



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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REFLECTIONS ON 5783

Stacey Chacker



Above is a picture from the CDT retreat of many parents (and Joanna Marcus, one of our kids) from my daughter's religious school class, whose B'nei Mitzvah happened ten years ago. Most of us have known each other for over two decades; they are one of my connecting points at CDT. Wow — time goes fast, and so did this year!

It was a special year for celebrations... from the Gala – where we feted CDT's thirty-plus years and our wonderful Rabbi – to our retreat this June. Todah Rabah, once again, to Jen Kaplan and Annette Jacobs for organizing a wondrous evening, and to Rebecca Byard and Suzi Dargon-Hart for making "camp" super fun even in the cold and rain. Our adult community continued to grow as we rejoiced with and witnessed the pride at B'nei Mitzvah celebrations. These Jewish adults now have CDT name tags and their own kiddush cups! We welcomed new babies, and as of this writing, are looking forward to yet another — Earnest and Emma's (G-d willing)! We honored and said goodbye to Melissa Colten, and welcomed Margaret Farmer, our Executive Director of Operations. And we said "see ya" to mandatory masking.

We lost loved ones (including three CDT members: Gordie Fellman, Marianka Zadikow May, and Bob Hausman). Many of us have had private struggles, and we jointly witnessed horrors across the U.S., in Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, and other places in the world. We cherish the love, chesed, and connection our community provides, as well as the gentle wisdom and support from Rabbi Toba. It is both profound and reassuring.

Our Tikkun Olam work makes us proud! We are blessed with so many amazing leaders and other "Tikkuniks" participating in our GBIO organizing (the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization), Economic Disparities Group, Afghan family resettlement work, Israel/Palestine Peace educational efforts and advocacy, Undoing Racism, Mother's Day Walk for Peace, Beyond Incarceration, and so much more. Out of fear of missing someone, I am thanking you all!

Lifelong learning is core to CDT. Our adult educational programs, taught, planned, and/or guided by Rabbi Toba and many others, were abundant. I want to give a shout out to our Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson, who developed and led two series of "Learners Minyan" sessions, engaging members at all levels of knowledge to delve into the meanings of the Shabbat service. Under Earnest Arky Solomon's

And of course, we couldn't do this without our amazing staff! Rabbi Toba, Margaret Farmer, Earnest Arky Solomon, Alistaire Webbe, Akiva Nelson, Jess Green, our A/V tech Dennis, and our religious school teachers. We are grateful to you all!

Whatever your summer adventures hold, I hope you enjoy the weather, a respite from school (kiddos, parents, teachers), and anything that makes you happy! I'm still in gardening mode, now busy researching and fighting rabbits and my arch nemesis, a groundhog! I know... they too are G-d's creatures... Have a great summer!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AND CLOSURES

Earnest will be on parental leave for all of July and August. Alistaire will be on vacation from July 24-28. The office will be closed July 3-4.

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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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Welcoming: **Vacant** — **nominate yourself or a friend!**

From the Board

MEMBERS MEETING RECAP

We are deeply appreciative of everyone who attended our final Members Meeting of 5783 to be a part of the many wonderful things taking place in our community. We were updated on the current status of the Nediv Lev campaign, GBIO actions, and RJ's facilitated DEI Assessment, and we looked ahead to 5784's Religious School year, Kiddush sign-ups, and Budget. The members present then voted on a proposal to marginally increase dues, which passed unanimously. Another vote was taken on the proposed budget, which passed

without opposition but with one abstention due to concern about a proposed deficit for another year.

The 5784 Board Slate was also voted in unanimously. We will welcome Rebecca Byard in her new position along with Melanie Adler-Cohen as Co-VPs of Engagement, Pam Katz as VP of Tikkun Olam, and Board Members-at-Large Abby Cohen, Esther Kohn, Jonathan Lewis, Tatjana Meschede, and Jennifer Nichols (we are still in need of a First VP for 5784, so please consider nominating yourself or a friend!). We also say goodbye and thank you

to Immediate Past President Bob Warren (after 6 years of service on the CDT Board), VP of Tikkun Olam Tony Broh, and Board Members-at-Large Ayelet Lipton, Sheree Galpert, Jenny Sartori, and Melody Komyerov.

Once more, we extend profound gratitude to all of those who have made these developments (and more) possible. Please join us in looking forward to all that 5784 will have to offer!

