January’s

Hot Topic

Tu B’Shvat 2018

The “birthday of the trees” begins at sundown on Tuesday, January 30 and ends at sundown on Wednesday, January 31

The Torah states, “When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten” (Leviticus 19:23). The fruit of the fourth year was to be offered to the priests in the Temple as a gift of gratitude for the bounty of the land, and the fifth-year fruit and all subsequent fruit was finally for the farmer. This law, however, raised the question of how farmers were to mark the “birthday” of a tree. The Rabbis therefore established the 15th of the month of Shevat as a general “birthday” for all trees, regardless of when they were actually planted.

https://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bshvat-ideas-beliefs/

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Kita Gan Class
Tu B’Shevat Mitzvah Tree

Tu B’Shevat foods

Plant a Tree

Make a Seder
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Wednesday, Feb. 14 .......... 10:00 – 2:00 PM

(Pre-Passover clearance sale)

Friday, Feb. 16 ............... 5:00 – 5:45 PM
Sunday, Feb. 25 ............. 10:00 AM -noon

Also by appointment by calling: Robin Krumholz, 608.780.1982 or Ruth Hilsen, 678.642.7245
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### Fund Raising Committee—
**Alan Meiselman, Chair**

What a great way to start the year: weather like we used to have for four months - the reason that we left the north for South Carolina.

Great hearty dinners at HogsHead Kitchen and Darren Clarke’s Tavern. Nearly 40 attendees at each evening.

We begin February with a Dine-Around on Thursday, February 8, at The Sage Room, another opportunity to have a great steak. On Wednesday, February 21, we will have dinner at the new Shatz family restaurant, Walnuts, in Bluffton. Casual dinner with some special items just for us, including delicious brisket and other deli style treats. Reservations through Robin Krumholz, please.

The highlight of the month will be a musical play created by Lindy Lindenbaum and produced by Howard Rothchild. Nearly two dozen members of CBY are participating in the play, including members of our Shabbat Choir, professional musicians, our Youth Group, and a couple of surprise guests. All of this will be followed by coffee, cordials, and cake. Please see the ad elsewhere in the Tidings and make reservations. We are limiting attendance to 125 people.

While you are making plans, please note that we will have two additional Dine-Arounds in March: Jane Bistro on Wednesday, March 7, and Michael Anthony’s on Thursday, March 22. Our BIG event on March 24 will be a double header: the Hold’em Poker Tournament will be paired with our new Progressive Raffle, “The Ultimate 50/50/50”. These are both great ways to enjoy an evening with games of various kinds as we make some money and help CBY at the same time.

Please look for detailed information elsewhere and make plans to join us.
Rabbi’s Message

This month I would like to tell you one of the most fun things I enjoy as your rabbi, which is to be part of the religious school each Sunday. I wish every congregant could be a fly on the wall and see what happens at CBY on Sunday mornings. Basically, we go from 9 am to about 1:30 pm. Our classes range from pre-Kindergarten to Bar Mitzvah age.

On Mondays once a month we hold classes for the middle school and high age students. Our faculty are amazing and committed members of the congregation who give of their time and energy to provide our children with a Jewish education. We even have adult education classes for the parents on Sunday mornings; they learn with me as their children learn in the classroom.

Sundays are busy at CBY.

I love the opportunity to lead services at what we call Boker Tov (Good Morning!). Students, faculty and parents participate together each week. Our special Siddur or prayerbook is perfect for us. The students read the prayers and Adriana Urato or Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman lead the music. I love the opportunity to tell them a story or to engage them in discussion. These kids are bright and enthusiastic and love to respond to my discussion questions as well as ask questions of me.

The religious school director is Denise Fitzgerald, and there exists a Religious School Committee which supports the school in programming and budgeting. These young adults are involved in so many activities, just as we were when we were raising our children decades ago. Two-career families trying to make ends meet and fulfill their responsibilities to provide a Jewish education to their children is a challenge. Yet, they show up and they learn and support their children all the way.

These families come to temple from Hilton Head and as far as Okatie. This is why I have been saying for so long that even though CBY is located on Hilton Head it is really a regional synagogue.

This month the youth group, led by CBY alum Shelby Keating, is preparing for the holiday of Purim. Each year the students in the youth group organize and put on the annual Purim fair. They are also involved this month in the Fiddler on the Roof performance. I love the fact that we have multiple generations working together to present a wonderful evening of entertainment for the congregation.

