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JAN
2018

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HaMaagal

The Circling
Monthly Newsletter of CBH



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**Jan.
7pm**

Shabbat Shirah

We will immerse ourselves in the waters of Shabbat Shirah with a call to love the refugee. We know the heart of the refugee as we, too, have come from refugees.

ABOUT US

CONGREGATION BET HAVERIM is a Reconstructionist synagogue founded by lesbians and gay men, embracing all Jews and loved ones.

HaMaagal is the monthly newsletter of Congregation Bet Haverim, containing news, information, and items of interest for our diverse community.

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- Events & Communications: Allison Carter
- Chorus Director: Will Robertson

LEADERSHIP

PRESIDENT McKenzie Wren
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TREASURER Cindy Smith
SECRETARY Shana Cohen
PAST PRESIDENT Shoshana Ben Yoar
MEMBERS AT LARGE
Shelley Rose
Patric Good
Kai Ruiz

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THE SECRET BOOK OF KINGS



**TUESDAYS, 7PM
STARTING JAN. 16**

Reconsidering Israelite Kings from a Modern Perspective: A Modern and Feminist Reconsideration of King David
Taught by Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Madger

The life of King David is retold in the recent Israeli best seller, *The Secret Book of Kings*. It highlights the gaps in the narrative and provides a unique female view of the ancient world of Israelite kings, power, relationships and religion.

In this class you'll get reacquainted with the biblical kings as a background for delving into Yochi Brandes' modern retelling. We will consider the power of perspective in storytelling, and the challenges faced by traditional rabbinic interpretation, as well as modern moral sensibilities.

RSVP online.

02.

NEW YEARS PARTNER YOGA

**SUNDAY, JAN. 7, 10:00AM-11:30AM
at the Phillip Rush Center**

Start the new year with flexibility!
Experience a relaxing all-levels class filled with fun ways to stretch with your partner to start your new year off right. No previous yoga experience required.
RSVP online.

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KINDNESS ROCKS

SUNDAY, JAN. 28
3:00-5:00PM

Join CBH and the JCC Intown for this family event for Tu B'Shvat. We'll gather to paint inspirational sayings on rocks, and on Tu B'shvat, spread them around Atlanta for others to find.



Come make a rock to share and a rock for yourself. All ages welcome. Register on the Atlanta JCC website.
<https://www.atlantajcc.org>

04.

MLK WEEKEND

MEDSHARE
SUNDAY, JAN. 14

Sign up to pack medical supplies at MedShare. Contact Jane Diamond at jsdiamond11@gmail.com.

MLK MARCH
MONDAY, JAN. 15.

1:15pm meet at Peachtree Street & Ellis Street (beside the Ritz-Carlton)

We will wear our CBH T-Shirts (see website if you didn't order one yet). Watch our website for details about gathering with your fellow members to march as a group.

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SHABBAT SHIRAH

FRIDAY, JAN. 26, 7PM
at Oakhurst Baptist Church

Wave After Wave: Strength & Spirit

“ *More than any other nation on Earth, America has constantly drawn strength and spirit from wave after wave of immigrants.*

In each generation, they have proved to be the most restless, the most adventurous, the most innovative, the most industrious of people. Bearing different memories, honoring different heritages, they have strengthened our economy, enriched our culture, renewed our promise of freedom and opportunity for all....

-- President Bill Clinton

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Our country has been built upon wave after wave of immigrants and refugees. And yet, now more than ever, they face wave after wave of opposition and oppression: the Muslim ban, the broken promises to the Dreamers, the ruptured ICE system

(Immigration and Customs Enforcement System), the threat of the border wall, the exploitation of farm workers and the severe reduction in numbers of those able to enter our country.

On Jan. 26, we will immerse ourselves in the waters of Shabbat Shirah with a call to love the refugee because know the heart of the refugee as we, too, come from refugees.

Like the sea itself, there is an ebb and flow of oppression and freedom. Remembering the Exodus demands that we attune our ears to the cry of the oppressed and hear their story -- the suffering and struggle, as well as the courage, strength and places of hope. Just as there are waves of obstacles, there are those of liberation.

We are honored to have musical guests, The Global Village Project Girls Chorus led by Elise Witt, David Marcus, and Mahmoud Kamel.

