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IMPORTANT FACEBOOK CHANGE:

Facebook has made a major change that affects CBI's page. Please watch this short explainer video about how to access all your links and register for CBI events going forward.

[EXPLAINER VIDEO](#)



STAY UP TO DATE!

To receive weekly updates on synagogue happenings, update your ShulCloud profile or email marketing@cbiboca.org.



SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 6:00 PM

**Erev Simchat Torah & Kindergarten
Consecration**

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Candy Bar Take-Away Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 8:30 AM

**Simchat Torah Festival Service & Yizkor
followed by Torah Study**

Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Tot Shabbat | 4:45 PM

Pink Shabbat | 6:00 PM

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Pink Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 9:00 AM

Morning Shabbat Service

Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 6:00 PM

Noah's Ark & 3rd Grade Shabbat

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 9:00 AM

Morning Shabbat Service

Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 7:00 PM

Evening Shabbat Services

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 9:00 AM

Morning Shabbat Service

Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 7:00 PM

**Evening Shabbat Services and
Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz Installation**

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 | 9:00 AM

Morning Shabbat Service

Hollander Family Chapel

Oneg following services.
North Social Hall

To livestream Shabbat services:

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

[LIVE STREAMING](#)

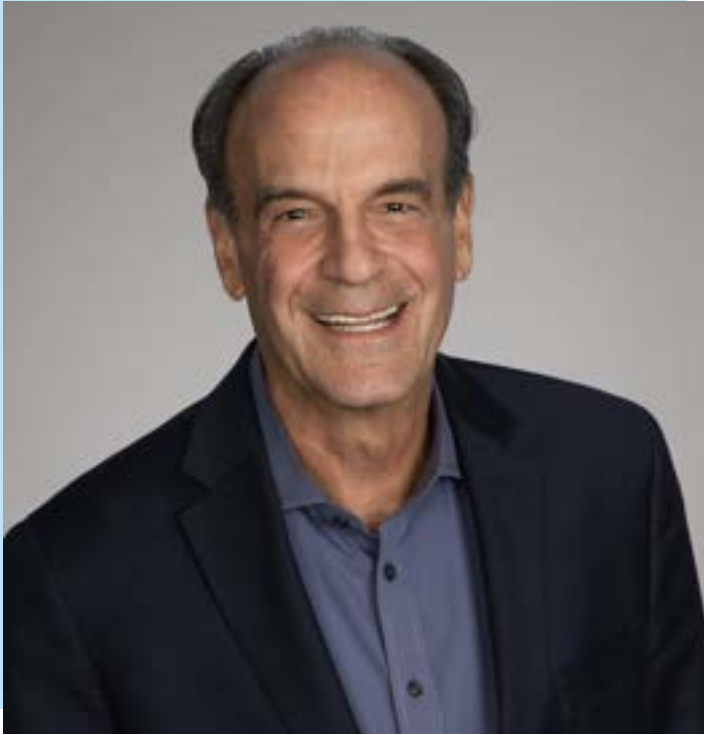


**To join us for Shabbat
services in person:**

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BEYOND THE BOARDROOM



By the time you read this month's update, we will have completed the High Holidays and be in the middle of celebrating Sukkot and Simchat Torah.

Our High Holiday worship was a resounding success, with more than 1,100 attending Rosh Hashanah morning services. Congregants and guests enjoyed a refreshed hallway and rotunda area outside our sanctuary, as well as photos of remodeled NCECE classrooms and renderings that preview what's to come with our campus renovation.

On Rosh Hashanah, I was extremely excited to announce the unofficial launch of CBI's "Be The Light - Build Tomorrow Together" capital campaign, which will fund updates to our entire campus.

Be on the lookout for parlor meetings where we'll share our plans and vision for the future of our CBI campus.

Lots of fun activities at CBI in October, ranging from Rabbi Cy's weekly Thursday sessions entitled "Modern Jews Engage the New Testament," which start on Thursday, October 15, to Noah's Bark on Friday, October 16.

This fall, CBI's Rabbinic search committee will be busy setting up interviews with candidates interested in becoming CBI's new Senior Rabbi. We hope to find the perfect Rabbi by the end of December.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BS" or "Barry Schwartz".

Barry Schwartz
CBI President



Rosh Hashanah Services at CBI
Saturday, September 12, 2026, 11:00 AM.

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

FRI 10/2

Erev Simchat Torah & Kindergarten Consecration

6:00 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

- CBI Offices close at 2:00 PM, NCECE closes at 3:00 PM

THU 10/8

The Fight Against Antisemitism with former Congressman Ted Deutch Presented in partnership with Am Yisrael Chai

7:00 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

FRI 10/9

A Magical Tot Shabbat

4:45 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Pink Shabbat

6:00 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

TUE 10/13

Eat, Play, BAM! Women of CBI Mahjong Night

7:00 PM | Square Peg Pizzeria

THU 10/15

Modern Jews Engage the New Testament with Rabbi Cy Stanway

7:00 PM | Joel S. Nadel Boardroom

October Book Club: Theo of Golden

7:30 PM | Zoom

FRI 10/16

Noah's Bark & 3rd Grade Shabbat Service

6:00 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

THU 10/20

Congressional District 25 Forum with Incumbent U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D) and Former Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer (R)

7:00 PM | VIP Ballroom

WED 10/21

SLJ Babka Bake

5:30 PM | North Social Hall

WED 10/28

Nagle Family Jewish Film Festival: *Hava Nagila & the Hora*

6:30 PM | Hollander Family Chapel

FRI 10/30

Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz' Rabbinic Installation

7:00 PM | Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

To register for any of these events, please visit the

[CBI CALENDAR](#)

Questions about an event? Contact [Minda Shaiman](#) or call 561.241.8118 x 119.

