

SAJE July & August 2020 continuing zoom musical programs:

*July 20 - **Michael Chen**, son of CSR members Lisa and Bernie Chen, will bring us musical enjoyment through A Bit of Nostalgia & A Bit of Modern from such greats as Billy Joel, Elton John, Taylor Swift and Michael Bublé plus more. Michael is a graduate of Rye High School and Brown University and lives in San Francisco, CA.*

*July 27 - **Nate Valsania and Francesca Valsania**, twin son and daughter of Jill Goldsmith and Marco Valsania, are 2020 Rye High School Graduates and already familiar musicians at CSR Shabbat Services. They will present a multicultural repertoire: operatic and folk songs from Italy, combined with Brazilian jazz, Hawaiian, and British pop accompanied by ukulele/guitar/piano that is sure to uplift and inspire us.*

*August 3 – **Emma DePaola**, daughter of CSR members Felicia and Bruce DePaola, has always loved to sing. As a student, majoring in history at Colgate University with an English and Studio Art double minor, Emma is the President of Colgate’s traveling all female a cappella group, The Swinging Gates. Emma will share with SAJE her musical passion, as well as present and discuss her research paper on the Kindertransport.*

*August 10 – **Jonah Blumstein**, son of CSR members Esther and Howard Blumstein, pursued a degree in drama and film from Dartmouth College and teaches music full-time at Brentwood School in Los Angeles in grades 6-8 with orchestral and vocal ensembles. For his SAJE presentation, Jonah, who writes songs in the Americana/Folk tradition that echo themes of internal struggle and healing, will perform some of his songs and talk about how one creates and develops song/music.*

*August 17 – **Lulu Tagger-Epstein**, daughter of CSR members Danielle Tagger-Epstein and Dan Epstein, and **Hannah Gorevic**, daughter of CSR members Diana Tapper and Jason Gorevic, are old friends who are teaming up to prepare and present a delightful musical program that is sure to bring a smile to all of our faces. Both girls are rising sophomores. Lulu attends Rye Neck High School and Hannah is a student at Hackley.*

*August 24 – **Maia Pillot**, granddaughter of CSR member Marilyn Cooper, is a multi-faceted musician, music teacher and performer whose folk/pop music combines catchy music, an angelic voice, and keen lyrical observations that show sensitivity to both the darkness and lightness of life's universal journeys. Among the songs Maia will sing for SAJE is one she wrote recently inspired by her daily walks accompanied by her grandma on the phone.*

*August 31 – Join CSR member, **Andi Hessekiel**, who has been preparing and presenting innovative, participatory SAJE programs for over a decade, in an exploration of popular songs whose lyrics have been misunderstood. A fun and fitting finale to our SAJE Summer Music Series, this session will feature a collection of misheard lyrics that Andi has amassed—and will ask you to admit your mistakes as well! So think about it between now and then—and hope to “see” you on the Zoom!*

SAJE again thanks CSR families and musicians for their presentations to date:

*July 6 - **Piper Fishkind**, daughter of CSR members Abby Katz and Josh Fishkind*

*July 6 - **Felicia Paul**, grand-daughter of CSR member Joan Furman*

*July 13 - **Cherie Rosen**, friend of CSR member Andi Hessekiel*