Interview of the Month

LILYFISH GOMBERG — ON HER WAY TO BECOMING A RABBI!

Haralie Alpert

LilyFish Gomberg grew up at CDT from age 3. She went to college at Brandeis University and is currently working as a Jewish educator at Vanderbilt University's Hillel. This fall, she will be the first CDT member who grew up at CDT to study to become a rabbi! She is going to the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College near Philadelphia, PA; this is the same college that Rabbi Toba went to as well! Here is her background and how she traveled from being a child at CDT to studying for a pulpit of her own.



What was it like growing up in CDT in the years 2001-2021?

We used to do the Friday night Shabbat family services; my mom would organize potlucks before them. I'm pretty sure my mother was the engineer behind the beginning of that; she's great!

Maybe a highlight: my family used to host "Havdalah on the water." It was a Dorshei event where members came and we did Havdalah out in canoes. My parents' yard goes into the Charles River. I remember that I would help get ready for it. I felt very grown-up. I would go with my dad and help get canoes from other neighbors. We would have a whole canoe train. I would help him. I would sit on the dock and was definitely helpful in getting people into the canoes (it's scary to get into a canoe if you haven't done it before or in a while) and sending them off. The last couple of times, I led the Havdalah service also. Rabbi Toba wasn't able to make it and I jumped in. It was really fun having people in our space. I would sing camp songs with the kids. It was a Dorshei moment I was able to grow from.

Did you find that CDT helped you relate to the outside world, to other friends, etc.?

In terms of social development, Camp Havaya was so, so integral to me; I started Havaya because I heard about it at CDT, and my parents sent me in 2007. It was the first of 11 summers they sent me to camp. My camp friends were my truest friends, even though

I didn't see them so much. Facebook was the first place I'd tell my news to. It was really beautiful.

Can you describe an experience that helped guide you to the idea of majoring in Jewish studies?

When I applied to college, I wanted to be a business major, but then I took this gap semester to Latin America after high school. It was a volunteering and tourism adventure with 7 of us in a group (plus 2 guides). There were other 18-19 year olds on this trip, and in many ways the trip was magical.

I was the only Jewish person on the trip... I knew antisemitism existed, but I had not internalized it — I hadn't experienced it first hand. I really, really got bullied. It wasn't just antisemitism. Not everyone in the group, but a couple of people in the group were very racist, sexist, homophobic, transphobic about things... and I could not keep my mouth shut — I didn't want to keep my mouth shut — so I would fight back every step. They'd use a slur and I would be "absolutely not." And the last straw was when one of them looked at me and made a really bad Holocaust joke.

I went to the group leader and said, "I'm being harassed. I know you keep telling these people to stop but they're not stopping." They did end up taking this kid off and his friend also got kicked off, which made the group 5 people. I got blamed for these two people that

Interview of the Month (cont.)

got kicked off, and I was really ostracized from the rest of the group for the rest of the trip... I felt really alone, and I was like, I really always need to be in Jewish community. That's what I want. I want to help build Jewish community.

So then I went to Brandeis, and I quickly realized I did not want to take business classes. Instead, I wanted to take Judaic study classes. I became the President of the Brandeis Jewish Reconstructionist Organization. Judaism was such a central part of my life and it had been since preschool. I want to be in Rabbinical school — I'm excited to do the learning. It feels like home for me; it feels right.

What does it mean to be thankful?

In 4th grade, in 2008, Rabbi Toba was teaching about how you should make 100 blessings every day. So I took this as a challenge when I went to school. Armed with my wide lined paper and a pencil, I listed the things I blessed all day: the cookie in the cafeteria was one of them, the bus that brings me to school... I

marched into Hebrew School with this list and was "See what I did?" And Rabbi Toba was like "Oh my goodness!" She said that was when she knew I was going to be a rabbi!

How would you suggest that CDT members continue to learn more about your journey?

Please keep in touch with me by going to my website: learnwithlfg.com. On my home page, you can subscribe to the newsletter if you want to keep up with me.



