Bob and I just returned from the Beth Yam congregational trip to Israel led by Rabbi Bloom. I know that some of my comments may offer a very different perspective than that of other members of the Congregation. Our Israel trip was spiritual, educational, adventurous and joyous. Rabbi Bloom’s selection of sites to visit were as varied as the Western Wall to the Golan Heights to Independence Hall in Tel Aviv to Dr. Shakshuka’s restaurant in Jaffa and attending Shabbat services in Jerusalem made the trip an informative and inspirational Jewish trip not just another vacation.

We were blessed with glorious weather and the opportunity to meet and hear people in important positions in Israel tell their stories as well as have discussions with local merchants in Safed and Jerusalem and meet members of the oldest Reform temple in Israel, Kehilat HarEl, attending services and then enjoying a Shabbat dinner with Cantor Evan Cohen’s parents who made aliyah 6 years ago from New York.

We had an early meeting with Anat Hoffman, the Executive Director of Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) from whom we heard stories that may either incite you into action or say “What does she know”? Anat has worked for Religious Freedom of the Wall for 30 years. She spoke about being arrested the first time at the Wall (Kotel) and taken to jail. IRAC is now working to provide a permanent area for women and men to pray together at the Kotel without harassment. After years of litigation and negotiations, the Israeli government announced six weeks ago its landmark decision to create an egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall. Two weeks later, Israel’s Supreme Court ruled that the Orthodox rabbinate can no longer prevent Reform converts from making use of Israel’s public ritual baths. The American poet and writer Carl Sandburg once said, “If the facts are against you, argue the law. If the law is against you, argue the facts. If the law and the facts are against you, pound the table and yell like hell.” The ultra-Orthodox establishment is doing lots of table-pounding and yelling in response to all of these recent achievements. They have been illegally plastering anti-Reform doomsday posters that read “At the instruction of the sage and rebbe, may he live a good life … We are preparing for the historical battle against the destroyers of our religion until the entire Diaspora burns like a bonfire!...Signed, The Council for the Protection of the Western Wall.” And the story goes on…

On March 13th this group pressured the Ministerial Committee for Legislation of the Knesset into backing a bill that would require public ritual baths to operate only according to the instructions of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate, effectively nullifying the Supreme Court’s recent ruling. Anat stated that in Israel today women’s salaries are 46% less than men and at retirement age women receive only 24% of what men receive. Anat is a dedicated activist for both women and non-Orthodox Jews and she has been persevering and effective.

Our next guest speaker was Rabbi Uri Regev of Hiddush. Hiddush stands for Freedom of Religion and Equality. It stands for single issues of pluralism with the right and the left. What does this mean in Jerusalem? To Rabbi Regev, for example, the Likud Party opposes the operation of public buses on Shabbat.

Women have been asked to move to the back of the buses and street cars, still having that policy. Freedom is inclusive, not separate, and only one portion of the people. He discussed issues of who is a Jew; who is a Rabbi; and the Army draft. The ultra Orthodox (Haredi in Israel) are exempt from the military draft. All Jewish males must serve three years in the military, beginning at age eighteen, except those who are Orthodox. He explained this policy was implemented in 1948 by David Ben Gurion because the Holocaust had killed so many Jewish scholars. At that time there were only 400 scholars and he needed the votes in the Knesset. Today 60,000 people of military age of the Orthodox (Haredi) will not serve. These people believe they cannot and will not defend Israel at war. They claim they are protectors through study. In 1958 Ben Gurion acknowledged he had been wrong to keep the agreement to exempt Orthodox men from the military. He wrote it was immoral for an Israeli male not to take part in the military. Again in 1968 he wrote to the Prime Minister, Levi Eshkol reiterating that view. At that time the Supreme Court held that it was not legal to exempt the Orthodox from service but that ruling was ignored.

When it comes to marriage in Israel 660,000 Israelis are denied the right to marry because they are not Orthodox. Divorcees and converts are not permitted to marry in Israel and only Orthodox marriages between Jews can be performed in Israel. On the other hand marriages performed for non Orthodox Jews outside of Israel are recognized in Israel. Presently 26% of the first grade children study in a Yeshiva and that number will increase to 36% in ten years.

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If you haven’t got charity in your heart you have the worst kind of heart trouble.  Bob Hope

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PASSOVER YIZKOR
The pathway at Israel’s Yad v’Shem’s Holocaust Museum and Research Center runs between an area that shows small plaques in the ground surrounded by trees planted in the memory of individuals from other religious traditions outside of Judaism who risked their lives to save Jews. They call this pathway leading up towards the museum the Avenue of the Righteous. Such names as Oskar Schindler who we all know from the famous movie is just one example. There are names from all the countries of Europe who hid Jewish children when their parents were taken off to the gas chambers. Other gentile families took in entire families and hid them in farm houses and in attics. It is a part of the story of the Holocaust that Israel did not forget. Neither should we. Nobel Peace Prize Winner Elie Wiesel wrote about the Righteous Amongst the Nations by saying, “And so we must know these good people who helped Jews during the Holocaust. We must learn from them, and in gratitude and hope, we must remember them.”

