

# Newsletter

February 2010 / Shevat-Adar 5770

## February Calendar

Date	Event
Feb 6	9:45 Shabbat Yitro (Lutheran Church)
12	Tzedakah Night (member home, call 617-965-6862 for location)
13	9:45 Shabbat Shekalim with Rabbi Audrey; special dvar Torah on the Amidah (Lutheran Church)
20	9:45, Shabbat Terumah (Lutheran Church)
21	Members Meeting
27	No morning service
27	7-10 pm, Purim service and Spiel (Lutheran Church)

## Setup & Kiddush Schedule

Date	Setup/Cleanup	Kiddush
Feb 6	Goodson/Greenwald	TBD
13	Lev/Lichtin	Larson
20	H & M Morris	E Morris
27	No Service	(Evening Purim service)
Mar 6	Nemser/Walitt	Salter/Schwartz
13	No Service	(Friday night service)
20	Spencer/Perkins	Yospin
27 >	Tabb	Weitrich/Rose/Ros

## From the Rabbi

### New Course, Cooperative Service

1) In March, I will be offering the first two sessions of a three-session evening course on "**Modern and Contemporary Jewish Thought: Israel.**" We will discuss the writings of thinkers such as Martin Buber, Rav Kook, David Hartman, Amos Oz, and Ari Elon about the many blessings and challenges of the Jewish state. This course will not focus on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, but will address theological, philosophical, and cultural issues and perspectives surrounding the creation and existence of Israel.

The class will meet on the following dates:

- TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 7:30-9:00 pm
- TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 7:30-9:00 pm
- TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 7:30-9:00 pm

Location TBD. If you are willing and able to offer your home as a location for one or more class sessions, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please do let me know if you are planning to attend one or more sessions, so that I can have a general sense of how many will be attending.

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### Tzedakah Night

#### Good feelings, good contributions, good food!

Plan to join everyone on **Friday February 12** for this year's Tzedakah Night event. It will be held at the home of Roz and Ross Feldberg, starting 6:30 pm, 85 Waban Hill Rd. North, Chestnut Hill. We'll start with a Shabbat welcome, then there is a pot luck dinner, according to last name. Social Action will provide tea and decaf coffee. (continued on p 2)

## Contributions to Shir Hadash

- Henry & Madelyn Morris, in honor of Warren Hurwitz' Bar Mitzvah Anniversary, and in Honor of Gil Rosen's recovery
- Steven & Rachel Adler-Golden, in honor of Warren Hurwitz' Bar Mitzvah Anniversary
- Janie Pollack & David Salstein, (friends of the Hurwitz's) in honor of Warren Hurwitz' second Bar Mitzvah
- Elaine Shapiro, in honor of Shir Madness, who provided wonderful entertainment at her birthday party >

## Officers

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## Shir Hadash

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## Torah/Haftarah portions for the month 0

Feb 6	Yitro	Ex.18:1-20:23	Isaiah	6:1-13
13	Mishpatim	Ex 21:1-24:18	Jeremiah	34:13-20, 33:25-26
20	Terumah	Ex 25:1-27:19	1 Kings	6:1-13
27	Tetzaveh	Ex 27:20-30:10	Ezekiel	43:10-27

## From the Rabbi (continued from page 1)

On Friday evening, March 26th, at 8:00 at Hillel Bnai Torah (120 Corey St West Roxbury) we will gather with Congregation Dorshei Tzedek and Hillel Bnai Torah for a Kabbalat Shabbat service (co-led by Rabbi Audrey and accompanied by Rabbi Toba Spitzer on guitar) and study session, and Oneg Shabbat (light refreshments). The evening will be filled with spirited singing, wonderful camaraderie, and fascinating study presented by the rabbis of each congregation. I hope to see you there!

## Rabbi Audrey

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## Tzedakah Night (continued from page 1)

- A- F dessert
- G-L side dish or drinks
- M-Z main dish

Next, Henry Morris will share some thoughts on Tzedakah. Then, the main event, giving away \$1,400 from the Shir Hadash budget and other monies raised at the Movie fundraiser. We plan to modify the rules this year so that every group that receives money gets at least \$100. The list of possible groups is almost complete so if you have any to add let Peter Barrer know by Feb 4. On Feb 5 an email will go out with web-links to all the proposed groups so that everyone can research beforehand.

**Peter Barrer**  
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## IT'S PURIM

### When Having Fun is a Mitzvah!

Join us on February 27 for Havdallah and a brief evening service, hear the reading of the Megillah (Scroll of Esther), witness the comedic antics of Shir Hadash members, frolic to the freilich tunes of our own Shir Madness Klezmer band, and nosh some hamentaschen.

\*We'll be collecting for Mazon, a Jewish response to hunger.

\*Come in costume if you'd like.

**Contact: Joel Reisman (617) 332-3980**  
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## Email ListServ for the Public

We now have an email list for those interested in learning more about our Havurah or just keeping in touch with us and our activities. Online subscribers receive our monthly newsletter and occasional announcements of events and other news. If you would like to be on this list, contact **Ruth Seidman, <[rkseidman@comcast.net](mailto:rkseidman@comcast.net)>**.