

שבת שלום

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, June 19, 2026 / 5 Tammuz 5786

Parashat Korach

Friends & Family Shabbat

ויהי ממחרת ויבא משה אל אהל העדות והנה פרח מטה אהרן
לבית לוי ויצא פרח ויצץ ציץ ויגמל שקדים

“The next day Moses entered the Tent of the Pact, and there the staff of Aaron of the house of Levi had sprouted: it had brought forth sprouts, produced blossoms, and borne almonds.” (Numbers 17:23)

Service Leader: Rabbi Yael Werber and Rabbi Marisa James

Guest Speaker: Gili Getz

Ba'al Tefillah: Cantor Sam Rosen with the CBST Community Chorus

Piano: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig

Percussion: Barbara Freedman

ASL interpretation: Craig Fogel and Rick Rubin

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 19, 2026 / 5 TAMMUZ 5786
PARSHAT KORACH

30	הִנֵּה מַה טוֹב (תהלים קלג)	Hinei Mah Tov	Elana Arian (Born 1981)*
38	הַדְּלֻקַת נְרוֹת שֶׁל שַׁבָּת	Candle Blessing	Abraham Wolf Binder (1895-1967)*
40	שְׁלוֹם עָלֵיכֶם	Shalom Aleichem	Israel Goldfarb (1879-1956)*

KABBALAT SHABBAT / WELCOMING SHABBAT / קַבֵּלַת שַׁבָּת

52	לְכוּ נִרְנְנָה (תהלים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Abayudaya Ugandan*
54	שִׁירוֹ לַה' (תהלים צו)	Shiru Ladonai (Psalm 96)	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תהלים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yoel Sykes (Born 1986)*
66	לְכֵה דוֹדֵי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Josh Warshawsky (Born 1990)* Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
72	טוֹב לַהֲדוֹת (תהלים צב)	Tov L'hodot (Psalm 92)	Peter Halpern (Born 1958)*

MA'ARIV / THE EVENING SERVICE / מַעְרִיב

78	בָּרְכוּ	Bar'chu	Nusach
80	הַמַּעְרִיב עֲרַבִים	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	Allan E. Naplan (Born 1972)*
98	הַשְּׂכִיבֵנוּ	Hashkiveinu	Modzitz Chasidim*
102	וְשִׁמְרוּ	V'shamru	Spanish Melody*

104	חֲצִי קָדִישׁ	Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	Shabbat Amidah	
103	לְמַדְנִי	Lamdeini	Cantor Benjie-Ellen Schiller (Born 1958)*
118	עֲשֵׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh Shalom	Jeff Klepper (Born 1954)*
130	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה	Prayer for Healing	
P6	תְּפִלָּה לְמַדִּינָה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קָדִישׁ שְׁלוֹם	Kaddish Shalem	
GUEST SPEAKER: GILI GETZ			
CONCLUDING PRAYERS / סִיּוּם הַתְּפִלָּה			
140	עֲלֵינוּ	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)*
150	קָדִישׁ יְתוּם	Mourner's Kaddish	
ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPONSORSHIPS			
P5	אַלֵּע בְּרִידֵעַר	Alle Brider	Morris Winchesky (1856-1932)*
156	קִידוּשׁ / הַמוֹצֵיָא	Kiddush & Motzi	

*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig

COMPOSER FEATURE

Cantor Benjie Ellen Schiller (Born 1958) is a nationally known composer and prayer leader whose works include *Life-Song Cycle*, a series of pieces for Jewish life passage ceremonies; *Halleluhu*, a multi-rhythmic setting of Psalm 150; and *Azamra*, a collection of liturgical pieces, along with numerous commissioned works for synagogues, choirs, and interfaith liturgical groups. Ordained as a cantor with a Master's degree from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, she served for decades on the HUC-JIR faculty as Professor of Cantorial Arts at the School of Sacred Music, training cantorial students to bridge the gap between performance and spiritual leadership. From 1989 until her retirement in 2023, she served alongside her husband, Rabbi Lester Bronstein, as Cantor of Bet Am Shalom Synagogue in White Plains, New York. She received her bachelor's degree in composition from Boston University.

