Interfaith Convocation by the Sea

St. Francis by the Sea
Roman Catholic Church

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Congregation Beth Yam
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Please join in donating blood during the upcoming holiday season. As you know, the need is great. On Sunday, December 3, 2017, OneBlood, along with the Social Action Committee, is sponsoring a community blood drive. The bloodmobile will be located in the CBY parking lot from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Prior to the drive, online registration will be enabled. Contact Jill Harrison: (404) 862-1602, with questions.
**January Events**

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[http://www.bethyam.org/media-galleries/video-player](http://www.bethyam.org/media-galleries/video-player)

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**Sisterhood Book Club**

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“Light in Darkness”

A Survivor's Story by Simon Steckel as told to Phyllis Steckel Jacobs

**Thursday, December 14, 12:30-2:00 PM**

Lunch at The Cypress ($22/person no credit cards)

RSVP Judie Aronson, judica2323@gmail.com, 843-816-6124

Ellen Lash, leatrice@hargray.com, 843-681-5217

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**Saturday, December 16, 10:00 AM**

Join Rabbi Bloom and Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman for an interesting discussion & Torah Study
One of my favorite verses in the Bible comes from the Book of Proverbs. "The human spirit is the light of God, a light penetrating one’s most intimate being" (20:27). I particularly cherish this verse during Hanukkah because this holiday uses light so effectively in conveying the connection which Jews and God have with our history. The Night of a Hundred Menorahs reinvigorates for me the power of light when so many of us bring out menorot and light them in unison at Shabbat Services. The children stand and gaze at the light and see through the lit candles the wonder of the Hanukkah story and how it still resonates for us even today.

Inside those flickering flames can we behold the work of the Eternal and the faith of God’s people who have overcome so many obstacles in life? We Jews have been shaped by our history to be a people who never lost sight of hope even when we have suffered from hatred and prejudice. The menorah lights are so innocent as they burn not only in front of us but also inside our souls. Young and old alike kindle the lights and remember when we were children as we stared into the tapers of candles lit each night of the eight days of Hanukkah. The Hanukkah lights open up our eyes to something greater than ourselves. Is it the victory of the Maccabees? Is it the history when we rededicated the Temple in Jerusalem and watched in amazement when the oil lamp of the original menorah burned for eight nights when the oil was available for only one night?

Maybe the challenge for us on Hanukkah is to renew that childhood sense of wonder which so often fades away with age. If the light burns inside us as well as burning on the menorah, maybe we too can feel that memory of childhood. Is it possible that God wants us to retain that childhood wonder in the world and in God too?

The great Jewish American Poet, Emma Lazarus, grasped the power of light on Hanukkah when she wrote in her poem entitled, The Feast of Lights, “Still ours the dance, the feast, the glorious Psalm, The mystic lights of emblem, and the Word.”

This is exactly the hope that I see in the light which is to grasp all the senses of soul and the body and affirm an emotion and a history that burns inside us to this very day.

Hag Hanukkah Sameah!
A Happy Hanukkah,

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Faith in Action....

Please take a minute to look at my recent column in the Island Packet. I urge you to keep my "Faith in Action" column alive by clicking here and sharing it with friends and family. I always welcome your thoughts and comments. http://www.islandpacket.com/living/religion/faith-in-action/
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Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah and a Healthy New Year.

CBY Family Directory

Help us keep in contact with you ...

Call the office, 843-689-2178, with changes in address, phone number or email.

Message from the President—Pennie Meiselman

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Fun Facts

- National Bingo Month
- National Fruit Cake Month
- Write to a Friend Month
- National Tie Month (remember them)

Happy Chanukah
Sisterhood—Sue Gostanian, President

As the end of the year approaches, I tend to look back and “take stock” before moving forward. I am reminded of this time last year when Sisterhood was directing its efforts towards helping families recovering from hurricane losses. We doubled our food deliveries to the VIM pantry as well as increased our contributions of supplies to children being served by Backpack Buddies.

Sisterhood is an organization that can be described as a loving group of women who are always ready to respond to the needs of both congregation and community. A quote by Emerson, found in The Portable Life 101, resonates with me: “Love is a thing. Loving is an action. The difference between love and loving is the difference between fish and fishing.”

This has been my experience with Sisterhood. It is a group composed of loving women who give and try to share the best of themselves.

Change has been very positive during the past year, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas. For example, the Judaica Shop has a new, bright look. Sisterhood is bringing a favorite event back for the Sweetheart Luncheon in February - the Antique Road Show. Recently, we have been gratified to have past members return and become actively involved.

We look forward to the new year and invite you all to join us in any capacity. Feel free to attend events, be part of committees, offer ideas. We welcome you!

