CBY WOMEN ROCK!

BAKED AND WRAPPED 80 DOZEN COOKIES FOR TREAT THE TROOPS!

WE STUDY AND LEARN WITH MYRA GOLDSCHMIDT AT THE HOME OF SUE GOSTANIAN

WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS

WE PRAY WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

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Friends of CBY Campaign
Judy Bluestone & Bob Sable, Co-Chairs

Be a Friend to Beth Yam (and Save on Your Taxes)

Due primarily to the fact that the High Holy Days were late this year (they’re always late or early, never on time) and everyone’s preoccupation with Hurricane Matthew and its aftermath, the Beth Yam Friends campaign started about three weeks later than usual. We thought that it was important to remind all Beth Yam that the tax year ends on December 31, 2016 and that charitable contributions made before December 31 are deductible from 2016 income for federal income tax purposes.

For those members who have IRA retirement accounts, additional tax savings can also be achieved by making the charitable contributions directly from retirement accounts including IRAs. Prior to 2015, Congress usually waited until December to pass legislation to offer this tax benefit and on at least one occasion made the benefit retroactive. Last year this opportunity to obtain the additional savings by a direct contribution was made permanent by passage of the Protection Against Tax Hike (PATH) Act. The impact of a direct contribution from an IRA varies depending on individual circumstances and everyone should check with his or her tax advisor to determine the impact on a particular contributor.

Charitable contributions almost always have a tax savings element and we urge everyone to contribute now to Friends (either directly or from an IRA) to help Beth Yam and also receive the tax benefit this year rather than a year from now.

If you have questions, please call either Bob Sable (843-363-6858) or Judy Bluestone (843-681-6519).
Rabbi’s Message.

Recently our President Pennie Meiselman and I sent you a letter requesting funds to help out some of our members who experienced severe damage to their homes. You were so generous in giving to our special fund and rest assured we are distributing these funds shortly. It was both humbling and heartwarming to receive your contributions. For some of us there have been tumultuous moments. We faced fears, both financially and spiritually, to figure out how we might come out of this post hurricane Mathew better in the long run. To that end some of us are starting to rededicate our homes and reestablish our lives. Again, thank you very much.

In a way this fits in nicely to our theme of Hanukah this year. Hanukah means, literally, dedication. The Greeks occupied our sacred land, trashed the Temple, turned it in to a pagan Greek temple and instituted laws to prevent Jews from practicing their religion. Yet, at the end of the day when the Jews, under the leadership of the Maccabees, drove out the Greeks, they surveyed the enormity of the damage of their Holy Temple and began the process of rebuilding. The citizens of the ancient Jewish state gave their resources and eventually rededicated the Sanctuary.

We never let the damage prevent us from rededicating ourselves to national renewal. A disaster did not destroy us; rather, it strengthened us in the long run. We found something inside spiritually that propelled us to rejuvenate our land and our ancient nation.

I suggest that this year when we light the Hanukah lights we not only keep in mind the historic story of how the Jews prevailed against the Greeks or the miracle of the oil lasting eight days but also life lessons we are learning at this time of our lives. A story is told by Rabbi Jose: Commenting on a verse in Deuteronomy, “Thou shalt grope at noon day as the blind grope in the darkness”(28:29). He said, “I used to wonder: ‘What difference can it make to a blind man carrying a lit torch? I asked him why he carried it, and he answered; ‘So that people may see me and save me from obstacles.’ (Talmud Megillah 24).

If it takes the blind man extra effort to reach out for help from his neighbor so too it takes us a bit of extra effort to help those who cannot see the end of their challenges either. It is not being literally blind but when we need help in a crisis we do not always see the future hope that we can return to our lives. I believe that when gave to our fund it was as if we saw those carrying the torch and we stepped in to do what we could to help them overcome the obstacles they were dealing with and some who still are facing repairing their homes and their lives.

By the time Hanukah arrives later on this month may it be God’s will and our own to alleviate the suffering and anxiety for those whom we have assisted so that they can light the lights of the menorah knowing that their lives will return to happiness, joy and hope to overcome the challenges they have faced.