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SUPPORTERS

General Fund

- Debi McNeil
- Susan Levy & Jeri Kagel, IMO Gerda Smith
- Shelia Muldoon
- Linda Fishman
- Ruth Einstein & Marian Broida, IHO Barry Roseman's birthday
- Bruce & Shelley Gaynes, IMO Barry Berman
- Sylvia Gross, IMO Barry Roseman's father
- Eddie Lemons, a fundraising donation
- Annette Bernard
- Norm & Lori Fineman, IHO Logan's baby naming
- Deblina Datta & Laurent Adler, IHO the chorus & IHO Asha's bat mitzvah
- Tully Ellsberg, IHO the Music Program
- Mickle McCleary, in honor & appreciation of Amy Robertson
- Gayanne Geurin, IHO Brad and Julie's marriage, Mazel Tov!
- Gila Herman
- IMO Lanny Lesser
 - Susan Levy & Jeri Kagel
 - Joe Chancey

Yahrzeit Donation

- Arthur Krasilovsky, IMO Monroe Krasilovsky & Gertrude Krasilovsky
- Jan Levie, IMO Adelle Levie
- Jerry Shure, IMO Margie Shure & Murray Shure
- Sylvia Gross, IMO Rose Smooke & Zoltan Smooke
- Carole Schumer, IMO Rosalyn Schumer
- Shoshana and Marc Ben-Yoar, IMO Armand Ben-Yoar
- Loretta Bernstein, IMO Serge Bernstein

President's Campaign

- Stephen Kay & Jennifer Weissman
- Mark Weinstein & Siciliana Delgado
- Alisa Obsusin

Building Fund

- Leslie, Daniel, Carly, & Joey Kean/Promislow/Ziegler
- George Melville Johnson
- Charlie Chasen & Jamie Collins
- Shelley Rose
- Rebeca Quintana, IHO Ellen

- Mazer & Andy Segal's 35th anniversary & Mark Spieler's birthday
- Rebeca Quintana, IMO Gerda Smith & Howard Gross
- Harriet Gold, IHO Sharyn Faro
- Friends of Sharyn Faro & Mia Mundale, in their honor
- Paul Plate, IHO Sharyn Faro & Mia Mundale
- Jacquelyn Goldman
- Allison Carter
- Barry Roseman, IMO Lanny Lesser

L'Chaim Donations

- Kathleen Troy
- Cindy Solomon
- Craig Stout
- Barbara Roman
- Aaron & Darcy Coty, thank you to Lauren for the 5th grade tour of the Breman Museum and for helping our children learn about the Holocaust so that we never forget
- Susan Simon & David Boyd Pomeroy
- Gregg & Jan Bedol
- Barry & Marcie Koffler, IHO Lauren Rich
- Chris & Kathryn Duval

High Holy Day Donation

- Michele Casper & Alan Sokoloff
- Jennifer Taussig
- Robert & Irene Lichtenstein
- Rebecca & Jennifer Stapel-Wax; Thank you CBH music & ritual staff & volunteers
- Roz Edelberg
- Lara Robinson & Kevin Dunham
- Lauren Lavin
- Judy & Dov Jacobson
- Libby & Tom Irwin
- Alison Kelly & Ken Alpern
- Rebecca & David Ready
- Barry Koch
- Henry & Penny Feuerzeig
- Marcia Abrams
- Bruce & Shelley Gaynes
- Jonathan Hillyer
- Ellen Balk
- Kate Shapiro
- Nancy Guss & Gary Diamond
- Eric & Terri Jacobson
- Sandi Still
- Lawrence & Eileen Gold

- Larry Rubin
- Gayle Kornman
- Michele Golivesky
- Andrea & Paul Plotsky

Eli Rose Fund

- Darcy & Aaron Coty, IHO Ruth Messinger, for sharing your wisdom and humor at the CBH retreat. Despair is not a strategy.

RABBI JOSH 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

What is Rabbi Josh up to? He's often out in front, and many times busy behind the scenes, planning for special events and life cycles for our community. See the list below, and remember it does not include weekly services, b'nai mitzvah classes, Sunday minyan, and more.

- Baby Namings: 3
- B'nai Mitzvah: 16
- Conversion Celebrations: 3
- High School/College Graduates: 13
- Weddings, Auf Rufs & Sheva Brachot: 7
- Anniversary Celebrations: 5
- Funerals, Shivah Services, • Unveilings: 8
- Rallies: 7
- Panels, Speeches and Lectures: 18
- New Members: 34 individuals and families
- Spiritual Directees: 9
- Conferences and Continuing Education: 10



