# 2017 High Holy Day Schedule

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*Note: All services and activities will be at Congregation Beth Yam unless otherwise indicated*

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**Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman in HHI**

- September 20- October 1
- October 13-15
- November 3-5
- December 15-17
- January 26-28
- February 23-25
- March 30-April 1
- April 20-22
- May 18-20

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**The High Holy Days 2017**

**Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur**

- September 20-22
- September 29-30

Visit our website for up-to-date information at www.bethyam.org
**Save The Date for September**

**Date** | **Time** | **September Events**
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1 | 7:30 PM | Shabbat Service
2 | 10:00 AM | Bar Mitzvah / Shabbat Service
4 | OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY | 
6 | 10:00 AM | Sisterhood P and P
3:00 PM | Endowment Trustees
4:00 PM | Music Meeting
6:45 PM | Reserved
7:00 PM | High Holiday Choir Rehearsal
7 | 3:00 PM | The Hunger Coalition
8 | 6:00 PM | Kabbalat Shabbat Service
10 | 9:00 AM | Religious School
9:15 AM | Parent Brunch & Learn
11:00 AM | Brunch at the Beach
11:30 AM | Boker Tov Service
12:15 PM | Hebrew School
11 | 10:00 AM | Ritual Committee
4:00 PM | Board Meeting
7:00 PM | High Holiday Choir Rehearsal
12 | 11:00 AM | Men’s Club Board Meeting
12:00 PM | CBY Men’s Club Luncheon
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6:45 PM | Reserved
7:00 PM | High Holiday Choir Rehearsal
14 | 10:00 AM | Sisterhood Board
3:00 PM | Fund Raising Committee
7:00 PM | Financial Structure Task Force
15 | 6:00 PM | Family Shabbat Service
16 | 8:00 PM | Selichot Dessert Reception
9:00 PM | Selichot Discussion led by Rabbi Bloom
10:00 PM | Havdalah and Selichot Service
17 | 9:00 AM | Religious School
9:30 AM | Religious School Committee
11:30 AM | Boker Tov Service
12:15 PM | Hebrew School
4:00 PM | Teshuvah Walking Meditation at Dolphin Head Rec area in HHP
18 | 7:00 PM | High Holiday Choir Rehearsal
20 | 8:00 PM | Erev Rosh HaShanah Service with HHD Choir w/ SC Geigerman

**Date** | **Time** | **September Events**
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21 | 10:00 AM | Rosh Hashanah Morning Service with HHD Choir with SC Geigerman
10:30 AM | Rosh Hashanah Youth Service with Adriana Urato
2:00 PM | Rosh Hashanah Family Service with SC Geigerman
3:30 PM | Tashlich at Jarvis Creek Park with SC Geigerman
22 | OFFICE CLOSED | 
10:00 AM | Rosh Hashanah Morning Service - 2nd Day with SC Geigerman
7:30 PM | Shabbat Shuvah Service with Torah Discussion with SC Geigerman
23 | 10:00 AM | Torah Study with SC Geigerman
24 | 9:00 AM | Religious School
10:00 AM | Memorial Service at Six Oaks Cemetery
11:15 AM | Boker Tov Service with SC Geigerman
27 | 4:00 PM | Music Meeting
6:45 PM | Reserved
7:00 PM | High Holiday Choir Rehearsal
29 | 8:00 PM | Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidre Service with SC Geigerman and HHD Choir
30 | OFFICE CLOSED | 
10:00 AM | Yom Kippur Morning Service with SC Geigerman & HHD Choir
10:30 AM | Yom Kippur Youth Service with Adriana Urato
2:00 PM | Yom Kippur Family Service with SC Geigerman
3:30 PM | Yom Kippur Afternoon Service with SC Geigerman (Including Torah & Haftarah-Service)
5:00 PM | Yom Kippur / Yizkor & Ne’ilah (Concluding) Service with SC Geigerman (MOTL)
6:30 PM | Yom Kippur / Break the Fast -All Saints Episcopal Church

**HELP WANTED:**

Please consider spending two hours per week in the Judaica Shop. The proceeds from sales helps support CBY and it is an important service for the congregation. Please call Elaine Lust at (843) 837-1639 if you can help out.
Rabbi's Message

The Temple is booming with activity this month in its spiritual life. Many would say lovingly: “What now Rabbi? Aren’t we supposed to take a break in the summer? Can’t temple just rest during lazy summer months when we are supposed to go on vacation and give it a break?”

