



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

***“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together”
Vincent Van Gogh***

Rabbi's Message

Beginning on August 4, Judaism calls to us to observe a fast day called T'sha B'Av which means the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av. We are fasting commemorating the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. The first Temple was destroyed in 585 B.C.E by the Babylonians and the second Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 C.E. Jewish laws guide us to remember in so many ways that the destruction of the Temple set in motion our exile and diaspora which defined the character of Judaism and Jewish life until the founding of the State of Israel in 1948.

Some of the most prominent rituals which emerged from this cataclysmic event in our history are observed today are:

Eating and drinking are forbidden. No marital relations. There is a prohibition against wearing leather shoes. No Torah study except the Book of Lamentations which speaks about the impact of the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. There are many more prohibitions regarding the actual day itself and the days leading up to and following the commemoration of this day of mourning.

What is equally interesting is how this day impacted so many of our ritual practices throughout the Jewish lifecycle and calendar. In Jewish weddings, for example, the groom breaks glass to commemorate this day of mourning for our people. The bride would wear large ornate rings to resemble the city of Jerusalem. With regard to funeral customs the belief that being buried in Jerusalem and specifically on the Mount of Olives would atone for one's sins became ingrained in the mindset of Jews as far back as the third century of the Common Era. Even pointing the feet of the deceased towards Jerusalem as they are laid to rest became a ritual practice. Sprinkling earth from Jerusalem on top of the casket to remind us of the resurrection of all Jewish souls is still widely practiced today. There are many other rituals and customs that we do not do because of the destruction of the Temple, such as the prohibition of



playing instruments on the Sabbath which was allowed in the Temple and the prohibition to use incense which was also used in the Temple sacrificial service. We direct our prayers toward Jerusalem and inside Jerusalem Jews pray towards the Temple and inside the Temple the priests would pray towards the holy of the holies. Ironically, when I was a rabbinical student living in Jerusalem, I recall going to observe T'sha B'Av at the Western Wall. The plaza was packed with celebrating Jews because we had retaken that area in the '67 war. While the Hasidim davened directly at the Wall mourning the Temple's destruction, the thralls of people celebrated that day instead. Moreover, years later when I began attending URJ camps, I discovered that the most popular holy day at camp was T'sha B'Av because it was the only holy day in the summer. I was impressed by how many stimulating and creative ways the counselors and rabbis, including myself, developed ways to teach the remembrance of our exile. The purpose was more geared towards teaching the kids about Jewish history than actually mourning the Temple itself.

The early Reform leaders in the 19th century basically wrote off this holy day because they never intended to resurrect the Temple in Jerusalem. That is why they called synagogues Temples instead because the synagogue was the center of Jewish spiritual life and praying for the rebuilding of the Temple was antithetical to their vision of Judaism in the 20th century.

There is no question that even though we do not observe T'sha B'Av here at CBY we cannot deny the impact of this day of mourning upon our lifecycle and ritual practice throughout Jewish history. I personally do not pray for the rebuilding of the Temple but that does not stop me from acknowledging the importance of those historic events, practicing some of the rituals associated with the destruction of the Temple. No doubt these rituals and customs have shaped my understanding of the meaning of exile and return to the land of Israel in Jewish history and theology.

Shalom



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>Judaica Shop Hours Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>				<p>1 7:30 PM Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 8:03 PM</p>	<p>2 Parashat Devarim SHABBAT CHAZON</p>
<p>3 3 PM HHD Meeting with Youth Group</p>	<p>4 10 AM Ritual Committee 2:30 PM Endowment Committee 4 PM Executive Committee EREV TISHA B'AV</p>	<p>5 TISHA B'AV</p>	<p>6 4 PM Music Meeting 6 PM Dine-Around at Sigler's</p>	<p>7 1 PM Communication Committee 3:30 PM Hunger & Homeless Coalition</p>	<p>8 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 7:57 PM</p>	<p>9 Parashat Va'etchanan SHABBAT NACHAMU</p>
<p>10 3 PM HHD Meeting with Youth Group</p>	<p>11 2 PM Communications Committee 4 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 12:15 PM CBY Men's Club Luncheon FAST DAY</p>	<p>13 4 PM Music Meeting</p>	<p>14 10 AM Sisterhood Board 1 PM Outreach Committee 3 PM Fundraising Committee</p>	<p>15 TIDINGS DEADLINE 7:30 PM Shabbat Service with Cantor Dubin Candle Lighting 7:50 PM</p>	<p>16 Parashat Ekev</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 3:30 PM Social Action Committee</p>	<p>19 7 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 4 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>21 1 PM Membership Committee 4 PM Back Pack Buddies</p>	<p>22 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 7:42 PM</p>	<p>23 Parashat Re'eh</p>
<p>24 9:15 AM Religious School Registration & Brunch</p>	<p>25 7 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 10 AM Reengage & Reconnect with CBY 7 PM HHD Choir Rehearsal ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>27 11 AM Cooking for Soup Kitchen 4 PM Music Meeting ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 7:34 PM</p>	<p>30 Parashat Shoftim</p>
<p>31 No Religious School</p>						