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SWEET SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION & SLJ KINDERGARTEN CONSECRATION



Friday, October 2 | 6:00 PM
Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Celebrate the annual completion and restarting of the reading of the Torah!

On this rare occasion, the Torah Scrolls are removed from the Ark. We will dance, sing, and enjoy sweets after the scrolls are unrolled and displayed around the Sanctuary.

*Followed by a "take-away"
Candy Bar Oneg.*

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Adult Choir Rehearsal & Event Schedule

All rehearsals are 6:00–7:15 PM on Thursdays, **unless otherwise noted.**



OCTOBER

- October 7th 6:00–7:15 PM (**Wednesday**)
- October 15th **6:30–7:45 PM**
- October 22nd 6:00–7:15 PM
- October 29th 6:00–7:15 PM



NOVEMBER

- November 5th 6:00–7:15 PM
- November 12th 6:00–7:15 PM
- November 13th **Friday Night Live**



DECEMBER

- December 3rd 6:00–7:15 PM
- December 10th 6:00–7:15 PM
- December 17th 6:00–7:15 PM



JANUARY

- January 13th 6:00–7:15 PM (**Wednesday**)
- January 15th **FNL / MLK Service**
- January 17th **MLK at Ebenezer Baptist Church**
- January 21st 6:00–7:15 PM



FEBRUARY

- February 10th 6:00–7:15 PM (**Wednesday**)
- February 18th 6:00–7:15 PM
- February 24th 6:00–7:15 PM (**Wednesday**)



MARCH

- March 11th **6:30–7:45 PM**
- March 12th **Friday Night Live**
- March 25th 6:00–7:15 PM



APRIL

- April 8th 6:00–7:15 PM
- April 9th **Friday Night Live**
- April 22nd **Festival Service at 10:00 AM**
- April 29th 6:00–7:15 PM



MAY

- May 6th 6:00–7:15 PM
- May 13th 6:00–7:15 PM
- May 20th 6:00–7:15 PM
- May 21st **Friday Night Live**



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SHARSHERET
The Jewish Breast & Ovarian Cancer Community

11TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY-WIDE

PINK SHABBAT

Friday, October 9 | 6:00 PM

Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

Celebrate Pink Shabbat with CBI in partnership with South Palm Beach County and Sharsheret, the Jewish community's resource for breast and ovarian cancer support.

Special Guests:

- **Rachel Sobel**, Award-winning writer, speaker, podcaster, the girl behind Whine and Cheezits®, breast cancer survivor & Sharsheret Ambassador will share a powerful message about early detection and self-advocacy.
- **Chani Kolan**, Outreach Program Coordinator, Southeast Region, Sharsheret will speak about how Sharsheret supports individuals and families facing breast and ovarian cancer and the resources available to our community.
- **Marcy Morris**, Cantorial Soloist

Stay for a special Pink Oneg following the program featuring pink challahs and an opportunity to connect with our community.

Wear pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month!



RACHEL SOBEL



CHANI KOLAN

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NOAH'S **bark**

Friday, October 16 | 6:00 PM*

It's time for our annual Noah's Bark and Third Grade Shabbat!

Bring your pets and/or favorite stuffed animals for a special Shabbat on CBI's front lawn, followed by a "hot diggity dog" oneg. All pets and stuffed animals will receive a special blessing!

**Please note time*

Want to be a part of the Shabbat slideshow? Send a photo of you with your pet or favorite stuffed animal to marketing@cbiboca.org.



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Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30TH, 2026

7:00 PM



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BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

Registration Required
Special Oneg to Follow

*Lo alecha ham'lachah ligmor,
v'lo atah ben chorin l'hibatel mimena*

It is not your responsibility to finish the work,
but neither are you free to desist from it.
-Pirkei Avot 2:16



CLERGY'S CORNER

Announcing The Senior Rabbi Search Committee



*Committee Co-chairs
Robyn Rubinoff and
Rachel Weiner share a video
update to the Congregation.*

[WATCH HERE](#)



At the September meeting of the Board of Trustees, our Senior Rabbi Search Committee was approved and officially tasked with conducting the search for CBI's next Senior Rabbi.

The members of the committee were selected for their unique perspectives, experiences, and connections to our synagogue. Together, they represent a broad cross-section of CBI's diverse community. The committee includes past presidents, board representatives, two of our founding members, parents of SLJ and NCECE students, long-time members, and members who are newer to Boca Raton and CBI.

