

Americans' political views, and how we would solve our common challenges, leave us more polarized than ever. We watch news coverage that reflects our own biases, see friends who share our political leanings, and have difficulty speaking with - - even tolerating - - those whose opinions we do not share. And we aren't talking to each other with an open mind and heart.

**The Power of Words:
Keeping the Conversation Going
in a Tense Political Environment**



How do we, as Jews, approach the current political climate? *Let's discuss how we discuss!* Join us to talk about how our politics and social movements affect our attitudes and vernacular, **Tuesday nights** from **6:00 to 7:30** in the **Social Hall**. No litmus test for your political leanings! We'll enjoy having you, purple, red, or blue. Questions? Contact Sandy Berenter, berenterlaw@cableone.net.

THE POLITICS OF LANGUAGE: Why saying what you mean is harder than you think!	
Tuesday March 6	<p>Gail Shuck, a Linguistics professor at Boise State University, leads us in a discussion about how words evolve to reflect political trends, arguments, and viewpoints.</p> <p>How does our language affect our ability to reasonably and comfortably discuss politics? What language challenges do we face in this context? Do some of our assumptions bear closer scrutiny? Are we aware of our own biases?</p> <p>Dr. Shuck is joined by Janet Kaufman, an English professor and teacher in our religious school; and Huda Shaltry, a linguistics student and a librarian with Boise Public Library.</p> <p>Our panelists are all students of language, intrigued by the effect of words on our communication, perception, and mood.</p>
SYNAGOGUE AND STATE: Politics (or not?) in our CABI-Sponsored Events	
Tuesday March 20	<p>How do political views and world events intersect with our CABI mission? Where is the line to be drawn between Synagogue and State? Should we check our political leanings at the door? Should we reserve our sacred space for sacred things, and if so, what do we deem sacred? If we abandon our politics in the parking lot as we head into services, are we being respectful or "standing idly by" while world events proceed? What do <i>you</i> think?</p> <p>Sandy Berenter facilitates a panel that includes these CABI community members: Rabbi Dan Fink, 24 years as rabbi of our synagogue and active in our community; Murray Feldman, attorney with Holland & Hart, a former member of our board; Debbie Holmes, 2008 state Democratic congressional candidate; David Levine, Ada County Election Director, recently joined our community; Alex Swerdloff, Social Action Vice President with our CABI Teens; Tamar Milstein, religious school parent and teacher, moved here from Israel; Eric Keren, son of Israeli immigrants, formerly of the Marines and law enforcement; and <i>you!</i></p>