President's Message

Summer is supposed to be a time for relaxation, fun and being with family; however, the office staff at CBY is working hard preparing for this coming year. Judy Bluestone and Pennie Meiselman have been diligently going about the job of having all the Beth Yam High Holy Days information prepared and sent to each of us.



were here in the beginning and we want you to know you are special and count with all the people of our temple.

The Religious School principal, Judi Kleiman and the Religious School Committee, chaired by Melanie Wynne, are committed to making this school year the best ever. New plans include a restructured Boker Tov Service with each service having a theme based on the weekly Parashat. The renovated playground has been completed and ready for the children

Keep looking for upcoming events and programs from all of our committees, planning new and innovative programs including the 92nd St. Y Series, Reconnect and Reengage from the Membership Committee, PubFest for prospective members from the Membership Committee, Adult Education Series, Social Action's CAN-CAN program to provide canned goods for Deep Well on a monthly basis, and our always active Religious School Committee, A Taste of Judaism, a three week series for the community provided by the Outreach Committee with Rabbi Bloom, and of course the Night of 100 Menorahs.

Our Student Cantor, Nancy Dubin will be with us to celebrate Shabbat on Friday, August 15. Please mark your calendars to attend the Shabbat Service and welcome Student Cantor Dubin to our congregation. Student Cantor Dubin will be with us for the High Holy Days this year as well as coming once a month for Friday night services.

For those of you who joined CBY as members between 1981 and 2001 we ask you to join us for brunch on Tuesday, August 26 to Reconnect and Reengage. You

to play outside in a new environment. The teachers are ready and waiting for this new and old group of students. We anticipate a Religious School enrollment of over fifty students again this year.

Please be sure to visit the Feldberg Jewish Resource Library and check out the new updated book, [A History of Congregation Beth Yam - 1978-2014](#). Thank you to Mike Werner and Joe Levy for taking on this task and doing it so very professionally.

In memory of Naftali Franenkel, Gilad Shaar and Eyal Yifrach, the three Israeli teens, I would like to offer the Prayer for Peace and Strength from ReformJudaism.org.

"May our voices carry prayers of hope that the people of Israel know they are not alone."

Twyla

How does one teach children to live an ethical life? By walking hand in hand to the synagogue. That is when sons and daughters ask their questions.

... Francesca Lunzer Kritz, journalist, 1998

Membership Committee ~ Karen Blickstein and Pennie Meiselman

Our congregation continues to grow! The Membership Committee is pleased to welcome two new resident members: Betty Yudell from Bluffton, who is the mother of recent new member Denise Fitzgerald; and Philip Davidson from Hilton Head. We also welcome affiliate member David Brache from Overland Park, Kansas, who plans to relocate here next year. Please be sure to greet and welcome these new members and encourage them get involved in congregational life.

At CBY, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. On August 26, the Membership Committee will host a reunion brunch for those resident members who joined CBY during its first 20 years (1981 through 2001). If you fall into this category and did not receive a personal invitation in the mail, please contact Karen Blickstein at (843) 705-9035.

On Wednesday evening, September 10, we will host our 2nd Annual PubFest, a social gathering for prospective members. Many of this past year's new members were introduced to our congregation at last year's PubFest. If you know someone who may be considering affiliating with Beth Yam, contact Pennie at (843) 681-5951 or Karen (see above) with their names and contact information so that we may send them (and you) an invitation.

The latest CBY Family Directory will be distributed during the High Holy Days, which are fast approaching. Thank for all your submissions to be sure it is accurate.