Yours in Sisterhood,

Sue

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet at The Cypress on December 14 at 12:30 pm. “Light in the Darkness”, by Phyllis Jacobs, will be reviewed by Carol Carty. The journey of Simon Sterling’s Holocaust experience is finally told to his daughter after forty years of being silent. He speaks of the hardships and his struggle to rebuild his life after the war.

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Please bring your suggestions for future books to read together. RSVP to: Judie Aronson, or Ellen Lash.

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BARNES AND NOBLE GIFT WRAPPING FUND RAISER – SHIFTS STILL AVAILABLE!!!

During the four weeks before the Christmas holiday on odd-numbered days, two-person teams wrap gifts for shoppers at Barnes and Noble.

Shifts are two hours long between 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM, and 12:00 to 4:00 PM on Fridays.

Donations received go to two area non-profit organizations.

Please contact JoAnne Doyle at 843-715-9242 or Janice Fradkin at 843-715-9514 to sign up for a shift or two. Bring a friend or meet a new one!!!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

CONDOLENCES
To Dr. Jay Krakovitz for the loss of his wife, Linda

GET WELL WISHES
A speedy recovery to: Joe Ulicny, and Donald Kahaner

In loving memory of Sue Fritz.

SAVE THE DATE
February 14, 2018 The Sweetheart luncheon and -back by popular demand – The Antique Road Show.

MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Britanisky
- Born and raised in Worcester, MA
- Attended Classical High School
- Clark University, Business major
- Married to Mark, 50+ years
- Four grandchildren: Sarah Hutchison, 1st Lt., US Army; John Hutchison, 2nd Lt, US Air Force; Laura and Hunter Britanisky, students at UAB AND UGA
- One four-legged, furry daughter, Mei Ling.
- Worked for forty years as human resource manager.
- Last lived in Atlanta for 30 years.
- Affiliate member of CBY, 23 years; resident member, 8 years.
- Sisterhood member. Co-chair Care Committee, five years. SAC member.
- S.C. Voter Poll Manager
- Enjoy tennis, mah jong, canasta, concerts, plays, nature, and time with friends.

Ruth Hilsen
- I am so happy to live in HH after being a “long-weekender” for many years. For thirty-four years, I worked in the field of education, teaching and doing administrative work.
- Although I miss my Atlanta family (two sons, their wives and five grandsons) and

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friends, I have met wonderful, interesting people here. At Sisterhood, I have joined the social action committee and education committees. I am also working with Robin Krumholz to make the Judaica Shop an exciting place to buy just the perfect gift.

- Although the move was a hard one, I have found a welcoming group of friends here at CBY.

Barbara Meyer
- School, school, more school.
- Married, married, married (finally works!)
- Child, child, child.
- Work, work, work; loved it.
- Grandchildren, seven.
- Chilly Massachusetts, forty years.
- Hilton Head, now. Warm.
- VIM, psychologist.
- Great dog. (Sometimes he bites me.)

Free Money!!!

If you're shopping on Amazon for the Holidays ... Don't forget to sign into Amazon from the CBY website, so CBY can get some FREE MONEY from Amazon.

Amazon has two donation programs, the Amazon Smile program (0.5% rebate) and the Amazon Associates program (up to 4% rebate). You can obtain donations for CBY from both programs with the steps below:

- Go to the CBY web page at www.bethyam.org
- When on the page, scroll down to the section called “Raise money for the temple with AMAZON” at the bottom right of the home page
- Click on the Amazon logo embedded in that article
- That will take you to the Amazon Smile page. Note the URL https://smile.amazon.com/?ie=UTF8&adid=1QH99D7JY7WNZM7PZH9&camp=15345&creative=331681&linkCode=ur1 &tag=congbethyam-20 has the words “smile” and “congbethyam” included in the URL. That tells you that we will receive rebates from both Amazon donation programs for CBY
- Now shop on Amazon as you normally do

To get back to the correct Amazon donation page when you shop the next time, you can either:

- Start at the CBY web site every time you want to go to Amazon or
- Save the beginning URL in your “favorite places” on your browser. Then just click on the Amazon web site in your favorite places.

Temple Beth El Hurricane Drive

Thank you to our congregants who donated gift cards, checks, and cash to help Temple Beth El (Ft. Myers, FL) recover from the hurricane disaster that caused severe damage to their synagogue building. Our congregation raised nearly $3,000. This truly was a mitzvah.
Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its November board and lunch meeting on the 15th of November. We reviewed the results of the annual golf tournament that was held on October 16. Unfortunately, we did not get as many golfers as last year. As a result, net proceeds were about half of last year’s, or approximately $6,400, which will be distributed to local charities and CBY.

We were asked to provide ushers for the Nov 10 event at CBY. It was our pleasure, as usual, to help with these religious events.

Future meeting for 2017 - December 5 dinner meeting at Frankie Bones

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

The Torah portions this December deal with the “J” men – Jacob and Joseph.

