

Adult EDUCATION

and Programming

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B'nai Israel

CONGREGATION WITH A CONSCIENCE®

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Welcome!

At Congregation B'nai Israel, we strive to strengthen connections between our members, our community, and the rich traditions of the Jewish people. Through engaging classes, special events, small groups, and volunteer opportunities, we offer meaningful ways to learn, grow, and connect. We invite you to explore our programs and join us on a journey of discovery and transformation.

Join Congregation B'nai Israel's classes to explore Jewish texts, culture, history, rituals, and more while connecting with fellow learners in an engaging and inspiring environment.

How to Register:

Login to your ShulCloud account and navigate to [our calendar](#) to sign up for a class or event.

Don't know where to start?

Contact [Minda Shaiman](#), Membership Manager. We love nothing more than getting to know you one-on-one and helping you connect.

Lunch & Learns

Covering themes from Jewish law and spiritual practice to heritage, contemporary Israel, and questions of faith, each session offers insights you can carry into daily life.

Melton Classes at CBI

In partnership with B'nai Torah and the Florence Melton School, CBI hosts Melton classes that offer adults a rich and meaningful way to deepen Jewish understanding.

Special Programs

Through personal narratives, thought-provoking book talks, films, lectures, and cultural gatherings, Congregation B'nai Israel's Special Programs bring our community together through stories, music, culture, and conversation.

At a Glance

Beginning
Oct. 23

Book Club

The CBI Book Club meets monthly, mostly on Zoom. All are welcome to join, share thoughts on the book, and facilitate discussions.

Oct. 29

Short Stories by Jewish American Women

Discover the stories, struggles, and strengths of Jewish American women through powerful short stories and personal reflection.

Beginning
Dec. 3

Exploring Jewish & Christian Beliefs

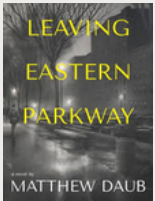
Explore the Jewish perspective on Jesus and the Messiah, and why Jews historically, and today, do not accept Jesus as the Messiah.

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Melton Classes

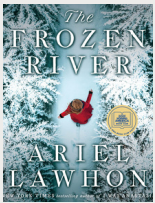
Rabbis Rony Keller and Robert Silvers will be co-teaching two inspiring classes hosted at CBI.

2025-2026 Book Club



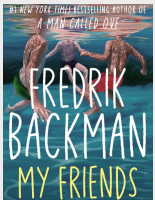
VIA ZOOM
October 23rd | 7:30 PM

Leaving Eastern Parkway by Matthew Daub



VIA ZOOM
November 20th | 7:30 PM

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon



VIA ZOOM
December 18th | 7:30 PM

My Friends by Fredrik Backman



IN PERSON
January 22nd | 7:30 PM

The Night Sparrow by Shelly Sanders



VIA ZOOM
February 19th via at 7:30 PM

Becoming Madam Secretary by
Stephanie Dray

If you would like to facilitate a
book discussion, please contact
Maxine Cohen at
bookclub@cbiboca.org

UPCOMING
EVENTS

Mar 19
Apr 16
May 21

multi-session classes

Through Her Eyes

Short Stories by Jewish American Women

Discover the stories, struggles, and strengths of Jewish American women through powerful short stories and personal reflection.

 **Wednesdays, October 29, November 15 & 12**
10-11:30AM in the Joel S. Nadel Boardroom

SESSION 1

Troubles in the New World - 1930-1959

Featuring *"America and I"* by Anzia Yezierska.

SESSION 2

The Past as Present - 1980s

Featuring *"The Shawl"* by Cynthia Ozick & *"The Legacy of Raizel Kaidish"* by Rebecca Goldstein.

SESSION 3

Israelis, Arabs & Americans: Tensions and Identity - 2011

Featuring *"Three Beautiful Souls"* by Joan Leegant.

Instructor: Toby Koritsky

Toby Koritsky has dedicated her career to education, with experience in both deaf education and Jewish education. She has served as Director of Education at several Reform congregations and continues to share her love of learning at CBI, where she is an active participant in Torah study and the book club.

- Readings will be provided in advance.
- Each session includes guided discussion and time for personal reflection and storytelling.
- Light refreshments will be served

Cost for all sessions:

\$18 CBI Members
\$25 Non-Members

multi-session classes

Exploring Jewish & Christian Beliefs



Wednesdays, December 3, 10, & 17

2:30-4PM in the Joel S. Nadel Boardroom

This three-part series will explore the Jewish perspective on Jesus and the Messiah, offering a deeper understanding of why Jews historically, and today, do not accept Jesus as the Messiah.

Together, we will examine Jewish texts, history, and theology to better understand how the idea of the Messiah has been interpreted over time.

Instructor: Rabbi David Greenberg



After 44 years as Senior Rabbi, Rabbi David E. Greenberg became Temple Shaaray Tefila's Rabbi Emeritus in July 2020. A native of San Francisco, Rabbi Greenberg was ordained at Hebrew Union

College-Jewish Institute of Religion in 1978 and has served the congregation ever since. Under his leadership, Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford Corners, New York, flourished and became a vibrant center of Jewish life. Rabbi Greenberg now lives in Florida with his wife, Cindy, and is the proud father of Alisa, Amanda, and Jared, and grandfather to Mason, Harper, and Jagger.

This event is complimentary for CBI members.

Light refreshments will be served.

multi-session classes

Melton Classes



Wednesdays, 10:30AM

10-11:30AM in the Joel S. Nadel Boardroom

History of Hatred: The Ever-Present Threat of Antisemitism

Begins December 3 | 6 weeks

In this six-part course, learners will explore pivotal periods, such as the interactions between Jews and early Christianity and Islam, medieval manifestations in Christian Europe, the rise of racially motivated antisemitism leading to the Holocaust, the influence of communism and Islamism on perceptions of Jews, and the contemporary landscape of antisemitism, encompassing both extreme right-wing and left-wing ideologies.

Understanding Zionism: The Return to the Jewish Homeland

Begins February 3 | 6 weeks

This course explores the many facets of Jewish Israeli identity—past and present. It begins with today's cultural and social landscape, then traces its roots through early Zionist ideals, the creation of the "New Jew," and the institutions that shaped modern Israel. Through this lens, students examine key themes such as religion and politics, Mizrachi-Ashkenazi relations, Israel's connection with World Jewry, and the ongoing renewal of Jewish life in Israel

All Melton classes require registration and tuition fees.

Cost per class (including e-book):
\$179

Scholarships are available for those who need.

Both classes will be offered in-person at CBI, with a hybrid option available.

**To register, visit
meltonschool.org/boca**