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2017

- Vance Dietz
- Andrea Baron
- Eliana Leader & Jonathan (Yoni) Kaplan
- Bonnie Puckett Levine & Michael Levine
- Linda Hilsenrad
- Rachel Gordon
- Jeffrey Kraus
- Tuwanda Muhammad
- Jonathan Rotenberg
- Becky & Shawn Slemons
- Stephanie Schrag
- Joanie Twersky & Adam Adler
- Robert & Gena Schaefer
- Yael Manes & Edmund Goode
- Jennifer Berkowitz & Dale Douglas
- Jamie Goldberg
- Sarah Friedenthal-Greene & Nathaniel Greene
- Erica & Howard Krisel
- Ian Medina
- Marla Shapiro
- Colleen & Richard Goidel
- Joshua Youdovin & Sheri Halpern
- Nancy Kriseman
- Shelley & Bruce Gaynes
- Ruth Link-Gelles & Daniel Kovari
- Netta Cohen & Maital Guttman
- Eric Schatzberg & Hallie Lieberman
- James Fineman
- Mark Levine
- Kailin & Shane Roberts
- Mario Greszes & Lucy Grantham
- Hannah Joseph
- Elizabeth Lenhard & Paul Donsky

MEET THE BOARD Board Member Bios

McKenzie Wren President



I have been involved with CBH for awhile - somewhere between 8 and 10 years! I attended services when my children were very young but joined when my oldest son, Elijah was about 8. He is now a senior in high school and his brother Devon is a freshman. They were both bar mitzvahed with CBH. I have been active in the chorus for about 8 years and I have helped with ritual leadership through leading chant services, planning Shavuot, leading minyan service at the community school and many other activities. I've been part of the Wednesday chant community for maybe 3 years. Sometime through the years, I realized that CBH had become the center of my universe and is where my friendships, social justice actions, artistic endeavors and much more are held. CBH is my spiritual home. I joined the board three years ago and became first VP two years because I felt like my skills and what CBH needed were in alignment. Over the last two years, I completed the Jacob Leadership Institute through the Federation and am an active participant in the Front Porch process. Through my presidency, I hope to deepen connections between CBH and the greater Jewish communities, support CBH through its change to "Danland" and help anchor CBH as the social justice rock star in Atlanta - a place where people know they can get their spiritual, social and social justice needs met! And have fun and build relationships doing it! In my work in the world I am a facilitator focusing on equity and inclusion and I help people have the hard conversations they need to have to move forward on whatever it is that's separating them. And did I mention my awesome husband, Reuben Haller? Y'all know him - I don't need to say anything about him!

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 1	Edonna Koon	Jan. 12	Matthew Davidorf	Jan. 24	Sandra Menes-Ashe
Jan. 3	Lisa Morris	Jan. 12	Rebecca Holohan	Jan. 24	Talia Cohen
Jan. 4	Roni Wagner	Jan. 12	Brody Weiss	Jan. 24	Michael Frankel
Jan. 4	Glenda Minkin	Jan. 12	Laurel Snyder	Jan. 24	Nathan Monett
Jan. 4	Sheryl Thacker	Jan. 12	Julia Borthwick	Jan. 25	Shoshana Siegel
Jan. 5	Roy Wagner	Jan. 13	Bella Hoffner-Martin	Jan. 25	Sheila Muldoon
Jan. 5	Aliyah Stein Melaver	Jan. 13	Jill Jacobs	Jan. 25	Barry Garber
Jan. 6	Rebeca Quintana	Jan. 14	Joshua Abend	Jan. 26	Marian Meyers
Jan. 6	Hannah Laing	Jan. 14	Sandra Dean	Jan. 26	Hilliard Creath
Jan. 7	Lynne Wurzburg	Jan. 14	Kenia Kagel	Jan. 27	Nancy Gerber
Jan. 7	Lacy Bedol	Jan. 16	Jessica Thompson	Jan. 27	Hallie Bedol
Jan. 8	Sarah Abend	Jan. 18	Eric Tarnow	Jan. 27	Rachel Gordon
Jan. 8	Alexandra Laing	Jan. 18	Jay D'Lugin	Jan. 27	Shannon Lubell
Jan. 8	Kyle Ben-Yoar	Jan. 18	Michael Gross	Jan. 27	Vickie Scheer
Jan. 9	Mira Isbister	Jan. 18	Adam Adler	Jan. 28	Marti Fessenden
Jan. 9	Jennifer Stapel-Wax	Jan. 19	Benedict Lubell	Jan. 28	Jackie Sherman
Jan. 10	Beverly Korfin	Jan. 20	Peter Isbister	Jan. 29	Zack Siegel
Jan. 10	Zachary Abend	Jan. 20	Elijah Berkowitz	Jan. 29	Lynne Kornhauser
Jan. 10	Audrey Galex	Jan. 20	Letty Leach	Jan. 29	Samuel Fournier
Jan. 11	Benita Carr	Jan. 21	Dana Shapiro	Jan. 30	Orli Goode
Jan. 11	Evelyn Gershon	Jan. 22	Jose Caldas	Jan. 30	Nancy Kriseman
		Jan. 22	Anna Carter	Jan. 30	Lauren Rekhelman
		Jan. 23	Esther Rechtman	Jan. 30	Meredith Griffith

