

NEWS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

JULY 2017

congregation
bet haverim



HaMaagal
Monthly Newsletter of CBH

JEWISH
PAINT & SHMOOZE
FRI. JULY 14
7PM



GRADUATION
SHABBAT
FRI. AUG. 4
7:30PM



CBH FALL
RETREAT
NOV. 3-5



JULY CALENDAR .01

All events at CBH unless noted

JULY OFFICE HOURS

9AM - 3PM* most days

*Due to summer hours, please call before coming to the office to ensure someone will be in to meet you.

MONDAY JULY 3 & 17, 6:00PM

Meditation & Chant

TUESDAY JULY 4

Independence Day
Office Closed

FRIDAY JULY 7

6:30PM Tot Shabbat

7:30PM Erev Shabbat

SATURDAY JULY 8, 9:30AM

Bat Mitzvah of Maya Goren
at CCUCC

FRIDAY JULY 14, 7:00PM

Jewish Paint & Schmooze

FRIDAY JULY 21

Shabbat in the Home

SATURDAY JULY 22, 10AM

Shabbat Morning Service

TUESDAY JULY 25, 7:00PM

Grief Group (Drop-in)

FRIDAY JULY 28, 6:30PM

Softball Shabbat Dinner
with the Ben Gays

FRIDAY AUGUST 4, 7:30PM

Graduation Shabbat

JEWISH PAINT & SHMOOZE

FRIDAY, JULY 14

7PM-9PM

Gather and celebrate the awesome Jewish humans we are with paint, a drink, and schmoozing. We believe creativity is not just for artists - we are all inherently creative beings. CBH taps into the creative arts as a tool for self-discovery and social interaction and for inspiring vibrant, engaged Judaism. If you haven't painted since elementary school, then that's all the more reason to come and "brush" up your artistic skills. Our facilitator will walk you through the steps to help you bring home a unique, individualized piece of art. We'll paint a Rosh HaShanah themed painting using acrylic paint on canvas. You will then have the opportunity to have your painting photographed for use as a Happy New Year/Shanah Tovah Greeting card to send to your friends and family. RSVP required.

02.

GRADUATION SHABBAT

AUGUST 4, 7:30PM

Join us for an uplifting and moving service that honors CBH's graduates, brings focus to the transition process, and offers a blessing for the graduates next endeavor. We honor the families as they transition, and we give graduates an opportunity to reflect on their relationship to CBH and Jewish roots.

03.



ROAD TRIP TO CHARLESTON, S.C.

Chorus Road Trip to S.C., a Memorable and Reflective Experience, by Gayanne Geurin

About 40 members of the CBH Chorus, band, friends, and family road tripped to South Carolina in June to participate in *Visions of Jewish Music*, a concert for Piccolo Spoleto, the offshoot of the internationally renowned Spoleto Festival. The weekend allowed us to connect and foster connections within our own CBH family and between us and others we met and sang with.

Our first event was at KKBE, the second oldest synagogue in the U.S, where we had a Shabbat dinner and led the congregation in music for their service. Saturday we split up to attend festivals, concerts, and craft fairs, enjoy local food, and more. Several chorus members performed to a sold out crowd Saturday night at Saffron Coffeehouse.

Sunday morning we returned to KKBE for a joint concert as part of *A World of Jewish Culture at Piccolo Spoleto* organized by the Jewish Studies program at College of Charleston. We were concerned because the audience, at first glance, appeared to be a little conservative and we wondered how our music would be received. We performed an eclectic set of music with Hebrew text or lifting up Jewish values and included social justice oriented music including Will's new *Hold it High*. Rabbi Josh summed it up this way, "By the time the concert was over and people experienced a new vision of Jewish music, hearts were opened wide and hope had found its way inside." The Chorus and Band alike felt as if we had made a strong, satisfying connection with the audience.