Hag Sameah

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Membership Committee—Candy Solomon & Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

We are in the midst of planning for our annual Pot Luck dinner at CBY on January 20 after Friday night services. This is one of our most popular events. Watch for information on how to get your RSVP in so you don’t miss out on this yummy event!

REMINDER:
Please stop in and pick up your CBY directory ASAP!
Thank you.

New affiliate members who need a family directory and binder, please contact Sharyn Brager

We welcome the following new members:
Linda Stephens and Jay Krakovitz – affiliates from North Carolina and
Lore and Eric Krieger – resident family living in Wexford
Please welcome these new members to our congregation when you meet them.
Message From The President—Pennie Meiselman

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with all the trimmings; family, friends and great food and gave thanks for all that we have gone through and survived. I for one, am thankful for the generosity of spirit I witnessed within our community leading up to Thanksgiving.

Chanukah usually occurs during the beginning to the middle of December, but this year, like so many other events this year, it is different. The first night of Chanukah is December 24th. Chanukah also known as the Festival of Lights, commemorates the Rededication of the Holy Temple (The Second Temple) in Jerusalem, at the time of the Maccabean Revolt in the second century BCE. This year, because the first candle falls on a Saturday night, we will be celebrating The Night of 100 Menorahs on Friday night December 30th. Hopefully you will be able to join us for this special service and don’t forget your Menorah.

There will be a public Menorah Lighting on Saturday evening December 24 at 6:00 PM with singing and jelly donuts. This event is being held at Coligny Beach Market in front of Craves by Daniel’s Restaurant. All are welcome to the candle lighting. For those interested this will be followed by a Dine Around at the restaurant. During the weekend of November 11-13 there was a Shabbaton hosted by Temple Emanuel in Greensboro, NC for the Carolina Communities of Reform Judaism. Alan and I, Elaine Lust, Mike Weingarten, Vice-Chair of the Carolina Communities, Janet Weingarten and Rabbi Bloom attended this event. Both Rabbi and Mike conducted workshops during the weekend. The theme of the event became coming together as a community following the election. Rabbi Mark Cohen from Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem, N.C. presented a “Reading for Strength and Focusing.”

The following are a few of the thoughts he presented:
“We believe in working for a better tomorrow.”
“We believe in building coalitions in order to promote peace and prosperity for everyone, regardless of skin color or ethnic background.”
“We believe in America as a great nation since its inception, a great nation with many flaws and complexities to be sure but a great nation that we must work tirelessly to preserve and uphold the highest qualities she embodies.”

We are a family here at Congregation Beth Yam, and as in all families we have our disagreements, but at the end of the day we are still a family.

Shalom,
Pennie

Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

As the end of the calendar year approaches, the Men’s Club is planning its annual December dinner meeting on December 8 at 6:00 PM at Frankie Bones. We held our November board meeting and approved the distribution of the Golf Tournament funds. We then held our November lunch meeting.

Our events committee has begun planning the first six months of our 2017 calendar, including a few speakers for our monthly lunch meetings and another dinner meeting and an annual meeting Sunday Brunch in June.

Please contact Stuart Blickstein, Nelson Adelman or Mike Werner of our events committee, with any ideas for new events, or revivals of old meeting programs. We welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings, and larger scale events.

If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular emails it is because your system is blocking the communication using Constant Contact. Please let me know and we will send you a direct Email to help you fix the problem going forward. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please join us for the Congregation Beth Yam
Potluck Dinner
on January 20, 2017
in the Social Hall following the 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat service.
For more information and ways to make reservations click here.
Temple Tidings

Religious School
Robin Krumholz, Principal

The whole Religious School Community offers congratulations to Arjun Srivastava on becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Oct 29th. He has made us all very proud!

This year, our students brought joy to the annual Blessing of the Animals in two ways! Donned in pairs of matching animal headgear, they stood 2 x 2 in an arc formation, and serenaded the crowd. The morning concluded with a presentation from the students to the Hilton Head Humane Association. Last spring, as our Mitzvah project, our students voted to donate their collected Tzedakah money towards the care of unadopted animals. We thought it fitting to present their check for $362 to the Humane Association at the Blessing of the Animals ceremony.

