Recent events enjoyed at CBY...

A visit from our neighbors, St. Francis by the Sea

CBY Sisterhood Sweetheart Luncheon

The CBY Meeting Street Players present
Saturday Night ALIVE!
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Membership Committee—Candy Solomon & Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

Our next event on Sunday, March 25, will be the new Member/Ambassador wine tasting. We will also be inviting those people who have shown an interest in joining CBY to this event.

Please welcome our newest members:
Art and Debby Malen, resident family members,
Diane Singer, affiliate member,
Mike and Barbara Appel, affiliate members, to the CBY family!

Yom HaShoah

Please join us for the annual Holocaust Remembrance program - Yom HaShoah - to be held this year on Sunday, April 8, at 1:00 PM. Our topic will be “Resistance: Defying the Nazis on Multiple Levels” and will feature speakers talking of resistance as survival emotionally, physically, and spiritually. In addition, there will be readings, poetry, and music by our Shabbat choir. A dessert reception will follow.

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 me their contact information to Janice Fradkin so that they may be invited.


developmental dyslexia

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Director of Jewish Youth Education

Major responsibilities include directing the Judaic and Hebrew components of Beth Yam’s Sunday morning Religious School. In addition, this individual will supervise the youth group director. A bachelor’s degree is required. Prior experience in education and or Jewish communal service is preferred. Salary is negotiable. Please send resumes to Rabbi Brad Bloom at brdbloom@gmail.com.

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Rabbi’s Message

The leader of the Seder service pulls the middle piece of matzah, holds it up at the Seder table, and pronounces, “This is the bread of affliction our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt. Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and observe Pesach. This year here, next year in the land of Israel. Now enslaved, next year free.”

We call this statement ‘Ha Lachma Anya - The poor man’s bread.’ It represents important ideas for us as we think about Passover coming up at the end of the month. Let’s begin by familiarizing ourselves with the text itself. It is written in Aramaic, not Hebrew. Nowhere in the Talmud is this famous passage written. The first appearance of ‘This poor man’s bread’ in a Jewish text is in the 9th century of the first recorded Jewish prayer book. Let’s not forget that the language of the Jews in antiquity was primarily Aramaic. So this made the Haggadah accessible to all genders and children. Not surprisingly, there are many interpretations just about why the rabbis left this passage in particular, as compared to all the rest of the passages in the Haggadah, which are written in Hebrew. One commentator said the rabbis left it in Aramaic to confuse demons from bringing misfortune upon the Jewish people, as if the demons were unable to read the language. Another interpretation was so that the Babylonians would not be able to read it and see the text which says, “Next year in the Land of Israel.” Jews feared their Babylonian hosts would not take kindly to see how much we yearned for the Promised Land while we remained in the Diaspora.

The phrase “Let all who are hungry” stems from an old custom of opening one’s doors at mealtimes, raising up one’s table, and calling out to the hungry to join in the meal. The phrase, “Come and observe Pesach,” may stem from the earliest sources that remind us about performing the Passover sacrifice when it was done in homes and not in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Finally, the idea of “Next Year Free” strikes at the heart of the Seder meal’s objective. It is about hope that life will be better for us. Jews were praying for our return to the Land of Israel, but it meant more than that idea alone. The mystics of the Kabbalah saw this phrase as a reminder not only that we would be free in the Land of Israel. They believed that hope would lead us to a redemption not just of ourselves or even of God. Instead, they believed, hope against hope, that we would make a difference in our world. This statement focuses us to think about the things in our life that we yearn to change. For some of us, that freedom is about personal growth and defeating some of our personal demons. Others might be thinking about our society and praying for a time, in a messianic sense, that would lead us to peace. Obviously, there are a lot of issues swirling in our world today that would connect to the idea of personal and communal freedom which we would like to see for our country and our world. Many are hungry in our world for bread that would give us strength and hope to prevail against the hard times and the difficult issues we all at times have to deal with to live in this world.

So many interpretations can enrich us from the discussion around the Seder table this year. So, prepare this year by reviewing the Haggadah and delving a bit more into the commentaries, and pick an issue that attracts your attention. Bring it up and lead a discussion about the ritual or idea, and think in advance about the ways any statement from the Haggadah can be extended to apply to our lives today.

That is why we should have been called the ‘People of the Interpretations.’ This is our art and one of our gifts that we give to humanity and to God, too.

On behalf of Linda and myself, we wish everyone in the congregation a “hag sameah v’kasher.” May it be a wonderful and enriching service you lead for all our guests this year.

