Happy New Year from your CBY Board of Directors!

The song “Auld Lang Syne” is a Scottish poem from the 1700’s; it literally means “old long since” or in American terms “days of long ago” or “the good old days.”

**AULD LANG SYNE**

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
and never brought to mind?

Should old acquaintance be forgot,
And days of auld lang syne?

**CHORUS:**

For auld lang syne, my dear,
for auld lang syne,
we’ll take a cup o’kindness yet,
for auld lang syne

As celebrated by nations and people throughout the world, New Year’s Day is celebrated on January 1, the first day of the new year, following both the Gregorian and the Julian calendar. Although New Year’s Day is one of the oldest holidays still celebrated, the exact date and nature of the festivities has changed over time. It originated thousands of years ago in ancient Babylon (Iraq), celebrated as an eleven day festival on the first day of spring. During this time, many cultures used the sun or the moon cycle to decide the “first” day of the year. It wasn’t until Julius Caesar implemented the Julian calendar that January 1 became the common day for the celebration. While early celebrations were more paganistic in nature, celebrating earth’s cycles, Christian tradition celebrated the Feast of the Circumcision (bris) of Jesus on New Year’s Day. In the twentieth century the holiday grew into its own celebration and mostly separated from the historic association with religion.

Bob and I have had the pleasure of spending New Year’s Eve in both France and Scotland, celebrating with different cultures. Our first celebration abroad was the Millennium in Paris. The French celebrate (Reveillon), New Year’s Eve. The Parisians celebrate by wearing very formal clothing and at the stroke of midnight walk to all the ponts (bridges) along the Seine River to sing, watch the fireworks and drink champagne.

Scotland celebrates New Year’s Eve (Hogmanay) and New Year’s Day in a different way, especially if you are staying in a castle. Hogmanay is a traditional and truly major national holiday. The days leading up to New Year’s Eve are filled with lots of holiday cheer and dining. New Year’s Eve is celebrated with formal attire, eating a grand meal and toasting the New Year with champagne at midnight. At the magical time bagpipers enter the castle and play Auld Lang Syne with all the guests and staff joining in song. At about 2:00 AM you are served Hoppin’ John, a black-eyed pea and rice dish, to bring good fortune.

New Year traditions around the world can generally include making some noise, eating lucky food, drinking a beverage and turn over a new leaf. New Year’s Day is a starting point to appreciate what you have, remember the good things in life, embrace the good of our community and count our blessings. Living in the greater Hilton Head Island area with this Jewish community that serves as the foundation of good, we can find strength in each other. Life is precious; let us count each day as a blessing. Remember the “Good Old Days” and that these are the Good Old Days for us to appreciate and to remember. Happy New Year to you and your family.

Shalom for 2015,

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Parashat Shemot

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Parashat Beshalach
The Torah has a few names for God such as Adonai, which means the Eternal One or Elohim, referring to God in the generic sense. Then there is another term that we rarely use but which is written in the Torah. It is El Shaddai, meaning God Almighty. In Exodus, chapter six, God is speaking to Moses and giving him his history with the Patriarchs by saying, "And I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by the name of (El Shaddai) God Almighty, but by my name, The Lord, was not known to them." In Genesis chapter 17, God speaks to Abraham by saying, "And when Abram was ninety nine years old, the Eternal One appeared to Abram, and said to him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be perfect." In this verse God was establishing his new relationship with Abram and solidifying the covenant relationship, especially with regard to the Promised Land. So now we see that this term refers to the way God reminds his patriarchs and prophets of his ancient roots and spirit going far back into Patriarchal history.

In Hilton Head, one special group of musicians have adopted this ancient term as the name for their choir. In our community this group of African Americans are dedicated to sharing their music in many creative ways. They have earned a great reputation here and regionally for the music they perform. We have invited them to share the music of the African American music tradition that played into and inspired the Civil Rights movement in American history. All of this music helps us grasp the deeper dimension of what religious leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. drew from in their respective faith traditions for their strength and leadership. We will have about 18 singers in their colorful robes singing their hearts out for us at Shabbat services on Friday evening, January 16, beginning at 7:30 PM. Thanks to the leadership of the Social Action Committee and the grant they received from the URJ Religious Action Center and the support from our own Music Committee and Board of Directors we continue to persevere to keep alive not only Dr. King's words and deeds but to embrace the mission of civil rights for all Americans. Our service is now part of the weeklong, community-wide, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. schedule of activities. Let's not forget that so much of the musical traditions of the south, and from the black church in particular, played a crucial role in the Civil Rights movement.

