



Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth Yam, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but to reveal to him his own." - Benjamin Disraeli

A Special
Worship Experience
Congregation Beth Yam
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
7:15 PM



"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
Why dairy on Shavuot? Nadyne Ulicny, leader
Kabbalah—What is it....really? Rabbi Bloom, leader

Details of each of the workshops is on page 14

Bar Mitzvah ~ Baruk ~ May 3, 2014

מול טוב!

My name is Baruk, and I am in seventh grade at Hilton Head Middle School. I am in advanced classes and have been on the principal's honour roll.

Some of the things I enjoy most is travelling, making jokes, having fun with friends, and spending time with family. Since I enjoy reading and literacy, for my mitzvah project, I am collecting children's books for Mitzvah Day and reading to the children at the Children's Center. I am also planning to help with the Family Promise.



I have been a part of this Congregation since I was very young and have enjoyed learning about the Jewish religion and studying Hebrew. I am very excited about becoming Bar Mitzvah and working hard to do my best.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Judaica Shop Hours</p> <p>Monday - Friday 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Candle Lighting Times</p> <p>May 2 7:46 PM May 9 7:31 PM May 16 7:33 PM May 23 8:29 PM May 30 7:36 PM</p>			<p>1 FAMILY PROMISE</p> <p>3:30 PM Hunger & Homeless Coalition</p> <p>4:30 Hebrew School</p> <p>7 PM Movie Night <i>The Yankles</i></p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>2 FAMILY PROMISE</p> <p>8 PM Shabbat Service</p>	<p>3 FAMILY PROMISE</p> <p>10 AM Bar Mitzvah</p> <p><i>Emor</i></p>
<p>4 FAMILY PROMISE</p> <p>9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 9:15 AM Gesher 9:15 AM Middle School 9:30 AM Mitzvah Day</p>	<p>5 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>10 AM Ritual Committee 10:30 AM Mitzvah Day Project: Bloom at Hilton Head 4 PM Executive Committee</p> <p>YOM HAKIKARON OBSERVED</p>	<p>6 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>9:30 AM Mitzvah Day Project: CODA 5 PM Yom HaAtzma'ut Israel Independence Day Concert with Peri Smilow</p> <p>YOM HA'ATZMAUT OBSERVED</p>	<p>7 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>9:30 AM Mitzvah Day Project: Beaufort Health & Wellness Van at Walmart 11 AM Mitzvah Day Project: Bake cookies with Sisterhood 3:30 Endowment Trustees 4 PM Soloist Meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>OUTREACH TRIP TO CHARLESTON 10 AM Sisterhood Board 12:30 PM Book Club at Moss Creek Clubhouse 4:30 PM Hebrew School</p>	<p>9 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service - Sisterhood Installation</p>	<p>10 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>10 AM Torah Study</p> <p><i>Behar</i></p>
<p>11 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p>	<p>12 MITZVAH WEEK</p> <p>9:30 AM Mitzvah Day Project: Deep Well 4 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:15 PM CBY Men's Club Luncheon 5:30 PM Religious School Committee</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4 PM Soloist Meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 TIDINGS DEADLINE</p> <p>10 AM Outreach Committee 1 PM Membership Committee 4 PM Back Pack Buddies 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7 PM Adult Education Program - Alan Schriger</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8 PM New Member Shabbat Service with Choir</p> <p></p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM Hot Topic Shabbat</p> <p>HOT TOPIC <i>Bechukotai</i></p>
<p>18 LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</p> <p>9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 9:15 AM Gesher 9:15 AM Middle School 12 PM Religious School Picnic</p> <p>LAG BA'OMER</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2 PM Communications Committee 3:30 PM Social Action Committee</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4 PM Soloist Meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3 PM Fundraising Committee 8 PM 92Y - Elie Wiesel</p> <p></p>	<p>23</p> <p>6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service honoring graduating seniors</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Bemidbar</i></p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5 PM Nosh on Judaism for RS High School Students 5:30 PM Religious School Teachers Meeting</p> <p></p>	<p>28</p> <p>4 PM Soloist Meeting 7 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>YOM YERUSHALAYIM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>5:45 PM Shabbat Shirah 6:15 PM Fusion Dinner 7:30 PM Fusion Shabbat Service</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Naso</i></p>

Rabbi's Message

We have been planning this event the entire year. What is it? No, it's not a secret at all. This convocation of our community is about a coming together to celebrate what it means to be a Jew. I'm not talking about gastronomic Judaism; rather, I refer to the heart and soul of our tradition. So now it is time to reveal the surprise.

