



CONGREGATION
B'NAI ISRAEL



Lifelong Learning

FALL 2021
Programs and Events

Shalom!

Welcome to Lifelong Learning at CBI!

In the Talmud we learn about a conversation that took place among Rabbi Tarfon, Rabbi Akiva and other elders of the community in Lod. *In response to the question: Is study greater or action greater? Rabbi Tarfon answered and said, 'Action is greater.' Rabbi Akiva answered and said, 'Study is greater.' They all answered and said, 'Study is greater, since study brings about action.'*
(Excerpted from BT Kiddushin 41a)

The Lifelong Learning Committee is delighted to have another great schedule of engaging programs! Please take the time to peruse this brochure and mark your calendars with all of the learning opportunities this year. We wish you a year full of learning and connections - to community, to your family and to enriching your own Jewish life.

Please note: Many classes are now scheduled for Zoom. When it is safe to do so, they will return to in-person at CBI. Check your email blasts for Zoom links, times and changes.

Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald, Director of Congregational Learning
Rabbi Ari Isenberg
Cantor Lorna Wallach

Aleza Rosenberg, Chair of Lifelong Learning Committee
Marion Mohl
Jesse Moehlman
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Questions about any of the programs?

Please reach out to Rabbi Julie Schwarzwald at 973-262-3717 or
rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org.

Individualized Instruction



Hebrew Reading ~ At Any Level

Whether you want to learn the aleph-bet, become proficient in a particular prayer or a few prayers, improve your Torah reading, or lead a service, we will schedule individual 30-minute sessions at a mutually convenient time to study on your own terms.

INTERESTED? Please contact rabbijulie@cbi-nj.org

Introduction to Torah/Haftarah Chanting

Reach out to Cantor Lorna Wallach to arrange a time for private lessons learning Torah or Haftarah trope. She will work with you until you are ready to confidently chant from the Torah for Shabbat or a *simcha*.



CURIOUS? Please contact cbicantor@cbi-nj.org

Check CBI Bulletin, email announcements, Facebook and website for details and reminders for events and programs throughout the year!

www.cbi-nj.org

Weekly Classes

**These classes are suitable for learners at all levels ...
from beginner to the most experienced.**

Registration for each course for the fall semester is free for CBI Members.
(\$50.00 for Non-Members, or \$10 per week)

Timely Topics with the Rabbi **The Upright Path: How Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Ancestors) Can Transform Our Lives**

Thursdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings as we study the commentaries of Rabbis Tamar Elad Applebaum and Gordon Tucker on Pirkei Avot and aspire to instill the lessons of this timeless text into our lives.

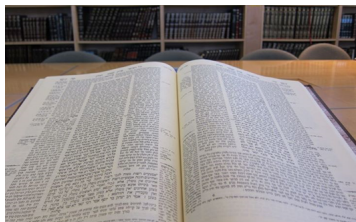
This course will be taught by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger from October 7 through December 16, and by Rabbi Ari Isenberg from January 13th through June 2nd.

➤ ***SIGN UP!*** Register with RabbiJulie@cbi-nj.org, for Zoom link.

Talmud Study: Origins of Jewish Prayer with Rabbi Akiba Lubow

Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Zoom

In this class we will enter the extraordinary world of the Talmud, arguably



the most important Jewish text after the Torah.

Written down between 1500 and 1800 years ago, we'll discover how relevant its teachings are today!

While our focus will be on the Origins of Jewish

Practice and Theology, at the same time we will see

how these foundations impact the way we live Judaism today. This course is appropriate for both beginners and those who have already studied Talmud. Knowledge of Hebrew is not a prerequisite. While it is not

necessary to attend every week, a relatively regular pattern of attendance will enhance understanding the course material.

Monday Morning Modules

Mondays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Zoom

A variety of short-term offerings on different topics that comprise an engaging and interactive learning experience. It is not necessary to attend each session.