LilyFish at Camp Havaya (on the far right in the white dress)

Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice

WE HAVE UPDATED OUR COVID PROTOCOLS: We strongly encourage those attending our services and programs to be fully vaccinated, and we are "mask friendly." Masks are not required, but all should feel comfortable wearing a mask at our programs; we will continue to have masks available, and there will be a mask-only section reserved in the CDT sanctuary. We ask that anyone exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19 please refrain from attending, even if testing negative, and that CDC guidelines be followed for those who have tested positive in recent days. For our current COVID policy, please go to www.dorsheitzedek.org/covid-19-resources.

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Please note that we do not have weekly Shabbat morning services in July and August; please read on for the summer schedule!

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Fridays, August 4 & September 8, 6:00-8:00 pm
CDT (60 Highland St, West Newton)

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba at 6 pm for candle lighting and Shabbat blessings, followed by a vegetarian Shabbat dinner.

In August, dinner will be potluck — please bring a veggie main dish or salad to share (enough for 6-8 people); drinks and dessert will be provided. A musical Kabbalat Shabbat service begins at 6:45 pm, and an Oneg follows at about 7:30 pm.

Our September all-ages service will be catered and will also be a Religious School open house, especially for families with children aged 4-10. Help spread the word!



SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Pinchas Meditation & Chanting Service

Saturday, July 8, 10:00-11:30 am
Kramer/Zisk Backyard (Rain plan: Fellowship Hall at 60 Highland St, West Newton)

Join Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson for an outdoor Shabbat morning meditation, chanting service, and Torah discussion. This service is in-person only; please search the Membership Directory or contact info@dorsheitzedek.org for the address.

Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice (cont.)

Shabbat Hazon Zoom Service

Saturday, July 22, 10:00-11:30 am
Zoom

Join CDT member-leaders for singing, davvening, and Torah study as we begin the reading of the book of Deuteronomy! This is a Zoom-only service.

Shabbat Eikev & Shabbat Re'eh

Saturdays, August 5 & 12, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary & Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba either in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services, Torah reading, and Torah discussion. Kiddush lunch follows services. On August 5, we will remember Susan Moser on the occasion of her 3rd yahrzeit.

There are no Shabbat morning services on August 19 and 26, and we resume weekly Shabbat morning services in September.

Labor Day Shabbat

Saturday, September 2, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Zoom

We will gather on Zoom with Rabbi Toba and special guest, CDT member Jodi Sugerman-

Brozan, who serves in the Boston Mayor's office as Deputy Chief of Worker Empowerment, to celebrate Labor Day!

WHO, OR WHAT, DO WE SERVE, AND HOW? NOURISHING OUR SPIRITS AT CDT

Tuesday, August 8, 7:00-8:15 pm
Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba, Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson, and the CDT Ritual Committee as we continue the conversation about energizing our community's spiritual life and broadening the ways that members can engage meaningfully in spiritual and ritual practices at CDT. At our June 21 gathering, we explored the notion of "sacred service" and the many different ways in which we can connect to a sense of holiness and meaning. At this gathering, we'll continue the conversation, and begin to think together about how we as a community can provide a variety of opportunities for our members to explore Jewish practices that nourish our spirits. This might include ideas for new ways of approaching Shabbat services, but also other programs (Shabbat and holiday-related and beyond), incorporating the arts, contemplative practices, outdoor experiences,

and more. Whether or not you attended in June, please join us for this conversation!

For those who missed the June session, a recording is available at www.dorsheitzedek.org/event/ritualconversation.

MINDFUL MORNINGS

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

During the summer, Mindful Mornings will continue to meet virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:15 am. Thursday sessions will continue to take the form of a structured meditation with a leader. In July and August, Tuesday sessions will be time for silent meditation with a host, but without any formal teaching or instructions. Those in attendance who are in mourning or observing a yahrzeit will have the opportunity to recite Kaddish after the meditation. As always, the Mindful Mornings link is on the CDT website. 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.

KIDDUSH DUTY SIGN-UPS FOR AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER ARE LIVE!

Scan the QR code or visit www.dorsheitzedek.org/kiddush to sign up, and be sure to check out our FAQ page at www.dorsheitzedek.org/kiddush-faqs!

We are returning to our pre-pandemic method of Kiddush duty assignments. **Members will have the opportunity to select their own date until August 1;** after that, if you haven't chosen your date, your date will choose you!

Please keep an eye on your inbox in August for an email from Calendly with your assigned date, or check the current sign-ups at <https://tinyurl.com/KiddushTrackers5784>.