On Tuesday night June 3rd, our congregation continues to test its indomitable spirit to explore and innovate new ideas. We will sponsor what is called the Tikkun Leil Shavuot. This literally means a midnight study session, but, it goes way beyond those words. The story goes that in the 16th century in the town of S'fat, Israel, which had become a very prosperous town in the Ottoman Empire along the trade routes between Damascus and Jerusalem, a group of rabbis rejuvenated Jewish worship and study and revived the mystical tradition in Judaism. This circle of scholars brought us the Kabbalat Shabbat services where we sing songs like L'chah Dodi and Yedid Nefesh. They fused together an amazing spirit of enthusiasm for God and fired up the people with innovative liturgies and rituals. One of them was a midnight study session to celebrate the holiday of Shavuot, the season of God giving the Torah to the Jewish people.

Over the last several decades Reform congregations began experimenting with this custom and we started special gatherings on Shavuot to breathe new life into the community to honor the giving and receiving of the Torah. Now the time has come for Beth Yam to create its own Tikkun Leil Shavuot, but, we will start it right after dinner instead. Our planning for this event began last year and what we have planned for everyone will be fantastic.

Our working premise is based on the idea that we all hear the voice of Torah according to our own understanding. In fact, according to one Midrash, Rabbi Yochanan taught that when the voice of God came forth from Mt. Sinai, it divided itself into the seventy languages of humankind, so that all peoples would be able to understand it.



Moreover Rabbi Tanhuma stated that the voice of God at Mt. Sinai was understood by everyone according to his or her ability to understand. Old and young alike understood it according to their ability to understand. Even Moses himself understood the Voice of God according to his ability.

The point is that we all relate differently to Torah and understand it according to our own mindset. This event at Congregation Beth Yam will provide

a variety of learning sessions which is all about welcoming and embracing the meaning of Torah as if God spoke to our ancestors and to us here and now, today. After the learning sessions and, of course, a social time to delight in the foods customarily eaten on Shavuot, we shall gather in the Sanctuary to listen to the Beth Yam choir perform a cantata directed by our Director of Music David Kimbell on the theme of Torah and our lives.

None of this would occur without the leadership of the Congregation including our Ritual Committee and its chairperson Judy Bluestone, Music Committee and Felicia Pascal and Adult Education Elliot Siegel. I am so proud to see the collaborative effort between committees working together to achieve a common goal. I urge each and every person and family to mark your calendar, come with an open mind and be prepared to witness the talent and dedication of your fellow congregants.

Judaism centers around Torah. It is has been interpreted into a myriad of commentaries and its meanings are beyond imagination. Yet we all have our own thinking about Torah on multiple levels so come join us and explore together how we all bring out unique perspectives and blend them together for a sacred evening of learning, sharing and beautiful music together.

Shalom,

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

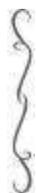


May 10
10:00 AM

Parashat Behar

Book of Leviticus Chapter 25

"Do Corporations have an ethical mandate to be honest and forthright with consumers? If so what is the religion-legal basis of this mandate?"



HOT TOPIC

May 17
9:30 AM

Parashat Bechukotai

Book of Leviticus 26:3-37:34
The Peace Process between Israel and the Palestinians: An Assessment and Projections to the Future.

Torah Portion:



May 2	Parashat Emor
May 9	Parashat Behar
May 16	Parashat Bechukotai
May 23	Parashat Bemidbar
May 30	Parashat Naso

President's Message

April was another great month for CBY! The month began with a Women's Seder sponsored by the CBY Sisterhood. The Seder was conducted by Elaine Lust, the delicious food catered by the Serg Group and the attendance at an all-time high of over 80 women celebrating together.

On the first Sunday of the month, a very well attended and joyous Religious School model Seder was held for the Religious School children and their parents. That afternoon our social hall was transformed into a market where a wonderful Israeli art and jewelry sale sponsored by the Fundraising Committee was held. The interesting items were viewed and many of them purchased by a very large crowd attending the event. The artists, who were hosted by affiliate members Rick and Karen Dale, donated 20% of the proceeds to CBY adding substantially to our treasury. In addition, Rick and Karen purchased a beautiful painting and donated it to CBY which we will all be able to enjoy for many years to come. Thank you Rick and Karen!

To make sure that every age group had the opportunity to celebrate Passover, the Care Committee conducted a Senior Passover Program that same week where many remote seniors in our community were transported to our temple to enjoy the holiday. The last and largest Passover event was our Community Seder sponsored by our Sisterhood was held on the 2nd night of Passover and attended by approximately 140 congregants, their guests, and visitors to the island. The beautiful service was conducted by Rabbi Bloom accompanied by Adriana Urato and David Kimbell with of course community participation. Once again, the Serg Group outdid themselves with a wonderful meal including home-made gefilte fish! Not only was the food delicious, it was beautifully presented and served efficiently to the large crowd. Many thanks to the Sisterhood team who made this a very special event for everyone!

