

Weekend event: Neshama Carlebach concert blends musical styles

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Famed Jewish singer Neshama Carlebach will perform at 7:45 p.m. Saturday at 3rd and Lindsley with the Green Pasture Baptist Church choir from the Bronx. The concert features a mixture of Jewish liturgical songs and gospel music and is the first in a series of cross-cultural events sponsored by West End Synagogue in Nashville.

The blend of Christian and Jewish music is a perfect fit for remembering the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., organizers said.

"They are both preaching a message that if you are made in the image of the divine, you are beloved of God," said Rabbi Kliel Rose of West End Synagogue.

Carlebach is the daughter of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, a Hasidic rabbi who wrote new arrangements of Jewish liturgical songs for younger Jews. The Green Pasture choir discovered the late rabbi's music and began performing it several years ago. They eventually teamed up with his daughter. A few seats are left at \$100 each as a fundraiser for the synagogue. To reserve them by 2 p.m. today, call Marcia Stewart at 615-269-4592. No tickets will be sold at the door.

— **Bob Smietana**
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