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Machloket L'Shem Shamayim

For the Sake of Heaven

HIGH HOLIDAYS 2023 | 5784



congregation
bet haverim
קהילת בית חברים



CBH HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

2023/5784

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 15 | EREV ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE 8:00 PM
potluck oneg to follow services

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 16 | ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

ROSH HASHANAH MORNING SERVICE 9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 3-5 YRS OLD 10:15 AM

6-10 YRS OLD 12:15 PM

DRAG QUEEN STORY TIME all ages 11:15 PM

TASHLICH AT W.D. THOMSON PARK * 2:30 PM
with BYO Picnic lunch (no oneg at St. Barts after services)

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 17 | ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

MORNING SERVICE AT CBH LAVISTA* 9:30 AM

REVERSE TASHLICH AT MASON MILL* 3:00 PM

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 24 | KOL NIDRE

KOL NIDRE SERVICE 8:00 PM

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 25 | YOM KIPPUR

YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE 9:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERVICES 3-5 YRS OLD 10:15 AM

6-7 YRS OLD 11:15 AM

8-10 YRS OLD 12:15 PM

ART AND SOUL 2:00 PM

THE STRUGGLE FOR ISRAELI DEMOCRACY 3:00 PM

YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE 4:30 PM

NE'ILAH 6:00 PM

BREAK THE FAST 7:30 PM

** All High Holiday Services are at St. Bart's except stated items,
 please note the alternative service location*

Find Your Moment



If you wanted to choose the biggest-deal rabbi in the Talmud, you could do worse than 2nd Century Rabbi Shimon ben Azzai, commonly known simply as Ben Azzai. His stature as a giant of rabbinic studies was such that, when other rabbis were proud of their own scholarship, they would sometimes exclaim, “Look at me — I’m a Ben Azzai!”

Perhaps we can understand that he wasn’t always the most modest guy. A midrash explains that he was once teaching, and his form was suddenly surrounded by fire. Asked about it by a concerned colleague, none other than Rabbi Akiva, he responded plainly, “I string together, like pearls, the words of the Torah with the Prophets and the Writings — therefore the words rejoice, just like the day when they were revealed in the flames of Sinai!”

And yet, Ben Azzai had great respect for all the members of his community. In the Talmudic text, *Pirkei Avot* — “The Sayings of the Ancestors” — Ben Azzai teaches, “There is no person who doesn’t have their moment.”

Our theme this year is *Machloket L’Shem Shamayim*, “Argument for the Sake of Heaven.” In this challenging moment, other times we think our words are the most important, and most powerful. We burn with the fire of passion. And sometimes, we feel incapable of the task of speaking up, estimating ourselves as unworthy of the moment. Ben Azzai teaches us to remember the power in the words of those who we might foolishly dismiss — whether that’s others or ourselves.

Every soul has its moment. If we’re blessed, numerous moments! During these *Yamim Norai’im*, these Days of Wonder, may you find yours. And may the moments we find be ones in which we kindle the fire within our souls, using our words not to destroy and consume, but to light a path to joy and justice, reconciliation and wonder.

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Rabbi Mike Rothbaum

From Our President



On behalf of the Board and myself, we wish you a good Yontiff and welcome to Congregation Bet Haverim ("House of Friends"). We were founded by gay men and lesbians as a Jewish home where they could bring their whole selves to fully engage Judaism and Jewish life. Recognizing the value of hospitable, empowering, sacred community, CBH grew to enthusiastically embrace all Jews and their loved ones, particularly those who have wandered seeking acceptance.

Today, we are a thriving community that celebrates diversity. We fully understand the needs of families and individuals whose history, outlook or situation means they have sometimes not felt comfortable in other Jewish environments. We take pride in our differences and our commitment to inclusion. This distinction is at the very heart of our existence, and it is why we became associated with the Reconstructionist movement.

It is my honor to serve as President of CBH. I encourage you to take full advantage of the spiritual opportunities the High Holidays present. Participate in our services, engage in meaningful conversations, and take time for personal introspection. Let these days be a catalyst for positive change in your life and the lives of those around you.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to Rabbi Mike, Music Director Rebekka Goldsmith, Chorus Director Will Robertson, and Executive Director Hailey Monette for all of their hard work bringing these exquisite services to fruition. Our thanks to the rest of the staff and all of our amazing volunteers for their efforts.

CBH offers the most amazing community of friends. Say hello to your neighbor and join us! May this season bring you and your loved ones blessings of health, happiness, and harmony. May we find strength and inspiration to make a positive impact in our community and the world. Wishing you a meaningful and transformative High Holiday experience. And yes, donations of any size are welcome. Please visit www.donatetocbh.org/2023. *L'Shanah Tovah!*

B'Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lauren H. Levin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lauren H. Levin

A note about the music in our Services.