Membership update:

We have a total of 293 Families:

223 Resident Families

70 Affiliate & Associates

CBY Men's Club ~ Stuart Blickstein, President



Well, more than a month into the new term and no beefs so far. OK, some roast and corned beefs, but that's to be expected. There'll be more of these at our lunch meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 12:15 PM at CBY.

We're about to solicit ushers for the High Holy Days services. (Rosh Hashanah 9/24-26 and Yom Kippur 10/3-4). Please volunteer to help out. It's easy, and you're there anyway.

Also, don't forget the Annual Golf Tournament. Hey, did you know that Sam Snead observed Yom Kippur. He never ate breakfast on the "Day of a Tonament" (as Southerners pronounce it). The date of our tonament is October 13, and we'll have AM coffee and lunch for you. Join us in this fun and charitable day. Players, please register early, and if any of you'd like to help out with administration on that day, contact Steve Burstein at (843) 342-5577.

Also in our plans, New Year's Eve party with Sisterhood, Super Bowl party, etc....

We'd welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings, and larger scale events. Please let me know by calling (843) 705-9035. Already under consideration - Scotch tasting and golf trail trip.



Library Committee ~ Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern

The summer is always a great time to catch up on your reading. But, as always, there are too many choices and not enough time. We have a special addition to the collection—the updated edition of the [A History of Congregation Beth Yam, 1978-2014](#). Our thanks to Mike Werner and Joe Levy for undertaking and completing this task. We have two copies sitting at the front corner table of the JRC. Just sign your name and date, if you wish to read it at home. Since we assume (and expect) some demand, please plan to limit your loan to two weeks.

The Hilton Head Public Library has donated a Haggadah that is new to our collection. Linda Stern has donated *Anne Frank Remembered* by Miep Gies and Allison L. Gould. Her review of the book follows:

We've all read *The Diary of Anne Frank*, young students and older readers. We have seen the movie, the TV documentary and listened to the interviews of Otto Frank. *Anne Frank Remembered* was first published in the late 1980's and fills in the background to the tragic story of Anne and her family and others hidden in Amsterdam. It is the story of the bravery and endurance by Righteous Christians in Holland. Miep Gies and her husband and other Dutch citizens, though themselves not hidden in secret places, face the enemy daily to secure their friends in hiding. We cannot help but admire the author's courage and heroism.

Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman, Principal



Dear Religious School Parents,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The CBY Religious School is hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year. Our "Back to School Brunch" is scheduled for August 24 from 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM hosted by the Religious School Committee. All parents are expected to attend and will receive the "new and improved" parent handbook, meet their children's teachers, and go over curriculum and the newest classroom material. The Youth Group will provide child care for any young children in the school wing.

All previously enrolled student families will be sent a invoice prior to August 24. You may register in advance or Bob Sable, Treasurer, will be present to collect your child's or children's tuition and answer any questions you might have. The first day of school is September 7. Your registration information must be completed and received by the office prior to the first day of school.

It will be nice to get to see everyone at the end of the summer and meet some of the new members whose children will be starting school with us in September. This will give us the opportunity to answer questions, receive feedback, and just enjoy a few hours together.

Shalom,
Melanie Wynne

Save the Date	Time	September Events
1		Labor Day / Office closed
7	9:15 AM	Religious School opening day
8	1:00 PM	Preparing for High Holy Days—Cooking class
9	12:15 PM	CBY Men’s Club Luncheon
10	6:00 PM	Membership PubFest
11	12:30 PM	Sisterhood Book Club—Moss Creek Country Club
14	4:00 PM	Teshuvah Bike Ride—Dolphin Head Recreation Area, HHP
15	8:00 PM	92nd Street Y—Program to be announced
17	6:00 PM	Dine-Around at The Cottage
19	6:15 PM	Fusion Shabbat dinner—Reservations required
20	8:00 PM	Selichot dessert reception & discussion by Rabbi Bloom
25 & 26		Rosh Hashanah—Office closed
25	3:30 PM	Tashlich at Jarvis Creek Park
28	10:00 AM	Memorial Service at Six Oaks Cemetery
30	8:00 PM	92nd Street Y—Program to be announced

See below for the High Holy Days Service Schedule

High Holy Days ~ Pennie Meiselman and Judy Bluestone

Selichot & Havdallah Service	Saturday	September 20	10:00 PM
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday	September 24	8:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah (first day)	Thursday	September 25	10:00 AM
Rosh Hashanah (second day)	Friday	September 26	10:00 AM
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	Friday	October 3	8:00 PM
Yom Kippur	Saturday	October 4	10:00 AM
Sukkot Festival Service	Thursday	October 9	10:00 AM
Sukkot Yizkor	Wednesday	October 15	10:00 AM
Simchat Torah	Friday	October 17	7:15 PM



Just a note to tell you that this year 5775 the High Holy Days will be “right on time.” Please mark your calendars for this year’s services when we will be welcoming our student cantor Nancy Dubin. You should have received your annual High Holy Days mailer. Please mail it back as soon as possible.