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/

The Island Packet
Generosity is a quality that’s a lot like unselfishness. Someone who is showing generosity is happy to give time, money, food, or kindness to people in need. Generosity is also a quality like honesty and patience that we all probably wish we had more of.

Congregation Beth Yam is fortunate to have a Sisterhood that believes in generosity. Our Sisterhood has made many donations for various programs in our synagogue and to people and places around the world. Their latest donations to CBY programs include $2000 to our Student Cantor Program and also $2000 to our Music Program. On behalf of all the members of CBY, “Thank you very much for your generosity”. We hope other affiliate organizations and individuals will take Sisterhood’s generosity as an example to support CBY programs.

There are other very simple ways to support our synagogue. You can have your Publix or Kroger’s fob swiped each time you shop at their stores, and when you purchase items on line from Amazon, it is very simple to purchase through the CBY Amazon site. “Free Money” is as easy as 1-2-3.

Spring begins on March 21, and after the cold weather we have had in the Lowcountry, it can’t come soon enough. We celebrate the Festival of Passover which commemorates the exodus of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage. As is our tradition we will again have the opportunity to celebrate together at the Community Seder on Saturday evening, March 31. This special evening is sponsored by Sisterhood. Be sure to sign up when the registration form is sent out via email, as this popular event gets filled very quickly due to our limited seating capacity.

Thank you Lindy Lindenbaum, Howard Rothchild, the “Meeting Street Players” led by Judy Bluestone, the incomparable Kopp duo of Teri and Larry, and our surprise musical star, Tevya, for their incredible Saturday NightAlive musical on Saturday, February 17, which everyone truly enjoyed. The spirit and “Yiddishkite” permeated the entire synagogue. I particularly appreciated the participation of the Youth Group, led by Shelby Keating, who created the flavor of Anatevka as a backdrop for the Players, and our table decorations of Shtetl houses were created by Sheri Farbstein.

Shalom,
Pennie

From the President–Pennie Meiselman

Frozen Food Month
Peanut Month
Caffeine Awareness Month
Noodle Month

Treasurer’s Report:
★ Report was approved as presented

Membership:
★ Held a successful potluck dinner
★ Presented three new families for approval
★ March 25 is the date for the new member/ambassador party

Information Items:
★ Committee hard at work to procure more security for Cong Beth Yam
★ Student preparation for March of the Living is ongoing
★ Cost of pavers, plaques, and leafs will be going up in May
★ Cong Beth Yam Sisterhood made a donation to temple for Music and Cantor Programs

Good and Welfare
Meeting adjourned

Board Abstract
Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary
February 12, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Pennie Meiselman
Community Prayer read by Janet Weingarten
D’Var Torah given by Rabbi Bloom
Minutes were accepted as presented

Rabbi’s Report:
★ Rabbi Zinkow, a representative from Makor Travel Company will be here on February 26 to speak about the upcoming trip to Israel. Trip will take place the beginning of October 2018.
★ Attended Beaufort Country School Board Meeting. Has ongoing dialogue with Director Moss and local schools
★ Search will begin for a new Director of Youth Education. Denise Fitzgerald is moving to Florida

TEMPLE TIDINGS
Sisterhood—Sue Gostanian, President

In the days following a recent service, I found a melody cycling through my head. As I recounted the melody, I settled in to the same feeling I had when I heard the music. Lately, I have thought about the importance of music as part of our religious experience. We associate music with certain holidays and rituals. It is embedded in our Jewish heritage.

Naomi Levy talks about music as prayer. She says that music touches us in a place that words alone cannot reach and conveys emotions that words cannot capture. She says that music is a bridge between cultures, between the body and the spirit and between human beings and God. Watch the expressions on wedding guests’ faces change as the first notes of Hava Nagila are played. Think of your physical response to Kol Nidre during the High Holidays. To recent converts to Judaism, Jewish music is often an entry point in establishing their Jewish identity.

The Reform movement acknowledges the changing generations of worshipers by taking “Jewish ideas” and reinterpreting them with sounds of the current generation...the folk music as part of our Sabbath Services and music our children are learning. Music expresses our faith and our spirit.

We have been so fortunate to have the talented musicians that are part of our religious experience, as well as the bonus of having Cantorial Students as part of CBY worship.

Sisterhood has supported the music program and Cantor’s fund through their generosity, and pledges to continue to do so. Music unites us as members of our congregation as well as the larger Jewish Community.

Sue

Many thanks to our host, Ruth Hilsen, and our facilitator, Sandee Willis, for a wonderful evening at the Sisterhood Women’s Study Group on February 7. A delicious potluck dinner was followed by Sandee’s beautiful reading of poems that spoke to our experiences as women and touched our souls. Plans are underway for another great evening with Sandee in May. Check back for details next month.