We have a new Aleph teacher - Dr. Mona Griffer, a former affiliate member at CBY, has clipped her snow-bird wings, and now has a permanent nest in Bluffton! As a new full-time CBY member, she has graciously agreed to join our faculty in December. We are grateful to all those that have been willing to substitute as an Aleph teacher until Mona begins.

December will be a very short month for our school; only 2 classes before winter break, but they will be fun-filled classes as we prepare for … C H A N U K A H! YAY!

We invite the whole congregation to please join us for this very special sweet evening, as we bless our youngest members of the Religious School Community. We will be holding a Consecration Ceremony at Shabbat services on December 9, to honor those students that have begun Judaic studies in the past 2 years.

Best wishes to all for joyous holiday planning, as we put the events of October behind us.

Youth Group
Robin Krumholz, Acting Director

Our Youth Group will henceforth to be referred to as BYYGY: Beth Yam Youth Group Youth. This is their official name as a chapter of NFTY. Most NFTY group names end in “TY” for “Temple Youth.” Our proud teens chose to reject the tiny moniker of Beth Yam Temple Youth (BYTY) in favor of making a larger mark on the NFTY map, hence they became BYYGY!

We have had two successful pot luck dinner meetings led by our new President Miyah Shatz, and welcoming our enthusiastic new junior members (in 6-8 grade) into the fold, and reviewing all of the many opportunities that NFTY sponsors. To that end, we will be selling hot sogs and sufganiyot (donuts) at the Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar on Dec 4th. Please come and “nosh while you shop”, to help us raise funds to defray the cost of traveling to NFTY events.

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

Members of the Social Action Committee have been busy doing good works. Thank you to Jaquey Schmid for heading up a successful and fun Blessing of the Animals service which was co-sponsored by the Religious School. Special blessings were said for our dear pets and the children wearing animal masks sang. Our students contributed tzedakah money to the Hilton Head Humane Association. Pictures were taken in front of our Noah’s Ark backdrop of pets and their owners by Pete Leff. Additional thanks go to Kathy and Mike Burnce, Robin Krumholz and Mike Weingarten.

Our talented CBY knitters have been making adorable winter hats for the Backpack Buddies children who attend the Early Education Center elementary school. Thank you to Bev Averack, for leading the group, Marilyn Bernstein, Judy Gimbel, Fran Krieger and Sheila Rosenbaum.

SAC members will be stocking shelves with food at Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help on December 6. Please contact Cathy Kite or Kathy Burnce to volunteer.

Once again SAC will be sponsoring a Chanukah Party at the Children’s Center. Eve Sanker is looking for readers and tutors to volunteer at the Children’s Center.

A Chanukah book display will be set up at both the Bluffton and Hilton Head public libraries. A holiday sing-a-long will be conducted at Bloom on December 18th. Contact Janice Fradkin if you would like to participate.

Look for information in the Small Tidings and January Tidings on our Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat. The service, sponsored by SAC, will feature beautiful, meaningful music as well special readings and religious leaders and guests from local churches.

YOUTH GROUP DIRECTOR

We are still searching for a new Youth Group Director! If you would like to, or know of, someone who would like to motivate our CBY youth, please contact Robin immediately for specifics on the position at (608) 780-1982! Hebrew skills are not required for this role!
Message from the Sisterhood President

Sue Gostanian

We made it! After a tumultuous month that seemed to go on forever, it feels like we are returning to “normal”….or is it the new normal? Many friends and neighbors are still repairing damage caused by Matthew, but there seems to be a heightened sense of caring extended to others in our community. At our last Board Meeting, members supported doubling the food deliveries to the V.I.M. pantry, and committed to the ongoing needs of some of our families that were hardest hit. There is a definite sense of reshuffling priorities after a prolonged difficult and often unpleasant election campaign. I believe members of our Congregation were very respectful to others who did not share the same political views. I hope other parts of the country will do the same.

