

שבת שלום

Shabbat Shalom

March 13-14, 2026 / 25 Adar 5786

Parshat Vayakhel-Pekudei

Shabbat Mevarchim Hachodesh - Shabbat Hachodesh

HIAS Refugee Shabbat

וַיָּבֹאוּ כָּל-אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-נִשְׂאוֹ לְבוֹ וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר נָדְבָה רוּחוֹ אֶתוֹ
יָבִיאוּ אֶת-תְּרוּמַת ה' לְמַלְאכַת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וּלְכָל-עֲבֹדָתוֹ
וּלְבִגְדֵי הַקֹּדֶשׁ:

"And everyone who excelled in ability and everyone whose spirit was moved came, bringing to the Eternal an offering for the work of the Tent of Meeting and for all its service and for the sacral vestments." (Exodus 35:21)

Service Leader: Rabbi Yael Werber

**Guest Speaker: Azeem Khan, Ark Immigration Clinic Navigator,
with immigrant friends Benita and Nickesha**

Ba'al Tefillah & Piano: Cantor Sam Rosen

Rabbi Yael Werber

Cantor Sam Rosen

Rabbi Marisa Elana James, Director of Social Justice Programming

Joyce Rosenzweig, Music Director

Ivan Zimmerman, President

Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, Senior Rabbi Emerita

Welcome to CBST!

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

CBST Welcomes Our Hebrew Speaking Guests

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At CBST, our goals to keep each other safe and healthy are deeply connected to the themes of the High Holidays. We build a better world beginning with each other. 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 are livestreamed, and we will look forward to welcoming you back soon.
 - People have different vulnerabilities. Your decision to wear a mask is respected at CBST.
 - Please consider personal space by not automatically moving to embrace others, especially the clergy who interact with so many congregants.
 - Keep up to date on vaccinations for Flu and COVID, remembering that we are in the season of increased transmission.
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Use of mobile phones and other devices with lighted screens in the sanctuary is distracting to those who come to pray. If you need to check your device, please step outside to do so. Photography and video are permitted only to those who have been given permission in advance of the service. Anyone who uses one of these devices in the sanctuary without prior permission will be asked to leave.

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PARSHAT VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI
SHABBAT HACHODESH - SHABBAT MEVARCHIM HACHODESH
HIAS REFUGEE SHABBAT

30	הנה מה טוב	Hinei Mah Tov	Elana Arian (born 1981)
38	הדלקת נרות של שבת	Candle Blessing	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)
40	שלום עליכם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT / קבלת שבת

52	לכו נרננה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Chabad Chasidim
54	שירו לה' (תהלים צו)	Shiru Ladonai (Psalm 96)	Jordan Franzel (Born 1969)
62	מזמור לדוד (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986)
66	לכה דודי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986); Kol Haneshama (Jerusalem)
72	מזמור שיר (תהלים צב)	Mizmor Shir (Psalm 92)	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994) & Nathan Lam (born 1946)

MA'ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE / מעריב

78	ברכו	Bar'chu	Nusach
80	המעריב ערבים	Hama'ariv Aravim	Nusach
86	אהבת עולם	Ahavat Olam	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)
88	שמע ישראל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	ואהבת	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trope)
94	מי כמוכה	Mi Chamochah	Josh Nelson (born 1975)
P5	השכיבנו	Hashkiveinu	Modzitz Chasidim
102	ושמר	V'shamru	Aminadav Aloni (1928-1999)

104	חֲצִי קַדִּיֵּשׁ	Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	Shabbat Amidah	
118	עֵשֶׂה שְׁלוֹמִים	Oseh Shalom	Elana Arian (born 1981)
130	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה	Prayer for Healing	
P6	תְּפִלָּה לְמְדִינָה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קַדִּיֵּשׁ שְׁלוֹמִים	Kaddish Shalem	

**GUEST SPEAKER: AZEEM KHAN, ARK IMMIGRATION CLINIC NAVIGATOR,
WITH IMMIGRANT FRIENDS BENITA AND NICKESHA**

P5		Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor	Irving Berlin (1888-1989)
		CONCLUDING PRAYERS / סִיּוּמֵי הַתְּפִלָּה	
140	עֲלֵינוּ	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
150	קַדִּיֵּשׁ יְתוּמִים	Mourner's Kaddish	
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COMPOSER FEATURE

Elana Arian (born 1981) is one of the leading voices in contemporary Jewish music. A composer, multi-instrumentalist, and recording artist, Elana inspires communities across the country with her soulful songwriting and spirit. Elana has served on the faculty of both Shirei Chagiga in London and at the Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, working as a teaching artist in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Cantor Rosen and Elana co-teach a course at HUC entitled “Worship Lab” for 2nd year rabbinical and cantorial students to improve their service leading skills.

Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor

from The New Colossus

Music: Irving Berlin (1888-1989); Text: Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)

“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

PRAYER for OUR COUNTRY

Rabbi Ayelet S. 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)

REFUAH SHLEIMAH – HEALING PRAYERS

Cate Corcoran	Susan Meyer
Max Ember	Daniel Le Goff Pollack
John Albert Figueroa	Richard Sacher
Robert Fink	Linda Solomon
Michael Folickman	Emma Sunshaw
Judy Frank	Talia Shane bat Rinah
Gavriella bat Simcha v'Devorah	Shep Wahnon

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

24 Adar to 1 Nisan

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Giovanni Forte	Larry Lercher
Otto J. Grun Jr.	Harvey Mesnikoff
Bonnie Katz	Robert Rothleder

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Melvin Blake	Evelyn Nathan
Josephine Gould	Billie Oxenhirt
Helen Gursky	Hyman Sebolsky
Alexander Kohn	Morris Shapiro
Rae Kosow	Benjamin Siegel
Harry Lai	Marie Spahn
Alvin Marks	Solomon Strickler
Edward Mills	Charlotte Wolff
Sam Mizrahi	Goodman

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST member **Dr. Barbara Freedman** on the death of her mother, Mariellen “Ginger” Spiro, z”l, who died on March 8 at the age of 85.

May the Holy One comfort all who mourn.

SPONSORSHIPS

TOV L'HDOT Underwritten by

Matthew Kalos, fifty years ago this month I walked into CBST for the very first time. I became a member soon thereafter and have remained one ever since. What an exciting milestone that I am celebrating! As a 50-year member, I am proud to be a bridge between the original founders, many of whom I knew well, and the future of the congregation. I am thrilled to be able to commemorate this event tonight.

TONIGHT'S LIVESTREAM

Underwritten by

Alton Bader, who has generously and consistently supported CBST's Livestream.

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CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff wish mazel tov to adult B*Mitzvah students Casey Casas and Naomi Blakeman. Your hard work and dedication are an inspiration!
CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff want to thank Azeem Khan, Benita, and Nickesha for being tonight's HIAS Refugee Shabbat guest speaker and for the meaningful work you do.

Ellen Engelson, in memory of my beloved wife, Bonnie Katz, z"l, on her 5th yortzeit. I still miss you and hope you're resting in peace.

Jay Fischer and Michael Lehrman, who generously support CBST's Livestream.

Lorraine Baysek and Karen Miscuk, to remember Karen's Mom's Birthday March 17, 1925. We miss sharing St. Paddy's day with you in Pittsburgh.

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Linda Solomon and Bonnie Siegel are pleased to support tonight's livestream.

TONIGHT'S ONEG

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Bonnie Pollack, in honor of Naomi Blakeman on her B*Mitzvah. I wish you continued blessings, joy and fulfillment in everything you do. You should be very proud! Mazel Tov, my friend!

Eric Rosenbaum and Pierre Vallet, Mazal tov, Naomi Blakeman, on your B*Mitzvah. Your dedication and love of learning inspire our community. May this meaningful milestone bring you joy, pride, and blessings on the journey ahead.

Steven Raphael, MAZAL TOV to Naomi Blakeman on her Bat Mitzvah. It is an honor to serve on the CBST board with you. You Inspire me.

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Fran Dunkel, Leslie Bernstein, and Emily Bernstein Dunkel, remembering Karl Dunkel, z"l, on his 11th yortzeit. Karl was a loving father, father-in-law, and grandfather. We miss him and his smile.

Irwin Kroot, Mazel tov and blessings to Naomi Blakeman on your B*mitzvah!

Jayson Littman, Mazel on your B! Break an aleph this weekend!

Laurie Magid, Congratulations dear Naomi on your B*Mitzvah. Such an accomplishment! Thank you for everything you do for our CBST community.
Regina Linder and Leah Trachten, to wish Mazal Tov to Matthew Kalos on his 50th year at CBST, and our friendship!

SHABBAT PROGRAM

Sponsored by

Noemi Masliah, in honor of the Ark's staff and many volunteers whose hard work and dedication have made it possible for our friends to become butterflies, safe and free.

SATURDAY'S KIDDUSH

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Richard Fishell, Congratulations and warm wishes to Naomi and Casey on their becoming B*Mitzvah.

Mike Vine and Bill Getreuer, in honor of Naomi Blakeman's Adult B*Mitzvah. So happy for you reaching this moment.

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Kim Geringer and Colin Dunn wish the heartiest of Mazal Tovs to Naomi Blakeman on the joyous occasion of celebrating her Bat Mitzvah!

Ivan Zimmerman and Taryn Higashi congratulate Naomi Blakeman and Casey Casas on this very special day. So proud of both of you!

Gregg Passin, in celebration of Board Treasurer and Executive Committee colleague par excellence Naomi Blakeman's B*Mitzvah. Mazel tov!

Azeem Khan, Happy 65th Birthday to my mother, Bibi.

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