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Parshat Pekudei - Shabbat Hachodesh - Trans Day of Visibility Shabbat



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“Thus was completed all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. The Children of Israel made it according to all the Eternal had commanded Moses, thus they made.”
(Exodus 39:32)

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Welcome to CBST! Shabbat Shalom!

Shabbat shalom and welcome to CBST. Since our congregation's inception in 1973, the cornerstone of CBST community life is our presence with one another in joyful communal prayer, words of Torah, and conversation as we welcome Shabbat each Friday evening.

Whether you are a newcomer tonight or have been a member of CBST for decades, my desire is that everyone present here both enriches and is enriched by the community. Times of great uncertainty reinforce Jewish tradition's call to set aside many of the tasks of ordinary life as the Friday sun goes down each week and be more present with ourselves, with loved ones, and with the community. Setting aside a full day to stop and rest allows us to reenter the world each week filled with purpose, resilience, and love. May we each as individuals and as a community, in the words of our Senior Rabbi Emerita, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, be the reason people have faith in the goodness of others.

—Rabbi Jason Klein

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At CBST, we aim to protect each other, to spread accurate practical information, and to take special care to keep our clergy and staff safe.

CBST's Science and Medical Team asks that we rededicate to the practices that have served our community:

- If you have, or have recently recovered from, respiratory symptoms, please do not attend in-person events. All services will be livestreamed and we will look forward to welcoming you back soon!
- Consider wearing a mask, especially while moving through congested areas.
- Please respect personal space by not automatically moving to embrace others.
- Keep up to date on vaccinations for Flu and COVID.
- If you are at risk for m-pox, consider reaching out to your healthcare provider to discuss vaccination.

Sincere thanks, and wishing health and joy to all!

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PARSHAT PEKUDEI – SHABBAT MEVARCHIM HACHODESH – SHABBAT HACHODESH
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COMPOSER FEATURE

Cantor Ze'evi Tovlev (born 1992) became one of the first transgender cantors upon their ordination in May 2023. Ze'evi is most known for their pioneering work in nonbinary liturgy, expanding the ways we describe the genders of both human beings and God in prayer. A native of Newton, Massachusetts, Ze'evi grew up at Temple Shalom of Newton and at URJ Eisner Camp. They hold a BA in Music from Bennington College, a Masters of Jewish Education from HUC-JIR's RHSOE, and a Masters of Sacred Music from HUC-JIR's DFFSM. Ze'evi served as CBST's Cantorial Student for two years and now serves as Cantor at Temple Shalom in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Nonbinary Ma'ariv Chatimot (Seal/Close of the Prayer)

according to grammar created by the Nonbinary Hebrew Project, adapted and prepared by Ze'evi Tovlev

Ma'ariv Aravim (Ma'ariveh Aravim) / מעריבה ערבים

Uma'avireh yom umeivi'eh lailah
Umavdileh bein yom uvein Lailah
"Ado-nai Tz'vaot" sh'meh.
El chayeh v'kayemeh
Tamid yiml'cheh aleinu l'olam va'ed.

B'rucheh ateh, Ado-nai
Cong.: (Brucheh u'Varuch Sh'meh),
hama'ariveh aravim.

ומעבירה יום ומביאה לילה,
ומבדילה בין יום ובין לילה,
ה' צבאות שמה.
אל תיה וקיימה,
תמיד ימלכה עלינו לעולם ועד.

ברוכה אתה, ה',
המעריבה ערבים.

Mi Chamochah (Mi Chamocheh) / מי כמכה

V'ne'emar: ki fad'teh Adonai et Yaakov,
ug'aleto miyad chazak mimenu.
B'rucheh ateh, Ado-nai,
Cong.: (Brucheh u'Varuch Sh'meh),
ga'aleh Yisrael.

ונאמר: כי פדתה יי את-יעקב
וגאלתו מיד חזק ממנו

ברוכה אתה, ה'
גאלה ישראל

Shelter of Peace
Music: Cantor Ze'evi Simcha Tovlev
Text: Rabbi Ariel Tovlev

There is no shelter of peace large enough to hold us all.
 There is no single canopy under which we all can fall.
 Each of us has a dream, each of us has our pain,
 Though we all seek relief, and our storms are not the same.
 Create a shelter just for me to shield me from my woes.
 I know you, too, have your own – an ache that only God knows.
 There is no one solution
 Though we'd love just one fix, we must all come together
 To include what we might miss.
 Create a shelter just for me to shield me from my woes.
 I know you, too, have your own – an ache that only God knows.
 When we weave together your canopy with mine
 We can weather any storm.
 I know we'll be just fine.
 Create a shelter just for me to shield me from my woes.
 I know you, too, have your own – an ache that only God knows.