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SUPPORTERS

GENERAL FUND

- Melissa Toporek, in honor of Rabbi Josh. Thank you for everything always and especially for our beautiful wedding last week
- Michael Haber
- Sharon Rabinovitz, a High Holy Day donation
- Lisa Ayn Padilla, in honor of Alison Lukacsko
- Judith Wellen & Richard Breitkopf, in honor of Aaron's bar mitzvah
- Bill & Beth Laing, in honor of Hannah's bat mitzvah. Thank you to the CBH Choir!
- Norman Abend
- Alan Sugar, in honor of Susan Simon's book
- Barbara Abend, in honor of Rabbi Josh & her grandson Zachary Abend's bar mitzvah
- Sarah & Andrew Abend
- Sherri Kornfeld & David Huntington, in honor of Gayanne, Will & CBH Choir
- Larry Auerbach
- Phyllis Jerome
- Amy Price & Rob Kistenberg, in honor of Micah & Nomi's marriage
- Jane Diamond & Tommy Peterson, in honor of Gayanne Geurin, Avrum Weiss, and Micah and Nomi on the marriage of Micah Weiss and Nomi Teutsch

- Dottie Cohen, in memory of Alex Houghtaling
- Brenda Strickland, a Shabbat Shirah donation

SECURITY DONATION

- Andrea Finn & Beverly Korfin
- Julie Rosenberg
- Lisa Barrios

BUILDING FUND

- Rebeca Quintana, in honor of Shelley Rose & Bob Schwartz birthdays
- Leslie Kean
- Shelley Rose
- Marianna Kaufman & Diana Maria Aleman, in honor of their 45th Anniversary!
- In memory of Alex Houghtaling
 - Henry Lewis
 - Marianna Kaufman & Diana Aleman

MATAN FUND

Stephanie & Andrew Gewirtz

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Janet Lefkowitz, in honor of the B'rit Mila of Oriel Aviv Kistenberg
- Jane Diamond & Tommy Peterson, in honor of the birth of Zoe Amelia Bastarache and her Hebrew naming performed by Rabbi Josh

- Amy Price & Rob Kistenberg, in honor of Oriel's naming
- Sarah & Andrew Abend, in honor of Zach's bar mitzvah
- Rebecca Holohan & Kai Ruiz, in honor of Rabbi Josh, thank you for Kai's conversion and their wedding
- Avrum Weiss & Michelle Tullier, in appreciation for Micah and Nomi's Sheva B'rachot
- Vickie Scheer, in memory of Alex Houghtaling

VITA LEO BROWN CREATIVITY AND ARTS FUND

- Faith Russler
- The Calmenson Foundation
- Paul Glickstein

YAHREIT DONATION

- Bob Schwartz, in memory of Margie Shure
- Ellen Mazer & Andy Segal, in memory of William Mazer
- Faith Russler, in memory of William Russler
- Rebeca Quintana, in memory of Jason Brodzki
- Michele Casper, in memory of Janina Casper
- Joyce Kinnard, in memory of Stephen Kinnard
- Jane Diamond, in memory of Sydell Diamond
- Scot Safon, in memory of David Michael Safon
- Amy Garnett, in memory of Robert Garnett & Neil Lebowitz

HONORABLE MENSCHEN

- **Onegs Sponsors** - Rebecca Holohan and Kai Ruiz, McKenzie Wren and Reuben Haller, Deborah Krotenberg, Tuwanda Muhammed
- **Service Leader** - Joe Chancey
- **Chorus/Piccolo Spoleto trip** - Carrie Hausman, Hannah Podhorzer, Terry Egdal, Gregg Bedol, the entire group who attended for pitching in when needed
- **Pride Shabbat** - Darci Jaret
- **Education** - Alisa Bouer, Darcy Coty, Michele Walsh
- **Drop-in Grief Group** - Marcy Leach
- **Weekend with Rami Shapiro** - Mitch Cohen

- **General menschlichkeit/pitching in** - Michael Gross and Bryan Golson
- **Step Up CBH leadership group** Alia Adler, Ephi Betan, Darcy Coty, Robert Brown, Jared Feuer, Amy Garnett, Nancy Gerber, Patric Good, Joyce Kinnard, Maddy Laing, Lauren Levin, Amy Price, Kai Ruiz, Bob Schwartz, Arnie Schoenberg, and a huge thank you to McKenzie Wren, who worked with Amy to design and lead the class
- **Strings Concert** - Sarah Zaslav, David Borthwick, Ava Posner, Aria Posner, Molly McDonald, Julia Borthwick, Lucy Gelber, Will Robertson

