#### **CCB Programs, Events & More!**

### Every second Saturday at CCB: Next Peña, April 13th 7pm - 10pm • 565 Boylston St., Boston MA

Join us for a night of folklore, storytelling, arte y amor, poetry of struggle bringing histories to life, and life to our circles of song

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• Refreshments will be provided • Suggested donation: \$5 (No one will be turned away)







Get Folked" Concert with Special Guest Dean Stevens. loors open at 6:30PM. This is a free concert for Community hurch of Boston's congregation, but we ask that you regis r to secure your spot(s). If you would like, you may make freewill offering to the performer. This entire show will be ve-streamed for those of you who are unable to join us in erson. For more information and to get tickets scan he QR code or go to: adamezra.com/may-5-2024-getolked-ticket-boston-ma

#### Moira Smiley + Shelter Music **Boston String Quartet at CCB**



#### Thursday, May 16 at 7 pm

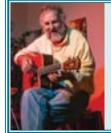
This free evening concert is anchored by powerhouse vocalist, composer, arranger, Moira Smiley and her dazzling arrangements for voice (and sometimes banjo, piano or accordion) plus string quartet that comprise her new album, *The Rhizome Project*. The quartet brings together four of Boston's most innovative and respected string players; Lysander Jaffe, Lizzy Cook, Annegret Klaua, and Yonah Zur.

Tickets & More Information: moirasmileysubscription.com/ product/987725.com/product/987725 or scan QR code



## Betsy Rose • Saturday, May 18th, 7PM @ CCB

Betsy Rose is a singer, songwriter and community activist whose insight, warmth, humor, wit, and wisdom have added a wealth of songs to the world o folk and progressive music for over thirty years.



### **DEAN STEVENS** 70th Birthday CCB Benefit Concert! Friday, May 24, 7PM

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## **CCB SUNDAYS & MORE!**



April 7 - June 2, 2024

In person and hybrid programs.

April 7 at 11:00 AM



#### "Nazis of Copley Square: The Forgotten Story of the Christian Front"

with Charles Gallagher, S.J.

This talk will discuss the 2021 book, *Nazis of Copley Square* with a special emphasis on the public role of the Rev. Donald G. Lothrop and his public tussle with Christian Front leader Francis P. Moran. Recently, it was it revealed that the Christian Front was being secretly supported and directed in Boston by the Nazi SS, Hitler's Black Guard.

• Charles R. Gallagher, S.J. is a professor of history at Boston College. He is a former Nantucket police officer, prison chaplain, and dishwasher.

music by **Jennifer Armstrong** 

April 14 at 11:00 AM

and believing in herself and her path.

#### "Take the Leap"

with Pashtana Durrani

Pashtana Durrani will talk about her book, Last to Eat Last to Learn and her journey of "taking the leap"



• Pashtana Durrani is an Afghan feminist, activist, and educator. At the age of 21, she became the head of her family following her father's passing. By then she had already founded LEARN Afghanistan, the country's first digital school network. Forced into exile by the Taliban takeover in 2021 she is currently a visiting fellow at Wellesley Centers for Women while continuing to provide education for hundreds

of girls in Afghanistan despite the current ban on them attending school. Known for her bluntness and courage, Durrani is a regular commentator on TV and radio and has well as the subject of articles and profiles on a host of media outlets. Pashtana has received many awards and honors. Her biography, Last to Eat, Last to Learn has been published World-wide.

music by Küf Knotz & Christine Elise



#### "Climate Justice and Transformative Economic Change"

with Jennie C. Stephens

The worsening climate crisis is a symptom of an exploitative economic system that concentrates wealth and power and obstructs the changes needed for human health and ecological health. In response, a growing global climate justice movement is demanding transformative change and an economic paradigm shift toward a well-being economy. Collective action and global solidarity are inspiring hope, peace and justice.

• *Jennie C. Stephens* is a feminist climate justice scholar-activist. She is the Dean's Professor of Sustainability Science and Policy at Northeastern University and a Radcliffe-Salata Climate Justice Fellow at Harvard University. Her collaborations focus on promoting climate justice and energy democracy while resisting climate obstruction and economic injustice.

music by Cosy Sheridan

April 28 at 11:00 AM

#### "May Day and the Fight for Shorter Hours"

with John Proctor

John Proctor of the Boston Labor Solidarity Committee will speak on a shorter work day – 6-hour day with no cut in pay and the history of shorter hours movements. He will also talk about the effect of technology on work schedules and the movement for a shorter work day and beyond.