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אַלע ברידער / אַלע שוועסטער / אַלע מענטשן

Alle Brider / Alle Shvester / Alle Menschn
All brothers / All sisters / All people

Text: Morris Winchevsky, adapted by Amanda Miryem-Khaye Seigel & Henry Carrey

*Un mir zaynen alle brider,
 oy, oy alle brider!
 Un mir zingen freylekhe
 lider, oy, oy, oy!
 Un mir haltn zich in eynem,
 oy, oy, zich in eynem!
 Azelkhes iz nito bay keynem,
 oy, oy, oy!*

*Un mir zaynen alle shvester,
 oy, oy, ale shvester!
 Azoy vi Rochl, Rus, un
 Ester, oy, oy, oy!
 Un mir zaynen alle freylakh,
 oy, oy, alle freylekh!
 Vi Yoynisn un Dovid
 hameylekh, oy, oy, oy!*

*Un mir zaynen alle menshn,
 oy, oy, ale menshn!
 Nor mit nakhes zol Got
 bentschn, oy, oy, oy!
 Un mir zaynen alle minim, oy,
 oy, ale minim!
 Un mir zingen fil niginim, oy,
 oy, oy!*

*And we are all brothers, oy,
 oy, all brothers!
 And we sing gay songs, oy,
 oy, oy!
 And we care for each other
 as one, oy, oy, for each other
 as one!
 Like no one else, oy, oy, oy!*

*And we are all sisters, oy,
 oy, all sisters!
 Just like Rachel, Ruth, and
 Esther, oy, oy, oy!
 And we are all gay, oy, oy,
 all gay!
 Like Jonathan and King
 David, oy, oy, oy!*

*And we're all people, oy, oy,
 all people!
 God should only bless us with
 pride, oy, oy, oy!
 And we're all gender
 expressions, oy, oy, all gender
 expressions!
 And we sing many songs, oy,
 oy, oy!*

Guest Speaker Gili Getz



Gili Getz is a photojournalist, actor, peace activist, and longtime friend and photographer of the CBST community. He serves as president of American Friends of Combatants for Peace, a binational Israeli-Palestinian movement, and as vice president of Partners for Progressive Israel.

Following October 7, he co-founded Israelis for Peace, advocating for the freedom, safety, justice, equality, dignity, and full humanity of all Israelis and Palestinians living between the river and the sea.

Gili's new photography exhibition, "Ossim Shalom," explores his journey in America after October 7. His photography is included in the New York Times bestseller "The Future Is Peace: A Shared Journey Across the Holy Land."

Mazel Tov to our High School Graduates!

Risa Aarlev
Dori Aarlev
Lazlo Rosenfeld
Leo Cossey
Aviv Weiss Kaplan
Lula Greenfield Herold
Molly Kessler Karp

In their own words

The first service I attended on 30th St was Simchat Torah, and that service had much of what I have been very grateful to experience at this shul. I have loved being able to walk into the sanctuary and to make friends with complete strangers just because we are all Jewish. I have been moved by the music at each service, and as of a few weeks ago, I have been grateful to help create some of that music. I have enjoyed spending time with people both younger and older than I am, sitting with children and adults at services and working with children and adults in the Limmud program. In an all-encompassing statement, I am very happy to have called this synagogue home, and I hope it will still be my home, even when I no longer live in New York. - **Aviv Weiss Kaplan**

Growing up with two moms isn't always easy for some kids, but being a part of a beautiful community like CBST made my childhood one filled with acceptance. Even if I didn't know that many other kids with gay parents at school, at limmud almost everyone did. Also, learning about the Torah and holidays while doing fun activities made me appreciate Judaism from a young age. There were definitely some times when I would put up a fight about going to synagogue when I was younger, but I do remember that as soon as I got there, I had great memories. Thank you CBST for helping to shape me into who I am today. - **Leo Cossey**

