He kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; only then were his brothers able to talk to him.” (Genesis 45:15)
Welcome to CBST!

ברוכים הבאים לקהילה בשמה של תורה. הקהילה בשמה של תורה מקיימת קשר רב שנים ועמוק עם ישראל. המשך הקהילה הציונית בישראל, מאיתנו המ.DrawLine את צ號 ולהזדהי עם בנパーティー!

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

January 6, 7 pm: Israeli Dancing with Mitch Ginsburgh
January 7, 6:30 pm: Lehrhaus Course on Antisemitism with Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum begins [registration is required; deadline to register: Jan. 7]
January 11: 10:00 am: Limmud b'Shabbat (K-8th); 11:45 am: Alef-Bet Shabbat (ages 0-5); 12:30 pm: Kiddush Lunch; 1:30 pm: Teen Track L'Taken
January 16-20: The JCC’s Cinematters: NY Social Justice Film Festival
January 18, 6 pm: Aleinu Winter Game Night & Dinner [age 20s/30s only]
January 19, 3-5 pm: B’nai Mitzvah MLK Social Justice Project [registration required]
January 20, 12:30-2 pm: Families with Children MLK Social Justice Project [must register]
January 26, 1 pm, AMC Empire 25 (234 W. 42nd): Just Mercy screening and discussion [private screening; limited to 1st 50 people to sign up]

TONIGHT’S GUEST SPEAKERS

Imam Tahir Kukaj was born in 1965 & grew up in Kosovo. He received his PhD from the renowned al-Azhar University in Cairo. In 2002, Dr. Kukaj became Imam and outreach director at the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center. Dr. Kukaj has been a member of the NYC clergy advisory board for both Governor Andrew Cuomo and Mayor Bill de Blasio. He was named one of the 2019 Staten Island Power 100 by City & State Magazine and serves as a Muslim chaplain for the NYPD. [Imam Kukaj is shown to the right]

NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer has spent his career fighting to ensure equal opportunity for all New Yorkers. He has championed a $15 minimum wage, affordable housing, and transparent government. Born and raised in Washington Heights, he was elected to the NYS Assembly in 1992, where he represented Manhattan’s West Side for 13 years. In 2006, he became Manhattan Borough President. He was elected Comptroller in 2013.
OPENING PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

Program

Koyekh

Candle Blessings

Shalom Aleichem

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT

L'chah N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)

Yism'chu Hashamayim (Psalm 96)

Mizmor L’David (Psalm 29)

L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)

Tov L'hodot (Psalm 92)

MA’ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE

Bar’chu

Hama’ariv Aravim

Ahavat Olam

Sh’ma Yisrael

V’ahavta

Mi Chamochah

Hashkiveinu/Let There Be Love

V’shamru

Chatzi Kaddish

Silent Amidah

Sab’enu/V’taher Libenu

Prayer for Healing

Kaddish Shalem

GUEST SPEAKER: IMAM TAHIR KUKAJ

DRASHAH: RABBI SHARON KLEINBAUM

Aleinu

Mourner’s Kaddish

Adon Olam

*Arranged by Dror Baitel
Composer Feature: Aaron Bensoussan
Cantor Aaron Bensoussan was born in Mogador, Morocco in 1954 to an illustrious Sephardi family. As a teen, he was sent by his parents to live in America, where he attended prestigious Orthodox yeshivot (Talmudic academies) with the intention of becoming a rabbi. Instead, he became fascinated with cantorial arts and was eventually accepted by the Cantors’ Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he was ordained in 1986. During his years there, he became equally versed in Ashkenazi and Sephardi musical traditions. He committed himself to preserving his Moroccan Sephardi musical heritage. His compositions rely on this heritage, while incorporating Ashkenazi elements, Near Eastern sounds, flamenco, & jazz.

