

SHABBAT PROGRAM

MAY 8-9, 2020 / 15 IYYAR 5780
PARASHAT EMOR

וּבְקַצְרְכֶם אֶת־קַצִּיר אֲרָצְכֶם לֹא־תִכְלֶה פֶּאֶת שְׂדֵךְ בְּקַצְרְךָ וּלְקַט קַצִּירְךָ לֹא תִלְקַט לְעִנִי וְלְגֵר תֵּעֹזֵב
אֲתֶם אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹהֵיכֶם:

"When you reap the harvest of your land you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest; You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I the Eternal am your God." (*Leviticus 23:22*)

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- [A healing prayer from Joyce Rosenzweig & Cantorial Intern David Fair](#)
- [Rabbi Kleinbaum's thoughts on "Spiritual Lessons for Today's Plague"](#)
- [A Prayer for Healthcare Workers](#)

“The CBST community knows what it takes to live through a plague. Love and compassion and support are at the center of survival. Remember to be kind and generous while being cautious and vigilant about staying healthy and keeping others safe. We will continue being a powerful spiritual community of resistance and love. May the Holy One surround you and your loved ones and give you strength and comfort as we face the uncertainty of the times we are in. Be the reason people have faith in the goodness of others.” —**Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum**

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Music to Soothe the Soul

["Bless the Lord"](#) (from *Godspell*) Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz (based on Psalm 103)

Cantor Steve Zeidenberg, Cantor David Berger, Galeet Dardashti, The CBST Chorus, Dror Baitel, pianist, Joyce Rosenzweig, conductor; An excerpt from CBST's 2019 Annual Benefit Concert, "Psalm Enchanted Evening"

This week, we bring you something to rouse your spirits and hopefully bring a smile to your face. Even in these challenging times, we continue to offer thanks and praise to God, whose love and kindness comforts and sustains us.

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OPENING PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

הַכְּנֵת הַלֵּב

Prelude	שׁוּבָה וְזָלַל	D'ror Yikra (Shabbat Zemer)	Yemenite Melody
Prelude	מִן אֵל עֲתֵלָה נִמְנוֹי	Ki Eshm'ra Shabbat (Shabbat zemer)	Sephardic melody
28	מַה טּוֹבוּ	Mah Tovu	Danny Maseng (Born 1950)*
38	הַדְּלִקַת נְרוֹת שֵׁל שַׁבָּת	Candle Blessing	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)
40	שְׁלוֹם אֵלֵיכֶם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)

KABBALAT SHABBAT/WELCOMING SHABBAT

הַכְּנֵת שַׁבָּת

52	לְכוּ נְרַנְנָה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Western Sephardic*
54	(וְיִשְׁמְחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם) (תהלים צו)	Yism'chu Hashamayim (Psalm 96)	Craig Taubman (Born 1958)*
62	(מְזִמֹר לְדָוִד) (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yiddish Melody (Shnirele Perele)*
66	לְכֵה דוֹדֵי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Josh Warshawsky (Born 1990) Moshe Laufer
72	תְּפִלָּה לְרַפּוּאָה (טוֹב לַהֲדוֹת) (תהלים צב)	Prayer for Healers Tov L'hodot (Psalm 92)	Ken Chasen (Born 1965)*

MA'ARIV/THE EVENING SERVICE

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78	בָּרְכוּ	Bar'chu	Nusach
80	הַמַּעְרִיב אֲרָבִים	Hama'ariv Aravim	Nusach
86	אַהֲבַת עוֹלָם	Ahavat Olam	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)*
88	שִׁמְעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהֲבַת	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trope)
94	מִי כַמּוֹחָה	Mi Chamochah	Elana Arian (Born 1981)*
98 & Program	הַשְּׂכִיבֵנוּ	Hashkiveinu	Yoshi Zweiback (Born 1969)*
102	וְשִׁמְרוּ	V'shamru	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
104	חֲצִי קַדִּישׁ	Chatzi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	Silent Amidah	Larry Grossman (Born 1938)
Program	מָמָא, אַ רַיְבוּ	Mama, a Rainbow	Larry Grossman (Born 1938)
118	עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh Shalom	Nurit Hirsch (Born 1942)*
133	מִי שֶׁבֵּירַח	Mi Shebeirach	Craig Taubman (Born 1958)*
Program	תְּפִלָּה לְמִדְיָנָה	Prayer for Our Country	Craig Taubman (Born 1958)*
138	קַדִּישׁ שְׁלָם	Kaddish Shalem	Nusach

