

SHABBAT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 25-26, 2020 / 11 TEVET 5781
PARSHAT VAYIGASH

וַיִּנָּשֶׁק לְכָל אָחָיו, וַיִּבֶךְ עֲלֵהֶם; וְאַחֲרֵי כֵן, דִּבְרוּ אִתּוֹ.

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

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“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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OPENING PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS הקנת הלב

<i>Prelude</i>	Open	Judith Silver (Born 1965)*
42	שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם Sholom Aleykhem	Ben Yomen (1901-1970)*
38	הַדְּלֻקָּת גְּרוֹת שֶׁל שַׁבָּת Candle Blessings	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)*
40	שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)*

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT קבלת שבת

52	לְכוּ נִרְנְנָה (תהלים צה) L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Abayudaya Ugandan*
54	שִׁירוֹ לַה' (תהלים צו) Shiru Ladonai (Psalm 96)	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תהלים כט) Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986)*
66	לְכָה דוּדִי L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Abayudaya Ugandan*
	from June 2017	Moshe Laufer*
72	מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר (תהלים צב) Mizmor Shir (Psalm 92)	Daphna Rosenberg (Born 1967)*

MA'ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE מעריב

78	בָּרְכוּ Bar'chu	Nusach
80	הַמַּעֲרִיב עֲרָבִים Hama'ariv Aravim	Nusach
86	אַהֲבַת עוֹלָם Ahavat Olam	Aminadav Aloni (1928-1999)*
88	שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהֲבַת V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trobe)
94	מִי כַמּוֹחַהּ Mi Chamochah	Dan Nichols (Born 1969)*
98	הַשְׁכִּיבֵנוּ Hashkiveinu	Craig Taubman (Born 1958)*
102	וְשִׁמְרוּ V'shamru from November 2019	Heinrich Schalit (1886-1976)
104	חֲצִי קָדִישׁ Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
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118	יְהִי לְרָצוֹן / עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם Yih'yu L'ratson / Oseh Shalom	Bonia Shur (Born 1923)
118	עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם Oseh Shalom	Michael Ochs (Born 1975)*
130	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה Prayer for Healing	
Program	תְּפִלַּת הָרֹפְאִימִיּוֹת Prayer for Healers	
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138	קָדִישׁ שְׁלָם Kaddish Shalem	Nusach

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CONCLUDING PRAYERS

140	עֲלֵינוּ Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)*
150	קָדִישׁ יְתוֹם Mourner's Kaddish	

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CBST PRESIDENT SABRINA FARBER

Program	תְּפִלַּת הַדֶּרֶךְ T'filat Haderech/Prayer for the Journey	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)*
156	קִידוּשׁ & מוֹצִי Kiddush & Motzi	Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894)
<i>Postlude</i>	Let It Snow	Jule Styne (1905-1994)*

*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig

COMPOSER FEATURE

Heinrich Schalit (1886, Vienna, Austria – 1976, Evergreen, Colorado)

A composer of impeccable craft and great artistic achievement, Heinrich Schalit studied composition with the most elite teachers in Vienna and in 1927 earned the position as organist at the Great Synagogue in Munich where he worked with the renowned cantor, Emanuel Kirschner. Anxious to escape the growing Nazi threat, in 1933 Schalit accepted a position at the Great Synagogue in Rome, where he stayed until the Mussolini regime's anti-Semitic policies necessitated a second move, this time to the United States, in 1940. In America, Schalit became one of the leading composers of music for Reform synagogues of his time, and wrote many pieces for the concert stage.

T'filat Haderech / תְּפִילַּת הַדֶּרֶךְ

Music: Debbie Friedman, based on traditional text

May we be blessed as we go on our way.

May we be guided in peace.

May we be blessed with health and joy.

May this be our blessing, amen.

May we be sheltered by the wings of peace.

May we be kept in safety and in love.

May grace and compassion find their way to every soul.

May this be our blessing,

Amen.

This Week's Shabbat Services

<p>Friday, Dec. 25 / 11 Tevet Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ba'al Tefillah</i>: Cantorial Intern Sam Rosen • <i>Piano</i>: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig • <i>Service Leader</i>: Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum • <i>Drashah</i>: Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Fellow Deborah Megdal <p>Through gifts from generous donors, <u>CBST's Friday Night Prayerbook</u> is now available for online purchase at reduced price.</p>	<p>Saturday, Dec. 26 / 11 Tevet Shabbat Morning—Liberal Minyan, 9:30 am; Zoom link <u>here</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ba'al Tefillah</i>: Cantorial Intern Sam Rosen • <i>Service Leader</i>: Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Dave Yedid • <i>D'var Torah</i>: Rabbi Reuven Greenvald <p>Havdalah, 7 pm; Zoom link <u>here</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Service Leader</i>: Rabbi Marisa James
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From the Drashah of Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Fellow Deborah Megdal:

In the tradition of our community practice of anonymously sharing chata'im (ways that we've fallen short) in preparation for Selichot before the High Holy Days, we propose to do something simple and vulnerable:

Let's share our true experiences of pandemic life.

We invite 1-2 sentence anonymous submissions of your lived experience during this pandemic. We will share selected submissions publicly — so that we can witness and try to understand the lives of our fellow community members more deeply.

Everything is optional.

Everything is anonymous.

