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# Beit Simchat Torah

CONGREGATION

קהלה קדושה בית שמחת תורה

## Happy Purim!



**Purim Party - With our social justice partners Repair the World, Families with Children assembled *matanot l'evyonim* (gifts for the poor) with school supplies for an underserved afterschool program.**



**Multilingual Megillah Reading with the CBST Community! On March 9 our Purim observance of the 57 80s included a costume parade & celebration of our community's diversity: hearing the megillah read in multiple languages!**

#### MEDIA

##### *Rabbi Kleinbaum in the News*

- [From 'Spock' greetings to chopstick Torah pointers, synagogues are getting creative amid the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [Virus outbreak disrupts joyous Purim fest but some improvise](#)
- [Purim Festivities Were Set, Costumes and All. Then Coronavirus Struck](#)

## Coronavirus Updates

- On Feb. 27, we sent an initial email about coronavirus--you can read it [here](#).
- Yesterday, we sent out an additional email about the latest precautions we're taking to keep our community safe and healthy--if you haven't already, please read it [here](#).
- The Hebrew Aid Society is offering interest-free loans of \$2,000-\$5,000 to NYC residents facing financial challenges caused by the coronavirus. Read more [here](#).



### **Kabbalat Shabbat**

**Friday, Mar. 13 / 18 Adar, 6:30 pm**

*Ba'alei Tefillah:* Cantorial Intern David Fair, Julie Aarlev

*Piano:* Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig

*Service Leader:* Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum

*Drashah:* Cooperberg-Rittmaster

Rabbinical Intern Deborah Megdal

**Saturday, Mar. 14 / 18 Adar**

**Shabbat Morning –**

**Liberal Minyan, 10 am**

**Bat Mitzvah of Naomi Springer-Galst**

*Ba'al Tefillah:* Cantorial Intern

David Fair

*Service Leaders:*

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum,

**Neshama Carlebach at CBST postponed to May 8.**

Rabbi Yael Rapport  
*D'var Torah*: Naomi Springer-Galst  
**Limmud b'Shabbat: 10 am**  
**Alef-Bet Shabbat: 11:45 am**  
**Care-Being Support Group: 1:15 pm**



### **Living Successfully with HIV/AIDS**

Tuesday, March 10, 6-8 pm

### **Yom Iyyun (Day of Learning): Aging Begins at Birth!**

March 22, 10 am-3 pm-Postponed, new date TBA

### **CBST Annual Congregational Retreat**

Early bird deadline: March 18;  
 retreat April 24-26

### **"Gay Like Me" Reading with Richie Jackson**

Monday, March 30, 7-9 pm

### **Muslim History Walking Tour**

Sunday, April 5, 11 am, *Offsite*

### **CBST 1st Night Community Passover Seder 5780**

Wednesday, April 8, 6 pm



## **Fresh Thoughts from Rabbi Mike Moskowitz**

CBST's Scholar-in-Residence for Queer & Trans Studies recently published two pieces. Read "**Homophobia Is the Real Abomination**" at his Times of Israel blog page. Read "**Esther and the Pursuit of Likability**."

Registration is open for **Lehrhaus Judaica Adult Education Spring 5780**

**Register Here!**

*Tuesday evenings, began March 3;*

*The one-week grace period for registration ends today (March 10)*

- **Art as Midrash**
- **Lessons from the European Diaspora** (CANCELLED TONIGHT)
- **Demystifying Talmud, Passover Style** (CANCELLED TONIGHT)
- **Intro to Hebrew II**

### **Trans, Nonbinary, & Gender Nonconforming Torah & Talmud Study**

**Thursdays, beginning March 5, 6:30-8pm**, running weekly for 8 sessions; exclusively for trans, nonbinary, and gender nonconforming individuals. **Register here!**

Purchase a **CBST Trans Pride Mezuzah Cover !**



Coming Soon: **Lehrhaus Zoom Class with Rabbi Rapport!**

## Families with Children: Upcoming Classes

**Ages 0-5: Alef-Bet Shabbat: March 14 & 28 -- 11:45 am**

**Grades K-8: Limmud b'Shabbat: March 14 & 28 -- 10 am**

**Grades 9-12: Teen Track: March 28, April 11, May 16, June 13 -- 1:30-3 pm**

**NEW 11th & 12th grade only: Dinner & Discussion series w/ Rabbi Kleinbaum: 4/22, 5/6 and 5/20, 6:00-7:30pm (email jkleinbaum@cbst.org to register)**

***A CBST Exclusive Purim Theater Production!***

**DOWN THE NILE: A PASSOVER AGGADAH ADVENTURE**

Sat., April 4, 10:30 & 11:45 am

*Best for ages 2-7; babies, toddlers, and all children welcome!*

An immersive, multi-sensory, and educational performance with puppetry, live music, sensory storytelling and active participation. **ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Watch last year's show!**



## Weekly Programs

**Sanctuary: Immigration Legal Clinic**

**Weds., 6-8:30 pm, CBST; Email Noah Habeeb if you're a first-timer**

Assist asylum seekers w/ their asylum applications. **New volunteers welcome!**

**RUSA LGBT Weds., 6pm, CBST; For LGBTQ asylum-seekers from the FSU**

**Resistance: Calls & Cards Thurs., 12:30-2 pm, CBST; pizza; bring a cell phone**

We'll coach you to make phone calls & write postcards to your elected officials.

**No Welcoming Visits @ NYU Islamic Center this Month**

**JUMMAH PRAYERS SUSPENDED – 3/13, 3/20, 3/27**

Through at least March 29th, all NYU Departments have been asked to suspend any large gatherings. As the Islamic Center falls within New York University's Department of Student Affairs, this guideline becomes applicable to the ICNYU as well. As such, ICNYU will not be hosting Jummah Prayers on March 13th, 20th or 27th. Thus House of Peace will not take place on those dates.

## In the Community

- **Tomorrow, 3/11, 10:25 am: Free concert (practicum)** by incoming Cantorial Intern Sam Rosen and Ze'evi Berman (who has led services at CBST), with CBST Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig on piano. **HUC-JIR (1 West 4th St.); bring picture ID.**
- **SAGE National Day of Advocacy for LGBTQ Elders Tuesday, March 31, REGISTER; busing & food provided**

**More programs in the Broader Community**

## Programming, Events, & Group Tours

To plan an event or program at or with CBST, complete this **Event Request Form** . To bring a group to visit or tour CBST, complete this **Group Tour Request Form** .



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### **Planned Giving**

On Friday evening, CBST President Gregg Passin acknowledged the Chevrutah (Book Study) Group and the generous bequest made by Stan Moldovan, z"l to support adult educational initiatives. We note that those who remember CBST in their planned giving (at any amount or plan) leave a most meaningful and lasting legacy. Simply advise Ann at [giving@cbst.org](mailto:giving@cbst.org) and your name(s) will be included in the Yom Kippur Booklet Ner Tamid (Eternal Light) listing.

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### **Repairs at the 130 W 30th St Driveway**

You will soon see scaffolding for repairs that will take 2-4 weeks.  
Read a letter from the Cass Gilbert Building Managing Director [HERE](#) .

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