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

Chanukah events on the CBY Calendar

Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar

Sunday, December 7 at 12:00 PM (following Boker Tov)
Attention children, parents, grandparents... It's our Annual [Chanukah Bazaar](#)! Items from the Judaica Shop will be priced at \$1.00 and up so that EVERYONE can afford lovely gifts for their loved ones. Just make sure to save \$1.00 for lunch (hot dog, chips and drink).



Religious School Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 14 at 10:30 AM
This year's Chanukah Party for all Religious School students and their families is sure to be exciting. The Outreach Committee has activities, prizes and surprises planned with members of the CBY Youth Group assisting. You don't want to miss the "Build a Menorah" table, dreidel games for all ages, latkes, art projects and more.



Chanukah Party at Children's Center

Wednesday, December 17 at 10:00 AM
Sponsored by the Social Action Committee. Children will experience cookie decorating, Chanukah stories and songs. Presents for the children will include dreidels and books collected by the CBY Religious School and congregants. If you would like to help with this activity, contact Eve Sanker at (843) 682-2615.



Night of 100 Menorahs

December 19, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Plan on spending the fourth night of Chanukah with your CBY family as we celebrate the Night of 100 Menorahs! We'll begin at 6:15 pm with a [Fusion Shabbat Dinner](#) followed by our traditional Chanukah service/celebration with Rabbi Bloom and Student Cantor Nancy Dubin leading us in singing your favorite Chanukah songs. Bring your Chanukiah, five candles and a hearty appetite for yummy latkes. Reserve your places quickly for the preceding [Fusion Shabbat Dinner](#). The oneg will feature our December birthday cake and "sufganiyot" (doughnuts) will be provided by the Outreach Committee.



Care Committee Chanukah Program

Tuesday, December 23 at 11:30 AM
The CBY Care Committee is hosting a special [Chanukah celebration and lunch](#) featuring Rabbi Bloom, David Kimball and Adriana Urato. Congregants, as well as their families, are invited for latkes and fun on the 7th day of Chanukah! There is no charge for this program and lunch but please RSVP to Susan Britanisky or Sandy Leff.



LATKE
MAKING

Wednesday
December 3
at 11:30 AM



Join the
Outreach
Committee
in making
latkes for the
Night of 100
Menorahs!



Sunday,
December 7
at 2:00 PM



Join Sisterhood
and the CBY
Youth Group
in making
latkes

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Judaica Shop Hours Monday through Friday 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>	<p>1 4 PM Executive Committee 6 PM Nosh on Judaism 6 PM Religious School Task Force</p>	<p>2 8:15 PM 92Y Live—Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Journalism From Around the World</p>	<p>3 11:30 AM Outreach latke making 1 PM SAC stocking shelves at Deep Well 4 PM Music Meeting 5:30 Shabbat Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 4:30 PM Hebrew School 8:15 PM 92Y—Israel & America: The Way Forward</p>	<p>5 7:30 PM Care Committee Shabbat Service Candle Lighting 5:00 PM</p>	<p>6 <i>Parashat Vayishlach</i></p>
<p>7 9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 9:30 AM Geshher 11:15 AM Boker Tov 12 PM Chanukah Bazaar 12:30 PM Middle School 2PM Sisterhood latke making with Youth Group</p>	<p>8 12:15 PM Lunch-N-Learn with Rabbi Bloom 1:30 PM Chanukah Party planning meeting 2 PM Communications Committee 4 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>9 7 PM Religious School Committee</p>	<p>10 4 PM Staff Meeting 6 PM Dine-Around at CQ's in Sea Pines</p>	<p>11 10 AM Sisterhood Board 12:30 PM Book Club 1:30 PM Outreach Committee 3 PM Fundraising Committee 3:30 PM Hunger and Homeless Coalition 4:30 PM Hebrew School</p>	<p>12 6 PM Kabbalat Service Candle Lighting 5:01 PM</p>	<p>13 <i>Parashat Vayeshev</i></p>
<p>14 9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 9:30 AM Geshher 10:30 AM Religious School Chanukah Party 12:30 Middle School</p>	<p>15 TIDINGS DEADLINE 3:30 PM Social Action Committee 5:30 PM CBY Men's Club Dinner Meeting at Frankie Bones</p>	<p>16 </p>	<p>17 10 AM Chanukah Party at Children's Center 4 PM Music Meeting 6:30 PM Shabbat Choir Rehearsal  CHANUKAH</p>	<p>18 1 PM Membership Committee 4 PM Backpack Buddies 4:30 PM Hebrew School 5:00 PM Sisterhood Fashion Show at The Pink Pineapple </p>	<p>19 5:45 PM Shabbat Shirah 6:15 PM Fusion Shabbat Dinner (Reservations Required) 7:30 PM Fusion Shabbat Service—Night of 100 Menorahs with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin Candle Lighting 5:03 PM </p>	<p>20 10 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Bloom. Topic: "Joseph's rise to power: The challenge of using power for good."  <i>Parashat Miketz</i></p>
<p>21 No Religious School </p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23 11:30 AM Care Committee Chanukah Program </p>	<p>24 Help with Christmas Dinner 6 PM Dine-Around at HH Prime</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED Help with Christmas Dinner</p>	<p>26 7:30 PM Shabbat Service with Shabbat Choir Candle Lighting 5:07 PM</p>	<p>27 <i>Parashat Vayigash</i></p>
<p>28 No Religious School</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 8:30 PM New Years' Eve Party</p>			