The answer is no. So what is going on? First, we have three B’nai Mitzvah students, two of which are in August and the third on Labor Day weekend. The temple committees are gaining steam for the High Holy Days and inviting congregants to join in the services. Religious school is also getting steamed up. We have a new Acting Director of Jewish Youth Education, Denise Fitzgerald, who is working arduously on preparing the curriculum and the faculty to give our children a fantastic year focusing on the theme of the love of learning. We are planning the service themes and family services for the fall. Yes, the board and its committees are all starting the planning process for the upcoming year. Advanced planning for activities, services, fundraising and adult education are all part and parcel of implementing a productive and organized year.

We have one more new addition to the spiritual life of the congregation. The Central Conference of American Rabbis has published a new prayer book. This is called Mishkan HaLev or Tabernacle of the Heart. It is a fascinating small siddur which concentrates on the idea that the forty days before Rosh Hashanah is a period of intense reflection in preparation for the High Holy Days. This new siddur is geared for Sabbath Services for the Hebrew month of Elul which precedes Rosh Hashanah which begins on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei on Wednesday night September 20. In addition, this book also contains a new service for Selichot. One of the highlights of the service is a touching ritual for changing the Torah covers. Young adults are supposed to hold the Torot while seniors replace the Torah covers with the High Holy Days Torah covers. The idea is to honor our seniors. This prayer book helps with invigorating poems and prose along with the traditional liturgy to prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days. The paperback book looks a lot like the new High Holy Days prayer books we started using two years ago.

The idea of this column is that we are constantly moving forward with youth education, enhancing the spiritual life of the congregation and planning for the future, whether it is for religious activities, fiscal health or simply the governance of the congregation to help us operate in a dynamic and responsible way.

I would rather plead guilty to doing too much than not enough. The best part is that we have leadership that wants to see CBY at its best year-round. We have a congregation that has diverse desires for the programs and services it desires. So let’s focus our efforts beginning later on in August for the kinds of personal and spiritual issues that we need to prepare for in September as the High Holy Days reach us.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Babysitting for High Holy Days

The families of the CBY Religious School are pleased to offer professional babysitting services again this year to any family who requires it. You need not be a current Religious School family to participate. For a nominal fee of $5 per service, any Resident Member, Affiliate Member, Non-Member or Visitor family with a child aged 10 and under may register for on-site sitting during the following services:

- Rosh Hashanah AM services, Thursday Sept 21 from 10:00 am until 12 PM
- Yom Kippur AM services, Saturday Sept 30 from 10:00 am until 12 PM

Please email Felicia Roth with the following information to reserve a space:

- First and last name of child/children
- First and last name, phone number and email address of parent/guardian
- Age(s) of children
- Any allergies or other issues of which the sitters should be aware

Please make your reservations via email no later than August 15.
Message from the President—

Pennie Meiselman

Why do we call this time of year “The Dog Days of Summer”? It doesn’t have anything to do with dogs lying around in the heat. The phrase comes from ancient Greek beliefs about a star. The dog days refer to the dog Star Sirius and its position in the sky. This occurred during the hottest time of the year; therefore it was called “dog days” by the ancient Greeks and Romans.

Here at CBY we don’t let the heat beat us. The month of August is a busy time at Congregation Beth Yam. Final preparations for the High Holy Days are being completed and committees are actively preparing their calendar of events for the year. The Men’s Club Charity Golf Tournament, chaired by Dave Solomon, is being held on October 16 at Moss Creek Golf Club. Sisterhood, led by Sue Gostanian, has an exciting calendar of events planned. Also, many of our members are returning from trips both near and far. A perfect way for all of us to have fun, reconnect and help us raise funds for our music programs is to attend The BeachBrunch on September 10 at the Omni Beach on SunPavilion.

