



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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"Leaves Telling Stories" by Naomi Lev

Now on view in the CDT sanctuary gallery!

GREETINGS, DORSHEI TZEDEK!

Margaret Farmer



It is my great pleasure to introduce myself. I am Margaret Farmer, the newly arrived Executive Director of Operations here at Dorshei Tzedek. I would like to say thank you to everyone, you have all been open and welcoming as I make my way in this organization.

I come to Dorshei with a background as a nonprofit manager, with an emphasis on development and strategic planning. I enjoy working for small, mission driven

organizations who remain committed to making the world a better place. It is important to me to feel as if the work I do makes a difference to someone.

Although I am currently unaffiliated with a temple, I have attended services in the past at the Walnut Street Synagogue in Chelsea as well as Havurat Shalom in Somerville. I enjoy trying services at different places. Dorshei has actually reached out to Walnut street to schedule a

springtime "field trip" to the Synagogue as they have a historic building and are attempting to create a museum in the building.

Growing up, I attended Temple Beth Shalom in Peabody, but had my Bats Mitzvah at the Sons of Israel Shul in the same town. My Bubie and Zayde had been founding members of the Shul I and was very lucky to be able to honor them in this way. As the Shul at the time was where you joined when your kids were out of religious school, they hadn't had a B'Mitzvah in many years and were quite pleased that we asked to hold the service there. As there was no competition, they gave us a choice of dates and encouraged my family to "pick a Torah portion that speaks to you". I asked for the closest to my birthday (June) so the party could be outside. I know realize how lucky I really was. The Shul is still active in Peabody and volunteer run, and well worth a visit if you are interested in Shul architecture from the 1950's.

While in High School, I was active in the youth group. Because of this I was chosen to go to Israel with the Robert Lappin Foundation, the first year the trip occurred. This experience was life changing , sparking a love of travel, an appreciation for other cultures and a feeling of

connectedness to my Jewish identity. Experiencing so many things you only read about in the Torah. Unfortunately, Temple Beth Shalom no longer exists. Due to a variety of complicated factors the Temple closed several years ago “merging” with nearby Ner Tamid and selling the land.

I have slowly been meeting people at events and am consistently asked “How is it going”. I compare this a little to drinking from the fire hose, however really I wouldn’t have it any other way. I prefer to jump in and learn as much as I can and meet everyone as quickly as possible. Better to start the way things will go on. I am especially grateful to Dan Halbert, who has made several trips into the office to set up, configure and reset my computer access. I would also like to thank Rabbi Toba for her guidance and many introductions.

As we work together, I am sure that I will make some changes. Currently, if you are committee chair, you should have received an email from me as we are starting the budget process for 5784. Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to make changes to your budget.

In my years of school, I worked diligently to expand every thought I had into long arguments, designed to ensure I hit the page requirements. These days, I try to write sentences that convey as much as a paragraph. Once I was asked to put this column together, I warned Alistaire, our newsletter extraordinaire, “have a few extra photos ready”.

With that, I will say I look forward to meeting everyone, and am here to help in any way I can.



*Extra photograph, as forewarned
("Vermont Sunset," courtesy of Viv Shein)*

Rabbinic Liaison

While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with Rabbi Toba, 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 Rabbinic Liaison Chair Cindy Shulak-Rome at cbsrome@comcast.net.

The CDT Newsletter is compiled, edited, and designed by the office and published monthly (with a July/August summer issue). Email articles, events, photos, and any questions to dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org by the 10th of the month for the following month's issue. Volunteer Staff for this issue: Haralie Alpert (interviewer) and Viv Shein (photographer). Please let us know if you'd like to join the team!

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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or a friend!**

From the Board

CDT MEMBERS MEETING

Sunday, March 12, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Cabot Elementary School (229 Cabot St, Newton) & Zoom

Each CDT household is encouraged to send at least one representative to our second Members Meeting of 5783. We'll have the opportunity to hear from CDT's new Executive Director of Operations, Margaret Farmer, and the CDT Economic Disparities group will be leading us in a reflection on our varied experiences of class and economic disparity. Participants will also have the opportunity to weigh in on member engagement with Kiddush and other communal responsibilities. Come learn, discuss, schmooze, meet new friends and reconnect to old ones!



Interview of the Month

LINETTE LIEBLING – A MEMBER OF OUR COVID PROTOCOL COMMITTEE ADVOCATING FOR FULL INCLUSION!