The Talmud says, “He who denies a child religious knowledge robs him of his or her inheritance” (Sanhedrin 91b). We all have that mandate regardless of our age and regardless that these students are not our actual children. The congregation is generous and financially supports the operations of the Religious School along with the tuition of the parents. Of course, the fact that our children are usually the only Jewish kids in their classes in public school presents challenges. It is not easy being a religious minority today nor was it when some of us grew up in smaller towns years ago. Again, this is why our facility and our community are critical in providing a safe space for kids to experience a Jewish community feeling.

I thank the parents, faculty, students, and our director for giving their all to the holy work of raising another generation of Jewish young people. The Talmud says, “The world itself rests upon the breath of the children in the schoolhouse” (Shabbat 119b). What a wonderful idea that our efforts to educate the children at CBY sustains the entire world.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Faith in Action...

Please take a minute to look at my recent column in the Island Packet. I urge you to keep my “Faith in Action” column alive by clicking here and sharing it with friends and family. I always welcome your thoughts and comments. http://www.islandpacket.com/living/religion/faith-in-action/

Yom HaShoah

Planning is underway for the annual Holocaust Remembrance program—Yom HaShoah—to be held this year on Sunday, April 8, at 1 PM: “Resistance: Defying the Nazis on Multiple Levels.”

If you have a family member in the area or are acquainted with a survivor or child or grandchild of a survivor who would like to attend our program and participate in the honorary processional, please email Janice Fradkin with their contact information so that they may be invited.
The great contribution of Reform Judaism is that it enables Jewish people to introduce invocation while preserving tradition. Here at Congregation Beth Yam our congregants have come from big cities, small towns, metropolitan areas, and very rural hamlets with the common thread of Judaism. Reform Jews accept the Torah as a living document, and, therefore, we must change and adapt to the times we live in and keep a firm commitment to Tikkun Olam—repairing the world. We are committed to the equality and acceptance of all women and men whatever their sexual orientation. The month of February is certainly the time to reaffirm these beliefs as we celebrate the “Month of Love”. We have experienced very cold weather this past month, but the warmth of CBY embers more than make up for the chilly temperatures. For example, we have two upcoming Dine-Arounds in February, one on February 8 at the Sage Room and one on February 21, when we will be celebrating the new ownership of Walnuts by the Shatz Family. Please show your “love” and participate in these two Dine-Arounds.

Do not forget “SaturdayNightALIVE” on February 17, written, produced and performed by fellow CBY members. Please show them your “love” by attending this enjoyable evening.

What would February be without the Sisterhood’s Sweetheart Luncheon on February 14 with the return of the Antiques Road Show? Please show your “love” for CBY by supporting these events.

Pennie

COMMUNITY FORUM
“The Opioid Crisis: Who is at Risk?”

WHEN: Thursday, February 22, 2018 from 7-9 PM
WHERE: Congregation Beth Yam
PURPOSE: To inform, educate and share ideas regarding the opioid crisis with the spotlight on Beaufort County

Free & Open to the Public

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee of Congregation Beth Yam

PANELISTS:
- Wade Bishop, Director of Prevention Beaufort County Community Services
- Bonnie Meyerink, Pharmacist
- Dr. Ravi Srivastava, Psychiatrist
- Dr. Philip Zitello, Anesthesiologist with expertise in pain management
Sisterhood—
Sue Gostanian, President

It is amazing to view the many events that occur in February. We celebrate Super Bowl Sunday, Groundhog Day, Valentine’s Day, Chinese New Year, and President’s Day. Don’t forget National Margarita Day on February 24. (Somehow, I never knew about that one, but I won’t miss it this year. A quote by Jimmy Buffet: “If life gives you limes, make Margaritas.”)

Two important dates are dedicated to raising awareness of serious health issues. The first Friday in February, February 2, is National Wear Red Day, established by the American Heart Association. Wearing red represents the fight against heart disease and stroke, the number one cause of death in women.

World Cancer Day, February 4, is dedicated to saving lives by educating people about cancer, promoting research for cure and prevention, and establishing support and services for patients.

