Jewish peoplehood is always central. It comes before the Jewish nation or the Jewish state
- Adin Steinsaltz

Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Memorial Service
Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors: Coping with the Memory

April 27, 2014
27 Nisan, 5774
1:00 PM

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom
CBY Choir
Cantorial Soloists: Jaquelin Schmid & Adriana Urato
Accompanist: Larry Mercer
Choir Director: David Kimbell
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**SEND TO:**

Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting Street, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Don’t worry, I understand that most people prefer to delight in the culinary aspects of the Seder meal and are a bit hesitant about delving into the narrative and the Haggadah’s many stories and commentaries. I urge us, nevertheless, to give it a try and prepare for the event not only by the food preparation but by reviewing the story and some interesting interpretations as well. Just invest an hour of time before Passover and look at one aspect of the story where there is a question and discuss it with the guests. It will make a difference for everyone and it does not have to keep everyone up past their bed time either.

So let me offer one question for discussion at this year’s Passover Seder. There is a quote from chapter seven, verse two in Exodus. “And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart and multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt.” This verse prepares us for the onslaught of plagues which God will bring against the Egyptians. We see this statement uttered by God several times including chapter ten in Exodus. Why does God need to harden Pharaoh’s heart? Does this act not contradict the idea people can repent their sins? Have we not learned that repentance is one of the highest values in our faith? If so, then how do we explain that God would harden anyone’s heart let alone Pharaoh’s heart?

The sages of our tradition have a lot to say about these questions. One in particular, Rabbi Yochanan, worried that our adversaries would exclaim that the God of Israel takes away from people the ability to repent. Not good for Judaism, right? Another scholar for Reish Lakish quoted from Psalms, “He scorns the scorners”(3:34). His view is that God warns a person to repent several times and if they refuse then God will close their hearts to repentance to punish them. He claims that God gave Pharaoh several times to recant his decrees and to make amends but each time Pharaoh refused, so this time God closed his heart saying, “Now I will add impurity to your impurity by hardening your heart.”

It seems, according to the great modern Torah scholar Nehama Leibowitz, that Pharaoh did not have free will. If so, she asks, how can he be held responsible for enslaving and not letting the children of Israel go? Reish Lakish explains that he had the chance or the free will to make the choice but in the end he rejected God and now would face the consequences. It was now too late.

Have we not seen this phenomenon before where a leader rejects the opportunity to make peace? Peacemaking requires a leader to compromise even after pride and arrogance set in. In addition repentance means showing humility, which is often misinterpreted as weakness. The tragedy occurs when a leader will gladly see their own people suffer before they ever act in the bests interests of the people. This is in part why Pharaoh’s own pride led to the destruction of the first born of Egypt and the death of his soldiers in the Sea of Reeds chasing after the Israelites. Actually, God hardened Pharaoh’s heart not only against the Jewish people but against his own people as well.

Let’s take this one step further. What about relating this interpretation not just to Pharaoh but to those who become so engrossed in bitterness, pride and vanity with regard to relationships with family and friends which have gone awry? Can any human being become so consumed in their own need for being right that they will destroy, like Pharaoh, others, including those who they are supposed to care about? Now I have taken this text and turned it to address us rather than a foreign despot.

We like to believe that religion is supposed to teach us the right way to behave. We like to believe that people do things because it is the right thing to do. One commentator from medieval Italy, Sforno, said that Pharaoh acted not out of true repentance but out of fear of the consequences. Even then he reneged on his decree to let them go. Being sincere and honest are the values which Pharaoh never understood. As for us, this discussion can provide a lot of opportunities to explore personal integrity today, not only for our national and local leaders but in a very personal way for ourselves, especially when we become immersed in family issues.

On behalf of Linda and Leah, I wish everyone a Hag Sameah v’Kasher. May you all have a joyous holiday where the purity of spirit and heart erase any bitterness and anger.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W.  D.D.

