

SHABBAT PROGRAM

JUNE 5-6, 2020 / 14 SIVAN 5780

PARASHAT NASO

TRANS & NON-BINARY PRIDE SHABBAT

יְבָרְכֶךָ ה', וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ: יָאֵר ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיַּחַנְךָ: יִשָּׂא ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ, וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

May the Eternal bless you and protect you. May the Eternal shine light upon you and be gracious with you. May the Eternal's face be turned toward you and bring you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

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ברוכים וברוכות הבאים לקהילת בית שמחת תורה! קהילת בית שמחת תורה מקיימת קשר רב שנים ועמוק עם ישראל, עם הבית הפתוח בירושלים לגאווה ולסובלנות ועם הקהילה הגאה בישראל. אנחנו מזמינים אתכם לגלות יהדות ליבראלית גם בישראל! מצאו את המידע על קהילות רפורמיות המזמינות אתכם לחגוג את סיפור החיים שלכם בפלאיירים בבניסה. לפרטים נוספים ניתן לפנות לרב נועה סתת: noa@irac.org

- [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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Songs to Soothe the Soul

A Message from Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig

CBST's 25th Annual Benefit Concert: "And Yet, We Sing!" is THIS Sunday, June 7, at 4:00 pm. Watch the video [here](#) to hear from Joyce about what musical delights we have in store for you, and [sponsor or donate here!](#)

"Till We Reach That Day" (Ragtime)

Music: Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty; **Lyrics:** Lynn Ahrens; **Playwright:** Terrence McNally; **Based on the 1975 novel *Ragtime*, by E.L. Doctorow; Sally Wilfert, The CBST Chorus, Joyce Rosenzweig (conductor), and Shinae Kim (pianist); From the 2016 Shabbat Shirah Concert, "There's No Place Like Home"**

It is remarkable and sad that a Broadway show written in 1996, and based on a fictional story taking place in 1902, could have so much relevance to the events taking place in our country today. The racism and hostility that causes Coalhouse's car to be violently destroyed, is the same anti-black racism that caused Sarah to be beaten to death by the Secret Service because she is "mistaken" for an assassin at a rally. At her funeral, these words of grief and anger are cried out by the mourners, who demand an end to such injustice and pray for the day when all people will know justice and equality. *Keyn y'hi ratzon!* **Sally Wilfert** will be one of the featured singers in our upcoming concert "And Yet, We Sing" this Sunday at 4:00 pm.

PARASHAT NASO

OPENING PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS

הַכְנַת הַלֵּב

Prelude	שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת	Shir Lama'alot (Psalm 121)	Yosef Karduner (Born 1969)
Program	כֶּחַ	Koyekh	Yiddish Folk Song
38	הַדְּלֻקַת נְרוֹת שֶׁל שַׁבָּת	Candle Blessing	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)
40	שְׁלוֹם אֵלֵיכֶם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT

קַבְּלַת שַׁבָּת

52	לְכוּ נְרַנְנָה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Abayudaya Ugandan
58	זַמְרוּ לַיהוָה (תהלים צח)	Zamru Ladonai (Psalm 98)	Suki Berry
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yiddish Melody (Shnirele Perele)
66	לְכֵה דוֹדֵי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986) Moshe Laufer
	תְּפִלָּה לְרַפוּאָה	Prayer for Healers	
72	מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר (תהלים צב)	Mizmor Shir (Psalm 92)	Daphna Rosenberg (Born 1967)

MA'ARIV/THE EVENING SERVICE

מַעְרִיב

78	בָּרְכוּ	Bar'chu	Nusach
80	הַמַּעְרִיב אַרְבִּים	Hama'ariv Aravim	Nusach
86	אַהַבַת עוֹלָם	Ahavat Olam	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)
88	שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהַבְתָּ	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Tropes)

