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THE CBI BLOG

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SHABBAT

AUGUST 2026 SERVICES

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

9:00 AM | Shabbat Morning Service followed by Torah Study | *Hollander Family Chapel*
Oneg following services | *North Social Hall*

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

6:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

**New Member Welcome
Dinner at 7:15 PM**
following services.
VIP Lounge

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 PM
Erev Shabbat Service
Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
followed by Torah Study
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg in North Social
Hall following services.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
followed by Torah Study
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg in North Social
Hall following services.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
followed by Torah Study
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg in North Social
Hall following services.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
followed by Torah Study
Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg in North Social
Hall following services.

CELEBRATE SHABBAT WITH US

To join us for Shabbat services in person:

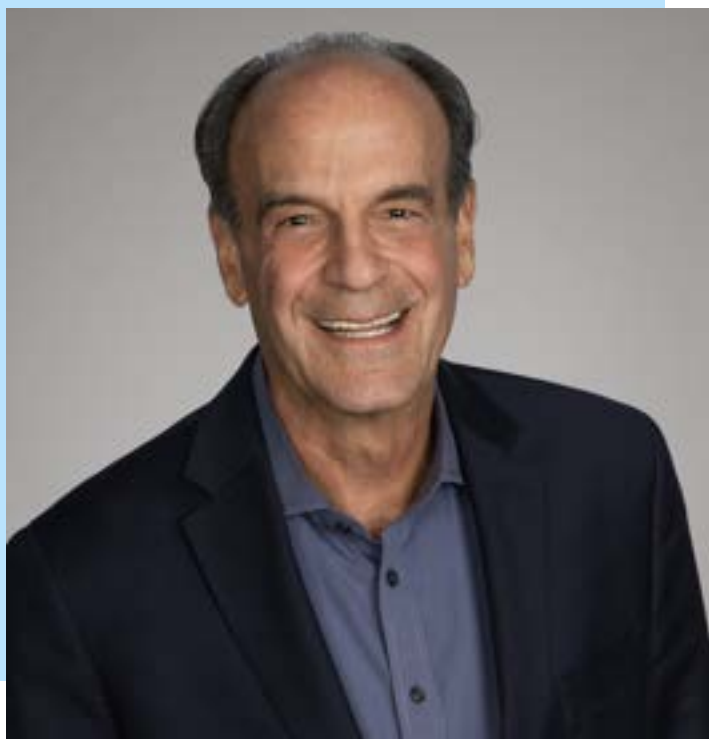
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To livestream Shabbat services:

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Livestreaming services are made possible by the Goldstein-Kestecher Family Livestreaming Fund.

Looking for CBI's Shabbat emails? You'll now find everything in one place. Each Friday, we'll send a single email linking to that week's Shabbat Guide on our website, where you'll find service times, livestream links, Rabbi's video message, Torah Discussion information, prayer book resources, our Social Action collection, and more.



BEYOND THE BOARDROOM

I hope everyone is having a great summer. Many of our congregants are spending time in the mountains or up north, and lots of kids are at summer camp. At CBI, summer has been just as active as we begin a new congregational year, welcome new clergy, prepare for the High Holidays, and look ahead to an exciting fall.

For CBI and nearly all Reform congregations, the new year begins on July 1. That makes this a natural time to plan, prepare, and set the tone for the year ahead.

We welcomed Rabbi Erica and Rabbi Cy to our CBI family on July 1. Their energy is off the charts, and their warmth and enthusiasm are evident from the moment you meet them.

Planning for the High Holidays has taken center stage, and our Clergy Team is putting the finishing touches on a meaningful and spiritually satisfying worship experience.

We're looking at new and different ways to engage our congregants. What about a country-western singer who provides a Jewish twist with a Western twang? Or a Rosenthal Speaker Series featuring a female entertainer and comedian who has starred in both television and film? We're excited about the possibilities and will share more as plans are finalized.

Our three auxiliaries are planning very busy years. Am Yisrael Chai is off to a great start and has a full calendar of activities planned. Brotherhood kicked off the year with a "Meet Rabbi Cy" event at Tap 42 in July, and Women of CBI will host a "Meet Rabbi Erica" event at Sixty Vines on August 5 as they continue creating opportunities to engage members of all ages. Our PO also has a variety of exciting events planned throughout the year.

When you arrive at CBI for the High Holidays, look for some exciting changes around our building. They're just the beginning of the campus improvements we'll be sharing with everyone in the months ahead.

Taken together, these updates reflect the energy, creativity, and sense of community that will shape the year ahead. I look forward to welcoming everyone as we begin the High Holiday season with Selichot and celebrate the arrival of 5787 together.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Barry Schwartz. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first few letters being particularly large and prominent.