We are deeply grateful to the members of our Search Committee for their willingness to serve and for the time, thoughtfulness, and care they will bring to this important process:

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Susi Glatt | • Jason Klinghoffer | • Phil Rothschild |
| • Sue Goldman | • Sharon Landau | • Robyn Rubinoff, Co-chair |
| • Gil Kaminer | • Matthew Maschler | • Barry Schwartz, President |
| • Leslie Kantor | • Amiee Mittleman | • Harry Seidman |
| • Andy Kaufman | • Jenny Reese | • Amanda Tillman |
| • Tayler Kirsch | • Ashlie Rosen | • Rachel Weiner, Co-chair |

The committee's goal is to recommend a candidate to the Board of Trustees, with the hope of welcoming our new Senior Rabbi in July 2027. Our application has been completed and submitted to the CCAR, and we will begin reviewing candidates' resumes and conducting initial interviews after the High Holy Days.

We are deeply grateful to the hundreds of members who took the time to respond to our congregation-wide survey and participate in our Listening Sessions this past spring. Your input and feedback were invaluable in helping us understand our community's hopes, wishes, and dreams for our next Senior Rabbi. The themes that emerged from this feedback were an important part of shaping our application and will continue to guide the committee throughout the search.

We look forward to keeping our congregation informed throughout the process.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Be The Light Build Tomorrow Together

A Mitzvah is a candle, the Torah is light!



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CBI'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN HAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED!

www.cbiboca.org/capital-campaign

[WATCH OUR CAMPAIGN VIDEO!](#)

Thanks to all who have remained committed to our success over the years through your generosity, volunteerism, leadership, and passion for CBI. You may have already noticed some of the improvements around our campus.

We have begun investing in important upgrades and beautification projects, and now we're inviting our entire CBI family to help us take the next step.

Our Capital Campaign's name is:

Be The Light, Build Tomorrow Together.

A Mitzvah is a candle, the Torah is light!

Our Capital Campaign is built around five elements – Our Preschool, Endowment, Facilities and Operations, Sanctuary, and Security.

This campaign is about much more than renovations. It is about making sure that CBI remains a place where future generations can learn, worship, celebrate, connect, and belong. **And we want you to be a part of it.**

Please contact Steve or Elyse for more information.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

CBI's Capital Campaign is already underway!
Many of our classrooms have been refreshed and refurbished,
and we look forward to more improvements in the future.

NCECE classroom photos by Laura Petrella.



These renderings by Finegold Alexander Architects
illustrate what our future can hold with funds raised for our Capital Campaign.
We will remodel our entrance, create open spaces where our Congregants can gather,
and reimagine our Sanctuary.



CBI SPECIAL EVENT

THE FIGHT AGAINST

THURSDAY, OCT 8 | 7:00 PM
Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary

KNOWLEDGE.
ADVOCACY.
ACTION.

Three years after the October 7 attacks on Israel, antisemitism continues to rise at alarming levels around the world, often framed as criticism of Israeli policy.



Yet this challenging moment has also inspired unprecedented advocacy, stronger partnerships, and a renewed commitment to standing up for the Jewish people.

Hear from former Congressman Ted Deutch, who represented Boca Raton in Congress for 12 years and now serves as **CEO of American Jewish Committee (AJC)**, for a timely and inspiring conversation about the challenges we face, the opportunities to combat antisemitism through education, advocacy, and action, and how each of us can help strengthen our communities and build a more secure future.

The evening includes a Q&A, followed by an Israeli-themed dessert reception. Presented in partnership with Am Yisrael Chai auxiliary of Congregation B'nai Israel.

- Free for CBI Members
- \$36 for Community Guests
- RSVP by September 30
- Scan the QR Code to Register

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ANTISEMITISM

CBI SPECIAL EVENT

CBI's Exclusive Interview With AJC CEO Ted Deutch

CBI: Congregation B'nai Israel is excited to welcome you on Thursday, October 8. What will CBI Members learn about combating antisemitism?

Ted Deutch: I look forward to discussing the breadth of AJC's work to strengthen Jewish life and confront antisemitism - through our Combatting Antisemitism Playbook, our partnerships with leaders in government, business, and tech, our work with university administrators and educators through our Center for Education Advocacy, our diplomatic meetings, and more. Antisemitism is a whole-of-society problem, and it demands a whole-of-society response.

CBI: According to the ADL, Florida ranks 4th of all states for reported antisemitic incidents. If you hear someone say something antisemitic, is there a safe way to confront them? What should you say?

TD: AJC encourages people to identify and challenge antisemitism while promoting understanding through education and respectful dialogue. If you hear someone make an antisemitic comment, it is important to speak up when it is safe to do so. A calm, direct response can help challenge harmful stereotypes and make clear that antisemitism is unacceptable. But safety should always come first. If someone is hostile or threatening, it may be best to disengage and report the incident if appropriate. Even a simple statement such as, "That's not okay," can help make clear that antisemitism has no place in our communities.

