Join us for a
Commemorative Shabbat Service
honoring
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Thursday, January 14
7:00 PM
Community-Wide Service
Queen Chapel AME Church
114 Beach City Rd
Please support this event with your presence

Monday, January 18
9:45 AM
Join Beth Yam & the HH Community at the Hilton Head High School Parking Lot as we march in support of Social Justice, Brotherhood, and Freedom! Everyone is invited to participate in the march and the continuing festivities.

Friday, January 15
7:30 PM
Special oneg sponsored by the Social Action Committee

The Outreach Committee of Congregation Beth Yam
is sponsoring lunch-time showings of
Jews in America
An award-winning PBS film series that traces Jewish immigration to America through the centuries

February 3
A Yiddish World Remembered

February 10
The Jewish People, a Story of Survival

March 2
The Jewish Journey: America

March 9
Jerusalem: Center of the World

Join us at noon on four separate Wednesdays
No charge to attend
Bring a brown bag lunch
Rabbi Brad Bloom will conduct a discussion after the viewing

For more information go to www.bethyam.org or contact Joan Diamond
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**When deeds speak words are nothing.** Pierre-Joseph Proudhon
I have heard many in the congregation say to me, “What is going on in our country these days?” What do they mean? People tell me about the concerns they have that cover a spectrum of issues. We are concerned about Israel and its perennial challenges with Palestinian terror, Iran, ISIS, surging anti-Semitism in different parts of the world. On the domestic front we read reports and watch cable news shows of the ongoing violence which includes both terror attacks in our country as well as shootings such as gang violence and mentally disturbed killers. The economy is looking better but we are always watching the financial news for job reports, interest rates and the stock market. The point of all of this is that there is a lot to worry about in today’s world.

Now that we enter the year 2016, we are faced with a heated presidential election and the political waves are starting to hit our shores along with the potential of immigrants from the war-torn Middle East. The feedback I receive is that we want to get away from it all and escape or some become embittered and still others who feel a sense of fear in the air inside our country. That fear is probably the most volatile component of what shapes our attitudes towards the issues swirling around us. Fear is what shakes our confidence and often turns to anger. Fear is truly deadly because it makes us think in ways that do not always bring out the best in ourselves.

One rabbi, Nahman of Bratislav, said, “The entire world is a narrow bridge. The point is not to be afraid.” He wrote those words about one hundred and twenty years ago. Yet, they are still a sober warning for us today because we need to get a grip on things. Can we allow our fears to cloud our judgement or overtake our best thinking about life and especially about societal issues? Somewhere amidst the politics and the ever changing world we live in our job is to hold our ground spiritually so that we can think clearly about what is in the best interest of our country, Israel and the world. Fear emotions are not bad; in fact, being cautious and understanding the consequences and dangers in the world are absolutely necessary to understanding reality. There comes a point, however, when we turn against ourselves, when we let our fears get out of hand and we become angry and disillusioned about what is good in the world.

Let us not forget the good that goes on every day which we tend to ignore or take for granted. The kids, our grandchildren and children, who achieve great things with their careers and their academic achievements. The hope that the young people have today for their future is important because we cannot lose that hope and we need it to balance our fears. The people who fall in love, who help the poor, who volunteer to relieve hunger and who mentor others who just need a little help to make a difference in the world today. Shall we ignore the good and only focus on the problems?

In the Siddur, the Jewish Prayer book, we read the prayer about thanksgiving. ‘We thank God for the miracles we see morning, noon and night.’ Where are those miracles? Many times they are right in front of us, but, do we really see them? Maybe that is one of our challenges—to see the big picture which is not to deny the world’s problems; rather, to affirm the good deeds people do all the time. Doesn’t that count in terms of seeing bright prospects? Where is our faith? Where is our hope? We are realists but does that mean we cannot believe in miracles too? Some say to me, “As long as I have my health I can have faith.” So here is an idea. How about at the next conversation we get into about the world’s problems we change the discussion to the good things in the world? Let’s talk about the goodness that too often escapes our attention. Is it possible then that life does not look so bad after all?

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

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As we enter the new year of 2016, on behalf of my family and me, I wish you and yours a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. We are, indeed, fortunate that Congregation Beth Yam continues to be financially strong on a year-to-year basis. This strength is due in large part to our membership paying its dues obligation and contributing to various programs on a continuing basis. We have been blessed with a stable and/or growing membership, the vast majority of whom pay the full dues for their age or location. We continue to receive significant contributions from the Friends Campaign that adds about $70,000 our operating budget.

