



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

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YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Rabbi Toba Spitzer



In the summer of 1982, I was 20 years old, serving as a counselor at Habonim-Dror Camp Moshava, the Labor Zionist summer camp which had been my home-away-from home since I was 11 years old. This was the summer of the outbreak of Israel's war with the PLO in Lebanon. We were counselors at an American Jewish summer camp, wondering what, if anything, our kids were hearing about all of this. When it was clear they knew a war was

going on, we decided we needed to respond.

While our staff shared an ideological home, we had different personal and political reactions to events as they unfolded. We decided to organize a "special day" in which we told the campers that they were a UN fact-finding mission, charged with visiting northern Israel and Lebanon in order to make recommendations to deal with the conflict. We counselors took on different roles, creating stations where the kids would hear our stories. We portrayed an Israeli general and an Israeli peace activist; a PLO commander and a Palestinian refugee living in a camp in Lebanon; an Israeli civilian living on the Lebanese border. When we ended the day and I overheard one of the kids saying, "this is really complicated, and I have a lot more questions now," I felt we had done our job.

This memory came back to me as I began to write this column, two weeks after the unspeakable Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel (narrowly sparing, somewhat miraculously, the kibbutz in the Negev where I spent the year after high school). Over a week has passed since the Israeli bombardment of Gaza began, since scenes of heartbreaking

devastation began to emerge, the death toll mounting, a tiny flow of humanitarian aid only beginning, and still tenuous.

I know as a CDT community there is an enormous amount of pain and grief in the wake of these events, compounded of course if we are connected to people on the ground who are suffering. We may be feeling deep fear in the face of the largest single-day loss of Jewish lives since the Holocaust, trying to reckon with violence that recalls the worst pogroms in Eastern Europe. We may be experiencing profound pain at the devastation being experienced by the Gazan people in the name of Jewish security. We may hold all of these feelings at the same time.

I have confronted the limitations of words in this moment, my own inability, to my deep sorrow, to say everything that all in our community have needed to hear. I began this column with a story from 40 years ago to share how I approach moments like these. In a small way, my experience that summer was an example of a Jewish community figuring out how to honor its diversity and seek deeper understanding in a very painful moment. And my memory of that difficult summer reminded me of the truth I carry, and the small piece that I can add to a much larger communal conversation, both within CDT and beyond. We each have our Torah, and this is mine.

I am dedicated to exploration, to honest conversation, and to holding as wide an embrace of people's experiences and reactions as is humanly possible. I am dedicated to resisting the dehumanization of anyone in this conflict, and I refuse to justify, rationalize or minimize the killing of innocents in any way. I also refuse to be drawn into a binary that I believe to be both false and dangerous, a binary which pits Jewish security against Palestinian liberation, which demonizes

or delegitimizes Israelis or Palestinians, that demands we choose "sides" and prove our loyalty to that side by denying the truth of the other. In this moment, I am endeavoring to hold fast to the mitzvah of *ahavat yoshvei ha'aretz*, care and concern for the wellbeing of all the inhabitants of the Holy Land.

As I have been for years, I am guided by the wisdom of those Israelis and Palestinians on the ground committed to achieving peace and justice for both peoples through engagement and nonviolence. It is their willingness to not turn from their own pain or their partners' pain, to listen to each other even when they disagree, that gives me hope. It is their commitment to understanding the root causes of violence and offering models that provide a different way forward that inspires me. My own commitment is to continue to support those groups both working for true shared society within Israel, and for the collective liberation of Israelis and Palestinians.

My other commitment, of course, is to Dorshei Tzedek, to holding our community together in the midst of our differences, in the midst of our pain. I want to continue to listen and to learn, and help us think together about the questions we want to ask, the learning we want to do. I want to help us all keep our hearts and minds as open as possible, when it is very natural to want to hunker down. And I want to learn from the Torah of others, from what we have to teach one another. I believe we have The Source of Love and Life Itself accompanying us in this endeavor, and I pray that we merit its presence in our midst. *May the One who makes peace above enable us to make peace below, for all of Israel, for all inhabitants of the earth, speedily and in our time.*

From the Office

OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS AND CLOSURES

NEW OFFICE HOURS: The administrative offices at CDT are open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. *Please note that the **building doors will be locked at 4:30 pm** by the Second Church office staff if there are no scheduled events for a given evening.* The Education Director's office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 am-4:30 pm.