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150	קדיש יתום	Mourner's Kaddish	
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154	אדון עולם	Adon Olam	Bonia Shur (1923-2012)
156	קידוש & המוציא	Kiddush & Motzi	
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*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig

This Week's Shabbat Services

Friday, May 8 / 15 Iyyar

Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm

Ba'al Tefillah: Cantorial Intern

David Fair

Piano: Music Director

Joyce Rosenzweig

Service Leader & Drashah: Rabbi

Sharon Kleinbaum

Saturday, May 9 / 15 Iyyar

Liberal Minyan, 10 am

B'nai Mitzvah of Julia Porper, Barbara Gaines, and Ivan Zimmerman

Ba'al Tefillah: Cantorial Intern

David Fair

Service Leaders: Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Rabbi Yael Rapport

Divrei Torah: Julia Porper, Barbara Gaines, & Ivan Zimmerman

[RSVP here](#) to be sent the Zoom link

Families with Children

- *Limmud b'Shabbat (K-8):* 10 am; See teacher email for Zoom Link. Weekly Hebrew class by Jennifer Kleinbaum; [email to schedule](#).
- *Alef Bet Shabbat* [Live on Facebook](#): 11:45 am
- *Teen Track Shabbat:* 1:30 pm

Havdalah, 9 pm

Service Leader: Rabbi Marisa James

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/654880356>

Meeting ID: 654 880 356; phone: +1 646 876 9923 (New York)

COMPOSER FEATURE: Larry Grossman

Larry Grossman began in the New York musical theater scene in the early 1960's. His Broadway composition debut was in 1970 with the musicals: *Minnie's Boys*, *Goodtime Charley*, *A Doll's Life* and *Grind*. He also composed many animated film scores, including *Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World* and *The Princess Diaries 2*. Grossman is known, perhaps most famously, for having written the Michael Jackson song "Gone Too Soon." Grossman has been awarded six Emmys and many Tony nominations. Currently, Grossman is the music supervisor and composer for *Julie's Greenroom*, the Netflix original children's series starring Julie Andrews and The Muppets.

Hashkiveinu / השְׁכִיבֵנוּ

Music by Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback; "Shelter Us" music and original lyrics by Larry Jonas

הַשְּׁכִיבֵנוּ ה' אֱ-לֹהֵינוּ לְשָׁלוֹם, וְהַצְמִידֵנוּ מִלְּפָנֶיךָ לְחַיִּים וּפְרוּשׁ עָלֵינוּ טֶפֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ. אָמֵן

Hashkiveinu Adonai eloheinu l'shalom, v'ha-amideinu malkeinu l'chayim.

Ufros aleinu sukat sh'lomecha,

Shelter us beneath thy wings, O Adonai.

Guard us from all harmful things, O Adonai.

Keep us safe throughout the night;

Till we wake with morning's light;

Teach us, God, wrong from right; Amen.

Mama, A Rainbow

From Minnie's Boys

What do you give to the lady who has given all her life and love to you?

What do you give to the reasons you are livin'?

I could window-shop the world before I'm through.

Mama, a rainbow,

Mama, a sunrise,

Mama, the moon to wear.

That's not good enough, no, not good enough—not for Mama.

Mama, a palace.

Diamonds like doorknobs,

Mountains of gold to spare.

That's not good enough, no, not good enough—not for Mama.

Mama, a lifetime, crowded with laughter,

That's not long enough, not half long, enough.

What can I give you that I can give you?

What will your present be?

Mama, young and beautiful, always young and beautiful,

That's the Mama I'll always see.