Recent protests and confrontations between police and minorities in America have reminded us that race is still a burning issue in our society. It is important that we be on the side of furthering our relationships with and knowledge of the African American community and its history.

Just recently the Social Action Committee sponsored a trip to the Penn Center and we all loved the experience of learning how Jewish philanthropist (Julius Rosenwald) in the 19th century started schools for free black children even before the Civil War started. Penn center was also a retreat for Dr. King in the 1960s. That history deserves to survive and it can teach us of God's message to us today as El Shaddai spoke to our patriarchs to remind them of their history with the Eternal One.

Happy New Year from our family to yours.
Rabbi Brad L. Bloom, M.S.W., D.D.
Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President

Shalom Friends,

Many thanks for your support in 2014. Sisterhood continues to move forward through our involvement in important projects on the local and national level as well as in Israel. Your participation in our programs and dues campaign, support of the Judaica Shop and generous donations enable us to continue the work of WRJ. We ARE Stronger Together for more than 100 years!

December was a very busy month. Thanks to all who participated in the many activities leading up to Chanukah. Our Judaica Shop hosted a Chanukah Bazaar, open to the public, featuring a lovely array of gifts to brighten the holiday.

Sisterhood members spent a fun filled afternoon with the Youth Group making latkes, which the young people took home to share with their families. Our members enjoyed an evening of glamour and relaxation at our fashion show held at The Pink Pineapple. Along with Men’s Club, we welcomed 2015 in style at our New Year’s Eve gala. The creativity and hard work of our members makes these events possible and we are truly grateful for their efforts.

Please mark your calendars for Sisterhood’s annual Sweetheart Luncheon scheduled for February 11, 2015. Our guest speaker will be local writer Bernie Schein, author of Famous All Over Town, a tale of life in the Coastal South, complete with a cast of Jewish characters. This promises to be a very entertaining afternoon and we hope you all will join us.

In 1963, NFTS marked its 50th anniversary and the women of Sisterhood were determined to make a contribution beyond simply marking a milestone. It was a decade of turmoil and change and once again Sisterhood’s voice was heard. The world was changing on political, social and religious fronts. In 1963 Sisterhood formally calls for the ordination of women rabbis. In its many resolutions during the ‘60s, NFTS supported the Equal Pay Act, encouraged the War on Poverty, urged measures to reduce crime and control firearms, alleviate hunger, control environmental pollution, and fight for the rights of all people regardless of race, gender or religious beliefs. In 1967, after the Six Day War, Sisterhoods increased aid to Israel, raised money for Magen David Adom and rallied in support of Israel in Washington and New York. During the Vietnam era, we continued service programs started in WW II. Our members sent Passover and Chanukah packages to Jewish servicemen while urging the United States government to de-escalate our involvement in the war. We are humbled by the work of those that came before us and encouraged to build on their achievements. Happy New Year from our house to yours.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Cathy

Onegs
Thank you to the following who provided the Onegs for November: Randy Kurjan, Janet Weingarten, Cathy Kite, Barbara Frogel, Myra Goldschmidt and Judie Aronson.

Membership
CBY Sisterhood has received a WRJ award for the increase in membership each year. This year we would like to challenge the women of Congregation Beth Yam to help us reach 150 members. We are almost there! If you haven’t sent in your 2014-2015 dues, please do it now. Thanks to all who have already done so. We have an exciting luncheon being planned for February and there are many committees that would love to have new members. For further information, please call Kathy Burnce at (843) 757-0869.

Lilith Salon
The next Lilith Salon will be held on February 3, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the home of Sheila Lichtman. Judie Aronson will facilitate the article “Same Page, Seven Years Later.” Click here for the electronic version of the article. Contact Sheila at (843) 342-3113 to tell her you are coming and what kosher dish you will be bringing to the potluck supper. Don’t miss this fabulous event!