94	מי כמכה	Mi Chamochah	Dan Nichols (Born 1969)
98	השכיבנו	Hashkiveinu	Moditz Chasidim
102	ושמרנו	V'shamru	South African
104	חצי קדיש	Chatzi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עמידה	Silent Amidah	
Program	א-להי נשמה	Elohai Neshama	Fred Ross-Perry
118	עשה שלום	Oseh Shalom	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)
130	אנא אל נא	Ana El Na	Daphna Rosenberg
Program	תפלה למדינה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קדיש שלום	Kaddish Shalem	Nusach
DRASHA: ARIEL EZEKIEL ZITNY :דרשה:			
140	עלינו	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
150	קדיש יתום	Mourner's Kaddish	
Program	עולם חסד יבנה	Olam Chesed Yibaneh	Menachem Creditor (Born 1976)
276	קידוש & המוציא	Kiddush & Motzi	
<i>Postlude</i>		<i>If We Only Have Love</i>	<i>Jacques Brel (1929-1978)</i>

This Week's Shabbat Services

**Friday, Jun. 5 / 14 Sivan
Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 pm**

**Trans & Non-Binary Pride
Shabbat**

Ba'al Tefillah: Ze'evi Berman

Piano: Music Director

Joyce Rosenzweig

Service Leader:

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum

Guest Speaker:

Ariel Ezekiel Zitny

Through gifts from generous donors, [CBST's Friday Night Prayerbook](#) is now available for online purchase at reduced price.

**Saturday, Jun. 6 / 14 Sivan
Shabbat Morning – Yoga Meditation Minyan, 9:30 am**

Service Leaders:

Rabbi Yael Rapport, Corey Dane

Divrei Torah:

Rabbi Yael Rapport,

Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch

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

Havdalah, 9 pm; gathering beginning at 9 pm, service beginning at 9:30 pm

Service Leader:

Rabbi Marisa James

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

Meeting ID: 654 880 356;

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Stretch Yourself this Shabbat!

Join **Rabbi Rapport** in our Yoga/Meditation Shabbat service for Pride month, with special guest teacher, **CBST Member Corey Dane**, and Zoom scholar in "residence," **Rabbi Liz P.G. Hirsch!** Rabbi Hirsch and Rabbi Rapport were co-authors on [a new halachic examination of yoga as Jewish worship practice](#), published this month (we're working on getting a PDF of the article to share at a later date).

Our 75-minute service will be a combination of Shabbat-informed meditations and gentle yoga (with a track for both mat-based and chair-based practice), followed by lunch and Torah/text study with Rabbi Rapport and Rabbi Hirsch. You decide: is yoga kosher? When does Jewish prayer practice innovate and appropriate over the centuries?

COMPOSER FEATURE: Daphna Rosenberg

Daphna Rosenberg (Born 1967), after traveling the world for many years as a wandering troubadour, returned to Israel and reconnected to her Jewish roots through music. Daphna composes music to prayers and Israeli poetry and is a main prayer leader in the Nava Tehila Jewish Renewal community in Jerusalem. Daphna has specialized in musically leading Circle of Life ceremonies – such as births, bar/bat mitzvahs, and weddings. In her music, one can hear the influence of folk and rock with a touch of klezmer. Her compositions to prayers have become popular in communities throughout the world.

Elohai N'shamah אֱלֹהֵי נְשָׁמָה

(Text: Morning liturgy)

אֱלֹהֵי, נְשָׁמָה שְׁנַתַּת בִּי טְהוֹרָה הִיא. אַתָּה בְּרֵאתָהּ, אַתָּה יָצַרְתָּהּ, אַתָּה נָפַחְתָּהּ בִּי, וְאַתָּה מְשַׁמְרָהּ בְּקִרְבִּי.

*Elohai, n'shamah shenatata bi, t'horah hi. Atah b'ratah, atah y'tzartah, atah n'fachtah
bi v'atah m'shamrah b'kirbi.*

My God, the soul You have given me is pure. You created it, You formed it, and You
breathed it into me. And You guard it while it is within me.