The offices will be closed on November 23-24. Alistaire will be out of the office on November 13, 14, and 29.

From the Board

CDT MEMBERS MEETING

November 19, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Cabot Elementary School and Zoom

We hope that at least one representative from every CDT household can join us for our first members meeting of 5784. We'll hear important updates, and begin a conversation together about strategic planning and our dreams and aspirations for our community. Child care is available for children not in the CDT Religious School.



The CDT Newsletter is produced by the office and published monthly (with a July/August summer issue). Email articles, events, photos, and questions to dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org by the 10th of the month for the following month's issue. 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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Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice

COVID PROTOCOLS: We strongly encourage those attending our services and programs to be fully vaccinated, and we are **mask-optional**. 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.

ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Fridays, November 3 & December 1
6:00 pm Candle-lighting & Dinner
6:45 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service
CDT (60 Highland St)

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba for a evening of good food, prayer, and community! We come together at 6 pm for candle-lighting and Shabbat blessings, followed by a vegetarian dinner, and a fun, musical Kabbalat Shabbat service beginning at 6:45 pm. We close the evening with a special Oneg Shabbat dessert at approximately 7:30 pm. Come to all or part of the evening!

There will be a **potluck dinner on November 3** (please bring a salad or main dish to share; drinks and dessert will be provided) and a **catered dinner on December 1**.

KABBALAT SHABBAT: AN EVENING OF SONG & POETRY

Friday, November 17
6:30 pm Candle-lighting, Potluck Dinner, & Table Songs
7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat service
CDT (60 Highland St); Zoom option for service

Join Rabbi Toba and Akiva Nelson for a relaxing, nourishing and musical erev Shabbat experience! We'll begin with Shabbat blessings, followed by a potluck vegetarian dinner (please bring a salad or main dish, enough for 6-8 people; drinks and dessert will be provided). We'll sing Shabbat table songs before heading up to the CDT sanctuary for a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service and poetry sharing. This portion of the evening will be accessible via Zoom. Come join us for all or part of the evening! *This program is oriented towards adults, but all are more than welcome.*

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Shabbat Vayera — Special Guest Rabbi Deborah Waxman!

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary and Zoom

We are thrilled and delighted to welcome the President of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and CEO of Reconstructing Judaism, Rabbi Deborah Waxman, to this special Shabbat morning program. Rabbi Waxman will share words of Torah with us during Shabbat morning services and give us an update on happenings in our movement during Kiddush lunch.



Under Rabbi Deborah Waxman's direction, Reconstructing Judaism has been at the forefront of the Jewish community's efforts to expand diversity and inclusion, through Reconstructing Judaism's growing rabbinical student body, staff, and work in affiliated communities. Rabbi Waxman is a widely respected thought leader on issues related to congregational life, DEI, progressive Zionism, and the American Jewish experience. Please join us for her featured d'var torah and an update on the future of the Reconstructionist movement.

Shabbat Chayei Sarah

Saturday, November 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary and Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services, Torah reading and discussion. Kiddush lunch follows services.

Shabbat Toldot — Contemplative Shabbat

Saturday, November 18, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary and Zoom

All are invited to join Akiva Nelson and CDT members for a morning of chant and song, guided and silent meditation, and Torah study. Torah study will begin at approximately 11am; come for all or part of the morning! No meditation experience required. Kiddush lunch will follow services.

Shabbat Vayetzei

Saturday, November 25, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary and Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba and Rachel Adler-Golden either in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services and Torah study on this Shabbat following both Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Day. As we read about our complicated spiritual ancestor Jacob, we will explore this complicated week in American culture, the importance of gratitude, as well as repair for harms done to Native Americans. Kiddush lunch follows services.

Shabbat Vayishlach

Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am-12:00 pm
CDT Sanctuary and Zoom

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba in the CDT sanctuary or on Zoom for Shabbat morning services, Torah reading, and discussion. We will be remembering CDT member Susannah Zisk on the occasion of her 12th yahrzeit. Kiddush lunch follows services.