Some bright spots in our calendar should help to lift our spirits as we plan future events. Following a very successful Women’s Study Program presented by Myra Goldschmidt, we are open to suggestions for topics for future study programs. The Membership Appreciation luncheon was, as always, a lovely event, along with the program presented by Memory Matters. Kathy Burnce created a wonderful luncheon. Once again, Helen Hauer knitted a beautiful afghan for the raffle at the luncheon. We hope she will keep knitting until we all have won one!

Please keep checking the Tidings for events as they are posted. We have another fashion show in December 15 as well as a Judaica Shop Sale for gift shopping on December 4th and gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble all of December. More volunteers are needed. Feel free to reach out and become involved in planning and enjoying our many activities. Yours in Sisterhood,

Sue

Book Club
- Next Book Club: January 12, 2017 12:30
  AT THE CYPRESS
- Lunch and Review. Book: The Black Widow
  by Daniel Silva
- Reviewed by Elaine Lust Please RSVP your responses
to Ellen Lash.

Women’s Study Group
Myra Goldschmidt, Ph.D., kicked off the first Women’s Study Group, by facilitating a timely and relevant discussion of the cultural attitudes of speakers, gender differences in actual speech, and speech differences between the two presidential candidates. Thank you to Myra, for her well researched, insightful, thought provoking, interactive presentation. Thank you also to Sue Gostanian, who hosted our group in her new home. Thank you to our attendees who contributed so many delicious homemade creations to the potluck dinner. All of your efforts made the evening fun and improved our levels of sensitivity towards speech differences.

We are pleased to announce that our second Women’s Study Group will be hosted by Helen Hauer and presented by Susan Sneider. The date and topic will be announced at a later date. Watch for updates in this column.

Membership Luncheon Report
On Wednesday, November 2nd, Sisterhood hosted our annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon. Forty-eight women came together to enjoy homemade soups, salads, and desserts, made by sisterhood members. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all. Linda Bloom started off the afternoon by leading us in the Ha’Motzi and followed with a beautiful reading which was very meaningful and went along with the day’s program.

Our guest speaker was Ashley Gruber MA, LPC of Memory Matters. She led us in a discussion of the myths and realities of the “normal aging process.” Ashley was a dynamic speaker and got the audience involved in learning brain booster games.

A special thank you goes out to all who made soups and desserts and to those who helped to set up the tables. An extra special thank you to Helen Hauer, for donating a beautiful hand knit afghan which was raffled off. Congratulations to Paula Rudman for winning the afghan and to Jean Pustilnik who won the door prize—a certificate for next year’s Sisterhood dues, and our 50/50 raffle was won by Barbara Freeman.

Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping Project Janice Fradkin and JoAnne Doyle, co-chairs
Calling all wrappers! We are gearing up for our annual Barnes and Noble gift wrapping fundraiser to benefit two very worthy organizations-Treat the Troops and Volunteers in Medicine (VIM). Barnes and Noble provides the wrapping paper and other materials, shoppers make a donation, and two person Sisterhood teams do the wrapping. We still have open shifts on each day of the week and day and evening shifts. If you would like to volunteer for a shift or two to support this project, please contact JoAnne Doyle. Thank you

Onegs
Thank you to Helen Hauer, The Men’s Club and Jane Srivastava for hosting the onegs in October. Thank you also to the following who helped with the Simcha Torah Oneg: Judie Aronson, Kathy Burnce, JoAnne Doyle, Janice Fradkin, Sue Gostanian, Cathy Kite, Randy Kurjan and Nadyne Ulicny.

Corresponding Secretary Report
Condolences:
- To Cookie Slater in memory of her husband, Herbert
- To Aly Blumberg in memory of her stepdaughter, Vicki
- To Ruth Adelson in memory of her sister, Joyce Pearl
- To Jaquey Schmid in memory of her beloved dog
- Get Well Card: To Tena Graber for a speedy recovery
Saving Sophie, Written by Ronald H. Balson, Reviewed by Sharon Bass

The story is set in the unlikely combination of Chicago, Hawaii, and Hebron, Israel. Author Ronald H. Balson, a practicing attorney in the city of Chicago, calls upon his legal skills to write a story of international intrigue about an embezzlement and a kidnapping.

