

שבת שלום

# Shabbat Shalom

Friday, April 24, 2026 / 8 Iyar 5786

Parshat Acharei Mot-K'doshim

לֹא-תִשָּׂא אֶת-אָחִיךָ בְּלִבְבְּךָ ... וְאָהַבְתָּ לְרֵעֶךָ  
כָּמוֹךָ אֲנִי ה':

“You shall not hate your fellow human in your heart...  
Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Eternal!”  
(Leviticus 19:17-18)

**Service Leader: Rabbi Yael Werber**

**Ba'al Tefillah: Marc Molomot**

**Piano: Cantor Jonathan Comisar**

**Clarinet: Judy Ribnick**

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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

# Shabbat Shalom and Welcome to CBST!

Since our founding in 1973, CBST has been a center of joyful communal prayer, provocative words of Torah, and deep Jewish learning. Whether you are a newcomer tonight or have been a member of CBST for decades, believe in God or are questioning, identify as LGBTQ+ or as an ally, we welcome you.

In the current moment of political and social turmoil, gathering for Shabbat offers an opportunity to ground our busy lives. Making time for Shabbat is a radical reorientation of how we use our time, making space for beauty, spirituality, and joy.

In the words of our Senior Rabbi Emerita, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum,  
joy is an act of political and spiritual resistance.

-Rabbi Yael Werber and Cantor Sam Rosen

## 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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**APRIL 24, 2026 / 8 IYAR 5786  
PARSHAT ACHREI MOT-KEDOSHIM**

30	הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב	Hinei Mah Tov	Traditional*
38	הַדְּלָקַת נְרוֹת שֶׁל שַׁבָּת	Candle Blessing	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)*
40	שְׁלוֹם אֵלֵיכֶם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)*

**KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT / קַבָּלַת שַׁבָּת**

52	לְכוּ נִרְנְנָה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Abayudaya Ugandan*
54	יִשְׁמְחוּ הַשָּׁמַיִם (תהלים צו)	Yism'chu Hashamayim	Chasidic*
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
66	לְכֵה דוֹדֵי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Abie Rotenberg; Moshe Laufer*
72	מִזְמוֹר שִׁיר (תהלים צב)	Mizmor Shir (Psalm 92)	Peter Halpern (Born 1958)*

**MA'ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE / מַעְרִיב**

78	בָּרְכוּ	Bar'chu	Nusach
80	הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרָבִים	Hama'ariv Aravim	Nusach
86	אַהֲבַת עוֹלָם	Ahavat Olam	Eric Mandell (1903-1988)*
88	שִׁמְעֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהֲבַת	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trope)
94	מִי כַמּוֹחָה	Mi Chamochah	Sol Zim (Born 1939)*
98	הַשְּׂכִיבֵנוּ	Hashkiveinu	Algerian*
102	וְשִׁמְרוּ	V'shamru	Lawrence Avery (1927-2015) Arr. Joyce Rosenzweig

104	חֲצִי קָדִישׁ	Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	<b>Shabbat Amidah</b>	
116	שְׁלוֹם רַב	Shalom Rav	Jonathan Comisar*
118	עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh Shalom	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986)*
130	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה	Prayer for Healing	
P6	תְּפִלָּה לְמִדְיָנָה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קָדִישׁ שְׁלוֹם	Kaddish Shalem	
		<b>DRASHAH: RABBI YAEL WERBER</b>	
		<b>CONCLUDING PRAYERS / סִיּוּם הַתְּפִלָּה</b>	
140	עֲלֵינוּ	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)*
150	קָדִישׁ יְתוּם	Mourner's Kaddish	
		<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS &amp; SPONSORSHIPS</b>	
156	הַמוֹצֵיָא / קִידוּשׁ	Kiddush & Motzi	
		<i>*Arranged by Cantor Jonathan Comisar</i>	

## COMPOSER FEATURE

**Lawrence Avery (1927-2015)** began davening and singing at the Crown Heights Yeshiva in Brooklyn. From there he attended the High School of Music and Art, which by 1944 prepared him for the Juilliard School of Music. After a year at Juilliard, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where he served as a Chaplain's assistant and soloist in the famed Bluejacket Choir. Returning to Juilliard for four years, he earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees in voice, music education, and opera upon graduation. Avery's father urged him to become a Hazzan and arranged a course of study. After working for three years at Ohab Zedek, an Orthodox synagogue in the Rockaways, he came to Beth El, a major Conservative pulpit in New Rochelle, where he served for over 50 years. At the urging of his wife, Avery went to study at Hebrew Union College. Following his graduation, he was asked to join the faculty, where he taught for 36 years. He is fondly remembered as a "cantor's cantor."

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE DURING TIMES OF WAR** **Adapted from Rabbi Nachman of Breslov**

May it be Your will,  
Holy One, our God, our ancestors' God,  
that you erase war and bloodshed from the world  
and in its place draw down  
a great and glorious peace  
so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation  
neither shall they learn war any more.

Rather, may all the inhabitants of the earth  
recognize and deeply know  
this great truth:  
that we have not come into this world  
for strife and division  
nor for hatred and rage,  
nor provocation and bloodshed.

We have come here only to encounter You, eternally blessed One.

And so, we ask your compassion upon us;  
raise up, by us, what is written:  
*let justice come in waves like water and righteousness flow like a river,  
for the earth shall be full  
of the knowledge of the Holy One  
as the waters cover the sea.*

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### **SPEAKER JULIE MENIN**



**Julie Menin** was elected as the first Jewish Speaker of the New York City Council on January 7, 2026. Speaker Menin has served our city for more than two decades, including as Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Commissioner of the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, and Census Director. She is also an attorney and former small business owner as well as a proud descendant of Holocaust survivors.

Speaker Menin has proudly represented District 5, which includes parts of the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island, in the Council since January 2022. Her policy accomplishments during her first two terms included passing legislation to advance universal child care, lower and bring transparency to excessive health care prices, and ease burdens on small businesses.

## **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).

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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

Aliza Elinor bat Martin v’Rose	Gavriella bat simcha u’Devorah
Tarlochan Bahray	Charles Jefferson
Ken Binder	Sandi Lippel
Cate Corcoran	Richard Sacher
Ted DuBois	Linda Solomon
Max Ember	Talia Shane bat Rinah
John Albert Figueroa	Shep Wahnnon
Robert Fink	Judy Winters

*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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## YORTZEITS

7 Iyar to 13 Iyar

### Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Rita Fischer	Howard Schoenholtz
Barry Michael Karpel	Edward Slomka

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

Charles Meyer Antenson	Sherwin Hunter
Sam Appell	Florence Levine
Sheldon B. Arden	Ruth Miller
David Berger	Fannie Seigal
Jeanne Berman	Ed Traitman
Faye Fliegenspan-Gold	Moshe Winter
Selma Gloria Honig	Irving Zalkin

### The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST members **Rabbi Melanie Kohler Levav, Hope Levav, Aaron Levav, and Amichai Levav** on the death of their mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, Nan Kohler, z”l, who died April 20 at the age of 75.

Former Cooperberg-Rittmaster Rabbinical Intern **Rabbi Tracy Nathan** on the death of her father, Wallace Nathan, z”l, who died April 18.

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**Noemi Masliah and Liz Cooper** in honor of Susan Meyer and Marsha Melnick on their birthdays earlier this week and next week respectively. Here's one more toast to you both. We love you.

**Richard Sacher** In memory of my dear family member, Helene Sacher, *z"l*, on her 9th yortzeit.

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