Prayer for Healers

May the One who blessed our ancestors
Bless all those who put themselves at risk to care for the sick
Physicians and nurses and orderlies
Technicians and home health aides
EMTs and pharmacists
Hospital social workers and respiratory therapists
(Please include other frontline healthcare workers. And bless especially _____)
Who navigate the unfolding dangers of the world each day,
To tend to those they have sworn to help.
Bless them in their coming home and bless them in their going out.
Ease their fear. Sustain them.
Source of all breath, healer of all beings,
Protect them and restore their hope.
Strengthen them, that they may bring strength;
Keep them in health, that they may bring healing.
Help them know again a time when they can breathe without fear.
Bless the sacred work of their hands.
May this plague pass from among us, speedily and in our days.

מי שברך לאבותינו ולאמותינו, הוא יברך את כל צוותי הרפואה המסכנים את עצמם על מנת לרפא ולטפל בחולים – הרופאות והרופאים, האחים והאחיות, הטכנאיות, אנשי המשק, המטפלות, הפארמדיקים והרוקחות. (ברך במיוחד את ____).
על עולמנו בכל יום, על מנת לרפא את יצורי כפיך. המנווטים בסכנה המתרגשת
ברך אותם בבואם, וברך אותן בצאתן. הקל על הפחד שלהם. חזקם ואמץ .
רופא כל בשר, הענק להם אומץ רוח ומרץ רב לעשות עבודתם נאמנה. אדון כל הנשמות, הגן עליהם והענק להן תקווה. חזק אותם כדי שיוכלו לחזק אחרים. הגן על בריאותן כדי שיוכלו לסייע בהחלמה. סייע להם להגיע לזמן שבו יוכלו לנשום עמוק בלי פחד. ברך את מלאכת ידיהן הקדושה. מגר את המגיפה מעולמנו, במהרה בימינו רפאנו ה' ונרפא, הושיענו ונושעה.

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen, March 2020
Hebrew by Rabbi Noa Sattath

Refuah Shleimah – Healing Prayers

Chana Kayla bat Layah
Chana
Chaim ben Yehoshua v'Sa-
rah-Dina

Samantha Davis
Stuart Dolgin
Christopher Kennedy
Betty Lifton

Heidi Miller
Gilda Pavloff

We include in our healing prayers all those currently afflicted with COVID-19, in the CBST community & at large. We also include in our prayers the thousands of immigrant children in US custody, most of whom are separated from their families. This list is for those with acute illness. Any member can submit their name for one-month inclusion. We only print names of members who have consented. You may say any name aloud during the healing prayer. If you or a CBST member you know is ill & would like support, contact cbstoffice@cbst.org. We're here for you.

Yortzeits 15 Iyyar to 21 Iyyar 5780

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Arlene Kochman
Lawrence Levy

Walter Schwartz
Michael Sussholtz

Family & Friends memorialized on plaques on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Tillie Bernstein
Dr. Arnold Blake
Edward Cline

Doris Guralnick
Aron Heldeman
Esther Karger
Roselyn Kindelson
Frederick Largmann

Sidney Levitz
Violet Mandel
Howard Scal
Morton Singer

Joe Elgarten
Leonard Friedlander

Condolences

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST member Sheldon Savitz on the death of his uncle, Max Shaffer, z"l, who died May 1 at age 94.

CBST members Veda Luftig and Vicki Price on the death of Veda's brother, Robert Alexander, z"l, who died May 1 from COVID-19.

CBST member Rebecca Hoffman on the death of her father, Sigmund Hoffman, z"l, who died May 3.

CBST member Daniel Jacobson on the death of his brother, Steve Jacobson, z"l, who died May 4 at age 84.

CBST member Dvorah Stoll on the death of her cousin, Dr. Harry Kaplan, z"l, who died May 5 at age 95 from COVID-19.

We also offer condolences to the families, friends, and communities of all those who are dying each day from the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of today, the total number of deaths are:

- **19,141** in New York City;
- **26,581** in New York State;
- **77,557** across the United States;
- **273,365** worldwide.