For this reason this year’s theme for our commemoration of Yom HaShoah will be remembering the stories of some of the heroes who defied not only the German Nazis but the homegrown Nazis from countries like Poland, Ukraine, France and, tragically, many other nations. They were simple people, sometimes farmers and other small shopkeepers. They knew the consequences for anyone who was caught hiding Jews thereby defying the military and intelligence agencies that tortured the population during World War II. How did these people summon up the courage to do the right thing despite their awareness that they would be put to death just like the Jews they were protecting? I admire their courage and am mystified by their bravery.

I do not for a minute want to leave the impression that there were so many of them who performed these great acts of saving lives. One should explain to our non-Jewish neighbors that most folks did nothing to protect their fellow Jewish citizens. Many were complicit in assisting the Nazis to round up Jewish families. Yet, despite those facts, the truth is that these small remnants of decent human beings did extend themselves and made a difference. Do they deserve to be remembered alongside the victims of our people who we gather together each year to show our respect? Again I say, yes they do.

We have heard of people like Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg. Their stories have been told and movies made about their lives. There were other amazing stories of diplomats who saved lives such as the Japanese Consul-general Chiune Sugihara, and his wife Yukiko who, while being posted by his government in Kauna which was the temporary capitol of Lithuania, wrote over six thousand visas to save refugee Polish Jews fleeing from the Nazis. Sugihara wrote them in direct defiance of his superiors in Japan. Many of those with visas got to Russia and then to headed east to Japan and then were shipped to Shanghai by the Japanese. He, too, along with his wife, were inducted into Israel’s Righteous Amongst the Nations.

These are just a few of the incredible stories that have been told. I hope you will join us on May 1 at 1:00 pm for this tradition at CBY to remember and honor the righteous amongst the nations who saved Jewish lives.

Shalom,
Rabbi Brad Bloom

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**May Events**

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Fundraising Committee—Alan Meiselman, Chair

As the end of our fiscal year approaches we are still looking forward to a Dine Around at FLORA’S Restaurant on Thursday June 2. We are also looking to fill in a spot in April as well as one in May. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Our Asian themed evening with dinner at OKKO and tickets to the Peking Acrobats at the Arts Center was a big success thanks to all the participants. Special thanks to Linda Bloom for her effort in making this evening possible.

The 92Y LIVE spring program ends on Wednesday April 13th with Tom Brokaw interviewing Leslie Stahl. This should be an entertaining evening, appealing to all the grandparents in our congregation.

The CBY Advertising Directory Committee is hard at work soliciting both old advertisers and new possible participants. We hope that each family will solicit one ad each to make this year’s directory the best yet.

Please note that our Casino Cruise, scheduled in May has been cancelled. It seems that the owner of the ship could not stay afloat.

Anyone interested in another Texas Holdem Night next year please contact Fred (Lucky Tex) Carty at jpfred19411@yahoo.com.

Membership Committee—Penny Meiselman, Mike Weingarten—Co chairs

This month we want to welcome our new members: Resident Singles: Howard Rothchild and Robert Steinberg; Affiliates: Jaclyn and Ron Steven. Please greet them and introduce yourselves when you see them at temple events. As of March, excluding Honorary members, our head count is 303 as follows: Affiliates – 64, Associates – 2, Resident Family – 147, Resident Singles – 90. We have 6 Honorary members who are all our living past Rabbis and their spouses.

On Sunday, April 10 we will have our Ambassador Party at the temple. If you are an Ambassador and haven’t yet responded, please contact Sharyn Brager at (843) 815-9511 as soon as possible.

Our next major event will be our new member Shabbat on May 6.

Ritual Committee ~ David Kurjan, Chair

Well, it’s coming – that time of year when we stuff ourselves with gefilte fish, matzo ball soup, brisket, sponge cake, fruit jellies, and matzo brie for breakfast. That’s right, I’m talking Passover. For some it’s the favorite holiday of the year but let’s not forget what it says in the Haggadah – “Let anyone who is hungry join us at this Seder, and let him partake of what we have to share.” We should keep in mind those less fortunate and help them as much as we can.

Interesting Passover facts:

The world’s largest matzo ball was displayed in 2010 at the Jewish Food Festival in Tucson, AZ, weighing 488 pounds. Ingredients included more than 1,000 eggs, 25 pounds of chicken fat, and 125 pounds of matzo meal.

On Passover 151 years ago, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at Ford’s Theatre in Washington, D.C. Many Jewish Americans were in synagogue at the time of the assassination, both to observe Passover and to celebrate the end of the Civil War. The American Jewish Historical Society notes that synagogue bimahs “were quickly draped in black and, instead of Passover melodies, the congregations chanted Yom Kippur hymns.”

The world’s largest Passover seder, with more than 2000 participants, is held yearly in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The Persian Jewish communities have a tradition of whipping each other with scallions during the singing of “Dayenu” symbolizing the Egyptian slave masters.

