

שבת שלום

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, June 12, 2026 / 28 Sivan 5786

Transgender and Non-Binary Pride Shabbat

Parshat Shlach

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz

וְנָהִי בְעֵינֵינוּ כְּחַגָּבִים, וְכֵן הָיִינוּ בְעֵינֵיהֶם.

"And we looked like grasshoppers to ourselves,
and so we must have looked to them."
(Numbers 13:33)

Service Leader: Rabbi Yael Werber

Guest Speaker: Bernie Wagenblast

**Ba'alei Tefillah: Cantor Sam Rosen
and Cantor Rachel Weston**

Piano: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig

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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JUNE 12, 2026 / 28 SIVAN 5786
TRANSGENDER AND NON-BINARY PRIDE SHABBAT
PARSHAT SHELACH-LECHA - SHABBAT MEVARCHIM HACHODESH

36	זאל זיין שבת	Zol Zayn Shabbes	Yiddish Folk Song*
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 / קַבְּלַת שַׁבָּת

52	לְכוּ נִרְנְנָה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Western Sephardic Melody*
58	זַמְרוּ לַיהוָה (תהלים צח)	Zamru Ladonai (Psalm 98)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986)*
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yiddish Melody (Shnirele Perele)*
66	לְכֵה דוֹדֵי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Erin Ehren (Born 1996); Kol Haneshama (Jerusalem)*
72	צַדִּיק כְּתָמָר (תהלים צב)	Tsadik Katamar (Psalm 92)	Louis Lewandowski (1821-1894)*

MA'ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE / מַעְרִיב

78	בְּרַכּוֹ	Bar'chu	Nusach
P5	הַמַּעְרִיבָה עֲרָבִים	Hama'ariveh Aravim	Nusach
86	אַהֲבַת עוֹלָם	Ahavat Olam	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)*
88	שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהֲבַת	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trope)
94	מִי כַמּוֹחָה	Mi Chamochah	Elana Arian (Born 1981)*
P5	הַשְּׂכִיבָנוּ	Shelter of Peace	Cantor Ze'evi Tovlev (born 1992)*; Rabbi Ariel Tovlev

102	וְשָׁמְרוּ	V'shamru	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
104	חֲצִי קָדִישׁ	Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	Shabbat Amidah	
114	וְעַל כָּלֵם	V'al Kulam	Meir Finkelstein (Born 1951)*
118	עֵשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh Shalom	Nurit Hirsch (Born 1942)*
P6	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה	Prayer for Healing	R' Shir Meira Feit (born 1975)
P8	תְּפִלָּה לְמַדִּינָה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קָדִישׁ שְׁלֵם	Kaddish Shalem	

GUEST SPEAKER: BERNIE WAGENBLAST

P6	Love Song For Me	Pax Ressler (born 1989)
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CONCLUDING PRAYERS / סִיּוּם הַתְּפִלָּה

140	עֲלֵינוּ	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)*
150	קָדִישׁ יְתוּם	Mourner's Kaddish	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPONSORSHIPS

156	קִידוּשׁ / הַמוֹצֵיָא	Kiddush & Motzi
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**Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig*

COMPOSER FEATURE

Pax Ressler (they/them) is a non-binary composer, music director, and performer working at the intersections of theatre and music as well as arts and advocacy. They are a passionate advocate and organizer of the non-binary and trans community in Philly and a co-gardener of the Genderfunk Philly instagram (@genderfunkphilly), featuring Philly's trans and non-binary theatre talent. In 2020, Pax wrote and released an album of non-binary love songs entitled "Change" and has written choral music for ensembles across the country since 2013. Their work as a theatre composer has been seen in The Bearded Ladies' Barrymore Award-winning "Contradict This! A Birthday Funeral for Heroes" at Cherry Street Pier in Philadelphia and at La Mama Experimental Theatre in NYC. paxressler.com

PRIDE 2026

REGISTER FOR PRIDE!

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

✓ **June 12:** Trans and Non-Binary Pride Shabbat with Guest Speaker **Bernie Wagenblast**

June 19: Family & Friends Shabbat with Guest Speaker **Gili Getz**

June 26: Pride Shabbat with Keynote Speaker **Manhattan Borough President, Brad Hoylman-Sigal**

June 28: March with CBST at the NYC Pride March

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 28!

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



LEARN MORE AT [CBST.ORG/PRIDE!](https://www.cbst.org/pride)

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PRIDE PICNIC 2026

CELEBRATE SHABBAT & PRIDE MONTH WITH CBST



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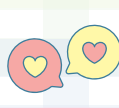
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Sing



Play



Shmooze

A DAY OF LGBTQ & JEWISH JOY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
ALL AGES WELCOME!

INCLUDING RAINBOW TOTS ACTIVITIES (0-4)
PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH **tkiya**

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

PIER 63
AT HUDSON RIVER PARK

REGISTER AT [CBST.ORG/PRIDEPICNIC2026](https://www.cbst.org/pridepicnic2026)

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

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

*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'ruche'eh ateh, Ado-nai
Cong.: (Bruche'eh u'Varuch Sh'meh),
hama'ariveh aravim.*

וּמַעֲבִירָה יוֹם וּמִבִּיאָה לַיְלָה,
וּמִבְדִּילָה בֵּין יוֹם וּבֵין לַיְלָה,
ה' צְבָאוֹת שְׁמֵהּ.
אֱלֹהֵי חַיִּים וְקַיָּמָה,
תָּמִיד יִמְלֹכֶה עָלֵינוּ לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד.
בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה, ה',
הַמְעַרְבֶּה עַרְבִים.

