

שבת שלום

Shabbat Shalom

Friday, September 4, 2026 / 23 Elul 5786
Parashat Nitzavim-Vayelech

לִמְעַן צִיּוֹן לֹא אֶחְשֶׁה וּלְיִרוּשָׁלַם לֹא אֶשְׁקוּט
עַד-יֵצֵא כְנֶגֶה צְדָקָה וִישׁוּעָתָה כְּלֶפֶיד יִבְעָר:

"For the sake of Zion I will not be silent, for the sake of Jerusalem I will not be still, till her righteousness emerges resplendent, and her salvation like a flaming torch." (Isaiah 62:1) -Haftarah for Parashat Nitsavim-Vayelech

Service Leader: Rabbi Marisa James

Guest Speaker: Imry Zagury

Ba'al Tefillah: Cantor Sam Rosen

Piano: Music Director Joyce Rosenzweig

Rabbi Yael Werber

Cantor Sam Rosen

Rabbi Marisa Elana James, Director of Social Justice Programming

Rabbi Alana Krivo-Kaufman, Engagement Rabbi

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

ברוכים וברוכות הבאים לקהילת בית שמחת תורה! קהילת בית שמחת תורה מקיימת קשר רב שנים ועמוק עם ישראל, עם הבית הפתוח בירושלים לגאווה ולסובלנות ועם הקהילה הגאה בישראל. אנחנו מזמינים אתכם/ן לגלות יהדות ליבראלית גם בישראל! מצאו את המידע על קהילות רפורמיות המזמינות אתכם/ן לחגוג את סיפור החיים שלכן/ם בדף אינטרנט זה: reform.org.il/en. לפרטים נוספים ניתן לפנות לרב נועה סתת: noa.sattath@acri.org.il

At CBST, our goals to keep each other safe and healthy are deeply connected to the values underlying our tradition. 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 times 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. (This means you!) 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. And thank you for refraining from applause.

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PARSHAT NITZAVIM-VAYELECH

191	הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ (אִיכָה הִכָּא)	Hashiveinu	Meir Ben-Uri (1908-1983)*
38	הַדְּלֶקֶת 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 (תְּהִלִּים צה)	L'chu N'ran'nah (Psalm 95)	Reuben Sirotkin (Born 1933)*
56	אוֹר זָרַע (תְּהִלִּים צז)	Or Zarua (Psalm 97)	Chasidic*
62	מִזְמוֹר לְדָוִד (תְּהִלִּים כט)	Mizmor L'David (Psalm 29)	Yiddish Melody (Shnirele Perele)*
66	לְכָה דוֹדִי	L'chah Dodi (Shlomo Alkabetz)	Aaron Bensoussan (Born 1954)*; Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
72	טוֹב לַהֲדוֹת (תְּהִלִּים צב)	Tov L'hodot (Psalm 92)	Yosef Eisenstark*

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	שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל	Sh'ma Yisrael	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)
89	וְאַהֲבַת	V'ahavta	Torah Cantillation (Trope)
94	מִי כַמּוֹחָה	Mi Chamochah	Rick Recht (Born 1970)*
98	הַשִּׁיבֵנוּ	Hashkiveinu	Emanuel Barkan (1896-1990)*

102	וְשָׁמְרוּ	V'shamru	Debbie Friedman (1951-2011)*
104	חֲצִי קָדִישׁ	Chatsi Kaddish	Nusach
106	עֲמִידָה	Shabbat Amidah	
P5	שָׁנָה טוֹבָה	Shanah Tovah	Naomi Shemer (1930-2004)*
118	עֹשֶׂה שְׁלוֹם	Oseh Shalom	Shlomo Carlebach (1926-1994)*
130	תְּפִלָּה לְרִפּוּאָה	Prayer for Healing	
P6	תְּפִלָּה לְמִדִּינָה	Prayer for Our Country	
138	קָדִישׁ שָׁלֵם	Kaddish Shalem	
GUEST SPEAKER: IMRY ZAGURY, DEPUTY CEO, THE AGUDAH			
CONCLUDING PRAYERS / סִיּוּם הַתְּפִלָּה			
140	עֲלֵינוּ	Aleinu	Salomon Sulzer (1804-1890)*
188	תְּהִלִּים כּו (אַחַת שְׁאַלְתִּי)	Psalm 27 (Achat Sha'alti)	Israel Katz (Born 1930)*
150	קָדִישׁ יְתוֹם	Mourner's Kaddish	
ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPONSORSHIPS			
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<i>*Arranged by Joyce Rosenzweig</i>			

COMPOSER FEATURE

Naomi Shemer (1930- 2004) was one of Israel's most important and prolific song writers. During her lifetime, she was hailed as the "First Lady of Israeli Song." Born Naomi Sapir, Shemer penned music and lyrics to hundreds of songs, adapted well known songs to Hebrew, and set Hebrew poetry to music. She was born and raised in *K'vutsat Kinneret*, a kibbutz that her parents had helped to found, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. In the 1950s she served in the Israeli Defense Force's Nahal entertainment troupe and studied music at the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem. She married Mordechai Horowitz and had two children, Lali and Ariel. In 1983, Shemer received the Israel Prize for her contribution to Israeli culture. Several of Shemer's songs (*Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*, *Lu Y'hi*, *Omrin Yeshna Erets* and others) have the quality of anthems, striking deep national and emotional chords in the hearts of Israelis. Shemer continued to write and perform until her death. She died of cancer in 2004 at the age of seventy-three.