Also, keep in mind our Passover festival service and Passover Yizkor service Saturday mornings, April 23 and 30, respectively, at 10 am. Please help make sure we have enough of a turnout for a minyan.

Looking ahead to May, don’t forget two fantastic events: Yom Hashoah (May 1 at 1 pm with Student Cantor Dubin and the Shabbat choir) and Yom Hazikaron/Yom HaAtzmaut (May 12 at 5:30 PM with the CBY Shabbat choir). You won’t want to miss them.

Happy Passover – and be careful how many macaroons you eat.
Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Sisterhood Board, I wish all of our Congregation Beth Yam members a Happy Passover. As we gather together to partake in our Seders, the themes of freedom and remembrance remain relevant as we retell the story of the Jewish people’s Exodus from Egypt. The contemporary custom of adding a Miriam’s Cup to the Seder table has a particular resonance with Jewish women. This cup is meant to acknowledge the role of women in the flight from Egypt and our journey from slavery into freedom. It also represents the contribution of women to Jewish life, past and present. The water in the Cup signifies the well water Miriam discovered as the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years. Many thanks to the women of our Sisterhood, who through their tireless effort, made our 16th Annual Women’s Seder a tremendous success. And thanks to their dedication, more than 100 members and visitors will gather at CBY April 23, the second night of Passover, to join in our Community Seder. Please click here for more information. We wish to thank Rabbi Bloom for his guidance and leadership in this special commemoration.

Many thanks to the members who attended our annual Sweetheart Luncheon. Because of your generosity, Sisterhood was able to make a significant donation in support of the 10 students from our Religious School who will be attending URJ Summer Camp this year. It is vital to our children that they identify and share experiences with other Jewish youth, and camp gives them the perfect opportunity.

Mark your calendar for Sisterhood’s Women’s Breast Cancer Forum, Wednesday, May 4th, from 2-4 PM. We are pleased to host 5 Low Country health-care professionals who will share the most up-to-date information on diagnosis, treatment and after care. Click here for more information.

Yours In Sisterhood,

Cathy

CBY Community Seder

Spring and Passover are right around the corner! Mark your calendars for the CBY Community Seder on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. The Seder will be led by Rabbi Bloom, with musical accompaniment by Adriana Urato and David Kimbell. It will once again be catered by Serg. Everyone enjoyed their wonderful food last year! Reservations are now open. You can get the reservation form online or in the display outside the office. This is a popular event! It fills up quickly and space is limited. Volunteers to help set up are needed and appreciated. Join your Sisters for a fun couple of hours folding the napkins, setting the tables and kibbitzing! Please contact Randy Kurjan if you can help out.

Women's Breast Health Forum

Please save the date for the “Women's Breast Health Forum” to be held on May 4, 2016 at CBY. More details will follow for these informative and very important discussions with health-care professionals.

Book Club

Save the date for our last Book Club of the season May 12, 2016, 12:30 at the Moss Creek Clubhouse. Book Selection: The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks

Learn to Play MahJongg

Interested in learning MahJongg? Contact Beverly Averack 843-682-3778. She will be setting up a new session soon.

Sisterhood's Slate of Officers

The slate for 2016-2017 is as follows:

President: Sue Gostanian
Executive VP: Randy Kurjan
Fund Raising VPs: Carol Carty/Barbara Reed
Membership VP: Kathy Burnce
Community/Cultural VPs: Janice Fradkin/JoAnne Doyle
Congregational Services VP: Nadyne Ulicny
Recording Secretary: Sharon Bass
Corresponding Secretary: Candy Solomon
Treasurer: Elaine Lust
Abstract of Board Meeting ~ April 11, 2016—Judy Bluestone, Recording Secretary

- The Treasurer reported that dues revenue will fall slightly short of the budgeted amount and that expenses are in line to date.
- The first draft of the proposed budget for 2016-17 was presented to the BOD for review.
- Security upgrades and training on the new fob entry system will take place March 21-22.
- The Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers and new board members for 2016-17. This will be published in the April Tidings.
- New members Howard Rothschild, Robert Steinberg and Jaclyn and Ron Stevens were approved and welcomed.
- The Religious School announced that thanks to the Sisterhood, Men’s Club, CBY and an anonymous donor camperships were awarded to 10 children: $525 per child to four week campers and $275 per child to two week campers; a successful fire drill was held on March 13.
- The Social Action Committee “Corridor of Shame” program was well attended and informational.
- The Rabbi’s open office hours began in early March. Congregants are encouraged to come in on either Wednesday morning or Thursday afternoon without an appointment. He will evaluate this arrangement in a few months.
- Six candidates for the student cantor post were interviewed. The interview committee will send their first choices to HUC.
- The Friends Campaign is progressing. Members are encouraged to send their donations as soon as possible. We are in the “home stretch”.
- The Dine Around programs have been well supported; the Asian dinner and Peking Acrobats program is almost sold out. The spring 92Y presentation was well attended. Selling season for the Ad Directory is underway. The 2017 Gala planning is continuing.
- Michele Johnson has returned to CBY in a full time position. Karen Smith leaves officially on March 31.
- The Mens Club has had a successful year and now has 80 members. Plans are underway for the ever popular Kids and Klutz’s baseball game in May and the golf tournament in the fall.
- The Sisterhood had a very successful Sweetheart Luncheon and raised enough money to contribute $2000 to the campership fund.
- The bookkeeper’s office is almost complete.
- A back-up projector has been purchased and a group of CBY AV techs will be trained to use our equipment.
- Outdoor benches courtesy of Jean Caplan have been ordered.
- The Israel trip was extremely successful and spiritually renewing for all.
- Nancy Dubin’s last service at CBY will be on May 27.