Haralie Alpert

CDT's COVID Protocol Committee has been meeting to provide safe activities for our congregation during the Pandemic. A number of CDT members have served on this committee since the beginning of the pandemic, including Barbara Beck, Phoebe Cushman, David Felson, Elizabeth Ferrenz, Stephen Gomperts, Paul Hattis, Linette Liebling, Gail Pressberg, Lisa Samelson, and Lauren Stefano, along with current and former presidents, Stacey Chacker and Bob Warren, and CDT staff members. To view our current protocols and see a variety of resources, visit www.dorsheitzedek.org/covid-19-resources.

This interview is with one member of the committee, Linette Liebling. She is a long-time CDT member and has a great perspective about what the committee's objectives are as they relate to CDT's overall goals.

Where were you born, and what is your Jewish background?

I was born in Brooklyn, New York. I'm a proud New Yorker! My parents were Holocaust survivors. They came to America in 1947 and settled in Brooklyn. I grew up Conservadox – where conservative and orthodox meet. I discovered a book by Mordechai Kaplan in

the early 1980's. That brought Reconstruction Judaism into my life. My brother, Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, was hired by the founders in 1991 for the first High Holidays. I joined CDT before Chanukah that year.

You are a member of CDT and were also a co-president in the past. What do you feel were some of your accomplishments?

One of the things I'm honored to have been a part of is doing the Torah of Money work. We did the first round of Torah of Money. It was a process of deciding about a dues structure and attempting to create one in an ethical way.

Another effort I am honored to have worked on is being part of the group that hired Rabbi Toba.

What current professional work are you involved in?

I have a Public Health consulting practice with a focus on sexuality and gender. I also teach at Wheaton College.

Can you tell us about the CDT Covid-19 Protocols Committee?

That committee is about the intersection of public health and medicine so we have public health and medical practitioners on it. We have parents and school representation there as well. Melissa Colten put us together early on in COVID and our goal is to keep our community safe.

As much as possible, we have continued to provide hybrid programming. There

are people in our community who are immunocompromised. There are people who have other health issues that would put them at higher risk for Covid. When you look at other synagogues, who stopped Covid protocols this past High Holydays season, they saw Covid transmission. We have not seen Covid transmission here.

And what's fascinating, this is amazing, we have had no push-backs about wearing masks. Not one single congregant has complained: masks are required by everyone 2 years and older. One of the things we learned in Covid is doing more things hybrid and wearing masks has kept us safe and it's remarkable.

What can we expect in the future regarding our Covid protocols?

I think it's too soon to say. This committee responds to science and the needs of the community – we pay attention to what the data tells us.

Our congregation is about creating a safe space for all of us. To me, that connection through my work at Dorshei Tzedek. Doing the Torah for Money and working on the Economic Diversity and Covid Committee is, how do we create a safe space for everybody in this community to feel valued and welcomed? And this is why I have been a member for over 30 years; because I believe strongly that we all should be welcomed. Not looking at status, not looking at health, not looking at wealth or our sexual orientation, race or gender identity. CDT values all voices and that's why I am so proud to be a member of our community!

Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice

We are excited to be gathering again in person for Shabbat services and holiday programs, most of which are also available on Zoom!

COVID Protocols: For our in-person gatherings, **vaccination/booster shots are required for all those who are eligible aged 5 and older, and masks are required of all persons aged 2 and older** (KN95 or better recommended). Kids too young for vaccination are welcome! Please check our website for ongoing updates about our COVID policies, and see the calendar listing for each service to find information about Zoom links, links to our Shabbat prayerbook, and other information.

We are fragrance-free: For the health of our community, we also ask that all those attending programs in person refrain from wearing fragrances, including perfume, hair and body sprays, and other scented products. These cause illness for some of our members, and we appreciate all of our members' and guests' efforts to keep our space fragrance-free.

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Fridays, March 3 & 31, 6:00-8:00 pm
CDT, 60 Highland St, West Newton

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba on March 3 and 31 for a potluck Shabbat dinner and musical service! We will gather at 6 pm for candle-lighting and a potluck vegetarian dinner; **please bring a salad or main dish to share, enough for 6-8 people (no nuts, please)**. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The service starts at 6:45 pm, with an Oneg at approximately 7:30 pm. *This program is in-person only.*

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Zachor

Saturday, March 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom

All are welcome to join Rabbi Toba in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services and Torah discussion, on this Shabbat preceding Purim. We will also remember CDT member Al Glazerman on the occasion of his 1st yahrzeit. Kiddush lunch follows services.