Barry Schwartz
CBI President

THIS MONTH AT CBI

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 | 10:30 AM



Join us as we make easy-to-assemble, no sew blankets for hospital patients and those in need within our community. This event is open to CBI Members and their guests.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 | 5:00 PM



The Women of CBI are meeting at Sixty Vines to welcome our new Senior Associate Rabbi, Erica Rosenkranz. Join us as we raise a glass in celebration.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 | 11:00AM



Looking for upcoming events, the latest news, or ways to stay connected with CBI online? Join the Marketing Department for an interactive workshop. Bagels included!

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MONDAY, AUGUST 17



Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Our NCECE team members are filled with joy and so much excitement for the months ahead.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 | 1:00PM



FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 | 7:15 PM



New CBI Members are invited to enjoy complimentary cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and Shabbat dinner in our VIP Lounge. Meet and mingle with our current Congregants, Welcoming Committee, Clergy, Board and Staff as we say thank you for choosing CBI as your synagogue home.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 | 9:00 AM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 | 4:00 PM



We can't wait to welcome everyone back for an exciting new year of learning, friendship, and community! Come meet your child's teacher, connect with our new clergy and celebrate the start of another wonderful year together.

It's that time again! Join us for a fun afternoon to kick off the "shul" year! Reconnect with friends and your CBI community. Explore ways to get involved. Bring your donated school supplies!

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Questions about an event?

Contact Minda Shaiman at 561.241.8118 x 119 or minda@ciboca.org.

RECURRING EVENTS

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM



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THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM



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FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 10:30 AM



Join us as we make easy-to-assemble, no sew blankets for hospital patients and those in need within our community.

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MEET THE CLERGY!

RABBI CY STANWAY



Rabbi Cy Stanway will serve as our Senior Interim Rabbi for 2026–2027. He brings a lifetime of service in the congregational rabbinate, having served communities in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Elberon, New Jersey. Most recently, Rabbi Cy served as Interim Rabbi in Gainesville, Florida, from June 2025 through July 2026.

Rabbi Stanway attended York University in Toronto, where he earned a degree in Psychology. He graduated from Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion in 1987 and received his Doctor of Divinity in 2012.

In his free time, Rabbi Stanway enjoys playing guitar and drums and is also an amateur radio operator.

Q: *What drew you to the rabbinate?*

A: When I was in Grade 11, I had an amazing World Religions teacher, Cyril Price. He was so enthusiastic about teaching religions and I had incredible respect for his enthusiasm and knowledge. And, since I was so involved with my synagogue and youth group I had a lot of contact with the rabbis, especially Steven Franklin, z”l and Bobby Kerzner, z”l. I was awed at how much they knew and how they taught and inspired. I wanted to do that and so, from Grade 11, I focused on only that.

Q: *What are you most excited about as you join the CBI community?*

A: I am excited to work with the children, to sing with them, to teach them and work with them in every way possible. I am also excited to build relationships with every congregant and to inspire in them the joys of being part of this amazing community.

Q: *What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?*

A: Sukkot. The autumn is a time of change and fresh vision which are the themes of the festival coming as it does at the end of the High Holiday season.

Q: *What is one Jewish text, teaching, or value that has shaped your life?*

A: The Book of Ecclesiastes. It is a constant reminder about how short life is, how temporary it is and how each moment ought to be a moment of holiness and connection.

Q: *What is something people are often surprised to learn about you?*

A: That I studied Tae Kwon Do, Shotokan Karate, and Hapkido for 8 years. I am also knowledgeable about science, especially quantum mechanics and astronomy.

Q: *When you're not at synagogue, how do you like to spend your free time?*

A: I like to read and do so extensively. Lately, my daughter has turned me on to audio books so it is a lot easier to hear a book while driving so I don't read in the car!

MEET THE CLERGY!

Q: *What book, podcast, TV show, or hobby are you currently enjoying?*

A: I am a ham radio operator and have been for 50 years. In that hobby, I am known to contest frequently (when I am at my station at home) and am a proficient operator of Morse Code. In fact, I am wont to experiment with new modes and aspects of the hobby that I have never tried before.

Q: *If you could share a Shabbat dinner with any Jewish figure, past or present, who would it be?*

A: Just one Jewish figure? LOL!! I would enjoy having dinner with Sigmund Freud, Richard Feynman, Moses Maimonides, and Philo.

Q: *What is a favorite family tradition that you cherish?*

A: There are so many. But if I had to choose I suppose it would be our Rosh Hashanna Seder that begins the meal on Erev Rosh Hashanna. It's the perfect way to begin the holidays.

Q: *What is one thing you're looking forward to experiencing at CBI or in South Florida?*

A: I am looking forward to feeling the joy and sense of accomplishment at CBI and having the same happiness and imparting the same joy of Judaism and Jewish thought and practice that has been a part of my service to the Jewish people since I began serving congregations.

RABBI ERICA ROSENKRANZ



Rabbi Erica was born and raised in Rockland County, New York. She attended Binghamton University with a double major in Comparative Literature and Judaic Studies. In 2006, Rabbi Erica received her rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York.