Thank you for practicing the mitzvah of hospitality and helping to make our community stronger!



Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice (cont.)

SUKKOT: JOIN US FOR A SUKKAH 'STRAVAGANZA!

The Sukkot holiday begins the evening of September 29, which is also erev Shabbat. During the week of Sukkot, it's a mitzvah to "dwell" in a sukkah — that is, have a meal (or every meal) in a sukkah and, if you want, sleep in it, as well.

To help our community participate in the mitzvah of the sukkah, we are organizing a **Sukkah 'Stravaganza** to welcome the holiday! Our hope is to have CDT households host one another in sukkot in a variety of neighborhoods: to welcome the holiday on Friday evening (September 29) and/or celebrate in the afternoon or evening of the first day (September 30). Other days of that

week are good, as well! **Right now we are looking for both hosts and people who would like to help.** Do you have a backyard but no sukkah? A sukkah but nowhere to put it? A backyard and sukkah, but no one to help with setup? Do you want to experience erecting a sukkah for the first time, or just want to welcome some friendly CDT members into your sukkah? If your answer to any of these questions is "yes!," please go to the CDT website under "Spiritual Life" and click on "Sukkot 5784." You'll find a very short survey that will let us know your interest and how you'd like to be involved. Sign ups to "dwell" in a sukkah and have a meal will go live in September. Questions? Contact our new Co-VPs for Engagement, Melanie Adler (MAdler@edc.org) and/or Rebecca Byard (rebeccaceber@yahoo.com).



CDT Groups and Events

CDT FILM CLUB

Mideastern Food Potluck and Double-Feature Discussion of *Breaking Bread* and *Abe*

Saturday, July 8, 6:30-9:00 pm
In-person (location TBD) & Zoom

Please join us for an in-person Mideastern food potluck and discussion (also on Zoom)! Watch the films on your own any time before the discussion, and look for the Zoom link on the CDT Calendar.

Breaking Bread (1 h 25 min, 2022, Prime Video): Exotic cuisine and a side of politics are on the menu. Dr. Nof Atamna-Ismaeel – the first Muslim Arab to win Israel's MasterChef – is on a quest to make a social change through food. And so, she founded the A-sham Arabic Food Festival in Haifa. There, pairs of Arab and Jewish chefs collaborate on mouthwatering dishes like kishek (a Syrian yogurt soup), and qatayef (a dessert typically served during Ramadan), as we savor the taste of hope and discover the food of their region free from political and religious boundaries.

Abe (1 hr 25 min, 2020, Kanopy): Twelve-year-old Abe is an aspiring chef, but his family – half-Israeli, half-Palestinian – have never

eaten together without a fight. But when ABE ditches camp to spend time with street chef Chico, his mentor's fusion cuisine inspires him to unite his family through food. Abe wants to cook a meal that will bring everyone to the table, but he's about to learn that the kitchen can't heal some divides.

Discussion of *Objector*

Saturday, August 19, 8:00-9:00 pm
Zoom

Please join us for a discussion of *Objector*! Watch the film on your own on Kanopy any time before the discussion, and look for the Zoom link on the CDT Calendar. Contact filmclub@dorsheitzedek.org with questions, film suggestions, if you'd like to lead the discussion about a particular film, or to be put on our mailing list.

Objector (54 min, 2019): Like all Israeli youth, Atalya is expected to become a soldier. Unlike most, she questions the practices of her country's military, and becomes determined to challenge this rite of passage. Despite her family's political disagreements and personal concerns, she refuses military duty and is imprisoned for her dissent.

Her courage moves those around her to reconsider their own political positions and power to effect change. *Objector* follows Atalya to prison and beyond, offering a unique window into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from the perspective of a young woman who seeks truth and takes a stand for justice.

Visit www.dorsheitzedek.org/film-club to learn more about the CDT Film Club and to see future movies and dates.

AVELUT: SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN MOURNING

Tuesdays, July 11 & August 8, 7:30-9:15 pm
Zoom

All CDT members who are in the various stages of mourning are welcome to attend. Our monthly gathering meets via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month to 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.

CDT Groups and Events (cont.)

CDT MEN'S GROUP

Monday, July 17 & August 21, 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. Please contact Dan Rome at dan.rome.md@gmail.com for more information.

HAVDALLAH ON THE WATER — SUMMER EDITION!