Shabbat Parah

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom

At this Shabbat morning service, as we read about the Golden Calf, we will call Ali Tillinger to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah! Kiddush lunch follows services (open to all).

We invite the CDT community to join us in celebrating as we call our daughter, Ali, to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah! Ali is an avid

soccer player. She enjoys music, singing and dancing, and loves seeing friends and family. We are so proud of the work/learning that she has prepared for this special occasion.

— Ben & Jodi Tillinger

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Contemplative Shabbat Mini-Retreat (plus Shorashim Shabbat & Shabbat Childcare)

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom (Shorashim and childcare in Library)

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba and Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson for all or part of this contemplative Shabbat half-day of music, silence, mindful eating, and more. We will also be remembering CDT Rebbetzin Gina Fried on the occasion of her 7th yahrzeit.

Schedule (both in-person and Zoom):

10:00-11:10 am — Contemplative service, including chant and silent & guided meditation

11:10 am-12:00 pm — Torah study and concluding blessings

In-person only:

12:00-12:30 pm — Mindful Kiddush lunch

12:30-1:00 pm — Walking meditation (with instruction)

1:00-1:30 pm — Closing sit

Shorashim Shabbat & Childcare schedule:

9:30-10:30 am — Kids 5 and younger and their grown-ups are welcome to come sing, pray, read, and play with the wonderful Morah Devora Rohr!

10:30 am-12:00 pm — Shabbat childcare will be available with experienced CDT teens, Ila and Adele, for kids of all ages in the library until the end of the service in the sanctuary; grown-ups are invited back into the sanctuary at this time.

Shabbat Vayikra

Saturday, March 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson and CDT member-leaders for this Shabbat morning service and Torah study.

Shabbat Hagadol

Saturday, April 1, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom

All are welcome to join Rabbi Toba & CDT member Matthew Valleau in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services and Torah discussion on this Shabbat preceding the Passover holiday. Kiddush lunch follows services.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30-9:15 am
Zoom

We invite CDT members and guests to join us for guided and silent meditation, twice a week or whenever you can! Mindful Mornings meets Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-9:15 am on Zoom, and we close each sit with Mourners Kaddish for anyone observing a yahrzeit or in mourning. Sessions are led by CDT members, and Rabbi Toba joins us the second Thursday of each month. No meditation experience or regular commitment required. For questions or to find out more, please contact Karen Arnold and Carole Slipowitz at mindful-mornings@dorsheitzedek.org. The Zoom link can be found on the CDT calendar.

Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice (cont.)

CDT PURIM PARTY & SPIEL!

Monday, March 6, 7:00-9:00 pm

FUSN (1326 Washington Street, West Newton; park at the Second Church and walk down the street)

Rav Tiffany says: it's time to party in person! Adults and kids of all ages are invited to enjoy Purim davvening with Rav Tiffany, megillah reading, the Purim spiel, and dancing! Don't miss it! Tell your friends! This event will be in person (and hopefully livestreamed, stay tuned for details!). We ask that everyone be Covid-masked as well as Purim-masked for the first part of the evening; mask optional when we break out the hamentaschen.

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 appropriative 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!

Here is the schedule of the evening:

- 7:00 pm – Purim Davvening with Rav Tiffany
- 7:20 pm – Costume parade – prizes for kids and adults!
- 7:30 pm – Megillah reading & Purim songs (have your gragger ready!)
- 8:00 pm – The Spiel!
- 8:20 pm – Hamentaschen and dancing!! (mask optional at this point)



Purim Spiel & Puppet Theater 5773 (March 2013)



Learning

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturdays, March 4 & April 15, 9:00-9:45 am
March session in person at CDT & on Zoom

Shabbat morning Torah study is back! In March, we will be meeting both in person in the Library at Second Church and on Zoom; in April we will go back to in person only.

PLAYING WITH PURIM

with Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson

Sunday, March 5, 10:00-11:00 am
CDT Religious School, Cabot Elementary, 229 Cabot St, Newton

Purim is a great place to find silliness and joy centered within Jewish tradition. In this class, we'll be playing: likely a mixture of games, song, and study — stay tuned for more details!