If you think that old episodes of The Lone Ranger were dramatic, they were nothing compared with the evening leading up to Jacob’s meeting with Esau after twenty years of hiding in exile. Until now, Jacob had been seen by his brother as weak and devious. He had taken advantage of a famished brother to acquire the birthright and deceived a disabled father to receive the family blessing. In neither of these two episodes were his actions courageous, strong, or admirable. While Jacob changed in profound ways as he entered adulthood - from the weakling of his youth to the resilient and tough man who would amass wealth and family— one thing eluded him. In order to take his place in our patriarchal lineage, he would need to change the mind of the one man who still saw him as scrawny and pathetic—Esau. And so, in the middle of the night, Jacob crossed the Jabbok River and confronted a mysterious being. Was it a man or a divine being? While the text says that he was a man, the blessing and name change (from Jacob to Israel) suggest that the adversary was a divine being. Perhaps Jacob is wrestling with himself, with his feelings of guilt and remorse.

Jacob’s 11th son, Joseph, was also deceitful in his youth, telling false stories about his brothers, behaving with the narcissism of youth, and flaunting the fact that he was his father’s favorite. Yet, two decades later, when his brothers travel to Egypt during the famine to obtain food from Joseph, the estranged brother they no longer recognize, Joseph is forced to relive old hurts and open his heart to forgive them.

Social Action - Judie Aronson, Chair

In November the Social Action Committee sent monies to Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help to help them feed hungry families at Thanksgiving. The committee, through the Tzedakah fund, has sent funds to Temple Beth Shalom in San Juan, PR, to help their recovery from the devastating hurricane. Through the generosity of CBY and with the support of SAC, monies and gift cards have been sent to the temple in Fort Myers, FL, to also help with their needs because of the hurricane.

December is again a very busy month for the Social Action committee. Please feel free to join us!

December 3rd - Blood Mobile in the CBY parking lot from 9 am to 2 pm. Pre-register by contacting Jill Harrison.

December 13 - Chanukah party at the Children’s Center. Contact Eve Sanker for details.

December 14 - Stocking shelves at Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help. Contact Cathy Kite and Kathy Burnce. During December we will again have Chanukah displays in the Bluffton and Hilton Head libraries.

The committee is hard at work with other projects for 2018.

- January - MLK celebration
- February 22 - An education program, "The Opioid Crisis: Who is at Risk?"
- March - Hot Topics: Family Promise and Collection of Monies for Mazon (with Sisterhood) More information to follow
“A bargain for you and a benefit for CBY”
NEW UNDER-PRICING MODEL
NEW INVENTORY
NEW “CATALOG SHOWROOM”
Don’t see what you want in the shop ... We will order it for you!

**New Regular Hours:** Mon 1:00 – 3:00pm, Wed 10:00am – Noon, Sun 10am – 12:30pm
Friday Evenings before Kabbalat (6pm) Services 5:00 – 5:45pm
and by appointment with Robin Krumholz or Ruth Hilsen

**ANNUAL CHANUKAH BAZAAR**

Sunday December 3, 10:00am – 1:00pm
Includes many new items as well as
unbelievable bargains 50-90% Off
Candles, Menorahs, Chachkes for dein Kinder!

...and NOSH WHILE YOU SHOP!

Our Youth Group will be selling
Hot Dogs & Sufganyot (Jelly Donuts)

Are you ready?
First night of Chanukah is on Dec 12th!
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We have subscribed to the Jewish Review of Books in print format, and as soon as the first copy arrives, it will be displayed in the library. This should provide a wealth of reading suggestions, and I hope it serves the purpose well. We will be interested in any comments you have about this publication.

At this time, we do not encourage new book donations because of space considerations. However, we have had a few added to the collection and our thanks to Elaine Lust, Jack Miller, and Ellen Jenner for their additions. We intend to cull the collection once again in the coming months and remove older books with no circulation. This should allow us once again to avail ourselves of the Congregation’s generosity.

Library Committee—Felicia Pascal

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A Broken Hallelujah: Rock and Roll, Redemption, and the Life of Leonard Cohen

By Liel Leibovitz

Submitted by Marsha Mann

Mention the name Leonard Cohen to most folks and the response is, “Oh, yes. The fellow who wrote “Hallelujah”.

But Cohen was so much more than that. Born into an upper middle class family in Montreal, and descended from a line of Talmudic and rabbinic scholars, Cohen spent much of his life searching for his place in the universe. He was at once a poet, author, spiritual seeker, and musician, imbued with the principles of traditional Judaism into which he was born and the precepts of Zen Buddhism he later adopted.

