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*Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em "Certainly I can!" Then get busy and find out how to do it.*  
Theodore Roosevelt



### High Holy Day Food Drive a Success

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

We beat last year's total of food bags collected for Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help. Each food pantry picked up 85 bags of food!!!

Thank you to Alys Blumberg, chair for Social Action Committee and the Youth Group for passing out the bags.

# Jewish Music Presentations

by Steven Ovitsky



Watch, Listen, Learn and Enjoy!

The Jewish sounds of music come to CBY in an outstanding weekend double feature. A two-day multimedia program will be presented in by Steven Ovitsky, Executive Director of the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, and one of the most knowledgeable people about Jewish music in the United States, and its influence on popular American entertainment.

### Save the Dates!

Saturday, November 22  
7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Jewish Composers who created the Sound of American Movies

Sunday, November 23  
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

George Gershwin



Sponsored by the Adult Education Committee



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Judaica Shop Hours Monday through Friday 1:00 - 3:00 PM</p>						<p>1  <i>Parashat Lech Lecha</i></p>
<p>2 9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 9:30 AM Gesher 11:30 AM Boker Tov 12:30 PM Middle School  DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</p>	<p>3 10 AM Ritual Committee 4 PM Executive Committee 6 PM Nosh on Judaism</p>	<p>4   ELECTION DAY</p>	<p>5 4 PM Music Meeting 6 PM Dine-Around at Sea Grass Grille 7 PM Shabbat Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6 1 PM Outreach Committee 3:30 PM Hunger &amp; Homeless Coalition 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7 PM Taste of Judaism</p>	<p>7 7:30 PM Shabbat Service honoring our Veterans with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin  <i>Candle Lighting 5:10 PM</i></p>	<p>8 10:00 AM Torah Study with Rabbi Bloom and Student Cantor Nancy Dubin  "Sarah, Hagar, and Ismael..."  <i>Parashat Vayera</i></p>
<p>9 9:15 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Gesher 11:30 AM Boker Tov 12 PM Religious School Teachers Meeting 7:30 PM 92Y Live—World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism</p>	<p>10 2 PM Communications Committee 4 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>11 <b>12:15 PM CBY Men's Club Luncheon</b>  VETERANS DAY</p>	<p>12 10 PM Sisterhood Exec Board Meeting 1 PM Sisterhood Baking Cookies 4 PM Staff Meeting</p>	<p>13 10 AM Sisterhood Board 3 PM Fundraising Committee 4:30 PM Hebrew School 7 PM Taste of Judaism</p>	<p>14 6 PM Kabbalat Service  <i>Candle Lighting 5:06 PM</i></p>	<p>15 <b>TIDINGS DEADLINE</b>  <i>Parashat Chaye Sarah</i></p>
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<p>23 No Religious School 12 PM Adult Education Program with Steven Ovitsky</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 OFFICE CLOSED  THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	<p>28 6 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service  <i>Candle Lighting 5:00 PM</i></p>	<p>29  <i>Parashat Vayetze</i></p>
<p>30 No Religious School</p>						

## Rabbi's Message

One of the most important strengths of Congregation Beth Yam is our commitment to being current with Progressive Judaism's philosophy of blending tradition and individual autonomy in a way that fits into our congregation's culture. Trust me when I say it is not an easy task given we come from different religious backgrounds carrying with us expectations that when, upon moving to Hilton Head, that worship services are going to be as they were back home. Soon enough we find out the reality that this community is not typical of reform congregations in larger communities.

Now a new experience is coming our way with the forthcoming High Holy Day prayer book which is called a Machzor. We have used the reliable Days of Awe for the past thirty years or so and with successful outcomes. The times have changed and liturgy must change too. After a process of piloting a new version of the Machzor as presented to us by the Central Conference of American Rabbis, CBY piloted several different services to give us the chance to see how this new set of books would feel to us. Ultimately the Ritual Committee voted to recommend adopting this Machzor and the board of directors affirmed that vote by approving our congregation's purchase of a new Machzor to be published in June of 2015.

It is an exciting as well as daunting task to introduce a new High Holy Day Prayer book to a congregation. Not to worry. Of course, it will have all the traditional prayers we are used to praying along with our favorite music. Yet there is a decidedly different orientation with these books (one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur). Three examples of new features of this collection are gender neutral language, especially in references to God, more contemporary readings and poetry as



well as experiencing more alternative readings from the Jewish mystical traditions. These are just a few of the differences we will see when we sit down next year. I am hopeful and excited that these books will expand our horizons of how communal worship can broaden our knowledge by providing us more options of texts and readings to select from and at the same time staying true to our roots in Reform Judaism.