Are you interested in hosting an adult-oriented Kabbalat Shabbat in your home on December 15, February 23, or April 12? Let Akiva know at a.nelson@dorsheitzedek.org!

Shabbat, Holidays, and Spiritual Practice (cont.)

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.

SAVE THE DATE: CDT CHANUKAH PARTY!

Sunday, December 10, 4:30-6:30 pm
First Unitarian Universalist Society (1326 Washington St, West Newton)

We'll gather together for Chanukah candle-lighting and songs at 4:30 pm, followed by fun activities for all ages at 5 pm, and a potluck, latke-filled dinner at 6!



CDT Groups and Events

CDT FILM CLUB

Discussion of *Ewa*

Saturday, November 11, 8:00-9:00 pm
Zoom

Please join us for a discussion of *Ewa*! Watch the film on your own any time before the discussion, and look for the Zoom link on the CDT Calendar. Contact filmclub@dorsheitzedek.org to learn more and to sign up for our mailing list.

Ewa (89 minutes, 2016, Chai Flicks): Yoel and Ewa have been married for a long time. While putting order in their papers, he finds a bank note informing him of a loan on an apartment he owns, which he never knew about. Yoel discovers that in that apartment, in the poor side of town, lives a strange man, who knows his wife intimately. Yoel's investigation of the matter will change his life forever.

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

CDT MEN'S GROUP: FAMILY ESTRANGEMENT AND RECONCILIATION IN *BEREISHIT* AND BEYOND

With Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson

Mondays, November 13, 27, & December 11,
8:00-9:00 pm
Zoom



CDT Rabbinic Intern Akiva Nelson will be facilitating text study and discussion for the CDT Men's Group during the fall, focusing on the topics of family estrangement, conflict, and reconciliation. We'll look primarily at the stories of Jacob and Esau and Joseph

and his brothers, while also reading and discussing contemporary texts about family estrangement and reconciliation (especially *Fault Lines: Fractured Families and How to Mend Them*, by Dr. Karl Pillemer). We will cap the sessions at 15-18 folks total.

Please let Akiva know if you have questions or if you'd like to take this class but don't regularly participate in the Men's Group; he can be reached at a.nelson@dorsheitzedek.org.

AVELUT: SUPPORT FOR THOSE IN MOURNING

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

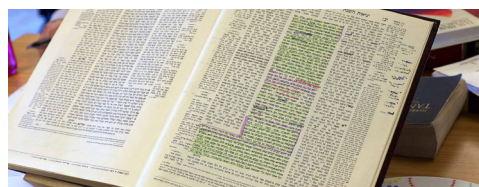
All CDT members who are in the various stages of mourning are welcome to attend as we support one another, reflect on loss on the occasion of a *yahrzeit*, and remember the legacies of the loved ones we carry with us. Drop-ins are always welcome anytime. For more information, please contact Nancy Gertz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

Learning

LUNCHTIME STUDY WITH RABBI TOBA

Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 29, & December 6,
12:30-1:30 pm
Zoom

Our rabbinic forebears were no strangers to experiences of communal and individual crisis, and they turned to fasting, prayer, and other practices to get them through. In this weekly study, we will explore fascinating stories and discussions from the Talmudic tractate *Taanit* ("Fast") for wisdom about how we might respond to the times we find ourselves in. No experience with reading Talmud necessary! Come to one session or come to all.



REPARATIONS: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

With Rabbi Toba and members of CDT's Undoing Racism group

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30, & December 14,
7:00-8:30 pm
Zoom

In the wake of Reconstructing Judaism's adoption of a resolution supporting reparations for historical and ongoing harms done to African Americans and Native Americans, we will explore historical examples of reparations and current proposals for reparations in the U.S. today. What in Jewish tradition supports the case for reparations? What are our personal connections to this issue? How might we as a congregation begin to take action in this realm? The class will combine reading, conversation, and presentations from activists as we move from study to action on reparations.

We invite all who are interested in this topic to join us for exploration and conversation. We will assume some basic understanding of the issues; if this topic is new to you or you'd like more grounding, please visit www.dorsheitzedek.org/adult-education for a variety of resources that you are encouraged to explore before the class begins.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

With Rabbi Toba Spitzer

Saturdays, November 11 & December 16,
9:00-9:45 am
CDT (60 Highland St); in-person only

All are invited to join Rabbi Toba for an exploration of the weekly Torah portion, through the lenses of commentary both ancient and modern. Bring your own caffeinated beverage!

