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“We walked on the same train tracks that transported our ancestors to their deaths, almost the whole distance from Auschwitz to Birkenau...the train tracks entering the camp were filled with thousands of headstones, messages and Yahrzeit candles.”

“The feeling of unity and strength that was felt while marching alongside 14,000 other Jewish teenagers was so empowering. We were 14,000 people from over 40 countries marching as one, for one reason. It was simply amazing.”

“This journey has truly opened our eyes about what it means to be a Jew.”

“Experiencing Israel was an absolute dream, and Israel now holds a special place in our hearts.”

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**It’s time to update your Family Directory!**

Please send any updates or changes to your Family Directory listing (address, phone, and email) to bethyam@aol.com by July 15. Thanks for your anticipated response.
Candy Solomon and Mike Weingarten – Membership, Co-chairs.
Religious School—
Denise Fitzgerald, Director

Shalom! It is a pleasure to introduce myself. My name is Denise Fitzgerald. I am the new Director of Jewish Youth Education at Congregation Beth Yam. I have been a member of the congregation for three years now, and I have been inspired to take on this position. I am a teacher with a Masters in Special Education and Elementary Education. This school year is starting off with a bang! We will have a new fully developed curriculum in both Judaica and Hebrew studies. Please know that I will always be available to service you and your family in any way, while overseeing the Jewish education of your children. I have an open-door policy to chat, and you are always welcome. Your awareness and comfort for what we teach is important to our whole faculty team! Please stop by.

Best Regards, Denise Fitzgerald

Fundraising Committee—
Alan Meiselman, Chair

We wish everyone a relaxing & fun filled summer. Please relax a lot as we have a very full schedule of events to enjoy this fall and winter.

We will welcome everyone back on Sunday, September 10, at a wonderful BeachBrunch, featuring our own emcee Little Stevie Napoli, presenting a great Karaoke program. Details are elsewhere in this issue of Tidings.

Our first Dine Around of the year is scheduled at The Cottage, on Wednesday October 4th.

On Thursday, October 26th, we have scheduled a dinner & evening of laughter at The Comedy Club.

On Wednesday, December 6th, we will dine at The Studio Restaurant.

On Tuesday, December 12th we will participate in a public Chanukiah lighting at Coligny Beach Market. Those wishing to join us for a Dine Around at Crave Restaurant should make reservations, when available (October).

December activities will also include our winter version of Texas Hold’em Charity Poker Tournament, on Saturday, December 9th. Details will appear in the September Tidings.

Several additional Dine Aroun, a musical show and a Progressive Raffle are all planned for winter season to keep us busy.

We hope you get plenty of rest over the summer so that you can participate in many of our enjoyable events.
Rabbi’s Message

(This came from a sermon I intended on delivering on Friday June 16th.)

Tonight is the final rite of passage for the congregation’s leadership by passing the baton to the next line of temple board members. Each new board faces the responsibility of overseeing programs, fiscal budgetary constraints, personnel and communicating with the congregation. We wish b’hatzlahah—success to these new board members and with gratitude that we say Todah Rabbah thank you to the outgoing board as well. New opportunities and challenges always exist in moving forward in the life of our congregation’s journey.

In our Torah portion we return to an ancient journey of our people who faced opportunities and challenges for the future generations of the Jewish people. In the book of Numbers, Parashat Shelah L’chah, Moses directs his leadership to appoint ten representatives to scout out the Promised Land. The leadership team goes out on a reconnaissance mission and comes back with a divided report. Eight of the ten say that the indigenous population is too powerful for the Israelites. The Israelites call them giants and fear there will be a catastrophe if they try to invade. The minority report of two, submitted by Joshua and Caleb, take the opposite view, urging the leadership to go for it. The end result was that the Israelite leadership followed the majority report and refused to move forward.

God was furious and Moses devastated. God punished the entire generation of people by saying that none of them, except Joshua and Caleb, would be allowed to enter the Promised Land. That faithless decision based upon the failure to act and the fear to move forward, resulted in forty years of wandering without that generation seeing the Promised Land. That faithless decision based upon the fear to move forward, resulted in the entire generation of the Exodus did great things but they fell shy of believing in themselves enough at a critical moment. At CBY our journey requires us to make hard decisions in the upcoming year and we are approaching a critical moment too. We too are making our best effort to create a funding mechanism that will enable us to keep the talented and valuable professional staff that is making such a positive contribution to our Jewish identity and our congregation’s well-being. A special committee has been appointed by our president, Pennie Meiselman, and chaired by Ted David to explore how we are going to meet these challenges as well. The leadership realizes that now is the time to lead and to believe, like Caleb, that we can achieve our goals and overcome our legitimate fears for whether or not we can develop the funding to carry on with our mission.