B'NAI MITZVAH



Isaac Bloom
November 11



Stanley Vaughn
November 18



Jamie Tekulsky
December 2



Asha Adler
December 9

MEMORIALS

DATE	NAME	MOURNED BY	DATE	NAME	MOURNED BY
Jan. 2	Bert Schilling	Brad Davidorf	Jan. 14	Irving Finn	Andrea Finn
Jan. 2	Bert Schilling	Adam Pressman	Jan. 14	Paul Cohen	Lisa Marquardt
Jan. 3	Marie-Rose Adler	Laurent Adler	Jan. 15	Louis Levy	Susan J. Levy
Jan. 3	Gus Bernd Kaufman	Gus Kaufman Jr	Jan. 17	Suzette Cohen	Mitch Cohen
Jan. 3	Gus Bernd Kaufman	Marianna Kaufman	Jan. 19	Guy "Cotton" Rubenstein	Henry Lewis
Jan. 5	Meryl Egdal	Terry Egdal	Jan. 20	Stephanie Seluzicki	Vance Dietz
Jan. 6	Jack Sobel	Laura Greenberg	Jan. 23	Elizabeth Leary	Rebecca Leary Safon
Jan. 6	Luz Quintana	Rebeca Quintana	Jan. 23	Gloria Kahn	Amy Kahn
Jan. 7	Sol Osheroff	Marjorie & Steve Osheroff	Jan. 24	Stuart Sherman	Jackie Sherman
Jan. 7	Harriet Vogel	Glen & Liz Gurevitch	Jan. 24	Julia Plonsky Podhorzer	Mark Podhorzer
Jan. 8	Audrey Coty	Darcy & Aaron Coty	Jan. 26	Adele Orejudos	Lisa Morris
Jan. 9	Benjamin Drue	Abby Drue	Jan. 27	Leo Hymowitz	Alan Hymowitz
Jan. 11	Norman Kohlenberg	Joyce Kinnard	Jan. 28	Bessie Tenenbaum	Beth Laing
Jan. 12	Philip Goldberg	Marjorie Vaughn	Jan. 28	Twigs Zweigenhaft	Darcy Coty
Jan. 12	Phillip Goldberg	Rebecca Goldberg	Jan. 28	Cliff Walton Rich	Marci Alt
Jan. 12	Sanford Leach	Brian Leach	Jan. 31	Irvin Konter	Rebeca Quintana

CBH MEMBERS EXPLORE THE PSALMS

Thanks to the Vita Leo Brown Arts Fund and Congregation Bet Haverim, on a beautiful Shabbat morning CBH members explored the spiritual wisdom of the Psalms. Miriam Jacobs, a Jewish poet and college professor, led the workshop, which included Jewish historical research and creative writing. Fresh from the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, several poets wrote pieces immersed in hope, gratitude, and acceptance.

We closed our workshop with Kiddush, challah, and juice.



CBH member Elizabeth Cohen wrote this stunning poem:

Storms by Elizabeth Cohen

I don't want to think about storms...
 The damp dark murkiness that remains,
 the sodden bedding and moldy walls.
 I don't want to think about storms...
 Gale force winds, hurricanes and tornadoes-
 majestic as they are.
 My stomach grabs and churns
 And then a tornado arises within me-
 A storm of energy cleaning away the debris,
 the stale sultriness of summer,
 whiplashing and trimming the trees.

All that remains is fresh crisp air
 and vibrant plants vaunting their colors.
 Life is resilient.