CBI: As the CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), what's your outlook for the future? Will things get better for Jewish people worldwide?

TD: We're obviously in a difficult moment for the Jewish people everywhere, but I remain optimistic. Being at the U.N. General Assembly recently, I met with dozens of world leaders who wanted to do their part to support Jewish communities in their home nations and support Israel's legitimacy on the world stage. The loudest voices in the room don't always speak for the majority. As the question implied, history tells us the pendulum swings back. That's not to say we can sit back and wait for that to happen. It's a call for us to continue our advocacy, continue to engage with our partners around the world, and shape the next 10 or 20 years of the Jewish story, rather than the next 10 to 20 days.

CBI: As a strong and active Jewish community, what can Congregation B'nai Israel do collectively to help combat antisemitism?

TD: Keep showing up. Continue speaking out as proud Jews. Share your experiences with your friends and neighbors, especially those who aren't Jewish. Antisemites want us to cower and to hide our Judaism, and if we do, antisemitism only grows. The best way to confront hate is to refuse to be defined by it.

CBI SPECIAL EVENT

A promotional poster for a Congressional Forum in District 25. The background features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. At the top, the text "DISTRICT 25" is in red, followed by "CONGRESSIONAL FORUM" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the date and time "TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 7:00 PM" are displayed. Three circular portraits of the participants are shown: Jared Moskowitz on the left, Anthony Man in the center, and Scott Singer on the right. Below each portrait is their name in large, bold letters and their affiliation in smaller text: "JARED MOSKOWITZ DEMOCRAT", "ANTHONY MAN MODERATOR", and "SCOTT SINGER REPUBLICAN".

DISTRICT 25

CONGRESSIONAL FORUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:00 PM

JARED MOSKOWITZ
DEMOCRAT

ANTHONY MAN
MODERATOR

SCOTT SINGER
REPUBLICAN

On Tuesday, October 20, Congregation B'nai Israel will present a Congressional Forum featuring Congressional District 25 candidates, Incumbent U.S. Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D) and former Boca Raton Mayor Scott Singer (R), in the VIP ballroom at 7:00 PM. This closely watched South Florida contest is proving to be one of the hottest political matchups during this midterm cycle. Anthony Man, the principal political writer for the *South Florida Sun Sentinel*, will moderate the Forum.

Each candidate will give timed opening and closing statements, and each candidate will be asked a series of predetermined questions, including ones about Israel and antisemitism. The Forum will last one hour. This is not a debate, and there will be no opportunity for a Q&A.

This free event is open to the public. Seating is limited, and each registrant will be allowed to register a total of four people.

We hope you join us for this exciting political Forum.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS ROUND-UP

Congregation B'nai Israel Members joined the 33rd Annual Fight Against Hunger during the High Holy Days. The Kantor Family Center for Justice collected food staples for those in need and donated them to the Jacobson Family Food Pantry, Caring Kitchen, and Boca Helping Hands.



HIGH HOLY DAYS ROUND-UP

Congregation B'nai Israel observed the High Holy Days from Friday, September 12 through Monday, September 21. Thousands of members and guests filled our Sanctuary to pray, repent, and listen to the sounds of the shofar ringing in 5787.
Yom Kippur Service photos by Laura Petrella.



HIGH HOLY DAY ROUND-UP



TURN YOUR HIGH HOLY DAYS EXPERIENCE

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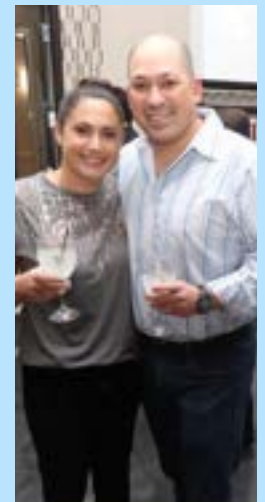
Community Guests who purchased High Holy Day tickets can apply the full ticket amount as credit toward new membership dues.

To take advantage of this offer, please contact Minda Shaiman or call 561.241.8118 x119.



NCECE

More than 150 proud parents attended Congregation B'nai Israel's Nadel Center for Early Childhood Education (NCECE) and the Barry Ira Graff School for Living Judaism (SLJ) Parent Kickoff party on Wednesday, September 2, at CBI's VIP Lounge.

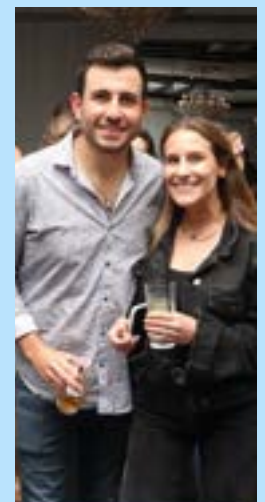


NCECE

Everyone enjoyed drinks and apps, catching up after a fun summer, and looking forward to the school year ahead.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT NCECE](#) ▶

[LEARN MORE ABOUT SLJ](#) ▶



NCECE



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Nadel Center for
Early Childhood Education