February is a short month. As we come out of “hibernation” and have survived yet another wacky weather event...snow and ice, we have much to look forward to. One of Sisterhood’s favorite events, the Antiques Road Show, will be featured at our annual Sweetheart Luncheon on February 14. The menu will be delicious and the program full of surprises. So, pull out those priceless items to be verbally appraised and join us on Valentine’s Day.

My personal thank you for your generous contributions to Sisterhood Funds and programs.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Sue

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR “WRAPPERS”

Once again, the dedicated women of the Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood volunteered to wrap gifts at Barnes & Noble during the holiday season. Shoppers’ donations totaling over $500 will benefit Back Pack Buddies and TAP (Tragedy Assistance Program). A big THANK YOU to all the wrappers who made this possible: Barbara Frogel, Barbara Meyer, Barbara Slagowitz, Candy Solomon, Carol Carty, Cathy Kite, Diane Siegel, Elaine Israel, Elaine Lust, Ellen Jenner, Ellen Uram, Estelle Nadel, Eva Rollnick, Fran Gellman, Fran Krieger, Gay Birnbaum, Gigi Kotler, Helen Hauer, Jan Chertow, Jill Harrison, Joey Perchick, Judi Kleiman, Judy Aronson, Judy Gimbels, Judy Movshin, Linda Moniuszko, Lynn Orbach, Marcia Mann, Marcia Metzger, Marcia Fine, Nancy Lerner, Michele Johnson, Nadyne Ulincy, Nikki Greenberg, Paula Rudman, Randy Kurjan, Rebecca Mastorocco, Renee Roth, Risa Prince, Rita Suntup, Robin Krumholz, Ruth Hilsen, Sandee Willis, Sandy Leff, Sharon Leff, Sheila Margeson, Sherie Farbstein, Sue Gostanian, Sue Shapiro, Sue Sigalow, Susan Britanisky, Tena Graber, Teresa Bedo, and Wendy Lewensohn.

ONEGS

Sisterhood would like to thank the following people for providing Onegs from November to January: Marcie Fine and Sheila Margeson, Judy Bluestone, Marcia Metzger and Jocelyn Staiger, Pennie Meiselman, Cokie Citron, Sharon Bass, Carol Carty and the Religious School Parents, Joanne Doyle, Alan Krumholz and Candy Solomon, and Michael Shapiro and Elaine Lust. Your generous participation is greatly appreciated!

We still have a few dates that need to be filled. If you would like to sponsor an oneg, please call or email Randy Kurjan, 853-352-5568. We need sponsors for Feb 9 and March 9.

REMEMBERS

Please join us for a very special Women’s Study Group on Wednesday, February 7:

Across time and place and cultures, women have been uniquely celebrated in oral and written literature. In certain mythologies, in narrations of mystical encounters with the sacred feminine, and in ritual songs, dances and spoken histories, women often appear in special connectedness to the land, the people, and the cycles of nature, life, and death. At the Women’s Study Group on February 7, CBY member Sandee Willis will offer a reading and discussion of selected contemporary poems by women writers which uniquely expand on these themes. Ruth Hilsen has graciously opened her house to us for this event. As seats are limited, please respond early; only the first 20 reservations can be accepted. Please send RSVPs and your dairy potluck preferences (appetizer, entree, salad, or dessert) to Janice Fradkin (843-715-9514).

The next book club will be on February 8, 2018, 12:30, at Moss Creek. Lunch, a book review, and discussion will take place. The book, reviewed by Susan Sigalow, is “From Sand to Ash”, written by Amy Harmon. Set in Italy in 1943, the story is about two young lovers, a Jew and a Catholic, and their struggles during the war. RSVP to Judie Aronson.

Please send Judie suggestions for future books we can read together.

The Sweetheart Luncheon, featuring the Antiques Road Show, will be held February 14, 2018. Cost to CBY members is $20; guests $25. Verbal appraisals will cost $10 for one item. Please RSVP to Tena Graber (843-342-6478)

SAVE THE DATES

The 18th Annual Women’s Seder will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Details to follow.