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

- **Onegs:** Barry Roseman, Loretta Bernstein, Terry Egdal
- **Adult Programs:**
 - **Bend the Arc training liaison:** Abbie Fuksman
 - **Screening of *I Am Not Your Negro*:** Valerie Singer and the CBH Black Lives Matter group
 - **Veterans for American Values Program:** Jane Diamond and the Tikkun Olam Committee
- **CBH Fall Retreat** - Thanks to all of our Mishpacha group leaders and program leaders who helped make this event memorable and meaningful, the Black Lives Matter group, Mitch Cohen, Jack Wash.
Hospitality for Ruth Messinger: Ellen Mazer and Andy Segal
- **L'chaim** - Thank you to the multitude of people it took to plan and execute this fundraiser: Susan Kuperberg & Richard Mitchell, Margie & Steve Osheroff, George Houghtaling, Andrea Finn & Bev Korfin, Theresa Prestwood, Shoshana Ben Yoar, Dawn & David Abeita, Sherry Thacker, Wendy Pruitt, Nancy Kriseman, Terry Egdal, Andrea Estroff, Bryan Golson, Michael Gross, Jeri Kagel, Marian Meyers, Nancy Miller, Andy Segal, Fran Shahar, Jordan Dayan, Mike Zimmerman, Allison Carter, Julie Lakric, Rabbi Josh, Amy Robertson, Will Robertson, Agatha Walker, and Gayanne Geurin.
- **Covenant House Sleep-out:** members of the CBH chorus
- **CBHCS Havdallah:** Michele Walsh
- **Gift of ergonomic office chairs for the CBH staff:** Dennis Diamond with lots of thanks from our backs and tushies.
- **Hamaagal Editors:** Bob Schwartz, Darcy Coty, Paul Glickstein

LOOK AHEAD: FEBRUARY

THE BREMAN MUSEUM TOUR: STORIES FROM THE RESISTANCE, STORIES OF RESCUE

Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:30AM-12PM

Hear stories from the Holocaust, including stories of both Jews and non-Jews who fought back against the Nazis and/or rescued many of our people. CBH members Marianna Kaufman and Lauren Rich, both Breman docents, will share these and other stories with us.

Cost: \$7.00 per person, CBH members only. RSVP online



ANCIENT WISDOM FOR MODERN FAMILIES CLASS

Sunday mornings starting Feb. 4. Taught by Rabbi Ruth Abusch-Madger

Ancient Jewish wisdom can help us navigate the ups and downs of modern parenting. Join us for conversations that look at biblical stories and rabbinic wisdom to help us unpack our own experiences as parents.

\$100 per person or \$175 per couple. RSVP online

HOLD IT HIGH

Congregation Bet Haverim Retreat 2017
Persistence in Resistance



PORCH JAM



DRUM CIRCLE



HAVDALLAH CAMPFIRE



RUTH MESSINGER

CBH Fall Retreat

In case you missed it, these are the words of a few people inspired at the CBH Fall Retreat, held Nov. 3-5 at Camp Ramah Darom.

"It was more wonderful than I ever could have imagined. I so appreciated the warmth, genuine caring, Ruth's wisdom and all the time that went into organizing and planning this! I will attend every year that I can for sure!" - Nancy Kriseman, new member

"A fun weekend that included structured and unstructured time to build community for me and my family." - Darcy Coty

"You nurtured a camaraderie that many of us carry back to Atlanta, and I'm confident new friendships will take root. It's hard to explain this kind of magic to folks. You have to be there to understand."
- Andy Segal

"Great time out, great setting, great people, and great program. Don't wait another two years for another one!" - Nancy Miller

"Being in nature and surrounded by music are the two forms of worship with which I resonate most."
- Mitch Cohen

"I appreciated the down time, time to connect with friends, deepen relationships with folks I only know a little bit and be inspired by Ruth Messinger." - McKenzie Wren

DECEMBER SCENE







L'chaim!



HANUKKAH SHABBAT



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed	2 Holiday Office Hours 9am-3pm	3 7:30am Chanting Holiday Office Hours 9am-3pm	4	5 7:30pm (RJ) Erev Shabbat Service 	6 10am Shabbat Morning Service
7 9:30am CBHCS 10am New Year's Partner Yoga at Phillip Rush Center	8	9	10 7pm Board Meeting	11	12 7:00pm (RJ) Human Rights Shabbat at The Names Project 	13
14 NO CBHCS 9am MedShare	15 1:15pm MLK March 	16 7:00pm The Secret Book of Kings begins	17 7:30am Chanting	18	19 7:30pm (GG) Erev Shabbat Service 	20 9:30am B'nai Mitzvah Megan Walter & Leah Goldstein
21 9:30am CBHCS	22	23 7:30pm Drop-in Grief Group	24 7:30am Chanting	25	26 7pm (RJ/GG) Shabbat Shirah at Oakhurst Baptist Church 	27
28 9:30am CBHCS 10am Parent 'n' Me 3pm Kindness Rocks Project	29	30	31 7:30am Chanting	FEBRUARY 1	2 7:30pm Erev Shabbat Service 	GG = Gayanne Geurin RJ = Rabbi Josh

Times subject to change. Please check for changes on online calendar.