In my years at CBST I think back to those I spent preparing for my Bat Mitzvah with Miya Rotstein. CBST and its incredibly special faculty has not only integrated my connection to religion into my social and political life but it has encouraged and taught me to think critically about the world I participate in on the daily. As I prepare for college I will always think of my time with Miya during the pandemic on zoom and how she opened up my world to asking, “Why?”. I couldn’t have done it without her or this community and I will certainly carry that as I begin this new chapter of life. - **Lula Greenfield-Herold**

After graduating high school, I will go to the University of Michigan (have yet to decide a major) while continuing to play flute on the side. Through my childhood and adolescence CBST meant the world to me. My favorite memories are of unrolling the scrolls at Simchat Torah, baking chocolate hamantaschen for Purim, singing with the chorus at the retreats (and learning to embroider there), and of the sacred High Holy Days services. Miya was an incredible teacher and I loved learning how to leyn Torah for my Bat Mitzvah. CBST was where I grew up and learned what being Jewish means to me. I remember holding back in participation on Saturdays until Rabbi Rapport discovered she could bribe us with chocolate chips, and her visiting the CBST kids at Camp Havaya, which was always so special. At CBST having two moms was the norm and so it was a unique place where my family structure didn't feel at all anomalous. I'm so grateful to the CBST community for nurturing me as a child and giving me so many wonderful memories to look back on. -**Risa Aarlev**

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. Our print deadline has passed but we are still accepting digital submissions.

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!

Beit Simchat Torah COMMUNITY MARCHING BAND FAMILIES WITH KIDS

PRIDE PICNIC 2026

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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).

PRAYER 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 in need of healing in Israel,
the West Bank, Gaza, and the whole region, those
under fire and facing loss, will one day live in safety
and abundance and wholeness, in body and in spirit.

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.

REFUAH SHLEIMAH – HEALING PRAYERS

Robert Berlan
Ravelle Brickman
Cate Corcoran
John DePasquale
Robert Fink
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

4 Tammuz to 10 Tammuz

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

Norbert Fischer
Sophie Gaines
Bryan L. Knapp

Allan Masur
Sheldon Post
Rob Selden

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Philip Abrahamson
Harriet Butler Heath Barron
Joanne Brown
Eva Deutsch
Sarah Eidelkind
Nava Elad
Martin Feirman
Martin Finesilver
Dorothy N. Fleischer

Justin Fruh
Judy Garland
Eleanor Esther Hakim
Irving Lamkay
Julian P. Rose
Minnie Jacobson Rosenberg
Stanley Rothenberg
Anita Sacks

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST Member **Dr. Gerald Goldhaber** on the death of his former partner and best friend of 22 years, Joseph Messina, z”l, who died on June 14 at the age of 86.

SPONSORSHIPS

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff, in honor of our guest speaker Gili Getz, a dedicated ally of the LGBTQ+ community and a passionate supporter of CBST, with gratitude for his words of Torah tonight and his work for justice every day.

TONIGHT'S LIVESTREAM

Underwritten by

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

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Jay Fischer and Michael Lehrman who generously support CBST's Livestream.
Lorraine Baysek and Karen Miscuk, to celebrate Juneteenth.

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

TONIGHT'S ONEG

Sponsored by

The Ludvigsen Gaines Family, with love for Sophie Gaines, z"l, on her 22nd yortzeit. In so many ways, she was completely one of a kind. We miss you.

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Madeline Goldfischer, with gratitude to my friends and family, the CBST clergy and staff, and all who support building community. Shabbat Shalom and Happy Pride.

Lisa Kartzman and Janet Pavloff, in memory of our father's yortzeits, Bertram Kartzman, z"l, and Solomon Pavloff, z"l.

SHABBAT MORNING ZOOM

Sponsored by

Mark Susskind, Shabbat shalom. Korach must mean that this is the 15th anniversary of my first service with CBST, when I discovered another festival that called for Hallel!

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It's always a great time to join or renew your membership at CBST

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