Shir Lanu

Inclusion at CSH: From Dream to Reality

Shirat Hayam became an Affiliate Synagogue of the Ruderman Synagogue Inclusion Project in 2016. In 2017, CSH was selected as a Partner Synagogue, created and named its inclusion committee, Shir Lanu (“One Song-One Voice”) and began its work in earnest.

Shir Lanu is committed to advancing inclusion practices that enhance the synagogue experience for adults and children with a wide variety of physical, cognitive and social/emotional challenges. Its mission also stresses that LGBTQ individuals, interfaith families, elders and anyone seeking a Jewish spiritual home will find a warm welcome at Shirat Hayam.

Co-chairs Amanda Clayman and Michele Tamaren and their committee (all volunteers) have accomplished much in a short time. They worked to make the CSH facility (entrance, handicap parking, and more) more handicapped accessible. They created a handout showing all available accommodations, such as large print siddurim, hearing devices, etc. The October 2017 inclusion weekend with Neshama Carlebach featured workshops and a concert. A February 2018 Inclusion Shabbat had something for everyone: activities for children, Nosh and Drash, a sermon and prompted lunch conversations.

“Once we were a dream. A dream of making our community one in which people would feel welcomed and included. Now it is a reality,” said Clayman.

“Last November, Barbara Sidman, who is chair of the LGBTQ division of Shir Lanu, brought Dr. Norman Spack and Mimi Micner to CSH to lead a discussion about transgenderism. Dr. Spack, the internationally renowned pediatric endocrinologist and advocate of early hormone treatment for transgender children, presented case studies of past patients. Micner, of Keshet (a national organization that works for full LGBTQ equality and inclusion in Jewish life), answered questions about upcoming ballot Question 3. Several community members shared personal experiences.

“Our goal was to dispel myths and present facts so the community could make an educated and informed decision when voting. Many people approached me after the discussion to tell me that it was powerful, informative and extremely helpful.”
— BARBARA SIDMAN

Shir Lanu provided funding for CJE to hire Susan Yacklow as Inclusion Specialist for the 2018-2019 school year, and no one is more pleased than Janis Knight, Director of CJE. “I am very grateful to the Shir Lanu committee for making this a priority and funding the position. Our faculty is able to create a more individualized, responsive, fun and engaging learning environment for all our students,” she said.

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RABBI’S CORNER

Anti-Semitism Takes No Sides

The rise in anti-Semitism has inspired some to convert the issue into one that is both political and partisan. I see this happening on local and national levels, both within the Jewish community and outside of it. In emails, conversations and articles, I’ve heard as many blaming the left as the right for the current upsurge in anti-Semitism.

Partisanship is especially harmful at this perilous time, when anti-Semitism is rising on all fronts. For example, the New York Times recently ran articles by Alexandra Alter and Farah Stockman on the anti-Semitism espoused by Alice Walker and founders of the Women’s March. (https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/21/arts/alice-walker-david-icke-times.html, https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/23/us/womens-march-anti-semitism.html) On the other side of the political spectrum, the Times of Israel reported that “Jews clutching cash appear in GOP attack ads in six states.” (https://www.timesofisrael.com/jews-clutching-cash-appear-in-gop-attack-ads-in-6-states/) The conflict is deeper and broader. We Jews are ALL fighting the anti-Israel and anti-Semitism that is the foundation of the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. Make no mistake – BDS, which aims to eliminate the Jewish-democratic State of Israel, is prevalent on college campuses and within progressive circles.

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At the same time, we are ALL fighting the rising tide of white supremacy that at its core is motivated by anti-Semitism (read: “Skin in the Game: How anti-Semitism Animates White Nationalism,” the definitive article by Eric Ward on how anti-Semitism motivates white nationalism). (https://www.politicalresearch.org/2017/06/29/skin-in-the-game-how-antisemitism-animates-white-nationalism/).

White supremacy-linked anti-Semitism has been, so far, the most violent of these movements. Still, Islamism was behind the 2006 attack on the Seattle Jewish Federation, and BDS supporters, like white supremacists, threaten or encourage violence. The “Disorientation Guide 2018”, for example, which recommends, “Slap a Zionist” and “Host a Molotov Cocktail Making Workshop,” was recently found being distributed at Vassar College.