I am thankful and appreciative of our leadership, who in the spirit of Caleb, said, “Let us go up” to the Promised Land which will motivate us to do the same with our financial challenges. Our challenges are good ones because we have a steady and growing membership and a lot of enthusiasm at the same time that there are financial concerns about the future. Is there a can-do attitude and faith in our congregation’s willingness to fund the future? Will we move forward? Or will we stagnate? This is our future just like the Israelites. I believe we can do it for whatever CBY puts its heart and soul into it has in the past led to success. Our faith in ourselves is key.

When Moses told the reconnaissance team by saying, “Get you up this way in the south and go up into the mountain” (13:17). Rabbi Akiva Eiger commented, “Moses told them to look at the land in terms of future generations and eternity, from the top of the mountain. Their mistake was they couldn’t see the panorama of a future vision. We at CBY, with a new board, will carry on with the previous board’s vision and move forward to the future and prove to us all that we can realize our vision for future generations at CBY.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

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Sukkot

Thursday, October 5

Rabbi is encouraging congregants to buy their own lulav set. They can be purchased from Amazon and, if ordered through CBY’s Amazon-Smile link, we will receive a commission on the sale!

Click here to see the options!
Message from the President—

Pennie Meiselman

Is being a member of Congregation Beth Yam one of the keys to being married longer? Next time you’re at Shabbat Services, look around and notice all the people married 40, 50, 60 or 65 years. Are Jewish values one of the keys to this? According to Jeff Jacoby in “Jewish Values for a Secular World”, “The timeless mission of the Jews is to make the world better by making people better.” And he also states “Jewish tradition teaches that kindness is what life requires of you.”

At the June 16 Shabbat Service we had the privilege of witnessing the baby naming of Quinn Rose, the great-granddaughter of Sharon and Nick Bass. Mazel Tov. I would also like to congratulate our newly inducted board members Helen Hauer, Janice Fradkin and Doug Luba.

Let’s follow these dedicated peoples’ lead, and, if you are not involved, now is the time to do so. We are always in need of volunteers.

I would like to express my personal thanks to our retiring board members Ted David, Marcia Frezza and Melanie Wynne for their dedication and hard work on behalf of Congregation Beth Yam.

Have wonderful summer.

Shalom,

Pennie

Fun Facts for July

♦ National Rose month
♦ National Dairy month
♦ National Adopt-a-cat month

Board Abstract—Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary—May 8, 2017

♦ Board President Pennie Meiselman called the meeting to order
♦ Motion made to accept minutes as sent. Motion seconded and passed
♦ Rabbi’s Report:
  • Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman has had his evaluation completed and contract signed. He will be continuing at Cong Beth Yam for another year
  • Alan and Robin Krumholz have graciously offered to provide housing for Daniel for the coming year
  • Temple member Denise Fitzgerald will be the new Acting Director of Jewish Youth Education
  • Religious School curriculum is in its final stages of completion for the coming year
♦ Treasurer’s Report:
  • Most of the end of year surplus will be put into a cash reserve fund
  • Temple dues will be raised for the 2017/18 year
  • Motion made, seconded and passed to accept report
♦ Membership Committee:
  • Planning a few “Meet and Greet” parties along with the Rabbi for new Cong Beth Yam members
♦ Information items:
  • Two new handicap parking spots will be created next to Rabbi’s spot
  • Voted to pave gravel in back of Cong Beth Yam to create 19 new parking spots
  • Twenty four cemetery plots were sold through the promotion with Six Oaks Cemetery
  • Funeral coverage has been arranged in case of emergency and Rabbi is out of town
  • Annual meeting will be held on June 14 and new board of directors elected

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary
The good thing about milestones is being able to take a breath and look back at the year’s accomplishments. We are launching another year in Sisterhood, planning our calendar of events. This is my second year serving as president, and I’m hoping to build on our successes and implement new programs. With five past presidents on our board, even a “newbie” like me could get through the first year and come out feeling proud of our accomplishments. Not only do we plan and support and create and give...we enjoy working together. We enjoy the teamwork.