CELEBRATIONS

B'NAI MITZVAH

Zachary Abend May 6

Brody Weiss May 13

Cornelia Huntington May 27

Grant Alpern June 10

Harrison Fischer June 17



Welcome Oriel,
son of Amy Price
and Bob Kistenberg
born April 25, 2017



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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LEADERSHIP

President	Shoshana Ben-Yoar
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	Gina Gershon
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	Michele Walsh
Membership Cmte.	Andy Segal
Tikkun Olam Cmte.	Avrum Weiss

BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Rachel Wallack	July 13	Scarlett Yoxall	July 22	Michael Barnett
July 2	Sam Mitchell	July 13	Tyler Curtain	July 23	Andrew Abend
July 3	Eve Lackritz	July 13	Bella Dehaven	July 23	Kathryn Duval
July 3	Julian Bridges	July 14	Marjorie Vaughn	July 23	Braden Pressman
July 3	Melissa Toporek	July 15	Ruby-Beth Buitekant	July 23	Nicholas Brooks-Alt
July 4	Samantha Gewirtz	July 15	Mary Sabel	July 24	Ari Betan-Snook
July 4	Patric Good	July 15	Olivia Balaji	July 25	Madeline Laing
July 5	Benjamin Gittelson	July 15	Sara Gregory	July 25	Marcy Leach
July 5	Luca Davidorf	July 16	Orli Klein	July 26	Jacob Stein
July 5	Maximillian Levie-Sprick	July 17	David Aaron Golivesky-Bloom	July 26	Susan Tenenbaum
July 6	Lilian Safon	July 17	Elyssa Leigh Golivesky-Bloom	July 27	Jordan Taglialatela
July 6	Allison Carter	July 17	Shawn Slemons	July 27	David Schechter
July 6	Pam Gould	July 17	Ulli Sprick	July 27	Marjorie Osheroff
July 6	David Gittelman	July 18	Abby Drue	July 27	Talia Meyers
July 7	Jan Levie	July 18	Joseph Duval	July 27	Meg Rotenberg
July 7	Mark Podhorzer	July 18	Bernice Cohen	July 28	Brad Morris
July 7	Alana Mermin-Bunnell	July 18	Howie Krisel	July 28	Bonnie Puckett Levine
July 8	Laura Greenberg	July 19	Scot Safon	July 28	Joyce Kinnard
July 8	Richard Breitkopf	July 19	Sarah Lewis	July 29	Mia Kuperminc
July 8	Jose Barandiaran	July 19	Cindy Giver	July 29	Lynne Norton
July 10	Bill Witherspoon	July 19	Seth Lewis	July 29	Carole Schumer
July 10	Vallerie Trent	July 19	Lucy Rotenberg	July 29	Andy Segal
July 11	Aaron Baldwin	July 19	Asa Berkowitz	July 29	Gabriel Kuperminc
July 11	Max Leopold	July 20	Stella Walsh	July 30	Hazel Griffith
July 11	Ava Dean	July 20	Nicole Jurovics	July 30	Sarah Winer
July 12	Ian Bouer-Schlitt	July 20	Stephanie Gewirtz	July 30	Rodger Marks
July 12	Julia Bouer-Schlitt	July 20	Nathanial Greene	July 31	Ned Bridges
July 12	Ariel Bouer-Schlitt	July 21	Samantha June Sears		

ANNIVERSARIES

July 8	Alison Colbs & Michael Rekhelman	July 17	Jenny Hoffner & Jason Martin
July 11	Ellen Mazer & Andy Segal	July 22	Lisa Heimann & Jeffrey Jones
July 12	Brian & Marcy Leach	July 25	Robert & Sandy Monett
July 13	Ariela Freedman & Casey Hall	July 28	Stephen Kay & Jennifer Weissman
July 15	Marianna Kaufman & Diana Maria Alemann	July 29	Gary Falcon & Theresa Prestwood

(Road Trip Cont. from page 3)

So much work and care went into this short trip. Will Robertson prepared us exquisitely, and we can say Kol Hakavod. If it weren't for Carrie Hausman's initiative and drive, the trip never would have happened.

