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# Bulletin

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# Shalom,

The month of May is always bittersweet—we are nearing the end of another wonderful school year and begin looking ahead to a new fiscal year. We're filled with gratitude for the energy, connection, and meaningful moments that continue to define our community.

This time of year is both a celebration and a transition—honoring all we've experienced together while preparing for what's ahead. With membership renewal season upon us, we look forward to continuing to grow, evolve, and build on the strong foundation that makes CBI such a special place to belong.

Behind every program, celebration, and initiative is a shared story. Our goal in the Marketing and Communications Department is to help tell that story in a way that keeps you informed, engaged, and connected. From weekly emails and social media to this monthly bulletin, we are always working to ensure you know what's happening at CBI—and how you can be a part of it in the year ahead.

We encourage you to stay connected:

- Read our weekly emails for timely updates and upcoming events
- Follow us on social media for highlights, reminders, and special moments
- Visit ShulCloud for the full calendar, program details, and registrations

As we head into the summer months and prepare for the new year, we also welcome your input. Have a photo from a recent event? A story to share? Feedback on how we can better communicate with you? We'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for being such an important part of our community. We look forward to all that's ahead—together.

Warmly,

The Marketing and Communications Team  
[marketing@cbiboca.org](mailto:marketing@cbiboca.org)

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# SHABBAT

## MAY 2026 SERVICES

### FRIDAY, MAY 1

#### 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat Services  
*Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary*

#### 8:00 PM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

#### 7:00 PM

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation, 12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Graduation, and BSY  
Board Installation Shabbat  
*Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary*

#### 8:00 PM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### FRIDAY, MAY 15

#### 6:00PM

Membership Open House

#### 7:00 PM

Volunteer Appreciation &  
Board Installation Shabbat  
Service  
*Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary*

#### 8:00 PM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

#### 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat Services  
*Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary*

#### 8:00 PM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

#### 7:00 PM

Erev Shabbat Services  
*Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary*

#### 8:00 PM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### SATURDAY, MAY 2

#### 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:00 AM

Torah Study  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:30 AM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

#### 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:00 AM

Torah Study  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:30 AM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### SATURDAY, MAY 16

#### 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Services  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:00 AM

Torah Study  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:30 AM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

#### 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Services  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:00 AM

Torah Study  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:30 AM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

#### 8:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Services  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:00 AM

Torah Study  
*Hollander Family Chapel*

#### 9:30 AM

Oneg  
*North Social Hall*

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WITH US

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**CONFIRMATION SHABBAT  
CELEBRATION**  
FRIDAY, MAY 8, 7:00 PM

# BEYOND THE BOARDROOM

They say time flies when you're having fun, and it's hard to believe it's already May and the first year of my presidency is coming to a close.

As our congregants wrap up the school year, prepare to send kids off to camp, and head north or to the mountains for the summer, one might think things are slowing down at CBI. In reality, the opposite is true.

We began April with a meaningful second-night Seder shared with our neighbors from Spanish River Church. It was a beautiful reflection of community and connection. We closed the month with a special Brotherhood Appreciation Night honoring Phil Wishna, whose leadership has helped revitalize our Brotherhood. I look forward to all that lies ahead under Adam Rudikoff's leadership as the incoming Brotherhood president.

In between these events, we observed "The Three Yoms": Yom HaShoah, Yom HaZikaron, and Yom HaAtzmaut. These days mark a profound journey from remembrance to resilience to celebration. Yom HaShoah honors the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust. Yom HaZikaron

commemorates the soldiers who gave their lives defending the State of Israel, as well as victims of terror. Immediately following this day of mourning, Yom HaAtzmaut begins and celebrates the establishment of the modern State of Israel.

Our NCECE students brought Israel to life through hands-on experiences, enjoying pita and hummus, placing notes in the Western Wall, and participating in meaningful arts and crafts. Our SLJ students took part in a school-wide Maccabiah. Community partners whose work has shaped Jewish life around the world helped transform learning into action. Students simulated surgery on teddy bears, planted David Ben-Gurion chia pets, experimented with water dissolution to understand the challenges of greening the desert, made their own Dead Sea salt scrubs, and played Gaga Ball, a popular Israeli playground game.