REPARATIONS & SOCIETAL TESHUVAH: THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE

with Tatjana Meschede and Linette Liebling

Sunday, March 26, 7:00-8:30 pm
Zoom

As part of our commitment to exploring the issue of reparations in the U.S., all are invited to join CDT members Tatjana Meschede and Linette Liebling for an exploration of German acknowledgment of and reparations for the Holocaust. Our learning will be historical and an opportunity to reflect on how this example of a nation taking responsibility for its sins might apply – or not – to the reparations discussion here in America.

Tatjana Meschede grew up as a child of non-Jewish parents in Germany; Linette Liebling grew up as a child of two Holocaust survivors in Brooklyn.

SHABBAT MORNING LEARNERS MINYAN: PART 2

with Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson

Saturdays, March 25, April 1, 8, & 22, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT, 60 Highland St, West Newton

Join R. Intern Akiva for a continuation of Shabbat learning! We will be covering topics including the meaning of key Shabbat morning prayers, how to relate to the theology of the Shabbat morning prayers, and why the prayer service is designed the way it is. We will also likely touch on the age-old question of why we pray: what functions does it serve, and how can it improve our lives and wellbeing?

Please register on the CDT calendar by Thursday, March 23!

CDT Groups and Events

NEW SANCTUARY GALLERY EXHIBIT: "LEAVES TELLING STORIES" BY NAOMI LEV

"Leaves Telling Stories," an exhibit of monoprints by Naomi Lev, is on view in the CDT Gallery. The prints are created by rolling ink on a piece of plexiglass, rolling other colors of ink on leaves or pieces of leaves and arranging the leaves on the plexiglass plate, and then running the plate through an etching press. Each leaf is an individual and a representative of its species, but can also be combined with other leaves to depict trees, animals or people.

Naomi Lev was a member of CDT in its early years and has recently rejoined the congregation. She and her prints were also featured as the Artist of the Month in CDT's February 2022 newsletter.

AVELUT: SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN MOURNING

Tuesday, March 14, 7:30-9:15 pm
Zoom

All CDT members who are in the various stages of mourning are welcome to attend as we support one another, reflect on loss on the occasion of a *yahrzeit*, and remember the legacies of the loved ones we carry with us. Drop-ins are always welcome anytime. For more information, please contact Nancy Gertz at nancy.gertz@gmail.com or Dianne Lior at dianne.lior@gmail.com.

PARENT CAFE AFFINITY SPACE: PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF GIANTS WITH JACOB WEINBERG AND SHAWN BACT

Sunday, March 19, 10:00-11:00 am
CDT Religious School (Cabot Elementary, 229 Cabot St, Newton, MA)

Open to all adults caring for Gender Independent and Nonbinary/Transgender & questioning children!

CDT MEN'S GROUP

Monday, March 20, 8:00-9:00 pm
Zoom

The CDT Men's Group meets on the third Monday of each month and is open to anyone who identifies with manhood. Contact Dan Rome at dan.rome.md@gmail.com for more information.

CDT MAH JONG GROUP

Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm
Contact for location address

Thanks to Carol Sklar, a small group of us learned how to play Mah Jong last fall. We are now looking for more people to join our group as regulars or occasional substitutes. If you already know how to play (or are a very quick game learner) and you are free on a weekday late afternoon, let us know! We currently play 4-6 pm on Mondays.

Please contact Diana Fisher Gomberg at dfgomberg@gmail.com or Bruce Miller at

perrystop@rcn.com for location and other information.

CDT ONE-DAY RETREAT: REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 6!

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 am-9:00 pm
Camp Frank A. Day, East Brookfield, MA

We're so excited to come together again for the 1-day CDT Retreat on June 3rd, 2023! This all-day event will be at Frank A. Day Camp in East Brookfield, MA.

We will have a variety of scheduled activities for all different interests and activity levels, including learning, music, arts, sports, archery, climbing wall, Israeli dancing, and nature-based activities.

Tentative agenda:

10:00 am – Gather for Shabbat programming; services are all-ages, tot, and outdoor programming
12:00 pm – Lunch
1:30-5:30 pm – Activities and free time
6:00 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm-dark – Activities and campfire for those with early bedtimes
After dark – Havdalah and campfire

Registration opens Monday, March 6!

If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Retreat Coordinators Suzi Dargon-Hart and Rebecca Byard at retreat2023@dorsheitzedek.org. We can't wait to see you there!

Community

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Shirel Moser and their family on becoming B Mitzvah!