Saturday, August 12, 6:00-9:00 pm
The Gomberg home (address provided upon RSVP)

We'll bring Shabbat to a lovely, magical end with canoeing and kayaking on the Charles River at the Fisher Gomberg home in Newton. We will begin at 6 pm with a vegetarian potluck dinner (bring a veggie dish to share!) and boating, then head out onto the Charles River together at about 8:15 pm to do Havdallah.

A campfire will likely occur afterwards! RSVPs are requested in order to ensure enough boats are available. All ages and paddling experience

are welcome. Please email Diana and Richard at DFGomberg@gmail.com by August 7 (and include if you're bringing your own boat).



Havdallah on the Water, June 2022

Community

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Abby Edelstein and her family on becoming Bat Mitzvah!

Mazel tov to Cindy Rivka Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury on the joyful marriage of their son, Jeremy Pillsbury Marshall, to Carlos Rivera-Alvarez on May 28!

Mazel tov to Mira Netsky on her graduation from Yale Law School and her new position at the Boston law firm WilmerHale!

TODAH RABAH

A huge thank to our Retreat Coordinators Suzi Dargon-Hart and Rebecca Byard for a fabulous retreat! Thank you to all of our members who volunteered to make the day such a great experience.

Another huge thank you to Dan Halbert for

all of the time, experience, and resources he has gifted to CDT over the years as our go-to IT maven! We are grateful for all of your help.

Thank you to Viv Shein, who has worked as the CDT photographer for several years. She is pulling back from this position, and we wish her well!

Thank you to all those who donated towards the printing of the new All-Ages Erev Shabbat Siddur!

Thank you to Pamela Rosenstein and John & Helaine Carroll for donating bookshelves to the new CDT classrooms at Second Church!

Thank you to those who provided Kiddush in May and June:

Janet Rickles, Elana Cutler, Abby Cohen & Stuart Snyder, Amy Dain, Chagit Steiner, Joel & Laura Katz, Amy Mazur (in memory of Rhoda

Himmel & Marvin Irwin Mazur), and Cindy Marshall & Kathy Pillsbury.

REFUAH SHLEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to Erica Streit-Kaplan, Ellen Pashall, Susan Nitkin, Jaime Wurzel, Emelia Webbe, and Harriet Budd.

YAHARZEIT

We remember CDT member Evelyn Felson, whose 17th yahrzeit falls this year on July 4. We remembered Evelyn at Shabbat morning services on June 24. May her memory be for a blessing.

We also remember CDT member Susan Moser, whose 3rd yahrzeit falls this year on August 3. We will remember Susan at Shabbat morning services on August 5. May her memory be for a blessing.

Inclusion

RJ'S DIVERSITY, EQUALITY, AND INCLUSION ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Linda Kramer

As part of Reconstructing Judaism's commitment to racial justice, Rabbi Sandra Lawson was hired to implement Diversity Equity and Inclusion efforts within RJ communities. She developed an anti-racism assessment process to help congregations be more aware and more welcoming. A small group of CDT leaders undertook this process this past winter: Rabbi Toba, Earnest Arky Solomon, Stacey Chacker, Jenny Sartori, and Linda Kramer.

After a series of meetings, we developed a list of next steps for our congregation, to move us towards being more welcoming and inclusive. We are in the process of developing a handout on "Welcoming Each Other" to help guide CDT members in not making assumptions or committing microaggressions when greeting one another across differences or race, ability, class, and more. We based the handout on one developed by Kol Tzedek in Philadelphia, and we drew on an excellent handout that Susan Nitkin had already developed to address issues of disability in our community. A draft of this new handout was shared at the June members meeting.

We hope to develop a process to address and heal harms done (e.g. microaggressions) related to race, class, or disability. We will make mistakes and there are models of reconciliation to draw on. We have the

beginnings of a working group to develop this process. We welcome additional participants! Let us know if you're interested.

We plan to offer anti-racism training at several levels of the community. Earnest and Rabbi Toba are looking at training appropriate for the board and staff. There are many models of anti-racism training out there. We hope to find a model that we feel is a good match for us and that can be adapted to various parts of our community. Each CDT board meeting will include 5-10 minute bite-size teachings on anti-racism. We hope to keep this issue active and in all of our awareness. CDT also has a strategic planning process coming up, and CDT President Stacey Chacker plans to incorporate our anti-racist commitments in this process.