This is a wonderful story of a man who is sometimes referred to as a prophet. Through his writings and his music, he gives an almost biblical voice to his strong beliefs in justice, loneliness, lust, and redemption. He lived an interesting life very well spent, and the author has given us a great read.
Fund Raising Committee—
Alan Meiselman, Chair

We are very pleased to end the year with a very busy month of special events.

On Wednesday, December 6, we will have the opportunity to dine in an art gallery setting at The Studio. The full menu will be available for our selection. Reservations can be made by contacting Robin Krumholz.

Saturday, December 9, is our annual Texas Hold’em Charity Poker Tournament. It will take place at CBY in the social hall. Our Poker Fantasy will take flight with chicken wings highlighting the snacking menu. All players will begin with $5,000 in chips. To reserve your seat at a table, or just a space in the kibbitzing gallery to root on your favorite player, please call Doug Luba (843-247-2527). Enjoy the action and support CBY at the same time.

Chanukah arrives on Tuesday, December 12, with a special festive candle lighting at Coligny Beach Market with prayers, songs, and sufganyot. Following the ceremony we can dine at Crave by Daniel to continue with our holiday mood. Please contact Robin Krumholz for reservations for dinner. There is no charge for the Chanukah lighting or donuts.

Our final event of the year is a Dine Around at Mi Tierra on Arrow Road in Hilton Head. Partake in delicious margaritas as well as real Mexican food! Please note we will be limited to 75 people for this evening. Robin will be taking reservations.

We did not forget to plan for next year:

On Wednesday, January 17, we will go to Bluffton to dine at Hogs Head Restaurant. Seating will be limited to 40 people for this event, so plan ahead and contact Robin for reservations.

On Wednesday, January 31, we will dine, for the first time, at Darren Clark’s Tavern, off Pope Avenue on Hilton Head. Be prepared for delicious steaks done in a New York style by a chef directly from Smith & Wollensky in the Big Apple.

We also have some great plans for new events next year. In February we will present a new musical, “Saturday Night ALIVE”. This Saturday night event will be limited to 125 people. Coffee & cordials to follow the show.

We wish you a healthy and tasty holiday season and New Year.

A Perfect Handmade Gift for that Special Person

Helen Hauer will knit a beautiful afghan for you when you make a $300 donation to CBY Sisterhood.

Contact Helen Hauer
The title of this article is the response that a teenager gave 30 years ago to the question, "What's the most important thing?"

In a teenager's world, friends are the most important thing. In a Jewish congregation, the most important things are the services, the Rabbi, the preservation and strengthening of our Jewish religion, and maintenance of our Congregation. At Beth Yam we have active religious and cultural programs, well attended weekly services, a religious school, a fully engaged and caring Rabbi, as well as many other activities. Our staff is helpful and friendly, and overall the shul works well, BUT the revenue side takes effort.

At CBY, the largest source of revenue is dues, then the Friends Campaign, then the myriad of fundraising events. The fundraising events are generally a mix of work, fun, and fundraising.

The Friends Campaign officially starts after the High Holy Days and continues until the end of the CBY fiscal year, June 30. Last year the budget was $77,000 and we achieved that. One of the rules of life is "The reward for good work is more work." This year's Friends goal is $82,000.

Every year some of the prior year's donors reduce their gifts, but fortunately, we always seem to have more donors and more increases, so the Friends Campaign has increased its results each successive year for the last several years. We are not delusional; some of the increase is due to the very healthy economy, but some is also due to the realization that CBY is the healthy foundation of Jewish life in the Lowcountry.

We are requesting that each of you consider a 20% increase in your Friends donation for the 2017-2018.

If you have an IRA and are over 70 and one half, there can be a significant tax savings by donating directly from your IRA, instead from donating from your non-IRA funds and taking the charitable deduction. It's really worth considering.

Unlike some campaigns we don't ask that you give early and often, just that you give early.

Judy Bluestone and Bob Sable, Co-Chairs 2017-2018 Friends Campaign
Destroyed by Fire

Melanie, Jeff, Alex and Cameron Wynne are now back in their newly renovated home

Lightning struck the Wynne’s home causing major fire and smoke damage throughout...

- Removed charred lumber and sheet rock
- Scrubbed entire inside with special smoke preventive solvents
- Redesigned kitchen ceiling with vaulted ceiling and beams
- All new kitchen cabinets and appliances
- New HVAC and Hot Water Heater units
- New lighting and ceiling fans and closet shelving
- New hardwood floors
- Interior painted
- ...and much more, resulting in a beautiful new home!

“Entrusting the rebuilding of our fire-damaged home to Jack and Group 4 Builders was a great decision from Day 1. From negotiating with our insurance company and protecting our assets and getting what we deserved, to listening to our ideas, as well as guiding us through the process step by step, Jack was exceptional. His subcontractors were the very best and we were so pleased with the professional service and quality of work from each of them. Our expectations were exceeded. Thank you for a job well done!” The Wynne Family

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