Though everything is good---right now, you don't have to be very old to realize that economics can change quickly and there is a business cycle. Beth Yam, like every person, business and charitable institution, will see more difficult times at some point in the years to come. This is one of the reasons the Beth Yam Endowment Fund was created by the Board in 2011. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to build a reserve and to use only the earnings from that reserve to help fund future operations of the Congregation. Over $150,000 has already been donated to the initial Endowment Fund; these donations have all come from living donor members who feel a bond with Beth Yam and believe that our synagogue/temple/shul is a vital part of their lives and worth preserving and sustaining for future generations. In addition, many members have included CBY in their legacy documents to provide a future source of funding.

We have made a strong beginning, but we need broad participation. When you review your will and estate plan, please consider including the Beth Yam Endowment Fund in that plan. Congregation Beth Yam is important and worth perpetuating. Please help.

Twyla

Ritual Committee ~ David Kurjan

The Ritual Committee has decided to alter the way honors are given for services beginning January 2016.

1. Anyone who does not normally get called for honors and who would like to be should notify a committee member or the office and they will update the calling list.
2. Ritual committee members will make the honors calls only for candle lighting and Kiddush (for other than Erev B’nai Mitzvah) and for the Torah Aliyah.
3. Candle lighting and Kiddush the night before a B’nai Mitzvah will continue to be done by family members.
4. For family services, the chair and other Religious School Committee members will select appropriate honorees, presumably parents of Religious School students.
5. Ark opening honors will be chosen shortly before the service begins from among the congregants in attendance by the Ritual representative in consultation with the Rabbi.
6. Ushering will be done by the Ritual Representative (and his/her significant other, if present).

If you would like to participate in services, please contact me. It would be a whole lot easier for the committee if we knew who wanted to be involved in this way.

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday June 12, 2016
AROUND THE WORLD WITH TWYLA SABLE

Please join us in honoring our outgoing president as we salute her on the completion of her successful two years as president of Congregation Beth Yam. Enjoy a wonderful evening with Twyla and her friends. More information will follow: Watch the Tidings, Small Tidings, the Electronic Board and the web site.

Join Rabbi Brad Bloom & Congregation Beth Yam on an In-depth tour to ISRAEL from a Reform Perspective February 13 - 23, 2016

• Exploring the Mediterranean city of Tel Aviv including Independence Hall & the Palmach Museum
• Connecting with Reform communities in Israel, including the innovative Leo Baeck School in Haifa
• Enjoying home hospitality dinner with a reform community in Jerusalem
• Hearing from top reform rabbis and shakans including Anat Hoffman, Women of the Wall and Rabbi Uri Regev of Hiddush
• 2 nights at the David Intercontinental, Tel Aviv
• 2 nights at Hagoshrim, the Galilee
• 4 nights at the David Citadel, Jerusalem
• Entrance fees & portage
• Breakfast daily, 3 Dinners & 1 Lunch

More information at www.bethyam.org
Shalom Friends,

Many thanks for your support in 2015. 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. Thanks to Elaine Lust and the many Sisterhood volunteers who made the Bazaar a tremendous success. Our members enjoyed an evening of glamour and relaxation at a fashion show held at The Pink Pineapple. Diane Miller and Susan Davis made this fun filled gathering very special. 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 Thursday, February 11 at 11:30 AM. Our guest speaker will be Elizabeth Millen, editor-in-chief of PINK Magazine. The theme for this event is “Be Your Own Sweetheart” and will focus on efforts to promote women’s wellness. This promises to be a very informative afternoon and we hope you will all join us. Please click here for more information.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Cathy

Book Club
The next Book Club will on March 10 at Moss Creek. Please save the date and watch for further information in February’s Tidings.

Women’s Seder
Please “Save the Date” and reserve March 30, 2016 for the annual Sisterhood Women’s Seder Luncheon. This popular event will once again be catered by SERG, providing a three course lunch. Our innovative seder will be led by Elaine Lust, featuring our Rebbitzen Linda Bloom. More information will follow along with a reservation form.