Rabbi's Message

American Jews have been able to shape and mold Chanukah to fit the times and the needs of the American Jewish community. Abraham Cahan, who was the founder of the famous Yiddish newspaper, *The Jewish Daily Forward*, believed, at the beginning of the 20th century, that Chanukah symbolized the new era of Jewish Socialists and Zionists. Jewish leaders saw a great opportunity to not just elevate Chanukah but to integrate Jews into the mainstream of American society. Jews were then and still today looking for a pathway to belong at this time of the year when so much of the cultural momentum is about Christmas. A hundred years ago Chanukah celebrations in temples and synagogues were about sharing a joyous holiday with songs and the kindling of the lights. The preparation of latkes, playing dreidel and gift giving became standard operating procedure. Synagogue gift shops grew to fulfill the need of purchasing boxes of candles and menorot for the families. What a wonderful way to introduce Americans in those days to the immigrant Jewish community and for the non-Jews to see how mainstream Jews could be.

Since those days we have seen how the changing Jewish demographics have altered the emphasis of Chanukah. In terms of Israel we kvell with pride if one of our children competes in the Maccabean games where Jewish sport acumen and physical acuity is celebrated. The Jew is no longer the one who fits the description of Tevye but he or she is strong and powerful just as the state of Israel has become over the decades.

On the side of the spectrum Chanukah creates a comfort zone for interfaith families who are searching for a balance between these two holidays. The only challenge is focusing our children's attention to values and not only presents. Some families observe both holidays in their homes. For traditional Jews, Chanukah symbolizes a renaissance towards Jewish practice. Remember, the Maccabees defeated the Greeks who forbid the practice of Judaism and desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem. The miraculous story of the candles burning for eight days also points to God-ordained religious intervention to increase Jewish pride and observance in today's world.

The fact is that we have shaped Chanukah to serve our interests, which were to help Jews acculturate into American culture as well as to support the new image of the Jew as a physically and spiritually strong person. At the end of the day it all comes down to identity. At Congregation Beth Yam, we place special emphasis on Chanukah and the Night of A Hundred Menorot. From all over the age spectrum we arrive with our menorot and candles and, under the careful guidance of our Ritual Committee, we light the candles along with Shabbat candles. It is a sight to behold.

The irony about the history of Chanukah is that in 165 B.C.E. this holiday commemorated the rejecting of both political and cultural influences of Greek culture. Back then Chanukah was the anti-assimilationist holiday as compared to today when it has become the mainstream holiday depicting Jews doing things that



seem like or feel like the same kinds of things Christians do at this time of the year. They are shopping for presents, having parties and ushering in a positive attitude of 'We're like everyone else in America.' No doubt we need a little bit of joy at this time of the year and we can choose which spirit of Chanukah fits our mindset. Linda and I wish everyone a joyous Chanukah and I pray that we will read the story, learn about the times that produced Chanukah, and give moderately when it comes to gift giving. As a matter of fact, for every gift we give our children or grandchildren how about giving something to kids who, even if they are not Jewish, can receive a Chanukah present and thus we will have educated the community about the joys of the this time of the year.

Hag Sameah,
Rabbi Brad L. Bloom



Veteran's Day ~ November 11, 2014



Rabbi Bloom giving the closing prayer and benediction at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The ceremony was held at the Veterans Memorial at Shelter Cove. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was the host organization on behalf of the sponsoring Military Veterans Coalition (MVC). Thank you Rabbi, for keeping us relevant in the community.

TORAH Study

Saturday, December 20 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Parashat:	Parashat Miketz
Theme:	Joseph's rise to power: the challenge of using power for good.
With:	Rabbi Bloom

President's Message

On a trip last month, we traveled to the Amazon Rainforest and then, en route to Easter Island, stopped in Santiago, Chile, a city of over seven million people.

Our guide, Bernardo Naschelski has been a guide for 44 years. It only took about three minutes for us to confirm our common Jewish heritage with Bernardo.

Bernardo's story is his own, but is a familiar story of the Jewish people. Bernardo's parents fled Germany in 1933 to Holland. His parents became aware of the problems confronting Jews in Holland and left in 1937 and tried to convince both of their families to flee with them. All of the family who remained in Germany and Holland died in the Holocaust.

His parents emigrated to Chile only after applying for visas to the United States, France and Great Britain and were denied admission. His father persevered and was granted visas only to the Dominion Republic and to Chile. Bernardo was born two months after his parents arrived in Santiago in 1937.

The Jewish community in Santiago is very active with 18,000 Jews and a Jewish day school with 1,680 Jewish students. The policy of the Jewish school is that each child in the 12th grade must travel to Israel for 5 weeks so they understand the Holocaust and their connection among Jews, the Holocaust and the importance of Israel to both.