The last major event of the month was the moving Yom HaShoah service with beautiful music by our choir and touching speeches from four of our members who are second generation Holocaust survivors. This service always gives us the



opportunity to reflect on how lucky we are to live in a country of religious freedom.

Most of you are reading this month's Tidings by either picking up a copy in our lobby or reading or printing it from the email you receive from CBY with the document attached. Did you know that it's now available directly on our CBY website? Click on the Media dropdown list on our homepage and then click on Newsletter and you'll have available our Monthly Tidings from March, 2014 on. Many thanks to Michael Shapiro, our webmaster and Elaine Lust and Karen Smith for editing out all personal information (donations, children's names) and making it available online to anyone who visits our website with the appropriate considerations for privacy and security!

As I mentioned in my last month's column, my 'Did You Know' will be a few of the highlights of the years from 2009-11 of our history. Shortly the entire history will be available in hard-copy as well as online through our website. So....



- ◆ Our Voluntary Dues Program for 1st year members was established in 2009. The program has been enormously successful with our retention rate at close to 90%.
- ◆ Our Endowment Fund was established in 2009. In this past fiscal year, the fund has almost doubled from the previous fiscal year.
- ◆ In 2010, we began to deliver the Monthly Tidings electronically which continues to today.
- ◆ A monthly Saturday morning service began in 2010. Later an additional Saturday morning 'Hot Topics' Shabbat was added which has proven to be successful.
- ◆ In 2011, a new category of membership, Associate Membership, was approved in 2011 for residents who belong to a 'full service' synagogue within 50 miles of CBY. We currently have 3 associate members.

B'Shalom,

Mike

Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM

**MOVIN'
GROOVIN**
With Mike

60's Theme

Help Mike celebrate his retirement as
President of Congregation Beth Yam

INVITATIONS ARE IN THE MAIL!

**Click here to sign up for
Fusion Shabbat Dinner**

May 30

Sponsored by CBY Board

**Roasted chicken, oven roasted potatoes,
seasonal vegetables**



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 [CLICK HERE](#) to pay online or make your check payable to CBY and mail to Barbara and Harold Freeman.

Join us on May 6th for an evening of remembrance, honor and celebration!



Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman, Principal



Check out the Religious School Newsletter by clicking the image above



Nosh on Judaism
 May 27 at 5:00 PM
 Religious High School Class hosted by Rabbi Bloom & Sonja Friedman



May 30, 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



Pictured are some of the items donated by friends and families for our Kick-off PJ and Movie night held March 29, 2014 in the social hall. All proceeds go towards the Religious School Mitzvah Day project. These items and more will be donated to new moms in our community who are in need of these essentials upon the birth of a new baby. We are proud to say that this project makes a difference in the lives of the families that receive these baskets and their thank you notes are greatly appreciated.

Sisterhood ~ Janet Weingarten, Sisterhood President



During the past two years, it has been my privilege to serve as your Sisterhood President. We have seen stronger than ever synergy between the CBY Temple Board, Men's Club, and Sisterhood. We have said hello to many new members and welcomed them, as well as our existing and founding members in record numbers to our successful events. Our Judaica Shop is thriving.

Sisterhood has continued to support CBY through financial gifts and through volunteering. In the community we have continued to feed the hungry, support the troops and contribute to healing the indigent sick.

Our success is due to the hard work of the Sisterhood Board and members who support them. Congratulations to our returning board members. Our new President, Cathy Kite, will be a terrific leader and role model. She has been an asset to CBY and will be a strong positive force for Sisterhood. With Sue Gostanian by her side as Executive Vice President and new board members Diane Miller, Randy Kurjan and Hilary Williams, our Sisterhood will continue to strive for a strong Jewish community in which all CBY women participate.

Thank you all for your support!

Shalom, Janet

Two Seders are better than one!

Sisterhood should be proud of both the Women's Seder attended by 89, chaired by Helen Hauer and beautifully conducted by Elaine Lust and the Community Seder attended by 140 and co-chaired by Janet Weingarten and Cathy Kite. Rabbi Bloom conducted a meaningful Seder and kept the evening moving.

Music was spotlighted in both Seders. The Women's Seder was entertained by the Women's Choir and piano player and singer Teri Rini Kopp. David Kimball and Adriana Urato kept our Seder upbeat with traditional Passover songs and David playing the guitar. There was strong singing participation by attendees at both Seders.

Serg Group provided delicious, creative and beautifully presented food at both the Seders. Thank you to the many, many volunteers that it took to put on both events from our charoset maker, bakers, shoppers, and table setters. Next year, be sure to make your reservations early in order to participate in our sisterhood sponsored Seders.

Women's Seder

Thank you to all the workers and bakers for making the 14th Annual Women's Seder a great success. Thank you for all you do.

- Helen Hauer

Onegs

Thank you to these people who provided the Onegs for March: Shelby Weiss, Kathy Burnce, Bob Sable, Susan Sneider, and Nelson & Donna Adelman.