Our Religious School will begin its school day August 27 welcoming Denise Fitzgerald as the Acting Director of Jewish Youth Education. We are looking forward to a successful and enriching school year. The Religious School Committee has been planning several events, both spiritual and social.

Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman is returning to CBY this month with his beautiful music. We look forward to another great year of uplifting sacred music.

We have Social Action, Membership, Care, Ritual, Adult Education, Fund Raising, Sisterhood, Men’s Club and so many more committees that enrich our community.

As we are preparing ourselves for the New Year, ask yourself “what am I doing for Congregation Beth Yam?”

Shalom,

Pennie

Fun Facts for August

- Admit you are Happy Month
- Family Fun Month
- Romance Awareness Month
- Win with Civility Month
- National Brownies at Brunch Month

Board Abstract—Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary—July 10, 2017

- Pennie called the meeting to order
- Board prayer read
- Minutes were approved
- Rabbi’s Report:
  The new curriculum is finished and workshop scheduled with Rabbi, Acting Director of Jewish Youth Education Denise Fitzgerald, and all of the teachers
  Online registration and tuition for Religious School has been posted
- Treasurer’s Report:
  Overall surplus has been placed in the Fund for Future Operations
  Motion made, seconded and passed to accept report
- Friend’s Report:
  Due to the hard work of co-chairs Judy Bluestone and Robert Sable the campaign exceeded their projected goal
- Membership Report:
  Twenty people in attendance for Meet and Greet held on June 20 for newer, younger Cong Beth Yam members There will be more Meet and Greets held during the coming year
- Cemetery Report:
  Thirty two cemetery plots were purchased under the special promotion with Six Oaks Cemetery
- Parking Lot:
  Two new handicap parking spots have been created
  An additional 18 paved parking spots are going to be created in the back lot of CBY
- Fundraising:
  Dine arounds are being set for coming year with some new restaurants included
  Beach brunch at the Omni coming up in September
- Meeting adjourned
Sisterhood—Sue Gostanian, President

We are half way through the summer; it is a time of visiting families and friends, trips and cruises and celebrations. On July 4, we celebrated our independence as a nation...it is a day where we acknowledge our shared history and focus on our unity. We are grateful for our freedom and the way we live together as citizens rather than focusing on our political differences.

Leafing through the monthly Temple Tidings, it is filled with so many examples of the many ways our CBY community members care for each other. Sisterhood women celebrate the births of grandchildren, support each other through periods of illness and losses, and never wait to be asked; they just do what needs to be done with the rest of CBY. We are planning exciting events for the coming year that are geared toward transitions in women’s lives as well as continuing to support the needs of our children and our community.

Sisterhood is happy to welcome the participation of all CBY women. There is no obligation...if you are interested in one event, your participation will be appreciated. Women who have recently become members of CBY are automatically Sisterhood Members, so please join us. You are very welcome!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Sue

Onegs
Thank you to the following for providing the Onegs in June: Kathy Burnce, Janice Fradkin, Elaine Lust, JoAnn Perchick, and Judie Aronson.
Also a thank you to Pat Baer, Jean Caplan, Hannah Kirschenfeld, & Gail Titus for their donations to the Oneg/Kitchen fund.

Save The Date
Book Club-Study Group
October 19, 3:00 PM at Congregation Beth Yam
The Study Group and the Book Club are jointly sponsoring this event. The book being discussed is *The Lost Torah of Shanghai* by Linda Frank. Along with the review will be a guest speaker, Mark Britanisky, who will discuss his childhood in China. Coffee and cake will be served.

Save the Date
The congregation (that means men as well) is invited to a Sisterhood BYOGame Nite to be held at the synagogue on Tuesday, Oct 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. You bring the game and your friends and we will supply the tables, nosh and drinks. The cost will be $10.00 per person. No muss, no fuss, no clean up. Just fun being with friends. If you do not have a pre-arranged game, we will get one together for you. For more information, please do not hesitate to call me at (843) 785-1933. Helen Hauer, Fund Raising VP.