Music lies at the heart of what makes Congregation Bet Haverim such a special community to so many of us. The depth and fullness of the Jewish and human experience are lifted up by the 60 musicians in the chorus, band, and strings ensemble - congregants who have been working our hearts out to bring this music to you.

Historically, the melodies sung in High Holiday services have come from a small group of male spiritual leaders and musicians. Alongside traditional Ashkenazic (Eastern European) melodies, we at CBH seek to infuse our services with melodies from the Jewish diaspora (Moroccan, Persian, Armenian and Ladino, this year) as well as contemporary melodies, many of which are composed, written, and arranged by LGBTQ, female-identifying, gender non-conforming, and trans people within and outside of the Jewish world. With gratitude for the beauty, joy, and healing that all of these artists bring into the world, here is a list of some of the composers and arrangers whose music we sing in services now:



David Borthwick, Ernst Bloch, Aviva Chernick, Leonard Cohen, Brad Davidorf, Ara Dinkjian, Debbie Friedman, Rabbi Shefa Gold, Rebekka Goldsmith, Gayanne Geurin, Aly Halpert, Natasha Hirschhorn, Solomon Hoffman, Warren Jacobs, Daniel Kieval, Batya Levine, Marni Loffman, Bobby McFerrin, Chava Mirel, Mumford and Sons, Sinéad O'Connor, Cantor Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, Becky Reardon, Ishay Ribo, Kohenet Riv Shapiro, Yoel Sykes, Will Robertson, Joey Weisenberg.

We invite you to listen to these offerings and join your voices with ours as we move through the Days of Awe together.

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Rebekka Goldsmith

Lyrics

Ashamnu - Awaken My Soul

by Marni Loffman

Awaken my soul
Awaken my soul

We cause harm
We get hurt
We are broken
And so we learn

We hurt our loved ones
When we don't know
We wound the earth
And so we grow

We say mean words
And take wrong turns
We can't reverse
So we sing this verse

We own up
Cuz we are strong
And flexible this road is long

Awaken my soul x2

And every time
We fall again
We remind ourselves
That we can mend
With open hearts
We turn to you
Oh universe help me t
his change through

Awaken my soul x2

We put all of our
Stubbornness aside
Expose our fragility
And let you guide

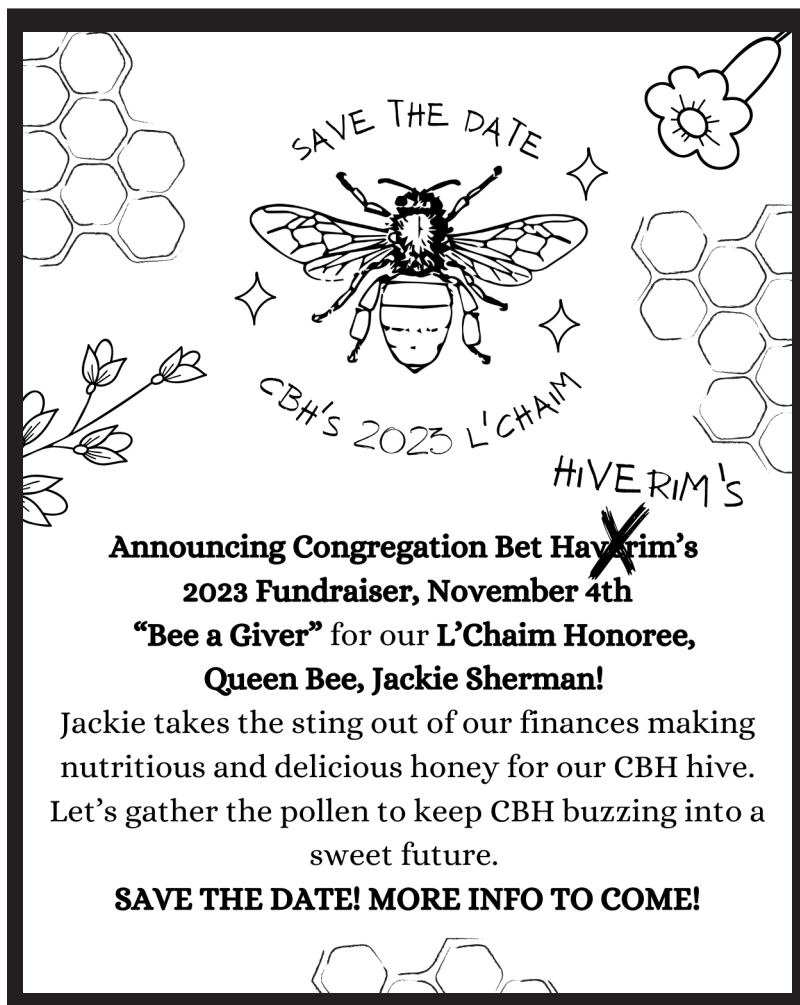
Awaken my soul x2

Ashrei

by Aly Halpert

Ashrei
Ashrei yoshvei
Ashrei yoshvei vehtechah
Ashrei yoshvei vehtechah
od yehalleluch,
Selah.