Koyekh

כח

Volt ikh gehat koyech,
Volt ikh gelofn in di gasn,
Un geshrign: Shabes!
Shabes, Shabes, Shabes!

וואָלט איך געהאַט כח
וואָלט איך געלאָפֿן אין די גאַסן
און געשריגן: שבת,
שבת, שבת, שבת!

Volt ikh gehat koyech,
Volt ikh gelofn in di gasn,
Un geshrign: Sholom!
Sholom, Sholom, Sholom!

וואָלט איך געהאַט כח
וואָלט איך געלאָפֿן אין די גאַסן
און געשריגן: שלום,
שלום, שלום, שלום!

Volt ikh gehat koyech,
Volt ikh gelofn in di gasn,
Un geshrign: Tsedek!
Tsedek, Tsedek, Tsedek!

וואָלט איך געהאַט כח
וואָלט איך געלאָפֿן אין די גאַסן
און געשריגן: צדק,
צדק, צדק, צדק!

If I had the strength,
I would run through the streets,
Shouting: Shabes! Peace! Justice!

Olam chesed yibaneh

עוֹלָם חֶסֶד יִבְנֶה

I will build this world from love
And you must build this world from love
And if we build this world from love
Then G-d will build this world from love

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 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

Samantha Davis
Eddie Erlich Kudler

Betty Lifton
Steve Manashowitz

Heidi Miller

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 14 to 20 Sivan 5780

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Robert Cooper	Robert Levine	Robert Nachemin
Yosef Dorman	Marc Lutvak	Lutz Rentsch
Max Kleinbaum	Stanley March	

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

Norman Freedman	Nathan Kaplowitz	Shirley Schreck
Sylvia D. Gevirtz	Alma Kessler	Louis Schwartz
Dr. Merrill Goldstein	Rose Klein	Esther Weinberg
Pearl Goldstein	William Moses III	Jeffrey Weiss

Condolences

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us.

We remember the 49 people, most of whom were LGBTQ Latinx young people, violently killed in an act of domestic terrorism on Jun. 12, 2016 in Orlando, Florida, while dancing at the Pulse nightclub. May their memories be for a blessing.

Condolences to:

CBST member Steven Fruh on the death of his cousin, Anneliese Stolear, z"l, who died on May 27 at age 97, from COVID-19.

CBST member Naomi Blakeman on the death of her grandfather, Gregory Novofastovsky, z"l, who died May 29 at age 83.

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:

- 16,877 in New York City;
- 30,281 in New York State;
- 110,476 across the United States;
- 395,133 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 בירינו 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
לדפא ולחזק את הדמוקרטיה שלנו שתהיה כְּעֵץ שְׁתוּגֵל עַל-מַיִם, וְעַל-
יִבְל יִשְׁלַח שְׂרָשָׁיו, וְלֹא יִדָּאָה בְּיָ-גֵזַב חָס, וְהָיָה עֲלֵהוּ רֵעָנָו; (ירמיהו יז, ח)

שכינה, אם כל חי,
שלחי אורך ואורך ומתך 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, שובניזם, 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
וְיָגֵל כְּמַיִם, מִשְׁפָּט; וְיִדְרָקָה, כְּנַחַל אֵיתָן
(עמוס ה כד)

Hebrew by Rabbi Noa Sattath

We are devastated by the callous murder of George Floyd, z"l, who perished in an act of racist police brutality this past Monday. We also remember Tony McDade, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor, z"l, who were fatally shot in acts of racist violence.

We mourn their tragic loss and vow to continue fighting for a world without racism, bigotry, and hatred; a world in which every one of our black and brown family members and neighbors--Jews of color and all people of color--is treated as being made in the divine image, a world that takes their safety and dignity seriously.