Our day in Santiago was a public holiday where everything was closed due to an Evangelical Christian holiday and local Christian families celebrated everywhere. As a result of celebrations we were not able to visit the Great Synagogue or the Jewish Day School because they only have one guard on duty and they were not permitted to open the buildings. Only one guard is certainly a positive sign of a level of tolerance.



We went, however, to a Jewish Volunteer Fire Company. Santiago has no municipal fire department. The Jewish Volunteer Fire Company is called Bomba Israel (Bomba means water pump in Spanish).

Bomba Israel has a logo inlaid with a Mogen David inside a shield. All of the fire trucks have an Israeli flag on them. There are 80 volunteer Jewish firemen, including a Rabbi, Senor Eduardo Waingortin.

Bernardo (our guide) was himself a member of the fire department from 1955-1963. The Jewish community is proud of the fact that even though there are only 18,000 Jews they have their own volunteer fire company complete with buildings and fire trucks.

This department's fire truck is 30 years old, but through a major fund drive were able to buy a state of the art fire truck to address the current needs. The truck was too large for the old building so a new building is attached and almost completed.

There are a number of points to this story. First, there are Jewish people everywhere in the Diaspora and the effect of the Holocaust lingers; Jews somehow find each other even in distant places after thousands of years of wandering. The State of Israel is a modern bond for Jews worldwide. We identify as Jews in countless ways, from large Jewish communities in large American cities to small communities in Santiago, Chile to Congregation Beth Yam in the South Carolina Lowcountry. No matter large or small, near or far, synagogue or fire company, Jews are together and our tradition is to support our Jewish community and each other.

Shalom,
Twyla



This is my favorite picture of all the hundreds of pics of our trip. The Moai Gods were something I always wanted to see and there they are in all their glory. As a note, our guide's parents are archeologists who helped rebuild these gods in the early 1960's with a Swedish archeologist. The figures date from between the 13th and 15th C. They are so amazing.

Blessing of the Animals



Simchat Torah Service 2014



Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

- Over 50 pets celebrated Blessing of the Animals and Parashat Noah on October 26. Mementos of the day were sent to all the pet's parents commemorating the event. Thank you to the Youth Group, the Religious School children, Pete Leff, Stan Kleiman, Mike Weingarten, Michael Burnce, Sheryl Keating and our facilitator Rabbi Bloom for making this such a successful event this year. Kudos to the two Social Action chairs who planned the blessing: Kathy Burnce and Jaquay Schmid. We hope some of you will go to the Humane Society and adopt one of the adorable dogs that were there that day.



FAMILY PROMISE

- We need your support on December 21-23!! CBY will work again with All Saints Church Episcopal Church in feeding and hosting families who are in need of support at this time in their lives. In October we serviced 14 men, women and children and this number will continue as the need continues. Contact Tena Graber to volunteer at (843) 342-6478.
- TO ALL FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS: CBY volunteers have been invited to a cocktail party at All Saints Church to thank you for your participation in working with the families. Please see flyer that was sent to you. RSVP to Tena Graber.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO HELP WITH THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS

- Stock shelves at Deep Well on December 3 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM - Contact Joel Lerner at (843) 757-4103.
- Chanukah Party at the Children's Center on December 17 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Read Chanukah stories, help bake Chanukah cookies, play dreidel games. We plan to give out books that our congregation has collected to the 3, 4 and 5 year olds so if you have gently used children's books please place them in the donation box in the Social Hall. Contact Eve Sanker at (843) 682-2615.
- Volunteer for the [Community Christmas Dinner](#) on December 24 and 25 by contacting Sue Gostanian at (843) 686-2583
- You will hear from the Christmas Dinner coordinator with your assignments.

OTHER SAC NEWS

- Chanukah displays will be put up in the Bluffton and Hilton Head libraries.
- Tags are still be collected for Ronald McDonald House. Please place them in the Donation Box.
- We continue to serve at St. James Soup Kitchen on the third Thursday of the month.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 16 - DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR SHABBAT SERVICE

- FEATURED WILL BE THE VOICES OF EL SHADDAI - Gospel Singers who have performed at the Arts Center of Hilton Head. [See page 14 for more information.](#)

Library Committee ~ Linda Stern and Felicia Pascal



The library in the JRC will hold a book sale on Sunday, December 7 during the [Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar](#). These are duplicate copies of items already in the collection and whatever money is raised will be used to purchase new material—books and DVDs - for the Library. With very few exceptions, the sale prices will run in the range of 50 cents for paperbacks and one dollar for hard cover books. We hope that many of you will stop by and browse, maybe even buy a book. If you have any recommendations for new purchases, please let us know.

We have some very special new additions to the collection including *Jews: A Treasury of Art and Literature* donated by Barbara Schuman. Ruth Reinhold has donated several books including Caroline Stoessinger's *Lessons from the Life of Alice Herz-Sommer, the World's Oldest Living Holocaust Survivor*, *Comes a Little Light* by Darice Bailer and *Hope is the Last to Die* by Halina Birenbaum and David Kurjan contributed *A Day in the Life of Israel* edited by David Cohen.

