

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS

EVENTS/HISTORY

- 1) What are some of your best memories/worst memories of CBST?
- 2) How did you get more involved in the CBST community?
- 3) Why did you leave CBST?
- 4) Why did you come back to CBST?
- 5) What do you remember about the March on Washington and CBST's involvement in the March?
- 6) What are your first memories of the first Gay Pride March?
- 7) What are your memories of the Israeli Day Parade?
- 8) What were your memories of the changes in governance of CBST?
- 9) What are your earliest memories of CBST?
- 10) How has your view of CBST changed over time?

RELATIONSHIPS

- 1) What was your first serious relationship formed at CBST?
- 2) Did you meet your lover at CBST?
- 3) Who brought you to CBST?
- 4) When did you learn that your best friend/lover had AIDS? What role did CBST play in the AIDS crisis? How has AIDS affected your friendships as CBST?
- 5) When did you learn that your best friend/lover had breast cancer?
- 6) As a transgender person, why did you come to CBST instead of any other Synagogue? How did CBST meet your expectations?

RELIGION

- 1) What was the most profound spiritual moment of your life? Did it have anything to do with CBST?
- 2) What did you do to get more involved in the CBST community?
- 3) Did you learn Hebrew at CBST? Who taught you? How did learning Hebrew impact on your relationship with Judaism?
- 4) How did your involvement with CBST impact on your interest in religion?
- 5) How has your involvement in CBST changed your experience of/assumptions of being Jewish and about being gay?
- 6) How has CBST enhanced your spiritual/religious life?
- 7) How important is the music to you at CBST?
- 8) What was your reaction to the first CBST service you attended?
- 9) What are your memories of the spiritual leadership of CBST? Favorite spiritual leader?

COMMUNITY

- 1) What were your best memories of what we did for fun?
- 2) What are classic CBST stories from your circle of friends?
- 3) How did you make friends at CBST? What activities, etc., did you engage in to make friends?
- 4) How did you get more involved in the CBST community?
- 5) Was there any relationship between coming out and your involvement with CBST?
- 6) When did you feel fully part of the community at CBST? What was going on? What were you involved in?
- 7) How did your involvement in CBST influence your decision to have children?
- 8) What are some of the ways in which important aspects of your life has taken place at CBST?
- 9) What attracted you to joining the CBST Chorus?
- 10) What were your memories of moving into Bethune Street?

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- 1) What drew you to CBST?
- 2) What are your earliest memories of CBST?
- 3) What are you most proud of at CBST?
- 4) What are some of your best memories/worst memories of CBST?
- 5) What are your strongest memories of CBST?
- 6) How did you learn about CBST?
- 7) Who brought you to CBST?
- 8) Who do you admire most at CBST?
- 9) Where did you live before coming to NYC? How long did it take you to find CBST?
- 10) Why did you come to CBST?
- 11) Why did you leave CBST?
- 12) Why did you come back to CBST?
- 13) Why do you like _____?
- 14) Why don't you like _____?
- 15) What did you expect from CBST when you joined? Were your expectations fulfilled?
- 16) What were your hopes for your involvement with CBST? Were your hopes fulfilled?
- 17) How has CBST changed your experience of/assumptions of being Jewish and about being gay?
- 18) What are some of the ways in which important aspects of your life has taken place at CBST?
- 19) Has CBST enhanced your spiritual/religious life?
- 20) How do you feel about the diversity of straight, bi-sexual, transgender, non-Jews at CBST?
- 21) What has changed your feeling about CBST, if anything, positive or negative?
- 22) If CBST were a person, how would you describe that person?
- 23) What attracted you to joining the CBST Chorus?
- 24) How important is the music to you at CBST?