Imry Zagury, VP for Strategy & Partnerships - The Aguda
Formerly The Aguda's head of Public Affairs and lobbyist for the LGBTQ+ Coalition, Imry has led national campaigns for policy change, including amending Israel's bereavement law to recognize same-sex partners of soldiers fallen after October 7th.



A Good Year / Shanah Tovah / שנה טובה

Naomi Shemer (1930-2004)*

On the grass,
dew and rain, and a good year,
And at the door,
the light and blue sky of the coming day.
A page of good news, sent from the calendar,
Arrives on the winds' wings directly to the heart.

Perhaps if this year will be good
We will forget the ways
of strife and disappointment
And together, to the sounds of the coming song,
We will all dance.
Perhaps we will send regards – perhaps a postcard.
Perhaps we will just sing Halleluyah.
It seems that this year
Pretty much depends on us.

I have not forgotten how I walked
In paths of disappointment.
I am in search of goodness and kindness
In the beginning of autumn.
Filled with emotion, I meet adults and children
And I build a shared home together with them.

על הדשא טל וגשם ושנה טובה
ובדלת אור ותכלית של היום הבא
מן הלוח דף שלוח חדשות טובות
מגיות על כנף-הרוח אל הלבבות

אולי אם השנה תהיה טובה
נשכח דרכי מדון ואכזבה
ויחד לצילי השיר הבא
נרקוד כלנו
אולי נשלח ברכה – אולי גלויה
אולי בכלל נשיר הללויה-ה
נדמה שהשנה הזו תלויה
בעצם בנו

לא שכחתי איד הלכתי בדרכי אכזב
מחפשת חן וחסד בתחילת הסתו
מתרגשת ופוגשת אנשים וטף
ובונה אתם ביחד בית משתף

THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

PRAYER for OUR COUNTRY

Rabbi Ayelet S. Cohen

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)

PRAYER for PEACE

Rabbi Marisa James

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

Ken Binder	Rachael Monaco
Colonel Ken Denman	Joel Moses
Robert Fink	Moshe ben Menahem Mendel v'Esther
Elise Fischer	Corinne Servily
Edith Golub	Sima Batsheva Bat Masha
Lewis Goldstein	Linda Solomon
Veda O. Luftig	Judith Tax
Mazal bat margalit	Shep Wahnon
Susan Meyer	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

22 Elul to 28 Elul

Members memorialized on the Wine Family Sanctuary Memorial Wall

A. Peter Hruska	Estelle J. Silverman
Kenneth Kanrich	Stanley Wilson
Martha Melnick Richheimer	

Family & Friends memorialized on the Kuriel Chapel Memorial Wall

Alfred Albin	Amalie Linder
Richard Altman	William Pachter
Penny Dachinger	David Radvon
Nelly Blit Dunkel	Harold Rosenbaum
Marjorie B. Felt	Pearl Mozer Shapiro
Paul Goldstein	Noah N. Sherman
Charles S. Kaplan	Irving Wilson
Israel Levine	Benjamin Zack

The CBST community extends condolences to mourners among us:

CBST members **Marc Molomot & Edward Willis** on the death of Marc's Father and Edward's father-in-law, Leslie Molomot, z"l, who died on August 31 at the age of 89.

May the Holy One comfort all who mourn.

SPONSORSHIPS

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff thank Imry Zagury for his leadership of The Agudah and for sharing his wisdom and perspective with our community. We are grateful for his leadership and commitment to LGBTQ+ advocacy.

CBST Board, Clergy, and Staff send a warm mazal tov to Haley Needle & Julia Snyder on the naming of their first child, Ella Bayla Needle-Snyder.

TOV L'HODOT

Marc Waldor and Dr. Nancy Long, in loving memory of my dad's 19th yortzeit.

TONIGHT'S LIVESTREAM

Underwritten by

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

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Barbara Dolgin and Hanna Gafni, in memory of Barbara's uncle, Irwin Rydell, z"l, on his 8th yortzeit.

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

Marsha Melnick and Susan E. Meyer, in memory of my beautiful mom, Martha Melnick Richheimer, z"l, on her second yortzeit. Her love and spirit accompany me always and give me the strength I need to face the hardest times.

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

Mark Susskind, Shabbat shalom and Shanah tovah umetukah. Ready. Steady. Go!

TONIGHT'S ONEG

Sponsored by

Steve Needle, in honor of Ella Bayla Needle-Snyder's baby naming.

Richard Sacher, in memory of my husband, Stanley H. Wilson, z"l, on his first yortzeit. The best husband anyone could ever ask for, who passed away last year on the morning of Erev Rosh Hashana. I miss you every day.

Supported by

Fran Dunkel, Leslie Bernstein, and Emily, remembering Nelly Dunkel, z"l, with love on her third yortzeit. We miss you more and more every day.

Regina Linder and Leah Trachten, we remember Regina's mother, Amalie, z"l, on her 50th yortzeit and brother Bernie, z"l, on his second. They shared a wonderful relationship.



YAMIM NORA'IM

ימים נוראים

High Holidays 5787



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