Book Club

The last Book Club meeting and luncheon of the year will be on May 8 at 12:30 PM at the Moss Creek Clubhouse. Barbara Freeman will be reviewing the book, *Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich. Please RSVP to Judie Aronson. We will be making choices about books to read next year. Please send book selections to Judie Aronson.

Hannah Levi is a midwife who is renowned throughout 16th century Venice. She is called upon to help with a difficult birth but a Papal order forbids Jews from giving medical attention to Christians. Hannah is torn as to what to do. Payment is offered by the pregnant woman's husband and is enough money to ransom Hannah's husband who has been captured at sea.

The book may be found in the temple library.

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.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Nadyne Ulicny and Helen Hauer who received the Annual Sisterhood Lifetime Achievement Award for exemplary service to sisterhood.



Are you receiving your Small Tidings on Wednesdays?

The office is now using Constant Contact to send the weekly Small Tidings. It has come to our attention that some of you are not receiving them. If this describes you, please make sure bethyam@aol.com is on your approved senders list. Thank you.



92nd Street Y Live

Thursday, May 22, 8:00 PM

Don't miss the opportunity to learn from Elie Wiesel, founder of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and Nobel Laureate, at 92Y.



All Broadcasts will be shown at Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting St., Hilton Head Island, SC. Space is limited. Register early. Tickets for single broadcasts are \$10 for Congregation Beth Yam members and \$15 for non-members, payable by cash or check. To register for one or more broadcasts, go to www.bethyam.org for on-line credit card purchases or to print out a mail-in registration form. Tickets for a single broadcast are good for that broadcast only. Tickets are non-refundable, but transferable to friends and colleagues.



Congregant Corner ~ My Birthright Experience

Sometime in the fall of my junior year in college, my roommate approached me about doing my birthright with him. We soon signed up through Hillel at our university, not knowing what an impacting experience we were about to embark on. We began our trip in the Golan Heights, exploring many historical sites in the mountains. The holy city of Tzvat was especially moving to



me, as we met with a man named Avraham, who gave us a better understanding of the spiritual teachings of the Kabbalah, a form of Judaism I never knew existed. From there we traveled south towards Jerusalem, where we met the eight soldiers of the IDF who would travel with us for the next four days. As Friday night and Shabbat approached, our group gathered with thousands of other Jews from around the world at the Western Wall to bring in the Sabbath. What a moving and incredible experience that was! Strangers singing and dancing, from Reform to ultra Orthodox, were united by our common

faith in celebration. On Sunday morning we visited Mount Herzl. Being with our soldiers and hearing stories of others who lost their lives fighting for Israel, this was a very powerful experience for everyone in our group. Following Mount Herzl, we visited Yad Vashem, which you can imagine was difficult to bear for all of us. Although this was a very sad day, being with a group of Jews my age from all different backgrounds and supporting each other was an incredible feeling. The final part of our trip included a visit to the Dead Sea, climbing Masada, and visiting the old city of Jaffa outside of Tel Aviv. Leaving



our new IDF friends was difficult, as we had become very close in the short time we spent with them. I returned to the U.S. with a rejuvenated sense of pride, of being Jewish, and of being a part of such a special experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I encourage every young Jew to take this opportunity, as Israel is a place you cannot put into words or describe until you truly experience it yourself.



Kevin Bruderer
Banking & Finance
Terry College of Business
University of Georgia

Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro

This month, let's again click on the "Learning" tab on our bethyam.org Website, and go down to the "Our Library" tab. We of Beth Yam are an extremely literary group, and it is worth a closer look at all the articles and essays we are continually producing. The Library begins with an extensive collection of Rabbi Bloom's sermons and articles. All of these are available via a 'click here' option.

You definitely should also take the time and effort to check out the various congregants' articles that follow. You will discover things that perhaps you never knew about people you already know through CBY.

And, while it is technically not part of our Web site, do take the brief cyber trip to: fusion613.blogspot.com. This is Rabbi Bloom's personal blog site. You will find creative poetry, reprints of Island Packet/Beaufort Gazette articles, select sermons and much more. You will also find comments posted by 'followers,' many of them your fellow CBY members. You can check out the Blog archive on the right side of the page for an extensive past history. There is a box to check just above the archive if you wish to become a follower yourself, but even if you don't join you can read the comments of your friends there. Let's celebrate the fact that we are all "People of the Book!"



Social Action ~ Judie Aronson



Have you signed up for Mitzvah Week???? May 4 through 12

There are activities planned for EVERYONE (even your pet) beginning Sunday and going through the following week See the listing of "mitzvahs" on the poster and the handouts in the temple lobby, on the website and on the link attached to the Tidings. We need all of our congregants to participate in this yearly event. Contact Laurie Feuerman to register and /or answer questions. A special thank you to Baruk who collected children's books to be placed in the Lending Library book box made by Mark Britanisky. The books and box will be placed at the Children's Center. Baruk has done this as part of his Bar Mitzvah service. He will also read at the Children's Center. Congratulations Baruk on such fine work!!



Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause. A special thank you to Sisterhood for allowing Mazon donations boxes to be placed on the table during the Women's Seder and the Community Seder. The contributions from CBY will go a long way to fight hunger to people in all walks of life. Passover is a special time to help others in need!! The Social Action committee will continue with this project during Passover on a yearly basis.



CAN CAN Shoppers Club

Our May CAN CAN ladies are Randy Kurjan, Judie Aronson, Nikki Greenberg, and Sue Noble. Through this project we have supplied Deep Well with over 180 food items. Won't you be counted??? Tax donations forms are now available in the Donation Box in the Social Hall. Contact Eve Sanker to sign up.



Abstract of Board Meeting, April 16, 2014 ~ Judy Bluestone

- ◆ Congratulations to Sisterhood, Rabbi Bloom, and the music team David Kimbell and Adriana Urato for a beautiful and meaningful community seder.
- ◆ Mitzvah Day is now mitzvah week starting on May 4.
- ◆ The monthly Tidings is now on the CBY website
- ◆ CBY's spring calendar is extremely busy starting with Yom HaShoah on April 27, Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration on May 6 and Tikkun Leil Shavuot – "Hearing the Voice" on June 3.
- ◆ CBY Board welcomes new members Rebecca and Joel Cadoff and Carolyn Woloski
- ◆ The Art Sale was successful and the Board thanks Karen and Rick Dale for sponsorship and their gift of lovely art
- ◆ The Board approved of pursuing a second bench for the lobby
- ◆ The Board voted to approve the motion that as of July 1, 2014 b'nai mitzvah families will pay for qualified tutors for students beginning their tutoring after July 1, 2014
- ◆ The 2014-15 budget was passed
- ◆ Jaquay Schmid's retirement service is scheduled for June 20



Nancy Dubin - New Student Cantor

Nancy Dubin, a third-year cantorial student, grew up in Fair Lawn, NJ. She gained her BSN from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1996. Her nursing career spanned Pediatrics, Orthopedics, ER, Neurology ICU, and Med/Psych. Nancy and her husband Andy, traveled to Israel with their four children for Andy's Year-in-Israel as a rabbinical student, and while there Nancy applied and auditioned for the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. Nancy has been volunteering with alcoholics and addicts, helping them get back on their feet and helping them to remain part of society since 1991. Nancy spent the summer working at Parker Jewish Institute earning CPE credits. There she was able to integrate her nursing and her counseling experience in her Cantorate. Currently Nancy is happily working at the Jewish home in the Bronx. Nancy is the recipient of the Cantor Israel Goldstein Scholarship.



Nancy will be officiating with Rabbi Bloom at High Holy Day services. Perhaps you may meet her sooner...

Adult Education - Elliot Siegel



Discerning what it means to be a Jew in the modern world sometimes means confronting controversial issues that challenge our beliefs. Please join us for two entertaining presentations and follow-up discussions led by Rabbi Bloom that will help enlighten our understanding:

May 15 at 7:00 PM - Guest speaker Avraham (Alan) Schriger here on a family visit from Efrat 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 - See the acclaimed 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, facing the dilemma of reconciling their love of Judaism with biblical prohibitions against homosexuality.



Adult Ed is co-sponsoring two upcoming programs of experiential learning (see details elsewhere in this Tidings):

- ◆ May 6, Yom HaAtzma'ut, a celebration of Israel Independence with remembrance, song, and outstanding food!
- ◆ June 3, Tikkun Leil Shavuot, come *Hearing the Voice at Sinai*, do a workshop, and maybe stay up all night?

Community Seder ~ April 15, 2014



Reverend Miller
(Chapel without Walls)
Rabbi Bloom
& Reverend Lindsey
(All Saints Episcopal Church)



Congregants
and guests
enjoying the
Community
Seder

CBY Dues and Capital Reserve Payments for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

To make your CBY Dues and/or Capital Reserve Fund payments using your credit card, please read the following information and then [click here](#) and you will be taken to a Dues and Capital Reserve Fund payment form or go to www.bethyam.org and click "Donate." Fill in the information on the form and click on the submit button at the bottom. You will then be taken to a secure PayPal form to process your credit card payment. You do not need a PayPal account; you may use your Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express credit card. When you complete and submit your payment, you will receive an email confirming your payment information and another email confirming your credit card payment. Congregation Beth Yam is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to the IRS. You should check with your accountant to determine whether you can deduct all, or any part, of your payments. If you have any questions, call the Temple office at 843-689-2178. PLEASE NOTE: By paying using your credit card, the amount of your Dues and Capital Reserve Fund obligations are increased by 2.3 percent to cover the processing and transaction fee costs charged to CBY by the credit card company.