Prior to being the rabbi at CBI, Rabbi Erica was the Director of Community Engagement for the NOW for Holocaust Survivors Initiative and campus rabbi at MorseLife Health system in West Palm Beach. She also spent six years working in the planning department at the Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, starting new initiatives like the Jewish Volunteer Center and creating programs to engage all ages of the Palm Beach County community.

Rabbi Erica is passionate about volunteerism and helping create positive change, one person at a time.

MEET THE CLERGY!

Rabbi Erica loves attending music concerts, working out, and taking trips and spending quality time with her family. Her husband, Rabbi Andrew Rosenkranz, is the rabbi at Temple Beth Torah in Wellington. She has two children, Laila who attends UCF in Orlando and Haviv, who is in 8th grade.

Q: *What drew you to the rabbinate?*

A: My love of Judaism and my desire to connect and engage others to our tradition.

Q: *What is your favorite Jewish holiday and why?*

A: Hanukkah because I love to share the Hanukkah “lights” with friends and family, and the message of freedom and hope resonates with me each year.

Q: *What is one Jewish text, teaching, or value that has shaped your life?*

A: Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Ancestors) 2:16: “You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it.”

Q: *What is something people are often surprised to learn about you?*

A: I love to exercise and lift weights.

Q: *When you're not at synagogue, how do you like to spend your free time?*

A: I enjoy attending music concerts of various genres. You may spot me at a local venue!

Q: *What book, podcast, TV show, or hobby are you currently enjoying?*

A: I am currently reading the book Theo of Golden.

Q: *If you could share a Shabbat dinner with any Jewish figure, past or present, who would it be?*

A: I would like to meet Golda Meir, the first female Prime Minister of Israel.

Q: *What is one thing you're looking forward to experiencing at CBI or in South Florida?*

A: I am looking forward to sharing moments of great joy with the children on the CBI Campus.



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This That



Clergy Edition!



Challah or Bagels?

- Rabbi Cy: No contest: bagels
- Rabbi Erica: Challah

Israel Trip or Jewish Summer Camp?

- Rabbi Cy: Summer Camp
- Rabbi Erica: Summer Camp

Sweet Kugel or Savory Kugel?

- Rabbi Cy: Savory. Yumm!
- Rabbi Erica: Savory

Matzah Ball Soup or Brisket?

- Rabbi Cy: My grandmother's matzah ball soup and my wife's matzah ball soup – matzah meal, carrots, ginger and almonds in carrot and sweet potato soup with a hint of hot spice – a fusion of Stella's Turkish Sephardic tradition and my Ashkenazic tradition. You have to taste it to believe it!
- Rabbi Erica: Matzah Ball Soup

Chocolate Babka or Cinnamon Babka?

- Rabbi Cy: How to choose? LOL!! Chocolate, if I had to choose only one.
- Rabbi Erica: Chocolate

Dreidel or Afikomen Hunt?

- Rabbi Cy: Dreidel.....just as long as latkes are part of the deal.
- Rabbi Erica: Dreidel

Shakshuka or Falafel?

- Rabbi Cy: Shakshuka
- Rabbi Erica: Shakshuka

Poppy or Chocolate Hamantaschen?

- Rabbi Cy: Poppy, for sure.
- Rabbi Erica: Chocolate

Jewish Geography or Jewish Trivia?

- Rabbi Cy: Jewish trivia but lately Jewish geography since everyone seems to know everyone else...especially in Florida!
- Rabbi Erica: Geography

Sufganiyot or Latkes?

- Rabbi Cy: Sufganiyot
- Rabbi Erica: Sufganiyot

IT'S TIME TO VOTE!



VOTE FOR US!

Thanks to your nominations,

Congregation B'nai Israel is a finalist in the *Boca Raton Observer's* 2026 Readers' Choice Awards!

If CBI has made a difference in your life, we'd be honored to have your vote.

Voting ends Sunday, August 30. Winners will be announced in the October issue of the *Boca Raton Observer*.

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WEATHER THE STORM



CBI's August Social Action Initiative



Hurricane season is here, and for many in Florida, preparing can mean the difference between safety and hardship. This August, CBI is collecting essential hurricane supplies to help our neighbors weather the storm and face emergencies with confidence.

Some items we need are:

- Batteries (all sizes)
- Disposable Rain Slickers
- Flashlights
- Solar-Powered Fans with Lanterns
- First Aid Kits
- Survival Emergency Glow Sticks
- Bottled Water
- Emergency Survival Kits

Drop supplies off at CBI or order directly from our

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AUGUST

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10-14	No NCECE Programming - Teacher Professional Development
14	Meet the Teacher
17	First Day of School



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Visit the [High Holy Days section on our website](#) for everything you need to prepare for the Days of Awe. You will find:

Service Schedules and
High Holy Day Guide

Registration Links and
Ticket Information

Family Programming
and Children's Services

Social Action and
Volunteer Opportunities

Parking
Updates

Book of
Remembrance

Complimentary
Services

Reciprocity
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Membership renewal for the 2026–2027 year is open.

Please complete your renewal through your ShulCloud account by **August 10, 2026**.



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New Clergy

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