Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism, for a conversation facilitated by CDT Past President **Chayim Herzig-Marx**. Please come prepared to ask questions and be part of the conversation.

If you are not able to attend the Members Meeting and you have thoughts to share or questions about the Religious School or the more expanded position, please feel free to reach out to either **Lissy** or **Melissa** before March 8th. Melissa can be reached at **M.Colten@dorsheitzedek.org** or **617.965.0330**; Lissy can be reached at **Medvedow@gmail.com** or **617.877.3870**.

CDT FILM CLUB

Saturday evening, March 7, 6:00pm potluck,
7:00pm movie

At the home of John Holohan and Sharon Gorberg.

Cakemaker. 2017. Hebrew. After the death of his lover, Thomas heads to Israel — the birthplace of the man he adored. Despite prejudice at his German origins he becomes the pastry chef at a local café owned by the widow of the deceased Oran. Yet she hardly suspects that the unnamed sorrow that connects her to the stranger is for one and the same man. RSVP to **Sharon Gorberg** at **Sharon.gorberg@gmail.com**, if at all possible. **Note:** Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families. For information about the film club or if you'd like to host a film, contact **Stan Fleischman**, **film-club@dorsheitzedek.org**.

Children and Family Programs

TIKKUN OLAM OPPORTUNITY

March 15, 2020

From the Children's Education Committee
(CEC)

On Sunday, March 15, 2020 CDT families are invited to volunteer together at Jewish Family and Children's Services' Family Table program. (There is no religious school that day.) Up to 15 CDT families will meet at the Waltham JF&CS office at 11am to pack food for families in need. Packing takes about 30 minutes. Then you will drive and deliver the groceries to between one and three recipients. Deliveries should be completed no later than 1:30pm. Children of any age can help out. Would you like to join us? The signup is on the Signups page of our website!

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are working on building connections between the Nitzanim/Gan program and other opportunities for young children and their families to connect to Jewish life at

Dorshei Tzedek. To that end, Morah Devora Rohr will be leading our Tot Shabbat programs once a month on Shabbat mornings, as well as our holiday related programming for young children.

UPCOMING TOT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS (FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS AGED 0-5):

PREPARE FOR PESACH!

Sunday, March 29, Second Church
4:00-5:00pm

Songs, activities, treasure hunts and more await as we explore what it means to get ready for the Passover as a community and individually! Why is this night different? Resources will be provided to take home and use during or in preparation for your seder nights. Is there a resource you'd love to have or question you're not sure how to explain to your kids? Let **Morah Devora** know in advance at **devorabena@gmail.com**. This is a whole family event targeted to children 2-6.

MINI MEGILLAH!

Sunday, March 8, JCDS 9:30 - 10:00am

Join **Morah Devora** and the Nitzanim/Gan families as we turn Mini Minyan upside down for a special costumed Purim edition! Following Mini Megillah, send your kids to class or drop them off in childcare and head towards the CDT Members' Meeting. All families with children in Kindergarten or younger are invited to come in costume and bring a guest!"



Photo: Daniel Reeves and Liora Reeves at the CDT Chanukkah Party, December 2019.

Chesed

CHESED: STRENGTHENING OUR SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

by Ellie Goldberg



The Dorshei Tzedek community values Chesed, acts of loving-kindness, when members have a major life event such as the arrival of a child, death, injury, illness or other life stressor. We know that having a vibrant close-knit community offers a sense of comfort and security that

increases our resilience during times of stress or crisis.

At Chesed Committee meetings we regularly discuss how Chesed builds those social bonds and how we can improve the visibility of Chesed's role in the community.

Chesed Coordinators use the LotsaHelping-Hands (LHH) website to match requests for Chesed and CDT volunteers. Gestures of Chesed include preparing or buying a meal, grocery shopping, a ride to an appointment, and visiting members who are ill.

If a member has an extended need for support, the Chesed Coordinators can offer to help set up a personal LHH calendar to include the member's broader network of friends, colleagues and neighbors beyond CDT.

We encourage all members to get engaged by signing up for our LHH community, "CDT Caring Chesed Community". Go to <https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/cdt-chesed-caring-community> updated. Even if you don't respond to a re-

quest, you'll see the world of Chesed at work and how it is manifest in our community.

The Chesed Coordinators for March are **Beth Green** and **Gail Pressberg**. If you have questions about Chesed, as a recipient or as a volunteer, please contact them at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

CHESED Q&A: WHAT DO THE SHIVA AND CHESED COMMITTEES DO?

Go to this website to find out: <https://tinyurl.com/Shiva-Chesed>

PASTORAL AND RABBINIC SUPPORT

Rabbi Toba is on sabbatical and will be returning on March 10. During this time, **Rabbi Shahar** is available for pastoral and rabbinic support, and can be reached at s.coltd@dorsheitzedek.org. Please contact **Executive Director Melissa Colten** if you have a question about who is available, at m.colten@dorsheitzedek.org. You are also welcome to contact the Chesed coordinators for support at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.

Learning

REGISTER NOW FOR CDT 2020 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!