OCTOBER

- 10/2: Erev Simchat Torah
NCECE closes at 3:00 PM
- 10/6: Big Step Private Schools
at 9:45 AM
- 10/7: Shalom Shabbat (Rooms 2 & 3)
- 10/9: NCECE Tot Shabbat at 4:45 PM
- 10/14: Shalom Shabbat (Rooms 4 & 7)
- 10/15: Big Step Public Schools
at 7:00 PM
- 10/16: Noah's Bark Shabbat at 6:00 PM
- 10/21: Shalom Shabbat (Rooms 5 & 6)
- 10/28: Shalom Shabbat (Rooms 8 & 101)

**View the 26-27
NCECE Calendar**



[CALENDAR](#) ▶

NOVEMBER

- 11/4: Shalom Shabbat (Rooms 14 & 102)
- 11/6: NCECE Closed for Parent
Conferences; VIP, Babies & Toddlers
In Session
- 11/11: Lilah Tov Shabbat (Room 120)
- 11/12: Chic Boutique
- 11/17: Pre-K Graduation Photos
- 11/18: Lilah Tov Shabbat (Rooms 9 & 15)
- 11/23: Thanksgiving Feast & Sing-A-Long
- 11/25-11/27: NCECE Closed, No VIP,
Babies & Toddlers

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home each week! Order challah by the week
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WELCOME BACK TO A MAGICAL

TOT SHABBAT

MUSIC ✨ FOOD ✨ FUN ✨ MAGIC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
DOORS OPEN AT 4:45 PM

Social Action

Please consider donating
dog & cat toys or treats.

Wear Pink

Sprinkle magic in support
of breast cancer awareness.



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Prices:

- ***EARLY BIRD*** Full Page Ad: \$175
- ***EARLY BIRD*** Quarter Page Ad: \$115
- Design Assistance: \$40
- Yearbook Only: \$45

Ad Sizes:

- Full Page: 8.5" W x 11" H
- Quarter Page: 4.25" W x 5.5" H
- Ads are available for all grades & ages!

Key Dates:

- Early Bird pricing ends on November 30. **No extensions.**
- Full price ads available for purchase from December 1 to January 29. **No extensions.**
- Last day to submit your print-ready ad or have your design-assistance ad finalized is February 5. **No extensions.**
- If purchaser misses the deadline, **ad will not be in the yearbook & will not receive a refund.**

Buy Now!

**EARLY BIRD PRICING
ENDS 11/30!**



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Important Info:

- **Every student (Baby Room through Pre K) will get ONE complimentary yearbook.** Example: If you have two students, your household will receive two yearbooks.
- Children enrolled in CBI Families will not receive a complimentary yearbook & will need to purchase their own. Choose "Yearbook Only" option on the purchase page.
- Yearbook purchases are non refundable.
- Ad pricing does NOT include design help. If you want us to design the ad, purchase the "Design Assistance" option when buying your ad. You can submit a print-ready ad at no charge.
- Design Assistance means we will design your yearbook ad for you. We will send you a template book so you can choose your ad & we'll work with you to personalize it.



NCECE

The NCECE Parent Organization sponsored a Water-Play-A-Thon from Wednesday, September 23, to Thursday, September 24. The kids changed into their swimsuits and water shoes and enjoyed music by DJ Danny, a giant Slip n' Slide, and refreshing and healthy popsicles.



OCTOBER

- 10/2: Erev Simchat Torah & Kindergarten Consecration with Candy Bar "Take Away" Oneg at 7:00 PM
- 10/4, 10/6: 6th Grade Mishpacha Moments
- 10/4: B'nai Israel Club 345 Video Game Truck at 11:30 AM
- 10/11, 10/13 - No SLJ
- 10/16 - Noah's Bark & 3rd Grade Shabbat Service at 6:00 PM.
- 10/17: BISIY Park Pot Luck & Havdalah at 3:30 PM
- 10/21: SLJ Babka Bake at 5:30 PM
- 10/25, 10/ 27 - PreK Mishpacha Moments

NOAH'S bark

Friday, October 16 | 6:00 PM

It's time for our annual Noah's Bark and Third Grade Shabbat!

Bring your pets and/or favorite stuffed animals for a special Shabbat on CBI's front lawn, followed by a "hot diggity dog" oneg.



Want to be a part of the Shabbat slideshow?

Send a photo of you with your pet or favorite stuffed animal to marketing@cbiboca.org.

Congratulations to SLJ Religious School Director Myriam Rofrano who was recognized in the Association of Reform Jewish Educators' Achslav e-newsletter. Congregation B'nai Israel helped Myriam on her journey to earn her Executive Master's in Jewish Education from The Hebrew Union College in May. The ARJE Achshav highlighted Myriam's achievement.



Curious what it's like to learn in HUC's Executive MA in Jewish Education (EMA)?



The Hebrew Union College's Executive Master's in Jewish Education's pre-course, EDU5000, offered me something I didn't know I was missing. Having worked in incredible congregations alongside amazing clergy and educators, I had gained so much experience, but I hadn't yet found my own voice as a Jewish educational leader. EDU5000 gave me the space to do just that...and discover new possibilities for my leadership.

