“Word to the Nation: Guard zealously your right to serve in the Armed Forces, for without them there would be no other rights to guard.”
John F. Kennedy

Normandy Kaddish Project
In commemoration of the 70th Anniversary of D-Day, CBY will join many synagogues across the U.S.A. with a special Shabbat service in honoring Jewish soldiers who served in Normandy and Jewish members of our local community who served in the military in WWII. If you are interested in participating, click here.

An exhibit, “A Visual Diary of WWII”, watercolor and ink drawings by Marty Montag will be displayed at the synagogue from May 21 - June 6. Please join us in remembering the men and women who served our country.
Click here to read an article from Reform Judaism Magazine about the project.

Bat Mitzvah ~ Rebecca ~ June 7, 2014
My name is Becca. I am 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Bluffton Middle School. I am in all honors classes and I particularly enjoy science. I really enjoy volleyball, music, going to the movies and art. I really like creating beautiful things out of everyday stuff that no one thinks twice about, so my Mitzvah project was volunteering to teach art to children at the Boys’ and Girls’ club. I found that they did not have many supplies, so I am asking you to please bring new or gently used art supplies to be donated to the Bluffton Boys’ and Girls’ club to help them to enjoy art, too.
I have been working very hard to get ready for my Bat Mitzvah on June 7th and hope that you will come share my day. I have been a part of this temple for my entire life and am very excited to be taking this step towards adulthood at CBY.

Bar Mitzvah ~ Cameron ~ June 14, 2014
Hello. I’m Cameron. I’m a rising 7th grader at Hilton Head Prep. I love my school and all my friends. My favorite subject is Humanities. My favorite sports to play are Basketball, Soccer, and Cross-Country. During the weekends I enjoy going to the beach, hanging out with friends, playing with my dogs, and being with my family. I love belonging to CBY and learning about my Jewish faith. I cannot wait to become a Bar Mitzvah!
For my mitzvah project, I am working with Family Promise to collect sport balls of any kind. The children of Family Promise are in desperate need of balls and sports equipment, so they may too have an enjoyable summer. I have placed a box at CBY so please send in new (or very gently used) balls, as I will donate them to the children after my Bar Mitzvah. I love helping out those less fortunate anyway I am able.
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### EREV SHAVUOT
- 3:30 Endowment Trustees
- 7:15 PM Tikun Leil Shavuot Learning & Worship Experience with Choir
- 10 AM Shavuot Festival and Yizkor Service

### SHAVUOT
- 1:30 PM Care Committee
- 3:30 PM Hunger & Homeless Coalition
- 6:30 PM B'nai Mitzvah Meeting
- 8 PM Shabbat Service ~ Normandy Kaddish Project

### YIZKOR
- 10 AM Sisterhood Executive Board Luncheon
- 4 PM Executive Committee
- 7 PM CBY Choir Rehearsal
- 7 PM CBY Choir Dress Rehearsal

### Beha'ala'otcha
- 10 AM Bat Mitzvah

### Shelach
- 10 AM Bar Mitzvah

### Korach
- 7 PM Movin' and Grovin' with Mike (Mike Weingarten’s Retirement Dinner)

### Chukat
- 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### ROSH CHODESH
- 6 PM Sisterhood Lilith Salon
- 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

### SUMMER BEGINS
- 4 PM Soloist Meeting
- 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

### ROCH CHODESH
- 11 AM Cooking for Soup Kitchen
- 4 PM Soloist Meeting

### Candle Lighting Times
- June 3, 8:07 PM
- June 4, 9:08 PM
- June 6, 8:09 PM
- June 13, 8:12 PM
- June 20, 8:14 PM
- June 27, 8:15 PM

### Judaica Shop Hours
- Monday - Friday
- 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Congregation Beth Yam has been blessed to have extraordinary women serve us from the pulpit for many years - Judy Bluestone, Jaquey Schmid and Adriana Urato. Just think about how they have provided us with beautiful music at all our services. Several years ago in this column I spoke about the retirement of our cherished soloist, Judy Bluestone, who for eight years worked with two rabbis and inspired us with her voice and soul. Her service to the congregation brought us to new heights in our spiritual growth and we honored her at her retirement.

