



CONGREGATION BETH DAVID'S BOOK CLUB
Information from Sally Chorney

The revitalized CBD Book Club has been meeting since 2011. We meet about 9 times a year, usually once a month, generally breaking for the summer. All the meetings are at my house (4 Talia Court, Narragansett) and people take turns bringing something to nosh. On average, 7 to 10 people attend each meeting, which usually lasts from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the Jewish calendar and my calendar, as host. It is not required that you finish the month's selection in order to attend. Even if you don't finish the selection, we encourage you to attend. We've found that sharing our opinions gives us food for thought (if you'll pardon the expression) and even encourages a member to finish - or start - the book. Roughly half of the books we've read so far are about Jews or being Jewish, Israel, and/or by a Jewish author. So far, we've read over 30 books — and have had a wonderful time together in the process.

For the past 3 years, meetings have been rather informal; we simply take turns saying what we thought about the month's selection. I use the phrase 'taking turns' rather loosely since we are, after all, a group of Jewish women in one room and consensus is not always possible (or necessary). Recently we've decided to change our format. Each book club member will have an opportunity to select the book for the next month and will lead the discussion at the subsequent meeting. We've also committed to having the conversation be more focused and more organized.

You are welcome to join us when we reconvene in September. Our first selection will be [The Goldfinch](#) by Donna Tartt. Please feel free to contact me (Sally by phone 789-6044 or email smchorney1@verizon.net if you have any questions).