If you are curious about the EMA but aren't quite sure if it is for you, I encourage you to take that first step, **find out more** or speak with **Dr. Kathy Schwartz, Director of the EMA**, and experience it for yourself!

- Myriam Rofrano, RJE

**JOIN US OCTOBER 4TH
FROM 11:30AM - 1:30PM**



**CLUB 345 VIDEO GAME TRUCK
EXPERIENCE**

**3RD 4TH & 5TH
GRADERS**

\$25

Lunch is included 

We'll kick things off with lunch and a fun icebreaker to get to know all our friends before jumping into our Video Game Truck experience, featuring games for every type of gamer plus non-digital options for anyone who wants a break from the screens. 

We'll wrap up with time to share and reset after all the fun!

[REGISTER](#) 

 Scholarships are available, and we want everyone to be able to join the fun!

For scholarship assistance,
please reach out to
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Questions?

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BISY'S



Park Potluck & Havdalah

17TH OCTOBER | 3:30-6PM

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BOCA RATON, FL 33434

Questions?

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EVENT AT CAPACITY!

Please email [Sara Schenkman](#) to be added to the waitlist.



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Barry Ira Graff
School for Living Judaism

SLJ COMMUNITY **Babka Bake**

\$36 PER KIT

EACH KIT INCLUDES:
LIGHT NOSH, ALL
INGREDIENTS FOR 1 LARGE
(OR 2 SMALL) BABKA'S
*MAXIMUM 2
PARTICIPANTS PER KIT

JOIN US WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 21

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

All proceeds support SLJ
programming & initiatives.

Spaces are limited!

SLJ

CBI's BISO youth group led a teen Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service on Sunday, September 12, in CBI's chapel.

SLJ students also enjoyed a meaningful Reverse Tashlich experience on the beach on Sunday, September 13.



SLJ

SLJ families welcomed the New Year together by putting Jewish values into action. The “beach clean” community cleanup transformed the tradition of Tashlich into an act of tikkun olam (repairing the world). It was a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate the holiday, build community, and make a positive impact at the start of the New Year.



WOMEN OF CBI



Join us for a night of mahjong, pizza & purpose!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 7:00 PM

Square Peg
PIZZERIA

4957 W. Atlantic Ave
Delray Beach, FL 33445

Don't Play? Eat!

Dine-in to support CBI! Mention CBI
and your order gives 20% back.
Give Back Event 4-10PM.

Play:

\$36 CBI Members
\$45 Member Guests
Mahjong begins at 7PM.

Registration required to play.
Limited seating.
RSVP by 10/6.

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Empowering Women  Enriching Community

WOMEN OF CBI

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM



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THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM

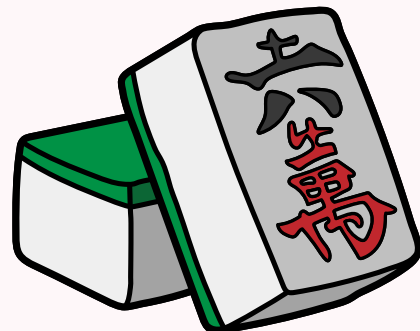


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THURSDAYS | 12:00 PM



Beginning October 15th:
Thursday's Mahjong Game
time will be **12:00 PM**.
Please bring a bag lunch
and we will provide light
refreshments, as always.



CBI BROTHERHOOD

CBI's Brotherhood Sukkah Build took place on Wednesday, September 23, in the Pollock Family Courtyard, at 5:30 PM.

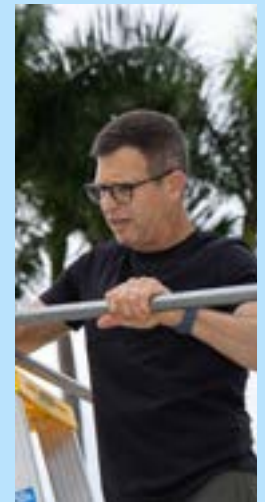
All handy Brotherhood members were invited to roll up their sleeves and help build CBI's congregational Sukkah.

Sukkah Build photos by Laura Petrella.



CBI BROTHERHOOD

Jews build a Sukkah during Sukkot to commemorate the temporary shelters and the divine protection provided by God to the Israelites during their 40-year journey through the wilderness after leaving slavery in Egypt. It acts as a physical reminder of the Exodus, representing either the physical huts built during the desert journey or the miraculous "Clouds of Glory" that shielded the Israelites from harsh elements.



ADULT JEWISH LEARNING



Modern Jews Engage the New Testament

A YEARLONG CLASS WITH RABBI CY STANWAY



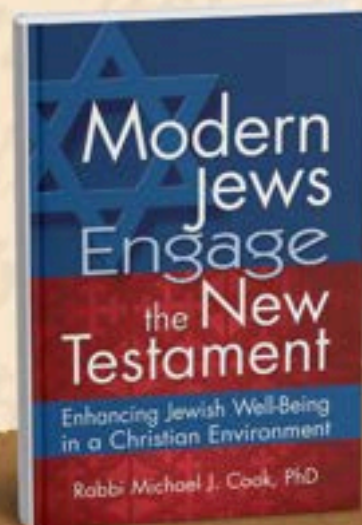
Despite the New Testament's impact on Jewish history, too many Jews avoid knowledge of its underlying dynamics... until NOW! Join Rabbi Cy Stanway as we learn about the New Testament and its impact on the Jewish world, its perception of Jews and Judaism, and its contemporary relevance.