Now we move on to the next transition in our congregation’s religious life with the retirement of another cherished soloist, Jaquey Schmid, who transitions into retirement after having served Beth Yam for the past twenty years. This month we shall honor her on June 20. Transitions of our music staff is something we need to take seriously and on behalf of the entire professional staff, this congregation and me, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jaquey for her service to God, Judaism and to this Temple. Jaquey holds a special place in our hearts and our communal memory. When Jaquey came to this Temple she opened up a new world in Jewish music for herself. Over the years she learned about Jewish liturgical music and developed her favorite composers and their compositions for Shabbat worship, presented with wholehearted devotion. She worked with all the rabbis over the last twenty years, co-officiated at funerals, b’nai mitzvah and special music programs, most recently at Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzma'ut for Israel Independence Day. I am grateful to her for her humor and ask forgiveness from her for all the teasing I did and enjoyed. Don’t worry - she gave it right back to me!

I thank both Jaquey and Judy for continuing to sing in the Shabbat Choir under the leadership of our director of music David Kimbell. Thank you, Jaquey and Judy, for your willingness to continue on with your leadership at services, particularly at Festival services on Sukkot, Passover and other special occasions. How fortunate we all are to have you both in this Congregation. I encourage everyone to join us at Shabbat services to say thank you to Jaquey and to celebrate her tenure, reaffirming that she truly has made a difference at Congregation Beth Yam.

Now we pass the mantle of leadership on to Adriana Urato who has been our soloist for the last several years. I have full confidence in her and thank her for all the energy and commitment she brings to this challenging position. She will create her own special identity in the years to come. Let us not forget that the position of soloist requires a unique commitment to present the prayers with love, professional discipline and commitment to meet the demands of this growing congregation, which loves music.

Beginning in September we will be joined by a student cantor from the Hebrew Union College, Nancy Dubin. Nancy will be with us each month and at High Holy Days. We expect she will do her part to enhance and contribute to a first class team of musicians who have served this Temple. The music team changes but the ethos of striving to inspire, teach and lead us to new experiences of Jewish music remains.

The Psalmist wrote, “Shir Ladonai Kol Ha-Aretz, Sing unto the Eternal All the Earth.” May God bless Jaquey and all the works of her voice and soul which will be enshrined in our hearts and minds for many years to come.

Shalom,
Rabbi Brad L. Bloom

Torah Portion:

- June 6: Parashat Beha’alotecha
- June 13: Parashat Shelach
- June 20: Parashat Korach
- June 27: Parashat Chukat
President’s Message

The time has certainly flown by and this will be my last column for our monthly Tidings. It has been an extreme honor and has been tremendously rewarding for me to have served as the President of this wonderful congregation. I have had the pleasure to have led two extremely successful Board of Directors and want to thank each and every one of them. Each of your Board members and committee chairs has taken a leadership role and has demonstrated their enthusiasm and commitment to our successes over these last two years. Our temple is in an excellent position in every facet of congregational life – religiously, musically, financially, culturally, socially, administratively and growth as well as many improvements to our building. For my last ‘Did You Know’, I want to highlight some of the major achievements your Board, committees, and with all of your support, have accomplished so….

Religious:
♦ Our Religious School has grown to 53 students with 11 B’nai Mitzvah this past fiscal year
♦ Shabbat Shirah instituted
♦ Hot topics and torah study well attended every month
♦ Tikkun Leil Shavuot introduced

Music:
♦ David Kimbell hired as music director
♦ Shabbat choir now performs monthly and special occasions/holidays
♦ Student cantor program funded and approved and will begin for this year’s HHD

Financial:
♦ Anonymous donations over the last two years were over $235,000
♦ Two consecutive years of balanced budgets
♦ Endowment fund approximately doubled in last two years
♦ Very successful fundraising events including this year’s Friends campaign with record contributions

Cultural:
♦ 92nd StY program extremely successful
♦ Yom HaShoah and Yom HaAtzma’ut well attended demonstrating our commitment to our history
♦ MLK programs well attended demonstrating our commitment to our community
♦ Community seder with record attendance this year

Social:
♦ Men’s Club and Sisterhood both robust and active in providing social programming available to all congregants including: New Year’s Eve party, Book Club, Softball game, Lilith Salon, Superbowl party, and the Women’s Seder.