May God comfort you among all who mourn. We pray for peace.

PRAYER for OUR COUNTRY Rabbi Ayelet Cohen

Our God and God of our ancestors,
bless this country and all who dwell within it.
Help us to experience the blessings of our lives and circumstances,
To be vigilant, compassionate, and brave.
Strengthen us when we are afraid,
Help us to channel our anger, so that it motivates us to action.
Help us to feel our fear, so that we do not become numb.
Help us to be generous with others, so that we raise each other up.
Help us to be humble in our fear,
knowing that as vulnerable as we feel,
there are those at greater risk, and
that it is our holy work to stand with them.
Help us to taste the sweetness of liberty,
To not take for granted the freedoms won
in generations past or in recent days.
To heal and nourish our democracy,
that it may be like a tree planted by the water
whose roots reach down to the stream;
it need not fear drought when it comes,
its leaves are always green (Jeremiah 17:8).

Source of all Life,
Guide our leaders with righteousness
Strengthen their hearts, but keep them from hardening.
That they may use their influence and authority to
speak truth and act for justice (Isaiah 16:3-5).
May all who dwell in this country
share in its bounty, enjoy its freedoms,
and be protected by its laws.
May this nation use its power and wealth
to be a voice for justice,
peace, and equality for all who dwell on earth.
May we be strong and have courage
To be bold in our action and deep in our compassion,
To discern when we must listen and when we must act,
To uproot bigotry, intolerance, misogyny, racism,
discrimination, and violence in all its forms,
To celebrate the many faces of God reflected
in the wondrous diversity of humanity,
To welcome the stranger and the immigrant
and to honor the gifts of those who seek refuge
and possibility here, as they have since
before this nation was born.
Let justice well up like waters, and righteousness
like a mighty stream (Amos 5:24)

אלוהינו ואלוהי אבותנו ואמותינו. ברך את ארצנו ואת כל
היושבות והיושבים בה
יחד לבבנו להודות לך על חיינו ועל הזמן הזה
להיות דרוכות, אמיצים, ומלאי חמלה.
חזקנו וחזק ידנו כאשר אנו אחוים בפחד
סייע ביריני לנתב את כעסנו לידי מעשה
חזק לבבנו לחוש את מלוא הפחד שלנו
כדי שלא נהפוך לאדישות
סייע לנו להשפיע נדיבות על אחרים כדי שנרים זה את זה.
סייע לנו להיות צנועות בפחד, כדי שנדע כי גם כשאנו מרגישים פגיעות,
יש אחרות, הנמצאות בסיכון גבוה אף יותר, זוהי חובתנו הקדושה להיות
עמו.

ברכנו בטעם המתוק של החופש
כדי שנשכיל להעריך את החופש לו זכינו בדורות קודמים ובעת הזו
לרפא ולחזק את הדמוקרטיה שלנו שתהיה כְּעֵץ שְׁתוּל עַל-מַיִם, וְעַל-
יובל יִשְׁלַח שְׂרָשָׁיו, וְלֹא יִרְאָה כִּי-יָבֵא חֶסֶם, וְהָיָה עֲלֵהוּ רֵעָנָו; (ירמיהו יז, ח)

שכינה, אם כל חי,
שלחי אורך ואמתך למנהיגנו
חזקי לבבותיהם שלא יתקשו
שיתמשו בכוחן כדי לדבר אמת ולפעול בצדק (ישעיהו טז, ג-ה)
מי יתן וכל יושבי הארץ יחלקו בעושרה, ישגשו בחופש שתציע, ויהיו
מוגנים בחוקיה
מי יתן ואומה זו תשתמש בכוחה ובעושרה על מנת לקדם צדק, חופש
ושלום לכל יושבי תבל
מי יתן ונהיה חזקות ואמיצים
מי יתן ונהיה נועזים במעשי ידנו ועמוקות בחמלה שבלבנו
שנבחין מתי עלינו להקשיב ומתי עלינו לפעול
לעקור שנאה, גזענות, שוביניזם, אפליה, אלימות בכל צורה,

