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May 9-10, 2025 / 12 Iyar 5785

Parshat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim



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וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם אֶת־חֻקֹּתַי וְאֶת־מִשְׁפָּטַי אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה אֹתָם הָאָדָם וְחַי בָּהֶם אֲנִי ה'

“You shall keep My laws and My rules, by the pursuit of which human beings shall live; I am the Eternal.” (Leviticus 18:5)

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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 ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

OPENING PRAYERS AND MEDITATIONS – הַכְנַת הַלֵּב

42	שְׁלוֹם עָלֵיכֶם	Sholom Aleykhem	Ben Yomen (1901-1970)*
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40	שְׁלוֹם עָלֵיכֶם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)*

Prayer for the Release of Hostages and for Peace

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66	לְכָה דוּדִי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Abayudaya Ugandan*; Chasidic*
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DRASHAH: RABBI Yael Werber

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*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig

COMPOSER FEATURE

CANTOR ROBERT SOLOMON (Born 1947) is known internationally as a composer of Jewish choral works and synagogue repertoire. His stirring anthem Leaving Mother Russia, written in 1979, became the rallying cry of the Soviet Jewry movement and established him as a musical interpreter of Jewish conscience. His synagogue works are characterized by their melodic lyricism and accessibility, and his music strives to bring the voice of the congregation into the prayers, mixing the familiar with the new. He also is well known as a performer and songwriter with the popular Jewish music group Safam. Cantor Solomon served as Cantor at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation from 2008 to 2017 and currently serves as the congregation's Cantor Emeritus.

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CBST's 30th Annual Concert Fundraiser

**SOUNDS OF RESISTANCE:
MUSIC OF COURAGE & DEFIANCE**

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 4:00pm

From the African American experience to Yiddish songs of struggle and resistance, this year's concert is an eclectic program that explores how music inspires courage and defiance during times of tyranny and oppression.

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REFUAH SHLEIMAH – HEALING PRAYERS

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Tali Pecana-Dizon
Phil Reed
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Linda Solomon
Shep Wahnnon
Sandy Warshaw
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.

YORTZEITS 12 TO 18 IYAR 5785

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Barry Michael Karpel
Edward Slomka
Ronald Cohen

Arlene Klarfeld Kochman
Lawrence Levy

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Sam Appell
Sheldon Arden
Moshe Winter
Selma Honig
Jeanne Berman

Ed Traitman
Fannie Seigal
David Berger
Edward Cline
Doris Guralnick

Esther Karger
Violet Mandel
Arnold Blake
Aron Heldeman
Howard Scal

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:
CBST members Paula Feinstein and Marilyn Greenberg on the death of Paula's cousin
Ina Lee Smernoff, z"l, who died on May 8.

May the Holy One comfort all who mourn.

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celebration
Joyful. Spiritual. Proud.

PRIDE 2025

REGISTER FOR PRIDE!

Join us for services, music, gatherings, marches, and more!

- June 6: Trans and Non-Binary Pride Shabbat
- June 13: Rabbi Klein's Pride Drashah
- June 20: Family & Friends
- June 27: Pride Shabbat with Guest Speaker Idit Klein



SHOUT OUT FOR PRIDE!

Share your messages of love, encouragement, memory, and more with the CBST community and our many guests. Shout Outs will be featured in our printed and digital Pride materials, on our website, and during our Pride Shabbat services all month.



PRIDE TEES FOR SALE!

March in your CBST Pride Tee on Sunday, June 29!

T-shirt sales are online only. We recommend that you order your shirt(s) by June 18 to ensure delivery before the Pride March.

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Hostages Still Held by Hamas: The Names and Ages of Those Abducted from Israel