TODAH RABAH

Thank you to Matthew Fried for providing food and drinks for the Havdalah held in honor of Melissa Colten in January.

Thank you to all those who provided Kiddush in February: Elizabeth Ferrenz, Sheryl Koenigsberg, Jonathan Lewis, David Rhodes, Allison Andrews, Mitchell Feuer, Esther Kohn (in memory of Priva Kohn), Janet Penn, Madeline Steinberg, Sue Weil & Sandy Goodman, Kirsten M. Kuhn-Kutteh, Caroline Chauncey & Richard Thal, Karen Engels, Tal Shalom-Kobi (in memory of Susan Moser), Linda Kramer & Steve Zisk, Rebecca Bact, Paul

Schimek, Janet Rickles, Barbara Pittel, Marion Ross, DB Reiff, Pauline Coderre, Chanda Prescod-Weinstein, Kevin Hsu-Weinstein, and Vivienne Shein.

Thank you to Jonathan Lewis and Rosalyn Negrón for volunteering for Door Duty during Sunday Religious School!

Community (cont.)

REFUAH SHLEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to Anya Rhodes, Jaime Wurzel, Emelia Webbe, Gail Pressberg, and Harriet Budd.

YAHREZIT

This month we remember CDT Rebbetzin Gina Fried, whose 7th yahrzeit falls this year on March 19. We will remember Gina at Shabbat morning services on March 18; may her memory be for a blessing.

We remember CDT member Bill Gamson, whose 2nd yahrzeit falls this year on April 1. We will remember Bill at Shabbat morning services on April 1; may his memory be for a blessing.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Cindy Shulak-Rome and Dan Rome, and to Elana, Dave, and Gabe Cutler, on the death of Cindy's mother, Eve Shulak. 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 at dorsheitzedek.org/mourning.

Youth and Family Programming

PURIM!

OPEN HOUSE AT CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

CABOT SCHOOL, 229 CABOT ST. NEWTON
SUNDAY, MARCH 5
9:30 AM - NOON

ALLERGIES? QUESTIONS?

Email Education Director
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LOOKING FOR AN INCLUSIVE,
INNOVATIVE JEWISH COMMUNITY?

Families with babies
through kindergarteners
are invited to join our
Nitzanim and Gan
classes for Megillah,
hammentaschen, mini
carnival games, and more!



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek



FROM INCARCERATION TO COMMUNITY: ALTERNATIVES FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-8:30 pm
Zoom

Hear from a dynamic panel of women: Angie Jefferson, who was incarcerated for 31 years and got to know several CDT members through Partakers, Ms. Angie's daughter Shanita, who helped her mother earn release and continues to work for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women with New Beginnings Reentry Services, and Families for Justice as Healing (FJAH) organizer Sashi James, who will talk about FJAH's work to reimagine and build community beyond incarceration.

We will also learn how to plug into the campaign to stop the building of a new women's prison here in Massachusetts, which is an effort led by FJAH and the National Council of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls, with support from the local chapter of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights (the chapter is co-chaired by Rabbi Toba).

Please register on Zoom to join; the link can be found on the CDT calendar.



Above: Angie (right) and Shanita (left) addressing supporters of the prison moratorium. (Photo by Isaiah Thompson of The Bay State Banner)

Below: CDT members rally to support Angie at the State House on Feb 9, 2023 (left to right: John & Helaine Carrol, Stav Keshet, and Bonnie Tenneriello)

HELLO FROM THE CDT ECONOMIC DISPARITY GROUP

Amy Mazur

We are looking forward to being together with those of you who can attend the upcoming Members' Meeting on March 12. At the meeting, we will share what the Economic Disparity Group has been doing and consider together the ways that class disparity has affected us personally and in our community.

Below are excerpts from an e-mail that Rabbi Toba sent in August 2015 which gives you some background into how the Economic Disparity group got started. The e-mail was a catalyst to move thought into action as the group began to meet in the Fall of 2016.

I have been reflecting on a recent post to the listserv, and the important issues it raises. We are indeed an economically mixed community, and that is something of an anomaly in today's society - people tend to socialize with and/or live in neighborhoods with people of similar economic status. One of the blessings of the diversity of the CDT community is that we get to know folks who



Tikkun Olam (cont.)

are not exactly like us. That of course also brings its challenges.

