

Interfaith Thanksgiving Gathering

Sunday, November 17, 2024

4:00 p.m.



**Congregation Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas
CNY RISE Center
Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church**

**Rabbi Oren Steinitz
Tim Saka
Rev. Courtney Steininger**

Interfaith Thanksgiving

Prelude Music

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rev. Courtney Steininger

Land Acknowledgement

Rabbi Oren Steinitz

CBS-CS, CNY RISE CENTER, and PHPC *recognize with respect the Onondaga Nation, the “people of the hills,” or central firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Indigenous peoples on whose ancestral lands Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church now stands.*

This was passed by the CBS-CS BOT in Nov or Dec of 2021.

Song

Hinei Ma Tov

Rabbi Oren Steinitz

Hinei ma tov u'ma na'im, shevet achim gam Yachad.

Look how good and how beautiful- brothers and sisters so together!

Thanksgiving Reading

Rev. Courtney Steininger

Adapted from *Litany of Thanksgiving, The Worshipbook (1970)*

Give thanks to the Lord who is good. **God's love is everlasting.** Come, let us praise God joyfully. **Let us come to God with thanksgiving.** For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors; **Thank you, God.** For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying; **Thank you, God.** For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement; **Thank you, God.** For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love; **Thank you, God.** For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures; **Thank you, God.** For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies; **Thank you, God.** For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows; **Thank you, God.** For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing; **Thank you, God.** For your help in times of

doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger; **Thank you, God.** For the community into which we have been called; for our life together as people of faith; **We praise you, God.** For your guidance and gifts of faith and love; **We praise you, God.** Above all, O God, for our hope and joy found in faith and life together; **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.** Give thanks to the Lord, who is good. **God's love is everlasting.**

Song #336

We Gather Together

Thanksgiving Reading

Rabbi Oren Steinitz

Closing Prayer for Thanksgiving Day, by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, J. Paul Williams, and Eugene Kohn (1951)

O you who are our Creator
and who sustains our life by your bounties,
You who has blessed our land with all manner of wealth,
bless you also us your people with the spirit of humility.
Let us not, in the pride of possession,
forget that we but hold all this wealth in trust
and that only when we are faithful to that trust
and use our wealth with wisdom, justice, and generosity
can it yield us true happiness.
Teach us that the joy of creation
far surpasses that of acquisition,
that there is more security in mutual helpfulness
than in selfish hoarding,
that to earn the love and gratitude of our fellow men
affords a deeper satisfaction than to force their fear, servility, and envy.
We thank you, O God,
for all your gifts,
but above all we thank you
for the gift of your spirit,
for only by it can we learn to use your gifts
for our blessing.
Amen.

Song #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (verse 1)

Quran Readings

Tim Saka

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*Latin pronunciation: (Oo-bee kah-ree-tas eht ah-mawr Deh-oos ee-bee ehtst)
 English translation: *Where there is compassion and love, God is there.*



Please join our recession to Fellowship Hall for card making, Klezmer music, and refreshments.

THANK YOU

We thank everyone for joining in today’s Thanksgiving Gathering. This is the 26th anniversary of our coming together as people of faith around the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Thanks to the Keyna Hora Klezmer Band and
 Thanks to Bette Kahler for coordinating our music.

We thank Sid Lipton and Mimi Weiner for arranging for the appearance of the Klezmer band.