Onegs
The following provided the Onegs for November: Cokie Citron, Sheri Farbstein, Nadyne Ulicny, Religious School Committee and Myra Goldschmidt.
Library—Linda Stern and Felicia Pascal

Over time we have been the fortunate recipients of many fine books and audio/visual material from congregants and others in our community. Our collection centers on items relating to Jewish themes or whose author is Jewish. Space is a consideration so that we can no longer house more than one copy of each title. When we receive duplicates, we store them for future book sales. The book sale proceeds are used to purchase new titles for the collection. Occasionally we determine that material is no longer of current interest: these may be offered to other repositories. Outdated items or those in poor physical shape may be disposed of.

We are grateful and delighted to receive new additions and ask that you check with Felicia Pascal if you are unsure about any of your proposed gifts to the collection. We thank Sisterhood for the addition of “The Girl From the Garden” by Farnaz Foroutan and to Lu and Stu Robinson for a variety of interesting materials.

Book Review: The Dogs and the Wolves by Irene Nemirovsky — Reviewed by Linda Stern

Following a program in Ukraine region of Russia, Ada Sinner is sent by her father to live in Paris. The wealthier Sinner cousins also leave their Ukrainian home for Paris. As a teenager, Ada falls in love with her wealthy cousin Harry. Harry’s father is a successful banker in Paris and Ada seeks out news of Harry there. Ada and Harry marry others but their obsessive attraction for each other lingers. This book has been described as a picture of European Jews living in constant anxiety and lingering hope. It was published in 1940, two years before the author was sent to her death in Auschwitz.

Check out the following link to see the books in our library catalog on CBY Website:
The fourth day of the Festival of Lights was celebrated in fine style by over 70 CBY congregants and guests with a "Rodgers and Hart Do Chanukah" presentation by Judy Bluestone and David Kimbell.

The Care Committee program included songs with original Chanukah lyrics, written by Judy and David, and sung to the tunes of "I Could Write a Book," "Mountain Greenery," "Everything I’ve Got Belongs to You," "There’s a Small Hotel," and "This Can’t Be Love." As a grand finale, everyone happily participated in a rousing rendition of "On the Eighth Night of Chanukah My Bubbe Gave to Me…"

The Chanukah celebration continued with a special Chanukah meal of corned beef, tuna fish, latkes, and desserts. Rabbi Bloom celebrated special birthdays and also helped with the lighting of the Chanukah candles.

With great thanks to Judy and David for their creative talents, the Care Committee also appreciated the tremendous help to set up and serve the Chanukah meal, from Mark Britanisky, Dick Glass, Lynne and Roger Irvine, Ellen and Mike Jenner, Pete Leff, Sharon Leff, Nancy and Joel Lerner, Sheila and Jeff Lichtman, Felicia Pascal, Eve Sanker, Barbara Schuman.

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."
J.M. Barrie
Membership Committee—Pennie Meiselman and Mike Weingarten, Co-Chairs
Several items were discussed at our Membership Committee meeting on Thursday, November 19.
- Our Annual Potluck Dinner will be on Friday, February 12, 2016 immediately following the Kabbalat Shabbat. Gay Birnbaum will be the chair for this event. Let's start thinking about the wonderful dish you will prepare.
- All Ambassadors were asked to call their new members to inform and invite them to upcoming events such as Student Cantor Dubin being here at a service, Potluck Dinner, 92St.Y, Dine-Around, etc.
- The committee was informed about the change on the membership application. The Board of CBY voted and approved the elimination of VDP for Affiliate and Associate members.
- We also discussed and decided to include an orientation for new members at the Ambassador party. It was agreed that it is a good venue for people to meet, get to know one another and to learn more about what CBY has to offer.
- We discussed at great length the buzzer system that has been implemented for greeters after doors are locked during services. We suggested that committee chairs who have evening meetings should also use the buzzer system as doors should be locked at all times.
- Our next meeting is Thursday, December 17 at 1:00 PM.

Cemetery Plots for Sale
Stu and Lucille Robinson are relocating and would like to sell their two cemetery grave sites, including prepaid opening and closing expenses, in Beth Yam Gardens at a reduced rate. They can be reached at (843) 368-0635. Please remember that plots can only be purchased by CBY members in good standing. Please let the Cemetery Committee Chair, Ed Brager, know of any transactions so our records can be updated.