Care Committee ~ Susan Britanisky and Sandy Leff

A PASSOVER SKIT UNLIKE ANY OTHER!

Questions about the celebration of Passover – and everything you might never have even thought to ask about Passover—were covered in the skit performed by Gobby Cohen as Moses, Judy Bluestone as Zippora, and Master of Ceremonies David Kimbell, to the delight of 80 “seniors” and volunteers at the Care Committee’s Passover Program! Laughter often filled the room, while traditional songs and prayers rounded out this fun and clever “take” on the Passover story.

Afterwards, a traditional lunch of Passover foods included gefilte fish and matzoh ball soup, with wonderful homemade Passover desserts, as CBY members with their families and friends, as well as residents from the Seabrook, Indigo Pines, the Cypress, Bloom at Hilton Head, Bloom at Belfair, and the Hawthorne House socialized at tables set with seder plates, charosis, maror, and matzoh.

Volunteers included a long list of helpers and contributors who set up, baked, and prepared for the Passover “nosh”, including Nadyne Ulicny, Joel and Nancy Lerner, Dick Glass, Eve Sanker, Felicia Pascal, Judy Gimbel, Sheri Farbstein, Barbara Schuman, Lucille Robinson, Mark Britanisky, Pete Leff, Cathy Kite, Anita Loeser, and Helen Kahaner.



OUR VOLUNTEERS ~ The Volunteers in Medicine Clinic (VIM) -- Dr Pete Leff

For over 20 years, the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in Hilton Head has been providing free health care to those who work or live on Hilton Head and Daufuskie Island to ensure that everyone in our community has access to free, compassionate, quality-driven healthcare. VIM serves as the flagship model for 96 similar free medical clinics across the country! With close to 600 volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, social workers, and lay workers, it provides more than 30,000 patient visits each year.

Dr. Pete Leff, who has served on the CBY Board and many CBY committees, recently received recognition for 15 years of service to VIM. He started seeing gastroenterology consults at VIM while he was a part-time visitor to the island and still in active practice in GI in Atlanta. For the past 8 years, since retirement, he has treated Gastro patients weekly at VIM. He has devised a protocol for the treatment of Chronic Hepatitis C at VIM, which is the only volunteer clinic in the state of South Carolina dealing with this problem. In addition, with the help of Linda Bloom, a grant was recently awarded to VIM for Hepatitis C screening, which has become an endemic problem among baby boomers in the United States. Lately, Pete has also begun seeing gastroenterology patients at the newly established VIM facility in Bluffton.

We can be proud of the many CBY members who volunteer their time at VIM in so many different capacities. It would be impossible to list all and credit the difference they have made in our community; however, Dr. Ed Soifer and Hannah Swimmer deserve special mention for their involvement with VIM at its inception and their service over the years. Those CBYers you can find working with Pete on Tuesday afternoons include Paula Rudman and Cathy Kite (nursing), Lorna Bonner (interpreting), and Drs. Al Palatchi and Steve Siegelbaum.

The Volunteers in Medicine Clinic is always in need of new volunteers. To offer your services, contact Stan Stolarcyk at (843) 681-6682, ext. 238. For any specific questions you may have, feel free to call Dr. Pete Leff.



Congregants Corner

Article written by Sarah Bowman from the [Island Packet](#).

Smarts -- science and math smarts, in particular -- must run in the Hamlin family.

Victoria Hamlin worked to develop a better system to recover research rockets. Her older sister, Ashley Hamlin, studied the human eye and brain to determine the highest light speeds people can perceive. The Hamlin sisters are not astronauts, nor are they neurophysicists -- at least not yet. They're not even high school graduates. However, they are winners of the 2014 Sea Island Regional Science Fair, and they've been nicknamed the Science Fair Sisters. "I could not believe it when they called my name. It was a little bit of a deer-in-headlights moment," said Ashley, a sophomore at Hilton Head Island High School. The 16-year-old took home the Grand Award for the high school division, which included more than 80 competitors from public and private schools in and around Beaufort County.



Victoria, an eighth-grader at Hilton Head Island Middle School, topped nearly 300 students to win Best in Show for the middle school division. Their mother, Debbie Hamlin, said many were surprised when the same last name was announced twice at the awards ceremony Monday night at the Coastal Discovery Museum.

Victoria Hamlin is attending the 2014 ISEF as a Sea Island Regional Science Fair sponsored observer. Julia Nahman, another CBY student, is also one of the five Beaufort County high school competitors to exhibit at the International Science and Engineering Fair. Julia had a successful year at ISEF in 2013, winning a four year scholarship to the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, PA.