Care Committee—Carol Carty and Janice Fradkin, Co-Chairs
Please join us on Wednesday, August 9 at 1:30 PM for the Care Committee opening meeting for the 2017-2018 year. With the High Holy Days fast approaching, learn of ways to perform mitzvot in 5778 and to get involved in assisting seniors in both the CBY and the greater Hilton Head-Bluffton community. Lots of interesting opportunities and new programs! Please contact Carol Carty at (609) 313-9036 or Janice Fradkin at (843) 715-9514 for more information or to RSVP.
Membership Committee—Candy Solomon & Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

The membership committee has been busy planning the Pub Fest scheduled for August 29 at 6:00 pm for interested families. Please let us know if you have met someone who may be interested in learning about and joining CBY. The Family Directory will be distributed at High Holy Day services. Please make sure to pick up your copy in the foyer.

We are looking to increase participation in the Greeter Program. This is a great way to meet members and make new friends. Please let Ellen Jenner know if you are interested in becoming a greeter, call (843) 682-2320.

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Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson & Janet Weingarten, Co-chairs

Members of SAC and their friends took a stand in support of common sense gun safety. We marched with about 50 community representatives in old town Bluffton on National Gun Safety Day. Proclamations from the mayors of Bluffton and Hilton Head were read. A local mother whose teenage son was murdered also pleaded against guns in the wrong hands. Both the URJ and RAC called for action on this issue.

Even though it is the beginning of the summer, SAC is once again collecting school supplies for the opening of school. These supplies will be distributed in the public schools to needy children. In addition, members of CBY will be knitting hats and scarves, which will be distributed in the cold winter months in the public school clothes closets for those in need.

SAC members will be meeting in July to plan our next community outreach education program. Past programs have been on hunger and education. If you have any suggestions for a topic and/or would like to join us please contact Judie or Janet.

It’s never too early to begin stocking up on “BOGOs” for food to be donated to Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well during our High Holiday Food Drive.

Lastly, a reminder that CBY helps support Back Pack Buddies of Hilton Head through volunteer help and donations to the Back Pack Buddies restricted fund. The donations provide weekend meals to children in the public elementary schools who are on the federal lunch and breakfast programs. With proposed cutbacks to this program, help is needed more than ever.

Stay cool and remember that the SAC committee is the place to take a stand on social justice issues.

Fundraising Committee—Alan Meiselman, Chair

The Dine Around program chaired by Maury Fradkin has lined up over a dozen restaurants for 2017-18. Reservations will be taken by Robin Krumholz, beginning four weeks in advance of each event. Each event will have different capacities and each is themed differently. Most events will offer seating for six or eight people at each table.

The Beach Brunch on Sunday, September 10, is now taking reservations on our website. This event will feature karaoke emceed by Steve Napoli. All profits will be devoted to support our music and Cantorial programs. This is a nice opportunity to enjoy all of our friends in a beautiful setting, munch on bagels and lox and a complete brunch menu; sing or clap along with our brave karaokeists and help CBY at the same time.

Our first Dine Around will take place at The Cottage, on Wednesday, October 4. This will be followed on Thursday, October 26 by a fun evening at the Comedy Club, with food from Java Burrito. Watch for details for all of these events in Tidings and in event specific eblasts.

Speaking of blasts, get ready for several special events beginning in December. We have some very good evening events planned. Remember, it’s all about helping CBY and having an entertaining evening.
Friends Campaign—Judy Bluestone and Bob Sable, Co-Chairs

Toda Raba, Ashynem Danke, Thank You Very Much from Judy Bluestone and Bob Sable, Co-Chairs of the Beth Yam 2016-2017 Friends Campaign

After a late and stormy beginning (Matthew) the 2016-2017 Beth Yam Friends Campaign realized very positive results with contributions from 161 congregants, totaling just over $77,000. These completely voluntary contributions were received with only gentle requests and a few reminders. The success of the Friends Campaign is just a welcome reminder of the generous spirit and commitment that Beth Yam members have to this Congregation.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to working with all of the Beth Yam members on future Friends efforts.