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**Torah Portion:**

- **April 5**  Parashat Metzora
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- **April 19**  Passover
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**Parashat Chol Hamoed**

**April 19**

9:30 AM

*The state of human rights in the World Today*

**April 12**

10:00 AM

**Parashat Acharei Mot**

*A study session on the Passover Haggadah: Five conversations that you can use to enrich your Seder meal*
As always, there was plenty of activity at CBY! The month started off with a raucous Casino Night where over 70 congregants enjoyed the food provided by Riley’s catering and especially all the games of chance where almost everybody went away as a winner.

On the following weekend we welcomed a new adult member to our fold by celebrating a Bat Mitzvah. This year’s Purim service with the theme of Dr. Seuss was the best ever. Many of the adults, including yours truly, dressed up in Dr. Seuss inspired costumes with the Rabbi playing the role of the Grinch. The Dr. Seuss songs which were changed to Purim characters were performed beautifully by Adriana and our pianist Larry Mercer and the shpiel written, directed, and moderated by Gobby Cohen was hilarious. Take a look at our website where many of the pictures of the evening are posted.

The full house of congregants and guests had a wonderful and memorable time!

On the next weekend our well attended Ambassador Party was graciously hosted by Barbara and Marvin Frogel. Our Ambassador Program, sponsored by our Membership Committee, is one of our most successful endeavors and quickly integrates new members into our CBY family.

The month ended on a high note with the dedication of the beautiful menorah now gracing our lobby which designed by David Klass and was donated by the Adelman family in honor of Nelson and Donna’s 50th anniversary.

Some of you may recall in my Yom Kippur address to the congregation, I announced the pending retirement in June of this year of our beloved soloist Jaquey Schmid. At that time I said we were going to continue our focus on bringing excellent music to our services and explore the possibility of obtaining a student cantor to join Adriana, Larry and our Shabbat choir as part of our music team. I’m very pleased to announce that we got 3 very generous anonymous donations to help us pursue this venture and we now have enough funds to procure a student cantor for the next four years. This upcoming fiscal year we’re very fortunate to have selected Nancy Dubin join us as our student cantor. She will be with us for this year’s High Holy Days as well as once a month for an entire weekend through June, 2015. Nancy is a 3rd year cantorial student from the HUC and hails from the Bronx, NY. She was a music major at Brandeis University and is an accomplished musician and singer. We’re all looking forward to have her join our wonderful music team!

I want to thank Debbi Urato, Joe Levy, and Mike Werner for updating our history which was documented from the early years of CBY through 2007 and we will have an updated version through the current time in the near future. So, my ‘Did You Know’ will be a few highlights from a couple of those years...

- In 2008, the Capital Campaign raised close to $2,000,000 and hired Kermit Huggins as the chief architect to move forward with the design and begin construction once everything had been approved which was in July 2009.
- 2008 was also the year the congregation reviewed the new Reform Movement prayer book, Mishkan T’filah which of course is the prayer book we’ve all come to know and love for almost all of our services.
- In August 2008 the Board approved the lease for our temporary office space at Sutler’s Square where our office remained until our new building was completed in 2009.
- In December 2009, with great reluctance and sadness, the Board accepted the resignation of Rabbi Covitz. A Rabbi Search Committee was co-chaired by Michael Werner and Stan Bluestone and of course the final selection was Rabbi Bloom.

Next month I’ll feature a few more highlights.

B’Shalom,
Mike
So you have no more room for any more framed art? Well, the CBY Israeli Art, Jewelry, and Judaica Sale offers something for you too!

The Congregation Beth Yam Israeli Art, Jewelry and Judaica Sale will be held at CBY on Sunday, April 6 from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. In addition to some fantastic framed modern art from renowned Israeli artists, there will be a large selection of some very unique Judaica items such as Shabbat candle holders, mezuzahs, menorahs, wine cups and many other creations. The beautiful custom jewelry being presented is really as much art as it is jewelry. Two of the artists, Ilan Hasson and Avi Biran will be present to meet with you and discuss their work.

These items are perfect to enjoy for many years to come, but also something special to pass along to your children and grandchildren. In addition to helping Congregation Beth Yam, you will help these artists overcome the boycott of Israeli produced items being waged worldwide. Please plan to attend and show your support. The event is open to the public and is free, so bring some friends and enjoy the art, the wine and the cheese. RSVP to bethyam@aol.com.

