B’NAI TORAH CONGREGATION LAUNCHES NEW SEASON OF ADULT EDUCATION THROUGH MELTON SCHOOL

Fall 2026-Spring 2027 Classes Available at Four Boca Raton Locations and Online via Zoom, Making Learning More Accessible Than Ever



B'nai Torah Congregation

BOCA RATON, FL, UNITED STATES, September 29, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- B’nai Torah Congregation, the largest conservative synagogue in the Southeast United States, today announced the launch of its 2026-2027 Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning course lineup, featuring an engaging selection of classes that explore Jewish history, ethics, spirituality, biblical texts, and contemporary issues.

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> *Penina Bredoff*

Beginning in October, Melton courses will be offered at four convenient Boca Raton locations—B’nai Torah Congregation, Congregation B’nai Israel, Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center (Levis JCC), and Temple Beth El —as well as online via Zoom and through hybrid classes, making it easier than ever for learners to participate from wherever they are.

Now in its 13th year as the home of the Florence Melton School in South Palm Beach County, B’nai Torah Congregation continues to serve as a regional hub for lifelong Jewish learning. The internationally recognized Melton program engages adults in meaningful study of Jewish texts and ideas while connecting them to a worldwide community of lifelong learners.

"Our goal is to make Jewish learning as accessible as possible," said Penina Bredoff, South Palm Beach Melton Director and Cooperman Adult Education Coordinator at B’nai Torah Congregation. "Whether someone prefers to learn at B’nai Torah, Congregation B’nai Israel, the Levis JCC, Temple Beth El, or from the comfort of home via Zoom, we want every adult to have the opportunity to participate. Technology also allows friends and family from across the country—and around the world—to join us in learning together."

Classes are offered in six-week and 10-week sessions, with tuition set at $179 and $295, respectively. Register at www.btcboca.org/melton.

Highlights of the 2026-2027 course schedule include the following. A full list of classes is available here.

Members of the Tribe: Cornerstones of Jewish Identity

Instructors in rotation: Rabbi Greg Weisman and Rabbi Laila Haas
6-week class | Sundays, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. | Begins October 11, 2026
Hybrid | In-Person at Temple Beth El's Schaefer Family Campus

What does it really mean to be Jewish today? In a world where identity is constantly questioned and belonging is complex, this course offers a powerful exploration of what ties us together as a people. More than a history lesson, this is a vital conversation about what it means to be Jewish right now.

Timeless Wisdom from the Books of Ecclesiastes, Lamentations and Song of Songs
Instructor: Rabbi David Steinhardt
10-week class | Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. | Begins Oct. 13, 2026
Hybrid | In-Person at B'nai Torah Congregation

Study three of Judaism's most profound biblical scrolls while exploring themes of life's meaning, love, suffering and humanity's relationship with the Divine through both ancient and contemporary commentaries.

We the People: The American Jewish Experience
Instructors: Rabbi Cy Stanway, Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz and Rabbi Robert Silvers
10-week class | Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.-Noon | Begins Nov. 4, 2026
Hybrid | In-Person at Congregation B'nai Israel


Rabbi David Steinhardt


Rabbi Erica Rosenkranz

This newly reimagined Melton course explores the rich diversity of American Jewish life through a modern lens, examining Jewish identity, immigration, antisemitism, race, leadership, food culture and the evolving story of American Jewry.

Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion
Instructor: Marion Hirschmann
10-week class | Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. | Begins Nov. 9, 2026
In-Person Only | Adolph and Rose Levis JCC

Explore today's most challenging medical and ethical questions—including human cloning, genetic identity, assisted suicide and surrogacy—through the lens of Jewish thought. Developed by renowned medical ethicist Rabbi Elliot Dorff, Ph.D., the course examines how Jewish values can help navigate modern medical advances and ethical dilemmas.


Rabbi Greg Weisman


Marion Hirschmann

Timeless Tales, Modern Sensibilities: A Deep Look at the Books of Esther & Ruth
Instructor: Marion Hirschmann
10-week class | Thursdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Begins Jan. 14, 2027
Hybrid | In-Person at B'nai Torah Congregation

Examine the enduring relevance of Esther and Ruth while exploring themes of identity, faith, gender, courage and leadership through the stories of two remarkable women whose legacies continue to inspire today.

The complete class schedule and registration information are available at www.btcboca.org/melton.

Adult Education Class Registration
Advance registration is required for all Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning classes. Classes are available in person at B'nai Torah Congregation, Congregation B'nai Israel, the Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center (JCC), and Temple Beth El, as well as online via Zoom. For more information, contact Penina Bredoff, South Palm Beach Melton Director and Cooperman Adult Education Coordinator, at 561-392-8566 or melton@bnai-torah.org.

To register, visit www.btcboca.org/melton.

About The Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning
The Melton School engages adult learners in a life-enhancing study of Jewish texts and ideas that nurtures and deepens Jewish community worldwide. Through classes (both in-person and online) and travel seminars, Melton learners find Jewish texts and ideas accessible and relevant to their lives. They become part of a worldwide movement of committed learners who are empowered to enrich Jewish life. Melton is the largest pluralistic adult Jewish education network in the world, with 50 Melton communities throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and South Africa. More than 50,000 learners have experienced Melton's professionally developed curriculum and lively interactive classes. Learn more at www.meltonschool.org.

About B'nai Torah Congregation
B'nai Torah Congregation is the largest conservative synagogue in the Southeast U.S. with over 1,300 membership families. It is a close-knit, multi-generational, modern, and egalitarian synagogue, which offers diverse services, programs of worship, learning, tzedakah, social action, and social activities. B'nai Torah Congregation creates a perfect outlet for arts, culture, and learning, and we are home to several schools of Jewish education. The synagogue, which offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities that will enrich the synagogue experience, is a tremendous and vibrant center for tzedakah acts and projects that touch thousands of people. Learn more at https://btcboca.org.

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