I sing
For You
I sing for all that's holy and is true
I sing for all creation
For life and liberation
Every day anew



The River of Life

by Yoel Sykes

I was born in the river of life x4

I've got love for the children
and love for the elders
Love for the trees and love for the rivers
I've got love for the earth, Love for the sky
Love when i laugh and love when I cry

I ain't afraid to live cause I know i'm gonna die

SLOW DOWN, A Mother's Response

by Kohenet Riv Shapiro

Inspired by nomadic years, the wisdom of the body and nervous system, change, Somatic Reality: Bodily Experience and Emotional Truth by Stanley Kelemen, the Kohenet Hebrew Priestess community, and the Judaism of my ancestors. Received to the tune of Avinu Malkeinu, a traditional Jewish High Holidays prayer. Deep gratitude to my teachers, community and bright and well ancestors: Taya Shere, Rabbi Jill Hammer, Ibrahim Baba, my parents, Zaide, Grandpa, the Romanian women, Kohenet and so many more. Thank you.

Slow down, child, slow down
Slow down and listen to the wind
All comes together; all falls apart
Forming anew your beating heart

Slow down, child, slow down
Slow down and draw yourself near
The rocks are your keepers
Tell them your stories
Now it is safe to be here

A river flows from within you to where
you will go
The current carries you home
Let your life unfold

Slow down, child, slow down
Slow down and you will receive
Life wants to meet you where you are
Not where you think you should be

A river flows from within you to where you will
go
The current carries you home
Let your life unfold

Slow down, child, slow down
Slow down and you will be shown
The love that was always lifting you up
You are never alone

A river flows from within you to where
you will go
The current carries you home
Let your life unfold

Slow down child, slow down
Slow down and listen to the wind
All comes together; all falls apart
Forming anew your beating heart

Judaism is a wellspring that emits an endless profusion of names for God. The Bible contains some 70; rabbinic literature adds another 90 or more and no one as yet has bothered to tally the number added by Jewish mystics. As Gershom Scholem wrote more than a half-century ago: "In the last resort, the whole of the Torah is nothing but the one great and holy Name of God." The layers of names bespeak an unbroken dialogue driven by love and mystery."

- Rabbi Ismar Schorsch

We see below the 70 names of God from the Torah. Many of them are metaphors or qualities to which we aspire. Shalom, means peace or wholeness. Emet means truth. Yotzer Or means Creator of Light. So many ways to describe the sacred unknowable. Facets of the divine that have the potential to open our hearts and reflect us at any given moment in time.

The 70 Names of God

Compiled by Rabbi Steven Carr Reuben

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| 1. Elohim | 25. Emet | 49. Rofay Holim |
| 2. Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh | 26. Aish Okhla | 50. Pokayah Ivrim |
| 3. Ehyeh | 27. Avinu | 51. Malbish Arumim |
| 4. Eloha | 28. Avi-Ad | 52. Matir Asurim |
| 5. Adonai | 29. Malkeynu | 53. Somekh Noflim |
| 6. Adonai Tzevaot | 30. Yotzraynu | 54. Ozayr Yisrael |
| 7. Adonai Tzeedkenu | 31. Ha-Tzur | 55. Yotzer Or |
| 8. Adonai Yireh | 32. Goel | 56. Boray Hoshekh |
| 9. Adonai Nisi | 33. Kadosh Yisrael | 57. Netzah Yisrael |
| 10. Adonai Roe | 34. Ishi | 58. Shomer Yisrael |
| 11. Adonai Rofeha | 35. Shekhinah leh Ha-Olam | 59. Oseh Ha-shalom |
| 12. Adonai Kanah | 36. Adon Olam | 60. Ribono shel Olam |
| 13. Adonay Ha-Adonim | 37. Ha-Makom | 61. Mehaye Maytim |
| 14. El | 38. Ha-kadosh Barehu | 62. Shofet Yisrael |
| 15. El Shadai | 39. Ha-Shem | 63. Meleh |
| 16. El Elyon | 40. Shoftaynu | 64. Meleh Yisrael |
| 17. El Roi | 41. Mehokaynu | 65. Adon Kol Ha-aretz |
| 18. El Rahum | 42. Yoshiaynu | 66. Me |
| 19. El Hanun | 43. Ein Sof | 67. Boray |
| 20. Yah | 44. Tzur Yisrael | 68. Ha-Genurah |
| 21. Shalom | 45. Hagibor | 69. Ha-rahaman |
| 22. Sar Shalom | 46. Elohay Ha-Elohim | 70. yud-hay-vav-hay י-ו-ה |
| 23. Atik Yomav | 47. Ha-Norah | |
| 24. Rav Hesed | 48. Zokef Kefufim | |

Millions of Metaphors for God

Created by Peter R. Bankson for Seeker's Church

Choose four words together, one from each column, to create a new metaphor for Divine Presence.