The annual Sisterhood Sweetheart Luncheon was held on Valentine’s Day. It was a memorable celebration. Gallery 95 produced a delightful “Antique Road Show” program. In-house caterer, Marcy Fine, provided a delicious gourmet repast. To the multitude of worker bee members who contributed to this successful event, we offer our warmest appreciation.

SAVE THE DATE

Please join Sisterhood for the 18th Annual Women’s Seder on Wednesday, March 14, 11:30 AM. This special event commemorates the important contributions of women to the history of the Jewish people.

Our Annual Meeting and election of Board officers will take place immediately preceding the Seder.

COMMUNITY SEDER

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 at opportunities for this special community event.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club will meet on April 12. Everyone will be reading Weight of Ink by Rachel Kadish. More details to come later.

Oneg Sponsorship

Sisterhood would like to thank those who provide Onegs. 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 at 843-342-5568.

(Please note the corrected phone number.)
Greeters – Ellen Jenner

One of the responsibilities of the Membership Committee is to arrange for greeters for regular and Kabbalat services during the entire year. This voluntary activity is a wonderful way to donate a brief period of time to Congregation Beth Yam. We have a loyal cadre of volunteers who say, “Yes” when asked to participate in this way. Currently, I am the person responsible for scheduling volunteers, taking over for Mike Weingarten who relieved Harold Freeman of those duties in June. Mike and I would like to thank the following congregants for their service to CBY from June through December 2017: Judie Aronson, Nick Bass, Alys Blumberg, Sharyn Brager, Susan Britanisky, Joanne and Ray Doyle, Sheri Farbstein, Marcy and Ed Fine, Marcie and Jack Frisch, Mike and the late Suzanne Fritz, Barbara Frogel, Geri Gutweniger, Ellen and Mike Jenner, Nancy and Joel Lerner, Wendy and Steve Lewensohn, Elaine Lust, Sheila and Walt Margeson, Pennie and Alan Meiselman, Jack Miller, Judy and Richard Movshin, Joey Perchick, Howard Rothschild, Paula Rudman, Twyla and Bob Sable, Jaquee Schmid, Candy and Dave Solomon, Marcy Stepleman, and Janet and Mike Weingarten. Most of these members volunteered their time more than once, and we are very grateful for their willingness to do so.

Would you like to join them? Simply email me or call (843) 682-2320 and I promise to find a Friday night that will fit into your busy schedule. Currently, I have openings for Friday nights from April 27-June 29.
Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its February brunch meeting on the 11th at Gruby’s.

**Future meetings for 2018:**
- 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 have begun planning the 2018 Golf Tournament. Unfortunately, no one has stepped up to lead the planning and running the event. We are discussing other ways to manage this event on a smaller scale for 2018. We will form a nominating committee at the March meeting to prepare a slate of officers for the June annual meeting.

We have a few events upcoming that require some participation:
- Family Promise site set-up March 4 at noon for 1 hour.
- Family Promise take down on March 18 at 7AM for 1 hour (deflating the air mattresses and putting them away). Please contact Dave Solomon if interested (248) 762-1399.
- April 8 – Yom HaShoah service; we need a few ushers. Please contact me if you are attending; your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

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 emails, please contact me at mensclub.cby@gmail.com and let me know so that we can correct this oversight, and I will update our list to include your direct email. Thanks for your cooperation.

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

This month we experience a situation not unlike a “Blue Moon”, which means there are two full moons in a single month. In March this year we are bookended by two special and joyous holidays. Purim begins Wednesday evening, February 28, and Passover begins Friday evening, March 30. This is definitely a rare occurrence. The next time is not until 2029 and then not until 2037.

The first Torah portion that we read in March is *Ki Tisa*. It includes among other episodes the story of the golden calf, one of the most sorrowful chapters in Jewish history. Let’s think about this great sin of the Israelites for a minute.

It happens. We make mistakes. We are careless, or inconsiderate, or we overreact by doing or saying things we shouldn’t. Most of the time, we’re lucky. We recover from the mistake. Little harm is done. People are understanding, the damage is easily repaired. We are forgiven, we forgive ourselves, we move on.

But sometimes, our mistake has devastating consequences. In just a moment of thoughtlessness, lives are shattered. The damage is irreversible. Relationships are severed and reputations are damaged beyond repair. We need to repair the damage. And to do that, we need the power of faith and the power of mercy. Once we’ve uncovered that reservoir of inner strength, we then proceed systematically to restore the lost trust, the destroyed relationships.