Administration:
♦ New processes established including: Employee handbook, updated/expanded website, developed evaluation process for all CBY personnel, updated CBY policy book, updated/published CBY history document, created/implemented 5 year CBY strategic plan

Membership:
♦ Our greeter program, ambassador program, spaghetti dinner/PubFest and VDP have all been great successes
♦ In July of 2012, the total number of family units including residents, affiliates and associates was 266. As of the end of May, 2014 we were at have grown to 293, an incredible increase of over 10%

Building Enhancements:
♦ Beautiful new piano
♦ Judaica display cabinet
♦ Auxiliary air conditioners and computer controlled thermostats
♦ Foyer benches
♦ Electronic display unit

The above only represents some of our achievements and we should all be proud to say we’re members of one of the best synagogues in the country! As you know, our annual meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on June 11 where we will vote on a new slate of officers and directors. Our nominating committee has done an outstanding job of identifying individuals who already have demonstrated their commitment to CBY and I am very confident will continue to raise our temple to even greater heights. So, for my last time I remain,

B’Shalom,
Mike

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Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 7:00 PM

60’s Theme

Help Mike celebrate his retirement as President of Congregation Beth Yam
RESERVATIONS ARE FILLING UP FAST
Get your RSVP in the mail now!
Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman, Principal

I am so proud to share with you the outcome of all your efforts in making our Mitzvah Project a huge success. Not only did we have a great turnout for our “kickoff” event with the showing of Frozen, along with pizza and popcorn, but also the children created beautiful hand-made cards that were attached to our beautiful baskets. (see pictures below) Each participant’s entry fee was a donation of goods needed. The kids brought in dozens and dozens of disposable diapers and other needed items to help fill the baskets. Some devoted congregants made knitted blankets and new born caps. What a blessing! Also donated were baby toys, books, stuffed animals, clothing, bibs, gently used items or items purchased by congregants from consignment shops.

The students knew that their Tzedakah money was going to be used to purchase the items that would later be in the baskets that they would put together on Mitzvah Day. The grand total of money raised was just a bit over $200.00. That was amazing!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this truly a Mitzvah Day to remember. The baskets are being delivered to Deep Well, Bluffton Self Help, the Children’s Center and Family Promise.

תודה רבה
I would like to express my thanks to the members of CBY Sisterhood for electing me the 2014-2015 President. I am honored and humbled to be entrusted with guiding our Sisterhood, a vital component of Congregation Beth Yam. Women of Reform Judaism reminds us that WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER and it is our goal that every woman in our congregation become a member of Sisterhood and that she feel valued and appreciated for her unique talents and perspective.

I am grateful for the dedication and guidance of our Past Presidents, Judie Aronson (Book Club Chair), Sheri Farbstein, Helen Hauer (Historian), Helen Kahaner, Elaine Lust (Treasurer) and immediate Past President Janet Weingarten. These Women of Valor are an inspiration to all of us.

Sisterhood has strong, experienced leaders in the Board Members who are continuing their service. Our thanks to Beverly Averack - Corresponding Secretary, Sharon Bass - Recording Secretary, Kathy Burnce - Membership V.P., Barbara Freeman - Sisterhood & You Editor, Sue Gostanian - Executive V.P., Paula Rudman - Parliamentarian and By Laws Chair, and Nadyne Ulicny - V.P. of Congregational Services. Judy Gimbel - Bereavement Chair, Ellen Lash - Judaica Shop Volunteer coordinator, Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern — Library Co-Chairs who will be continuing their important work.

I would like to extend a special welcome to new Board members, Diane Miller - Fundraising V.P., Randy Kurjan and Hilary Williams – Community and Cultural V.P.

Women of Reform Judaism, formerly known as The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is 101 years strong. As we enter our second century, let us work together to continue Sisterhood’s important work locally, nationally and in Israel.

Our Sisterhood provides camp and leadership conference scholarships, library and media funds for our religious school children. Through Y.E.S. (Youth and Educational Services), we fund student Rabbis at Hebrew Union College as well as cantorial students in the US, Europe and Israel. The less fortunate in our community are served by Sisterhood. We support the St. James Soup Kitchen, Volunteers in Medicine and Treat The Troops.