Care Committee—Susan Britanisky & Sandy Leff—Co-Chairs

Reneé Woodruff To Lead New Bereavement Group

The Care Committee feels fortunate that Reneé Woodruff will serve as facilitator for MOVING FORWARD, the bereavement support group which will gather in the CBY Resource Center every other Tuesday from 3-4:30 beginning on April 5. Reneé has degrees in grief counseling and gerontology and expertise in leading bereavement groups in the Hilton Head area for over 16 years. Her extensive background makes her uniquely qualified to guide those experiencing the loss of a loved one, helping them validate their grief and develop healthy coping skills.

We hope you will find support and comfort by meeting with others at this newly formed CBY bereavement group. In a safe and intimate setting, and in complete confidentiality, you will gather with others who share your feelings and together work to heal and improve your quality of life. This program and the materials needed will be supplied by the CBY Care Committee AT NO CHARGE. We welcome you to try MOVING FORWARD! Please contact Susan Britanisky (843-842-5244) or Sandy Leff (843-341-2240) to reserve your place.

Request for Minyan Participants

It is important to ensure a sufficient attendance for Shiva minyans, especially for those who may be new or affiliate members and who don’t necessarily know many CBYers. Helping someone have a minyan in order to say Kaddish during a period of mourning is one of the greatest mitzvahs one can perform. So, when you receive a Special Tidings announcing the death of a congregant’s loved one, please take note of any information regarding when the family will be sitting Shiva and when the service will occur. Put yourself in their shoes and ask yourself how you would feel if there wasn’t a minyan for you.
Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors has set the Annual Meeting for Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the Synagogue. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors, reports from the Treasurer, Rabbi, affiliate organizations and committees. In accordance with our Bylaws, Article XII, the Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of nominees to fill the positions of the officers and directors whose terms are expiring on June 10, 2016. The slate of nominees and their biographies beginning new terms follows.

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee: Jack Miller, Chair, Ed Brager, Melanie Wynne, Nadyne Ulicny and Kathy Burnce.

Officer Nominee Biographies

President: Pennie Meiselman

I am a native New Yorker and lived there until Alan and I moved to Hilton Head Island in 2008. We have been married 50 years and worked together for 30 years in the Decorative Trade. We have two daughters, one living in south Florida and the other in Israel and six grandchildren.

I graduated from Boston University with a B.S. degree in Education. We were warmly welcomed into Congregation Beth Yam where I have served as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee as well as being a member of the Board of Directors for the past 5 years. In addition, I have enjoyed serving as Second Vice-President and First Vice-President on the Executive Committee.

I am looking forward to meeting the new challenges that CBY will present in the next several years.

First Vice President: Elaine Lust

I moved to Hilton Head in 1991 via The Bronx, Queens and lastly Astoria, NY. I have been on previous boards, including a major subcontractor’s trade association and a condo board. I held many offices on the board of Hadassah leading up to becoming its President. These offices included recording secretary, programming vice president, records administrator and bulletin editor, the last two are current portfolios. I have been a member of CBY’s Sisterhood since I joined CBY and have served as Vice President of Membership, Corresponding Secretary, President and, now, Treasurer. I am chair of the Lilith Salons and present this program every three months - it is a very exciting and well attended event.

I have served on the Women of Reform Judaism North American Board of Directors and was the Lilith Chair for the USA and Canada. I am also a member of the Southeast District Board of Directors, having served as Area Director, Treasurer, Senior Area Director and presently Vice President for Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. This position is one of service to sisterhoods and keeping track of their activities, aiding in their programming and helping to resolve difficult issues. I am also listed as a consultant and a speaker.

In my spare (?) time I serve as the Beaufort County Delegate and Board of Directors member of the South Carolina Silver Haired Legislature helping to resolve issues for the seniors of our state. I have recently been appointed a Commissioner of the Bluffton Township Fire Department. I look forward to moving from Corresponding Secretary to Second Vice President to First Vice President of the Board of Directors at CBY and thank everyone involved for their confidence in me.

