

Why Choose CBI?

❖ Inclusive and Welcoming

CBI is a community where all are welcome and included. Our membership includes Jewish families and interfaith families, gay and straight, young and old, singles and non-traditional families.



❖ Diverse Traditions

Our congregation includes members from a variety of Jewish traditions. Currently affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, CBI was founded as an Orthodox shul and was affiliated with the Conservative Movement from the 1960s-2000.



❖ Connected to the Berkshires

CBI draws inspiration from its surroundings. Our liturgy is filled with poetry and music, while our education program uses art and storytelling to teach Hebrew language and Jewish traditions. Meditation minyans are held regularly and we have a strong tradition of social action.

Judaism is not a spectator sport. Living a Jewish life means being part of the life of a Jewish community.

Contact us to learn more about becoming a member.

Congregation Beth Israel

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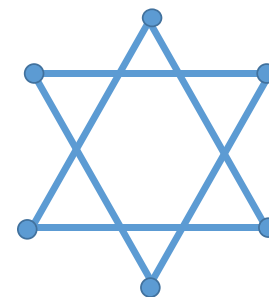
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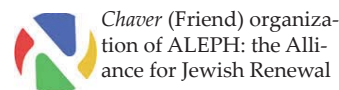
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חבורת בית ישראל



Mindful and Connected

... to community,
... to spirituality,
... to the arts.



JOIN US

About Us

Located in the hills of the northern Berkshires, Congregation Beth Israel is a community of people who study and practice Jewish tradition and search for spiritual meaning.



"I was awestruck. Walking into the sanctuary with the floor-to-ceiling windows looking out on a magnificent mountain view, it was hard to imagine a space that could do more to inspire appreciation of the beauty of creation."



"Intimate, warm, inclusive, authentic."

Our Programs

WORSHIP

At CBI, services are song-filled, intimate and lively, innovative and authentic. Those familiar with Reform Judaism and with Jewish renewal will recognize the warmth and joy of our services. Expect prayer in Hebrew and in English, poetry, song, and more!



LEARNING

CBI is a learning community where children and adults delve deeply into Jewish tradition. We offer education for our members of all ages.



CELEBRATION

CBI is a place for celebrations. Families mark important events, including baby-namings, brisses, bar and bat mitzvahs, and weddings. On holidays including the Days of Awe, Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Chanukah, Tu B'Shvat, Purim, Pesach, Shavuot, Tisha b'Av, and Shabbat, we gather in an atmosphere that's caring, supportive, and joyful.



SOCIAL ACTION

At CBI, we believe in giving back to the community. We are a founding member of Berkshire Interfaith Organizing, deliver meals to homebound seniors each month, and participate in local charity events.

Our Rabbi



Rabbi Rachel Barenblat is a poet and musician who brings literary and musical gifts to her service of this community. She has been our rabbi since 2011. She leads joyful worship, teaches children and adults, and offers pastoral care to all. She is our prayer leader, our trusted spiritual advisor, and our teacher of Judaism's wisdom and nurturing spirituality. She can also be found online as *The Velveten Rabbi*.

Additional rabbis lead services on a rotating basis, providing a perfect match for our religiously diverse congregational community.



"Reb Rachel leads services with so much heart! I love it. The passion shines through."