Sisterhood encourages the continuing education and enrichment of our members. Come to a Lilith Salon or Book Club luncheon. The CBY community and people of all faiths come together each year to share in our Women’s and Community Seders. We lend a hand in times of bereavement and share in the simcha of a Bat or Bar Mitzvah.

Please come and join us. We ARE stronger together.

B’Shalom,
Cathy

Onegs
Thank you to these women for providing the Onegs for April: Kathy Burnce, Sue Gostanian, Helen Hauer, Felicia Pascal, Joanne Perchick and Pennie Meiselman.

Book Club
The next Book Club meeting is September 11, 2014, the second Thursday in September. You can prepare over the summer by reading *The Hare With Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal, the book to be reviewed that day. Other books under consideration for the fall and winter are as follows:
- *The Family* by David Laskin
- *Felices World* by Henry Massi
- *Exodus A Memoir* by Deborah Feldman
- *Margorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk

Please review these books over the summer so that we can vote on them at our next meeting. Familiarize yourselves with the reviews available online for these titles and be prepared to decide which books we should read for Book Club.

Sisterhood Executive Board

L to R – Sue Gostanian, Diane Miller, Elaine Lust, Beverly Averack, Cathy Kite, Sharon Bass, Kathy Burnce, Nadyne Ulicny, Hilary Williams and Randy Kurjan

Sisterhood baking cookies for Mitzvah Day

L to R: Diane Miller, Janet Weingarten, Nadyne Ulicny, Elaine Lust, Randy Kurjan

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**Congregant Corner ~ Sarah Bornstein**

**IN GOOD FAITH—THIS WEEK’S PROFILE**

‘I’m teaching them, yet they teach me’

Written by AMY COYNE BREDESON and re-printed from the Island Packet

Sarah Bornstein is a religious school teacher at Congregation Beth Yam on Hilton Head Island.

Name: Sarah Bornstein

Congregation: Congregation Beth Yam

**Involved for:** Member with Congregation Beth Yam since 2006; has worked with religious school for three years

**Position:** I’m a religious school teacher. I’m a youth group adviser. I’m a middle-school teacher. I do tutoring and Hebrew coaching ... and then I conduct a toddler service, which is my absolute favorite love of everything, for little kids.

**Toddler service.** We have religious school every week. The actual toddler service is a once-a-month service for kindergarten and younger. It’s a very unique service. ... We — the music director, choral vocalist, and I — sit on the floor with the children and we’re very hands-on. We have books. We have ritual objects. Lots of singing. And then our pews are filled with family members, community members, grandparents, who I think really enjoy watching the enthusiasm and the love of all the kids and their participation. So it’s meant for the little kids, but it’s amazing how many adults we really get just to be a part of the service.

**Community service.** We do what we call in our religion a mitzvah. The young people do lots of projects that help out in the community. They do stuff from helping at the Children’s Center to painting the Children’s Center to reading books to the kids to helping with Family Promise. We have an annual carnival that the youth group puts on. They do all the fundraising. They do all the organization ... And then we donate that to local foundations for the less fortunate like Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well.

**Teaching the younger generation.** It’s, of course, amazing working with kids in general, but these kids learning a new language and a new culture truly makes them talented. ... I’m teaching them, yet they teach me. There’s always a question. There’s always a “Why?” ... It’s great to be a part of all that. It’s a great feeling, knowing I get to help the younger generations. It’s awesome to watch that spark, that love, the belief in God, which I hope that everybody, of course, gets to experience and has that feeling of being a part of a community that has such a great support system.

I feel like people have had negative religious experiences in the past, which pull them away from religion. It’s boring, and it’s not fun, and they had an experience of “I have to go do this,” where I feel as though truly every child, all 50-plus students are engaged and want to come.... And that truly is awesome, especially for being in such a small community with such a small Jewish population.