Please mark your calendars for the CBY Community Seder to be held on the second night of Passover, Saturday March 31, at 5 PM. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Brad Bloom and Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman. The SERG Group will cater the event. Everyone enjoyed their wonderful food last year. Please reserve early for this popular event. It fills up quickly. Seating is limited to 130 people. The deadline for reservations is March 23. Any reservations received after this date will be filled from our wait list. Please contact Janice Fradkin or JoAnne Doyle to learn about volunteer opportunities for this special community event.
SPOTLIGHT ON:

This month Sue Gostanian, our hard-working, much-loved president, took time to respond to this reporter’s questions.

Reporter: What is a little-known fact from your childhood?
Sue: “I am a lefty. In school, the teacher made me change hands. I wrote backwards for two years and didn’t know it. I still can!”

Reporter: If you were having a dinner party and could invite any three people, who would you invite?
Sue: “I would invite Rabbi Molino. He is no longer with us; he was a Conservative Rabbi in Connecticut, who knew our family very well. Such a loving, wise man. A beautiful man.

And I would invite Elton John. So talented and fascinating. He had struggles in his life and an eating disorder. That’s why he and Princess Diana understood each other so well.

The third would be Alfred Adler, the psychiatrist. One thing he was known for was saying ‘follow your heart but don’t forget to take your brain with you.’

What I like about him is that he ‘started where his patient was’.”

Reporter: And what would you cook for them?
Sue: “A buffet…something for everyone. They would need choices. And definitely a fabulous dessert….my cheesecake.”

Reporter: You are to be given a life time achievement award. What would it be for?
Sue: “Over the years, I have had many patients for whom the work was life-changing. We created a working partnership…to get them to where they wanted to be…from harsh origins to a much better present.

I also ran a lot of women’s groups that were transformative. I don’t think I need a public award. I just need to know that they were able to transcend early traumas and have a good life.”

Reporter: What is your least favorite word?
Sue: ‘Ya know’. And ‘like’… Annoying verbal tics like those.”

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Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood
Invites you to attend our
Passover Community Seder
led by Rabbi Brad Bloom
Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 5:00 PM
CBY Social Hall
Catered by Serg Group

Click here for menu  
Click here for reservations

Please reserve early!
SEATING LIMITED TO 130 PEOPLE. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 23. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE FILLED FROM OUR WAITING LIST.

All are welcome
CBY Members, families & guests (Age 14+)............... $55 each
Non Members (Age 14+)............................................. $65 each
All Children 6 - 13 .................................................. $20 each
All Children under 6 .................................................. FREE
Nominating Committee—Janice Fradkin

Each fiscal year (July - June), the president of the congregation appoints a nominating committee to present to the congregation a slate of board members to be voted on for the next fiscal year. The nominating committee consists of a chairperson and four members. The chair and two of the members must be currently on the board with terms continuing into the next year. The remaining two members must be resident members of the community at Passover? Join us in bringing good wishes and holiday treats to Lowcountry Jewish seniors. A great mitzvah to share with children, grandchildren, or friends.

Please contact Janice Fradkin or Carol Carty.

Care Committee—Carol Carty & Janice Fradkin

Care Committee hospital volunteers continue to bring greetings to all Jewish patients at Hilton Head Hospital - CBY members and non-members alike. Since July 2017, 47 unduplicated patients have received visits. Thank you, Volunteers!

Have a little time to visit a resident of a senior community at Passover? Join us in bringing good wishes and holiday treats to Lowcountry Jewish seniors. A great mitzvah to share with children, grandchildren, or friends.

Please contact Janice Fradkin or Carol Carty.

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

This month we read two very important Torah portions. The better known parashat, Yitro, contains the moment God gives the Ten Commandments aloud directly to the people. We have arrived. All of the stories; all the of the generations between Adam and Eve, and the matriarchs and patriarchs, and 400 years of slavery in Egypt now culminate in the Israelites' triumphant redemption. They all lead to this singular moment: the Revelation at Sinai. In parashat Yitro, Moses guides the Israelite people to Mt. Sinai where they encounter God, experiencing all the drama and glory of Revelation.

Biblical commentators consistently note that one of the exceptional aspects of the Revelation at Sinai is that it is a communal revelation. Every previous moment of revelation in the Torah consists of God speaking privately to an individual or two - Noah, Abraham, Moses, etc. Private revelation is the most common in other religions as well: an individual experiences God and then shares that revelation more broadly.

But at Sinai, the entire people of Israel are part of the Revelation. It doesn’t matter if a person is young or old, male or female, abled or disabled. Sinai is for everyone.