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing...”

On the evening of June 3 we will mark Shavuot and celebrate together Hearing the Voice of the Torah. We will celebrate the giving of Torah at Mount Sinai. On that day Adonai swore eternal devotion to us and we, the Jewish community swore eternal devotion to our God.

On June 3 we will learn about Shavuot. Our congregation will gather as one community as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. We will sing old music and new to recall our presence at Sinai, connecting it to the present day and to providing its heritage for future generations.

Join your voice to the choir of voices on June 3. Our cantorial soloists, the Shabbat choir, and an array of instrumentalists will sing out. Our music director, David Kimbell will lead us in joyful song, including music composed by him, especially for this occasion. You are invited to be the essence of this event, to join in one of the workshops, to lend your voice in the musical presentation.

Music rehearsals are on May 7, May 14, May 21, and May 28. Dress rehearsal is on June 2.

Concurrent Workshops: You are invited to participate in one of the following workshops:

- Writing your Torah story.............................. Sandee Willis, leader
- By the work of your hand ............................... Joanna Chalson, leader
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Passover ~ April 15, 2014

Called the “festival of the matzohs” in the Hebrew Bible, the commandment to keep Passover is recorded in the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to the Israeli people and say to them: These are my fixed times of the Lord, which you shall proclaim as sacred occasions. In the first month, on the 14th day of the month, at twilight, there shall be a Passover offering to the Lord, and on the fifteenth day of the month the Lord’s Feast of Unleavened Bread. You shall eat unleavened bread for seven days. (Leviticus 23:5)

Passover, or Pesach, is an important, biblically-derived Jewish festival. The Jewish people celebrate Passover as a commemoration of their liberation over 3,300 years ago by God from slavery in ancient Egypt that was ruled by the Pharaohs, and their birth as a nation under the leadership of Moses. It commemorates the story of the Exodus as described in the Hebrew Bible especially in the Book of Exodus in which the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt.

As we celebrate the Festival of Passover with our friends and family, please remember how difficult life was for the Israelites and pass a little sweetness over your corner of the world.

Yom HaAtzma'ut - Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Israel’s Independence Day celebration

featuring Peri Smilow
Tuesday May 6, 2014 5:00 PM

Beginning at 5:00 PM
Yom HaZikaron
Israel’s Memorial Day
and immediately following
Yom HaAtzma’ut
Israel’s Independence Day celebration

Congregation Beth Yam will be joining millions of others from around the world in remembering and honoring those who lost their lives in the struggle for Israel’s independence, as well as all those soldiers who have died while serving in the Israeli Defense Forces and those others who have been victims of terrorism.

In Israel, on the previous day, Yom HaZikaron will be marked by flags being flown at half mast, an air raid siren going off for a minute in tribute and a full day of radio and television programs honoring those who sacrificed their lives for Israel’s existence. At CBY we too, will remember all of those who gave their lives during Israel’s struggle by honoring their memory with a special prayer service.

Immediately after the Yom HaZikaron service, CBY’s celebration of Israel’s Independence Day, Yom HaAtzma’ut begins. Included will be a special concert performed by internationally acclaimed Peri Smilow.

Peri Smilow has been wowing audiences since the mid 1990’s with her unique singing, guitar playing and story telling talents. As a regular performer at UAHC regional conventions, CAJE conferences and other national gatherings, Peri combines love of all things Jewish with an ability to touch people with words and music that help transmit a deep love of heritage that move people to want “to make a difference.” Connecting with people of all ages, she creates moments of transformation. Dinner will be served following the Yom HaAtzma’ut celebration.

Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzma’ut will be an evening to be enjoyed by all and Congregation Beth Yam members are encouraged to bring their friends. The cost for dinner and the concert will be $10 for adult members of CBY (No charge for children) and $15 for all non-members. Please make your check, payable to CBY, and mail to Barbara and Harold Freeman, 10 Myrtle Bank Road, Hilton Head, SC 29926.