As we prepared the calendar for the coming year, our goals were directed toward teamwork, within Sisterhood committees, as well as other CBY groups. We are very committed to enhancing the education of our children by continuing to support camp scholarships, as well as involvement with the religious school. I will NEVER forget the evening devoted to hearing the experiences of the students that returned from the March of the Living. Educating our children is essential to our future as Jewish people. We have several programs scheduled to continue our fundraising efforts to support CBY goals. Again, teamwork is essential.

I am grateful for the efforts and support of all Sisterhood members for their hard work and dedication, and look forward to the year ahead.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Sue

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**Onegs:**
Thank you to the following for providing the onegs for May: Marcie Fine, Randy Kurjan, Nadyne Ulicny, JoAnn Perchick, Sharon Bass & Janet Weingarten.

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**Women’s Study Group and Dinner presentations**
**Membership and Sweetheart Luncheon programs**
**Mitzvah Projects: Baking and packing cookies for Treat the Troops; monthly grocery deliveries to Volunteers in Medicine food pantry; contributions to families impacted by losses due to home fires and hurricane damage**
**Donation to Backpack Buddies**
**Hanukkah Sale**
**Gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble to benefit Treat the Troops and Volunteers in Medicine**
**Book Club**

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**Participation in Women’s Prayer Service**
**Platters provided to bereaved congregants**
**Contribution and reduction of obligation to CBY Building Fund (kitchen pledge)**
**Gifts to Bar and Bat Mitzvah students**
**Contribution to CBY Camp Scholarship Fund**
**Organizing and preparing onegs following Shabbat services**
**Presenting Women’s and Community Seders**
**Establishment of Lisa G Memorial Fund to benefit the women of CBY through programs that address contemporary issues**
Jewish writers have received considerable recognition, beginning in the 19th century. The name Franz Kafka is still universally recognized. Recognition continues to this day: this week the prestigious British Man Booker International Prize was awarded to David Grossman, an Israeli writer. His book “A Horse Walks Into a Bar” was awarded 50,000 pounds to be shared with his English translator, Jessica Cohen. On the short list to receive this year’s prize was fellow Israeli author Amos Oz. A review of his latest book “Judas” appears this month. The book is on order for our collection and is expected in the fall when the paperback version is printed.

Our thanks to Maury and Janice Fradkin, Barbara Freeman, Sue Fritz and Elaine Lust for donated books in the last four months. We will display the titles of some of the new contributions to the library in the corridor leading to the Sanctuary.

**Judas by Amos Oz**
Reviewed by Felicia Pascal
Amos Oz is a renowned Israeli author, now in his 78th year. His newest book, recently translated, offers us a puzzling story of three Jerusalem residents in 1969. Shmuel Ash is a young Biblical scholar who has abandoned his research and been left by his girl friend. He takes a job as the companion to an elderly invalid, Gershom Wald. The houses’ third occupant is Wald’s daughter-in-law, Atalia Abravenel, whose deceased husband advocated a two-state solution. Ash has a thesis that Judas was not a traitor, but the one true believer among Jesus’ disciples. The novel grapples with the characters’ views, their interactions and the definition of treachery.
“See You In September”

Beach Brunch

Sunday, September 10, 11 AM—2 PM
Shore House at the Omni Hilton Head Resort

★ Complimentary mimosa, bagels & lox, omelet station, seasonal fruit salad & juices, rugalah, coffee & tea (cash bar)

★ Karaoke fun by the beach led by “Music Master” Steve Napoli who will have the hits ready to roll. Karaoke performers call Steve at 843.785.3331 with your selections. Awards will be given for “Best of Show” and “Not Best”

★ Dress like your song or beach casual

KARAOKE

The cost is $35 person, $40 per person at the door
Make your reservations September 1st
CLICK HERE TO REGISTER...or go to www.bethyam.org

Proceeds support the CBY Music & Student Cantor Programs
**Dinner MEETING**
July 25, 6 PM

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Sign up now!
Congregation Beth Yam’s Men’s Club

Participate in the many mitzvahs we do for our synagogue and our community

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Help a child have a successful start to the school year
NOW - August 14

Please drop off all donations in the SAC collection box in the Social Hall by August 14
A complete list of needed supplies is on our website bethyam.org

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**NEW ADDITIONS TO THE JRC**

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**Support CBY Religious School**
every time you shop at Publix

Just present the Publix Partners school card when you checkout with your purchases & help earn money for CBY Religious School
Get your key fob from the CBY office today!

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Just use your Kroger Plus Card when you shop, & a 4% rebate goes to CBY. It’s that easy!
Note: You need to link your Plus Card every year.... See the CBY office staff for details!

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Chuck and Gretchen Rehlin

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