Identifying root causes enables leaders to make smart choices about how to fight anti-Semitism. However, this problem is too pervasive and too dangerous to risk allowing partisan bias to dilute our analysis and response. On the Shabbat following the Tree of Life shooting, Jews who have no synagogue connection came together in mourning and solidarity, flocking to shuls across America. Unfortunately, it took that tragic event to inspire the show of nonpartisan unanimity.

My wish for 2019 is that the silver lining in the current tragic rising tide of anti-Semitism will be a renewed flourishing of Jewish pride and greater unity among our Jewish people.
Cantor’s News

We Interrupt This Revelation

Recently, I attended a Holocaust Exhibition at the Essex Technical School in Hathorne, MA. It was presented, researched, and curated by the students of the senior class taught by my friend and Shirat member, Jason Stark. I learned many things I didn’t know and I was moved.

This time of year, we’re set to read about the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai in the Torah Portion Yitro (Jethro). It’s always preceded by an amazing story that, on its face, is perplexing. Last week’s Parsha, Beshalach, was about the splitting of the Red Sea and told the story of Amalek, that nation that surprised the Israelites and tried to kill them. Now we are about to arrive at Sinai – arguably the very purpose of our release from Egypt — and we’re suddenly introduced to the father-in-law of Moses.

Check it out. Rather than naming this Torah portion after the giving of the Torah, it is named after Jethro, a non-Jewish man who is a priest in Midian. “Before we receive the Torah, we interrupt this revelation to give you a revelation from Moses’ father-in-law.” Yitro counsels Moses on how to lead the Israelites with proper governance and administration of a justice system. Surely, the Torah could impart this practical advice anywhere (and it would fit thematically), so why tell it right before the foundational event at Sinai?

Nachmanides (Ramban), the great 13th century Spanish commentator, says this story is intentionally placed prior to the revelation at Sinai to teach us this one lesson. Last week, as we left Egypt, we were running, and Amalek the enemy came upon us. Lest you think that everyone in the world is like Amalek, along comes the Yitro story before the giving of the Torah story. You want to receive the Torah? You have to know there are people in the world like Yitro. Just because you had a bad experience with Amalek and were running away from the Egyptians, remember that Yitro, also not a Jew, has Torah to teach too.

As I walked through the Exhibition Hall at Essex Technical School, I stopped to visit several booths. Jason Stark’s students were teaching me things about the Holocaust I had not known regarding victims’ family pets, Dr. Joseph Mengele’s ghastly experiments and food insecurity. These students — all gentile — were teaching this Jewish Cantor about a seminal moment in Jewish history. I was humbled and inspired.

We, as humans, need to draw boundaries, but sometimes we forget that the person sitting next to us on the bus could easily be within our boundaries. Moshe learned Torah from his father-in-law, who wasn’t even Jewish. So who’s gonna teach me Torah tonight…. tomorrow….. and the next day?

B’Shalom,
Cantor Alty

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Yackolow is a CSH member whom you may recognize as the one who blows her shofar every High Holiday — and who is often the last one still blowing at Tekiah Gadol. She is also a special education professional and trained speech pathologist who has worked in a number of local school systems and helped train other teachers. She collaborates with CJE teachers to develop strategies and techniques to help each student learn and have a better experience at CJE. “Good special education is just plain old good education and every student and teacher benefits from that,” Knight said.

Continuing their work in 2019, Rabbi Darby Leigh from Congregation Kerem Shalom in Concord, Massachusetts will join CSH on Saturday, February 9 for Nosh and Drash at 10 am. He is a deaf rabbi and his congregation is also a Ruderman Inclusion Partner Synagogue and he will share his personal experiences as well as a Torah teaching. Shir Lanu also plans to add a focus on mental health inclusion and to create a program for families of preteen-age children to assist them in becoming B’nei Mitzvah. In the meantime, check the calendar for special events throughout the upcoming year. If you would like to volunteer or donate to Shir Lanu, please contact Barri for more information.
“Fun with Food” at Shirat Hayam

Local Pediatric Dietitian Liana DeLoid, from Engaging Nutrition, visited the preschool for a 4-week program on January 9, 16, 23 and 30. “We chose this program because nutrition is important to us at the CEE. We wanted to provide additional enrichment for our pre-K classroom that focuses on the importance of healthy eating. This will add some excitement to the long winter days!” says Andrea Bernard, Director of the Center for Early Education.