The countdown is on for our second annual Kiddush Cup Golf Tournament at Delaire Country Club. For those already registered, I look forward to spending the day on the course with our CBI family. If you are still considering, we hope you will join us for lunch and the festivities. There will be exciting raffle items, a live auction, and even the chance to win a brand-new golf cart with a hole-in-one. For anyone worried about a competitive edge, Executive Director Steve Allen is my



golf partner, so I think the playing field is fairly level. With any luck, this year he will keep his tee shot out of my backyard.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt Mazel Tov to our 10th Grade Confirmants as they affirm their commitment to the Jewish people. To our NCECE Pre-K and SLJ 12th Grade graduates, as you take the next steps in your journeys, I hope you will always find your way back home to CBI. Mazal tov on this milestone, and behatzlacha as you move forward.

Switching gears, I know there has been some confusion regarding the search process for our next Senior Rabbi. I encourage you to read the letter in this Bulletin from our Rabbinic Search Committee Co-Chairs, Robyn Rubinoff and Rachel Weiner, which provides helpful clarity on the role of an interim rabbi and the process for selecting a permanent Senior Rabbi.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome Associate Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz, who will be on campus several times this month, including at the Annual Meeting, connecting with groups of congregants. I encourage you to take the opportunity to meet and welcome her.

As we reflect on the past year and prepare for what's ahead, I encourage each of you to take an active role in our congregation. Our Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 PM in the Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary. I hope you will join us in person and please RSVP, or attend via livestream. Please take time to review the materials in advance. If you are unable to attend, kindly submit your proxy by Friday, May 8, 2026, to help ensure we reach a quorum.

Until next month,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barry Schwartz', with a stylized, cursive script.

Barry Schwartz

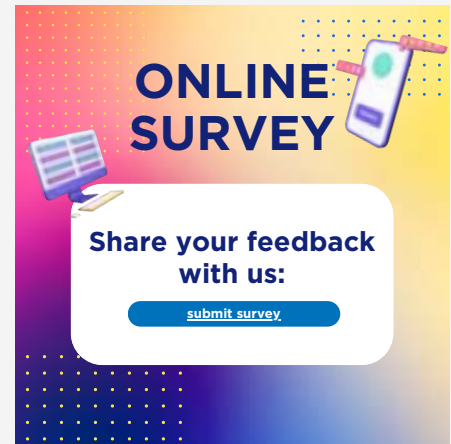
# Rabbinic Search Committee Update

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Dear Congregants,

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Rabbinic Search Listening Groups. Your thoughtfulness, honesty, and deep care for our community were truly felt, and your input is already helping to shape this important process.

As we continue the search for our next Senior Rabbi, we invite all congregants to share their perspectives by completing our community survey.



This survey is an important opportunity to ensure that the voices of our community help guide our path forward, including the sacred work of selecting our next Senior Rabbi.

We also want to address some questions that have come up regarding the appointment of Interim Senior Rabbi Cy Stanway. Bringing in an Interim Senior Rabbi is a thoughtful and intentional step, recommended by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and widely used by congregations during times of transition. Interim rabbis have been very successful in helping congregations navigate these periods with strength and clarity. An interim rabbi partners closely with our clergy, staff, and Board of Trustees to support and strengthen the community, build leadership capacity, and help lay a strong foundation for the next chapter. In keeping with CCAR guidelines, an interim rabbi is not eligible to be considered for the permanent Senior Rabbi position.

The search process itself unfolds in stages, allowing us to thoughtfully review candidates and move forward with care and intention. In alignment with CCAR practices, the process does not operate on a single fixed deadline for candidates; instead, resumes are received and reviewed on a rolling basis as they are submitted. Our anticipated timeline is as follows:

- August 2026: CBI submits formal application to CCAR
- September 2026: Begin receiving resumes
- Fall 2026 through Winter 2027: Candidate interviews
- July 1, 2027: Installation of our new Senior Rabbi

We are committed to a process that is thoughtful, inclusive, and transparent, and we are deeply grateful for the engagement and partnership of our community at every step.