לחגוג את צלם אלוהים בפנים שונות המשתקפות בכל המגוון האנושי
לקבל את הזר ואת המהגרת, ולכבד את המתנות שמביא כל מי
שמבקשת מקלט והזדמנות בארץ זו, כפי שהיה מאז לפני שאומה זו נולדה
וַיִּגַּל כְּמַיִם, מִשְׁפָּט; וַיִּצְדָּקָה, כְּנַחַל אֵיתָן
(עמוס ה כד)

Hebrew by Rabbi Noa Sattath



Martha Melnick Richheimer—age 99—masters technology to join CBST for Friday night services

Martha, a long-standing CBST member, has mastered our livestream and Zoom!

[Email us a photo of yourself online](#) for us to share in a future e-newsletter.

CBST's 4th Members Only Town Hall: Speaker Corey Johnson on the State of the City in the Time of COVID-19 (May 4)

Listen to the recording [here](#).

Kabbalat Shabbat Services with Stav Shaffir (May 1)

Watch her inspirational speech [here](#).

Stav Shaffir, one of the most prominent leaders of the Israeli left, joined CBST for Shabbat services last Shabbat live from Tel Aviv. She spoke about the challenges to democracy and the impact of the lockdown in both Israel and the US, and the opportunities to build more supportive communities across the ocean and within our local circles. Thank you, Stav--we're so grateful to have you as a partner.

Resources in the Broader Community

- **CBST Cultural Recs:** Got recommendations for spiritually nourishing books, songs, movies, or other ways of passing the time? Share them with the community [here](#)!
- [Sutton Place Synagogue Egal Morning & Afternoon Minyan](#): [Email Harold](#) for password.
- [CBST COVID-19 Resources list Google doc](#)

JOB LISTING: Director of Development, CBST: Applications reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled. To apply online, visit <https://app.trinethire.com/companies/22607-cbst/jobs>

CBST in the News

- [A great piece](#) appeared in *Ha'aretz* mentioning our *pro se* immigration clinic. **Rabbi Kleinbaum** and long-time CBST member **Noemi Masliah** were quoted.
- CBST member **Dr. Isaac Namdar**, physician extraordinaire, gave [a wonderful interview](#) with *Queerantime and Chill* on these days of crisis.
- CBST member **Evie Litwok** published [a beautiful piece](#) in the *Forward* about her mother, z"l, who passed away from COVID-19.
- **Rabbi Kleinbaum** was featured in Channel 4 report aired across the United Kingdom on Friday, May 1. Watch the interview [here](#).
- CBST member **Andy Cohen** also spoke with Channel 4 about loosening the homophobic restrictions on gay people donating blood. Watch his interview [here](#).

CBST's 25th Annual Benefit Concert – נשיר למרות הכל

Our community will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Annual Benefit Concerts on **Sunday, June 7, at 4 pm**. The program is AMAZING...Along with our magnificent CBST Chorus performing together in a special virtual presentation, all of our past and present cantors will perform—Cantors David Berger, Magda Fishman, Jason Kaufman, Dan Singer, Steve Zeidenberg, and Re'ut Ben-Ze'ev, David Fair, and Sam Rosen.

And we are delighted that Adria Benjamin and her wonderful instrumental colleagues we've come to know these past years will perform as well. Also, we're thrilled that Sally Wilfert, who moves us every year at Yom Kippur Yizkor services, will be joining us. All of this is of course under the direction of our beloved Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig, all brought directly into our homes via the internet this year.

