The Eternal said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Eternal, the God of the Hebrews: Let My people go that so they may serve Me.’” *(Exodus 9:1)*
CBST Welcomes Our Hebrew-Speaking Guests!

ברוכים הבאים לקהילת בית שמחת תורה!

SOME OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS...AT A GLANCE:

Jan. 25, 1:30 pm: “Care-Being” Text Study & Support Group, 1st session
Jan. 26, 1 pm, AMC Empire 25: Just Mercy private screening & discussion
Feb. 3, 7 pm: Israeli Dancing with Mitch Ginsburgh
Feb. 5, 6:30 pm: Immigration Clinic Training
Feb. 8, 6 pm: Aleinu Tu B’Shvat Discussion & Vegetarian Potluck Dinner
Feb. 9, 12:30 pm; brunch 1:30 pm: Celebrating Tasha Calhoun’s 25 Years at CBST
Feb. 17: CBST OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS’ DAY
Feb. 24, 7 pm: Concert for Social Justice
Mar. 2, 7 pm: Israeli Dancing with Mitch Ginsburgh
Mar. 7, 10:30 & 11:45 am: Behind the Mask: A Purim Aggadah Adventure
Mar. 9, 6:00 pm: Purim Celebration and Megillah Reading
Apr. 4, 10:30 & 11:45 am: Down the Nile: A Passover Aggadah Adventure
Apr. 8, 6 pm: CBST First Night Annual Community Passover Seder 5780
Apr. 9, 10, 15, 16: CBST OFFICE CLOSED FOR PASSOVER
May 11, 7 pm: Concert for Social Justice
June 7, 4 pm: 25th Annual Benefit Concert – SAVE THE DATE!
**JANUARY 24, 2020 / 28 TEVET 5780**  
**PARASHAT VA’EIRA**

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*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig*
THIS WEEKEND

Friday, Jan. 24 / 28 Tevet
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm
Ba’alei Tefillah: Cantorial Intern
David Fair, Nora Isacoff
Piano: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig
Violin: Sophia Legoff-Pollack
Service Leader & Drashah: Rabbi Yael Rapport

Saturday, Jan. 25 / 28 Tevet
Shabbat Morning – Liberal Minyan, 10 am
Ba’al Tefillah: Cantorial Intern David Fair
Service Leader & D’var Torah: Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinic Intern Deborah Megdal
- Limmud B’Shabbat: 10 am
- Alef Bet Shabbat: 11:45 am
- B’nai Mitzvah Cohort Gathering: 1 pm
- Family B’nai Mitzvah Class 2021: 1 pm
- Care-Being Text Study Group: 1:30 pm
Shabbat Minchah with Havdalah, 4:30 pm
Bar Mitzvah of Enzo Katzen
Ba’al Tefillah: Cantorial Intern David Fair
Service Leader: Rabbi Yael Rapport

COMPOSER FEATURE: Reuben Sirotkin (“L’chu N’ran’nah”)

Reuben Sirotkin grew up in British Mandate Jerusalem in an Orthodox family. Though he never learned to read or write music formally, he has composed hundreds of melodies and has taught the joy of singing to communities all around the Jewish world. In 1972, Sirotkin participated in the Chasidic Song Festival and won a top prize in every competition for the next 19 years. His famous L’chu N’ran’nah won first prize in the 1974 festival. Still active as a musician and cantor, Sirotkin continues to teach Jewish melody to communities around Israel and, in his own words, “is his happiest when he hears that people are singing.”

Guest Violinist: Sophia Le Goff-Pollack

Sophia Le Goff Pollack, the daughter of Corinne Le Goff and Sharon Pollack, has been a member of CBST since birth. Born in New Jersey, she and her family have lived in Europe for most of her life. She began playing violin at the age of seven and has had a love affair with music ever since. Sophia is currently a freshman at Wellesley College.
Refuah Shleimah – Healing Prayers

Ester bat Bryna Sima          Chaim ben Yehoshuah          Dr. Pamela Roberts
v'Abraham                     v'Sarah-Dina                 Rifka Sheyva bat Tzina
Mordecai ben Leah             Michael Carlin                  v'Shimon
                                 Elaine Kimmel                Rose Wahnon

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. We include in our prayers the almost 14,000 immigrant children in US custody, most of whom are separated from their families.

Yortzeits 28 Tevet to 5 Sh’vat 5780

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall
Melville Weiss

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

Jack Doner                      John Figueroa
Arthur Glass                   Bill Leipzig
Eli Goldstein                  Henri Masliah
Leonard Kaplowitz              Leon Potasinski
Abraham Lache

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us.
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 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)
Ahead…

Friday, Jan. 31 / 6 Sh’vat
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm
Ba’al Tefillah: Cantorial Intern
David Fair
Piano: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig
Service Leader: Cooperberg-Rittmaster
Rabbinic Intern Deborah Megdal
Drashah: Rabbi Yael Rapport

Saturday, Feb. 1 / 6 Sh’vat
Shabbat Morning –
Yoga/Meditation Minyan, 10 am
Ba’alat Tefillah, Service Leader,
& D’var Torah: Rabbi Yael
Rapport

Lehrhaus 5780: “Care-Being” Text Study & Support Group
1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/14, 3/28, 1:30-2:30pm; REGISTER: bit.ly/carebeing
Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Deborah Megdal will lead a
group for caregivers, in all the forms that we care for those we love.
We’ll study one text each session & open up about our joys, struggles,
& fears. Last year’s drashah: bit.ly/CRRI-Deborah-Megdal-Drashah

Families with Children 5780 / 2019-2020
Limmud b’Shabbat & Teen Track registration still open!