AGING THOUGHTFULLY:

“Who was I?”
“Who am I now?”

This fall, the Care Committee will be offering an eight week course for a group of 12 men and women over the age of 60 designed to explore what it means to live in this particular phase of life, intellectually, emotionally, and spirituality. Our group is adapted from the “Wise Aging” groups developed and co-led by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal.

Their book, “Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit” (2015), will provide topics for us to explore together. Some of the topics include:
* Living in a culture of ageism
* Where did we come from and who are we now
* Our bodies, minds, and souls
* Important relationships
* Living with losses and moving beyond

To expand and enhance our awareness, we will learn and practice simple meditation as well as journaling. We will turn to some of the reflection questions provided by the text as well as read essays by a local author who has been thinking about just what we will be thinking about.

The group will meet for 2 1/2 hours for the first 3 meetings being held consecutively (Tuesday, October 24, October 31, and November 7) at 10:00 AM at the temple. Thereafter, we will be meeting for 2 hours on Tuesday November 28, December 5, December 19, January 2, and January 16 at 10:00 AM. All conversations will be held in confidence.

The group is offered under the auspices of the CBY Care Committee and co-led by Barbara Meyer and Janice Fradkin. If you think you might be interested in participating, please call Barbara at (413) 575-1781 for a preliminary conversation.

Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its annual brunch meeting on June 4 at CBY.

Future meetings for 2017:
* Sept 12 – Board and lunch meeting
* Oct 10 – Lunch meeting
* Nov 28 – Dinner meeting

We are busy planning for our Golf tournament on October 16. More details to follow in future communications.

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.

If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular emails please contact me at Mensclub.cby@gmail.com. Please let me know and we will update our list to include your direct email. Thanks for your cooperation.
Temple Tidings

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

Two very different holidays occur this August. On August 1 (actually beginning at sundown on July 31) we have Tisha B’Av, which is an annual fast day in Judaism, named for the ninth day of the month of Av. The fast commemorates the destruction of both the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem, which occurred about 655 years apart, but on the same Hebrew calendar date. Tisha B’Av is never observed on Shabbat. If the 9th of Av falls on a Saturday, the fast is postponed until the 10th of Av.

Tisha B’Av is regarded as the saddest day in the Jewish calendar, and, therefore, it is believed to be a day which is destined for tragedy. Over time, Tisha B’Av has come to be a Jewish day of mourning not only for these events, but also for later tragedies. Regardless of the exact dates of these other events, for many Jews Tisha B’Av is the designated day of mourning for them, and these themes are reflected in liturgy composed for this day. Some other calamities associated with Tisha B’Av:

- Official start of the First Crusade, which killed 10,000 Jews in its first month and destroyed Jewish communities in France and the Rhineland.
- Germany entering World War I, which caused massive upheaval in European Jewry and whose aftermath led to the Holocaust.

Formal receipt by SS commander Heinrich Himmler of approval from the Nazi Party for “The Final Solution.” As a result, the Holocaust began during which almost one third of the world’s Jewish population perished.

- Start of the mass deportation of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto en route to Treblinka.
- Most religious communities use Tisha B’Av to mourn the 6,000,000 Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

On the 10th of Av the following events took place:

- AMIA bombing of the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, killing 85 and injuring 300.
- The Israeli disengagement from Gaza starts in the Gaza Strip, expelling 8000 Jews who lived in Gush Katif.

However, two weeks later, there is Tu B’Av (the fifteenth of Av), a minor Jewish holiday which in modern-day Israel is celebrated as a holiday of love, similar to Valentine’s Day. It has been said to be a “great day for weddings”.

Library Committee—Felicia Pascal

Since we started reviewing books in the monthly Tidings, beginning in February 2012, our “staff of reviewers” has reviewed 50 books. The reviewers have been members of our congregation and we encourage any of you, who have read what you consider a worthwhile read, to submit a short review. One hundred words is fine.