Fifth Annual Teshuvah Event

Mark your calendar. This year’s Teshuvah event will take place on Sunday, September 14. As in the past, we will meet at Dolphin Head in Hilton Head Plantation at 4:00 PM for a bike ride, followed by discussion and commentary led by Rabbi Bloom. For those not interested in the ride, we will gather at 5:15 PM at the Dolphin Head Picnic Area for the discussion and commentary part of the event. Look in next month’s Tidings for additional information.



Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President



Sisterhood's annual membership campaign is in full swing! You should have received your green flier in the mail highlighting Sisterhood's programs and projects. Be sure to sign up for whatever interests you. We need your support because WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER. If you prefer to download a form, [click here](#).

101 years ago, the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, later known as Women of Reform Judaism, was formed. During the first decade of Sisterhood's existence, at a time when American women had not yet won the right to vote, these visionary women were committed to Jewish education as well as national issues that included unfair immigration laws, United States involvement in World War One, and the welfare of Jews in Palestine. It seems the more things change, the more they remain the same.

In the early years, Sisterhood developed creative and useful ideas to raise money for their causes. In 1913, the first Uniongram was sent through the U.S. Mail. This idea was borrowed from Jewish women's groups in Germany. Uniongrams are a type of greeting card sent to commemorate simchas and life cycle events. Today the Uniongram program has been extended to include posters, post-it notes and ecards. That same year the Sisterhood Art Calendar was introduced. Along with raising needed funds, the calendar educated members about Jewish art and brought beauty into women's lives. These projects helped support Sisterhood's initial and enduring commitment: Jewish education, providing free religious school to needy children, tuition for students studying to become rabbis at Hebrew Union College and establishment of the Y.E.S. Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects). Today Women of Reform Judaism remains the single largest donor to HUC (Hebrew Union College). At Congregation Beth Yam we are proud to be part of this long standing tradition.

We are inspired by the past and committed to the future.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Cathy Kite

**Judaica Shop**

Please note: Summer hours for July and August: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. You can arrange an appointment at your convenience by calling Elaine Lust at (843) 837-1639. **We will resume the Mon. through Fri. schedule in September.** Thanks to your support, we are able to provide the only full service Judaica Shop in the Lowcountry.

We are in need of volunteers for the Judaica Shop. It is only 2 hours a day and, if you get a buddy, only 4 hours per month. Please try to set aside this time and call Ellen Lash at (843) 681-5217. We are happy to train. Thank you for your consideration.

Book Club

Join us September 11, 2014 12:30 at Moss Creek Club House as Judie Aronson reviews the book, *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal. Synopsis of book: This is a family history of the DeWaal family, a very prominent Jewish family who was adversely affected when the Nazis became powerful. It is also the story of a large collection of Japanese netsukes (small hand-carved figures) that were a part of the family's collection of art and artifacts and how they were saved during the war. WE WILL DISCUSS BOOKS FOR THE COMING YEAR so bring your recommendations with you. Please let Judie Aronson know you are coming by calling (843) 342-6126.

Onegs

Thank you to the following women for providing the Onegs for June: Sheryl Keating, Geri Gutweniger, Jane Joseph, Melanie Wynne, Judy Bluestone, Cokie Citron, Paula Flink, Sheila Gefen, Sheri Farbstein, Randy Kurjan, Ruth Levy, Felicia Pascal, JoAnne Perchick and Sharon Bass.

Dine-Around 2014-2015 Program—Diane Miller

The first [Dine-Around](#) for the season will be held on August 6, 2014 at Sigler's Rotisserie & Seafood in Bluffton. Reservations should be made between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Please do not call the restaurant for reservations. Reservations should be made with Diane Miller by at (843) 836-1021. Please join us to kick off what promises to be a great 2014-2015 season. Next Dine-Around will be on September 17 at 6:00 PM at The Cottage.