Update
Family Directory Listing
Please send any updates and/or corrections to your Family Directory listing by January 15, 2016 to the CBY office at bethyam@aol.com. We will be printing an addendum to the directory in our February issue of the Monthly Tidings.

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Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

- Our next board meeting and lunch will be on **Tuesday, January 12 at 12:15 PM.**
- In December we had a dinner meeting that was well attended. Overall, 2015 was a very successful year for the Men’s Club.
- The Events Committee will be presenting the 2106 calendar at our January meeting. We hope to have 2 dinner meetings next year and, if possible, a brunch meeting as well. Please contact Nelson Adelman, Stuart Blickstein or Mike Werner of our events committee with any ideas for new events, revivals or meeting programs. We welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings and larger scale events.
- The Golf Committee will once again begin its planning for the 2016 tourney in the next few months. Please contact Steve Burstein with suggestions or if you wish to be involved in helping make this event as successful as it has been.
- Finally, and **most importantly,** we have had to move our E-mail communication to Constant Contact. If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular E-mails 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.

Fundraising—Alan Meiselman

We are starting the new year with a free event: Texas Holdem Poker lesson #2 on Thursday, January 7, in the Social Hall at 5:00 PM. Gobby Cohen & Jeremy Press will provide a video program as well as hands on (or chips in) lesson in the basics as well as betting concepts. This is open to all those who plan to participate in the actual Texas Holdem Tournament on February 6. Please contact Gobby at: christyandgobby@aol.com to reserve your seat at a table.

On Sunday, January 10, we will have our first **Dine-Around Brunch.** This will take place at Buffalos in Palmetto Bluff at 11:00 AM. Please note that this is a prepaid event ($30.00 per person) and your check must be received by Diane Miller (45 Wax Myrtle, Moss Creek Plantation, Hilton Head, 29926) or at the CBY office by Friday, January 8. **Catch 22** will be our next dinner Dine-Around, on Thursday, January 21. Please note this destination replaces 843 on our original schedule. Please reserve with Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021. The Texas Holdem Poker Tournament will take place on Saturday, February 6 at CBY. Watch for details to participate.

On Wednesday, February 24 we will **Dine-Around at Sigler’s** in Sheridan Park. Please reserve with Diane Miller as above stated.

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**Calling All Men!**

**Sign up now!** for **Congregation Beth Yam Men’s Club** and **Participate in the many mitzvahs we do for our synagogue and our community.**

**Contact Alan Krumholz for more information.**

**More information at www.bethyam.org**

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**Temple Tidings**

The CBY Classical Music Trio performed a concert “From Bach to Bachrach” at the home of Barbara & Marvin Frogel. This program was purchased at our Dinner/Auction last spring.
Night of 100 Menorahs ~ December 11, 2016

Religious School ~ Robin Krumholz, Principal

Chanukah is always a special time for children and our students had a wonderful holiday learning and celebrating! The students enjoyed having Rabbi tell stories and he also engaged our older students in thought-provoking discussion on the spiritual meaning of the holiday.

Our new Children’s Choir delighted the community at the Journey to Friendship Interfaith Service, as well as at the Night of 100 Menorahs. Our students also enjoyed touring the kitchen as members of the Outreach Committee made latkes for the Oneg following the Night of 100 Menorahs. Did you know that they made over 400 latkes? Wow!

Our Chanukah Party was a huge success, thanks to the support of the Outreach Committee who underwrote the cost, and the Care Committee who shared their decorations with us. Thank you also the Sisterhood Judaica Shop for providing us with supplies, prizes, and decorations at cost! Most of all, thank you to Marida Bruggeman, Jeremy Press, and all of the parents that contributed to planning, setup, staffing the activities and cleaning up.

For January, our students are looking forward to studying and then celebrating Havdalah with Student Cantor Dubin, as well as participating with the CBY community at the Martin Luther King Remembrance events. Please plan to join us at our next Family Shabbat, January 29, when our Bet class (2nd and 3rd graders) will lead services! Hope you had a wonderful holiday season!
Social Action Committee
Children’s Center Chanukah Party
December 16, 2015

Our annual Chanukah party for the pre-schoolers at the Children's Center was great fun. Thank you to the nine women who helped with story-time, cookie decorating, dreidel games and songs.