Remember that a listing of our holdings is on the [CBY website](#). Thanks to our Webmaster, Michael Shapiro, the website listing is kept current.



Austerlitz by W.G. Sebald, Reviewed by Felicia Pascal

W.G. Sebald was a German author who was greatly admired; he died in 2001 at 52 of a heart attack. He was widely recognized and considered a possible candidate to receive a Nobel prize in literature. The theme of the Holocaust appears and reappears in his books. Austerlitz is an architectural historian who gradually unfolds his story to an unidentified narrator. Austerlitz arrived in Wales at the end of 1939, a 4 year old refugee on a *Kindertransport* from Prague and not until his foster parents die does he learn of his Jewish roots and ultimately of the fate of his parents. Elegant language, a deeply gripping tale, and unusual style elements make this book one to be on your reading list.

92Y Live World From NYC
 Program broadcasted via satellite
Tuesday, December 2, 8:15 PM
 At Congregation Beth Yam Social Hall



Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Journalism From Around the World
 Joseph Stiglitz with Anya Schiffrin

Columbia professor and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics Joseph E. Stiglitz talks to Anya Schiffrin, editor of Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Investigative Journalism From Around the World, about a wide range of global issues from economics to journalism to politics.

Tickets can be purchased singly or by subscription
 More information at www.bethyam.org/92sty

92Y Live World From NYC
 Program broadcasted via satellite
Thursday, December 4, 8:15 PM
 At Congregation Beth Yam Social Hall



America and Israel: The Way Forward
 Dalia Rabin and Dennis Ross with Ethan Bronner

Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion on the future of Israel.

Tickets can be purchased singly or by subscription
 More information at www.bethyam.org/92sty

See Adult Education Article 

Reserve your space now at
 Our 7th Dine-Around Venue for 2014-2015



CQ's Restaurant
 140 Lighthouse Rd
 Hilton Head Island



Wednesday December 10
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Contact Diane Miller for reservations
 More information at www.bethyam.org

Reserve your space now at
 Our 8th Dine-Around Venue for 2014-2015



hh prime
 Omni Resort
 23 Ocean Lane
 Hilton Head



Wednesday December 24
 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Contact Diane Miller for reservations
 More information at www.bethyam.org

You Can Now Make CBY Donations Online

Congregation Beth Yam is now accepting donations to its General Operating Fund and other special funds using the internet and your own credit cards. Yes, you may still make donations by check using the hard copy donation form below and mailing it or hand-delivering it to the office. However, the online donation method offers convenience and a safe, secure, easy way to donate with a credit card. Here's all you need to do: [Click here](#) and follow the guide for making a donation. The guide will direct you to the Congregation Beth Yam Donation Form. If you have any questions or experience any difficulties, please contact the office at bethyam@aol.com.

Sponsored by Congregation Beth Yam

Light Up The Night
DINNER & DANCE
LIVE & SILENT AUCTION
 Honoring Betsy Doughtie
 Executive Director of The Deep Well Project

Saturday, March 28, 2015
 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM

Omni Oceanfront Resort
 Palmetto Dunes

Music by Lavon Stevens
 Auction by Gallery 95 -
 Black Tie Optional

\$95 per person + 6 cans of food for Deep Well
 RSVP to Randy Kurjan

Care Committee ~ Susan Britanisky & Sandy Leff



The Care Committee will host a **SPECIAL CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND LUNCH** at the temple on Tuesday, December 23, from 11:30AM - 1:00 PM. Rabbi Bloom, David Kimbell and Adriana Urato will lead the celebration, which will welcome all congregants and their local or visiting families. There is no charge for this program – we will enjoy latkes, singing, and lots of fun. As in the past, the Care Committee is offering daytime programming for those who may find it difficult to travel to evening events at CBY. Please RSVP by December 18 to Susan Britanisky at (843) 842-5244 or Sandy Leff at (843) 341-2240 so that we may properly prepare for all our guests.

The Committee continues to visit Jewish patients at Hilton Head Hospital as we have for many years as well as CBY members in local rehabilitation facilities. We are exploring more ways to better serve the congregation, particularly those of us who are going through a difficult time after an illness or other life crisis.

Please join us on Friday evening, December 5, as the Care Committee hosts Shabbat services at 7:30 PM and sponsors the Oneg.





Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy

This month, we would like to say a few words regarding Facebook and FAQ's. For many of us, the social media, exemplified by Facebook, are opaque to us, and we marvel at our children's (and grandchildren's) facility with them. Perhaps in the near future, we will have some articles on Facebook and the setting up and managing of Facebook accounts. For now, be advised that Karen Blickstein is the *mayven* of CBY's Facebook and has taken responsibility for the ongoing updates and upgrades. As Karen points out, you need not have a Facebook account to visit our Congregation's Facebook page. You merely need to go to: <https://www.facebook.com/congregationbethyam>

Click wherever you want to – you cannot break anything. About midway down the page, there is a photo gallery from our recent Blessing of the Animals ceremony on October 26. You will see many of our members with their dogs. It is easy to find Rabbi Bloom with Linda and basset hound Emmy. For extra credit, try to find Stan Kleiman holding the Kleiman Maltese in its lovely pink outfit. P.S. You can also get to our Facebook page by clicking on the letter 'f' in a small blue box in the upper right hand corner of our bethyam.org web page.

