

The Lifelong Learning Committee invites you to a special Shabbaton.
Saturday, November 18th, from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM
Edna Groves, founder of *Words That Endure*[®] returns to lead
a day of reflection, writing and discussion:
YOUR JEWISH JOURNEY

For many of us, our Jewish journey began long before we knew we were Jewish —or would become Jewish—and long before we even knew we were on a journey.

For some of us, the religious/spiritual culture of the family we were born into seeped into us through language, non-verbal behavior, food, music, and the observance of traditions and rituals that influenced us. If we lived in a Jewish neighborhood, we probably thought the world was made up of people like us, until we learned otherwise.

Others of us, brought up in another religion or none at all, began a later-life journey into Judaism by choice, and continue to define and re-define our beliefs.

However our journeys began, during our structured time together, Edna will guide our exploration in three areas: 1) Our Child and adolescent memories surrounding religion, God, rituals and traditions 2) Our spiritual journey as a young adult 3) Our entering the doorway into Etz Chaim and experiencing membership in this congregation.

We will participate in guided reflection and invite you to capture some of your own memories in writing, optionally sharing your writing in small groups, with community discussion and input from Edna.

Your reflections and writing may serve to clarify your Jewish journey for yourself, may provide a way to share it with family or friends, and could become part of a legacy that we include in the written history of our congregation.



Cost: \$5.00 for lunch ~ Please write check to CEC or remit cash to Michele Miller.

Registration required by Wed., Nov. 15th.

Please email Barbara Turner at

cec.lifelonglearning@congetzchaim.org or call the office, 630.627.3912. Space is limited.

If you must cancel, please do so by Nov. 15th as well.