Let There Be Love/Hashkiveinu
Let there be love / And understanding among us
Let peace and friendship be our shelter from life’s storm
Hashkiveinu, Adonai Eloheinu / Hashkiveinu, I’shalom

If I had the strength, I would run through the streets, shouting: Shabes! Peace! Justice!
Refuah Shleimah – Healing Prayers

Ester bat Brina Sima v’Abraham
Michael Carlin
Earl Anthony Giaquinto
Pat Hewitt
Elaine Kimmel
Mordecai ben Leah
HaRav Levi Yehudah ben
HaRav Zev U'Miriyam
Yehosef ben Perel & the
four other people
wounded in Monsey
Dr. Pamela Roberts
Yaakov ben Sarah
Rifka Sheyva bat Tzina v'Shimon
Yosef Shien
Michelle Treistman
Rose Wahnon
Gabriel Weingarten

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 7 to 13 Tevet 5780

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall
Eugene Berman
Stuart Gabe
Robert Heller
Ralph Rosenblatt
Milton Roven
Mae Shapiro
Irving Weissman

Family & Friends memorialized on plaques on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall
Jonathan Benov
Aryeh Berger
Monroe Berrol
David Black
Reyes Cecilio
Daniel Cooper
Anna Elgarten
Joseph Gold
Marvin Goodman
Harriette Gross
Helen Janover
Samuel Juli
Doris Katz
Minnie Levin
Judith Levine
Lee Potasinski
Geraldine Rosenberg
Dorothy Rosenfeld
Hy Roven
Les Wahnon

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 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).
Ahead…

**Lehrhaus 5780: “Care-Being” Text Study & Support Group**

*Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 14, Mar. 28, 1:30-2:30pm; REGISTER: bit.ly/carebeing*

Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Deborah Megdal will lead a text study & support 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 own lives – the joys, struggles, & fears. As Deborah taught: “If we can’t pull Joseph out, we might need to jump into the pit. Instead of *giving care*, we might need to embody care through our presence…*care-being*…Even if we don’t know what to do, even if we don’t know what to say, our presence with an engaged heart is itself care.” Read last year’s drashah: bit.ly/CRRI-Deborah-Megdal-Drashah

**Lehrhaus 5780: Jan. 2020 Course on Antisemitism with Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum**

* Tuesdays: Jan. 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2020, 6:30-8 pm; REGISTER: bit.ly/lehrhausintersession Questions? Jesse Katz – jkatz@cbst.org*

Antisemitism is on the rise in the US and globally. There are accusations of antisemitism on the left and on the right. So many of us assume we understand what it is. Is today's antisemitism the same as it was in Europe? What is the source of antisemitism? What is the relationship between antisemitism and white nationalism? What can we do about it? In this four-session class, we will explore the history and current expressions of antisemitism.
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 11, Jan 20 @ 11:45am

Grades K-8: Limmud b'Shabbat – Jan 11, Jan 20 @ 10am

Grades 9-12: Teen Track and L'Taken trip - Jan 11, Feb 22 -- 1:30-3 pm; L'Taken Social Justice Program: 4 days of advocacy & action in DC, Feb 28 - Mar 2

Sun, Jan. 19, 3-5 pm; MUST REGISTER: B'nai Mitzvah MLK Social Justice Project – Meal Packaging with “Muslims Against Hunger”; bit.ly/mlksocjustbnai

Mon, Jan. 20, 12:30-2 pm; MUST REGISTER: Families with Children MLK Social Justice Project Meal Packaging with “Muslims Against Hunger”; bit.ly/mlksocjustfam

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 gather to experience Jewish culture, exhibits, & music together. For more, find Curt Wagner or Dean Dresser after services, or email Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Ben Dyme at bdyme@cbst.org.

Aleinu Havdalah Hangout - Winter Game Night & Dinner [20s/30s ONLY]
Saturday, January 18, 6 pm; REGISTER BY JAN 6: bit.ly/AleinuGameNightJan2020

Aleinu member Naomi Blakeman has graciously offered to host a game night with havdalah and dinner from Peacefood Cafe at her apartment.

Aleinu Havdalah Hangout - Tu B'Shvat Discussion & Vegetarian Potluck Dinner
Saturday, February 8 at 6 pm; REGISTER BY JAN 28: bit.ly/AleinuTuBSHvatHavdalah

Join Aleinu members Carley and Tamarah Balazs in their Brooklyn home. We will honor the New Year for Trees by learning about the ecological and agricultural research and technology coming out of Israel and the initiatives you can get involved with in NYC.