ACTIVE
AGILE
AMAZING
ANCIENT
ARTFUL
BEAUTIFUL
BOLD
BOUNDLESS
BRIGHT
CAREFUL
CLEVER
CLOSE
COMPASSIONATE
CONSTANT
CREATIVE
DARK
EAGER
EROTIC
ETERNAL
EXQUISITE
FABULOUS
FAITHFUL
FIERY
FIRM
FLAMBOYANT
FRUITFUL
GENTLE
GLEEFUL
GLORIOUS
GRACIOUS
GREAT
HARDY
HOLY
HOPEFUL
HIDDEN
INGENIOUS
INGENUOUS
INSISTENT
INTIMATE
IRREPRESSIBLE
JOYFUL
KIND
LIVELY
LUMINOUS
MAGNIFICENT
MASTERFUL
MERCIFUL
OMNIPOTENT
PERSISTENT
PLAYFUL
POWERFUL
PRECIOUS
PROVIDENT
RADIANT
RADICAL
RELENTLESS
RESILIENT
SENSITIVE
SENSUOUS
SILENT
STRONG
STURDY
TENACIOUS
TENDER
TRIUMPHANT
UNPREDICTABLE
UNKNOWNABLE
WARM
WILD
WISE
WONDERFUL

AFFIRMING
BEAMING
BLESSING
BROODING
BUDDING
BUILDING
CARESSING
CELEBRATING
CHALLENGING
COMFORTING
CONSUMING
CRADLING
CREATING
DANCING
DELIVERING
DEVOURING
DISCERNING
EMBRACING
EMPOWERING
ENABLING
ENCOMPASSING
ENLIGHTENING
ENLIVENING
FEASTING
FERTILIZING
FORGIVING
FREEING
FULFILLING
GESTATING
GIVING
GROANING
HAMMERING
HARMONIZING
HEALING
HOPING
INCUBATING
INVIGORATING
JUDGING
LAUGHING
LEADING
LEAPING
LIBERATING
LIFEGIVING
LIMPING
LOVING
MOURNING
NOURISHING
NURTURING
PENETRATING
PONDERING
PROTECTING
PULSATING
PURSUING
QUESTIONING
REDEEMING
REJUVENATING
ROARING
SAVING
SEARCHING
SINGING
SMILING
SOARING
SOOTHING
SUFFERING
SUSTAINING
SWELLING
UPLIFTING
WAILING
WEEPING
WILLING
WINNOWING

ARCHER
ARCHITECT
ARTIST
AUTHOR
BAKER
BLACKSMITH
BREATH
BREEDER
BREWER
BUILDER
CARPENTER
CENTER
CHAMPION
COUNSELOR
CREATOR
CRAFTSMAN
DAWN
DOCTOR
EAGLE
ELDER
ENGINEER
FARMER
FATHER
FIRE
FOUNTAIN
FRIEND
HARBINGER
HEALER
HEART
LEADER
LIGHT
LION
LOOM
LORD
LOVER
MAKER
MECHANIC
MENTOR
MESSENGER
MIXER
MOTHER
MYSTERY
OCEAN
PARENT
POTTER
PLUMBER
PROPHET
RIVER
RULER
ROOT
SAVIOR
SCULPTOR
SEAMSTRESS
SEED
SEEKER
SOUL
SOURCE
SOVEREIGN
SPARKPLUG
SPINNER
SPIRIT
SPRING
SURGEON
TEACHER
TINKER
WEAVER
WELDER
WELLSPRING
WOMB
WORKER
OF AGE

OF ALL
OF BLESSING
OF CELEBRATION
OF CHILDREN
OF CHRISTMAS
OF THE COSMOS
OF COMMUNITY
OF CREATION
OF DESIRE
OF THE DISABLED
OF THE EARTH
OF EVERYTHING
OF EVERY THOUGHT
OF ETERNITY
OF EXILES
OF FAITH
OF THE FAITHFUL
OF FORGIVENESS
OF THE FORGOTTEN
OF GENTLENESS
OF GOOD NEWS
OF GOODNESS
OF GRACE
OF GROWTH
OF HAPPINESS
OF THE HELPLESS
OF HOPE
OF THE HOPELESS
OF HOSTS
OF THE HUNGRY
OF INCARNATION
OF INNOVATION
OF INSPIRATION
OF INTENTION
OF JOY
OF JUSTICE
OF KINDNESS
OF LEARNING
OF LIFE
OF THE LITTLE ONES
OF LOVE
OF THE MEEK
OF MERCY
OF MYSTERY
OF NATIONS
OF NATURE
OF NEW BEGINNINGS
OF NEW LIFE
OF OUTCASTS
OF PASSION
OF PATIENCE
OF PEACE
OF THE POOR
OF PRAYER
OF PURIFICATION
OF REALITY
OF REDEMPTION
OF RESURRECTION
OF SALVATION
OF SELF CONTROL
OF THE SICK
OF SPRING
OF THE STUFF OF LIFE
OF TOMORROW
OF TRUTH
OF THE UNIVERSE
OF WINTER
OF WISDOM
OF YOUTH