Next Book Club
Join us at The Cypress on February 5, 2015 as Linda Stern reviews the book, The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Jane Gilman. This is a “fun book” about a Russian girl who immigrates with her parents to the Lower East Side. Once there she becomes crippled and is deserted by her family. She is taken in by an Italian ice cream peddler who teaches her everything he knows. Because of his love and help, she builds a series of ice cream stores and becomes a part of American history. Please plan to join us. The next Book Club will be on May 14, 2015. Book selection to be announced at a later date.

Sisterhood making latkes for the Night of 100 Menorahs
Pam Kronenberg, Judy Bluestone, Ruth Adelson, Nadyne Ulicny, Joan Diamond, Rita Suntup, Cathy Kite, Jill Harrison, Donna Adelman, Hilary Williams, Randy Kurjan, Felicia Pascal.
Gather with friends, neighbors, and colleagues for these remarkable broadcasts—challenging, enlightening and edifying “big screen” productions, not available on cable. From the heart of Hilton Head, you can watch, listen, discuss, and learn ... without leaving town.

How to Repair Our World? Thomas L. Friedman in Conversation Dov Seidman
Wednesday, January 14, 8:00 pm
Join us for the first in a series of conversations on HOW individuals, nations and business must urgently change how they behave, lead and operate in a world that is more interconnected and interdependent. This first evening will examine the challenges in the global arena at this pivotal time and the fundamental shifts needed to solve our most pressing problems.

David Axelrod in Conversation with David Remnick – Believer: My Forty Years in Politics
Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 pm
One of the key players in the historic campaign that made Barack Obama President, Axelrod has been involved with some of the greatest political changes of the last decade. Axelrod has devoted a lifetime to questioning political certainties and to bringing fresh thinking into the political landscape. Join him as he discusses his remarkable career from young journalist to senior advisor to the President.

In the News with Jeff Greenfield: Barney Frank
Sunday, April 12, 7:30 pm
Barney Frank discusses his journey from Bayonne, New Jersey to the U.S. Congress, where he played a vital role in the struggle for personal freedom and economic fairness. He'll talk about his fight for gay rights and his lifelong struggle against inequality—from his early civil rights advocacy in the Massachusetts State Legislature to his instrumental role as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. He's the author of a new memoir, Frank.

David Brooks: On Character
Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm
Join New York Times columnist David Brooks for an in-depth discussion about what constitutes character as explored in his new book, The Road to Depth. Some people seem to possess inner lives that are more substantive than the rest of ours. How do they do it? Depth, argues Brooks, is the core of our being and something we cultivate over time; it’s engraved by thought and action; it’s built through the commitments we make—to a nation, a faith, a calling or loved ones—and the sacrifices we endure because of those commitments.

All broadcasts will be shown at Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting St., Hilton Head Island, SC. Space is limited. Register early.

Tickets for single broadcasts are $10 for Congregation Beth Yam members and $15 for non-members, payable by cash, check, or on-line credit card. To register for one or more broadcasts or subscribe to the series, click here for on-line credit card purchases or click here to print out a mail-in registration form or send an email to bethyam@aol.com or call Congregation Beth Yam at 843.689.2178. Tickets for a single broadcast are good for that broadcast only. Tickets are non-refundable, but transferable to friends and colleagues.
Multiple efforts to raise funds for the operation of CBY are going on at the same time, involving many members.

The 92Y Live program is certainly alive and well, under the leadership of Marty Slagowitz. On Wednesday, January 14, we will see Thomas Friedman in conversation with Dov Seidman. Last time Mr. Friedman appeared we had nearly 200 attendees. Please reserve early for this one. The conversation begins promptly at 8:00 PM. See the complete listing on page 5.

Diane Miller is continuing her efforts to make Dine-Arounds even more appealing. We will have two events in January. First on Wednesday, January 7 at La Fontana and then on Wednesday, January 28, at the new Poseidon Restaurant, both in Shelter Cove.