Y'varech'che / יְבָרַךְ

Music: Cantor Ze'evi Simcha Tovlev

Text: adapted from the Priestly Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26) using the grammatical system of Lior Gross

Y'varech'che Adonai v'yishm'recheh.
 Ya'eir Adonai panav eilecheh vichunekeh.
 Yisa Adonai panav eilecheh v'yaseim l'chek
 shalom.

יְבָרַךְ ה' וְיִשְׁמְרֵךְ
 יֵאָר ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיְחַנֵּךְ
 יִשָּׂא ה' פָּנָיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם

May God bless you and keep you.
 May God's light shine upon you, and may God be gracious to you.
 May you feel God's presence within you always, and may you find peace.

A Jewish Blessing for Trans Day of Visibility

<p>Blessed are You Eternal Spirit, For bringing me, once again, To this Trans Day of Visibility, So that I may remind myself That to be trans is to be holy, And that I might repeat: To be trans is to be holy.</p> <p>Kadosh, kadosh, kadosh. And so that I might also remind myself That my trans body and neshama (spirit) is made with intention, In your image, Oh Eternal, Loving and Spirit,</p>	<p>Perfect as it is, Or as it will become, with the necessity that is gender-affirming care.</p> <p>I pray that I shall always honor my trans family that came before me, May their memories be a bless- ing, Especially those who should be by my side on this day, if it were not for anti-trans hatred, violence and legislation.</p>	<p>May their memories be a revolution.</p> <p>Blessed Are You, Eternal Spirit, For protecting trans lives, and giving us the strength to protect ourselves, From generation to generation, So that, one day, speedily and soon, we will live visibly and proudly Without fear, Amen.</p> <p>- Evelyn Frick</p>
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Hostages Still Held by Hamas: The Names and Ages of Those Abducted from Israel

<i>Tamir Adar z"l (38)</i>	<i>Meni Godard z"l (73)</i>	<i>Omer Neutra z"l (23)</i>
<i>Edan Alexander (20)</i>	<i>Hadar Goldin z"l (23)</i>	<i>Tamir Nimrodi (20)</i>
<i>Hamza Alziadana z"l (24)</i>	<i>Ran Gvili z"l (24)</i>	<i>Sonthaya Oakkharasri z"l (31)</i>
<i>Youssef Hamis Alziadna z"l (54)</i>	<i>Gad Haggai z"l (73)</i>	<i>Yosef Chaim Ohana (25)</i>
<i>Matan Angrest (22)</i>	<i>Judy Weinstein-Haggai z"l (70)</i>	<i>Alon Ohel (23)</i>
<i>Aviv Atzili z"l (49)</i>	<i>Inbar Haiman z"l (27)</i>	<i>Avinathan Or (31)</i>
<i>Sahar Baruch z"l (25)</i>	<i>Tal Haimi z"l (42)</i>	<i>Dror Or z"l (48)</i>
<i>Uriel Baruch z"l (35)</i>	<i>Asaf Hamami z"l (40)</i>	<i>Daniel Perez z"l (22)</i>
<i>Ohad Ben Ami (56)</i>	<i>Maxim Herkin (36)</i>	<i>Natthapong Pinta (36)</i>
<i>Gali Berman (27)</i>	<i>Eitan Horn (38)</i>	<i>Sudthisak Rinthalak z"l</i>
<i>Ziv Berman (27)</i>	<i>Tsachi Idan (50)</i>	<i>Lior Rudaeff z"l (61)</i>
<i>Elkana Bohbot (35)</i>	<i>Guy Iluz z"l (26)</i>	<i>Yonatan Mordechai Samerano z"l</i>
<i>Rom Braslavski (20)</i>	<i>Bipin Joshi (24)</i>	<i>(21)</i>
<i>Itai Chen z"l (38)</i>	<i>Segev Kalfon (26)</i>	<i>Yossi Sharabi z"l (51)</i>
<i>Nimrod Cohen (20)</i>	<i>Ofra Keidar z"l (70)</i>	<i>Oron Shaul z"l (22)</i>
<i>Amiram Cooper z"l (84)</i>	<i>Bar Kuperstein (22)</i>	<i>Idan Shtivi z"l (29)</i>
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<i>Evyatar David (24)</i>	<i>Shlomo Mansour z"l (85)</i>	<i>Ohad Yahalomi (50)</i>
<i>Muhammed El Atrash z"l (40)</i>	<i>Eliyahu Margalit z"l (75)</i>	<i>Arye Zalmanovich z"l (86)</i>
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<i>Ronen Engel z"l (55)</i>	<i>Joshua Loitu Mollel z"l (21)</i>	
<i>Guy Gilboa-Dalal (23)</i>	<i>Eitan Mor (23)</i>	