Cemetery Committee ~ Marty Katz, Chair

A former member of CBY has two plots in Beth Yam Gardens that she would like to sell. Her name is Bobbi Feiertag and she would be willing to sell her two plots for \$5,000, donating 20% of the sale to CBY. Contact the office if interested. Please remember that the plots can only be purchased by CBY members in good standing. Also, please let the office and the Cemetery Committee know of any purchase so our records can be updated.

CBY Men's Club ~ Nelson Adelman, President



- ◆ Men's Club is a co-sponsor of CBY's Israel Memorial Day recognition and celebration of Israel's Independence Day on May 6. Be a part of this special event joined by millions around the world. The program begins at 5:00 pm, followed by a catered Israeli dinner and a concert featuring the singing and guitar playing of special guest, Peri Smilow. Details may be found elsewhere in this edition of the Tidings.
- ◆ Have a fun day watching Savannah's Sand Gnats 'Single A' baseball teams do their amazing stuff for a CBY outing on Sunday, June 15. Our accompanying kids get to run the bases, and we scout the future stars of the game. Please get your reservations in now to Alan Meiselman - tickets are only 8 bucks and kids are free!
- ◆ Save the Date - Monday, October 13. The eagerly awaited Charity Golf Tournament has found its 2014 home at the Dolphin Head Golf Club, Hilton Head Plantation. The all-inclusive cost is \$110 per player with fun, food, and prizes awarded to those with great golfing skills and to others who are just plain lucky. No need to declare in advance which category you fit!
- ◆ Next Men's Club meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13 at a time and location to be announced.

Ritual Committee ~ Judy Bluestone



On behalf of the Music and Adult Education Committees, co-sponsors of Tikkun Leil Shavuot - "Hearing the Voice" the Ritual Committee invites YOU to experience a unique evening of study, creative arts and gastronomic delight on JUNE 3 from 7:30 - 10:00 PM.

Our workshop leaders are all members of CBY and bring background, knowledge and humor to their presentations.

Workshop 1: "Writing Your Own Torah"Sandee Willis

Explores the idea that looking into our own stories, just as when we study the narratives presented in the Torah and other sacred texts and literature, we encounter in our personal histories important memories and personalities, fragments of family history, images, defining events and conversations. The act of writing --reflecting and setting elements of our own experience down -- is itself a sacred act, one that affirms we value the life we have been given and what might be learned by a thoughtful reading of life. In the workshop, we will read some short sample writings and talk about how to, help, ideas for such writing emerge and how to get started. We'll try out some ideas which might turn into writings eventually.

SANDEE WILLIS majored in theatre and English at Augustana College and received a Masters Degree in Educational Theatre at the University of Illinois, studying at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts. For more than 30 years she taught high school in San Antonio, Texas chairing the Interrelated Arts Department teaching senior Advanced Placement English and creative writing. She was honored by the Texas Committee of the Humanities, National Endowment for the Arts and the College Board for her work as an educator in the Southwestern United States.

Workshop 2: "By the Work of Your Hands" Joanna Chalson and Jan Harris

Participants will be taught the art of stenciling Hebrew onto different paper textures

JOANNA CHALSON has been an artist from childhood in Minnesota. She received a BFA and later an MFA having studied in a variety of universities including the University of Chicago. She is known locally for her beautiful water colors, her skills in printmaking and papermaking. This talented artist loves and is proficient in many art forms and has taught for eight years at the Art Academy of the Hilton Head Art League.

JAN HARRIS came to Hilton Head in 2012 from the DC area after a long career in corporate life and a second career in interior design. Since coming to the Island she had devoted herself to her lifelong passion for art and specializes in watercolor. She is an active member of both the Hilton Head and Bluffton Art Leagues.

Workshop 3: "Why do we eat cheese products on Shavuot?" Nadyne Ulicny

"There are many explanations for the reason but the one that works for us as the "blintz" maker is simple. A legend maintains that when the Israelites returned to their homes after receiving the Torah at Mount Sinai, there was little time to prepare a meat meal. Instead, they quickly put together a dairy meal - it was easier to get ready than waiting to kosher slaughter and kosher an animal and cook it."

NADYNE ULICNY is a graduate of Syracuse University. She is on both the CBY board and Sisterhood board where she is Vice-President of Congregational Services overseeing onegs, kitchen, bereavement and the Women's Seder.

Workshop 4: "Kabbalah"Rabbi Brad Bloom

Rabbi Bloom will discuss the history and philosophy of Kabbalah and why the pop world has embraced it in recent years.