Are you interested in knowing more about leadership? How about leadership in a Jewish context like Dorshei Tzedek? Have you wondered about playing a new or expanded leadership role in the incredible CDT community?

If your answer to any of the above is yes, mark your calendar and register for the next Dorshei Tzedek leadership program: Mondays March 16, 23, and 30 from 7:00pm to 9:00 at the Second Church. This customized three-session program is designed for those who are contemplating a new or expanded leadership role at CDT.

This CDT program will explore leadership through the lens of CDT's values, history and structure, and ultimately, through ap-

plication of leadership practices to issues or projects you care about at CDT. If you are interested or want more information, email Rob Greenly (rob@greenlygroup.com) or Ellen Hemley (ehemley@povertylaw.org). Register here: <https://www.dorsheitzedek.org/event/cdt-leadership-development-seminar.html> Note: spaces are limited. First come, first served.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Thursday mornings, 8:30-9:15am

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. The group is led by experienced CDT members. All are welcome, whatever your level of meditation experience — or lack thereof!

METAPHOR & MEANING: NEW WAYS TO ENCOUNTER THE DIVINE

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00pm, March 19 & 26, April 2

Over her winter sabbatical, **Rabbi Toba** is working on a book about God and metaphor, and the ways in which Jewish texts and tradition offer new and sometimes surprising ways to think about divinity and our relationship to it. In this class, she will share some sections of the forthcoming book, and the texts that inspired it. Whether you are comfortable with God language, have no use for it, or are somewhere in between, this class is for you!

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.

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Marla Lichtman—*In memory of the best grandfathers, Phillip Lichtman and Benjamin Rothberg*

Mark Schafer—*In memory of Bert Schafer*

Andrew Sofer—*In memory of Paul Sofer*

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Jewish Community Events

JCC MACCABI GAMES: REGISTRATION

Not sure of your teen's summer plans? Each summer, Jewish teens (13-16) gather for a six-day, Olympics®-style competition. The 2020 Games will be held August 9-14 in Westchester, New York.

Teams participate in boys baseball, boys ice hockey, girls volleyball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys soccer, chess, dance, e-sports, swimming, table tennis and tennis. It's the summer experience of a lifetime, and JCC Greater Boston is proud to send its own delegation to the games!

Families will receive a membership to JCC Greater Boston once their teen is registered for the games. Participants must be age 13 by 7/31/20 and must not have reached age 17 by 7/31/20. For more information, contact 781.249.9567 or maccabigames@jccgb.org.

Reconstructionist News

RITUALWELL IMMERSION: POETRY AS SANCTUARY: WRITING FROM MULTIFAITH TRADITIONS

Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 7:30-8:30pm Eastern

\$144 for four sessions

Reading and writing poetry can create sanctuary, a welcoming place to hear and reveal our own inner voices. It is also expansive and can move us into communal space where we share our hopes, concerns and intentions. Practicing this art form can be profound and transformational. This course aims to inspire and nurture your writing, whether you're just beginning or have an ongoing practice. We will draw on poems and sources from multifaith traditions to spark and support our writing. Led by Cathleen Cohen.



Photo: A cute clown at the 2016 CDT Purim Party; photo by Viv Shein.

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will continue navigating this dynamic with sensitivity because it is absolutely true that the rabbi has a right to sing his prayers and remove his “husks,” and it is also true that his prominent singing was creating “husks” for other people who were trying to pray.

No group of people will always be able to sing together in harmony — either in real singing or symbolically—without effort. The questions around how to encourage full and open prayer participation through music are both concrete and symbolic for our congregation as well. I loved seeing how bringing CDT Sings into All Ages Shabbat broadened the age range at that service, and if I were continuing to lead those services, I would be interested in developing All Ages musical participation precisely to supplement my own musical limitations... perhaps the man who liked the GBIO Church's band would be more interested in attending services if there was an All Ages band he could play in? Of course, at the same time we would never want to lose Rabbi Toba's beloved guitar playing, so we need to strive for a balance of voices, a sharing of airtime, so that our diverse community finds the maximal participation in and access to our prayer space.

The project of balancing what makes us comfortable and helps remove our husks, with what makes us uncomfortable and allows others to remove theirs is inherent to being in spiritual community together. Specifically, finding ways to both listen to others and speak to our own needs, hopes and dreams is deeply embedded in Dorshei Tzedek's character and values — commitment to community, lovingkindness, inclusion and human dignity, sacred intentions, and of course also debate for the sake of heaven. One way we can practice doing this is by coming together at our members meeting to engage as a full community on matters of importance to all of us. I hope you will bring your voice (no singing required, that I know of!) at the next members meeting on March 8th, 10am–12pm at JCDS, where you will have the opportunity to hear updates from various segments of the community, give input about hiring to fill the role I am currently in, and learn more about Reconstructing Judaism from Rabbi Deborah Waxman, president of the movement's organization.