z"l: Zichronam Livracha, זכרונם לברכה
May their memories be for a blessing.

This list of hostages is as accurate as possible based on public information as of March 28, 2025, but there is no single complete list, as there are still people missing and bodies still being identified.

Prayer for the Return of the Hostages and for Peace

Avinu Shebashamayim, our loving Guardian in Heaven, our Rock and Redeemer, bless and protect the land of Israel and all who dwell within it. We urgently pray that those held hostage in Gaza will return home to their loved ones and we pray for ongoing healing for those who have been released. We pray that those suffering in Gaza, civilians hungry and in need of healing, will return home to build and live in healthy communities.

We pray to see the day when Israelis and Palestinians – Jews and Christians and Muslims – will dwell under their fig trees and grapevines, whether in Tel Aviv, in Ramallah, or in Gaza City, and no one will make them afraid. May there be no more death, no more senseless loss, for Israelis or Palestinians. May there be safety, justice, self-determination, hope, and a healthy future for all, *b'karov u'v'yameinu*, speedily and in our days. And let us say amen.

Central Park Run/Walk for Hostages, 11:00am at Central Park West and 90th Street

Every Sunday, Run for Their Lives—founded by The Hostages and Missing Families Forum NY.

Union Square Vigil for Ceasefire and Hostage Deal, 4:00pm in Union Square Park

A weekly one-hour vigil calling for a bilateral ceasefire and full hostage return. Hosted by Israeli Peace Activists in NYC at the statue of George Washington.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY by 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)

א-להינו וא-להי אבותנו ואמותינו. ברכך את
ארצנו
את 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 בסכון גבוה אף יותר,
והי 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 פגוע
שתול על-מים, ועל-יובל שלח שרשיו, ולא
יראה כי-יבא חס, והיה עלהו רענן; (ירמיהו
17, ח)

שכינה, אם כל חי
שלאי אורך ואמתך למנהיגנו
חזקי לבבותיהם שלא יתקשו
שישתמשו בכוחך 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
ויגל כמים, משפט; ויצדקה, כנחל איתן
(עמוס ה, כד)

REFUAH SHLEIMAH – HEALING PRAYERS

Tarlochan Bahrey
Casey Casas
Larry Finkelstein
Elise Fischer

Allen Freedman
Phil Reed
Elliot Semel
Linda Solomon

Shep Wahnon
Stanley Wilson

This list is for those with acute illness. Any person may submit one name for one-month inclusion. We only print names of people who have given consent. You may say any name aloud during the healing prayer. If you or a CBST member you know is ill and would like support, contact info@cbst.org. We are here for you.

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Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Robert Rothleder
Giovanni Forte
Harvey Mesnikoff

Bonnie Katz
Otto J. Grun Jr.
Jack Zimmerman

Marsha Wenk
Harvey Lubitz
Roy Strassman

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Alexander Kohn
Harry Lai
Evelyn Nathan

Lester Bernstein
Margaret Howard
Dorothy Rosenbaum

Sidney Williams
Lorena Borjas
Mitchell Benjamin

The CBST Community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST member Robin Schatell on the death of her cousin, **Glenn Schatell, z”l**, who died on March 20. May the Holy One comfort all who mourn.

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Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel

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Professor Elizabeth Cooper In memory of Marsha Wenk, z”l, whose wisdom, koach, creativity, and humor are sorely missed, especially these days. After 29 years, I still miss you.

Mark Susskind Shabbat shalom on TDoV Shabbat, Shabbat haChodesh, and Erev Learners’ Minyan Shabbat. “In Nissan we were redeemed, and in Nissan we will be redeemed.”

TONIGHT’S ONEG

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