Thank you again for being such an essential part of this moment in our congregation's life.

Warmly,  
Rachel Weiner and Robyn Rubinoff  
*On behalf of the Rabbinic Search Committee*

# THIS MONTH AT CBI

THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 8:00 AM



Not playing golf? Join us for a luncheon by Delaire's master chefs, plus exclusive raffle and live auction items, including a premier 2026 Masters package.

For more information, please contact Elyse Kaplan, Development Director.

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FRIDAY, MAY 8 | 7:00 PM



Join us to celebrate the teens of CBI at our Confirmation, Graduation, and BSY Board Installation Shabbat on May 8th, 7:00pm. Stay after for a special Oneg to honor all they have accomplished this year, in their time growing up at B'nai, and to get excited for the year to come!

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 | 6:00 PM



Join us as we review the fiscal year and approve the slate of incoming officers and Trustees. All members are welcome to join us at 6:00PM for light bites and open bar in the VIP Lounge.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please complete your proxy by Monday, May 11.

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THURSDAY, MAY 14 | 7:30 PM



Join us via Zoom at 7:30PM with moderator Maxine S. Cohen to discuss our final book of the 25-26 season: *Twice* by Mitch Albom.

What if you got to do everything in your life—twice? The heart of Mitch Albom's newest novel is a stunning love story that dares to explore how our unchecked desires might mean losing what we've had all along.

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FRIDAY, MAY 15 | 7:00 PM



6:00 PM Membership Open House  
Enjoy cocktails and light bites by VIP Catering

7:00 PM Volunteer Appreciation & Board Installation Shabbat Service  
Continue the shmooze after at the community Oneg.

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# SERVICES & CLOSURES

FRIDAY, MAY 22



Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai and marks the completion of the seven-week Omer count following Passover.

Celebrate the holiday as we gather for a Festival Service with Yizkor at 10:00 AM

- Thursday, May 21: Erev Shavuot  
*CBI Campus closes at 2PM.*
- Friday, May 22: Shavuot  
*CBI Offices and NCECE closed.*

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MONDAY, MAY 25



CBI Offices and NCECE will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026 for Memorial Day.

MONDAY, MAY 25 - FRIDAY, MAY 29



NCECE Summer Break:

- May 25: No School, No VIP, Babies & Toddlers
- May 26-28: No School. VIP, Babies & Toddlers in Session
- May 29: Teacher Work Day. No School, No VIP, Babies & Toddlers

# RECURRING EVENTS

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM



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THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM



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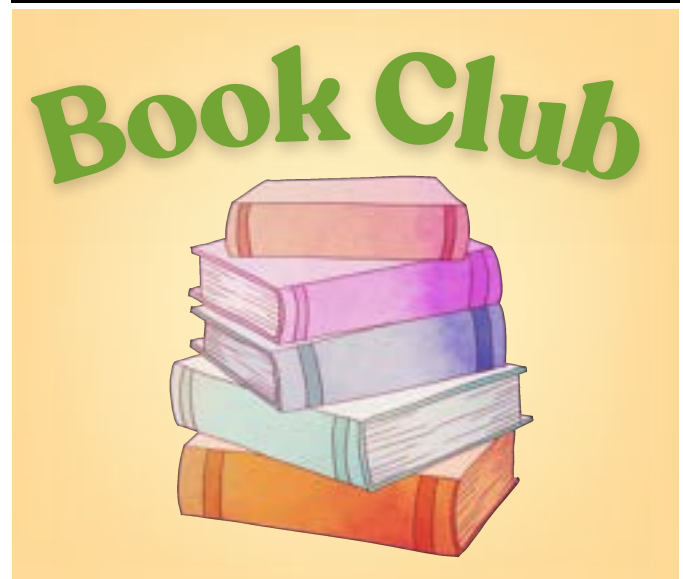
FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH | 10:30 AM



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# MEMBERSHIP OPEN HOUSE

AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SHABBAT

Friday, May 15 | 6:00 PM

- ♥ Hear our history from a founding member
- ♥ Meet our Board Members, Volunteers, Clergy, and Staff
- ♥ Learn about our clubs and organizations



**6:00PM Membership Open House**  
Enjoy cocktails and light bites by VIP Catering

**7:00PM Volunteer Appreciation & Board Installation Shabbat Service**  
During Shabbat services, we will honor our volunteers and install our new Board Members.