• *John Proctor* is a lifelong labor movement activist, John has also had varied work experiences; from construction, telephone operator, stationary fireman in two hospitals, 3rd class steam engineer and elected executive board member (secretary-treasurer) and over 25 years as a second-class steam engineer at Boston Edison.

music by Bill Bumpus





#### "New Immigrant and Refugee Visions"

CSFilm Shorts by Qin Li, Mubarak Muwongo Nsamba, & Mohammed Arifuzzaman & CSFilm Director Michael Sheridan



New Immigrant and Refugee Visions Filmmakers show their short films to engage communities in dialogue about immigrants and immigration in the U.S. Their shorts will provide a unique insiders' perspective on the integration challenges immigrants face and the contributions they make to our culture, economy and social fabric.

Qin Li emigrated from China in 2015, Qin is a scholar-activist focused on women's empowerment. She



- began her research on women in rural China. Now she works with women and immigrants from all over the world as a volunteer at Women Encouraging Empowerment in Revere.

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- *Mubarak Muwonge Nsamba* emigrated from Uganda in 2017, Mubarak studied forestry in Uganda, but worked in IT, website design and digital film making. His wife, Zaamu, studied Library Sciences and worked as an academic librarian. They applied for and won the Diversity Green Card lottery, which allowed them to come with their four young children to the US.
- *Mohammad Arifuzzaman* emigrated from Bangladesh in 2015, Mohammad is a software engineer with interests in music, theater and photography. He demonstrated incredible determination throughout the NIRV film making process filming all of one story only to have the family grow fearful about participating. His story about Mohammad Anwar is particularly relevant as so many Rohingya refugees have sought refuge in Bangladesh, his country of origin.



# "My Neurodivergent Journey: A Celebration of Autistic Culture & Liberation"

with Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman

When her son was diagnosed as Autistic at age 3, Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman dove into the neuro-diversity movement to understand Autistic culture from the inside. What she learned there changed her life. As her son blossomed into a proud Autistic identity, Rabbi Shoshana discovered she was Autistic, too – and that the radical re-imagining of normal that benefited her child could also transform her well-

being. Interweaving personal narrative with contemporary understandings of Autism, Rabbi Shoshana will speak on the liberatory message of Autistic culture, not only for Autistics but for all of us.

• *Rabbi Shoshana Meira Friedman* is a late-diagnosed Autistic coach, writer, activist, and passionate creative. Her essays have been published in many venues including The New York Times, Tablet Magazine, WBUR's Cognoscenti, as well as several anthologies. Her first picture book, *The Tide Is Rising, So Are We: A Climate Movement Anthem* is forthcoming.

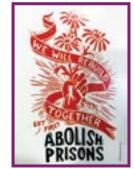
music by Magpie & Shoshana Meira Friedman

May 19 at 11:00 AM

#### "Thriving Survivors of the PIC (Prison Industrial Complex)"

with Lee Underwood, Calvin Arey, & Don Wright

Lee Underwood, Calvin Arey, and Don Wright, CCB's members and admired friends, tell about how they each survived the hell of prison, and now thrive as compassionate contributors to humanity in these troubled times.



music by CommUnity Voices

May 26 at 11:00 AM



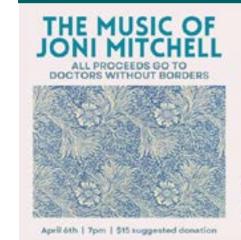
# "From Apartheid to Freedom: The Pathway to a Free Palestine"

with Jill Stein & Miko Peled

We welcome Dr. Jill Stein, 2024 Presidential Candidate for the Green Party, and Miko Peled, prominent author and speaker on Palestine and Apartheid Israel, for a conversation on the ongoing horror and transition in Palestine/Israel, and on the state of US

electoral politics in light of Gaza's ethnic cleansing. We are honored to host this conversation from two of our most respected and cutting edge CCB speakers.

music by Terry Kitchen





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