Care Committee—Carol Carty & Janice Fradkin, Co-chairs

The Care Committee has had a busy month! Together with 3 other committees, Care helped to organize and execute Project Ahavath Tikvah - Love and Hope - in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew. With the aim of reaching out to all of our member families to assess needs and offer support, several members of all 4 groups called every household with greetings and encouragement from all of their CBY family. Many thanks to all of our volunteer callers and, especially, to Ellen Jenner, our wonderful point person.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 7 for our annual Chanukah celebration from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the temple. All CBY members and Jewish seniors and their families in the Hilton Head - Bluffton area are invited. Lunch, latkes, and a Chanukah Sing-Along with David Kimbell; now that’s a celebration! There is no charge, but please RSVP ASAP to Janice Fradkin at 404-580-7513 or Carol Carty at 609-313-9036 to let us know you’re coming.

In a joint Care Committee-Social Action Committee endeavor, there will be a Sing-Along at Bloom at Hilton Head on Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 PM. Come spread some holiday cheer and join the Bloom residents in a fun musical trip back to yesteryear. With the community Christmas dinner no longer being held, this will be a great volunteer opportunity for CBY members during the holiday season. Please RSVP to Janice or Carol to add your voice to the fun!

Wishing everyone a Chag Chanukah Sameach and a Happy New Year from the Care Committee.

Cemetery Committee—Ed Brager, Chair

Former member no longer living in area has two well located cemetery plots in CBY section of Six Oaks. They are being offered for at a meaningful discount. If interested call Bob Swimmer at 216-956-7208.

Library Committee — Felicia Pascal & Linda Stern, Co-Chairs

Two new families were approved for membership at Congregation Beth Yam

Cemetery chair was able to access Beth Yam section of Six Oaks Cemetery and found it had been cleared

Women’s Prayer Service to be held at Congregation Beth Yam in conjunction with All Saints Episcopal Church and Church of the Latter Day Saints. Chance to co-mingle with our neighbors and talk about experiences in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew

Rabbi announced he had just received word that our good friend, Reverend Ben Williams of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, passed away.

Presentation made to BOD regarding our Endowment Fund and its importance to the financial well-being of Congregation Beth Yam and the continuation of a full service Jewish presence in Hilton Head/Bluffton area

President adjourned meeting
Contributions: We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions from October 16—November 15

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Adult Education  Flower  Rabbi’s Enrichment
Backpack Buddies  Friends of CBY  Rabbi’s Library
Bellet Youth  Israel Events  Religious School
Building Expansion  Landscape  Ritual
Cantor  Music  Tzedakah/Social Action
Caplan Dedicated  Prayer Book  Youth Group

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Our Experience as American Red Cross Volunteers

By Michael and Ila Shapiro

We just don’t get hurricanes in Hilton Head, and then came Matthew. Responding to disasters involves many government organizations at the Federal, State, County, and local levels, as well as non-governmental agencies such as the Red Cross, hospitals, and utility companies. For years, these emergency management officials and first responders have been planning for the worst and hoping for the best. Planning, training, and practice drills are the mantras of these organizations as they prepare for catastrophic events.

Ila and I are two Congregation Beth Yam members and volunteers for the American Red Cross’s Palmetto Service Center that serves Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper, and Colleton counties. While almost all of our area residents left as mandated by the Governor, we remained with other volunteers to open and operate four Red Cross evacuation shelters and three post-storm shelters for those who could not evacuate or who came back to uninhabitable homes. Ila’s job focused on assigning volunteers to staff all the jobs needed to set up, operate, and close all the shelters including the functions of logistics, transportation, technology services, sheltering, feeding, medical attention, and public relations. My main job was logistics and transportation, but I also did planning and technology. Job titles really didn’t matter in that everyone did whatever needed to be done. Volunteers are supposed to work 12 hour shifts, 24 hours a day, but most of us worked at least 18-hour days. Here are some highlights of our experience.