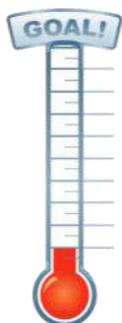


Social Action ~ Judie Aronson



- **REMINDER FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE** An early reminder to start collecting food to be donated to both Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help over the High Holy Days. Use your coupons, remember two for one food sales, etc. to purchase food. No ethnic or outdated food will be accepted. More information in the September Tidings and on an e-blast.
- **CALLING ALL KNITTERS** Last year the Religious School placed hand knitted items into the baskets that they made for new mothers who could not afford to buy supplies for their newborns. The knitted items were a huge success. Start now to knit caps, booties, small blankets etc. The Social Action Committee will purchase the wool for you if needed. Contact Sheila Rosenbaum if you can help (843) 689-9011.
- **BOOKS FOR CHILDREN'S CENTER** Our book library at the Children's Center is in need of books for children aged 2-5. Please place your donation of gently used books that your children or grandchildren no longer read into the donation box in the Social Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE** Sunday October 26 - Blessing of the Animals. Please plan now to attend.
- **BACKPACK BUDDIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** The Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head has been providing weekend food for needy children since 2010. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks, none of which will take more than an hour of your time. The time spent is small, but the reward is great! Please contact Nancy Lerner at (843)757-4103 for more information.

Fundraising Committee ~ Alan Meiselman



Following a successful fiscal 2013-2014 year, we will simplify our program for this year. We will only have one community-wide fundraiser next spring: our bi-annual Dinner/Auction. We are planning an outstanding evening, featuring our honoree, Betsy Doughtie, founder of the Deep Well Project.

We look forward to the active participation of several temple communities to make this special evening the most beautiful and successful event we have ever created. We are planning to hold this Dinner/Auction at the Omni Resort/Hotel. The space can accommodate up to 250 people and has lots of space to display everything we will be offering for the auction.

Mark March 28, 2015 on your calendar now to make sure you will join us for a fabulous evening. One event, one heck of a good time!



Invest in the Future of CBY Status of the CBY Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2014

You can invest in the future of CBY by a donation or legacy gift to the CBY Endowment Fund. The Endowment is focused on ensuring the long term financial future of CBY as the premiere Jewish congregation in the Lowcountry. For many members, CBY is not only a place to practice and sustain our Judaism. CBY is an integral part of our lives, a center for our social activities and a place where we have met and nurtured new friendships. The Endowment is an opportunity to repay all who have come before us with a long-term investment through the CBY Endowment. We don't know exactly what the Congregation's specific financial needs will be in years to come but the Endowment will be a key part of meeting those needs.

The CBY Endowment accomplishes its objective to ensure the long term future of CBY by accumulating and prudently investing donations to provide a stable and predictable flow of funds which can be used only for CBY operations. Only fund earnings can be used for CBY operations unless the congregation votes otherwise.

As of June 30, 2014, the Endowment had received legacy pledges and/or donations from 19 families/organizations. As of that date, the Endowment Fund had total assets of over \$153,500 (invested in a balanced mutual fund, Israeli bonds and cash) and total liabilities of \$5,000 (a loan from the congregation for start-up expenses) resulting in net assets of over \$148,500.

We invite all CBY members to become part of the Endowment family and the Guardian Society. If you have included CBY in your legacy plans, please let us know. If you would like information about the CBY Endowment Fund or how to make a current or future donation please contact one of the Endowment Trustees (Stan Bluestone, Ted David, Hank Noble, Bob Sable and Mike Werner) or Advisors (Harold Freeman, Joe Levy, Jack Miller and Felicia Pascal).

Over the next several months Endowment Trustees and Advisors will be reaching out to CBY members to provide information about the goals and values of the Endowment.