Many Websites will have an FAQ tag to click on. This will bring up a list of Frequently Asked Questions, which are expressly there to augment the new visitor's understanding. Our Website's FAQ's address the Lowcountry Jewish community, CBY, and the general amenities of our region; these are items that might interest the family curious about our congregation and the Jewish lifestyle available here in the Lowcountry. To get there from our homepage, you click sequentially on 'About Us', followed by "Local Jewish Community," followed by the FAQ 'click here' button at the bottom of the page. But wait, there is more. Helen Hauer is taking the lead on behalf of the Communications Committee in revising and upgrading the FAQ. The new version will arrive soon, but the current one is still an interesting and informative read.



Adult Education Committee ~ Elliot Siegel



The Jewish sounds of music came to CBY on November 22 and 23 in an outstanding double feature on Jewish



L-R: Elliot Siegel, Twyla Sable, Judy and Stan Bluestone, Steven Ovitsky

influences in American popular culture and entertainment. The multimedia presentations were given by our special guest, Steven Ovitsky, executive director of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival. He introduced us to the Jewish composers who created the sound of American movies and a unique Hollywood film style that endures in such unforgettable scores as *Gone With the Wind*. We also learned about George Gershwin's contributions to the great American song book, and listened to rare recordings of his music the way he heard it and played it.



Photos courtesy of Karen Blickstein

The future of Israel will be the subject of a live broadcast on [December 4 from the 92Y on America and Israel: The Way Forward](#). The discussants will be Dalia Rabin and Dennis Ross with Ethan Bronner. On Monday, December 8, the program moves to CBY and the discussants will be you! Rabbi Bloom will lead a special follow-up Lunch & Learn at 12:15 PM. Bring a brown bag lunch and your insights that can help clarify our own understanding of this unique geopolitical partnership and where it is heading in a very unstable Middle East.



Stay Connected to CBY



Have you seen our NEW Hallway TV displaying recent and upcoming events?

Chanukah Bazaar

Attention!
CHILDREN, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS

Sunday, December 7
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
(following Boker Tav)

Lunch \$1.00
For dog, chips, and a drink

More information at www.bethyam.org / Sponsored by CBY Sisterhood

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND LUNCH

Hosted by: The CBY Care Committee
Featuring: Rabbi Bloom, David Kimball and Adriana Urato

Congregants and their families are invited for latkes on the 7th day of Chanukah

Tuesday, December 23, 2014
11:30 AM-1:00 PM

No charge!

RSVP
By December 18

More information at www.bethyam.org / Contact Susan Britanisky or Sandy Leff

Fashion Show

Thursday, December 18, 2014
5:00 PM—7:00 PM

Sponsored by CBY Sisterhood

The Pink Pineapple

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres

Featuring the latest in Fashion, Furniture and Home Accessories

More information at www.bethyam.org / R.S.V.P. to Diane Miller

Night of 100 Menorahs

Hosted by CBY Board of Directors

Fusion Shabbat Dinner

December 19, 2014 at 6:15 PM

Please join with us as we celebrate a special Shabbat and Chanukah!

Our Menu:
Schnitzel, latkes, applesauce, Israeli salad

More information at www.bethyam.org / Contact Cathy Kite

YES
I CAN VOLUNTEER FOR YOU!

VOLUNTEER

for the
Community Christmas Dinner
At First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25

More information at www.bethyam.org / Sponsored by S.A.C. / Contact Sue Gostanian

Presented by Sisterhood and Men's Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2015

Tapas 'til Tomorrow

Starting at 8:30 PM

- Tapas stations all evening
- Champagne toast
- Dancing to the music of DJ Pete Rice
- BYOB Cocktails (mixer provided)
- CBY Social Hall
- \$50 per person

Catered by the SERG Group

Reservations due by Monday, December 22
See www.bethyam.org for details / Contact Diane Miller

Congregational Potluck Dinner

R.S.V.P. by January 2

Friday, January 9, 2015

following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the social hall

More information at www.bethyam.org / Sponsored by Membership Committee

...A woman's perspective

These and more titles are available in the CBY Jewish Resource Center

THE MEETINGS OF OUR MOTHERS
FOUR CENTURES JEWISH WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY
WOMEN'S HISTORY
THE TALK & Women's Community

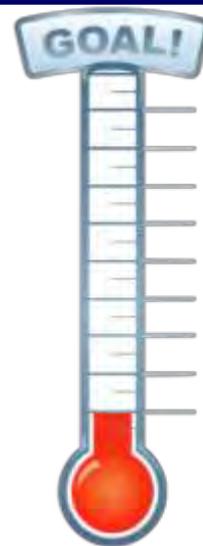
Save the Date	Time	January Events
1		New Year's Day - No Hebrew School - Office Closed
9	7:00 PM	Membership Potluck Dinner
10	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Bloom - Parashat Shemot - The heroic role of women in the story of the Exodus
13	12:15 PM	CBY Men's Club Luncheon
15		Deadline for Monthly <i>Tidings</i>
15	7:30 PM	Community-wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. service at Queen Chapel AME Church
16	7:30 PM	Special CBY Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. service with The Voices of El Shaddai
19	9:45 AM	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. march at the Hilton Head High School
23	7:30 PM	Outreach Shabbat Service
28	6:00 PM	Dine-Around at Poseidon

Fundraising Committee~ Alan Meiselman

As we approach the end of the calendar year we can reflect on our past achievements and look forward to our future goals.