1) October 4, 18, 25 & November 1 -- The Story of the State of Israel Through Its Music *with Len Hausman*

In our next module we will be focusing further on the seminal fifth period of immigration (1929-1939) that led to the State of Israel. During these years the bare bones of the future state developed muscle and sinew and a new Hebrew culture firmly took root. We will learn about this pioneering generation through the music that tells their story. We will listen to their songs, which often include lyrics from Israel's poets.

2) November 8, 15, & 22 -- Jewish Art *with Abby Schwartz, Director, Skirball Museum, HUC-JIR/Cincinnati*

Abby Schwartz presents three weeks of new topics in Jewish Art.

3) November 29 & December 6 -- Highlights of Hanukkah/Chailights of Chanukah *with Cantor Lorna Wallach*

This class highlights the songs of Naomi Shemer as well as other notable songwriters from the period following the 6-Day War to the Yom Kippur War and its aftermath.

4) December 13 -- Living Memories *with Shira Mushkin*

Living Memories explores the daily lives of women who lived over a century ago, in different Jewish communities in Europe. This project portrays digital collages which consist of photographs of tombstones, taken in eighteen different Jewish cemeteries throughout Europe, over the course of eight years, and black and white photographs of women from the Jewish community in Lublin, Poland, taken in the beginning of the 20th century by the Jewish photographer, Abram Zylberberg

Monthly Programs

Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan ~ Lay-Led Discussion

The Shabbat Journeymen's Minyan is an opportunity for congregants to get together on Shabbat morning to discuss and explore topics related to the weekly Torah portion, meaning of prayers or psalms, holiday traditions, characters in the bible, contemporary issues, liturgical songs and music or any other topic related to Jewish life.

DATES TBD - please check the CBI Announcements.

Chanting Circle

Sundays, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Zoom

The CBI Chanting Circle is now in its 11th year! If you are a person curious about exploring the spiritual dimensions of your Judaism, the chanting circle is for you. No knowledge of Hebrew or ability to read it is needed, nor is a singing voice. Musical instruments are used throughout, yet it is not a performance. It is meditative, yet it is not meditation. If you want your Judaism to be experientially compelling in a way that a usual prayer service may not always be, the chanting circle is for you.



September 12
October 17
November 21
December 19
January 9

February 6
March 6
April 10
May 15

INTERESTED? Contact Len Hausman at lenhausman@msn.com

Sisterhood Bookends

Dates & Books TBA

Looking for a good book to read? Look no further than the CBI Sisterhood Bookends discussion group!

Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh Learning

7:00 to 8:00 pm when on Zoom; 6:30 to 8:00 pm when in-person

2021: November 3, December 2

2022: January 18, March 3

Rosh Chodesh is traditionally a women's holiday that celebrates the arrival of the new month. Women come together at a dinner for camaraderie and stimulating discussions led by clergy or congregants. All women of the congregation are welcome.

CHECK CBI email announcements for discussion topic.

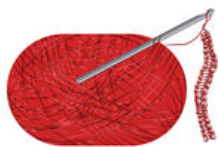
Just for the Fun of It!

Sisterhood Knit and Nosh (and Needlework!)

7:00 to 8:00 pm on Zoom

2021: October 19, November 16, December 21

2022: January 26, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21



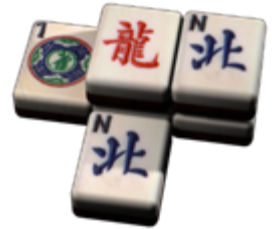
Want to learn, are experienced, or just want to schmooze? Come to our monthly informal gathering. Light refreshments are served in the Youth Lounge. We encourage any kind of needlecraft.

CONTACT Marion Mohl at marionmohl@aol.com or 908-273-8157

Sisterhood Presents Mah Jongg Nights

March 10 & May 5 Online

RSVP to Helene Moehlman at shmoehlman@yahoo.com



Sisterhood Canasta

Wednesdays, 7:15 to 9:00 pm, Online

2021: October 13, November 10, December 8

2022: January 12, February 9, April 13, May 11, June 8

CONTACT Jennifer Glick at glickcorwin@msn.com or 240-401-1057



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Please Save for Future Reference!