Adult Education—Barbara Slagowitz, Chair

JOURNEY OF FRIENDSHIP
December 10, 2015

Over 370 people representing many faiths joined in the celebration of Nostra Aetate, Vatican II’s redefining of the Catholic Church and its relationship with non-Catholics. Our children’s ensemble lit the menorah and sang the blessings. Among other highlights of the program were the joint choirs singing psalms, Rabbi Shira Lander speaking about ecumenical issues and a question and answer session with Rabbi Bloom and Monsignor Hanley. It was a very special program.
Youth Group News ~ Rachel Pepin, Youth Advisor

Youth group has had quite a busy month! We kicked off our Chanukah trifecta by supporting the annual Sisterhood Bazaar selling hotdogs and homemade donuts. Thank you to everyone that helped make our first fundraiser of the year a smashing success! We continued our Chanukah themed month by taking an absolutely fabulous day trip to Charleston. While we were there we were able to take a tour of the Jewish Studies Center at the College of Charleston, tour the oldest synagogue in the country, and participate in the city wide celebration of Chanukah in Marion Square. Of course, we enjoyed an excellent lunch on King Street and had a delicious ice cream treat later in the afternoon. Our youth groupers made wonderful memories on this trip and had a great time experiencing Judaism on a larger scale.

A large thank you to Judi Kleiman for accompanying us on this trip. It meant so much to the kids that you accepted the invitation! Our trifecta ended with making more homemade donuts and manning a donut decorating station at the annual religious school Chanukah party. I am very pleased with the participation of our youth this year and we look forward to being involved in congregation wide events as the year continues. Please be sure to join us on Sunday, January 24 at 2:00 PM for the discussion we will be participating in with the CBY Sisterhood regarding Anti-Semitism on campus.
Abstract of Board Meeting December 14, 2015—Judy Bluestone Recording Secretary

- The treasurer reported that expenses are in line with the budget and that dues have been received at a regular rate.
- Membership stands at 305 family units. The Annual Potluck Dinner has been scheduled for February 12, 2016.
- The nominating committee chaired by Jack Miller and including Ed Brager, Kathy Burnce, Nadyne Ulicny and Melanie Wynne and will meet in January.
- The 92Y program will be on hiatus while the Fundraising Committee evaluates its future at CBY; the successful Dine-Around program announced a January 10 Brunch at Buffalos in Palmetto Bluff; Gobby Cohen and Jeremy Press will conduct another Texas Holdem tutorial on January 7 at 5:00 PM and an Asian evening with dinner at OKKO followed by the Chinese Acrobats at the Arts Center on Friday, March 25.
- Alan Meiselman and Elaine Lust are researching improvements to the CBY office space.
- Jack Miller’s committee on governance is working to implement recommendations from the August board retreat which address committee structure and process, development of emergency procedures for the synagogue and religious school and edits and organization of our bylaws and policies.
- The Religious School classes and Chanukah programming have been well organized and attended.
- Ed Brager, new cemetery chair, is getting up to speed on his assignment.
- The efficacy of our buzzer security system will be evaluated as some entities using our facilities are not utilizing it.
- There will be repair of the CBY driveway and parking areas funds coming from our capital reserves.
- Michael Shapiro has been appointed to complete Stan Kleiman’s term on the Board of Directors.
- The Board voted that CBY should participate in a Shabbaton to be held in Greensboro, North Carolina in November, 2016 as part of the agenda of the Carolina Communities region of the Union for Reform Judaism. This will be an opportunity for learning and interacting with other congregations in our region. Mike Weingarten is a vice president of the region.

Michele Johnson bids us farewell

It is with great sadness that we bid adieu to Michele Johnson who has been with us since April 2012. Michele has shown great support to office staff and leadership and we will miss her very much. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Michele has secured an excellent job and we wish her well in her new endeavors.

Mazel Tov Michele, from all of us at Congregation Beth Yam.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of my entire family, I wish to thank everyone who demonstrated an amazing outpouring of love, support, friendship, and genuine sorrow on the loss of our beloved Stan. He felt so much at home and fulfilled at CBY; physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Your generous donations in his memory continue to make a difference in all of our lives and for that I am eternally grateful.

In your honor, a donation has been made by our family to the CBY Camp Fund to thank you for your generosity of time and caring. Stan never went to camp, but he came to admire and respect the impact Jewish Camping has on children and their families through my children's experience. Because of that experience, he realized what it means for the future of Judaism.

May his memory always be a blessing.
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