Economic class is a significant taboo in American culture; it is something we simply don't talk about. What that means in the context of a community like ours is a lot of unspoken (and possibly unconscious) assumptions about one another.

When it comes to things that not all of us might enjoy (home ownership, overseas travel, private schools, satisfactory employment, ability to have children, physical health, and on and on), I think we simply need to acknowledge that these differences are real and are part of who we collectively are. I do hope that at some point in the not-too-distant future we as a congregation can begin to explore together issues of class and economic difference, just as we have begun an exploration of issues of race. These are critical issues that are not easy to discuss, but are essential to engage in.

— Rabbi Toba Spitzer

27TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE — REGISTER BY MARCH 13 FOR A FREE WALK T-SHIRT!

Sunday, May 14, 8:00 am

Once again we are getting a CDT Team together to participate in the Mother's Day Walk for Peace and support the work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute created by Chaplain Clementina Chéry who recently spoke at CDT shabbat services.

For those who would like to join the walk, there is a \$25.00 fee to register in addition to an opportunity to make a donation to the organization. Here is the link to the event: www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org. Once on the website, click to register individually and indicate on your registration that you are part of Congregation Dorshei Tzedek's team. **If you register before March 13, you will get a free walk t-shirt!**

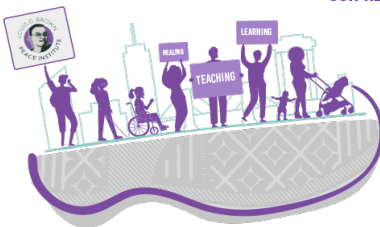
Other ways to support the work of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute:

- Make an online donation toward the Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace

- Become a Peace-vestor with monthly gifts
- Donate by check, please write your team name on the memo line and mail it to:
The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute
15 Christopher St
Dorchester, MA 02122

Cultivating Cycles of Peace

27TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE 05.14.2023



Cultivating Cycles of Peace

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P) is a beloved 27-year-long Boston tradition and celebration of our potential to create more peaceful communities. It is the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's (LDBPI) largest fundraising event to grow and sustain our services, advocacy and training. Our goal is to empower survivors, Generation Peace and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief and loss to cultivate cycles of peace and healing.

Our 2023 theme is "Cultivating Cycles of Peace." In our society, we are constantly looped into cycles of violence that overshadow the transformative power of peace. Like a blooming flower, cycles of peace flourish when carefully cultivated. We have the agency to cultivate these cycles by empowering survivors, supporting returning citizens and their families and investing in Generation Peace.

I/P PEACE WINTER STUDY GROUP: PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELI VISIONS BEYOND TWO STATES

Wednesday, March 15, 7:30-8:30 pm
Zoom

In our exploration of the concept of "a land for all," our discussion in March will draw upon two short works, Omri Boehm's *Haifa Republic* and Jonathan Kuttub's *Beyond the Two-State Solution*, to consider what it might take to reach a solution. Grounded in both historical understanding and contemporary realities, these works explore current challenges to peace and propose pathways toward resolution that are at once visionary and pragmatic.

All members of CDT are welcome to attend this final session of our winter 2023 study group. Reading in preparation for each session is encouraged but not required. More details, Zoom registration, and links to readings can be found on the CDT calendar and at www.dorsheitzedek.org/israel-palestine-peace.

The CDT Team at the 26th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace (May 2022)



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 t.spitzer@dorsheitzedek.org. Rabbi Toba does not check email 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. For pastoral support while Rabbi Toba is away, please contact chesed@dorsheitzedek.org to get in touch with "on call" rabbis.

CHESED AT CONGREGATION DORSHEI TZEDEK

Ellie Goldberg

Our community values Chesed, acts of loving-kindness. When a member has a significant life event such as a birth or adoption, illness, or death in the family, other members volunteer to provide a Shabbat dinner, a weekday meal or a food basket, a ride, an errand, or a visit. These gestures of practical comfort and caring acknowledge each other's life transitions or stressful times.

We would like to be sure everyone in our community is signed up to receive notifications of Chesed opportunities. Signing up does not obligate you to volunteer, but it will keep you informed of life cycle events in our community.

We use a service called LotsaHelpingHands to publish and coordinate these opportunities. It's a separate sign-up from other CDT mailing lists, so if you're not signed up please go to <https://dorsheitzedek.org/chesed-signup>.