Community

HIGH HOLYDAYS THANK-YOUS

Rav Todot (many, many thanks!) to everyone who helped create our beautiful High Holydays services:

To the Ritual Committee for all of their planning and logistical support: Marion Ross, Peter Katz, Matilda Bruckner, Cindy Shulak-Rome, Debbie Waber, and Matthew Valleau, plus Dan Rome and Chayim Herzig-Marx for Torah support!

To the incredible staff team overseeing the myriad logistics: Margaret Farmer, Wendy Buglio, Alistaire Webbe, Dennis Milagan, and Dennis Maler.

To our wonderful erev Rosh Hashanah musicians: Tal Shalom-Kobi, Ayla Kobi, Terry Traub, Malka Pomerantz, and Tamar Arons-Brann.

To our *chazzanim* (cantors): Elaine Pollack, Doug Hersh, Karen Arnold, Miriam Bronstein, Matthew Valleau, Bill Shorr, Dan Rome,

Rose Naumburg, Carmel Schafer, Tsering Komyerov, Ruby Gan, and Abby Edelstein.
To Hannah Limov for the outdoor 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah program!

To all of our Torah leyners: Mark Bronstein, Debbie Waber, Sue Lanser, Ayla Kobi, Shalev Moser, Audra Karp, Chayim Herzig-Marx, Elaine Pollack, Tamar Arons-Brann, Clara Engels, Steffi Karp, and Louise Enoch. And to Chayim, Laurie Goldman, and Ezra Hausman for logistical support during the Torah readings.

To Tasklikh leaders Bill Shorr and Rabbi Shahar Colt, plus all of our shofar blowers!

To the members of CDT Sings, under the leadership of Rikki Morrow-Spitzer: Rachel Adler-Golden, Karen Arnold, Michele Arons, Linda Kramer, Ruth Paris, Elaine Pollack, Caroline Chauncey, Zee Gamson, Randi Levine, Janet Penn, Rebecca Pomerantz, Jo Radner, Carole Slipowitz, Doug Hersh, Sue Lanser, Andrew Sofer, Stephen Zisk, David Felson, Dani Krasa, Ted Morrow-Spitzer, Andy Stefano, and Bob Warren.

To Ila Karp for her beautiful cello rendition of Kol Nidre.

To Jenny Leopold, Cindy Shulak-Rome, Marion Ross, and Peter Wayne for wonderful Yom Kippur afternoon programs.

To Deb Albenberg and Doug Hersh for leading our Yom Kippur afternoon Nature Walk.

To all of the High Holydays youth and family service leaders: Rabbi Emily Mathis for leading our Shorashim and Kol Nidre services for young children and their grown ups. Hannah Limov, corine rosenberg, and Liz Krushnic for leading the teen program. Ora Gladstone, Tal Shalom Kobi, Ayla Kobi, Tamar Arons-Brann, Lia Kobi, Ila Karp, Carolyn Gelfand, Ziv Dudnik, and Zoe Adler-Lewis for bringing great music to our family services. Neo Goldbarg, Almog Keshet, Libi Keshet, Eden Pytel, Emmy Rumpf, and AJ Tillinger for beautiful tefillah-leading in the family service.

Community (cont.)

TODAH RABAH

Rav todot to our Sukkah building crew:

Doron Gan & Valerie Graf, Evan Gan, Ruby Gan, Debbie Isenberg, David & Emily Shumsky, Tom Brown & Chagit Steiner, Shawn Samuel, Evan Gan, Sue Weil, Debbie Isenberg, Danielle Klainberg, Benita Danzing, Akiva Nelson & Carly Margolis.

And as well to our Sukkah take-down crew:

Andrew & Lauren Stefano, Jai Stefano, Eris Stefano, David & Emily Shumsky, Rob Shumsky and Jacob Weinberg; featuring David, Nadav, Anya, and Seyla Rhodes.

Many thanks to our fabulous Simchat Torah musicians and leyners:

Tal Shalom-Kobi, Ayla Kobi, Tamar Arons-Brann, Malka Pomerantz, Sue Lanser, Michele Arons, and Dianne Lior.