As with all things if we remain open, there were also many lessons to learn. Rabbi Josh helped us to make an invisible connection and I want to share this with the larger community as well:

On Friday night a rabbi from KKBE was sharing a story about the date the building was erected with no reference to who built it or how it was built. Valerie Singer and Rabbi Josh both

wondered, was it built by the hands of slaves? This led to a discussion and this post by Rabbi Josh on Facebook:

"Underneath the beauty of Charleston lies the truth that its exquisitely preserved architecture was built literally by slave labor or by the wealth generated from slaves.... Shana Cohen pointed out that Mother Emanuel, the historic black church violated by white supremacist violence, was just blocks away." We wished we had found a way to connect there somehow.

With this in mind, the Rabbi offered these words upon reflection, "It makes it even more meaningful that you sang *Hold It High* and that it moved people. I kept thinking the hands we were raising were in honor of those who had actually built the synagogue."

We are blessed to be a community that can work together doing our everyday tasks, and that we can play, laugh and rest together, and that we can sing together, and that we can learn to look deeper into our own and others' experiences. I think we will travel again. There is much to learn here and there.

You can see photos of these concerts on the CBH Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cbhat/>

MEMORIALS

DATE	NAME	REMEMBERED BY
July 1	Mortimer Wendell Dietz	Vance Dietz
July 1	Sylvia Auerbach	Jill Auerbach
July 3	Peter Winer	Howard Winer
July 4	Sam Baum	Henry Lewis
July 5	JoAnn Idelson Alterman	Rachel Wallack
July 6	Carl Smith	Michael Barnett
July 9	Beverly Greenspan	Becky Slemmons
July 11	Floranne Hilsenrad Kerr	Linda Hilsenrad
July 11	Ethyl Rosenzweig	Edward Rosenzweig
July 12	Sam S Gershon	Herbert Gershon
July 12	Sam S Gershon	Gina Gershon
July 12	Samuel Zoss	Julie Fishman
July 13	Norman Kotler	Heather Kotler
July 13	Andy Lee Grimes	Kendall McMahan-Kitchens
July 14	Jack Witherspoon	Bill Witherspoon
July 17	Bernard Nathan	Jennifer Berkowitz
July 19	Morris Tenenbaum	Beth Laing
July 20	Istvan Fabian	Jeffrey Kraus
July 20	Beverly Konter	Rebeca Quintana
July 21	Jack Zimmerman	Michael Zimmerman
July 22	Mozelle Marks	Rodger Marks
July 22	Phyllis Stone	Richard Stone
July 29	Fannie Goldstein Chal	Herbert Gershon
July 29	Fannie Goldstein Chal	Gina Gershon
July 30	Dave Schwartz	Sybil McWilliams



CBH
Fall Retreat
 November 3-5

At Camp
 Ramah Darom

Registration Open

<https://www.congregationbethaverim.org/retreat2017>

JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 6pm Meditation & Chant	4 Office Closed Independence Day	5 7:30am Chanting	6	7 6:30pm Tot Shabbat (RJ) 7:30pm Erev Shabbat (RJ) 	1 8 9:30am Bat Mitzvah Maya Goren at CCUCC
9	10	11	12 7:30am Chanting	13	14 7pm Jewish Paint & Schmooze (AC) 	15
16	17 6pm Meditation & Chant	18	19 7:30am Chanting	20	21 Shabbat in the Home	22 10am Shabbat Morning Service (KS)
23	24	25 7:00pm Drop-in Grief Group	26 7:30am Chanting	27	28 6:30pm Softball Shabbat Dinner with the Ben Gays 	29
30	31 Tish'a B'Av	1	2 7:30am Chanting	3	4 7:30pm Graduation Shabbat (RJ/GG)	GG = Gayanne Geurin RJ = Rabbi Josh Lesser AC = Allison Carter KS = Kellie Scheer

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