

CBI CAFÉ



Sundays, 9:15 a.m.–noon · April 8 through May 13 · All are welcome!



Welcome to CBI Café, a Sunday-morning gathering with lively and friendly conversation, engaging ideas and teachings, and experiences to renew body, heart and soul. Enjoy a warm welcome, good coffee, pastries and the Sunday papers. Feel free to take a class with our rabbis, work on our organic farm, hear a book talk and more.

FOOD

Coffee

Selection of gourmet coffees and specialty teas. Free

Treats

Assorted kosher pastries and fruit. Free

CLASSES

Longing: Jewish and Personal Meditations on a Hidden God 9:45–10:45
April 8, April 22, April 29, May 6, and May 13

Join **Rabbi Justin David** in exploring the subject of his recently published book, the universal human experience of longing. In these sessions, personal reflection will share space with compelling Jewish texts from the Bible and from contemporary philosophy.

INVITED LECTURES AND EVENTS

Love Your Neighbor/Love the Stranger 11:00–noon
April 8

Why does the Torah have separate commandments to love the stranger and love your neighbor? What does this teach us about how to treat immigrants and refugees? Join **Rabbi David Seidenberg** for a deep dive into verses and commentary about the stranger, to understand why simply loving humanity is not always enough.

Story as Echo: The Writings of Aharon Appelfeld ז"ל 1:00–2:00
April 14 (Saturday following Kiddush)

In early January this year, an important Hebrew writer died. Aharon Appelfeld, who lived some of his childhood years in hiding during the years of the Holocaust, wrote a whole series of stories and novels that echo rather than describe the Holocaust. **Rabbi Aryeh Wineman** will focus on a few of them in our session.

Israel: What Gives me Hope

10:00–11:15

April 15 (Café at the JCA)

In his taut and provocative new book *Letters to My Palestinian Neighbors*, **Yossi Klein Halevi**, award-winning author and senior fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, attempts to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians by directly addressing his Palestinian neighbors, empathizing with their suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

Earth Day 2018: What We Can Do

11:00–noon

April 22

3 Activists Talk about Effective Local/State/National Strategies. **Jori Ross** attended the Climate Reality Project, **Kit Sang Boos** works with the Carbon Pollution Fee and Rebate Working Group of Western Mass and Climate Action Now, and **Andrew Fisk** with the Connecticut River Conservancy.

Deep Listening Through Threshold Times

10:45–12:15

April 29

Led by **Susannah Crolius**, this interactive gathering is an invitation to deep listening, responding in ways that transcend the limitations of words and “knowledge.” The Psalms provide the foundation; a variety of materials, both sensory and expressive, offer surprising and expansive encounter through creative Midrash.

The Optimistic Decade

11:00–noon

May 6

Author **Heather Abel** will read from her highly anticipated debut novel, *The Optimistic Decade* (Algonquin Books), a sweeping tale about class, love, idealism, despair, and a piece of land that changes everyone who lives on it, followed by a discussion with **Lesley Yalen** (Yiddish Book Center) about the book’s Jewish and feminist themes.