We worked at the Ridgeland High School Campus evacuation shelter which opened the afternoon of Wednesday, October 5. We had over 800 clients that arrived by foot, cars, and buses. They consisted of individuals, families, young children and seniors. Some did not speak English. Many clients had special needs, they were in wheel chairs, were on oxygen, were sent from hospitals with recent surgeries, had dementia or Alzheimer’s. One elderly gentleman was dropped off wearing a blanket and nothing else. We had one nurse, one EMS, and two mental health practitioners to take care of all these people. Because we were designated as an evacuation shelter, we had a limited number of cots and blankets and most people slept on mats on the gymnasium floor. The school opened their kitchen and thousands of hot meals were served. Ridgeland High School staff, Jasper County Department of Social Services staff, local and state police, firemen, and National Guard personnel all provided critical support.

On Friday afternoon the wind and rain started. We had to move everyone to a different building which was structurally safer from the hurricane-strength winds that were coming. People marched through the wind and rain to the safer building. Everyone was situated in about 300 yards of hallways that were 10 feet wide. Only 200 chairs were available for the 800 people. Most lay on blankets on the floor or leaned against the wall. There were no meals, only snacks and bottled water. Two bathrooms serviced everyone. The power went out and only emergency lighting was available. Rain water came through the outside doors and some hallways were flooded. We endured these quarters for 18 hours.

On Saturday morning, we returned to the original shelter building. There we found flooding, no power, no hot meals, and dead cell phones. At this point, there was a shift in attitudes of the clients. They realized it was time to make the best of the situation and they started taking responsibility for their new temporary home by helping clean up the cafeteria, sleeping areas, and bathrooms. They began helping their neighbors. It was very uplifting. We set up generators to provide power so people could charge their phones and recharge batteries on electric wheelchairs. Hundreds of phones connected to power strips was a sight to behold and people got to know each other.

On Tuesday, the Governor decided to open post-storm shelters in Bluffton, Hilton Head, and Battery Creek High Schools. Hundreds of cots, blankets, and cases of water were transported to these locations. Football players and girls soccer team players from May River High School set up 150 cots in less than two hours at the Hilton Head High School gymnasium. What great kids. Red Cross volunteers from out of state started showing up to help. We had a young rural farmer from Wisconsin who considered Bluffton a pretty cosmopolitan city and a food truck from Maryland that came to serve meals. By Sunday night all of the shelters had been closed.

Our hurricane Matthew experience will never be forgotten. We saw the best and worst of people that were going through a scary and difficult time. It was exhausting, both physically and mentally, but through the dedication and strength of all the many volunteers, first responders, and other contributors, we made it.

Editorial note: We all owe the Shapiros a job well done award and I hope you will mention it when you see them in services or other venues.
Adult Education—Barbara Slagowitz, Chair

Thank you to Eliot Siegel for facilitating our lunch and learn book (play) discussion on November 16. Watch for details about our next one in March.

Due to the hurricane we are postponing the rabbi’s course on immigration until February. Mark your calendars, the new dates are February 2, 9, 23 and March 2. The classes will be at 4:00 PM and will last about a hour and a half. For more information and to sign up contact Karen Blickstein.

February is also the month for the Exploring Our Roots film festival. The full schedule will be available in next month’s Tidings. Click here for more details.

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

Now that we’ve started to recover from Hurricane Matthew and, presumably, a massive Thanksgiving dinner (and leftovers the next day), let’s turn our thoughts to Hanukkah later this month. Here are some random thoughts about the holiday:

1. When you eat holiday treats fried in oil, you can’t really expect them to be fat-free. The average sufganiyah (jelly doughnut) packs 400-600 calories. One potato latke has about 150 calories, svinge (a Moroccan cruller) 350-442 calories, and chocolate coins 85 calories each. Israelis devour some 24 million sufganiyot during the eight-day holiday – adding up to 10.8 billion calories.

2. In Yemen, children used to go from house to house, tins in hand, to collect wicks for the Hanukkah Menorah. In Germany, the eighth and last night of Hanukkah used to be very special. All the leftover wicks and oil were lit in giant bonfires. People sang songs and danced around the fire, often until very late at night.