A huge thank you to Haralie Alpert for over a year and a half of interviews with CDT community members! We wish you the best of luck in all your endeavors.

Profound thanks to Sue Kaufman, Laura Schulz, Linda Kramer, and Steve Zisk for all their work, generosity, and care in supporting the newly-arrived Ecuadorian family.

Thank you to Liz Reisberg and Phyllis Krischner for donating their devices!



Pictured here and above: The sukkah-building crew welcomes the holiday with Kiddush



Thank you to all those who provided Kiddush, Ushered, and Zoom-Greeted in October:

Nathan Vierling-Claassen, Janice Cole, Corinne Lofchie, Amy Mazur (in memory of her parents, Rhoda & Marvin Mazur), Margo Michaels, Jacob Weinberg, Susan Bernstein, Sharon Gorberg, John Carroll, Jacqueline Fleischman, Douglas Hersh, Leila Quinn, Andrew Sofer, Rob Greenly, Judy Herzig-Marx, Darya Mattes, Janet Penn, Marion Ross, Paul Schimek, Emily Cowan, Chayim Herzig-Marx, David Felson, Jo Ann Feldstein, Michael Feldstein, Stacie Garnett-Cook, Lisa Hirsh, and DB Reiff.

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Melanie Adler & Andy Cohen on the marriage of their son Avi Adler-Cohen to Dia Sharma!

Mazel tov to Leila Quinn on her Jewish affirmation ceremony!

REFUAH SHLEYMAH

We send blessings of healing to Jaime Wurzel, Emelia Webbe, Harriet Budd, Jacqui Bloomberg, and Jeff Arnold.

YAHREZIT

This month, we remember CDT member Susannah Zisk on the occasion of her 12th

yahrzeit, which falls this year on November 28. We will remember Susannah at Shabbat morning services on December 2. May her memory be for a blessing.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to Rachel Guberman on the death of her grandmother, Milly Guberman Kravetz, great-grandmother of Nathan and Gabriel. May her memory be for a blessing.

We extend our condolences to Janet Boguslaw on the death of her mother, Wanda Boguslaw, mother-in-law of Howard Kaufman and grandmother Alex and Daniel Kaufman. May her memory be for a blessing.

We extend our condolences to Betsy Hinden on the death of her mother, Harriet Hinden, mother-in-law of Karen Wasserman and grandmother of Henry and Jayla Wasserman. May her memory be for a blessing.

MOURNING AT CDT

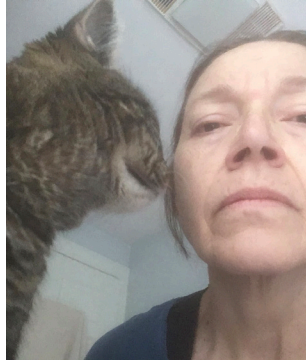
As a reference, CDT members have created the brochure "Finding Comfort, Giving Support: A Guide to Mourning at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek," available on the literature table in our sanctuary and on our website at dorsheitzedek.org/mourning.

Artist of the Month

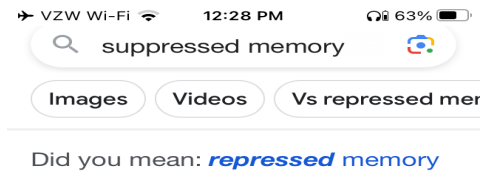
JOAN AUTIO — CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES HERITAGE MONTH