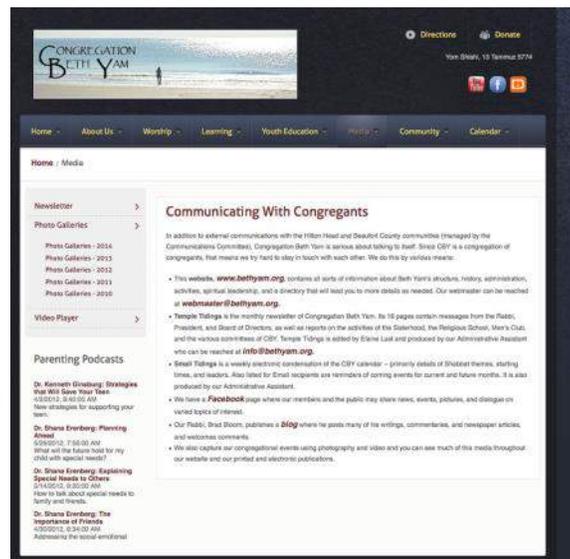




Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro

This month, we begin looking at the [Media](#) dropdown menu of our website. On the left, we can see that we have a [Newsletter](#) tab that will take you to a list of our monthly *Tidings* newsletters, a [Photo Gallery](#) tab that gives you a choice of photo galleries for the individual years 2010 through 2014, and a [Video Player](#) tab that allows you to view a number of videos of CBY events.

Some details for the [Photo Gallery](#) tab: When you click on a specific year, you can see a collage of mini-pictures displayed by event. If you do nothing, these mini-pictures will rotate in slide show fashion. We recommend that you click on a picture corresponding to an event of interest. You then can see a larger version of the picture you clicked on. There will then be arrows in the lower right of the larger picture which permit you to go forward or backward through that event's image collection. In the upper left is the traditional "x" which permits you to close the image displayed and go back to that year's collection. We suggest you browse the annual collections. It is great fun, and I will almost guarantee that you will find a picture of yourself and/or your significant other enjoying a Beth Yam event.



Abstract of Board Meeting, July 14, 2014 ~ Judy Bluestone

- Newly installed board President Twyla Sable welcomed new board members Melanie Wynne, Ed Brager, Cathy Kite and Stuart Blickstein.
- Rabbi Bloom's D'var Torah was a prayer for peace and for all those suffering in Israel.
- June minutes were approved.
- Treasurer Bob Sable reported that the 2013-14 budget was slightly ahead of the previous year due to a robust Friends Campaign. CBY members were commended for their generous response. The report was approved.
- As of July, our membership total was 293 family units. New members Marcia Ivers and Bill Sonenshine and Harriet Slovin have changed their status to Resident from Affiliate, Andrew and Denise Fitzgerald, David Brache, Philip Davidson and Betty Yudell were welcomed and Sheila and Stan Gefen welcomed as resident members. A reengagement "reunion" brunch for those who joined CBY between 1991 and 2001 will be held on August 26; the new member recruitment PubFest event is scheduled for September 10.
- The Friends Campaign reported gross receipts of \$70,585, a 33% increase over last year. Co-chairs Ted David and Pete Leff were applauded for their successful campaign.
- Student Cantor Nancy Dubin will be in Hilton Head on August 15 and will participate in Shabbat services. The purpose of her visit is to rehearse with the choir and accompanist for the High Holy Days.
- Additional choir specific microphones have been purchased for the choir.
- The policy book continues to be updated.
- Due to the efforts of Harold Hauer and Michele Johnson, the electronic display board is increasingly operational. A policy for managing and coordinating the items to be displayed was introduced. Oversight will be provided by the chair of office administration. The policy was discussed and approved.
- The House Committee has recommended that the CBY parking lot be repaired and resealed. It was approved by a vote of 14-1.
- The board approved the fundraising committee's recommendation to hold a major gala on March 28, 2015. This one major event will eliminate the need for many smaller events throughout the year. In addition to including an auction, CBY will honor a major community leader.
- The board discussed and approved a request by the World Affairs Council to hold two committee meetings per month at CBY if time and space were available.



Outreach Committee ~ Joan E. Diamond



Family to Family - Interfaith families are sometimes at a disadvantage when it comes to celebrating the Jewish holidays. The Outreach Committee's *Family to Family* program tries to find families within the congregation who are willing to host an interfaith family for a holiday dinner. We then match them with one of our interested interfaith families. With the High Holy Days just around the corner, we are currently seeking hosts for Rosh Hashanah. Dinner can be on the holiday itself (e.g., September 25) or even around that time. The goal is to provide a warm holiday experience for the hosted family, and also use this as a tool for helping to teach the non-Jewish family members about our Jewish traditions. If you are willing to host a family for Rosh Hashanah, or would like to be hosted, please contact Joan Diamond at (843) 295-0131.