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**Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro**

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Thank you to all who participated in this very important activity that provided help to community organizations and gave you, our CBY members, an opportunity to perform a Mitzvah. Many temple committees helped to make this a success: Care Committee which chaired the sing-along at Bloom Assisted Living, Sisterhood for baking cookies for the troops and the Soup Kitchen, the Religious School children for making baskets for newborns, the Youth Group who painted two rooms at the Children’s Center, the Men’s Club for their donations to help provide breakfast food, and the members of the Social Action committee who chaired and worked on individual projects. A special thanks to Laurie and Ralph Feuerman who did an outstanding job of chairing and coordinating Mitzvah Days.

We are most interested in knowing what activities YOU feel are important to this project so that we can plan events that you will be interested in participating in next year. All suggestions are welcome. Please send to Judie Aronson.

**Social Action ~ Judie Aronson**

**CAN CAN SHOPPER’S CLUB**

We have collected over 300 food items that have been given to Deep Well since this project has begun. New members this month are Janet Weingarten and Jaquey Schmid. Thank you to all who have continued to donate food throughout the months-please continue. Hunger does not take a summer vacation. Food is needed all year. Contact Eve Sanker.
Endowment Fund

Securing the Future of Congregation Beth Yam ~ Alternative Ways of Giving

There are many ways to contribute to the future of CBY through its Endowment Fund, all the way from simply writing a check to a bequest in your will or trust, to be donated upon your passing. The former will most likely come from operating income, while the latter will come from your estate. With advice from your financial/estate planner, you can determine what is best for you and your family.

There are quite a number of alternative ways to make a bequest to the Endowment Fund, many of them can solve tax issues in addition to being philanthropic. Also, CBY can be a beneficiary or secondary beneficiary on retirement assets or a life insurance policy (as one of the Endowment Trustees has done).

Following are just a few of the many ways to make a bequest to CBY, that will also benefit you and your heirs:

1. Establish a Charitable Remainder Unitrust – This is funded by cash, stock or other assets. The Unitrust creates a hedge against inflation over the long-term and provides for a variable income stream over your lifetime, with significant tax benefits.
2. Establish a Charitable Lead Trust that pays income to CBY for a specific term of years. This substantially reduces gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to your children and grandchildren. The benefits, in addition to the above, can protect your assets and the appreciation can be used later by your family.
3. Establish a Charitable Gift Annuity. There is no cost to set this up and is an agreement between the donor and the charity. This secures a fixed income while avoiding market risk, provides tax benefits and often a higher rate of return than from existing assets.

Many other opportunities exist to establish a tax advantaged means of giving to the Endowment Fund. Consult your estate planner or tax advisor for the best option for you.

If you have any question about the CBY Endowment Fund, contact one of our five Endowment Trustees – Ted David, Stan Bluestone, Hank Noble, Bob Sable or Mike Werner.
A Special Worship Experience
Congregation Beth Yam
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
7:15 PM

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing…”

Tikkun Leil Shavuot – “Hearing the Voice”

The holiday of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving of the Torah to our ancestors at Sinai, will begin on Tuesday evening, June 3 and continues through Wednesday June 4. To inaugurate this holiday, an evening of rejoicing will take place on erev Shavuot June 3 as we at CBY experience an old tradition of all night Torah study in a modern way. No…we will not be staying up all night but meeting here at 7:15pm to explore our personal relationship to the Torah through a variety of modalities… art, writing and gastronomy. After a brief introduction by Rabbi Bloom we will break into workshops led by your fellow congregants Sandee Willis, Jan Harris and Nadyne Ulicny. Rabbi Bloom will lead a session on Kabbalah. Later, our choir and soloists will present a cantata led by David Kimbell called Am Segula. Following this, we will enjoy a cheesecake bonanza oneg prepared by our synagogue’s master bakers. You won’t want to miss this! You need to register for the workshops of your choice either on line or by calling Sheila Gefen. Please click here for your reservation form.

Just a note to tell you that this year 5775 the High Holy Days will be “right on time.”