<i>Tamir Adar z"l</i> (38)	<i>Hadar Goldin z"l</i> (23)	
Edan Alexander (20)	<i>Ran Gvili z"l</i> (24)	<i>Sonthaya Oakkharasri z"l</i> (31)
Matan Angrest (22)	<i>Gad Haggai z"l</i> (73)	Yosef Chaim Ohana (26)
<i>Sahar Baruch z"l</i> (25)	<i>Judy Weinstein-Haggai z"l</i> (70)	Alon Ohel (23)
<i>Uriel Baruch z"l</i> (35)	<i>Inbar Haiman z"l</i> (27)	Avinathan Or (31)
Gali Berman (27)	<i>Tal Haimi z"l</i> (42)	<i>Dror Or z"l</i> (48)
Ziv Berman (27)	<i>Asaf Hamami z"l</i> (40)	<i>Daniel Perez z"l</i> (22)
Elkana Bohbot (35)	Maxim Herkin (36)	Sasiwan Pankong
Rom Braslavski (20)	Eitan Horn (38)	Natthapong Pinta (36)
<i>Itai Chen z"l</i> (38)	<i>Guy Iluz z"l</i> (26)	<i>Sudthisak Rinthalak z"l</i>
<i>Tal Chaimi z"l</i> (42)	Bipin Joshi (24)	<i>Lior Rudaeff z"l</i> (61)
Nimrod Cohen (20)	Segev Kalfon (26)	<i>Yonatan Mordechai Samerano z"l</i>
<i>Amiram Cooper z"l</i> (84)	<i>Ofra Keidar z"l</i> (70)	(21)
Ariel Cunio (27)	Bar Kuperstein (22)	<i>Thawatchai Saethao z"l</i> (26)
David Cunio (34)	<i>Shay Levinson z"l</i> (19)	<i>Yossi Sharabi z"l</i> (51)
<i>Shaked Dahan z"l</i> (19)	<i>Eitan Levy z"l</i> (53)	<i>Idan Shtivi z"l</i> (29)
<i>Oz Daniel z"l</i> (19)	<i>Eliyahu Margalit z"l</i> (75)	<i>Ilan Weiss z"l</i> (56)
Evyatar David (24)	Omri Miran (47)	<i>Yehudit Weinstein z"l</i> (70)
<i>Ronen Engel z"l</i> (55)	<i>Joshua Loitu Mollel z"l</i> (21)	<i>Yair Yaakov z"l</i> (59)
<i>Guy Gilboa-Dalal</i> (23)	Eitan Mor (23)	<i>Arye Zalmanovich z"l</i> (86)
<i>Meni Godard z"l</i> (73)	<i>Omer Neutra z"l</i> (23)	Matan Zangauker (25)
<i>Tamar Gutman z"l</i> (27)	Tamir Nimrodi (20)	

z"l: זיכרוןם לברכה, זיכרוןם לברכה
May their memories be for a blessing.

This list of hostages is as accurate as possible based on public information as of May 9, 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. ברך 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 בידנו 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,
וזהי חובתנו הקדושה להיות
עמך
ברכנו בטעם המתוק של החופש
כדי שנשכיל להעריך את החופש לו זכינו
בדורות קודמים ובעת הזו
לדפא ולחזק את הדמוקרטיה שלנו שתהיה פתוחה
שְׁתּוּל עַל-מַיִם, וְעַל-יּוֹבֵל שְׁלַח שְׂרָשֵׁי, וְלֹא
יִרְאֶה כִּי-יָבֵא חֹס, וְהָיָה עֲלֶיהָ רֶעֶן; (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
וְיָגַל בְּמַיִם, מִשְׁפָּט; וְצִדְקָה, כְּנַחַל אֵיתָן
(עמוס ה, כד)

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Rabbi Marisa James in honor of the founders of CBST's Sanctuary work, and the volunteers, supporters, immigrant friends, clinic staff and interns celebrating the Ark Immigration Clinic's 6th anniversary. Mazal tov to all!

Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel

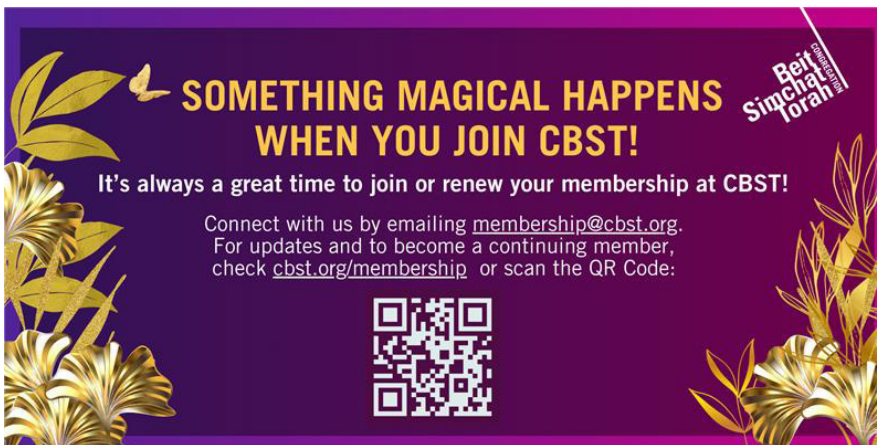
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Sabrina Farber and Ellen Shapiro The entire CBST community wishes Rabbi Jason Klein the very happiest of (big) birthdays - coming on May 14! May you continue to go from strength to strength right here at CBST keeping us joyful, spiritual and proud! Mazel Tov!

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Shep Wahnon celebrating my luckiest day 31 years ago, Thursday, May 12th 1994. I'm grateful to my companion John Sharkey for saving me – finding me in a coma, suffering from sepsis and AIDS. My doctor, friends, and Rabbi Kleinbaum always supported me. My doctor gave me 6 months to live. But I never gave up on myself and I never will.



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