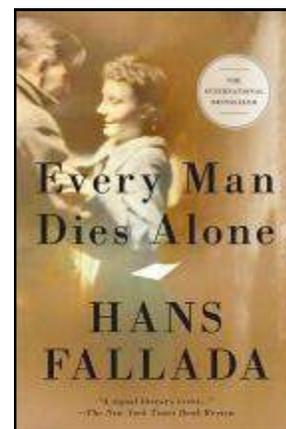
Library Committee ~ Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern

Every Man Dies Alone

Reviewed by Sue Fritz

This book, a novel, was written in 1947 by a German, Hans Fallada. The manuscript was rediscovered in 2009 and a translation by Michael Hofmann became an instant success and received accolades around the world.

Based on a true story in the Gestapo files, this novel provides a vivid depiction of life in Nazi Germany for the working class. After the death of their son on the front, a German working couple launch a clandestine resistance campaign. They are trailed by the Gestapo, with a world of terrified neighbors and cynical snitches ready to turn them in. This is a deeply stirring story of two people standing up for what is right and for each other.



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, [Coming Street Cemetery](#), St. Mary’s Catholic Church, and Lunch at the lovely Sermet Restaurant. 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.

Four years ago, Marcia Frezza was asked to chair a new committee. Outreach was a new topic and CBY was eager to address it as a way of integrating the non-Jewish spouses of members into the CBY family. Marcia and her very able committee developed a multi generational approach to interfaith programming. Grandparents, Parents, and children were all involved in the creative new programming. “Family to Family,” “Outreach on the Move,” “Grandparents Workshops,” “Raising Jewish Children,” and “Passover from A to Z,” were among the innovative ideas presented to the Beth Yam family. The URJ recognized these programs by awarding the CBY Outreach committee the coveted Belin Award on two separate occasions. It is with some sadness that we say goodbye to Marcia as chair of the committee and welcome Joan Diamond. I know you will give Joan the same strong support that you gave to Marcia. Thank you so much Marcia for taking us to new places and succeeding in bringing a new dimension to CBY.



FAMILY TO FAMILY: another Belin Award Winning program

Interfaith families can sometimes find themselves at a loss when it comes to preparing for and celebrating the Jewish holidays. “[Family to Family](#),” asks congregants to host an interfaith family for a holiday meal. The goal is to teach both families about the joy of sharing. Please call Marcia Frezza for further information.

Membership Committee ~ Pennie Meiselman and Twyla Sable



- ◆ The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome Rebecca and Joel Cadoff and their two children as our newest Resident members. The Cadoffs live in Bluffton. Please be sure welcome them when you see them at services or synagogue events. This brings our total membership to an all-time high of 289 families (217 Resident, 69 Affiliate, and 3 Associate). We look forward to helping the Cadoffs get more involved in temple life.
- ◆ Mark your calendar for our New Member Shabbat on Friday, May 16, at 8:00 PM. This is our annual Shabbat service where we honor those individuals and families who have chosen to make Beth Yam their spiritual home during the previous twelve months. We hope you will show your support of these new members by attending services that evening.

Membership update:

We have a total of 289 Families:
217 Resident Families
72 Affiliate & Associates

- ◆ The Membership Committee is always on the alert for prospective members. If you know someone who may be interested in joining Beth Yam, contact Pennie Meiselman or Twyla Sable with their names and contact information.

Normandy Kaddish Project

Friday evening, June 6, 2014, the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day, Congregation Beth Yam will join many synagogues across the U.S.A. with a special Shabbat service honoring Jewish soldiers who died during WWII.

Please mark your calendars to attend this moving service. In addition, if you know of any Jewish WWII veterans in our local area who might be interested in attending the service as our guests, please contact Jane Joseph.

Check future Tidings, Small Tidings and the CBY website for more information about this program as planning progresses.

This is an article from Reform Judaism Magazine about the project. <http://www.reformjudaism.org/blog/2014/04/02/normandy-kaddish-project#post-count>



Save the Date	Time	June Events
3	7:15 PM	Tikkun Leil Shavuot - Hearing the Voice at Sinai
4		Office Closed - Shavuot
7	10:00 AM	Bat Mitzvah
10	12:15 PM	CBY Men's Club Luncheon
11	7:00 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting
12	7:00 PM	Adult Education Program - Trembling before God
13	6:00 PM	Board Installation
14	10:00 AM	Bar Mitzvah
15		Father's Day
15		Tidings Deadline
21	7:00 PM	Mike Weingarten's Retirement Dinner

Endowment Committee ~ Ted David

Organizing Your Estate Plan

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



You Can Now Make CBY Donations Online Using Your Credit Card

Congregation Beth Yam is now accepting donations to its General Operating Fund and other special funds using the internet and your own credit cards. Yes, you may still make donations by check using the hard copy donation form below and mailing it or hand-delivering it to the office. However, the online donation method offers convenience and a safe, secure, easy way to donate with a credit card. Here's all you need to do: [Click here](#) and follow the guide for making a donation. The guide will direct you to the Congregation Beth Yam Donation Form.

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