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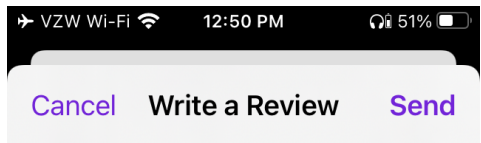
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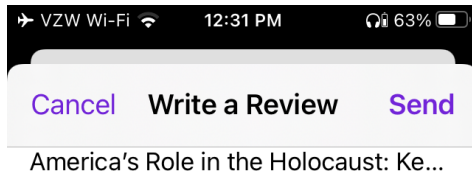
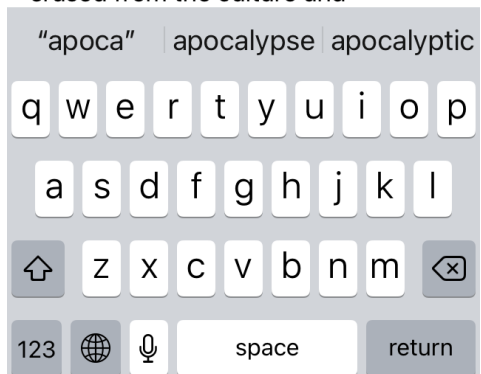
Joan Autio is an enrolled member of the Lac Courtes Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe (Anishinaabe) and a member of CDT. In recognition of Indigenous Peoples inherent right to exist free from all claims of settler colonial dominion, Joan has created this Art Not Art piece, called **Mino-bimaadiziwin: Today is a Good Day to Remember, or "Indigenous person writes podcast review."**



Repressed memory occurs when trauma is too severe to be kept in conscious memory, and is removed by repression or dissociation or both. At some later time it may be recalled, often under innocuous circumstances, and reappears in conscious memory.

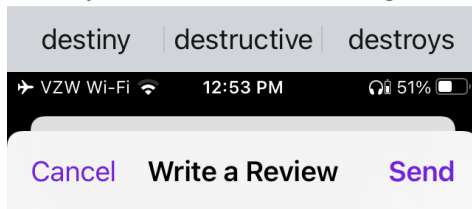


the Nazis also studied the genocide of the Indigenous Peoples of N America: the annihilation of towns and villages; destruction of crops, food sources, and all ways of self-sustenance; forced removal and relocation to concentration camps ("reservations" in America, "reserves" in Canada), to be confined, controlled, starved, and erased from the culture and

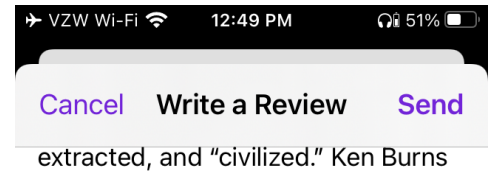
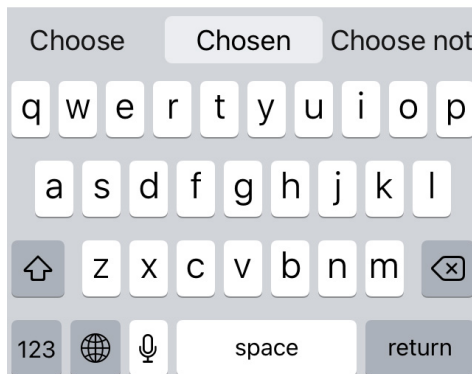


America's Role in the Holocaust: Ke...

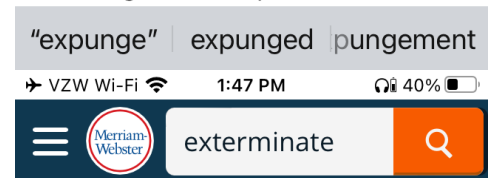
Despite their best intentions, Ken Burns and Beri Weiss are steeped in the settler colonizer paradigm which places America ("us") as divinely and unquestioningly entitled to all it has genocided, stolen, enslaved, extracted, and "civilized." Ken Burns boldly looks at how America might



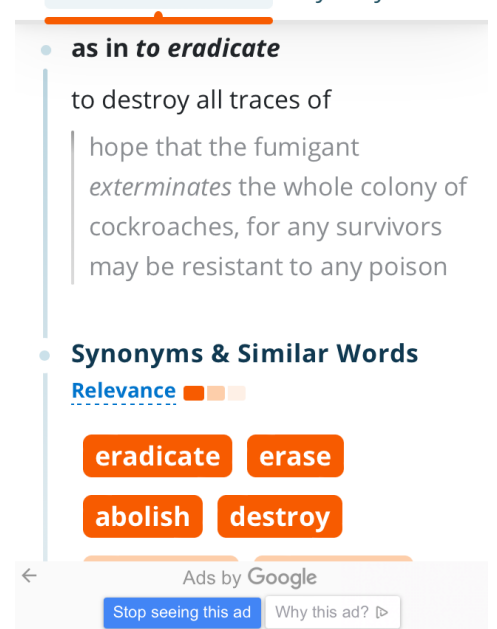
forced removal and relocation to concentration camps ("reservations" in America, "reserves" in Canada), to be confined, controlled, starved, and erased from the culture and conscience of the Dominant Society (White Europeans), who believe themselves to be the divinely ordained rightful heirs of the land.