Second Vice President: Jack Miller

After coming down to Hilton Head on a regular basis for over 25 years, Diane and I kept asking ourselves “why do we keep going back to Baltimore?” So we retired and moved to Moss Creek full time in August 2012. I spent over 45 years working in advertising, the last 37 of those years running my own advertising agency. I also produced a real estate television show in Baltimore and Washington for 20 years. During my years in Baltimore, I served on a number of professional and charitable boards including The Home Builders Association of Maryland, Chestnut Ridge Country Club, The Special Olympics of Maryland, The Children’s House at Johns Hopkins (subsidiary of Grant a Wish), The Baltimore Housing Partnership as well as serving as President of The Sales and Marketing Council of The Home Builders of Maryland and a member of The Baltimore County Planning Board. Diane and I have been married 49 years and have two children...Robyn living in Atlanta and Reid living in New York with his wife, Lisa. Starting out as associate members at CBY, we became full members when we moved down here permanently. I am currently a director on the CBY Board, chairman of the Communications Committee, a director on the Board of CBY’s Men’s Club, an advisory member on the Endowment Committee and chairman of the Task Force For Special Projects.

Treasurer: Ted David

I was born and raised in Chicago and received my B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Illinois and a M.S. in Industrial Administration (an MBA) from Carnegie Mellon University. After graduation I joined the Chicago office of Touche Ross & Co (now Deloitte), an international CPA firm, and as a Partner led the firm’s audit and consulting practice providing professional services to governments and non-profit organizations. I moved to Washington, DC in 1986 to lead a special practice unit assisting clients relate to federal agencies. Upon retirement from Deloitte in 1991 I joined the federal government where I served several agencies (most recently the National Weather Service) as Chief Financial and Chief Administrative Officer. In both Chicago and Washington I was an active Board member of Jewish...
organizations, such as the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, and active in the local Jewish Federations.

Upon retirement from the federal government in 2004 Jeri and I moved to Bluffton and immediately joined CBY. At CBY I have been a Board member and President, 1st and 2nd Vice President and Treasurer, as well as the chair and member of many committees. Currently I am co-chair of the Friends Campaign, chair of the CBY Endowment and member of the Finance and Resource Committees.

I am a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM). Jeri and I have 4 children and 11 grandchildren (and I remember all their names and birth dates).

Recording Secretary: Sharon Bass

I was born and raised in Chicago and lived in the greater Chicagoland area until retiring to Hilton Head in 2000. I attended Chicago public schools and Roosevelt University. I have served on the Board of Directors of the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra Auxiliary, the Joliet Jewish Congregation Board of Directors and also the Joliet Jewish Congregation Sisterhood Board, the Joliet Public Library Board of Directors, the Will/Grundy County Medical Auxiliary Board of Directors and the State of Illinois Medical Auxiliary Board of Directors. I served as President on both the Library Board and the Sisterhood Board. I am presently serving on the Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood Board and hold the position of Recording Secretary. I am also currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Ribaut Island Design Review Committee and have served as the President on that committee. I have been married to my wonderful husband Nick for 56 years and we have 2 sons, one daughter-in-law, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Corresponding Secretary: Marcia Brandt Frezza

I have served for five years on the CBY Board of Directors and am currently on the Executive Board and serve as Corresponding Secretary of the congregation. I served as chair of the Outreach Committee for four years and I co-chaired the Friends campaign with Ted David. I currently have a private practice in psychotherapy on Main Street in Hilton Head, serving individual adults, couples and adolescents. I am a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Clark University in Worcester, MA where I earned a degree in psychology and Yeshiva University in New York City where I was awarded an MSW and advanced psychotherapy credentials. I am happily married to Tony Frezza and we are the fortunate parents of 5 grown children all of whom are married and have honored us with 11 grandchildren. We have been full time residents of HHI for almost 8 wonderful years, moving here from Ellicott City, Maryland. I am privileged to be on the Board of Directors and hope to continue as Corresponding Secretary of Congregation Beth Yam.

New Director Nominee Biographies

Director: Michael Shapiro

In 1997, Ila and I moved from Reston, Virginia to the Lowcountry and have lived in Palmetto Dunes and Hampton Hall. We have been members of Congregation Beth Yam for 12 years. My CBY activities have included serving on the Board of Directors, co-chair of the Friends Campaign, chair of the Nominating Committee, webmaster, and a member of the Communications and the Outreach Committees. I am also an active volunteer for the local American Red Cross chapter. Professionally, I am a Chemical Engineer and strategic planner and have worked for the US Navy, Department of Energy, and consulting firms in Washington DC. Ila and I will be celebrating our 33rd wedding anniversary in July. We have three daughters, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Director: Nadyne Ulicny

Born and raised in Camden, NJ, I arrived in Hilton Head via Connecticut and Georgia. I graduated from New York University. Married to Joe for 21 years we share 5 children and 3 grandchildren. Knowing hardly anyone when we arrived in Hilton Head, Temple Beth Yam, immediately took me in. Before long, I became a member of the Membership Committee, soon after I became involved in Sisterhood and very soon was elected Vice President of Congregational Services which oversees the Kitchen (maintenance and supplies), the Bereavement Committee, the Women's Seder and organizing volunteers to host onegs. A position I still hold. Additionally, I assist with the Women's Seder, the Community Seder, am a greeter on occasion, and a B'nai Mitzvot tutor. Recently I was elected to the Board of Directors of Treat The Troops as corresponding secretary. Just ask and I'll be there. Committee, the Women's Seder and organizing volunteers to host onegs. A position I still hold. Additionally, I assist with the Women's Seder, the Community Seder, am a greeter on occasion, and a B'nai Mitzvot tutor. Recently I was elected to the Board of Directors of Treat The Troops as corresponding secretary. Just ask and I'll be there.