We plan to update the website to take into account our wish to reflect our anti-racism commitments and values. We plan to have input on building design, library books, walls, classrooms, art work, and a possible mural project. CDT's space within Second Church is expanding to include two new classrooms on the 2nd floor, so we will soon have new space that is just ours. Earnest has been doing training on these issues with the religious school staff since he arrived, and will continue to do so.

On other racial justice fronts, CDT's group Understanding Racism has changed its name to Undoing Racism. This group also met recently and has several ideas for future programming, including collaborating with

Rabbi Toba to offer a learning and action series on reparations, a presentation of the film *Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America* about the civil rights work of Jeffrey Robinson (who spoke at our Yom Kippur service earlier this year), and a book group discussion in collaboration with the economic justice group exploring the intersection of race and class issues in this country.

As you may remember, at the CDT members meeting in December 2022, our congregation took a vote on the Reparations Resolution put forth by Reconstructing Judaism. We had a strong positive response from our members; 100 people voted to pass the resolution. Our vote was brought to the plenum and officially passed by our movement. We are keeping in touch with RJ about next steps and also creating our own. At the same time, members present at the meeting filled out a form about their interest in anti-racism initiatives, and many people expressed interest in getting involved in learning and action around reparations and racial justice. We have a long road ahead, and clearly our community is interested and committed to moving these concerns forward.

View CDT's "Welcoming One Another" guidelines at www.dorsheitzedek.org/accessibility.

Tikkun Olam

GBIO UPDATE

Louise Enoch

As I write this, GBIO is about to launch a major action for Housing Justice. What is an "action," you may ask? It is something done to get a "reaction." In this case, we are wanting to get a reaction from the governor, the legislature, the press, and the public. On June 26, we "powered up" by bringing out 800-1000 of our members to let our elected officials know our demands. We asked the people who can make change happen to do the following:

increase this year's budget for public housing to \$184,000, pass the \$8.5 billion Bond Bill to cover neglected maintenance and upgrading for public housing, pass the Transfer Fee Act to provide local funds for affordable housing, and pass bills that will meet the housing needs of Returning Citizens.

While the June 26 event will have happened by the time you read this, there will be other opportunities for you to let your voices be heard as the legislative session unfolds in the fall. We are planning to hold In-District

Meetings (IDMs) with elected officials, and we will need your participation in these important efforts to hold officials we have voted into power accountable for the Housing Justice we want to see.

We are pleased to report that Rabbi Toba has taken on a major role with GBIO and that our own CDT Core Team has been growing in numbers and efficiency. If you have any questions about GBIO and/or how you can get involved, please contact me, Louise Enoch, CDT's Liaison to GBIO at lpnoech@gmail.com.

CDT Retreat 5783



Chesed

THE CHESED CONNECTION

Ellie Goldberg

Our community values Chesed, acts of loving-kindness. When a member has a life event such as a birth or adoption, an injury or illness, or a death in the family, a Chesed Coordinator contacts them to ask if they would like a gesture of Chesed love. It could be a Shabbat dinner, a weekday meal or a food basket, a ride, an errand, or a visit.

Then the Chesed Coordinator uses the Lotsa Helping Hands website to send out a call for volunteers. These gestures of practical comfort and caring acknowledge each other's life transitions or stressful times.

Chesed at CDT is "members helping members." You can make Congregation Dorshei Tzedek a more caring community by making sure you sign up to join the CDT Chesed Caring Community volunteer list at dorsheitzedek.org/chesed-signup. You will get announcements of Chesed volunteer opportunities.

If you have a need for Chesed or are interested in joining the Chesed Committee, please contact the Chesed Coordinators at chesed@dorsheitzedek.org.