If you have a Chesed need, know someone in our community who has a need, or are interested in joining the Chesed Committee, please contact the Chesed Coordinators at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.



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 importantly, to help out congregants in need. **We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:**

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 Adar 5	27 Adar 6 4:00pm Mah Jong Group	28 Adar 7 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School	1 Adar 8	2 Adar 9 8:30am Mindful Mornings	3 Adar 10 6:00pm All-Ages Erev Shabbat	4 Adar 11 Tetzaveh 9:00am Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services
5 Adar 12 9:30am Purim Open House for Kindergarten & Younger 9:30am Sunday Religious School 10:00am Playing with Purim with R. Intern Akiva	6 Adar 13 Purim 4:00pm Mah Jong Group 7:00pm Purim Party & Spiel!	7 Adar 14 Purim 8:30am Mindful Mornings	8 Adar 15	9 Adar 16 8:30am Mindful Mornings	10 Adar 17	11 Adar 18 Ki Tisa 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services & Bat Mitzvah of Ali Tillinger
12 Adar 19 9:30am Sunday Religious School 10:00am CDT Members Meeting	13 Adar 20 4:00pm Mah Jong Group	14 Adar 21 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School 7:30pm Avelut	15 Adar 22 7:30pm I/P Peace Study Group: Palestinian and Israeli Visions Beyond Two States	16 Adar 23 8:30am Mindful Mornings 10:00am GBIO Housing Action: Rally on the Statehouse Steps 6:00pm Kulam: 8th Grade Program	17 Adar 24	18 Adar 25 Vayakhel-Pekudei 9:30am Shorashim Shabbat & Shabbat Childcare 10:00am Contemplative Shabbat Mini-"Retreat"
19 Adar 26 9:30am Sunday Religious School 11:00am Parent Cafe Affinity Space: Parents and Caregivers of GLaNTs with Jacob Weinberg and Shawn Bact	20 Adar 27 4:00pm Mah Jong Group 8:00pm CDT Men's Group	21 Adar 28 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School 7:00pm From Incarceration to Community: Alternatives for Women	22 Adar 29 Rosh Chodesh Nisan	23 Nisan 1 Rosh Chodesh Nisan 8:30am Mindful Mornings	24 Nisan 2	25 Nisan 3 Vayikra 8:45am Mindful Shabbat 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services 10:00am Shabbat Learner's Minyan: Part 2 12:45pm Discussion: "The Sum of Us"
26 Nisan 4 9:30am Sunday Religious School 9:30am Kitah Vav Family Ed 10:00am Making Shabbat Ritual Meaningful with R. Intern Akiva: Part 1 7:00pm Reparations & Societal Teshuvah: The German Experience	27 Nisan 5 4:00pm Mah Jong Group	28 Nisan 6 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School: Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm "God Is Here" Book Talk with Rabbi Toba Spitzer	29 Nisan 7	30 Nisan 8 8:30am Mindful Mornings	31 Nisan 9 6:00pm All-Ages Erev Shabbat	1 Nisan 10 Tzav 10:00am Shabbat Learners Minyan: Part 2 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services



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Purim is Here!!

Monday, March 6, we celebrate Queen Esther and Mordechai's victory over the evil Haman, antisemitic advisor to the King. (The rabbis say that after the Messiah comes, the only holiday left to celebrate will be Purim!) On Purim we celebrate with costumes, food and drink, sending each other delicious treats, the Megillah reading, caring for the needy, and a little dancing. Plus, of course, the spiel!

Do you have a costume and/or accessories in need of a new, loving home? Bring them to the spiel to donate to the CDT community!

Purim Open House for Kindergarten & Younger

Sunday, March 5, 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Join our Nitzanim and Gan classes for Megillah, hamantaschen, mini carnival games, and more!

Playing with Purim with R. Intern Akiva

Sunday, March 5, 10:00-11:00 am

Purim is a great place to find silliness and joy centered within Jewish tradition. Join us for a mixture of games, song, and study!

Purim Party & Spiel!

Monday, March 6, 7:00-9:00 pm

Rav Tiffany says: it's time to party in person! Adults and kids of all ages are invited to enjoy Purim davvening with Rav Tiffany, megillah reading, the Purim spiel, and dancing! Don't miss it! Tell your friends! We ask that everyone be Covid-masked as well as Purim-masked for the first part of the evening; mask optional when we break out the hamantaschen.

Note: Those wearing culturally appropriate costumes will be asked to change.