We recommend this list of [“Anti-racism resources for white people,”](#) which compiles excellent articles, books, movies, and podcasts for learning how to deepen our engagement with anti-racist work. As we learn from Rabbi Tarfon in Pirkei Avot (The Ethics of the Ancestors), “It is not incumbent upon you to finish the work, but neither are you free to absolve yourself from it.”

We sent an email to the community recently with resources for learning and taking action. Please [read the email here](#) if you haven't had a chance.



LGBTQ Organizations Unite to Combat Racial Violence

CBST has co-signed [this important letter](#)

condemning racist violence: “We, the undersigned, recognize we cannot remain neutral, nor will awareness substitute for action. The LGBTQ community knows about the work of resisting police brutality and violence.

“We celebrate June as Pride Month, because it commemorates, in part, our resisting police harassment and brutality at Stonewall in New York City, and earlier in California, when such violence was common and expected. We remember it as a breakthrough moment when we refused to accept humiliation and fear as the price of living fully, freely, and authentically.”



NYC Primary Elections

Make your voice heard! The NYC primary elections are coming up on **June 23!** To help prevent community spread of COVID-19, all registered, eligible voters may apply to vote by absentee ballot for the June 23 elections. For more info and to apply, click [here](#).

CBST in the News

Rabbi Kleinbaum, Matt Nosanchuk, and Rabbi Rachel Timoner co-authored [this powerful op-ed](#) on taking a stand for racial justice in the *Forward*--give it a read.

RUSA LGBT, founded by CBST member **Yelena Goltsman**, held a fabulous online Brighton Beach Pride event this past Sunday, with LGBTQ+ Russian-speakers from around the world. If you missed it, you can watch the video on YouTube [here](#). There's also an article in *Gay City News* [here](#).

Rabbi Kleinbaum was interviewed on "What We Learned From The AIDS Crisis" by Valley Beit Midrash. You can watch on YouTube [here](#) or listen on SoundCloud [here](#).

CBST member **Evie Litwok** published [a piece in the Forward](#) on COVID-19 and prison.

Rabbi Kleinbaum's Drash on Racial Justice (May 29)

This past Shabbat, Rabbi Kleinbaum spoke powerfully about our responsibilities in this moment. If you missed it, or if you'd like to share it with friends or family, it's available to watch [here](#).

CRRRI Deborah Megdal's D'var Torah (May 30)

Did you miss Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Deborah Megdal's D'var Torah from this past Shabbat? [Watch it here](#) to learn her insights.

- **CBST Cultural Recs:** Got recommendations for spiritually nourishing books, songs, movies, or other ways of passing the time? Share them [here](#)!
- [CBST COVID-19 Resources list Google doc](#): We've reorganized this and given it a new look. Check it out!

June is PRIDE Month!

<p>Trans & Non-Binary Shabbat June 5, 6:30 pm</p>  <p>Ze'evi Berman trans cantorial student at HUC-JIR</p>  <p>Ariel Zitny queer/trans rabbinical student at HUC-JIR</p>	<p>Kabbalat Shabbat June 12, 6:30 pm</p>  <p>CBST Senior Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum</p>	<p>Family & Friends Shabbat June 19, 6:30 pm</p>  <p>Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, LGBTQ Palestinian Quaker human rights activist; Assistant Professor of Peace & Conflict Studies, Swarthmore College</p> <p>PRIDE Shabbat June 26, 6:30 pm Guest Speaker to be announced</p>
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[AIDS Walk New York](#)

Sunday, June 7, 10 am; [Donate here](#)

We won't be walking together in person this year, but we're thrilled that the AIDS Walk organizers have created an entire day of programming online to help raise money for AIDS treatment and research. CBST member **Rita Fischer** continues to be one of the top fundraisers for the AIDS Walk--more than \$1,000,000 so far over 30+ years! [You can join her virtual team and/or donate here.](#)

Whether or not you make a donation, join us at 10 am for the opening event online. [More information available here.](#)

Cooperberg Rittmaster Educational & Pastoral Intern Atara Cohen's *Semikha* Ceremony

Tuesday, June 9, 4 pm; Livestream: www.yeshivatmaharat.org/semikha

Rabbi Atara Cohen is having her *semikha*! Maharat will celebrate its graduates, women's leadership, and Torah through a virtual *semikha* ceremony.