This language of inclusivity is remarkably powerful, particularly given that both the Torah and Jewish history haven’t always been so inclusive. One of Reform Judaism’s hallmarks has been pioneering the inclusion of women, LGBTQ individuals, and interfaith families. These core tenets are the heirs of parashat Yitro.

Among the many “you shalls” and “you shall nots” we encounter in parashat Mishpatim, we read the Torah’s first explicit command to protect the stranger: “You shall not wrong or oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.” Not oppressing the stranger is repeated often in the Torah, and its presence here is the first of many mentions. According to the Rabbis of the Talmud, this appeal is given 36 times — so often that we must assume it is powerful.

Though this is the first time we are told to protect the stranger, the Torah has broached the concept of the stranger before, even in Genesis, at the very beginning of it all. When God first blesses Abraham, God’s words include, “Know now that your descendants shall be strangers in a land not theirs.” The experience of living as a stranger infuses Jewish tradition for thousands of years to come. As we well know, Jews didn’t just endure four hundred years living as the stranger in Egypt, but also subsequent centuries living as strangers under foreign, often hard and cruel, powers. The Jews’ identification with the stranger has provided generations of Jews a connection with hope of a better future, and today it provides a moral compass for modern Jews.

All too often, the stranger is not treated fairly and in fact is treated worse. Perhaps the goal of not oppressing the stranger is not simply a law to be followed, but rather a moral north star, inspiring empathy. Maybe, then, empathy is actually at the heart of parashat Mishpatim.
Men’s Club–Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its January lunch meeting on the 11th at CBY. There was also a brief board meeting preceding the luncheon.

**Future meetings for 2018:**
- Feb. 11 (Sun) Brunch meeting offsite (Gruby’s)
- Mar. 13 (Tue) Lunch and Board meeting
- Apr. 17 (Tue) Lunch and Board meeting
- May 8 (Tue) Dinner Meeting at Frankie Bones
- June 24 (Sun) Board and Annual Meeting Brunch at CBY

Things have been very quiet over the holiday season. We will begin the planning of the 2018 Golf Tournament in the near future. We will also form a nominating committee to begin the process of building a slate of officers for the June annual meeting.

Please contact Nelson Adelman or Mike Werner of our events committee with any ideas for new events, or revivals of old meeting programs. We welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings and larger scale events.

**NOTE:** If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular monthly e-mails, please contact me at Mensclub.cby@gmail.com and let me know, so that we can correct this oversite and update our list to include your direct e-mail. Thanks for your cooperation.

Social Action–Judie Aronson, Chair

**THE OPIOID CRISIS—WHO IS AT RISK??**

A community forum sponsored by the Social Action Committee
- **When:** Feb 22, 7-9 pm
- **Where:** CBY
- **Program:** Four panelists will speak about the opioid crisis in Beaufort County
- **Panelists:**
  - Wade Bishop, Beaufort County Community Services Director of Prevention
  - Bonnie Meyerink, Pharmacist
  - Dr Ravi Srivastava, Psychiatrist
  - Dr Philip Zitello, Anesthesiologist with expertise in pain management

Please plan to join us. Invite your friends. This is a free event and open to everyone. Mark your calendars now!

**FAMILY PROMISE in March**

Help is needed to serve the guests at All Saints Church. For more information contact Tena Graber (843) 342-6478

SAC and Sisterhood will be collecting funds for Mazon, a Jewish organization that services the hungry, during the holiday of Passover. Donations will be collected at the Sisterhood Women’s Seder and at the Community Seder.

**Please join us for our annual**

**Sweetheart Luncheon**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**11:30 AM**

**presenting the**

**CBY “Antiques Road Show”**

**$20 CBY Women   $25 Guests**

Professional antique dealers will verbally appraise up to three of your favorite antiques. Bring your jewelry, artwork, misc. family treasures $10 per appraisal (three for $25) at the door

Contact Tena Graber to make your reservations no later than February 7, 2018

**Pay it forward**
Israel’s story continues...
Israel at war: 1947
Since its establishment in 1948, the State of Israel has fought eight recognized wars, two Palestinian intifadas, and a series of armed conflicts.