Director: Candy Solomon

I grew up in Ohio and attended the University of Toledo where I earned my BA in Teaching. I married my husband, Dave, and we moved to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan where I continued teaching in grades 1-6. I earned my
Board bio Candy Solomon continued.

Master’s Degree in Reading and my Early Childhood Endorsement from Oakland University. We have two married children and three grandchildren with one more on the way. After teaching for 40 years I retired, and we built a house in Bluffton. We joined CBY after we moved down here and quickly became involved. I joined the Membership Committee and will be co-chair this coming year. I became a member of Sisterhood and will be Corresponding Secretary this year. I work at the Judaica Shop and I read to the 3 and 4 year old class at the Children’s Center. I just completed the CBY Leadership Class, and I hope to use some of the things I learned as an active and enthusiastic member of the Board.

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Annual Meeting

Happy Passover to you and your family
from the CBY Board of Directors.
May we have peace in America and Israel
and may the coming year be sweet for all of us.

Library Committee – Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern, Co-chairs

Passover is once again approaching and we will be displaying our modest collection of Passover siddurim including a reproduction of the Sarajevo Haggadah; many of you are aware that this particular Haggadah played a central role in Geraldine Brooks’ People of the Book. The British author, Cecil Roth wrote The Sarajevo Haggadah and Its Significance in the History of Art. It’s a book I have not read (it’s in our Art book selection, category 1900), but hope to in the near future. Geraldine Brooks’ title is also in our fiction section.

We will also be displaying some of our collection of art books. We are fortunate to be the recipient of a nice selection of “coffee table” books. Some have spectacular reproductions of works by prominent Jewish artists, Marc Chagall, for one. I invite you to browse through the collection and enjoy our holdings.

We owe thanks to Judi Kleiman for her generous donation of books to our collection, including several dealing with the celebration of Passover. We intend to add those titles to our Passover display.

Check out the following link to see the books in our library catalog on CBY Website: www.bethyam.org/images/stories/pdfs/libraryinventory080814.pdf

Fundraising for CBY is easy as 1, 2, 3!
1. Go to www.bethyam.org
2. Click on the Amazon logo
3. Shop!
...and when you checkout, 4% of every purchase will be directed to Congregation Beth Yam!
Rabbi Bloom will have **open office hours** for any congregant who would like to stop in and, without an appointment, sit down and visit. Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30 AM and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 PM will become an “open door” period. If and when there are two or more congregants waiting, Rabbi will limit these time frames for each person. If an individual needs to meet further then Rabbi Bloom will set up an appointment for more detailed meetings. The only times that Rabbi will not be in the office at these designated times is if a funeral is scheduled for those times, there is a pastoral emergency or if Rabbi Bloom is out of town. Rabbi Bloom is hopeful that more congregants will come and visit with him. Thank you for your attention.

**Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson and Janet Weingarten—Co-Chairs**

As everyone begins to be in Passover mode this month, there is a lot to reflect on as well as all of the Seder preparation. When we celebrate Passover, we celebrate the journey to freedom that the Jewish people have been forced to make throughout history. This is not so different from the journey immigrants are presently taking in order to live a secure life with the freedoms we now take for granted. As we prepare and eat the Passover meal, we should also keep in mind and take action to aid those that are hungry all over the world including the one in four children in our own country that don’t have enough to eat. Social Action each year asks congregants to donate to Mazon at our Community Seder. Mazon is a Jewish organization that supports efforts to ease hunger in the United States and Israel. Please come to the Seder prepared to donate to Mazon or you may write a check to Mazon and we will send it along with the Congregation’s donation. On behalf of both of us, have a meaningful and Happy Passover.

**Holocaust Remembrance Day—Janice Fradkin, Chair**

Planning is underway for the annual Holocaust Remembrance program - Yom HaShoah - to be held this year on Sunday, May 1. 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 send me their contact information so that they may be invited.

Thank you for your assistance.

**Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President**

Our next board and lunch meeting will be on **Tuesday April 12, at 12:15 pm at CBY**. Our May meeting will be a dinner meeting at Frankie Bones at 6pm on May 10.

The Events Committee presented the first half of the 2106 calendar at our February meeting. We are planning an annual meeting with a “fancy” Sunday brunch on Sunday June 5 at 10:00am. We are also working on a date for our annual Kids and Klutzes event. Please contact Stuart Blickstein, 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.

The Golf Committee is planning for the 2016 tourney, the first step is course selection which will be finalized before the end of March. Please contact Steve Burstein with suggestions or if you wish to be involved in helping make this event as successful as it has been.

We held a board meeting on March 8 and we accepted our preliminary budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year. We also discussed ways of getting a broader group of volunteers for our events.