The [Dine-Around program](#), thanks to the efforts of Diane Miller, has been both a social & financial success. From seafood to steak we have dined very tastefully and shared our tables with many new members. We are averaging nearly 50 diners at each event. Diane has organized several new locations for our enjoyment during the winter and into the spring. On December 10 we will get together at [CQ's in Sea Pines](#) for the first time. We have reserved space at [Hilton Head Prime](#) on Christmas Eve, in the Omni Resort in Palmetto Dunes. Please make your reservations in a timely manner, as space is limited.

The planning for our "[Light Up The Night](#)" gala dinner/auction is moving along smoothly. We have acquired many very interesting items and adventures. Please make up your tables & individual reservations with Randy Kurjan. We are counting on your presence as well as your support in acquiring many more items for the live and silent auctions. Music by Levon Stevens will keep us toe tapping and dancing during the evening, as will the great items available for auction. In January we will begin posting some of the more interesting and delicious items that we will offer. Remember, both CBY and The Deep Well Project will benefit from this evening. Much more information will follow via email.



I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING DONATION:

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| Adult Education | Flower | Rabbi's Discernory |
| Backpack Buddies | Friends of CBY | Rabbi's Library |
| Bellevue Youth | General - Unrestricted | Religious School |
| Building Expansion | Israel Events | Religious School Special Projects |
| Cantor | Landscape | Ritual |
| Caplan Dedicated | Music | Tzedakah/Social Action |
| Care Committee | Prayer Book | Youth Group |

Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President



Shalom Friends,

Recently Sue Gostanian, Helen Hauer, Elaine Lust and I had the opportunity to attend the WRJ Southeast Biennial Convention in Parkland, Florida. Together with more than 100 Sisterhood members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and North and South Carolina, we had the opportunity to worship together and grow in our commitment to WRJ. We are very proud of our CBY leadership. Elaine was installed as the Vice President of GANS (Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina), and Helen began her term as an GANS Area Director. (see photos below) CBY Sisterhood was presented with an Award of Excellence in Religious Programming for our work on the Women's Seder and thanks to the diligent work of our V.P. for Membership, Kathy Burnce, we also received an award for increasing our membership by 5%. Beginning in 2015, our Sisterhood hopes to implement URJ-WRJ programs highlighted at the Biennial.

Sisterhood and Men's Club are busy planning our [New Year's Eve gala](#). We hope you will join us as we welcome 2015 with an exciting evening of delicious food and fabulous music. Please click here for more details.

As World War II ended, Sisterhood was ready to take on its next building project: The House of Living Judaism in New York City. The seed money came from \$22,000 Sisterhood had accumulated from War Bonds. In 1948, Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati formalized a merger with The Jewish Institute in N.Y. which was finalized in 1950. National Foundation of Temple Sisterhoods set a goal asking each of its 65,000 members to contribute \$10 over 10 years. NFTS Director Jane Evans was asked to find the real estate, raise money and oversee construction of the building. On November 19, 1950, on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 65th Street, the cornerstone was laid. Among the items placed in the time capsule were a Uniongram and a Sisterhood Art Calendar. With capital improvements and additions to the structure, The House of Living Judaism served Reform Judaism until it was decommissioned in 1998.

In 1954 the YES (Youth, Education and Sisterhood) Fund was established to finance Sisterhood's many commitments to Jewish education. Later renamed Youth, Education and Special Projects,

this fund continues to be a major source of philanthropy. Sisterhood's support of youth programs and education is without comparison. As early as 1957, NFTS spoke in favor of the ordination of women. However, it would be almost 20 years until the first woman, Rabbi Sally Priesand, would be ordained. Sisterhood continued to pass resolutions and petition for fair employment, minority rights, desegregation and the abolition of capital punishment.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2015.
Cathy

Save the Date

Join us for a Fashion Show at the Pink Pineapple at Main Street Village on Thursday, December 18 at 5:00 PM sponsored by Sisterhood. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. RSVP to Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021.

Book Club

Join us for a wonderful afternoon of discussion on December 11, 2014 at 12:30 PM at **Moss Creek Club House**. Diane Miller will be reviewing the book, *Marjorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk. We have exciting book news for our Sweetheart Sisterhood Luncheon. We will also pick a new book for our next meeting on February 5, 2015 at The Cypress, so please bring suggestions. RSVP for December 11 to Judie Aronson at (843) 342-6126.