Israel war of independence (November 1947-1949)
This began as a civil war between Jewish and Arab militias at the end of the British mandate but grew into a regular war after the declaration of independence of Israel and the intervention of several Arab armies which simultaneously attacked the new State. The armistice established the Green Line which divided Jerusalem and prohibited Jewish access to the Western Wall, also known as the “kotel”.

Suez Crisis: 1956
In October, 1956 a military attack on Egypt by Britain, France, and Israel had the intention of taking over the Sinai Peninsula and the Suez Canal because Egypt had decided to nationalize it. The Israeli invasion of the Sinai was successful but the US and USSR forced it to retreat. But Israel pacified its southern border.

Six Day War: 1967
This was fought between Israel and its Arab neighbors: Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The nations of Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Algeria also contributed troops and arms. Again Israel was victorious and the territory held by Israel expanded: the West Bank including Jerusalem from Jordan, Golan Heights from Syria, and Gaza from Egypt.

Yom Kippur War: 1973
Fought against Israel from October 6-26 by a coalition of Arab states led by Egypt and Syria as a way of recapturing the territories lost after the Six Day War. The war began with their surprise attack on Yom Kippur. Eventually, the attackers were repulsed by Israel with the US supplying planes and weapons.

Conflict with Lebanon: 1985-2000; Summer 2006
Recurring conflict with Iranian-backed Hezbollah to establish a security zone on Lebanon’s southern border.

Large scale Palestinian uprisings

Gaza War: December 2008-January, 2009
Three week armed conflict between Israel and Hamas as a result of ongoing rocket fire from the Gaza Strip. Israel’s aim was to stop the rocket fire from Gaza and the import of arms into Gaza via tunnels dug from the Egyptian border.
It is clear why Israel spends 20% of its budget on defense and why almost every Israeli high school graduate spends three years (young men) and two years (young women) in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) before entering university. Israelis live under constant threat, but you wouldn’t know it as they live their lives to the fullest. More to come about life in Israel.

PS: Don’t forget to add your name to the growing list of members wishing a happy birthday to Israel. Only $18!

Membership Committee—
Candy Solomon &
Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

The Pot Luck was very successful with lots of yummy food and engaging conversation. Thank you to all of the cooks, the brisket makers and slicers, and those who set up and decorated the social hall.

Our next event is a wine tasting for New Members, Ambassadors and Prospective Members on Sunday, March 25.

We would like to welcome our newest resident family members: Dayna and Ryan Dehlinger and their son, Rowan. Please give them a warm welcome when you see them at CBY.

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A Progressive Raffle with 10 Winners!

**How Does a 50-50-50 – Raffle Work?**

- Tickets $100/each
- Maximum of 150 Tickets will be sold
- 10 Ticket Limit per family
- Drawing will be held March 24 starting at 7:30PM in conjunction with Texas Hold’em event

You do not have to be present to win!

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| 1/2 Total Pot to Buyers | • Buyers Pot = $5000  
• 1st winner = $100  
• 2nd to 9th winners = $150 to $675  
• 10th winner = $2500 | • If fewer than 150 tickets are sold, your odds improve!  
• No winnings can be donated back to CBY. The more tickets sold the higher the payout! |

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  - 1st winner minimum of $100
  - 2nd to 9th winner progressively larger payouts
  - 10th winner = 50% of buyers pot

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A humorous tale of lost and found, featuring music and songs from “Fiddler on the Roof” Like you have never heard before!

**Saturday, February 17, 2018 7:30 – 9:00 PM**

Coffee…Cordials…Cake…$25/per person
$25 per person

Original script ............... Lindy Lindenbaum
Producer........................ Howard Rothchild
Chorus .......................... Judy Bluestone
Piano .............................. Teri Kopp
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Culinary ........................... Sue Gostanian
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Volunteers ......................... Alan Meiselman and a special surprise!