Justice in Action: Police Brutality

Thursday, June 11, 2-3 pm; [register here](#) to receive the Zoom link

Along with the Marlene Meyerson JCC, CBST will be co-sponsoring a conversation about police reform with representatives from Communities United for Police Reform.

**From HIV/AIDS Epidemic to Pride Shabbat:
Liturgical & Cultural Transformations in Progressive Judaism**

Tuesday, June 16, 1-2 pm; details & registration [here](#)

This event is hosted by Fordham University. **Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern Deborah Megdal** will be in conversation with Israeli scholar and cultural anthropologist **Elazar Ben Lulu**. There is no charge, but registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link 1-2 days before the event.

A Conversation with Tony Kushner and Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum

Thursday, June 18, 6-7:30 pm, [register here](#), Zoom link [here](#)

One of America's most celebrated dramatists, **Tony Kushner** has never hesitated to take on the world--or history. In a conversation with **Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum**, Kushner will discuss his life as a literary legend, the breadth of his work, his commitment to Jewish ethics, his tangles with some in the Jewish community about Israel, and how familiar his Angel might find today's America. *Held by Temple Emanu El-Streicher Center; co-sponsored by CBST.*

Family & Friends Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Friday, June 19, 6:30 pm

Join us for Kabbalat Shabbat services, featuring guest speaker **Dr. Sa'ed Atshan**, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Swarthmore College. There will be a post-services discussion "oneg." Dr. Atshan is Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Swarthmore College. He previously served as Postdoctoral Fellow in International Studies at Brown University, and he earned a PhD in Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University. Atshan is also a LGBTQ Palestinian Quaker human rights activist. He is the author of *Queer Palestine and the Empire of Critique* (2020) and *The Moral Triangle: Germans, Israelis, Palestinians* (2020).

["Unorthodox" Conversation](#)

Monday, June 22, 6 pm, via Zoom; [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link

CBST hosts a special conversation with **Chani Getter, Abby Stein, Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, and Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum**, exploring the themes and questions raised by the Netflix miniseries *Unorthodox*, especially focusing on the experience of LGBTQ individuals within ultra-Orthodox communities. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link to attend. Registrants will receive the Zoom link at 5 pm day-of. For more info and a recommended reading list, [click here](#).

[CBST Ending Mass Incarceration Team: "College Behind Bars"](#)

Tuesday, July 7, 6-7:30 pm; via Zoom; [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link

We will be holding a moderated Zoom panel discussion on Ken Burns' [College Behind Bars](#), a documentary about the [Bard Prison Initiative \(BPI\)](#). You can watch some or all of the four-part series on Netflix, and here is [a discussion guide](#). View the [trailer](#) or the [extended trailer](#) for *College Behind Bars*! We will be joined by [BPI founder Max Kenner](#), BPI graduate **Dyjuan Tatro**, and one more BPI graduate. Email [Lee Goldberg](#) if you have any questions or need help accessing the documentary. Feel free to join us even if you don't watch!



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CAREER OPPORTUNITY: Director of Development, CBST: *Applications reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.* To apply online, click [here](#).

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

Our community will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Annual Benefit Concerts **THIS 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 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.

Please click and [give as generously you are able](#), and plan on joining us on June 7th! **Register now for the [CBST 25th Annual Benefit Concert](#)—your contribution supports Music at CBST.**

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

All class recordings are available [here](#).