The photo below illustrates how hard the gala committee is working on our “Light Up The Night” dinner/auction/dance. We have collected over 100 items for this auction and commitments for many more. Please pitch in and help to make this the major success we plan it to be. Betsey Doughtie, Director of The Deep Well Project, will be honored and we aim to collect 1,000 cans of food for Deep Well. Invitations to the event will go out in the mail at the end of January. Please plan your 10 top tables in advance. 2015 is starting off with great opportunities and plans for a great year for our programs - please participate along with us.

**Fundraising Committee~ Alan Meiselman**

NOW RAISE MONEY FOR CBY BY SHOPPING AT KROGER

Congregation Beth Yam is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. What this means is that when you shop at any Kroger, and use your Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will give a 4% rebate to CBY. It’s that easy, but first you need to link your Kroger Plus Card to our organization.

To accomplish that: Call (800) 576-4377 and select option 3. Our organization number is 46358. If you know your Kroger Plus number the representative will connect it to our organization number. If you don’t know your Kroger Plus Number, but use an alternate ID, such as your phone number, give that to the representative, and they will be able to link your account. That’s it!! For those of you who do not have a Kroger Plus Card, applications are available at the Customer Service Desk of any Kroger. It’s an easy way for you to help support your temple so please take a moment and register.
Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson

The Social Action committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our December projects. All of you should be proud of the volunteer work you have done for the last month. All the events have helped the community and again put our congregation on the Hilton Head “map.” We hope that you will continue your support by participating in the upcoming SAC events.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!!

- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Shabbat Service** to be held on Friday, January 16 at 7:30 PM. This will be a very exciting evening which will help cement our relationship with the African American community. The Social Action Committee and the Music Committee have combined resources to offer the music portion of the program. The SAC will do the honors and host the Oneg. Click [here](#) for more details.

- Other community activities in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. are the opening session of the Town-wide Committee Program, which will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 7:30 PM at the Queens AME Church as well as the March on Monday, January 18 at the High School at 9:45 AM. Let’s show our CBY support for these events.

Care Committee—Susan Britanisky and Sandy Leff

Over 85 CBY members, their families, and guests were treated to a Chanukah celebration and latke lunch, a la Gershwin style, led by our own creative team of Adriana Urato and David Kimbell, with a special cameo appearance by Rabbi Bloom. Songs such as “Oh Hanukah,” “The Dreidel Song,” and “We Found Oil” were set cleverly to Gershwin melodies, with innovative lyrics, written and performed especially for this occasion by our dynamic cantorial soloist and our talented musical director in the “Gershwin Does Chanukah” program! For the finale, everyone joined in a rousing rendition of “On the Eighth Day of Chanukah my Bubbie gave to me…”

The Chanukah celebration continued in the social hall with a spirited lighting of the Chanukah candles led by children and grandchildren of congregants. It was very meaningful to see so many generations represented to share the last day of the holiday with latkes, Chanukah cookies, and other luncheon treats, hosted by the Care Committee.

This joyous event would not have been possible without the culinary talents, serving skills, and generous help of the following caring members, including: Mark Britanisky, Jean Caplan, Dick Glass, Lynn Irvine, Pete Leff, Sharon Leff, Nancy and Joel Lerner, Ruth Levy, Sheila and Jeffrey Lichtman, Felicia Pascal, Lou Robinson, Eve Sanker, Barbara Schuman, and Nadyne Ulicny.
Temple Tidings

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

TORAH Study
Saturday, January 10 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Parashat: Shemot
Theme: The heroic role of women in the story of the Exodus
With: Rabbi Bloom

Super Bowl Party
“The Hottest Ticket in Town”
Sponsored by Congregation Beth Yam Men’s Club
Sunday, February 1, 2015
6:00 PM until the game is over or futile
Price $18 pp.
More Information at www.bethyam.org

IT’S GAME TIME

Shabbat Service
honorig
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Featuring the popular Lowcountry-based gospel choir
The Voices of El Shaddai
Along with the CBY Shabbat Choir
January 16 at 7:30 PM
...Freedom, Peace and a God for All Humanity...

More information at www.bethyam.org
Sponsored by Social Action Committee & Music Committee

Night of 100 Menorahs
December 19, 2014

Women’s Seder 2015
Join us for Congregation Beth Yam
Sisterhood’s 15th Annual Women’s Seder
March 18, 2015 at 11:00 AM.
Make sure to put this popular Sisterhood event on your calendar and participate in the reading of our WRI award winning Haggadah and a wonderful catered lunch.
Details and reservation form will be available soon.