Selichot.......................................................... Saturday................September 20.................. 8:00 PM
Erev Rosh Hashonah................................. Wednesday................September 24.................. 8:00 PM
Rosh Hashonah (first day) .............. Thursday ................September 25 ................ 10:00 AM
Rosh Hashonah (second day) ............. Friday ................September 26 ................ 10:00 AM
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) ............. Friday ................October 3 .................. 8:00 PM
Yom Kippur ................................................ Saturday ................October 4 .................. 10:00 AM
Sukkot Festival Service ...................... Thursday ................October 9 .................. 10:00 AM
Sukkot Yizkor ........................................ Wednesday ................October 15 .................. 10:00 AM
Simchat Torah ........................................ Friday ................October 17 .................. 7:15 PM

Please mark your calendars for this year’s services when we will be welcoming our student cantor. You will be receiving your annual High Holy Day mailer in early July.
CBY Men’s Club ~ Nelson Adelman, President

OPEN LETTER TO THE CONGREGATION BETH YAM MEN’S CLUB

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for allowing me to serve as President of CBY Men’s Club for the past two years. We have achieved all of our goals and have enjoyed it together all along the way. We have served our Congregation and the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton communities in many ways and it has been appreciated by all. The rewarding moments that we have seen from the congregation for our contribution to the Friends Campaign and many other events we have participated and sponsored. The smiles I see when we contribute financially to charities in our community are very rewarding. Too many times the leader of an organization gets most of the recognition; however, I know without your support and active participation none of this could be accomplished, so many thanks to all our members.

Thanks to Rabbi Bloom for keeping me up to date on duties we are obligated to perform during services within the walls of the Sanctuary; thank you Michael Weingarten and the Board of Directors of CBY for helping me understand the never ending work you do for our growing Congregation, thank you Sisterhood for joint efforts we have committed to such as the New Year’s Eve Party and other functions and causes.

My time as President of CBY Men’s Club has been an enjoyable, rewarding and gratifying experience.

Again, most of all thanks to members of the Men’s Club that have contributed so greatly to the increased growth, active participation and friendship among our group. Now the baton passes to Stu Blickstein and his Officers and Board of Directors. I know they will do a great job and wish them continued success.

Sincerely......Nelson

♦ The Men’s Club held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13 and was well attended. Judi Kleiman spoke about her position as the Religious School Principal and thanked the Men’s Club for all the support we give to the school. Richard Schulman, a new member of the Men’s Club, spoke about a stamp club that he would like to organize mostly to try to have the Religious School Students get involved. For information contact Richard Shulman.

♦ The Sand Gnats game is an upcoming event on June 15 at 1:30 PM so please contact Alan Meiselman or Stan Kleiman to sign up or if you have any questions. Remember, children are admitted to the game compliments of the Men’s Club and get refreshments as well. This day always brings a large turnout for fun at the old ball park.

♦ Please note: the next Men’s Club Meeting will be for dinner at Frankie Bones June 18 at 5:45 PM. Mark it on your calendar.

OH WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MORNING!

Joining hands with Social Action for Mitzvah Day, the Care Committee helped with a rousing Sing-Along at the Bloom at Hilton Head residential facility on Sunday, May 3. What great fun for all -- residents and volunteers alike! With Sue Gostanian at the piano, everyone sang old favorites from “The Sound of Music,” “Oklahoma,” and “Fiddler on the Roof,” and other “oldies” such as “You Made Me Love You,” “Hello, Dolly,” and “I’ll Be Seeing You.” The residents clapped as the Volunteers even danced around to the hora, to everyone’s delight!

Many thanks for the terrific voices and enthusiasm of CBY volunteers Lorna Bonner, Mark Britanisky, Jackie Schmid, Ellen Jenner, Lindy Lindenbaum, and Ruth Levy, led by Sue Gostanian at the piano, with photography by Pete Leff. The memories of the Mitzvah Day Sing-Along were later captured in a special photo album, put together by Laurie Feuerman, for the residents at Bloom to enjoy.

The semi-annual meeting of the Care Committee will be held at CBY on Thursday, June 5, at 1:30 PM to discuss programming and hospital visits. Any CBY member who would like to participate is welcome to attend!
Outreach Committee ~ Joan E. Diamond