More info & forms: cbst.org/limmud From birth
through high school, we provide learning opportunities
for children & families.

Ages 0-5: Alef-Bet Shabbat: Jan 25 @ 11:45am

Grades K-8: Limmud b'Shabbat – Jan 25 @ 10am

Grades 9-12: Teen Track and L'Taken trip - Feb 22 -- 1:30-3 pm; L'Taken
Social Justice Program: 4 days of advocacy & action in DC, Feb 28 - Mar 2
Ruth’s Path: A new group for people who are converting, have converted, & have questions about or are considering conversion to Judaism. The group will experience Jewish culture, exhibits, & music together. For more, email Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Ben Dyme (bdyme@cbst.org).

Aleinu Havdalah Hangout: Tu B’Shvat Discussion & Vegetarian Potluck
Saturday, 2/8 at 6 pm; REGISTER BY 1/28: bit.ly/AleinuTuBShvatHavdalah
Join Aleinu members Carley & Tamarah Balazs in their Brooklyn home. We’ll honor the New Year for Trees by learning about ecological & agricultural research and technology coming out of Israel & initiatives you can get involved with in NYC.

CBST Trans Pride Mezuzah Cover -- bit.ly/TransPrideMezuzah
To celebrate trans, nonbinary, & gender-nonconforming friends & family.
Bold, Spiritual Community of Resistance & Love

The CBST Bail Bond Fund
One of the most immediate ways to reunite detained immigrants with their families is paying their bail; the detainee is released to pursue their case while living in their community. **Make your tax-deductible contribution by check with memo: CBST Bail Bond Fund or give at bit.ly/cbstbailbond.** Proceeds support New Sanctuary Coalition's "Life Bond Fund," which has freed 25 immigrants.

**RUSA LGBT Wednesdays, 6 pm, CBST**

Sanctuary at CBST: Weekly *Pro Se* Immigration Legal Clinic
**Wednesdays, 6-8:30 pm, CBST**
Community members assist immigrants & asylum seekers with asylum applications & other steps on their paths through our labyrinthine immigration system. **New volunteers always welcome!** Email Noah Habeeb (sanctuary@cbst.org) for info & let us know you'll be joining us so we can provide training &/or mentoring. We partner with the New Sanctuary Coalition, RUSA, & SAFE.
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Resistance: Calls and Cards
Thursdays, 12:30-2 pm, CBST
Got something to say to your government? We'll provide pizza & coach you to make phone calls & write postcards to your elected officials. Make your voice heard in DC & Albany. Bring a cell phone & your fighting spirit!
Questions? Contact Sabrina (sabrinalfarber@gmail.com).

Welcoming Visit at Islamic Center at NYU
Fridays, 12:45-2:30 pm, 238 Thompson St.
Questions? Harold Levine (houseofpeace@cbst.org);
Welcome worshippers to Jummah midday prayer every (or any!) Friday. Send a clear message that we stand with our Muslim neighbors. No RSVP needed.
In the Wider Community

**New York Day of Learning**
1/26, 12:30-6pm; REGISTER: bit.ly/nycdayoflearning
Former CBST President Eric Rosenbaum and former CBST Intern Rabbi Lina Zerbarini will be presenting.

**Jewish Theological Seminary Cantorial Graduation Recital**
1/30, 7 pm, 3080 Broadway; REGISTER [free]: jtsa.edu/senior-recital-2020
CBST Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig will be the pianist.

**Jews For Racial and Economic Justice: We Are Here Beit Midrash**
Sunday, 1/26, 1-5pm, JCC Harlem, REGISTER [free]: bit.ly/jfrejwerhere
This beit midrash will explore our relationships to the “Jewish” in the Jewish Left. At JFREJ, we draw meaning & power from a plurality of relationships (historical, cultural, religious, political) to Judaism. The beit midrash will involve communal learning, song, studies in history, text learning, chevrutah (paired learning), art-making, and more.
Sponsorships

All are welcome at the oneg following the service.

Tonight's Oneg (Delight) Sponsored by
Deluxe Oneg CBST Board, Staff, and Community to Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum and Randi Weingarten in honor of the birth of their new grandchild.

Deluxe Oneg Dr. Gerry Goldhaber in celebration of my 76th birthday, I honor our amazing Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, whose teaching, counseling, and preaching have and continue to inspire and guide me to be a better person each and every day.

Oneg Marilyn Mishaan remembering Aunt Vicki Akel, z”l, and Aunt Evelyn Mishaan, z”l, on their yortzeits. Two strong, capable, independent women before their time!

Gregg Passin and Andy Schmidt to welcome George Perlov’s visit home.

Shabbat Kiddush Sponsored by
Deluxe Kiddush Katzen Family in honor of Enzo’s bar mitzvah

Livestream Sponsored by
Noemi Masliah on the occasion of my beloved father Henri Masliah's 10th yortzeit. Papi, you wouldn't believe what's going on. Or maybe you would.

Bimah Flowers sponsored by David Wine & Michael MacElhenny

To sponsor an oneg or kiddush, please contact Ruth at giving@cbst.org or 212-929-9498, ext. 815.

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