Haverim:

Interested in extending this season's call for kumbaya? Join the loving and caring circle of CBH members in the *Tikkun Olam Va'ad*. We meet at CBH on the last Wednesday of the month from 7-9 p.m. Join in discussions, facilitated by team leaders in diverse areas of interest, to determine ways that we can repair the world through education, advocacy and/or direct action. Our kick-off meeting is Sept. 27 from 7-9 pm at CBH. We hope to see you there! To learn more, visit <https://www.congregationbethaverim.org/event/tikkun-olam-vaad.html>

Techniques for Prayer

Sourced from Rabbi Joseph Berman & Kavod Boston

Prayer is meant to be powerful, relevant, and meaningful. This is often easier said than done, especially if the language and words are unfamiliar. Here are some suggestions for where to start.

1. Linger with a phrase that moves you.

Don't rush- when a word or phrase grabs your attention, stay with it. Focus on depth rather than volume. The goal is not to get through the prayer; the goal is for the prayer to get through you. You might find a pace that differs from those around you. That is OK. You can join us again later.

2. Focus on the words.

Focus on the words themselves. Take them seriously as having possible meaning for you in your life.

3. Interpret the prayers.

Try to interpret the meaning of a prayer as you go, the same way you might interpret poetry or a text from the Torah. We are taught: "There are 70 faces to Torah," which is to say, there are many, many ways to read and understand a text or prayer!

4. Skip what doesn't work and rewrite it in your head.

There may be words in the liturgy that don't work for you. They may be inaccessible, triggering, offensive, or perhaps just "off" in some other way. Sometimes this discomfort can be good, productive even, challenging us to examine our own beliefs or feelings. It might help us to see the world in a new light. At other times, this discomfort can be hurtful or get in the way of our connecting to prayer and to Spirit/God. In these moments, we invite you to skip the passage or rewrite the words for yourself.

5. Create your own prayers.

Have a one-on-one conversation with Spirit/God or a dialogue between you and the world. Here are some prompts to get you going:

On this day, Hashem/Spirit/Life Force/
Creator/God/Goddess/etcetera

- I feel...
- I am thankful for...
- Please...
- I want to...
- I allow...
- I honor...
- I offer...
- Insert your own words...

CBH's Yizkor Wall

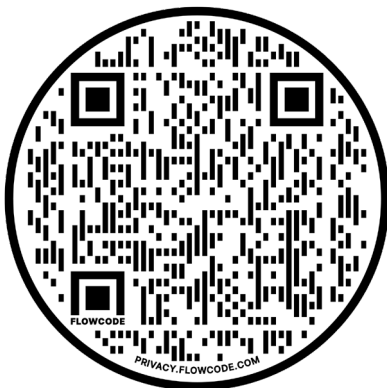
We invite our CBH Members to consider a meaningful way to honor and remember your loved ones who have passed away. Our Yizkor wall, introduced on Yom Kippur 5781, holds a special place within our sanctuary, providing a lasting connection to those we hold dear. This design complements our space beautifully, and we encourage you to purchase a brick during these High Holidays, if you have not done so already. Each brick carries the name of a loved one and is priced at \$450, exclusively available for current CBH members. If you're not quite ready but wish to secure a place, pre-purchasing a brick for future naming is also an option, as we have a limited number of bricks remaining. Your support ensures a timely installation and a lasting tribute to the cherished lives that remain a part of our community's story. Contact Anquetta at admin@cbhatlanta.org to purchase your brick.

CBH's Cemetery

In times of reflection, we consider our final resting place—a space that holds profound significance for us and our loved ones. Congregation Bet Haverim extends a solemn invitation to our members and the wider Jewish community to secure their place within our serene community cemetery. Located within the tranquil grounds of Dunwoody Jewish Cemetery/North Atlanta Memorial Park, these community plots not only offer a lasting connection to our cherished traditions but also provide a sense of continuity for generations to come. Plots are available for purchase by CBH Members; we also welcome Jewish individuals outside our congregation to join us in this sacred space. By choosing CBH cemetery plots, you ensure that your final chapter resonates with the values and beliefs that define our community. For more details, please visit <https://www.congregationbethaverim.org/cemetery>.

Interested in learning more about becoming a member at CBH?

Contact Hailey: execdirector@cbhatlanta.org.



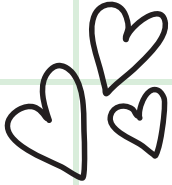
Ready to join?