The class includes: a balanced snack; having fun and experimenting with new foods, and learning about moderation, balance, and the nutrients that play important roles in our bodies. Liana is a Registered and Licensed Dietitian who is also ServSafe certified. For more info, visit kids.engagingnutrition.com.
Making Chicken Soup with Love at CSH!

Shir Chesed volunteers met over two days period to make 56 containers of the most delicious homemade chicken soup (see recipe below), which they froze for future giving. If you know of someone who is “coming home” (e.g., hospital, rehab, new baby, long term illness) and would appreciate some real deal chicken soup made with love, email Shir Chesed co-chairs Karen@madorsky@gmail and bethanyroditi@gmail.com.

Brenda Cohen’s Chicken Soup recipe
(used by Shir Chesed, which substituted leeks for celery)

- 4 lbs. chicken quarters
- 12 cups water
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 2 sweet onions halved
- 2-3 stalks of celery
- 2-3 carrots peeled and cut in 1” pieces
- 2 parsnips
- 1 sweet potato cut in chunks
- parsley and dill
- salt and pepper (use peppercorns if you can)

Wash chicken thoroughly and take out excess fat. Put it in a soup pot with water, salt, and vegetables. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to medium. Cook for 1 1/2 hours. Add dill and parsley during the last minutes. Let cool, strain skim off fat and add salt and pepper to taste.

Atlantic Avenue Shabbatot
Friday, February 8, 5:30 pm & Friday, May 31, 6:00 pm

Coming this February and May to Atlantic Avenue synagogues near you: two joint Shirat Hayam — Temple Emanuel-Shabbatot! The current renovations at Temple Emanuel created a unique opportunity for our two temples to cross the Swampscott-Marblehead border and come together to share the spirituality of community, Shabbat, and song-prayer. On Friday night, February 8, beginning at 5:30 pm, Shirat Hayam will host Temple Emanuel for the Holy Happy Hour Minyan. Temple Emanuel will return the kindness, hosting Shirat Hayam on Friday night, May 31, at 6:00 pm, offering us a unique opportunity to not only see, but more importantly to experience, their newly renovated temple. Make new friends, see familiar faces and be sure to join us for these special Shabbatot.

The Future of Shirat Hayam: An Interfaith Conversation

Many in our community are touched by intermarriage. Nearly half of all couples in Jewish Greater Boston are interfaith. Moreover, on the North Shore, there are more intermarried families raising Jewish children than inmarried families.

For a thriving future, we at Shirat Hayam need to become the congregation of choice for intermarried families. The questions are: How will we get there? What conversations can we have to convey clearly and unambiguously that we embrace intermarried couples and non-Jewish spouses?

The Interfaith Task Force is partnering with CJP to facilitate this important conversation at two different times, Sunday, March 3 at 9:15 am and Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 pm (with babysitting and pizza for kids). Please join us and bring a friend - our future depends on it!

Donations / Condolences

**CONDOLENCES**

Our deepest condolences to those who have passed away.

**MEMBERS:**

- Bernice Insuik 12/31/2018
  - Mother of Gary Insuik and Husband of Dr. N. Milton Insuik, z”l

- Estelle Halpern 12/16/2018
  - Mother of Diane Rubtchinsky

- Helen Bergman 12/28/2018
  - Mother of Arnold Bergman

- Terry Andrew Sokoli 12/31/2018
  - Father of Kathleen Lewis

- Shirley Kessler 1/7/2019
  - Aunt of David Myerson
  - Sister of Robert Myerson

- Carrie Berger
  - In memory of Helene & Harvey Cotton’s new great-grandchild
  - by Marilyn Stoll

- In honor of the marriage of Arthur Epstein & Bryna Litchman
  - by Beverly Kahn

- In memory of
  - by Beverly Kahn and Larry & Risa Kahn

**RELATIVES:**

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**Make a Donation**

To make a donation, please visit [shirathayam.org/Donate](http://shirathayam.org/Donate) or mail your donation with a check made out to CSH or Congregation Shirat Hayam. Please specify the fund to which your donation should be allocated.