Join us on May 6th for an evening of remembrance, honor and celebration!
Yom HaShoah Service - Eve Sanker

Second Generation of Holocaust Survivors:
Coping with the Memory

On Sunday, April 27th at 1:00 PM, Beth Yam will hold its Annual Holocaust Memorial service. The entire community is invited to attend. Poetry readings, our wonderful choir, and the participation of our youth group will make this a special service.

Please contact Eve Sanker with the names of any Holocaust survivors or children of survivors in our community who would like to attend and light a memorial candle.

ALAN BAER

I am Alan Baer, only child of Herbert and Helma Baer, German-born and raised (Nuremberg and Cologne, respectively) Holocaust Survivors. Both were fortunate to have had the foresight and opportunity to leave Germany in 1937-1938 while they still could. Each emigrated to the United States in early 1940 – my father via Belgium and my mother via the Netherlands.

Business associates of the business of my father’s family provided him means and a safe-haven, and eventually contacts to get him passage to the US. My mother subsisted as a nanny in the homes of various sympathetic-to-the-Jews families, and eventually connected with a Quaker group that arranged for her entry into America. The fates of other family members were at both ends of the spectrum – from my maternal grandmother dying of pneumonia as a result of not being allowed to be treated in a German hospital, to my maternal grandfather taken on the last Cologne transport and being exterminated in Auschwitz, to my paternal grandmother miraculously surviving the entire war in Belgium.

My parents met socially in the New York City German-Jewish refugee community, married there in 1942 and moved to Chicago in 1944 ostensibly in search of a better (vs bitter) life prompted by a job opportunity for my father. I think though they were also very much influenced by the need to make a break with the past/draw a line in the sand to put their experiences from the war years behind them to allow them to ‘reclaim’ their lives and all they lost – from family to dignity to normalcy to opportunity to personal, family and material success.

SAM BIRNBAUM


Sam's mother Lena Roth was born in 1911 and came to the US at age nine along with her mother, a sister and three brothers in 1920. Grandfather Samuel Roth preceded them in 1917 and was able to earn enough money to bring the rest of the family. They came from Zargorz, a small village in Poland. Sam's father Levi (Leon), the youngest of nine children, was born in 1907 also in Zargorz and came to New York via Montreal. Sam's mother and father never knew each other in Zargorz, but the Birnbaum and Roth families were friends. Levi and Lena's older brother Avrim were classmates in Zargorz at the yeshiva and rekindled their boyhood friendship when Levi arrived in the US. Avrim introduced Levi to Lena and in 1939 they married in Youngstown.

Grandparents Peretz and Rachael Birnbaum came to New York in 1949 from Siberia where they were deported from Poland by the Russians. Two aunts were also sent to Siberia but chose to resettle in the new State of Israel in 1949.

Another aunt, Regina, and her son Jackie were murdered in Auschwitz. Their memory is recorded in the "Central Database of the Shoah Victims Names" in Jerusalem at Yad Vashem. Their names and story can be found along with two thirds of the six million Jews murdered by the Nazis at www.yadvashem.org.

JANICE FRADKIN

Janice Fradkin was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland and is a graduate of the University of Maryland (BS, Ed.) and Johns Hopkins University (MEd.). In addition to teaching first grade, she has been a medical practice administrator and the Coordinator of Volunteers for Jewish Family and Career Services and Weinstein Hospice in Atlanta, Georgia.

Both of Janice's parents emigrated from Germany to the United States and proudly became naturalized citizens. Their early experiences and the losses suffered during the Shoah greatly impacted their world view and the dynamics of family life.

ILENE SCHWARTZ

Ilene Schwartz is the only child of Andrew (deceased) and Sophie Miklos, long time synagogue members. She moved from Arlington, Virginia and currently resides in Sun City with her husband Michael. She has two grown children living in Boulder and Boston. Ilene taught Special Education in the metro DC area schools and is still actively supporting families with children with special needs.

