

# Welcome!



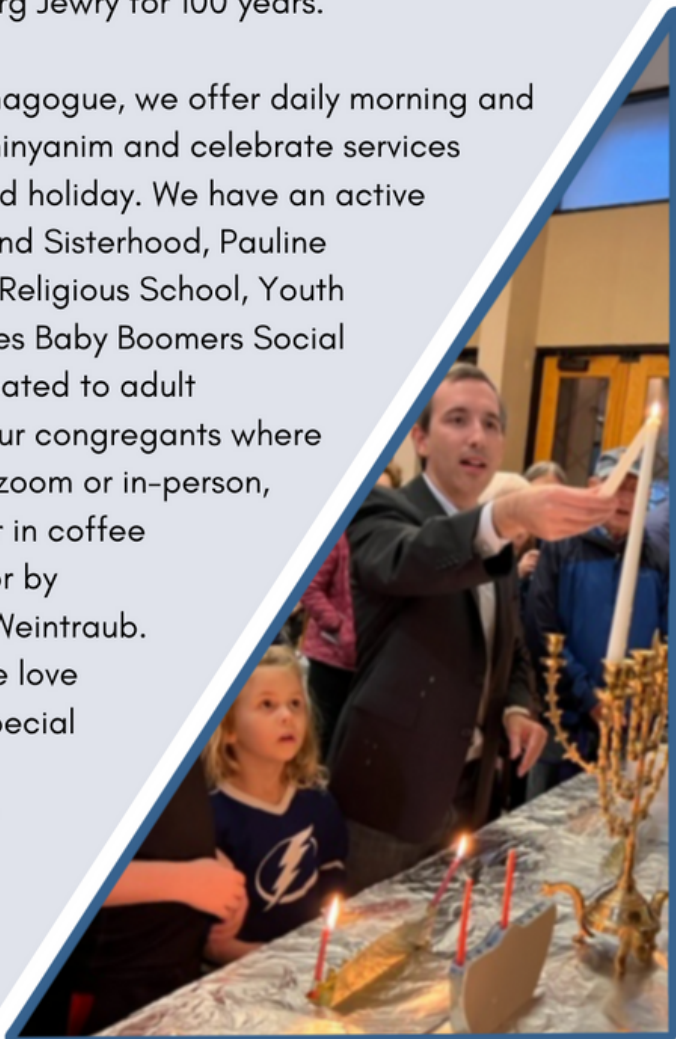
**Congregation  
B'nai Israel  
of St. Petersburg**



## Who we are

We began in 1923 with 12 Jewish families who met at a store on Central Avenue. We are now 300 families who celebrate Shabbat, holidays and simchas together in a beautiful modern synagogue on 58th Street. Congregation B'nai Israel has been part of the fabric of St. Petersburg Jewry for 100 years.

As a Conservative synagogue, we offer daily morning and evening egalitarian minyanim and celebrate services for each Shabbat and holiday. We have an active Mitzvah Men's Club and Sisterhood, Pauline Rivkind Talmud Torah Religious School, Youth Groups, and Jewbilities Baby Boomers Social Group. We are dedicated to adult education, meeting our congregants where they are: whether by zoom or in-person, whether at the shul or in coffee houses or breweries or by bicycling with Rabbi Weintraub. Following services, we love to join together for special Friday night Shabbat dinners and Saturday morning kiddush lunches.



# Our membership

Our membership is diverse. We are lawyers, accountants, doctors, and engineers. We are salesmen, plumbers and merchants. We are young and old. We are single, married, partnered, divorced, widowed, childfree, parents and grandparents. We are still working and we are retired. We are active in the Jewish community and in the secular community. We are a diverse group of Jews—including Jews of Color, Jews by Choice, interfaith families, LGBTQ+, and Jews from all over the world. Congregation B'nai Israel celebrates equality and inclusion.

We are united in our devotion to the ideals of Judaism and helping one another as well as helping the community.



## Synagogue Life

Through our congregational life, our goal is to blend tradition with innovation and seek creative ways for our members and friends to experience Jewish life to its fullest. We want to transmit Jewish ideals and values to our children and grandchildren, and to enable them to be knowledgeable and responsible participants in Jewish life, sensitive and ethical human beings, and be reliable custodians of an enduring heritage. Through the synagogue, we want to find strength and inspiration in worship and study, in the sharing of lifecycle events, in acts of caring, in reaching out to the wide Jewish and non-Jewish communities, and in concern and support for Israel. We gather to pray, study, grow, and simply enjoy each other's company. Whether working to change the world to celebrate it, we find blessing together.



# What are you looking for?

If you grew up as a secular Jew and want to learn more about your Judaism; if you grew up Conservative and haven't been to synagogue lately; if you just moved to the area and are looking for a friendly new community—come spend a Shabbat with us. Take a class with us. Come schmooze with us. Our motto “Side by Side at CBI” is more than a saying; it's a way of life in our congregation.



## Financial Commitment

We do not charge dues. Each year we ask our members to make a monetary pledge that fits within their means. Our goal is that every member provides some level of support. Together our contributions ensure the lights are on, the air is cool, the building is beautifully maintained and our clergy can focus on the needs of our community. Your support ensures the long-term strength, stability and success of our kehillah kedoshah, our holy community.



## More information?

If you would like additional information about us, contact our Membership Chair through the congregation's office by calling (727) 381-4900 or emailing [execdir@cbistpete.org](mailto:execdir@cbistpete.org).