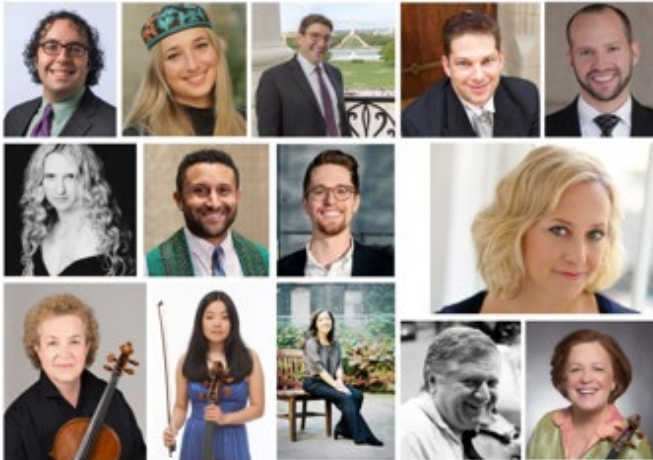
Aside from bringing glorious music to our community, this annual concert is a major fundraiser to sustain Music at CBST. So please click and [give as you are able](#), and plan on joining us on June 7th!



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CBST's 25th Annual Benefit Concert: "And Yet, We Sing!"
Sunday, June 7, 2020 at 4:00 pm נשיר למרות הכל

Throughout the ages, music has provided comfort and hope in the most challenging of times. Music fortifies us personally and unites us as a community. On **Sunday, June 7th**, CBST will present a special concert celebrating 25 years of gorgeous, groundbreaking Shirah concerts. Since 1995, our concerts have featured Yiddish, Sephardic, Israeli, operatic, chamber music, Broadway, liturgical music from every genre, and so much more, performed by the CBST Chorus, our Cantors, Music Director, and guest artists. You're invited to be reunited in song, for despite everything, we sing!!



- Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig
- Cantor David Berger
- Cantor Magda Fishman
- Cantor Jason Kaufman
- Cantor Dan Singer
- Cantor Steve Zeidenberg
- Cantorial Soloist Re'ut Ben-Ze'ev
- Cantorial Intern David Fair
- Cantorial Intern Sam Rosen
- The CBST Community Chorus
- Adria Benjamin, violist
- Tomoko Fujita, cellist
- Adrienne Kim, pianist
- Sebu Sirinian, violinist
- Lisa Tipton, violinist
- and Sally Wilfert, Soloist

This event will come to the Congregation Beit Simchat Torah community via the internet—details to follow. CBST is a 501c3 Religious Organization. All contributions are fully tax deductible. Proceeds benefit Music at CBST. To become a Sponsor/Patron/Donor, contact Ann at giving@cbst.org. CBST • 130 West 30th Street, NY NY 10001 • cbst.org



Please "arrive" 10 minutes early for any Zoom call so we can start on time. Thanks! NEW: Tech Support at CBST! Need help accessing an online service or program ASAP? Text 646-450-3556.

[Zoom Instructions - click this link!](#)

Members only

**CBST Members Only Town Hall: "Mental Health in the Time of Covid-19"
Monday, May 11, 6:00-7:00 pm; via Zoom (RSVP to receive link)**

The Members' Town Hall is available via Zoom for CBST members only.

Any questions? Email membership@cbst.org or [Renew/Join CBST](#) online.

Featuring Judy Ribnick, LCSW, CBST's newly appointed Director of Aging Initiatives. She will speak with us about mental health in the time of Covid-19. Dr. Diane Burhenne, PhD, clinical psychologist, will also present. She will address "Rowing Your Boat in Turbulent Waters: Mental Health Challenges and Coping Strategies During the Pandemic."

Open to all

Aleinu Pre-Havdalah Virtual Game Night

Saturday, May 9, 7:30 pm - Zoom link will be sent to those who RSVP

Wind down Shabbat with a virtual game night. We'll be using a Jack-box Party Pack to play over Zoom. You don't need to know anything about how this works to participate! We just ask that you [RSVP here](#) so we can set up accordingly. We'll then migrate over to CBST's Havdalah at 9pm. Hosted by Aleinu, open to all.

Connecting in Community with CRRl Deborah Megdal

Fridays, 3-4 pm, ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/256347787>

Meeting ID: 256 347 787; Dial by phone: +1 646 876 9923

In this stressful time, we need to love, support, and listen to one another with an open heart. All are invited to a short text study & support session. No registration required.