Cooking Classes - The Outreach Committee is offering a series of cooking classes to members. The first class to be held on Monday, September 8 at 1:00 PM is "Preparing for the High Holy Days." Instructors will be Felicia Pascal and Nikki Greenberg in CBY's kitchen. In October, Jo-Anne Perchick will teach us how to make her delicious challah. "Preparing for Passover" will be hosted by Barbara Slagowitz on Monday, March 30, 2015. There will also be two or three more classes scheduled sometime during the year, topics to be announced and suggestions are welcomed! Class size is limited, and is on a first-come, first-served basis so please contact Rita Suntup at (843) 715-2873 by September 3 for the first class.

Taste of Judaism - For the second year the Outreach Committee will be sponsoring "A Taste of Judaism, Are You Curious?" This year's classes will be held November 6, 13 and 20 and is open to all members of CBY as well as the general Hilton Head Community. Please read the separate article below for more information.

Taste of Judaism



"A Taste of Judaism: Are you Curious?" is being presented once again this fall due to the overwhelming responses from last year. The three weekly classes will be taught by Rabbi Brad Bloom for three consecutive Thursdays beginning November 6, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM and continuing on November 13 and November 20 at CBY.

This year, Congregation Beth Yam members will be able to attend in addition to non-CBY members and anyone interested in learning more about Judaism. The course is free but we do require that a registration form be completed and that those attending plan to attend all three sessions in November.

"A Taste of Judaism: Are you Curious?" is an opportunity to explore Judaism in a non-threatening, welcoming environment. This free program is a three week course, covering three topics in two hours each: Jewish Spirituality (God), Jewish Ethics (Torah) and Jewish Community (Israel). The program is basically designed for people who have limited or no Jewish background, but are interested in learning about Judaism. Participants could be unaffiliated Jews who don't feel they know much about religion, the adult children of interfaith couples, non-Jews who are interested in learning more about Judaism, partners in an interfaith relationship, and grandparents of children being raised Jewish who are not Jewish themselves. Classes are dynamic and interactive and many questions will be discussed and answered. Space is limited, and those CBY members who are interested in participating should contact Phyllis Napoli at (843) 785-3331 of the Outreach Committee to obtain a registration form.

Taste of Judaism has been held in synagogues across North America since the spring of 1994. To date, more than 70,000 people have participated in this course. Our class last year was very successful and we are so pleased that Rabbi Bloom has agreed to instruct the classes once again.



Special Olympics Tennis Program ~ Myron Meister



It's been 18 years since we retired and moved to Hilton Head. While living in New Jersey I became involved with the Special Olympics organization and helped them start their tennis program. Once we got settled here, I reached out to the Beaufort County S/O director to see if they would be interested in adding tennis as one of their sports activities. Fortunately, there was a very strong one. Now there are 6 active groups with approximately 50 athletes and 25 volunteer coaches- serving the Hilton Head, Bluffton and Beaufort areas. Our participants are drawn from the middle and high schools and adults. They train on a weekly basis during the school year.

Today, S/O is the world's largest program of sports training and athletic competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. In my role as the Area 8 Tennis Director, I am responsible for all the training sessions as well as arranging and having our athletes compete in local, state and national competitions. There were even a couple of times when some of our players competed in the International Games held every four years.

The event that I am most proud of is our National Invitational Tennis Championships, held here annually, at the Van Der Meer Tennis Center in Shipyard. When I developed this event, 15 years ago, it was originally called the Southeast Regional Tennis Competition with five other states joining us. Over the years, as its popularity has grown, it is now known as the Nationals. Athletes from a dozen states, and sometimes other countries, come here to compete in this weekend competition.

The most important impact of any S/O sport is that it gives our athletes a year-round opportunity to actively participate in a sport of their choice. Our players love to compete and have just as good a time as any other sports enthusiast would have.

We live in a very supportive community. The courts we practice on are all donated. Our very dedicated volunteer coaches are all active and retired tennis players. Most have been in the program for over 10 years.

AS our program continues to grow, we are looking for some volunteers to help with administrative duties. If interested please contact me at (843) 342-6236 for more details. Being a S/O volunteer is a very rewarding experience.



We are searching for all those members who joined Congregation Beth Yam from 1981 to 2001 to attend a special brunch in their honor.

The success of Congregation Beth Yam has been largely the result of all those members who came first and worked so hard and contributed so much. We want to thank them and acknowledge their efforts that helped make Congregation Beth Yam what it is today.

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