JEWISH PAINT & SHMOOZE
FRI. JULY 14
7PM

GRADUATION SHABBAT
FRI. AUG. 4
7:30PM

CBH FALL RETREAT
NOV. 3-5
JULY CALENDAR

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.

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.
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. (continued on page 7)
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 Brit 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 Brachot
• Vickie Scheer, in memory of Alex Houghtaling

VITA LEO BROWN CREATIVITY AND ARTS FUND
• Faith Russler
• The Calmenson Foundation
• Paul Glickstein

YAHARZEIT 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 Saun, 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 Bower, 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 Zaslaw, David Borthwick, Ava Posner, Aria Posner, Molly McDonald, Julia Borthwick, Lucy Gelber, Will Robertson
• General menschlichkeit/pitching in - Michael Gross and Bryan Golson

CONGREGATION BET HAVERIM
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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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
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 Gittelso    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  Nathaniel 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
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/cbhatl/
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