extracted, and "civilized." Ken Burns boldly looks at how America might have been a tad complicit in genocide happening in far away Europe. He talks about Naziism's early restrictions of Jews as based in part on the American South's treatment of Black People. But he does not mention that the Nazis also studied the genocide of the Indigenous Peoples of N America:



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Choose Not Chosen

Choose Life

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. 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 SIGNUP

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 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. These gestures of practical comfort, kindness and caring acknowledge each other's life transitions or stressful times.

Then the Chesed Coordinator uses the Lotsa Helping Hands website to send out an email to alert volunteers. You can make CDT a more caring community by signing up to get announcements of Chesed volunteer opportunities at dorsheitzedek.org/chesed-signup.

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



Tikkun Olam

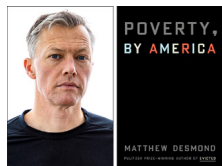
ECONOMIC DISPARITY GROUP

Poverty, By America: A Discussion

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30-9:00 pm
Zoom

Please join the CDT Economic Disparity Group for a Zoom event focused on the insights and ideas of Matthew Desmond as described in his book, *Poverty, By America*. No prior reading or knowledge needed. We will be viewing an interview with Matthew Desmond together and sharing our impressions afterward.

A registration link will be shared through the CDT website and email announcements. If you have any questions, please contact Abby Cohen at abby.cohen@verizon.net or 617.216.3540.



Matthew Desmond is a professor of sociology at Princeton University. After receiving his Ph.D. in 2010 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, he joined the Harvard Society of Fellows as a Junior Fellow. He is the author of four books, including *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* (2016), which won the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Critics Circle Award, Carnegie Medal, and PEN /

John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction. The principal investigator of The Eviction Lab, Desmond's research focuses on poverty in America, city life, housing insecurity, public policy, racial inequality, and ethnography. He is the recipient of a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship, the American Bar Association's Silver Gavel Award, and the William Julius Wilson Early Career Award. A contributing writer for The New York Times Magazine, Desmond was listed in 2016 among the Politico 50, as one of "fifty people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate."

GBIO UPDATE: ATTENTION ALL CDTERS AND GBIO ENTHUSIASTS!

Louise Enoch

Your GBIO CDT Core Team is getting ready to launch two major efforts that we want you to know about. Okay – we really hope you will also participate. The MA legislature will be continuing to deliberate on the Housing Transfer Fee bill, on the Bond Bill amount to address needed funds for Public Housing renovation, on laws pertaining to housing and IDs for citizens returning from incarceration, and on training money for (particularly BIPOC)

individuals to work in the fields of mental health and substance use. These are issues that touch many of GBIO's members across our many neighborhoods, racial groups, and class backgrounds. We want to show our power by hosting In District Meetings with our elected officials. We will meet with Senators and Reps to make our voices heard to ask that they support our agenda. This is a fascinating process that takes place in meetings behind the scenes and eventually at a large event with constituents. Some of our CDT members are already at work to organize these regional meetings. Hopefully, many of you will attend to show our officials that their constituents are behind our GBIO's efforts. You will be notified when and where your In District Meeting will be held and hopefully you can help fill the room and raise our voice!

Our team will also be starting up the annual GBIO Impact Fund. CDT (you) did very well last year in helping GBIO raise funds to hire three new organizers, to pay them a decent wage, and to support the work in general. Thanks for your past donations, and we hope you will consider once again giving generously to this very worthy cause. You will be hearing more from our Core Team members about how and where you can give.

Sukkot/Simchat Torah 5784



November Kiddush Assignments

Kiddush Note: The complete Kiddush and holiday assignment schedule can be found on the Kiddush page of the website (under the Members section) or by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/KiddushTrackers5784>. When notified of your dates, please be sure to put them into your personal calendars. The whole congregation counts on your participation in Kiddush, and each assigned person is needed and expected to show up!