Donations listed were received through December 31, 2018.

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- In memory of my wife, Eleanore Enid Gateman by Jack Gateman
- In appreciation of Rabbi Michael... Thanks for your help and support! by Samiljan-Lensky Families
- In honor of the birth of the Rabbi & Sarah Ragozin’s daughter, Aleza Rose by Harold Cohen; Louise Chudnofsky; Marty & Roz Goldberg; Marilyn Stoll; Ariel & Carrie Berger

- In honor of Helene & Harvey Cotton’s new great-grandchild by Marilyn Stoll

- In memory of
  - Father, Bernard Siskind by Beverly Kahn

- In appreciation of Cantor Alty by Harvey & Gail Zarren

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- In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Emily Arnold, in Tel Aviv by Mark & Judith Arnold

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  - Mother, Isabelle Ablow by Herbert Ablow
  - Father, Sidney Belostock by Gary Belostock
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  - Grandfather, Louis Lipsky by Beverly Kahn

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- In honor of the birth of Aleza Rose by Mark & Judith Arnold

- In memory of Richard Cohen, husband of Bobbie Cohen by Ron & Sandra Lappin

- In appreciation of your openness to all and community services by Eric Knight

- In memory of Jamie Blau, granddaughter of Faith Kramer by Alan & Phyllis Bolotin

- In appreciation of Rabbi Michael sharing his faith & remarks with our students by St. John’s Preparatory School

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  - Husband, Bernard Siskind by Joan Garfield
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Grandmother, Jenny Markowitz
by Marla Belostock
Every issue, The New Wave spotlights a congregant as a way to help us get to know each other better by putting a face with a name. For Gitte Kushner, Shirat Hayam is more than a place of worship. It is her Jewish home and community. She shares her story with us this month.

What kind of Jewish upbringing did you have? Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Newton in a kosher home. My parents were founding members of Temple Mishkan Tefila, a conservative temple in Chestnut Hill, and were active members of the temple. I attended Hebrew school and Hebrew High School and had my Bat Mitzvah there. I loved celebrating the holidays there along with friends and extended family.

What brought you to CSH? What got you to stay?

I had been to the Yom Kippur renewal service a few times and several special events over the years and always loved my experiences at CSH. When my Dad passed away in April 2015, I was looking for a synagogue near my home in Lynn to say Kaddish, and remembered CSH. I remember going to evening Minyan for the first time. I walked into the chapel and didn’t know anyone there, but felt immediately at home and welcomed. It truly nurtured my soul to be welcomed into this Jewish community and supported at a time of deep loss. Shortly after I began attending Minyan, my Dad’s name was read along with the names of members of the congregation who had recently passed. Not being a member of CSH and not ever making this request, I was so struck and moved by this kindness. It said a lot to me about this synagogue and the community.

There is a strong feeling of community and support amongst those saying Kaddish, people that you see regularly for weeks and months. I was so touched by the support and friendship. I began attending Shabbat in addition to Minyan, and the rest is history, as the saying goes.

What committees are you involved in at CSH?

I am on the Board of Directors and a member of the Shir Chesed Committee.

What do you like best about CSH?

I love the openness, inclusivity and multiple offerings at Shabbat Synaplex and the warmth and welcoming of the community. My favorite services are Renewal, Holy Happy Hour and, of course, Minyan. I enjoy the reflective, meditative aspect of Renewal. For me it is the perfect way to begin the day of Shabbat. Holy Happy Hour is an opportunity to first gather together socially with others as Shabbat approaches. The service is fun, joyful and uplifting, and the music is beautiful, with the enhancement of several musical instruments.

Aside from my family affiliation growing up, as an adult, I had never been a member of a synagogue before joining CSH. I am so happy to have found my Jewish home and community at CSH.