**Outreach Tours Historic (religious) Charleston**

On Thursday, May 8, twenty-two Beth Yam congregants spent the day viewing historic religious artifacts and sights. Our first stop was at St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church, the first Catholic parish in the Carolinas and Georgia established in 1789. Al Styles, a historian of the church, enlightened us on its history, stained glass windows and paintings that adorn the church. We then walked to Sermet’s where we had a private room for lunch. An easy walk then took us to Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE), the fourth oldest Jewish congregation in the US founded in 1749. The synagogue building is the oldest in continuous use in the United States. We were most fortunate to have as our guide, Anita Rosenberg, President of the congregation and a 9th generation Charlestonian. Her personal knowledge of the history of the Jewish people in Charleston added to the enjoyment of the trip. Randy Serrins, a docent and scholar of the history of the congregation, shared information on notable early congregants who contributed to the growth of our country. Anita and Randy than accompanied us on a tour of Coming Street Cemetery, the oldest colonial Jewish cemetery in the South. The cemetery is on the National Register of Historic Places, is owned by KKBE and is not open to the public. There are approximately 800 gravesites which include the graves of twelve Revolutionary soldiers as well as twenty-three Civil War participants.

Membership Committee ~ Pennie Meiselman and Twyla Sable

“I’m standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me”
- Doug Cotler, Grammy award winning composer

The success of Congregation Beth Yam has been largely the result of all those members who came first and worked so hard and contributed so much. We know so many of you have become less active at CBY, but we really need your experience, expertise, and wisdom.

We’ve heard “I did a lot but enough is enough,” “I don’t know anyone anymore,” “I just can’t do what I did in the past,” or “I’ve paid my dues and all I want to do now is come to services.” But the reasons you originally got involved are still there. We need Congregation Beth Yam to stay strong and be a positive voice in the community for the Hilton Head Jewish population.

The Membership Committee wants to invite this special group of members, those who were there at the beginning in 1981 and those who joined CBY through 2001, to a special “Reengage and Reconnect with CBY” brunch on August 26.

We really miss you, but more importantly, we really need you. So, get back in the loop without having to do “any heavy lifting.” If you joined the synagogue between 1981 and 2001, watch for your personal invitation later this month. For additional information, phone Barbara Schuman at (843) 837-6772. We want to make sure that we do not leave anyone out.

New Volunteer(s) Needed: Adult Ed would like to hear from congregants who are interested in assuming leadership of the Film Series for the 2014-2015 season, either alone or perhaps in cooperation with others. Please contact Elliot Siegel at (410) 258-6608 to discuss your interest and any questions you may have. Speaking of films, please mark your calendar for a special screening and discussion led by Rabbi Bloom of *Trembling Before G-D*, a documentary that looks at the issues of reconciling homosexuality with Hasidic and Orthodox Judaism. **Time and place is Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.**
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About ten years ago I became a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Hilton Head Flotilla 10/11. One of the courses that I had taken was boating safety. This job entails boarding private watercraft to check for life preservers, fire extinguishers, flares, blowers in the engine room, bilge pumps, running lights, etc. This inspection is voluntary and when the craft receives a placard that states everything is in good order, it is affixed to the vessel and the Coast Guard will not board your boat to do their own inspection, which is not voluntary. Being curious I started going to Savannah Marine Safety Unit in the government building on Oglethorpe. I have taken well over twenty other courses and exams and due to this diligence, have been assigned the responsibility of recording all cargo ships entering the port of Savannah and Brunswick, Ga. The ships must report their intentions ninety-two hours prior to their arrival. My duty is to inspect and ascertain their qualifications allowing entry. In some cases, if they do not qualify, they cannot enter the port. In other cases they may need inspection or, if all is acceptable, they are allowed entry.

My other duties entail going on the inspection of ships, containers, drug and alcohol and pollution. As to the inspection of ships, the Coast Guard is responsible for the crew having their maritime papers current, all electronics are in working order, the bilges are free of oil contamination, all engines are operating properly, they are current on their procedures to "abandon ship" and the living conditions on board such as the galley and crews quarters are clean and livable, as it is the duty of the Coast Guard to safeguard the crew. When hazardous materials are coming in on containers, the containers must be opened and inspected to be sure they are secured properly. These are just some of the things we do. Men and women are welcomed to join our unit. If you are interested in joining our flotilla, contact me at (843) 682-3778.

(Ed. Note- I personally examined all the certifications - twenty or so - and you can be sure that Mort takes his job very seriously and is an excellent addition to the US Coast Guard protecting our ports. All this is voluntary and he has invested many weeks and months in gaining the certifications required for his present position.)
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