Getting out of a hole we’ve dug is difficult work, and we cannot do it alone. We need the help of caring people who believe in us, regardless of what we’ve done. Our forefathers in the desert were lucky to have that person in their leader, Moses. He never gave up on his people. Even after they broke his heart by worshipping the golden calf, Moses did not stop begging God to forgive them. Finally, after 40 consecutive days of prayer, Moses again ascended the mountain and brought down a second set of tablets, ones that had all the qualities of the first, plus a new, additional quality – the power of teshuvah, repentance.

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Social Action—Judie Aronson, Chair

Opioid Program

One of the missions of the SAC program is to "recommend programs to the congregation regarding community issues". The Opioid epidemic in our community certainly is an issue worth exploring and the SAC committee did a wonderful job explaining this to our membership and the community at large at our forum on Feb 22. Thank you to all the committee members who worked so hard over a six month period to bring this program to CBY

Family Promise—Two weeks in early March

Welcome to our new SAC volunteers, Barbara Meyer and Steve and Wendy Lewensohn, who will be working with the families this coming month. Our thanks to the Men’s Club who always supplies help by setting up and taking down the rooms for the guests at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Upcoming Projects

✦ Stocking Shelves at Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help
We will again help these food banks in May after the Post Office has their food drive. More information to follow.

✦ The committee is beginning to plan for next year. We’d love to have you join us.

Fund Raising Committee—Alan Meiselman, Chair

Anatevka came to Hilton Head on February 17. The Meeting Street Players sang many of the wonderful songs from Fiddler on the Roof, and our own Tevya (Rabbi Bloom) along with the Kopp family players were just fabulous. Lindy Lindenbaum created a unique tale of loss and found memory, and Howard Rothchild produced a wonderful evening’s entertainment. Delicious cakes, coffee, and cordials were presented after the show. Our Youth Group created a beautiful backdrop of the village in which the songs play. The audience laughed and cheered all evening. It was a show not to have missed. The warm feeling of the show carried through the audience. Sometimes fund raising can actually be fun raising.

Dine Arounds were again a success, with The Sage Room and Walnuts Café in Bluffton hosting delicious dinners. In March we will dine at Jane Restaurant on March 7 and Michael Anthony on March 22. Seating is still available at each location. Please make your reservations with Robin Krumholz. We have added an addition dinner in April: we have reserved the entire dining room at Wise Guys on April 17. Seating will be limited to 50 diners, and we will have 6:00 PM & 6:30 PM seatings.

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On March 24 we will have our first double header event: our first Progressive Raffle “The Ultimate 50/50/50” combined with our exciting “Texas Hold’em plus” gaming evening. This year you can win big money two ways, have a fun filled evening, and support CBY all at the same time. Mahjong and Canasta will be available this year, so bring your game and enjoy the evening.

Please refer to separate articles about each event elsewhere in the Tidings.

Care Committee—Carol Carty & Janice Fradkin

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! For many, this may be their only opportunity to celebrate and reminisce. A great mitzvah to share with children, grandchildren, and friends. Please contact Janice Fradkin (843)715-9514 or Carol Carty (609) 313-9036 for information and to volunteer.

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Israeli Culture
Many of us have visited Israel at least once and some have returned multiple times. Each visit brings new insights to the country and its diverse culture. If one is interested in history, culture, nature and just having fun, Israel is quite the destination. Tiny as it is (about the size of Rhode Island), it offers cosmopolitan cities, pleasant towns, deserts, mountains, beaches and green parks. Food is fresh and fabulous and there’s lots to do.

Israel is a melting pot of various cultures as Israeli’s origins can range from Morocco, Poland, Russia, Yemen, Germany, Spain, Ethiopia, Central and Eastern Europe, Syria, US, South America and even East Asia. Added to the mix are Arabs (Christian and Muslim) and Druze. So the cultural mix may be confusing but it’s always fascinating.

Religion
Judaism is Israel’s official religion with 78% of the population Jewish, 18% Arab Muslims, 2% Christian and 1.6% Druze. Within the Jewish population there are religious affiliations: 49% are secular, 29% are traditional, 13% are orthodox, and 9% ultra-orthodox. Orthodox and ultra-orthodox Israelis dress modestly with the latter distinctive by their customary black suits and white shirts for men and long skirts and long sleeved dresses for women. Both groups, men and women, keep their heads covered at all times. Jerusalem is highly important to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. The sights, smells and sounds that accompany a walk through the market (shuk) in the Old City Jerusalem bring that fact to life.