Ilene’s mother is from a small town in Transylvania, Romania, and a survivor of several concentration camps: Auschwitz, Birkenau, Stutthof and Praut. Sophie has written about her experiences in her book, Paper Gauze Ballerina. Ilene’s father was from Debrecen Hungary, and a survivor of several labor camps in Romania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union. Both of their stories have been recorded by Steven Spielberg’s Survivor of the Shoah Visual History project.
Sisterhood ~ Janet Weingarten, Sisterhood President

Spring has finally arrived and with it a time of renewal and growth. I do want to look back at the wonderful Book Club that Sisterhood held in March at the Cypress. What better place to discuss the inspiring book *A Century of Wisdom* than at the home of senior Sisterhood members Minnie Levine, who led our discussion, Ruth Reinhold, Ellen Lash and Sophie Miklos. All of these women’s insight contributed to a thought provoking afternoon.

This month we will gather together to retell the Passover story and partake of our Seder meals. Whether we share our Seder with our families, CBY community or both, think about the journey Jewish women have taken from biblical times to now. None of us have made the journey alone, but rather with those that came before us and those that travel by our side. I am grateful for the foundation laid by CBY Sisterhood founders and leaders that serve with me. I am also inspired by our Bat Mitzvah young women and their journey to their wonderful day. Our mothers of religious school students are working hard to ensure that our legacy and story continues to be handed down.

I look forward to sharing Passover with you and hope to see many of you at the Sisterhood installation on May 9 as we welcome new leadership.

Yours in sisterhood, Janet

Sisterhood Installation Shabbat
Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood invites you to attend the Installation of the 2014-2015 Board of Directors on Friday, May 9 during the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service. Please come and express your appreciation and best wishes to the incoming board.

Book Club
Join us on Thursday, May 8 at 12:30 PM at the Moss Creek Club House to hear Barbara Freeman review the book *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich. Please bring your book selections to this meeting so we can select books for the coming season. Remember, the book must have a Jewish theme or be written by a Jewish author. RSVP to Judie Aronson.

*It is not too late to make a reservation for the Women’s Seder on April 3. Please get in touch with Cathy Kite.*

Endowment Committee ~ Ted David

Organizing Your Estate Plan
The Trustees of the CBY Endowment have located an excellent Guide to assist you in Organizing Your Estate Plan and Financial Information. If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact Ted David.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ~ Treat the Troops ~ Nadyne Ulicny

Treat the Troops was founded in 1990 by Jeanette Cram (the Cookie Lady) with the idea of sending homemade, not store bought, cookies to our deployed military. One box of cookies was sent to “Any Soldier” from her home in New Jersey. Now, 24 years later and based in Hilton Head Plantation, Treat the Troops has grown nationally sending 3,746,762 home baked cookies to our service men and women stationed around the world. I, personally, probably have made over 28,800 cookies since I started.

The cookies now have to be sent to a specific soldier at the request of an individual, a battle buddy or loved one. The bakers, affectionately known as “Crums,” bake dozens of cookies at their own expense. CBY’s sisterhood and men’s club have been great supporters of Treat the Troops with their time—baking cookies and generously collecting donations at the Barnes & Noble gift wrap (sisterhood) and annual golf tournament (men’s club), which helps pay for postage. We get heartfelt letters back from the troops thanking us for the time and thoughtfulness in making tasty cookies, but most of all for our support and remembering them.

To volunteer to bake just get in touch with me. We will be happy to welcome you as a new “crumb.”
CBY Men’s Club ~ Nelson Adelman, President

The Lowcountry - A Pirates Haven Once Again? Men’s Club had an outstanding turnout at its monthly meeting on March 11. Thanks to Steve Burstein, we were treated to an engaging presentation and lively discussion with guest speaker, US Coast Guard Vice Admiral (Ret.) John Shkor, an authority on modern day piracy on the high seas. Although piracy is not likely to become a Men’s Club fundraising activity any time soon, we are now well-versed in the tactical options and legal limitations should the opportunity arise in the waters off our Island paradise.