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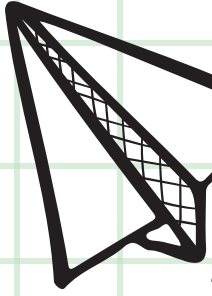
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING @ CBH



It's not too late to register and join the fun! Our Sunday program meets from August 2023-May 2024, and offers our students a wealth of Jewish connection & learning.



WHAT MAKES OUR SCHOOL A TRUE FAMILY?

Though most of our classes are geared toward our children, parental involvement is a vital part of our educational environment. We seek to involve parents in every way we can, both as leaders and as learners: as leaders because your involvement vastly increases our programming resources, and as learners because we believe that children value that which they see valued by the adults they respect. Throughout the year, there will be several opportunities for parents both to teach and to learn, and we very much hope you will take part—in fact, we depend on it!

WHAT DOES OUR KINDERGARTEN-6TH GRADE PROGRAM LOOK LIKE?

We begin each Sunday with a morning minyan geared toward families. This is a wonderful time for you to connect with your child(ren) before they head off to class. We use the dynamic ShalomLearning curriculum for both Judaics and Hebrew for grades K-6. This program is a progressive and inclusive, values-based curriculum which teaches on a variety of topics using a digital platform. Students will learn to decode Hebrew, develop prayer skills and build strong Jewish identities. The K-6 students are also able to dive into some of their passions through our Haverim Club electives program which includes Omanoot (art), Shirah (music), Teva (nature), Sport (you guessed it—sports) and Jewish Drama!



Changing the Way We Engage Teens at CBH

Teen years, including our Brit Mitzvah year, are a time of powerful discovery for our young people. In recognition of that special period of time in their journey, the CBH Community School has embarked on a process of focusing our 7th graders on age-relevant themes. With the Brit Mitzvah Breakfast Club that Rabbi Mike kicked off last year, our 7th and 8th grades already offer a focus on building lasting Jewish friendships with peers, fostering self-confidence/leadership skills, and proactively engaging with the world around us. We have heard from both students and families that the program has been a great success. This year, we will be building on that success to expand the scope of the program.

7th Grade:

CBHCS is excited to collaborate with Rabbi Mike, Rebekka Goldsmith and Alisa Bouer as the leaders of our 7th grade programming.

Weekly sessions will incorporate the following areas of focus:

- Brit Mitzvah Breakfast Club with Rabbi Mike: For 7th graders preparing for a CBH Brit Mitzvah, Rabbi Mike's beloved monthly class for Brit Mitzvah students (and their grown-ups!) returns this year, exploring personal and communal Jewish identity.
- Jewish Leadership Skills with Alisa: Building self-esteem through a Jewish lens, while establishing themselves as leaders in our CBHCS community.
- Project Prayer with Rebekka: Dive more deeply into prayer to build both skills and confidence as students prepare for Brit Mitzvah.

8th Grade:

Each weekly meeting will rotate through the following

- Middot & Nature: Exploring nature while we explore Jewish values as they connect to themes in nature (7th graders will be with Rabbi Mike for BMBC on 8th grade nature outing Sundays)
- Jewish Leadership Skills: Building confidence & self-esteem, while establishing themselves as leaders in our CBHCS community
- Tikkun Olam Service Projects: Living our Jewish values by giving back to our local communities, and advocating for change to make our community more just



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**TOCO HILLS
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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

High Holiday Food and Supply Drive

Tzedakah — along with tefillah and teshuvah — is one of the essential obligations that the High Holidays call us to fulfill. Tzedakah comes from the word tzedek, “justice.” We offer assistance to the poor not out of a sense of “charity,” but because basic sustenance is the right of all human beings. Once again, we are partnering with the Toco Hills Community Alliance to host a Food and Supply Drive this High Holiday season. At all services located at St. Barts you can drop your donations off in the lobby.

FOOD AND ITEMS MOST USEFUL TO TOCO HILL ALLIANCE'S CLIENTS:

Food items most needed:

- Shelf Stable Milk - Dairy or Non-Dairy
- Healthy Cereal
- Canned Tuna/Chicken/Meat
- “Pop-Top” Cans of Soup/Stew/Chili/Pasta
- Crackers
- Rice
- Beans
- Canned Tomatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables

Misc. Items Needed:

- Disposable Face Masks - especially K95 or KF94
- Medium, Large, X-large size non-latex gloves
- Paper Towels
- Diapers Sizes 5, 6, and 7 - URGENT NEED
- Lotion
- Lip Balm
- They are always in need of new or gently used cloth grocery bags.

PLEASE NO GLASS JARS OR BOTTLES

Toco Hills Community Alliance makes available emergency food assistance to individuals and families in need in the northeast communities of Atlanta. They sponsor and promote assistance programs and services that will result in greater economic stability and independence for those individuals and families in need. THCA provides opportunities for individuals and organizations to be of service to their neighbors by helping individuals and families in need.