My thanks to the following members who have submitted one or more reviews: Sue Fritz, Marcia Mann, Ellen Lash, Linda Stern, John Stern, Elaine Lust, Sharon Bass and Felicia Pascal. This is not an exclusive club and anyone reading a book—whether it be fiction, biography, poetry, history, mystery or thriller—whether it is a recent publication or an oldie but goodie can join our group of literary critics. Our collection is by Jewish authors or on Jewish subjects and we will add the book to our collection, if it is not already on our shelves.

Our thanks to Elaine Lust for her contributions of an additional stash of Faye Kellerman books, to Barbara Freeman for some interesting novels, to Joel Greene for a number of religious books. We will feature some of these new additions on our CBY electronic bulletin board in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in receiving a copy of our list of books reviewed, just drop a note by email.

August Book Review:

**Here I Am**

By Jonathan Safran Foer
Reviewed by Sue Fritz

This is an amazing contemporary novel. It takes place over a four week period in Washington, D.C., where four generations of the Bloch family reside, living a comfortable middle class lifestyle. Dramatic events in the world at large influence the family members and their relationships with each other. The emerging themes deal with the Jewish identity crisis and what Israel mean to the American Jew.

In a review by Maureen Corrigan on National Public Radio, she states “The core questions this novel explores is to whom do we respond when called? Is it our families, our religious communities or our country? Who or what do we show up for?” The novel is a difficult read, but well worth the effort. A copy will be available shortly.
"See You In September" Beach Brunch

Sunday, September 10, 11 AM—2 PM

Shore House at the Omni Hilton Head Resort

- Bagels & lox, omelet station, seasonal fruit salad & juices, rugalah, coffee & tea and complimentary mimosa
- Karaoke fun by the beach led by “Music Master” Steve Napoli who will have the hits ready to roll. Karaoke performers – email your favorites to: Steve Napoli or call 843.785.3331
- Awards will be given for “Best of Show” and “Not Best”
- Cash Bar

Good setting, good food, good company, good entertainment and most of all, a good cause

Dress like your song or beach casual
The cost is $35 person, $40 per person at the door
Reservations must be received by September 1st and can be made online at www.bethyam.org

Proceeds support the CBY Music & Student Cantor Programs

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**Back to School**

**SUPPLY DRIVE**

Help a child have a successful start to the school year

**NOW - August 14**

Please drop off all donations in the SAC collection box in the Social Hall by August 14
A complete list of needed supplies is on our website bethyam.org

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**High Holy Days Food Drive**

Feeding the Community – Tikkun Olam

The Social Action Committee will again collect food and non-food items for Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help. Collection will begin the eve of Rosh Hashanah and will end Yom Kippur.
Please place the filled bags in the kitchen during the holidays and thank you for your kindness.

For complete list of needed items, check our website www.bethyam.org

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**Upcoming 2017-2018 Season**

- October 4 - The Cottage
- October 26 - The Comedy Club
- November 1 - Hudson’s
- November 16 - Crane’s Tavern
- December 6 - The Studio
- December 12 - Crave by Daniels
- December 24 - Mi Tierra
- January 17, 2018 - Hogs Head
- January 31 - Darren Clarke’s Tavern
- February 22 – Sante Fe Café
- March 7 – Jane Bistro & Bar
- March 22 – Michael Anthony’s

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**CONGREGATION BETH YAM’S**

**11TH ANNUAL**

**MEN’S CLUB**

**CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Monday, October 16, 2017
Moss Creek North Course
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

More information & registration at bethyam.org
“My wife and I want to commend you and your team for a job well done. The painting work was professionally done, and the advice and other services you rendered were also expertly performed. We will be sure to use you again and of course recommend you to our friends and neighbors. It was a pleasure dealing with you”.

Laraine and Lowell Fine

Town building officials of Hilton Head, Bluffton, Hardeeville and Beaufort and Jasper counties recently held a building code session for local contractors. I attended this interesting forum. Here are a few items that you might find interesting:

1. Growth, growth, growth was the theme by all officials. Building permits are up 20-30% in our area;
2. FEMA has a new flood map that will be adopted by our communities in about 18 mos. This map may result in reducing your flood insurance premium;
3. Labor is in very short supply. All government entities are looking to increase staff and cannot find qualified people to fill positions.

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