If you are a dues paying member and are not getting our emails please get in touch with me.
CBY Adult Education Committee & Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Lowcountry are presenting: “Two Who Dared: The Sharps’ War”

Monday, April 4, 7:00 PM

UUCL – 110 Malphrus Road Bluffton
Free admission
Following the movie, light refreshments will be served
Event contact: Barbara Slagowitz

Israel is 68 & GOING STRONG
Join Congregation Beth Yam and Hilton Head Hadassah as we celebrate Israel and her achievements

Thursday, May 12, 5:00 PM

More information at www.bethyam.org

Meet the Author
Melissa Fay Greene in person at CBY

Thursday, April 14, 7:00 PM

Join us as she discusses her award-winning book, The Temple Bombing

Please send your reservations to adulteducation@bethyam.org

Join us as award-winning author Melissa Fay Greene facilitates a discussion based on her book, Praying for Sheetrock

Bring lunch. Coffee and dessert will be available.

More Information at www.bethyam.org or contact Barbara Slagowitz at (843)681-6522

CBY Sisterhood presents:
Women’s Breast Cancer Forum
Wednesday, May 4, 1:30—4:00 PM

Join the CBY Sisterhood and our panel of medical experts who will share the most up-to-date information on the diagnosis, treatment and aftercare.

Light refreshments will be served... No charge for this event

For reservations contact:
Sharon Bass

Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood invites you to attend our
Passover Community Seder
Led by Rabbi Brad Bloom
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 5:00 PM

CBY Social Hall
Catered by Serg Group
Seating limited to 130 people
Please RSVP early to Carol Carthy

More information at www.bethyam.org

92Y Live from NYC
Lesley Stahl in Conversation with Tom Brokaw

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 PM

At Congregation Beth Yam Social Hall

Lesley Stahl, “60 Minutes” journalist, shares her personal story, from famous to the woman next door with Tom Brokaw, “NBC’s Nightly News” distinguished journalist, anchor, and managing editor.

More information at www.bethyam.org/92Y
Leadership Development

Congratulations to the graduates of the Leadership Development Course, Hay A’tid, Candy and David Solomon, Robin and Alan Krumholz, Jack Miller and Randy and David Kurjan. Also completing the course but missing from the picture Marcy and Jack Frisch, Marida Bruggeman and David Uram.

They attended five 21/2 hour sessions covering topics such as temple finances, running meetings, reform Judaism, managing conflict and much more. As their final project they had to tackle one of Beth Yam’s issues. They were split into 3 groups dealing with membership, recognizing volunteers and reorganizing the office. Beth Yam is in good hands with these very competent future leaders.

“Cherish the past, live in the present, invest in the future...

“The CBY endowment is a very special opportunity for us to do something meaningful so that the future of Congregation Beth Yam is secure. The Endowment Fund guarantees that there will be real dollars in the years ahead and that CBY will endure. Support words with deeds. If you care about the future of CBY, please join me in making a donation”... Felicia Pascal

Felicia Pascal’s words and sentiments are shared by many. Though Congregation Beth Yam is financially strong today, we cannot assume that the current economic climate and membership growth will continue at the current pace. We need the strong support from our membership to assure that CBY will remain relative and a vital part of our lives and those of future generations.

“One of the reasons we chose to retire in Hilton Head was Congregation Beth Yam. The warm welcome by members was as evident then as it is now. Congregation Beth Yam has grown and become an integral part of Jewish life in the greater Hilton Head area...spiritually, culturally and socially. We believe that it is important to perpetuate Jewish life at Congregation Beth Yam for future generations. Therefore, we gladly support the Congregation Beth Yam Endowment Fund hoping to provide these same experiences and opportunities to others”... Gay and Sam Birnbaum

Established in 2011, the purpose of the Endowment Fund is to build a financial reserve to be used if an emergency need arises. Only the earnings on the invested funds can be used to help fund operations. None of the monies donated to the Endowment Fund can be used unless approved by 2/3 of the total membership. As of this date, over $160,000 has been donated. Most of the current donations have come from living donor members who feel like Felicia Pascal and Gay and Sam Birnbaum. However, many more members like Phyllis and Steve Napoli and Sue and Fred Gostanian have chosen to have the CBY Endowment Fund included in their legacy documents.

“We have been blessed to live in this community. Congregation Beth Yam has welcomed and provided us with both a spiritual and social focal point. We believe that the Endowment Fund program is important so that CBY can continue its valuable contributions to the lives of its members, as well as to the larger Hilton Head community for many years to come”... Phyllis and Steve Napoli

“Our reason for including Congregation Beth Yam in our estate planning has to do with the future of this Congregation. CBY has been both a spiritual and personal home to us as we have transitioned to this part of our life. It is hard to describe the ‘intangible’ qualities of the CBY community, but the genuine caring and support have been felt by us and have made all the difference. The Endowment Fund program represents a way of ‘paying it forward’, and helping future generations to experience the love and support that was extended to us” ... Sue and Fred Gostanian

These words of our members say it all. We need your support. Whichever way you wish to participate...as a living donor or including CBY in your will and estate plan...the future of Congregation Beth Yam may depend on what we do today.