Open to All

Mindful Yoga via Zoom

Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am; ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85168776767>

Meeting ID: 851 6877 6767; Call-in: +1 646 876 9923

Let's come back to our body and senses! Join us for a moderate to gentle yoga practice that reminds us to be fully present. All levels welcome, and modifications will be offered for whomever shows up. Hilary Nudell, the instructor, has been teaching courses in Yoga, Stress Management and Meditation at Fashion Institute of Technology for over 25 years.

Psalm Study with Rabbi Kleinbaum

During the month of June:

- **Mondays only, 9-9:45 am:** “Foundations of Reading the Psalms”
- **Mondays through Thursdays, 10-10:45 am:** Regular class session

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

Meeting ID: 513 468 144; Dial by phone: +1 646 876 9923

Join in study of the Book of Psalms with Rabbi Kleinbaum. No experience necessary! Every morning Monday-Thursday 10:00 am to 10:45 am.

Pirkei Avot Study with Rabbi Moskowitz

RESUMES ON MONDAY, JUNE 8: Monday through Thursday, 4-4:45 pm;

ZOOM: zoom.us/j/92665533458

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please note that Rabbi Moskowitz's class is on break this week. It will resume on Monday, June 8 with the new timing of 4 pm to 4:45 pm.

Meeting ID: 926 6553 3458; Dial by phone: +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)

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.

Connecting in Community with CRRJ 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.

Please "arrive" 10 minutes early for any Zoom call so we can start on time. Thanks!

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Tonight's Livestream Sponsored by

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff in appreciation of Ariel Zitny's and Ze'evi Berman's beautiful contributions to CBST's Trans and Non-Binary Pride Shabbat celebration.

Mikki Golar in loving memory of my mother, Alice Golar, z"l, who passed on January 3 and whose 100th birthday we had planned to celebrate this June 4.

Susan Ingerman and Arlene Siegelman in honor of Rabbi Kleinbaum, Rabbi Rapport, CRR I Deborah Megdal, Joyce Rosenzweig, David Fair, and Yolanda Potasinski.

Lawrence Nelson in honor of my 62nd birthday which is today on the civil calendar and Tuesday 17 Sivan on the Jewish calendar. I'm eligible to retire, but who can afford to.

Dvorah Stoll 21 years ago today I was called to leyn Torah for the first time. It was the best of my life. Thank you, Linda Solomon, for taking the journey with me. In memory of Connie Kurtz, z"l, she was one of a kind and missed.

Adria Benjamin

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Ruthie Berman in memory of my beloved wife, Connie Kurtz, z"l, on her 2nd yortzeit.

Lee Goldberg Mazal tov to Cooperberg Rittmaster Educational and Pastoral Intern Atara Cohen on her Semikha!

Bill Rosenbloom in memory of my father, Julien Rosenbloom, z"l, on his 40th yortzeit.

Sara Sloan in gratitude for all the CBST events that are being livestreamed.

Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel in memory of Connie Kurtz, z"l, on her 2nd yortzeit, who fought injustice wherever she saw it; in memory of George Floyd, z"l, whose death woke us up to the idea that Black lives matter.

Michael Sonberg in memory of my grandfather, Louis Sonberg, z"l, on the occasion of his 60th yortzeit.

Pierre Vallet in honor of my husband Eric Rosenbaum, who was named by Crain's as one of New York's notable LGBTQ leaders and executives.

Lo Woudstra in honour of my great friend Gloria Weiner, z"l, yortzeit 14 Sivan.

Nora, Rachel, Johanna, Carley, Tamarah, & Lee to honor the memory of Gregory Novofastovsky, z"l, grandfather of our beloved friend Naomi Blakeman. We're surrounding you with love, and may his memory continue to inspire you.

Carol Feinman

Louise Fishman and Ingrid Nyeboe

Judy Hollander

Jerry Hyman and Mark Cohen

Mark Klein

Rosanne Leipzig and Ora Chaikin

Randi Weingarten

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Andy Ingall and Neal Hoffman in celebration of our 18th wedding anniversary, officiated by former CBST Assistant Rabbi Rabbi Roderick Young.

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