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It's the Small Groups After All

CBE's Small Groups have flourished this year, allowing members to connect around a growing variety of shared interests, identities and life stages.



CBE's City Outings Small Group inhabited a Jewish nosh at the New York Historical Society.



CBE's Musicians Circle Small Group explores Jewish musical traditions together.



CBE's Challah Baking Small Group braided dough in the Temple House kitchen.

We Welcomed Adult B'nei Mitzvah back to CBE

Over six summer Shabbats in 2022, CBE welcomed our first cohort of adult B'nei Mitzvah in 20 years. Here, Rabbi Matt Green and Hebrew Tutor Roz Koch celebrated with members of the class of 2022.



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2022-2023 The Year in Review



Message from Rabbi Timoner



Dear Friend,

Over the past few months, I have been deeply involved in pastoral work at CBE: celebrating the weddings of congregants, naming new babies, working with b'nei mitzvah students on their d'verei torah, and caring for members who are sick or in mourning.

I am so proud of how CBE comes together to support each other during these moments when our lives shift dramatically. In these times, I know that members are grateful that they are part of this loving and inclusive community that we have built together.

With our excellent lay leadership and extraordinary staff, I have also watched our membership support each other's smaller but no less important needs. As humans, we need to connect with others in small groups, to learn, to make art, to laugh, to play games, to contemplate things larger than ourselves, to help make other people's lives better, and to do our best to right the wrongs we see in the wider world.

The amazing thing to me is that we do all of these things at CBE.

We are able to do all of these things because members like you lend their time, their skills, and their financial support to CBE. I am awed by what we accomplish together every week, and I'm eager and excited to do more in the year ahead.

If you have been participating in any of our small groups or other initiatives, I thank you. If you have not yet found a way to connect in a deeper way to CBE, I hope that this is the year you reach out and try something new.

And finally, I join with president John Horowitz and our Board of Trustees in asking you to support the CBE Annual Appeal this year. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

Rabbi Rachel Timoner
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CBE's Dayenu Circle Tackled Climate Change

The CBE Dayenu Circle hosted a Climate Action Event with Bill McKibben, Mary Powell, and Brad Lander. Hundreds of community members gathered in the ballroom to learn about capacity building for a greener future and to develop tangible next steps for taking action to fight climate change.



We Raised Funds for a Better Future in Israel

At a banquet in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, City Comptroller Brad Lander, URJ Vice President Rabbi Josh Weinberg, and Elad Bar Ilan of the Jewish Agency for Israel were among those who helped our clergy team present CBE's Hope for the Future Award—along with a significant donation—to Itamar Avneri of Omdin B'Yachad/Standing Together.



We Celebrated in our New Space at the Union Temple House of CBE

The Brooklyn Jews Hanukkah party was held in the raw space on the 8th floor.



CBE Teens Traveled the Globe



Top left: Yachad 10th graders visited CBE member and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's office as part of the Religious Action Center's High School Social Justice Seminar in Washington, DC.

Top right: CBE's 11th and 12th graders visited the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin with Rabbi Timoner, one stop of many on their travels through Germany and Poland.

Bottom: Camel Rides in the Negev were a highlight of the Israel trip.



...And CBE Adults Traced Civil Rights History on a Journey Through the South

CBE community members joined Rabbi Stephanie Kolin to learn directly from people who have been involved in movements for change. The group traveled between Georgia and Alabama, visiting the Rosa Parks Museum, The Lynching Memorial for Peace and Justice, the Equal Justice Initiative, Edmund Pettus Bridge, and Ebenezer Baptist Church, Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock's congregation where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. preached.



Last year, CBE members celebrated:

 **69** baby namings

 **63** b'nei mitzvahs

 **22** adult b'nei mitzvahs

 **25** weddings

 **30** conversions

 **48** Jewish Happy Hours in the lobby

We Connected with Grandparents and Grandpals at the ECC

We welcomed grandparents and grandpals into ECC classrooms for a day of art projects, sing-alongs, and nonstop fun. ECC students and grandparents alike were thrilled to share this special intergenerational day with their loved ones.



CBE Artists Connected Across Mediums

This year's annual CBE Art Show brought together CBE members who work with a wide array of media—oil painting, printmaking, photography, watercolor, wood carving, fabric constructions, collage and more were on view this year—to display their creations together for one art-filled weekend in May. Tracy Penn and Beverly Crilly have been the lead organizers for the CBE art show since 2019.



We Sang and Contemplated, We Dressed Up and Paraded

Our Youth and Family programs enjoyed another year of Jewish learning, community and fun at Yachad events, during holidays, and on Shabbat.



Our Yachad team came decked out in space regalia for this year's "Blast off to Shushan"-themed youth and family Purim party.



CBE Lead Administrator Nate Jaffe chaperoned our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders for their fall retreat at Eisner Camp.

Oh What a Night!

Our Annual Spring Gala returned in June, with over 300 partygoers coming together in the ballroom to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and dance the night away in support of CBE.

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