Youth Group News ~ Rachel Pepin, Youth Advisor

The youth group had a very busy month of March with the Disney themed Purim Carnival. April brings an entertaining evening of matzah ball soup making for the model seder. I had the distinct pleasure of seeing two of our youth attend NFTY Spring Kallah at URJ Camp Coleman. It was a wonderful experience for them to participate in Judaism on such a large scale and to be at Coleman was the cherry on top of a pretty awesome weekend. We are working very diligently in conjunction with the High School Seminar class to make an exceptional multimedia presentation for our Holocaust survivors and their families on Yom Hashoah.
Adult Education Committee – Barbara Slagowitz, Chair

**Righteous Gentiles Series**: On April 4 we will co-sponsor a showing of a documentary “Two Who Dared” with the Unitarian Church. The movie will start at 7 at the church and there will be a discussion led by Rabbi Bloom after the showing. Light refreshments will be served.

Melissa Fay Green, award winning author will spend the day with us on Thursday April 14 Mark your calendars to save the date. At 12:30 we will have our lunch and learn book club. She will discuss “Praying for Sheetrock”. Bring your lunch, coffee and dessert will be served. At 7:00 that evening she will discuss “The Temple Bombing”, a terrific book about the Jews of Atlanta and the civil rights movement. There is no charge for either program but please make reservations for the evening event by going to bethyam.org.

The Yiddish Project will continue with the advanced beginner lessons. Anyone interested in joining please contact Barbara Slagowitz with your preferred days and times. No problem if you did not take the beginner lessons, you can easily catch up. Anyone interested in continuing your Hebrew lessons please contact Janice Kaden to make arrangements.

Lunch and learn on May 11 will feature Rabbi Bloom discussing two important books: Dan Efron’s “Killing of the King” and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks “Not in God’s Name”. Plan to attend at 12:30 and bring your lunch. As usual coffee and dessert will be available.

Religious School ~ Robin Krumholz, Principal

Spring is in the air and crafts are everywhere as our students have been preparing for Purim and Passover. Our Gimmel Class led a beautiful Shabbat Service reflecting on Peace, and our Kita Gan/Aleph Class led an adorable Shabbat Service sharing their love of Torah. Our Spring Children’s Choir is preparing to lead services April 1st, with some new, and some traditional music. The choir will also entertain at our Community Seder, and Religious School Model Seder. The youth group organized a wonderful Purim Carnival for our students, with games designed around a Disney theme. Our model Seder plans have begun.

Mazel Tov to our Bet Teacher, Sarah Borenstein Howard who had a beautiful baby boy on March 2.

Beyond all this merriment, our older students have also begun their studies of the Holocaust in preparation for Yom Hashoah Memorial Day. We hope to lighten the heavy hearts with the art and poetry from our students.

Kita Gan and Aleph Family Shabbat; girls blessing candles and boys doing kiddush.

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Benjamin Netanyahu is the leader of the Likud party. His political alliance with the ultra Orthodox of this has led to a strong right wing Coalition. Of the 120 seats in the Knesset, the governing coalition has just 61 seats and of the 61 seats, the ultra Orthodox have 13 seats. Those thirteen seats are not a majority, they are the current balance of power. By 2059 a majority of Israel population will be Haredi and Arabs. So what is the vision for Israel? The people of Israel, Jews, Christians and Arabs all appear to want peace in the Middle East, but the path to peace is unclear. The way to peace is clearly not on either extreme and the Jewish Israelis clearly must first find agreement among themselves as the first step in the peace process.

Israel is exciting, beautiful, progressive, modern, inspiring and most importantly, it is the true Jewish homeland and Rabbi Bloom’s leadership of our trip led us to more fully understand Israel and its fundamental meaning to all Jews. I urge everyone to visit. This was a difficult article for me to write, knowing we have congregants who will disagree with me, but having just visited this great land I must say my belief in the necessity of the survival of Israel is stronger than ever. I came away with a fire in my belly to support Israel.

Shalom,

Twyla
“Janice and I purchased our first home on Hilton Head just three years ago. With Jack’s help we were able to turn our condo into a home. We were very pleased with the work Jack performed, so when it came time to sell our condo for health reasons, we turned again to Jack for help. Our designer and Jack worked so well together that, after the initial planning stages, Janice and I left the island to spend the next four months at our home in Atlanta. This time we were not at all anxious about working long distance. We spoke with Jack frequently for updates. We received frequent photos of the work that was being done. Janice and I both feel that the work Jack and his team performed exceeded our expectations, and we now have another beautiful home on Hilton Head Island. Thanks Jack for an enjoyable and pretty much stress free experience!”

Group 4 Builders had the opportunity to help Maury and Janice settle into their beautiful new home. Renovations included: new master bath, refinished kitchen cabinets, new hardwood floors, painting of all ceilings, walls and trim, new built in cabinet and much more.

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