Donations:

Bereavement Fund: Nadyne and Joe Ulicny to David Kurjan in memory of his mother, Ruth Kurjan

Oneg Fund: Elaine and Ed Appelbaum in memory of Ruth Kurjan, David Kurjan's mother

Soup Kitchen: Cathy Kite in honor of Helen Hauer for making and donating the afghan and Sue Gostanian for presenting it to me after she won it in the raffle.

Onegs

Thank you to the following for providing the onegs for October: Helen Hauer, Karen Blickstein, Phyllis Napoli, Alan Meiselman, Stan Kleiman and Debbi Reed.



Tax Savings Reminder:

As we approach yearend, we encourage each member to review your income tax planning and use all appropriate tax planning to reduce your Federal and State Income Tax liabilities. Any donation made before December 31, 2014 is deductible for 2014 tax returns. If you haven't already, please consider paying your dues or making your Friends and/or Endowment donation before the end of the year to get the tax benefits for 2014.



For the last several years the Federal government has adopted legislation which permits direct charitable contributions from qualified pension plans or IRAs, without the withdrawal being taxed as income to the owner of the pension plan or IRA. While the benefits of such direct contribution depend on your individual tax status, one member of the congregation has demonstrated tax savings of several hundred dollars by making such a direct donation. Congress has not yet passed such legislation for the 2014 tax year, ending on December 31, 2014. However, there is a strong belief that it will happen, perhaps even in January of 2015, making that relief retroactive to 2014 tax year. We urge you to discuss a contribution to CBY from your pension plan or IRA or directly from other funds and enjoy not only a tax benefit, but also help solidify the future of Beth Yam.

As always, please consult with your legal and accounting professionals so you understand the legal, accounting and tax implications of your CBY donation. If you have any questions please contact Bob Sable, Treasurer, Ted David or Marcia Frezza co-chairs of the Friends campaign or any of the Endowment Trustees or Advisors.

Are you receiving your Small Tidings on Wednesdays?

The office is now using Constant Contact to send the weekly Small Tidings. It has come to our attention that some of you are not receiving them. If this describes you, please make sure bethyam@aol.com is on your approved senders list. Thank you.



Nominating Committee ~ Michael Weingarten

Each fiscal year (July – June) the president of the congregation appoints a nominating committee to present to the congregation a slate of board directors and officers to be voted on for the next fiscal year. The nominating committee consists of a chairperson and 4 members. The chair and two of the members must be on the board with terms continuing into the next year. The remaining two members must be resident members of the congregation who are not on the board.



Call for Volunteer Nominations

The board consists of 15 elected board members, 3 ex-officio voting board members (immediate past president and presidents of Sisterhood and Men's Club) and 1 ex-officio non-voting member (Rabbi).

Elected board members serve a 3-year term with a limit of 2 consecutive terms (6 years). To ensure that we have continuity on the board, the 3-year terms are staggered so that 5 members' terms expire each year. Officers are chosen from the 15 existing or newly chosen elected members for a one-year term, with no term limits. The years that a board member is an officer do not count toward their 6-year term limit. Anyone nominated as an officer whose existing 3-year board term has expired can also be nominated for one of the 5 newly elected positions.

This year's committee members are: Mike Weingarten chairperson, Pennie Meiselman, Melanie Wynne, Mike Werner, and Jack Miller. If you are interested in either an officer or board position please contact any of the committee members.

CBY Men's Club ~ Stuart Blickstein



The next gathering of the CBY Men's Club will be dinner at Frankie Bones on December 15 at 5:30 PM. Once again, Frankie Bones has been very kind to us. Dinner, which includes latkes and other appetizers, soup or salad, a choice of main course (steak, roast beef, etc.), dessert and beverage will be only \$24, including tax and tip. WOW. Space is very limited, so contact Nelson Adelman soon to guarantee a spot.

The [New Year's Eve Tapas Party](#), co-sponsored with Sisterhood, will be lots of fun with great food and entertainment at the very reasonable price of \$50 per person or \$100 per couple. Please reserve with Sisterhood foodie, Diane Miller.

Also coming up soon: the Super Bowl party and more. All this partying while we continue to work on Tikkun Olam, building a better community and world. If you have any ideas for projects or events which make sense for the CBY Men's Club, please contact me or come to one of our monthly gatherings.

Hope to greet you soon.



Outreach Committee ~ Joan E. Diamond



- Taste of Judaism classes were held November 6, 13 and 20 and had thirty-five registered students. The discussion was lively and interactive. Feedback was very positive.
- The committee will be making 15 dozen latkes for the [Fusion Shabbat Dinner](#) and the [Night of 100 Menorahs](#) on December 3 at 11:30 AM.
- Chanukah Party: Outreach will be sponsoring a Chanukah Party for the Religious School on December 14. A variety of workshops have been planned and it should be a fun morning for our children.
- Outreach Shabbat: Save the date of January 23 for the Outreach Shabbat honoring the attendees to A Taste of Judaism.