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Nediv Lev

As of this printing, the 5783 Nediv Lev Campaign has reached \$92,500 of our \$137,500 goal. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far!
We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions:

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Bob Warren

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Lauren Gibbs — *In Memory Of Mara Gibbs, Pat Gibbs, Jean Portis Gibbs, Mary Hickie, Al Glazerman, and Noah Marcus, and in honor of Carmel Schafer, Ruby Gan, Malka Pomerantz, and Maayan Magaziner*

GENERAL FUND

Sheree Galpert — *In memory of Mary Hickie (Esther Kohn's beloved spouse), Phyllis Grodsky, and Bob Hausman*

Pauline Coderre — *In memory of my loving mother, Beatrice Kleiman*

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Sharon Gorberg — *With thanks to Rabbi Toba for her leadership, wisdom, and kindness*



CDT Retreat 5783

July/August 2023 • Tammuz/Av/Elul 5783

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 <i>Tammuz 6</i> 4:00pm Celebration of Life for Mary Hickie	26 <i>Tammuz 7</i> 6:00pm GBIO Housing Action: Power Up!	27 <i>Tammuz 8</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	28 <i>Tammuz 9</i>	29 <i>Tammuz 10</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	30 <i>Tammuz 11</i>	July 1 <i>Tammuz 12</i> Balak No Shabbat Morning Services
2 <i>Tammuz 13</i>	3 <i>Tammuz 14</i> Office closed	4 <i>Tammuz 15</i> Office closed for 4th of July 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless)	5 <i>Tammuz 16</i>	6 <i>Tammuz 17</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	7 <i>Tammuz 18</i>	8 <i>Tammuz 19</i> Pinchas 10:00am Shabbat Pinchas Meditation & Chanting Service 6:30pm CDT Film Club: Mideastern Food Potluck and Double-Feature Discussion of <i>Breaking Bread</i> and <i>Abe</i>
9 <i>Tammuz 20</i>	10 <i>Tammuz 21</i>	11 <i>Tammuz 22</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless) 7:30pm Avelut	12 <i>Tammuz 23</i>	13 <i>Tammuz 24</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	14 <i>Tammuz 25</i>	15 <i>Tammuz 26</i> Matot-Masei No Shabbat Morning Services
16 <i>Tammuz 27</i>	17 <i>Tammuz 28</i> 8:00pm CDT Men's Group	18 <i>Tammuz 29</i> Rosh Chodesh Av 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless)	19 <i>Av 1</i> Rosh Chodesh Av	20 <i>Av 2</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	21 <i>Av 3</i>	22 <i>Av 4</i> Devarim 10:00am Shabbat Hazon Zoom Service
23 <i>Av 5</i>	24 <i>Av 6</i>	25 <i>Av 7</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless)	26 <i>Av 8</i>	27 <i>Av 9</i> Tisha B'Av 8:30am Mindful Mornings	28 <i>Av 10</i>	29 <i>Av 11</i> Vaetchanan No Shabbat Morning Services
30 <i>Av 12</i>	31 <i>Av 13</i>	August 1 <i>Av 14</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless)	2 <i>Av 15</i> Tu B'Av	3 <i>Av 16</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	4 <i>Av 17</i> 6:00pm All-Ages Erev Shabbat	5 <i>Av 18</i> Eikev 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services
6 <i>Av 19</i>	7 <i>Av 20</i>	8 <i>Av 21</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings (Leaderless) 7:00pm Who, or What, Do We Serve, and How? Nourishing Our Spirits at CDT 7:30pm Avelut	9 <i>Av 22</i>	10 <i>Av 23</i> 8:30am Mindful Mornings	11 <i>Av 24</i>	12 <i>Av 25</i> Re'eh 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services 6:00pm Havdallah on the Water – Summer Edition!
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Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, September 15, 8:00 pm
Gann Academy & Livestreamed

Rosh Hashanah Day One

Saturday, September 16
Gann Academy & Livestreamed

9:30 am: Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
10:00 am: Rosh Hashanah Family Service, Shorashim Service, and
Teen Program

Rosh Hashanah Day Two

Sunday, September 17
10:00 am: Rosh Hashanah Service & Text Study (Gann Academy &
livestreamed); Outdoor all-ages program and Tashlikh (in-person only)
4:00pm: Tashlikh services (in-person only)

Kol Nidre Service

Sunday, September 24
Gann Academy & Livestreamed
6:30 pm: Kol Nidre service
7:00 pm : Children's program

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 25
Gann Academy & Livestreamed
9:30 am: Yom Kippur Morning Service
10:00 am: Yom Kippur Shorashim Service, Family Service, and
Teen Program
12:30 pm: Musaf Service (indoors) and Nature Walk (outdoors)
2:00 pm: Yom Kippur Afternoon Programming
5:00 pm: Mincha/Eleh Ezkereh
6:30 pm: Neila
7:15 pm: Break-Fast