Psalm Study with Rabbi Kleinbaum

Mondays through Thursdays, 10-10:45 am;

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/513468144>

Meeting ID: 513 468 144; Dial-in: +1 646 876 9923; *Recordings available [HERE](#)*

Join in study of the Book of Psalms with Rabbi Kleinbaum. No experience necessary!

Pirkei Avot Study with Rabbi Moskowitz

Mondays through Thursdays until May 28, 4-4:30 pm

ZOOM: <https://zoom.us/j/92665533458>; Meeting ID: 926 6553

3458; Dial-in: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592

Pirkei Avot, a classic of Jewish ethics, is customarily studied between Passover and Shavuot to prepare us to accept the Torah. Our class will start at the beginning and learn one mishnah a class, in order. *No experience necessary; no Hebrew necessary; no registration required. All are welcome!*

RESISTANCE: Calls & Cards Meets Democracy Action Team!

Thursdays from 12:30-1:15 pm, via Zoom (RSVP [here](#) for the link)

Welcoming stalwarts as well as newcomers, we will provide information and support to anyone interested in participating in vital political and social justice work around the key issues we face as Americans and as progressive Jews. We'll help you make your voice heard by contacting elected officials and key figures in city, state, and federal government through texting, emailing, calling, and sending letters and postcards. Some areas we work on: Voting access (protection, registration, turnout), immigration, refugee protection, environmental protection, common sense gun laws, ending mass incarceration, education reform, healthcare, & the fight against rising antisemitism, racism, and bigotry in all forms.

Living Successfully with HIV/AIDS

Tuesdays at 6 pm, [REGISTER HERE](#) to receive the Zoom info

Join our weekly supportive social gathering – shmooze with Rabbi James, share stories, and compare notes about what it means to be living successfully with HIV/AIDS. Sessions led by Scott A. Kramer, LCSW-R, ACSW. This group is for adults of any age who want to build community and support. Questions? Email Jesse at TalkHIV@cbst.org. *This project was funded by the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene through a contract with Public Health Solutions.*

CBST Pro Se Immigration Clinic – Our First Year!

In partnership with SAFE (Seeking Asylum and Finding Empowerment), RUSA LGBT, and the New Sanctuary Coalition, our first Clinic meeting was on May 8, 2019. We've met almost every Wednesday since then, including since moving our work entirely online in mid-March.



We've taught 3 Introduction to Asylum Law CLE courses, the first synagogue to offer accredited Continuing Legal Education (CLE), training over 100 lawyers. We've held multiple volunteer trainings, with over 200 non-lawyer volunteers. We've raised over \$30,000 through our Bond Fund, 100% of which goes to help free our immigrant friends from detention.

145 immigrant friends have come into our community from 32 countries, about 75% of whom are LGBTQ+ and/or HIV+. We've worked with them in 7 languages, connected 25% of them to legal representation, and so far 8 of them have won their asylum cases. One of these, Kimane Williams, is now a volunteer with the clinic, and was our guest speaker for National Refugee Shabbat.

And now, we are providing emergency support to our friends thanks to Rabbi Kleinbaum's discretionary fund, with a network of dedicated clinic volunteers reaching out to connect with every one of our immigrant friends.



Questions about getting involved? Email sanctuary@cbst.org to find out how. We'd love to welcome you! --Clinic Co-Chairs Noemi Masliah, Harvey Makadon, Michael Schreiber; Clinic Coordinator Noah Habeeb; Director of Social Justice Programming Rabbi Marisa James

Sponsorships

Tonight's Livestream Sponsored by

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff Mazel Tov to our Adult B'nai Mitzvah students Barbara Gaines, Julia Porper, and Ivan Zimmerman.