CDT Calendar

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Adar 5 9:30a Religious School Gr. 1-7 10:15a Parenting Through a Jewish Lens 1:00p Purim Spiel Rehearsal	2 Adar 6	3 Adar 7 3:45p Religious School Gr. 3-6	4 Adar 8 2:00p Exploring the Bible 7:30p Tikkun Olam Steering Committee Meeting	5 Adar 9 8:30a Mindful Mornings 7:30p Megillah Practice Session & Purim Costume Swap	6 Adar 10	7 Adar 11 Tetzaveh 9:45a Shabbat Morning Services with Rabbi Shahar Colt and Dr. Frances Malino ^o 6:00p CDT Film Club: The Cakemaker
8 Adar 12 9:30a Religious School Nitzanim/Gan - Gr. 7 10:00a Members' Meeting 1:00p Purim Spiel Rehearsal	9 Adar 13 5:15p Spiel Rehearsal 7:00p Purim Party!	10 Adar 14 Purim 3:45p Religious School Gr. 3-6	11 Adar 15 2:00p Exploring the Bible	12 Adar 16 8:30a Mindful Mornings	13 Adar 17	14 Adar 18 Ki Tisa 9:45a Got Shabbat? (Including Tot Shabbat) 1:00p Program on Efforts to End Life Without Parole Sentences
15 Adar 19 11:00a Tikkun Olam Opportunity at Family Table	16 Adar 20 7:00p CDT Leadership Development Seminar	17 Adar 21	18 Adar 22 2:00p Exploring the Bible	19 Adar 23 8:30a Mindful Mornings 7:30p Metaphor & Meaning: New Ways to Encounter the Divine	20 Adar 24 6:00p All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service / Potluck	21 Adar 25 Vayakhel-Pekudei 8:45a Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer 9:45a Shabbat Morning Service
22 Adar 26 9:30a Religious School Gr. 1-7	23 Adar 27 7:00p CDT Leadership Development Seminar	24 Adar 28 3:45p Religious School Gr. 3-6	25 Adar 29 2:00p Exploring the Bible 7:30p IPPeace Study Group: Beyond the Green Line: The Territories Since 1967. Session III.	26 Nisan 1 Rosh Chodesh Nisan 8:30a Mindful Mornings 7:30p Metaphor & Meaning: New Ways to Encounter the Divine	27 Nisan 2	28 Nisan 3 Vayikra 9:45a Shabbat Morning Service
29 Nisan 4 9:30a Religious School Gr. 1-7 4:00p Pre-Pesach Tot Program	30 Nisan 5 7:00p CDT Leadership Development Seminar	31 Nisan 6 3:45p Religious School Gr. 3-6	April 1 Nisan 7 2:00p Exploring the Bible	2 Nisan 8 8:30a Mindful Mornings 7:30p Metaphor & Meaning: New Ways to Encounter the Divine	3 Nisan 9 6:00p All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service & Catered Dinner	4 Nisan 10 Tzav 9:45a Shabbat Morning Service 10:45a Tot Shabbat 6:00p CDT Film Club: 1945

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

March 7, Shabbat morning service

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Sharon Gorberg (Captain)—In memory of my parents, George and Sylvia Gorberg / Diane Shufro / Matthew Shuster / Bill Weinreb

March 8, Members Meeting, Sunday morning

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Meryl Epstein (Captain) / Trish Nuzzola / Sami O'Reilly / Sheryl Koenigsberg

March 9, Purim Party

Kiddush Providers/Setup: Barbara Shatkin (Captain) / Andy Littman / Tatjana Meschede / Daniel Krasa / Abby Cohen—In memory of Gerry Cohen / Andrew Garnett-Cook / Gail Harris / David Reider

Kiddush Providers/Cleanup: Alissa Leonard (Captain)—In memory of Susannah Zisk / Benita Danzing / Nathan Aronow / Andrew Sofer / Bonnie Tenneriello/ Ellen Hemley / Mark Bronstein / Danielle Klainberg

March 14, Got Shabbat? Shabbat morning service

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Joshua Brown (Captain) / Rachel Kelemen / Ellen Lubell / David Nathan / Hilary Marcus / Aliza Levine / Joshua Lieberman

March 20, All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Becca O Murchadha (Captain) / Diana Perretta—In memory of Fred and Helen Herstein / Haralie Alpert—In memory of Francis Greenberg / Ellen White—In memory of John White

March 21, Shabbat morning service

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Mitch Feuer (Captain)—In memory of Glenda Feuer / Madeline Steinberg—In memory of Anne Glazer

March 28, Shabbat morning service

Kiddush Providers/Setup/Cleanup: Jeff Kichen (Captain) / Stan Fleischman / Jackie Fleischman / Elaine Pollack

Kiddush Note: The complete kiddush and holiday assignment schedule is available in the signups page 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 find their names listed on B'nei Mitzvah signup.

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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COME TO THE MEMBERS MEETING!

*Sunday morning,
March 8, 10:00am – noon*

JCDS, 57 Stanley Avenue, Watertown

Meet Rabbi Deborah Waxman, President of Reconstructing Judaism, for a conversation facilitated by CDT Past President Chayim Herzig-Marx.