3. Eating dairy products, especially cheese, is a Chanukah tradition. This is done in memory of the Jewish heroine Judith, who according to legend saved her village from Syrian attackers. Judith fed wine and cheese to the Syrian general Holofernes until he became so drunk that he fell to the ground. She then seized his sword and cut off his head, which she brought back to her village in a basket. The next morning, Syrian troops found the headless body of their leader and fled in terror.

4. Miriam goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Hanukkah cards and says to the cashier, “May I have 50 Hanukkah stamps?” The cashier says, “What denomination?” Miriam says, “Oy, has it come to this? OK, give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform.”

Viking River Cruises –
Monday Feb. 27, 2017

Viking River Cruises and Island Travel have donated an 8-day cruise for two on the Danube or the Rhine Rivers for auction during the CBY Gala on March 4. The cruise is valued at $7,200 for a couple.

Viking River and Ocean cruises! Please call Helen Hauer by Wednesday, February 22, 2017 to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you there!
Temple Tidings

DINE AROUND

Catch 22

Join us for
Saturday, December 3, 2016
Dinner will be served between
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
NOTE: NEW DATE – RESERVATIONS AVAILABLE!

Call Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021 for reservations

Chanukah Bazaar

Sunday, December 4, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Youth Group Fundraiser - Nosh while you shop
Sufganiyot (donuts) and hot dogs for $1 each
Please help support our teens attend NFTY events

Items from the Judaica Shop will be priced at $1.00 and
up so that EVERYONE can afford lovely gifts for
their loved ones!

CBY Social Action Committee

Needs your help stocking shelves at Bluffton
Self Help & Deep Well

Tuesday, December 6,
10 AM - 1:00 PM

Contact: Kathy Bunce for Bluffton Self Help
kbunce@yahoo.com, 843.682.2192
Cathy Kite for Deep Well
sagehenmom@iol.com, 843.404.4926

Bluffton Self Help
Free food, clothing and financial aid for neighbors in need

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION AND LUNCH

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Featuring CBY
Music Director: David Kimball in a
Chanukah Sing-a-Long
& Cameo appearance by
Rabbi Brad Bloom

Hosted by: The CBY Care Committee

There is no charge for this event, but please RSVP by Wednesday, November 30 to:
Janice Fredkin (404) 580-7513
or Carol Carty (609) 313-9036

Adult B’nai Mitzvot
First Semester
Classes Scheduled

Wednesday, December 7
All classes are held at CBY 7:00PM – 9:30 PM

Our mission: provide a learning experience where an adult can
achieve becoming a B’nai Mitzvah at their level of learning

Interested in participating?
Contact: Randy Kurjan, 843-342-5568,
randykurjan@gmail.com
for complete program details and goals.

TEXAS HOLD’EM

Saturday, December 10, 2016
Tournament Starts at
7:00 PM (sharp)/CBY Social Hall

$60 TO PLAY

Don’t want to play? COME ANYWAY for $10
Enjoy 3 flavored martinis plus
finger food & drinks

For more information,
Contact: Alan Meiselman, 916.652.8915

Fashion Show

Thursday, December 15, 2016
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Featuring the latest in Fashion,
Furniture and Home Accessories

RSVP to Diane Miller
dianemiller227@gmail.com

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CBY Sisterhood
LOOK AT THE DESIGN AND SELECTIONS IN MARCIA’S NEW MASTER AND GUEST BATHROOMS...

New Master Shower

River Rock Shower Floor and Modern Hand Held

New Guest Vanity/Counter Top and Glass Sink...

Porcelain wood-look tile

Jack, thank you so much for the excellent work you did on the remodel of my master and guest bathrooms. As always, the work was done carefully and expertly, and my house was left clean and fresh when all the work was over. Your subcontractors and the companies you suggested for tile, cabinets, counter tops, etc., were the very highest quality, and were absolutely wonderful, helpful and very knowledgeable. In all, another excellent job. I am very happy knowing I can count on you for the best and most efficient work.

Thank you so much...” Marcia Mann

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