Thursdays, starting October 15, 2026 | 10:30AM

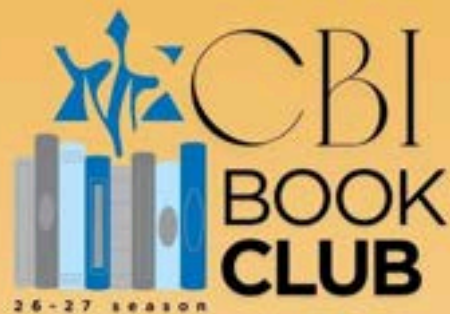
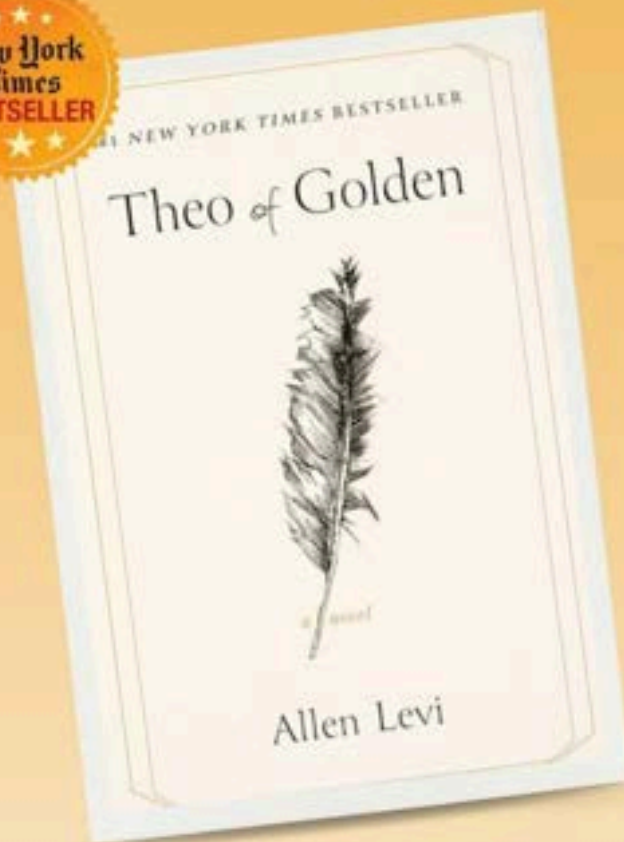
Joel S. Nadel Boardroom

- Every Thursday from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, 10/15/26 through 5/20/27.
- Open to CBI Members and Member Guests.
- Registration and purchase of book required.

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Thursday, Oct 15 | 7:30PM
Via Zoom

Moderated by Toby Koritsky



The Book:

A mysterious elderly man named Theo arrives in a small Southern town and quietly begins purchasing 92 pencil portraits displayed at a local coffee shop to gift them back to their rightful owners. Through these intimate exchanges, he listens to the residents' hidden stories, forms profound friendships, and gently transforms the community by helping people feel truly seen and valued.

The Author:

Allen Levi was a lawyer, independent singer-songwriter, and small-town probate judge in Georgia before becoming a bestselling novelist in his late 60s. He holds a master's degree in Scottish fiction from the University of Edinburgh, and for decades, he used his passion for storytelling to write more than 20 music albums and a touching memoir about his late brother, The Last Sweet Mile.

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Upcoming Events:

Nov 19 | Dec 17 | Jan 21 | Feb 18 | Mar 18 | Apr 15 | May 20

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

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OCT 28

6:30 PM

HOLLANDER FAMILY CHAPEL

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Nagle Family
Jewish Film Festival


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Join us for fun, food, and dancing followed by this entertaining film.

"Hava Nagila" (The Movie) explores the history and cultural journey of the beloved Jewish song, from its Ukrainian origins to its enduring place in Jewish culture and popular music. Featuring Harry Belafonte, Connie Francis, and Leonard Nimoy.

RSVP by Oct 22.

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**\$18 CBI Members
\$25 Community
Guests**



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Melton Fall 2026 Class Schedule



We the People: The American Jewish Experience
Instructors in rotation: **Rabbi Cy Stanway,**
Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz and Rabbi Robert Silvers
10-WEEK CLASS **WEDNESDAYS 10:30 am-Noon**
Begins November 4, 2026



HYBRID • IN-PERSON at CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL



We are excited to share the development of a fully revised version of our Melton course, *Jews in America: Insiders and Outsiders*, led by renowned Melton educator Dr. Joellyn Zollman. This project represents a reimagining of one of our most popular courses into a contemporary, essential exploration of American Jewish identity, history, and belonging, designed to engage thousands of learners worldwide. The course moves beyond earlier, East Coast-centric and Ashkenormative narratives to present the full diversity and complexity of Jewish life in the United States. Across ten lessons, it highlights Sephardi communities, Jewish life beyond major metropolitan centers, and key themes such as antisemitism, racism, food culture, Jewish women's public leadership, and the future of American Jewry.