BREAK YOUR FAST **WITH JUSTICE**



BREAK YOUR FAST, BREAK THEIR FAST

What will you take out of your
fast and into the New Year?

MAZON

A Jewish Response
To Hunger

mazon.org/high-holy-days

Legacy Giving

As we gratefully walk in the footsteps of our founders, we are also extending the path before us - for ourselves and for future generations - by having an endowment fund. This endowment will be the financial scaffolding that will enable us to stay on the front lines of relevant Judaism, meaningful justice work, and the building of spiritual, creative and abundant lives.

Thank you to the members of our Legacy Society. Your faith in CBH makes us grow!

Anonymous (9) *
Marci Alt & Family *
Rabbi Zev-Hayyim Feyer *
Andrea Finn & Beverly Korfin *
Julie Fishman & Terry Pechacek *
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Our legacy donors are people like you, who believe that Atlanta needs a Jewish home like ours -- a place of diversity, inclusion and welcome, where we are knit together not only by shared holidays and history, but by a commitment to bringing beauty and justice into our lives and into the world.

Please help write the next chapter of this Jewish story - our story and yours - and include a gift to CBH in your estate plans. Contact Jackie Sherman, the Life and Legacy Chair at jrs Sherman@mindspring.com for more information.

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L'Dor V'Dor, Hallelujah!

Upcoming at CBH

September 22nd - Shabbat Shuvah - Labor on the Bimah:

Labor shabbat provides a unique opportunity for the Jewish community and the labor movement to rediscover our common bonds: social justice, equality, the dignity of all people, economic and racial justice, fair treatment in the workplace and the right to form unions. It is also a time to reflect on the current condition of working people and reaffirm the commitment of the Jewish community to worker justice at a very challenging time.

September 29th - Shabbat Service - Erev Sukkot Service Outdoors with Potluck:

Embrace the joy of Sukkot with an outdoor service under the stars.

October 3rd - Open Mic in the Sukkah:

Express yourself in our festive *Sukkah* open mic night.

October 6th - Shabbat Service - Shabbat Sababa:

Elevate your Shabbat with the vibrant energy of *Shabbat Sababa*, especially designed for families with elementary aged children, but everyone welcome.

October 7th - Dor Hadash for New Students:

Welcome new students with *Dor Hadash*, a fresh beginning for our next generation of students.

October 7th - Simchat Torah at Intown Community Church Parking Lot:

Celebrate *Simchat Torah* with spirited dancing and Torah readings.

October 13th - Shabbat Hevrot - Pride Shabbat Service w/SOJOURN @Piedmont Park:

Join the city-wide Pride Shabbat for an uplifting gathering at Piedmont Park.

October 14th - Adult Ed - Advanced Hebrew class:

Deepen your Hebrew skills in our engaging adult education class.

October 20th - Shabbat Service:

Experience the power of communal prayer and reflection.

October 21st - Intergenerational Shabbat w/Blessing of the Animals at the Park:

Gather for a heartwarming Shabbat with animal blessings in the park.

October 21st - Central Fire Fire-pit/Storytelling with Rick Stone:

Warm up with stories and community around the central fire.

October 22nd - CBH Day of Service Day of Service at CBH in Partnership with Daffodil Project:

Make a difference in our community during our Day of Service and pick up your pre-ordered daffodil bulbs.

October 27th - Shabbat Service:

Gather for a meaningful Shabbat experience.

November 1st, 8th & 15th - Talmud's Greatest Hits with Rabbi Mike:

Interested in knowing more about the Talmud, but don't know where to start? Join us as we investigate some of the best known passages from the Talmud. We will encounter the wisdom of the ancient sages, and discover the timeless wisdom in our ancient text.

This class is open to all, regardless of background or level of knowledge. Each meeting will be a stand-alone lesson, perfect for dropping in.

November 3rd - Shabbat Service:

Embrace the tranquility of Shabbat with your CBH Family.

November 4th - Bee a Giver L'Chaim Fundraiser:

Join the L'Chaim Fundraiser to support our community.

November 10th - Shabbat Service - Shabbat Sababa:

Elevate your Shabbat with the vibrant energy of Shabbat *Sababa*, especially designed for families with elementary aged children, but everyone welcome.

November 17th - Shabbat Service - Volunteer Shabbat with Dinner:

Join us for Shabbat and thank CBH's loyal and hardworking volunteers

December 1st - Shabbat Service:

Experience the power of communal prayer and reflection.

December 8th - Hanukkah Shabbat Sababa:

Elevate your Shabbat with the vibrant energy of Shabbat *Sababa*.

December 13th - Hanukkah on the Beltline:

Join us for a parade of light on Atlanta's Beltline.

December 15th - Shabbat Service:

Experience the power of communal prayer and reflection.

December 22nd - Shabbat Service:

Gather for a reflective Shabbat experience.