Membership Committee ~ Karen Blickstein and Pennie Meiselman



It has been a quiet month for the Membership Committee, with no new members to report. We encourage everyone to get to know all of those new members who have joined over the past few months and include them in congregational activities.

Our [Annual Potluck Dinner](#) will take place at 7:00 PM on **Friday, January 9**, immediately following the Kabbalat Shabbat service. (See our separate ad on page 9). Once again, the Membership Committee will provide delicious brisket, with congregants contributing additional main course dishes, salads, vegetable sides and desserts. This always-popular event fills up quickly, so be sure to sign up early. Watch for an email announcement containing a link for you to sign up online. We are asking everyone to tell us their first and second choice of dishes to contribute so that we can ensure an appropriate balance and variety of dishes. You will receive an email or phone confirmation in late December indicating what we are expecting you to bring. For those of you who do not have email, you can sign up by calling the office at (843) 689-2178.

If you know someone who may be considering joining Beth Yam, contact Pennie at (843) 681-5951 or Karen at (843) 705-9035 with their names and contact information and we will follow up with them.

Membership update:
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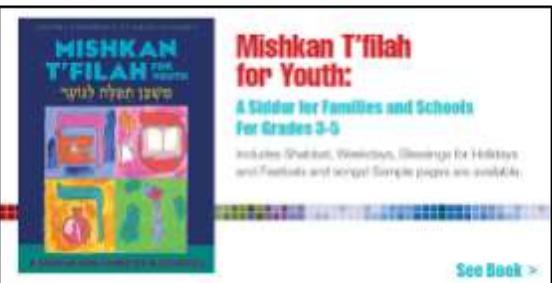


Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman

The Religious School is looking forward to a great month! We're continuing to make strides in our educational goals and we'll enjoy celebrating Chanukah together!

- Sunday, December 7: The CBY Religious School will dedicate the new Mishkan T'filah for Youth (new children's prayerbooks). This will be a special service starting at 11:15 AM and all congregants are more than welcome to join us. Come for the service and stay for the [Sisterhood's annual Chanukah Bazaar](#) and lunch!
- Sunday, December 14: We will celebrate Chanukah with a party generously sponsored by the Outreach Committee from 10:30 AM to noon. The children will play dreidel, participate in a number of craft projects, color and eat the foods of the season.
- Friday, December 19: The children of the Religious School will join the congregation at [Night of 100 Menorahs](#). A special event anticipated by the oldest and the youngest among us!
- Thursday, December 18: The last day of Religious School for 2014. We meet again on Sunday, January 4 and the teachers are planning a special program to start the new year!

From all the children, teachers and parents, we wish the entire congregation a very Happy Chanukah and a safe and healthy 2015!



Religious School

Gimel Class
Studying Hebrew on the new tables in the playground




Judi Kleiman, Principal
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Religious School

Sukkah Decorating





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El Shaddai to perform during CBY's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative service

Members and guests are invited on Friday evening, January 16 at 7:30 PM to participate in Congregation Beth Yam's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative service sponsored by the Social Action Committee and the Music Committee. The highly entertaining and acclaimed El Shaddai singers will be taking part in the service. There will also be several readings from Dr. King's speeches reflecting the theme of the evening...freedom, peace and a God for all humanity. Immediately following the short service the El Shaddai singers will give a 45 minute performance. Open to the public, this special service is part of a 5 day series of events being held throughout Hilton Head sponsored by the town-wide Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. committee. It will be a night you will not want to miss.



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I started volunteering with Heroes on Horseback in the fall of 2001 shortly after the program began and I moved to Hilton Head. Having had a life-long love affair with horses and wanting to do something beneficial for others while in retirement, I found my volunteer home. It was not long before I was training to be an instructor (a rigorous curriculum) and by 2003 I was running my own sessions and teaching some of the most engaging and endearing youngsters I've ever met. The rewards for the volunteers are absolutely priceless. The day a non-verbal child with autism on top of a very special horse, spoke for the first time, "Walk On!" When a five year old girl with Cerebral Palsy got out of her wheel chair and took her first steps to reach the horse she was scheduled to ride. A Wounded Warrior who arrived for his first riding lesson in a wheel chair with head hanging low, walked proudly from the barn to the arena after six riding sessions. When these miracles happen, we all know why we do what we do.



In addition to the instructor, it takes three volunteers to assist every rider: a horse leader and a side walker for each side of the horse. When the Special Ed classes from one of our local schools arrive at the barn in their school bus, there are usually 15 to 20 volunteers there to greet them. Our wonderful volunteers are the backbone of the program. We could not offer the many benefits of equine assisted activities without their help. If you think this might be an opportunity for you, contact me or go to our website, www.heroesonhorseback.org. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi



Judaica Shop

We are busy getting ready for the [Chanukah Bazaar](#) on December 7 at 12 noon, following Boker Tov. We will have lunch and many wonderful things for all ages. Prices start at \$1.00 and go from there. You can find gifts for parents, children, grandchildren, teachers and everyone else on your gift list. Be sure to come into the shop and see all the new items we have received for your buying pleasure. Hours are Monday to Friday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM or by special appointment.



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