CBST Trans Pride Mezuzah Cover -- bit.ly/TransPrideMezuzah

A special cover to celebrate trans, non-binary, & gender-nonconforming friends & family.
**Bold, Spiritual Community of Resistance and Love**

*Just Mercy Film Screening & Discussion*
Sunday, January 26, 1 pm, **AMC Empire 25** (234 West 42nd Street)
This newly-released film will be shown for 50 attendees in a private screening theater. A group discussion w/ refreshments will follow. $40/person. **REGISTER: bit.ly/jmfilmdiscussion**

**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 and other steps on their paths through our labirinthine immigration system. **New volunteers always welcome!**

Email Clinic Coordinator Noah Habeeb at sanctuary@cbst.org for info & let us know you'll be joining us so that we can provide training and/or mentoring. We partner with the New Sanctuary Coalition, RUSA, & SAFE.
**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).

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**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

CBST, the Middle East, and Me Meeting

January 8, 6 pm, CBST; all are welcome; bit.ly/jan8discussion
At this meeting, Sara Sloan will lead a discussion on "Foreign Passports," a Sayed Kashua essay. CBST, the Middle East & Me creates space for discussion & reflection on our engagement with the people of Israel, Palestine, and the conflict between them.

One in Two: A Play About the Ongoing HIV Epidemic Among Queer POC

Closes January 12; INFO & TIX: thenewgroup.org/production/one-in-two/
Three young Black queer men are waiting to be chosen. When one of them is, he’s forced to live a new reality inside an epidemic, exploring the joys and truths of not being defined by his diagnosis. Donja R. Love, inspired by his tenth anniversary of being HIV-positive, offers an unflinching portrait of being Black and queer today.

The Cinematters: NY Social Justice Film Festival

January 16-20; INFO & TIX: jccmanhattan.org/arts-film/film/cinematters
CBST is a proud partner of the JCC’s film festival, which presents impactful films exploring inequality, injustice, & social responsibility. Use code CINECBST20 to get a discount on Sat. evening & Sunday films (not valid for Shabbat or opening/closing night).

New York Day of Learning

January 26, 12:30-6 pm; REGISTER: bit.ly/nycdayoflearning
Former CBST President Eric Rosenbaum and former CBST Intern Rabbi Lina Zerbarini will be presenting.
Tonight’s Oneg (Delight) Sponsored by

Deluxe Oneg CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff to welcome Imam Tahir Kukaj of the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center for his remarks tonight.

Deluxe Oneg: Carol Dickman in honor of Ruth on her significant birthday. She is a very special woman who has enhanced my life in so many ways all these years.

Deluxe Oneg: Helen Werner in observance of the 7th yortzeit of my father, Irving Silberstein, z”l, who was still able to recite Hebrew prayers beautifully until his death at the age of 90.

Deluxe Oneg: Joyce Weinstein in loving memory of my mother, Gloria Basch Weinstein, on her fourth yortzeit.

Oneg: Prof. Tanya Domi in honor of Shabbat guest speaker Imam Tahir Kukaj of the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center on Staten Island and the Albanians who saved more than 2,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

Oneg: Ronald Cohen – Mazel Tov to my niece, Sheri and her husband Jeff Venick on their latest grandchild, Yisrael. Now, I have 15 great, great-nephews and nieces. They are all a blessing.

Oneg: Mark Black and Glen Leiner in memory of Mark’s father, David Black, on his 22nd yortzeit. Although our political views often differed, he taught Mark to be an involved citizen.

Oneg: Marilyn Mishaan in memory of her grandfather, Max Labaton, z”l, on his yortzeit, 5th of Tevet.

Oneg: Shep Wahnon in observance of the 31st yortzeit of my big brother, Les Wahnon, z”l, who died of AIDS at the age of 38.

Bimah Flowers sponsored by David Wine & Michael MacElhenny

To sponsor an Oneg or Kiddush, contact Ruth at giving@cbst.org or 212-929-9498, ext. 815

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