2026-
2027

SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY
**The Florence Melton School
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13 Years of Inspiring Learning

SOCIAL ACTION



The poster features a light blue background with various animal-themed illustrations. At the top, there are five stylized paws in different colors (brown, white, black, white, and black) and a globe with the CBI logo. The CBI logo consists of a stylized 'C' and 'B' with a menorah inside, and the text 'congregation B'nai Israel' and 'CONGREGATION WITH A CONSCIENCE' below it. The main title 'PAWS for a CAUSE' is in large, bold, black letters. Below it, a pink cloud-like shape contains the text 'CBI's October Social Action Campaign'. The central text reads: 'This October, we're caring for our community's furry friends. Your donations will support local rescues and shelters.' Below this, it says 'Drop supplies off at CBI or order them directly from our' followed by the 'amazon wishlist' logo. A blue button with the text 'DONATE' and a play icon is positioned below the wishlist logo. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a dog, a cat, a rabbit, and a bird, along with bags of dog and cat food.

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SOCIAL ACTION

43rd Annual

FEED the COMMUNITY



Event
Nov 24

CANDY DRIVE

Help us create Goody Bags for kids!
Grab an extra bag of candy, or bring
in any leftover wrapped candy.



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blanket buddies

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

FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH | 10:30 AM



This event is open to our members and their guests.

While this is a free event, we ask that you please register in advance.

For questions, contact [Minda Shaiman](#) or [Ali Myrick](#).

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CBI IN THE NEWS



WPEC CBS12 featured Congregation B'nai Israel in its Saturday, September 12, 11:00 PM broadcast. More than 1,100 locals attended Rosh Hashanah services at CBI to mark the first day of 5787. The highlight? CBI's Interim Senior Rabbi Cy Stanway blew the shofar to serve as a spiritual wake-up call to usher in the New Year. Rabbi Stanway was joined by fellow CBI Senior Associate Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz and Cantor David Muchnick. Together with Rabbi Emeritus Robert A. Silvers, they led the Temple members through a series of holiday prayers that combined the joy of a New Year celebration and its theme of renewal with the seriousness associated with confronting and seeking forgiveness for one's sins.



South Florida Sun Sentinel photographer Amy Beth Bennett attended CBI's Yom Kippur Services on Monday, September 21. She snapped this great photo of SLJ religious school sophomore and madrichim Hannah Kaminer that was featured on Page 3 of the newspaper on Wednesday, September 23. Hannah wowed the 1,100+ members and guests who attended Services with her lovely voice as she sang alongside CBI's Senior Cantor David Muchnick on the bimah in the Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary. Also on the bimah were Interim Senior Rabbi Cy Stanway, Senior Associate Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz, and Rabbi Emeritus Robert A. Silvers.



Big thanks to Jessica Tzikas, editor of **The Florida Jewish Journal** (a publication of the South Florida Sun Sentinel), and Sun Sentinel photographer Amy Beth Bennett for their exclusive online photo carousel, "Gathered In Faith: B'nai Israel Observes Yom Kippur In Boca Raton," featuring 15 photos from CBI's Yom Kippur Services on Wednesday, September 29. You'll see photos of CBI's Clergy and many congregants you may know! Plus, the accompanying article features a lovely quote from CBI Past President Leslie Kantor about why Yom Kippur Services were special for her this year.

[READ ALL ABOUT IT](#)



NEXT MONTH @ CBI

WED 11/4

We the People: The American Jewish Experience | Fall 2026
Melton 10-Week Class with Rabbi Cy Stanway, Rabbi Erica
Rosenkranz & Rabbi Robert Silvers

FRI 11/6

NCECE Closed:
Parent Conferences

Disney Shabbat
1st & 2nd Grade Shabbat

SUN 11/8

5th Grade Mishpacha moments

MON 11/9

Jewish Bereavement Class:
Tradition, Comfort & the Journey of Grief

TUE 11/10

5th Grade Mishpacha moments

WED 11/11

Veterans Day

THU 11/12

Chic Boutique

Israel Bonds Unity for Israel
Dessert Reception Honoring
Rabbi Emeritus Robert Silvers

FRI 11/13

Veterans Shabbat

TUE 11/24

43rd Annual Feed the Community Event

WED 11/25

Thanksgiving Break

- CBI Offices closed 11/25 @ 1:00 PM - 11/27
- No SLJ 11/22-29
- NCECE closed 11/25-27; No VIP, Babies, or Toddlers

MON 11/30

Jewish Bereavement Class: Finding Hope & Healing

Questions about an event? Contact [Minda Shaiman](#) or call 561.241.8118 x 119.