Facts About Israel That Might Surprise You
1. The first antivirus software was developed in Israel.
2. In relation to its population Israel has the highest ratio of college degrees.
3. Israel is alone in having revived an unspoken language as its national tongue.
4. In 1966, Shai Agnon became Israel’s first recipient of a Nobel Prize - for literature. There have been 12 Israeli Nobel prize laureates in total.
5. There are more than 40 kosher McDonalds in Israel.
6. Voicemail technology was developed in Israel.
7. Beersheva has the largest number of chess grandmasters per capita of any city in the world.
8. The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers TV series was produced by Israeli Haim Saban.
9. The World Center of the Bahai Faith is located in the Israeli cities of Acre and Haifa.
10. It is well known that the Dead Sea is the lowest place on earth.
11. Eilat and the Hula Valley are some of the best bird-watching sites in the world.

CBY invites all members to save the weekend of April 20-22 for our celebration of Israel’s 70th birthday.

March of the Living
Thanks to the generosity of a number of CBY members and the CBY March of the Living (MOTL) Scholarship Fund, this year we are able to sponsor five of our CBY high school students to attend the 30th annual International March of the Living. Our students will join Rabbi Fred Gutman, MOTL Mid-Atlantic Director of Greensboro, N.C., and the Mid-Atlantic delegation for this life-changing journey April 8-22. Each student must have become a Bnai Mitzvah, have attended our Religious School for at least the last 3 years, and fulfilled other requirements to become eligible. This year’s scholarship recipients are: Rebecca Gelb, Samuel Gelb, Rebecca Keating, Miyah Shatz, and Cameron Wynne.

Each year the International March of the Living (MOTL) brings together thousands of Jewish teens from 52 countries to Poland for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The students march in solidarity on a 3-kilometer journey from Auschwitz to Birkenau as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. During their travels, the students study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hate. The trip continues onto Israel, concluding in Jerusalem on Yom Ha’atzmaut celebrating Israel’s 70th Independence Day.

The goal of the MOTL program is to develop young ambassadors able to carry forth the testimonies of Holocaust survivors to future generations. These students are among the last generation able to meet a living Holocaust survivor.

Our CBY students will prepare for the journey through a series of special classes with Rabbi Bloom and Robin Krumholz and will depart on April 8. Please join them at Shabbat Services on Friday evening March 23 when Rabbi Bloom will bless them for a safe journey before they leave.

For further information contact Renee Roth, Chairperson of the CBY MOTL Scholarship Committee, or MOTL.ORG.
Join Us For Exciting Films & Post-film Discussion

Tuesday, March 6, 4:00 PM
Above and Beyond
A documentary about American pilots who volunteer to form a squadron in the nascent Israeli air force in 1948. (English)

Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 PM
A Bottle in the Gaza Sea
A bittersweet drama about a 17 year old French emigre to Israel whose note is planted in a bottle thrown into the Gaza Sea and the consequences of the action. (English subtitles)

Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 PM
The Women’s Balcony
The collapse of the women’s section in an orthodox synagogue leads to a revolt by the wives and daughters of the synagogue. (English subtitles)

Light refreshments will be served.

Series sponsored by the CBY Adult Education Committee
Contact: Felicia Pascal (843) 682-8211
Film Series sponsored by The CBY Adult Education Committee
WHERE HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS GONE?

If we were less sure of the good faith and generosity of our friends and fellow congregants of Beth Yam, we might start to question whether we would meet our 2017-2018 Friends Campaign goal of $82,000. As of January 31, 2018, we have received $62,915 against a budgeted net receipts of $82,000. That's approximately $3,500 more than where we were on January 31, 2017. At first blush that appears to be a good omen. The scary part, however, is that the Friends Campaign only received four donations during the month of January, 2018. Clearly the timing of charitable donations was accelerated due to the change in the Federal Income Tax making charitable deductions more valuable in 2017 than in 2018. Tax law changes are like the weather; we can't do anything about it, so complaining doesn't do any good. We have to adjust and work a little harder.

As you may know, after dues Friends is the second largest source of revenue for Congregation Beth Yam, so we have to be sure to meet our goal of net proceeds of $82,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. We usually wait until mid April to make a concerted effort to be sure everyone is directly contacted (both Resident and Affiliate members are contacted by phone and/or mail), but this year we will be starting earlier. Our goal is that everyone is contacted personally, giving every member an opportunity to become a Friend. Clearly, the total amount is important but just as important is the number of donors. The very act of giving binds the giver and Beth Yam together. The extra support of a voluntary Friends contribution is strong evidence that we are friends.

We will also be sending letters to all congregants who have not yet donated to the 2017-2018 Friends Campaign with the hope that we can raise the percentage of donors from last year's 55% to at least 65% this year.

Thank you for being a Friend of Congregation Beth Yam.

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