Save The Date

We are Stronger Together
Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood’s
Membership Renewal Is Now In Progress!
Membership forms are available in the office or click here
More Information at www.bethyam.org

CALLING ALL MEN!
Sign up now!
for
Congregation Beth Yam’s Men’s Club
and
Participate in the many mitzvahs we do for our synagogue and our community
Contact Stuart Blickstein for more information
More Information at www.bethyam.org
Ritual Committee – Judy Bluestone and David Kurjan

Mishkan HaNefesh: Machzor for the High Holy Days (Days of Awe)

Congregation Beth Yam, along with a growing number of Reform congregations, has voted to adopt the new machzor (prayer book) of the Reform Movement, Mishkan HaNefesh. We expect that it will be in use for the High Holy Days 2015 which begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Question: Why do we need a new machzor? What is wrong with the red one we’ve been using for the last 35 years?

Answer: We and the times are changing. Here’s what Mishkan HaNefesh offers:

- Full transliteration of all prayers
- Expanded options for Torah readings
- Study texts that provide background
- Contemporary poetry and alternative readings
- New translations
- Gender neutral language
- Woodblock art
- Meaningful liturgy for regular service attendees and those new to Jewish practices and spirituality
- An inspirational multifaceted experience through the High Holy Days from the solitude of contemplation to the
- Solidarity of song and worship

Most of us are familiar with the “refresh” button on our computers. Mishkan HaNefesh offers us the opportunity to refresh our High Holy Day experience and get more out of the hours that we spend in the synagogue. Because the machzor offers so many new features, we will, in the months leading up to the High Holy Days, offer a variety of opportunities for our members to become acquainted with Mishkan HaNefesh and how it will enhance our worship. Watch the Tidings for a schedule and for comments from members about the prayerbook.

The office is now using Constant Contact to send the weekly Small Tidings and e-blasts to the congregation. 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.

Library Committee ~ Linda Stern and Felicia Pascal

We are happy to report that our sale at the December 2014 event sponsored by Sisterhood was a success. We sold 36 books. Although we netted a modest amount, we will translate that into some new books for the collection. We are most grateful to have provided books, multiples of copies in the current collection, that have now reached the hands of congregational readers.

As you might expect, funds for new purchases are limited and we are very dependent on the generosity of our CBY community who donate books. Our policy is to place these donations in the collection unless their condition and occasionally date of publication is unsuitable. When we receive a title that is already in our collection, we put it aside for future sales, with the proceeds put toward new purchases. We welcome your recommendations for future additions.

Book Review by Linda Stern

The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street by Susan Jane Gilman

An immigrant family from Russia with 4 daughters arrives in New York in the 1920’s. Hardships greet them. Their 3rd daughter, Malka, age 5 is sent out to perform for street vendors by singing, dancing and reciting poems, in exchange for food. One day, she is struck by an ice cream vendor’s horse and wagon. The ice cream vendor takes her to the hospital. As a youngster of 5 and unfamiliar with her city surroundings she fails to reunite with her family and the ice cream vendors’ Catholic family cares for her and raises her to adulthood. As an adult, Malka succeeds in the ice cream retailing business, although beset with greed and frustration. This tale of immigrant life is hilariously funny at times and at others both sad and tragic.
Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman

On December 14, the Religious School students were treated to the best Chanukah party this temple has ever seen! The Outreach Committee generously sponsored, organized and worked to create a wonderful Chanukah celebration! The kids got to make their own menorahs, a keepsake to be used for years to come. There was cookie decorating, frame making, bingo and dreidel playing and many other fun craft activities. Everybody enjoyed the delicious latkes and treats. A special thanks to Joan Diamond and Rebecca Mastrorocco and the entire committee for such a nice time.

Sunday, January 4 will be the first day back to Religious School from winter break. The teachers have a wonderful Genesis Project scheduled called "In The Beginning." Each class (preschool through high school) will create a 4’x4’ mural depicting the days of creation. This is a special class day the kids won't want to miss!