An Intentional Al Chet

Martin Buber tells the story of the great Hasidic Rabbi Zusya (Rabbi Zusya of Hanipol). On his deathbed he began to cry uncontrollably and his students and disciples tried hard to comfort him. They asked him, "Rabbi, why do you weep? You are almost as wise as Moses, you are almost as hospitable as Abraham, and surely heaven will judge you favourably."

Zusya answered them: "It is true. When I get to heaven, I won't worry so much if God asks me, 'Zusya, why were you not more like Abraham?' or 'Zusya, why were you not more like Moses?' I know I would be able to answer these questions. After all, I was not given the righteousness of Abraham or the faith of Moses but I tried to be both hospitable and thoughtful. But what will I say when God asks me, 'Zusya, why were you not more like Zusya?'"

As the High Holidays approach, we are reminded that life is a process of becoming fully ourselves. Throughout the Days of Awe, we may ask ourselves if we have been true to that process, and if not, where we made less than life-affirming choices for ourselves and in our interpersonal relationships.

Between now and Kol Nidre, gently consider the ways in which you have sometimes chosen to do the wrong thing and then complete each card as described below. To communally join in expressing these acts, please mail this card to CBH or photograph this form with your phone and email the photo to rabbiasistant@cbhatlanta.org.

Finally, as we each seek forgiveness for these acts, let us remember the words of the Mishna:

עֲבֵרוֹת שֶׁבֵּין אָדָם לְחֵבֶרֶוֹ, אֵין יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים מְכַפֵּר, עַד שֶׁיִּרְצֶה אֶת חֵבֶרֶוֹ.

For brokenness between people and God, Yom Kippur is a day of repair. However, for brokenness between people, Yom Kippur is not a day of repair until they seek each other out to make teshuvah. (Mishnah, Yoma 8:9)

<p>Acts I have committed against myself:</p>	<p>Acts I have committed against other individuals:</p>
<p>Acts I have committed against my local community:</p>	<p>Acts I have committed against the greater human community:</p>



Prayer For The End Of Hiding

As LGBTQ Jews, we are aware of the loss of integrity we suffer
due to the pressures of the larger society.

We often feel forced into a dishonest presentation
of ourselves, to ourselves and others.

The LGBTQ individuals who feel
they must pretend to be something that they are not,
the Jews who feel they must be alienated
from their tradition and community to win larger acceptance,
both are victims of a theft of identity and integrity
committed by the sexual, gender-identifying, or religious majority.

Creator of the Universe,
we ask that our hiding draw to an end,
that we no longer feel we have to pretend,
to promise falsely,
to renounce ourselves,
and that our fullest creative expression as Jews
and as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people
be among the blessings you bestow upon us.

Amen

Art by Reuben Haller

This is an important prayer in the history of our synagogue, for had it not been needed, CBH would probably not have come into existence.

While most of our liturgy reflects the diversity and inclusivity of our community, this prayer connects us as nothing else can to the richness of our past and reminds us that in today's climate, we have not yet reached Eden.

It is hard to know what to change and what to retain. But we do the best we can in balancing the needs of the present and the future with the integrity of the past. It is a courageous thing to put ego aside and pray for the end of another's oppression.

In this spirit let us join our voices together in reciting the Prayer for the End of Hiding.

Commentary by Edie Cohen

**Below is a list of the many ways to get involved with
CBH. See something that interests you? Contact programs@cbhatlanta.org,
and we will get you connected!**

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Ben Gays Softball Team
(All Gender)
Book Group
CBH Beautification Team
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Caregiver Support Group
CBH Band
CBH Board of Directors
CBH Community School
Children's Education Va'ad
Chorus
Conscious Aging
Conversion Classes

Daily 15-min Zoom Minyan
Edie Cohen Award
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Finance Va'ad
Gender Diversity Team
Green Team
Hevre Kadishe
HiHo Organizing Team
Kef (Fun) Committee
Membership Committee
Mindful Moments
Rabbi Joshua Lesser Social
Justice Fund Committee
Racial Justice Team

Refugee Team
Ritual Va'ad
Safety Task Force
Service Lay Leaders
Tikkun Olam Team
Weekly Lunchtime
Torah Study
Volunteer Committee
Oy's and Joys -
Cultural, Book Club,
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support, unpacking
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Help Us Open the Gates to Everyone



Throughout the years Congregation Bet Haverim has been committed to opening its doors and providing High Holiday services to all at no charge. This is a true expression of our values and commitment to the community. This year we find ourselves in challenging times as our expenses have increased — your generous donations are needed to help ensure we will always be here for you, both during this season and on every Shabbat.

While we have a suggested amount of \$360, any amount is truly appreciated. You can use this QR Code, visit our website or mail a check to make a donation. Your gift will help Congregation Bet Haverim continue to sustain and provide a spiritual home for many.

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