Continue the shmooze after at the community Oneg.



## QUESTIONS?

Contact Minda Shaiman at [Minda@cbiboca.org](mailto:Minda@cbiboca.org) or call  
**561.241.8118**



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# SOCIAL ACTION

## MAY SOCIAL ACTION

### BACKPACK SNACK ATTACK

- Granola Bars
- Oatmeal Packets
- Cereal Cups
- Juice Boxes
- Bagged Chips
- Fruit Chews
- Shelf Stable Milk



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**Drop supplies  
off at the admin  
circle at CBI.**

**Order supplies  
directly from  
our Amazon  
Wishlist.**

**SLJ Families attend a  
Backpack Packing Day!**

- Sunday, 5/17 | 10:00AM
- Tuesday, 5/19 | 5:00 PM

SLJ Families contact [Marissa Rahn](#) for more information



# AT-A- GLANCE

## NCECE

| MAY   |                                                               |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4-7   | Special Ladies' Day                                           |
| 11-13 | Moving Up Ceremonies                                          |
| 14    | Pre-K Pee Wee Prom                                            |
| 19    | Last Day of School<br>NCECE Closes at 1PM                     |
| 20    | Pre-K Graduation                                              |
| 20    | No School<br>No VIP, Babies & Toddlers                        |
| 21    | Erev Shavuot, No School<br>No VIP, Babies & Toddlers          |
| 22    | Shavuot - No School<br>No VIP, Babies & Toddlers              |
| 25    | Memorial Day, No School<br>No VIP, Babies & Toddlers          |
| 26-28 | Summer Break - No School<br>VIP, Babies & Toddlers in Session |
| 29    | Teacher Work Day, No School<br>No VIP, Babies & Toddlers      |
| 31    | Camp Orientation                                              |
| JUNE  |                                                               |
| 1     | First Day of Camp                                             |
| 19    | NCECE Closed - Juneteenth                                     |

## SLJ

| MAY |                                                               |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3   | Madrichim End of Year Lunch                                   |
| 8   | Confirmation, Graduation & Bisy Board<br>Installation Shabbat |
| 10  | Mother's Day, No SLJ                                          |
| 17  | Last Day of Sunday Classes, Closing Ceremony                  |
| 19  | Last Day of Tuesday Classes, Closing Ceremony                 |

## YOUTH GROUP

| MAY |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| 2   | Bisy Event         |
| 3   | 67 Event           |
| 3   | Bisy Board Meeting |
| 12  | Bisy Lounge Night  |





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### LEGACY CREDIT

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EARLY BIRD PRICING

### APRIL 20 - MAY 19

Families who complete enrollment by May 19 will receive a **\$118 discount per student.**

## GET STARTED TODAY



### VIEW SCHEDULE

Click to view the 2026-2027 schedule and tuition.



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### ENROLL NOW

Click to complete your enrollment and lock in early bird pricing.



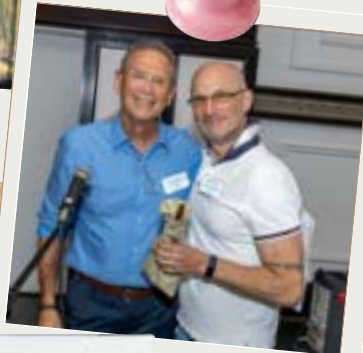
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### Questions?

**Contact** Myriam Rofrano, School for Living Judaism Director at [myriam.rofrano@cbiboca.org](mailto:myriam.rofrano@cbiboca.org)

# OH SNAP!



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