On Thursday, January 15, our Hebrew School teachers will be holding Parent/Teacher conferences from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. The teachers look forward to updating parents on the wonderful progress their children are making.

On Saturday, January 31, the Religious School will be holding its first Parents Night Out of the year! The kids will have a wonderful time in their pajamas celebrating Havdalah with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin. A great month ahead!
Outreach Committee - Joan Diamond

The Chanukah Party for the Religious School, held on Sunday, December 14, was organized and sponsored by the Outreach Committee. Many stations were set up for the students to explore, learn and have fun all based on Chanukah. Harold Hauer lead a Dreidel Game, Jack Resnick showed the children how to build a menorah, Jan Harris aided in the creation of stencil art, Dorothy Swimmer assisted in creating foam picture frames, Shaya Shatz instructed the children in a creative art project, Joan Diamond and Ruth Adelson helped the children cut out and decorate cookies and the Youth Group directed a Bingo Game, “Pin the Candle on the Menorah” and a tattoo station. Latkes and applesauce were served. Thanks to Sheryl Keating and her Youth Group and members of CBY for volunteering their time that morning. A special thanks to Rebecca Mastrorocco, chair of the Chanukah Party committee.

Outreach Committee - Joan Diamond

This past November for the second consecutive year, the Outreach Committee presented a special three week course taught by Rabbi Bloom, entitled “A Taste of Judaism.” Thirty-five people, both Jewish and not, including members of CBY attended the classes all with the common desire to learn more about Judaism. “A Taste of Judaism” gave the attendees an opportunity to learn about the fundamental beliefs and symbols of our religion. The topics discussed were “Spirituality” (God), “Ethics” (Torah), and “Community” (Israel), not just the state of Israel but the community of all Jews.

On Friday, January 23, at our Outreach Shabbat service, we will honor all the people who participated in “A Taste of Judaism” by calling them up to receive a certificate of completion. The Oneg that evening will be provided by members of the Outreach Committee, who will also be assigned Shabbat honors. At Congregation Beth Yam we are blessed to count many non-Jewish spouses among our members. Not only do they support their spouses’ religious beliefs, they also play an active role in raising their children as Jews. On this special Shabbat, we will honor these non-Jewish members.

Wine and Cheese Reception
Friday, January 23, 2015
6:45 PM
Followed by The Outreach Shabbat at 7:30 PM
Special Oneg to follow
Hosted by the Outreach Committee
RSVP to: Joan Diamond at (843) 671-1333
How I fell in love with a grassroots organization!!!

By Marcia Frezza

What is it about Lowcountry Legal Volunteers that drew me to become an active member of the board of trustees and now Vice Chair of the organization?

- We offer legal services primarily to women and children who are in dire legal straits when they come to our offices.
- We do not handle criminal or immigration cases and our lawyers are primarily volunteers.
- We operate solely on grants and donations and we get no money from Federal, State or local agencies.
- We are the only free legal services organization in the Lowcountry, so between here and Charleston we are it.
- Our clients have to be financially qualified to be eligible for our totally free services.

Why do I care? These are battered women and families who are in danger of losing their homes or their children without legal intervention. They are the working poor who live below the poverty level and deserve the justice that is afforded to all Americans.

We serve 43% Caucasians, 36% African American and 20% Hispanic clients. 82% of our clients are women and 18% are male. We focus all our services on cases involving vulnerable people facing immediate risks to their physical and psychological well being.

I work hard for Lowcountry Legal Volunteers because I am fortunate enough to live in a society that values taking care of people who are in need. It is the Jewish way to offer Tzedakah. I love my work with LLC because it is a true Mitzvah. If you think you would like to get involved in this endeavor please feel free to let me know.

Engraved Garden Pavers

We are pleased to be able to offer an additional opportunity to buy an engraved paver in support of the Building Expansion Fund. The pavers, located in the Garden behind the Jewish Resource Center and Sanctuary foyer are a lovely way to honor or memorialize friends or family while supporting some of the remaining projects for our building. Contact the office for further information.

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.

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

Happy New Year. By the time you read this, Sisterhood and Men’s Club will have jointly celebrated the New Year with a wonderful party at the Temple. Those who attended will have had a great time and those who couldn’t—well, as we used to say in Brooklyn (and Boston and Chicago), WAIT ‘TIL NEXT YEAR.