CBST Celebrating National Teacher Appreciation Week, with gratitude to all of our teachers: Rabbi Kleinbaum, Rabbi Rapport, Rabbi Moskowitz, Rabbi James, Joyce Rosenzweig, Cantorial Intern David Fair, and CRR I Deborah Megdal; Lehrhaus staff Miya Rotstein, Josh Kruchten, and CRESPI Atara Cohen; and Limmud teachers Jennifer Kleinbaum, Miya Rotstein, Rachael Pass, Jonathan Shmidt Chapman, Stephen Figurasmith, Rachel Chang, Eliana Rubin, Leah Singerman, Nora Isacoff, Sharon Golub, Naomi Blakeman, and CRR I Ben Dyme.

Anonymous

Yael Bat-Chava

Andrew Blecher in appreciation of Rabbi Kleinbaum, Joyce, David, Yolanda, and team for keeping me spiritually connected and all of us together. Xo

Rabbi Marisa James on the first anniversary of the immigration clinic in honor of all of the leaders and volunteers and immigrant friends who have build our wonderful community. May we keep going from strength to strength in every language!

Susan Mamis

Marsha Melnick in honor of the first anniversary of CBST's Sanctuary Clinic and my incomparable mom on her newsletter debut! Happy Mother's Day!

Rachael Monaco and Jennifer Resnick in memory of Rosalyn Kindelson, z"l, our beloved Bubbie and Grandmother on the anniversary of her 4th yortzeit. Our moral compass is deeply missed.

Robert Ostergaard

The Shapiro Farber Family Mazal Tov to Ivan, Barbara and Julia on your B'nei Mitzvah! Kol hakavod!

Aari & Simon in honor of Barbara Gaines becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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Naomi Blakeman With gratitude to the CBST clergy, staff, and community for their care, support, and engaging programming. Psalms classes and Shabbat services are the highlight of my week.

Carol Feinman

Erica Forman

Barbara Gaines for Rabbi Rapport and Miya Rotstein who lovingly took my hand and helped me learn.

Barbara Gaines to Ivan Zimmerman, the perfect person to go to Hebrew school with.

Michael Goldstein

Jeany Heller in honor of Yael Bat-Chava on Mother's Day and for making and shipping almost 100 facemasks for friends and family at her own expense.

Jinny Henenberg thank you to Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum and Randi Weingarten for welcoming us into your home every week.

Judy Hollander

Jerry Hyman

Marcy Kahn and Diane Churchill in memory of our beloved family matriarch, Dora Kahn, z"l, on her 30th yortzeit, and of her daughter, Nancy Kahn Sobol, z"l, on her 60th yortzeit. They were blessings to us all.

Calvin Klein Hoffman

Judy Kurzer

Noemi Masliah and Barbara Cohen to wish the CBST immigration clinic a happy one-year birthday! Let's all of us blow out that candle.

Eric Rosenbaum and Pierre Vallet in honor of Judy Ribnick for joining CBST as director of Aging Initiatives. What a blessing all around!

Eric Rosenbaum and Pierre Vallet in honor of Barbara Gaines and Ivan Zimmerman for their B'nai Mitzvah. We are kvelling!

Ira Rosenblum

Joyce Rosenzweig in loving memory of my amazing mother, Helen, on her sixth yortzeit, and to acknowledge my dear sister Adele's (z"l) birthday, both on May 10th. You are both with me every moment...

Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel Happy Birthday to Bill Rosenbloom, our own Cinco de Mayo, and our love, Beaumont Beagle Solomon Siegel, who will be 4 on May 10th, the day we remember Shayna.

Jeffrey Weiss in memory of the four students who were killed by The National Guard at Kent State, on May 4, 1970, for protesting the Vietnam War. May their memories be for a blessing.

Saul Zalkin in gratitude to Harold Levine for all that he does for the Psalms class and the Pirkei Avot class.

Shabbat Morning Livestream Sponsored by

Lynn Paltrow and Sara Krulwich in honor of Ivan Zimmerman's Bar Mitzvah. With Love,
Lynn & Sara

Julia Porper in loving memory of my mother Augusta Porper, z"l.

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The Hirschmann-Wilson family in honor of Julia, Barbara, and Ivan. Thank you for all the ways you sustain our community and for the Torah you teach us. Mazal tov!