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Birthdays
1  Randy Kurjan
   Allan Lefer
2  Eli O’Keefe
3  Bernard Bernstein
   Elyse Eichner
   Darlene Gutmann
4  Joan Koplin
   Geoffrey Cutler
5  Gerald Rudman
6  Harold Yanofsky
7  Robin Hirshman
8  Richard Eisinger
9  Marcia Ivers
   Albert Palatchi
10 Marcia Metzger
    Lee Oppenheimer
    Norman Weinberger
11 Deborah Hamlin
12 Morton Averack
13 Nadyne Ulicny
   Melanie Wynne
14 Rabbi Aaron Koplin
   Kari Marko
15 Rose Valentine
16 Howard Mithal
17 Janice Kaden
18 Lynda Laff
   Ruth Reinhold
   Ron Stevens
19 Elliott Kennedy
20 Sheila Aronoff
   Jaclyn Stevens
21 Linda Lindenbaum
22 Sophie Miklos
23 Vicki Albert
   Harriette Carter
   Daniel Sanker
24 Robert Bush
   Michael Fritz
   Randie Wolfe
25 Lisa Diamond
   Ellen Uram
26 Diane Butcaris
27 Anne Sirowitz
28 Sharon Bass
   Joseph Nahman
   Alex Jacob Weitzner

Anniversaries
2  Randie & Michael Wolfe
5  Lois & Errol Golub
18 Anne & Herbert Sirowitz
23 Adrienne & Robin Hirshman

Yahrzeits
* Denotes a memorial board plaque
1  Selma Frankel
   Rebecca Tuckel
2  Lena Freeman
   Virginia Margeson
   Samuel Schine*
   Ira Slovin
   Florence Sussman
   Matthew H. Werner*
3  Josephine Jacobs
4  Sylvia Levy
5  Grace Neimeth Dankner
6  Martin Behrens
   Walter Cox
   Harry Greenberg
   Grace King
   Bertha Laff
7  Cornelia Blonder
   Elaine Bette Kopp
8  Richard H. Rosen*
   Lilly Stettin
9  Joe Cymbalista
   Barney Richman*
10 Harriet Kraus Bernick*
   Birdie Bronstein
   Julian Lewin
   Diana O’Keefe
11 Artur Behr
12 Leonard Braver
   Emma Hubert
   Chris Keating
13 Joseph Brandt
   Lenore E. Gold*
14 Bernard L. Bernstein
   Dora Cranman
   Rose Foxtow
   Bette Smellow Gimbel
   Aaron Lichtman
15 Molly Miller
   Isaac Mitelman
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18 Lillian Epstein
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   Lillian Davis Dickson Siswein
   Abe Kramer
   Joseph Schwartz
   Rose Schwartz*
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   Thomas Courtheoux
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   Robert Henry Horowitz*
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   Pauline Bernstein
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   Hutchison*
   Edith Cohen
   Jerome Martin Kaden
   Sylvia Klein
   Josh Laff
   Anna Catherine Sivertson (Kitty)
   Marilyn Weisblatt Halperin
27 Sadie Misthal
   Samuel Misthal
28 Arlene S. Apter
   Charles Baker
   Gordon Farbstein
   Jeanne Frost
   Anne Green
   Rabbi Ben Romer
THE HEAD OF THE STRETCH

Even those of us who are not horse racing fans know that the last part of a horse race, right up to the finish line, is the home stretch. The home stretch comes right after the far turn, and the beginning of the home stretch is the head of the stretch. At the head of the stretch the race is well begun; a victorious result is still on the horizon, but success is far from certain. That’s where we are with the 2017-2018 Beth Yam Friends Campaign.

As of December 31, 2017, the Friends Campaign had received $62,200 from 88 donors. We are ahead of last year at the same time, both in terms of dollar amount and number of donors, but, like most things in life, the hardest part is the home stretch. We are at approximately 75% of our budgeted 2017-2018 dollar target and have received donations from over 100 donors. Last year we raised $79,900 from 161 donors. That represented donations from over 50% of members including affiliate members. The number and percentage of contributors is a compliment to CBY, its leadership, and its Rabbi. Rabbi Bloom does not become involved in fundraising nor should he, but the level of contributor participation, the number of contributors (not dollar amount) is evidence of the congregants’ connection and affinity to Beth Yam and Rabbi Bloom. We are making excellent progress on the dollars raised but need a broader participation. If you have not already given, please do so as soon as you can.

We never tell anyone the amount they should donate, but we do believe that everyone should give the right amount for them in order to maintain Congregation Beth Yam as the principal and most visible evidence of Jewish identity in the Carolina Lowcountry.

We have a dollar target of $82,000 for Friends for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, but we also have a second target of 300 donors. Please help us to meet both of these goals.
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*Wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year!*

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