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

וְנֹאמַר: כִּי פָדְתָה ה' אֶת יַעֲקֹב,
וּגְאַלְתָּנוּ מִיַּד חֲזָק מִמֶּנּוּ.
בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה, ה',
גֹּאֲלֵה יִשְׂרָאֵל.

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.

Broken-Hearted

Music: R' Shir Meira Feit
Text: Psalm 147 (Adapted)

*Harofei lishvurei lev
Um'chabesh le'atzvotam.*

*Moneh mispar la'kochavim
Le'chulam shemot yikra
Halleluyah*

הַרְפֵּא לְשִׁבּוּרֵי לֵב
וּמַחְבֵּשׁ לְעִצְבוֹתָם:
מוֹנֵה מִסְפָּר לְכוֹכָבִים
לְכֹלֵם שְׁמוֹת יִקְרָא:
הַלְלוּ יְהוָה

Healer of the broken-hearted
Binder of our wounds
Counter of uncountable stars
You know who we are

Love Song For Me

Music: Pax Ressler

This is how I look
This is who I am
You can feel some way about it
I don't give a damn

I'm walking high in high-heeled shoes
Wearing this dress that I bought used
You can heckle, you can holler, but you can't take
The pride that I have inside

(Oh - woah) I love the feeling
(Oh - woah) Walking down the street
(Oh - woah) This is how I'm healing
Scars from past versions of me, yeah, yeah, yeah

(Oh - woah) I'm looking cute
(Oh - woah) And I don't care if you agree
(Oh - woah) Cause it's not for you
This is a love song for me - yeah!

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.*

Guest Speaker **Bernie Wagenblast**



Bernie Wagenblast's voice was first heard by folks in the Tri-State area in 1979 when she made her debut on New York radio as a traffic reporter. Since 2009, her voice has been heard daily by millions of riders on the New York City subway. She is also the voice of the AirTrain at Newark Liberty International Airport.

In 2023, Bernie came out as a transgender woman and has used her celebrity to raise trans visibility. She has been named one of the grand marshals for the 2026 NYC Pride March.

FAMILY & FRIENDS SHABBAT 2026

with Special Guest
Gili Getz

Friday, June 19

6:30 p.m. | In person at CBST and
Livestreaming With ASL interpretation




Register at
cbst.org/pride



PRIDE SHABBAT 2026

Pride Keynote Speaker
**Manhattan Borough President
Brad Hoylman-Sigal**

Friday, June 26, 6:30 p.m. | In person at
Masonic Hall and livestreaming | With
ASL Interpretation 



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

Robert Berlan
Ravelle Brickman
Cate Corcoran
John DePasquale
Robert Fink
Joseph Messina

Lisa Meyers
Richard ben Rose
Linda Solomon
Talia Shane bat Rinah
Shep Wahnon
Ron Weiss

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

27 Sivan to 3 Tammuz

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Sheila B. Michaels
Larry Rape
Ruth Selman

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Annette Aaron	Florence Levine
Alfred Baslaw	Morris Levy
Morris Deutsch	Judith Little
Selwyn T. Ekman	Leslie H. Meyers
Rosina Gans	Pearl Spegal Morgenstern
Adam Greenfield	Solomon Pavloff
Paula Ingerman Zeller	Joseph I. Pollak
Bertram H. Kartzman	Leslie Schneider
Charlotte Katz	Julie Shuldiner
Moishe Aaron Ben Kershon	Betty Sull
Ellen G. Leipzig	Rita K. Waldor
Florence Levine	Cecilia Windschauer
Morris Levy	Claire Sokoloff Zirinsky
Judith Little	

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST members **Erika Goodman** on the death of her father Burt Goodman, z"l, who died on June 8 at the age of 91.

SPONSORSHIPS

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff, with appreciation to Bernie Wagenblast for sharing her ubiquitous voice, experience, and wisdom with our community this Transgender and Non-Binary Pride Shabbat.

TONIGHT'S LIVESTREAM

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

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

TONIGHT'S ONEG

Sponsored by

Joseph Cunin and Sylvan Robinson, in honor of Trans Pride Shabbat and guest speaker Bernie Wagenblast.

Rosanne Leipzig and Ora Chaikin, on the 44th yortzeit of Rosanne's mother, Ellen Gordon Leipzig, z"l. Although you died way too soon, your neshamah and love are with us always.

Supported by

Alex Hoffman and Tanya Domi congratulate Beth Hoffman Patalona on becoming a Licensed Clinical Social Worker! You've worked so hard and we're very proud of you. Mazal tov!

Rick Landman wants to thank CBST and all those who participated in the Memorial Service for his mother on June 10th, and to commemorate his 74th birthday on the 15th.

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