Parents of students in grades 5, 6, and 8, who primarily help out with B'nei Mitzvah Kiddushim, can typically find their names listed on B'nei Mitzvah dates.

NOVEMBER 3 — ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT

Kiddush Team: Joan Autio, Joshua Herzig-Marx, Rachel Guberman, Ayelet Lipton, Carla Naumburg, Stephen Zisk

NOVEMBER 4 — SHABBAT MORNING

Usher: Sandy Goodman

Kiddush Team: Haralie Alpert, Jenny Leopold, Jay Leopold, Carol Sklar, Sue Weil

Zoom Greeter: Judith Havens

NOVEMBER 11 — SHABBAT MORNING

Usher: Judy Hersh

Kiddush Team: Karen Arnold, Jacqui Bloomberg, Amy Brodesky, Rex Flynn, Jodie Siegel, Stuart Snyder

Zoom Greeter: Tim Havens

NOVEMBER 17 — KABBALAT SHABBAT

Kiddush Team: Barry Gilbert, Dan Halbert, Janell Rothenberg, Shawn Samuel, William Weinreb

NOVEMBER 18 — SHABBAT MORNING

Usher: Elaine Landes

Kiddush Team: Louise Enoch, Alan Epstein, Ora Gladstone, Beth Green, Jeff Green, Jeff Kichen

Zoom Greeter: Jo Radner

NOVEMBER 25 — SHABBAT MORNING

Usher: Sheree Galpert

Kiddush Team: Rebecca Cohen, Barbara Harris, Jan Fogel, Cynthia Levin, Barbara Pittel, David Reider

Zoom Greeter: Nancy Bohan-Broderick



The September 30 Kiddush team's beautiful gluten-free spread

Nediv Lev

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Cheshvan 14 9:30am Sunday Religious School 7:00pm Leyning Refresher Class	30 Cheshvan 15 8:00pm CDT Men's Group: Family Estrangement and Reconciliation in Bereishit and Beyond	31 Cheshvan 16 8:30am Mindful Mornings	1 Cheshvan 17 12:30pm Lunchtime Study with Rabbi Toba	2 Cheshvan 18 8:30am Mindful Mornings 7:00pm Reparations: Where Do We Go From Here?	3 Cheshvan 19 6:00pm All-Ages Erev Shabbat	4 Cheshvan 20 Vayera 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services with Special Guest Rabbi Deborah Waxman
5 Cheshvan 21 9:30am Sunday Religious School 7:00pm Leyning Refresher Class	6 Cheshvan 22	7 Cheshvan 23 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School	8 Cheshvan 24 12:30pm Lunchtime Study with Rabbi Toba	9 Cheshvan 25 8:30am Mindful Mornings 7:00pm Reparations: Where Do We Go From Here?	10 Cheshvan 26	11 Cheshvan 27 Chayei Sara 9:00am Shabbat Morning Torah Study With Rabbi Toba Spitzer 9:30am Shorashim Shabbat & Shabbat Childcare 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services
12 Cheshvan 28 9:30am Sunday Religious School	13 Cheshvan 29 8:00pm CDT Men's Group: Family Estrangement and Reconciliation in Bereishit and Beyond	14 Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School: Rosh Chodesh 7:30pm Avelut	15 Kislev 2 12:30pm Lunchtime Study with Rabbi Toba	16 Kislev 3 8:30am Mindful Mornings 7:00pm Reparations: Where Do We Go From Here?	17 Kislev 4 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat: An Evening of Song & Poetry	18 Kislev 5 Toldot 10:00am Contemplative Shabbat Morning Services
19 Kislev 6 9:30am Sunday Religious School + Nitzanim 10:00am CDT Members Meeting 5:30pm CDT Sings Rehearsal 7:00pm Leyning Refresher Class	20 Kislev 7 8:00pm CDT Men's Group	21 Kislev 8 8:30am Mindful Mornings 4:00pm Tuesday Religious School	22 Kislev 9	23 Kislev 10 Office Closed 8:30am Mindful Mornings	24 Kislev 11 Office Closed	25 Kislev 12 Vayetzei 10:00am Shabbat Morning Services
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October highlight: Torah Tour!
(Simchat Torah 5784)



Do you have any photos of a CDT event or committee meeting?
We'd love to feature them! Email us at dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org.