[Click here to be directed to the form.](#)



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
על עולמנו בכל יום, על מנת לרפא את . . והרוקחות. (ברך במיוחד את ____). המנווטים בסכנה המתרגשת
יצורי כפיד
ברך אותם בבואם, וברך אותן בצאתן. הקל על הפחד שלהם. חזקם ואמצם .
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

Ron Cohen
Tzvi ben Esther
Sidney Goldfischer
David Goltsman
Barbara Grindell
Gale Hill

Myra Joffe-Galst
Barbara Klein
Amelia Mendoza
Rivkah bat Miriam-Malkah v'Yidl
Susan Ricken
Rebecca Rosenbaum

Alan Sirvint
Meg Sivitz
Urvashi Vaid
Salomon Vaz Dias
Judy Winters

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 those 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 info@cbst.org. We're here for you.

Yortzeits 11 Tevet to 18 Tevet 5781

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Eugene Berman
Louis Blake

Stuart Gabe
Gary Rosenblatt

Ralph Rosenblatt
Irving Weissman

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

Jonathan Benov
Aryeh Berger
Ethel Bieber
R. Peter Brierley
William Drasin
Anna Elgarten

Frank Finesilver
Molly Haddad
Doris Katz
Leonard Klein
Sam Lesiger
Judith Levine

Lee Potasinski
Maureen Roin
Geraldine Rosenberg
Adele Schwartz

Condolences

The CBST communities mourn with the family and friends of **Rebecca Luker**, z"l, who died this week at the age of 59. Rebecca was a beloved Broadway star for decades. She and CBST friend and singer Sally Wilfert were beloved friends, and just this week a CD of their singing together was released.

The CBST Community mourns the loss of:

CBST member **David Levin**, z"l, who died Dec. 19; and we extend condolences to his partner, CBST member Bruce Gordon. Former CBST board member **Rabbi H. Rafael Goldstein**, z"l, who died Dec. 21.

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST member **Sam Eber** on the death of his father, Fred Eber, z"l, who died Dec. 19. CBST member **Marilyn Mishaan** on the death of her aunt, Lilly Baraka, z"l, who died Dec. 19. CBST member **Debbie Metrick** on the death of her dear lifetime friend, Ruth Anixter, z"l, who died Dec. 21. CBST members **Toby and Brian Rubin-Sowers** on the death of Toby's father, Charles Edward "Chuck" Sowers, z"l, who died Dec. 23.

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:

- 24,842 in New York City;
- 37,028 in New York State;
- 337,644 across the United States;
- 1,754,860 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 אחוזים בפחד
סייע בידינו 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 עמן.
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-יּוֹבֵל יִשְׁלַח שְׂרָשָׁיו, וְלֹא יִרְאֶה כִּי-יָבֵא חֹם, וְהָיָה עֲלֵהוּ רֶעֶנָּה;
(ירמיהו יז, ח)
שכינה, אם כל חי,
שלחי אורך ואמתך למנהיגנו
חזקי לבבותיהם שלא יתקשו
שישתמשו 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 בְּמַיִם, מִשְׁפָּט; וַיְצַדֵּקָה, בְּנַחֲל אֵיתָן
(עמוס ה כד)

Hebrew by Rabbi Noa Sattath

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Ari Monts with gratitude for all clergy and staff for your love and dedication to this congregation, and in honor of 180 days sober, baruch HaShem!

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Randi Weingarten, and Jacki & Ron Arams in memory of Gabe Weingarten, z"l, on his first yortzeit...we think of him often & are grateful he did not have to endure this year.

Joyce Weinstein in loving memory of my mother, Gloria, on her 5th yortzeit. May the actions I take and the values I live by continue to make you proud.

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Yael Bat-Chava in memory of my father, Aharon Mendel Ben Yitzhak & Berta, z"l, on what would have been his 96th birthday last week on December 21st.

Mark Black and Glen Leiner in memory of Mark's father, David Black, z"l, on his 22nd yortzeit.

Rick Landman in memory of his father Henry Landman, z"l, and his lover, Scott Thomas, z"l, who both died on December 29th 25 years apart...and to Kenn Harris and his Santa hat tonight!

Harold Levine with deep appreciation for the support of CBST clergy, staff and community at a time I needed it most. We are truly a community held together by love.

Debbie Metrick in memory of my father, Philip Metrick, z"l, on his 42nd yortzeit, and my sister, Sharon Metrick, z"l, on her 20th yortzeit.

Debbie Metrick in memory of my "adopted Grandma" Ruth Anixter, z"l, who died this week at 99 years old.

Marilyn Mishaan in memory of my grandmother Molly Haddad, z"l, on her 28th yortzeit and in memory of my Aunt Lilly Baraka, z"l, her daughter who just passed at age 104.

Yolanda Potasinski remembering my dear and beloved father, Lee Potasinski, z"l, for his birthday 12/25/32, and yortzeit the 11th of Tevet, both on the same day this year.

Bill Rosenbloom in honor of Lisa Kartzman on her milestone birthday, with much love.

Joyce Rosenzweig in memory of my beloved sister, Adele Abramowitz, z"l, on her third yortzeit. Your beautiful, radiant spirit is forever a blessing to all who knew you.

Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel to the "Get it Done" team - thank you for the Town Hall and always being helpful to the congregation. Congregation - hoping "Reb Santa" brings you everything you wished for!

Jeffrey Weiss in honor of my 60th birthday on December 29th, and also to our newly elected President Sabrina Farber's birthday, which is on the same day.

Sheri Clemons, Judy Hollander, Arthur Leonard, Devan Sipher

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Neal Hoffman in celebration of the birthdays of Liz Galst and Andy Ingall.



Rabbis Moskowitz and Kleinbaum protest with AFT at the El Paso / Mexico border, 2018. Photo: Harold Levine

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