The next gathering of the CBY Men’s Club will be a lunch meeting at the temple on Tuesday, January 13 at 12:45 PM. Once again, Gruby’s will be our sandwich supplier. The program will be announced soon.

Coming up soon: Super Bowl Party and more. We continue to work on Tikkun Olam, building a better community and world. Your board will be meeting soon to determine whether we need any “course adjustments.” If you have any suggestions, or ideas for projects or events which make sense for the Men’s Club, please contact me or come to our next monthly gathering.

Hope to greet you soon.

Cast a Vote for Reform Values in Israel

As Jews, lovers of Israel and unconditional supporters of Israel’s right to exist, we are well aware of the many serious challenges confronting Israel today as well as the threats faced by the Jewish people everywhere. In addition to the existential questions confronting the state, as Reform Jews, we are also faced with serious questions concerning societal and institutional values.

Congregation Beth Yam is committed to not only supporting our brothers and sisters in Israel but to also help shape its future. Together, we have an opportunity to advocate for an Israeli society that represents our values and clearly puts forth our vision for Israel—a vision in which the ideals of pluralism, equality and peace are accepted.

TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED YOUR HELP; YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT!!

Next year, in October of 2015, the World Zionist Congress (WZC) will convene in Jerusalem. This “Parliament of the Jewish People” will debate and make decisions about critical issues that shape Israel and influence whether it will fulfill the dreams of its founders—a pluralistic and democratic Jewish State.

You have a critical voice in that discussion. How? Representatives to the WZC are elected every 4 years. The delegation from the United States is determined by an election conducted by the American Zionist Movement (AZM), an election which will take place from January 15, 2015 until April 30, 2015. The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) represents Reform Judaism in the U.S. Each of us has the opportunity to vote for the ARZA slate to the U.S delegation, thereby assuring that ARZA’s delegates represent our values in the United States’ delegation to the WZC. Voting is easy and can be completed online or by paper ballot. All Jews over the age of 18 (as of June 30, 2015) can vote. One need not be a member of any other organization or Jewish institution in order to vote.

These elections are the strongest way for US Reform Jews to promote and encourage the progressive ideals of social justice, equality and democracy in Israel and help build the kind of Jewish state we all know is possible—a Jewish state that holds true to the ideals of religious pluralism, the growth of Reform Judaism in Israel, women’s equality in all areas of life, democracy, and a solution to the ongoing conflict.

The election is also important because the composition of the WZC has both financial and policy implications in Israel, as resources are allocated based on the number of seats a party holds and the policy positions of those parties.

ARZA, representing Reform Judaism, is asking every American Jew who holds these values dear to stand with ARZA. Here is what we hope you will do in the coming weeks:

- **Pledge**: Take the pledge to vote for ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism at [www.reformjews4israel.org](http://www.reformjews4israel.org). Pledging to vote is easy and the website provides important additional information.

- **Spread the word**: Please encourage others to pledge to vote - family, friends and fellow congregants.

- **Vote**: Vote for ARZA-Representing Reform Judaism at [www.reformjews4israel.org](http://www.reformjews4israel.org) between January 15 and April 30. Voting is easy and quick. Because the election itself is self-financing, the cost for voting is $10.00 for those over age 30 and $5.00 for those 30 and under.

The future of K’lal Yisrael is in our hands. Let us join with Reform and progressive Jews across the country and make sure that our voices are heard. If you need more information about the issues or about the election contact Ted David at (843) 706-3541.
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Stay Connected

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.

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IS THAT SNOW IN FELICIA’S ATTIC?
...no, it’s her new foam insulation!
saves on electric bills and also reduces noise

My thanks and appreciation to Jack Resnick for the insulation work in my attic. The installation of open cell foam is not very exciting when compared to a renovated kitchen or bathroom, but doing the job well and at the right price is very important. Jack got the right subcontractors, oversaw the proper completion of the job, including recalling the supplier to add additional insulation.

I have total confidence in the results, knowing that Jack was there to make sure it was done correctly, up to code and the high standards of Group 4 Builders.

Felicia Pascal

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