Upcoming Events:
♦ Next Men’s Club meeting is at CBY on Tuesday, April 8 at 12:15 PM.
♦ Sand Gnats baseball game outing to Savannah in June (watch for details)
♦ 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Dolphin Head Golf Club, Hilton Head Plantation, Monday October 13

Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman, Principal

Ma Koreh!
Translation: What’s going on!
מכוריה

Check out the Religious School Newsletter by clicking the image above

I feel the need to Nosh

Nosh on Judaism
April 29 at 5:00 PM
Religious High School Class
ed by Rabbi Bloom
hosted by Debbie & Scott Hamlin
Topic ”Stories you never read about in the Bible”

April 25, 2014 at 5:45 PM
(preceding Fusion Dinner)
Special service for children birth - through 1st grade
Led by Sarah Bornstein, Adriana Urato, and David Kimbell

Library Committee ~ Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern

Passover Haggadahs come in a variety of sizes and shapes. Some of us still remember the pamphlet sized ones distributed by Maxwell House. The library in the JRC is fortunate to own some very special Passover Haggadahs. See examples outside the JRC and check out the shelves under “1700.”

In addition to a facsimile copy of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, we own a copy of the American Heritage Haggadah, the Diaspora Haggadah and An Israel Haggadah for Passover.

For those who have not read Geraldine Brooks’, People of the Book, we recommend this fictional retelling of the history of the Sarajevo Passover Haggadah.

Our thanks to Helen Hauer for the donation of The Provider by Evelyn Marshall.

BOOK REVIEW by Marcia Mann

On Hitler’s Mountain: Overcoming the legacy of a Nazi Childhood.

Irmgard Hunt has written a powerful, illuminating, and beautiful memoir of living a seemingly idyllic and happy childhood in the lovely mountains of Berchtesgaden. It is the story of a child growing up as a Nazi, in a culture defined by the political agenda of National Socialism, only peripherally affecting the lives of local villagers, occasionally seeing the slave laborers marched out to work, facing rationing and shortages, and finally, ultimate defeat. Unlike many Germans who tried to dissociate themselves from the horrors of the Nazi regime, Hunt, as an adult, has gone back to revisit the story of a nation in the grip of hatred, insanity and conquest. An amazing read!
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Social Action ~ Judie Aronson

Mitzvah Days:
Begin the day on Sunday May 4 at 9:30 AM with a light breakfast under the portico at CBY and then take part in one of the six activities offered. Other activities are also offered on May 6, 7, 8, and 12. [Click here](#) to sign up or view the activities on the temple web site. Email completed check list to Laurie Feuerman or bring to the temple office. Let’s all chip in and do a Mitzvah!!!

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Ritual Committee - Judy Bluestone

Bima flowers will be ordered for all holidays, special services and commemorations.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot – “Hearing the Voice at Sinai”
The program has been set, workshop leaders assigned, and rehearsals for a musical cantata arranged by music director David Kimbell are underway. You will not want to miss an extraordinary evening on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 starting at 7:30 PM. Please watch Temple Tidings and the CBY website for more information on registering for one of four exciting special interest workshops which will precede the cantata. For more details, please see page 5 in this issue of the Tidings.

Tikkun HaNefesh
In preparation for the new High Holy Day prayer book, Tikkun HaNefesh, a committee has begun to plan for a series of interesting programs and learning sessions designed to introduce this exciting and innovative volume. Tikkun HaNefesh will not be available until 2015 but Rabbi Bloom plans to integrate small portions in the services this coming fall.

Yom HaZikaron (Memorial Day) and Yom Ha‘Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) will be celebrated at CBY on Tuesday, May 6 starting at 5:00 PM with the lighting of the torch in remembrance of Israeli soldiers who died in defense of Israel. A barbecue will follow with a concert presented by Peri Smilow, renowned singer/guitarist.

Care Committee ~ Susan Britanisky and Sandy Leff

Wednesday, April 9 from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
The Care Committee will host their annual Passover Service and Nosh. We are featuring Moses and Miriam (aka Rabbi Bloom and Judy Bluestone) and our choir director David Kimbell will add his musical talents while we nosh on traditional Passover food. This program is open to congregants but you must email or call Sandy Leff by April 3. Residents of senior facilities in both Hilton Head and Bluffton have been invited. There is no charge for this event.

Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro

This month, let’s again click on the “Learning” tab on our Bethyam.org website. The first dropdown item is entitled Torah Study. In addition to a banner reminding us that Congregation Beth Yam has a Torah Study class led by Rabbi Bloom every second Saturday morning of the month at 10:00 AM, there are a number of places to click to get transported to select sites at reformjudaism.org. You can browse Torah Commentary and Ten Minutes of Torah, for example. There is so much to learn about the weekly Torah Parashat, courtesy of the URJ resources available at our Website.

Feel free to learn more about the membership and activities of our Adult Education Committee, which is the next dropdown item. Perhaps you would like to join. The Our Library dropdown describes the vast collection of books, videos, and DVDs located in our Jewish Resource Center and provides a catalogue link. It also contains a compendium of links to many of Rabbi Bloom’s past sermons and articles. Of course, you may always visit fusion613.blogspot.com, and go directly to Rabbi Bloom’s website, which also contains many of his sermons and articles, as well as comments by our members.

Finally, you should check out our 92nd Street Y programs. When you click on this item, you can obtain the schedule of available events at our synagogue. You can also register for individual events, or subscribe to the current season’s series. This series of broadcasts, available via a special dedicated satellite/TV link, has enhanced the general prestige of our Congregation, and is a magnificent resource for educational and cultural events of Jewish interest.
Family to Family: another Belin Award Winning program

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Temple Tidings

CBY Film Series 2014 ~ Steve and Sharon Burstein

April 3 - Lies My Father Told Me
Growing up in a ghetto is tough on David, an 8-year-old Orthodox Jewish boy. His only real friend is his grandfather, who places great value on tradition. But David's father is anxious to assimilate, creating constant tension in the household.

The 2014 Film Series ends with the May 1 showing of Language of the Enemy.

Outreach Committee ~ Marcia Frezza

“OUTREACH ON THE MOVE,” one of the programs that won the Outreach Committee the Belin Award, will travel to Charleston on May 8, to visit these extraordinary historic sites of culture and history.

KKBE: Founded in 1749 as a Sephardic Orthodox congregation. In 1841, Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim--also known as KKBE--was firmly committed to the path of religious Reform Judaism.

KKBE's Coming Street Cemetery (189 Coming Street) is the oldest surviving Jewish cemetery. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Buried here are: ten congregants who fought in the American Revolution, six soldiers of the War of 1812, two soldiers in the Seminole Wars in Florida, 21 Civil War participants.

St. Mary's Catholic Church: St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic Church in the Carolinas, with a parish founded in the 1700's. Every surface is adorned with fine art.

Lunch at the lovely Sermet Restaurant: A fine dining restaurant on King Street directly around the corner from both KKBE Synagogue and St. Mary's Church.

There is NO CHARGE for this trip except for your lunch. We will car pool or drive individually to Charleston. Maps and directions will be provided. Parking will be available at the Charleston Place Hotel Lot (Directions will be provided). The trip is limited to 35, so please RSVP as soon as possible to Rita Suntup or Marcia Frezza to reserve your place.

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Adult Education - Elliot Siegel

In a continuation of our theme for 2014 - What it means to be a Jew in the modern world - we will explore two challenging topics, followed by Rabbi Bloom who will lead us in a spirited discussion after each program.

May 15 at 7:00 PM: Guest speaker Avraham (Alan) Schriger visiting from Israel with his family will share his insights on current tensions in Israel between secular and religious Jews who are coping to protect Israel’s security both economically and militarily. A focal point is exemption from service in the Israel Defense Forces.

June 12 at 7:00 PM: Stan Kleiman will introduce the documentary film, Trembling Before G-D, that questions assumptions about faith, sexuality, and religious fundamentalism. It is built around intimately told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay and lesbian, and who face a dilemma reconciling their love for Judaism with biblical prohibitions against homosexuality. (Running time 84 minutes.)
Purim Carnival ~ March 9, 2014

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