Our rabbinical conference named this Machzor Mishkan HaNefesh which means Tabernacle of the Soul. My sense is that our congregants who piloted

these services came to the conclusion that these books would focus much more on the sense of spiritual growth for the individual. In many ways these books remind us in their layout and design of the Shabbat and Festival Siddur we currently use which is called Mishkan T'filah or Tabernacle of Prayer.

I look forward to devoting periodically my monthly messages to the themes of this forthcoming Machzor. In addition there is a subcommittee of the Ritual committee planning some upcoming activities for congregational learning about the new Machzor. We are all working together in partnership to engage all of us in the excitement and joy of learning about and eventually dedicating a new set of High Holy Days prayer books.

I know full well change is a hard thing to accept but the truth is that the core experience of our tradition's readings and music will remain the same in this new Machzor. We at Congregation Beth Yam know how to adapt to changes as we built a new synagogue facility and engaged a new rabbi and so forth. We will make this a beautiful experience for the congregation and I can't wait to begin sharing more about this Machzor in the months to come.

Shalom,  
Rabbi Brad Bloom M.S. W. D.D.



## Library Committee ~ Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern

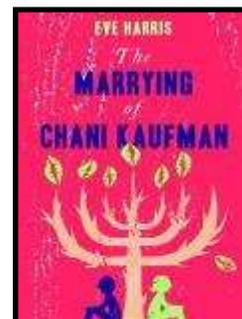
We have had some lovely book donations this month. Our thanks to Mona Huff, daughter of Minnie Levine for Jewish history and culture volumes, to Sue Fritz for a copy of "The Marrying of Chani Kaufman" (see her review of this book), Ruth Reinhold for several books including "Out of the Depths" by Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, "A Conspiracy of Paper" by David Liss, "The Septembers of Shiraz" by Dalia Sofer, "It Takes a Dream: The Story of Hadassah" by Marlin Levin. Sisterhood donated a copy of "Russian Winter" by Daphne Kalotay. An anonymous donor (or donors) left novels by Harlen Coben, Faye Kellerman, Robert Tanenbaum, Roberta Rich. All of these generous donations are welcome additions to our collection.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming book sale at the Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar on December 7. We will be offering at very modest prices duplicates of books in the collection. All proceeds will be used to purchase new and interesting books. You can check all our listings at the CBY website. Just follow [this link](#).

### BOOK REVIEW BY SUE FRITZ

*The Marrying of Chani Kaufman* by Eve Harris

This book discusses the life of the Ultra-Orthodox Jew. The author exposes the many conflicts that can occur between the Jewish Orthodox Community and secular life and how the major characters deal with these conflicts. Themes discussed are individuality, love and marriage. The author develops these themes by relating the preparation of a young couple for marriage and inter-relating these with the stories of the Rabbi and Rebbetzin who are advising the couple. The book was long listed for the prestigious Booker prize.



## President's Message

As your President I speak to you *Lev b' Lev, Heart to Heart*. This synagogue has a huge heart and a place for everyone in it to feel welcome and appreciated.

Let us think of this synagogue as one huge heart and soul with many places in it to keep us moving forward. Everyone should be welcomed, loved and respected and we must continue our effort to do that.

We are a congregation where diversity is embraced and made a part of our everyday life. Congregation Beth Yam is a tapestry of spiritual, educational, cultural and social activities.

One of the places of the heart in addition to family and friends is what it means to be Jewish through membership in a synagogue. By being a member you give and receive the support and friendship of the entire congregation.

We work together, laugh together and disagree but we all worship together. We believe in the culture of philanthropy in the Lowcountry. We are not only here to worship but we are also here to educate our young people as well as our older members.

By being a member of CBY, your dues is a mitzvah. You have made a choice to give to the community through Tzedakah.

We have a very good partnership and relationship and another heart beat with our staff starting with our Rabbi, who has been our spiritual leader for five years, Student Cantor Nancy Dubin, Adriana Urato our soloist, David Kimbell, music director, our choir and our pianist Larry Mercer as well as our office staff.



There are tough days, but everybody tries hard to get the job done even on those stressful days. All the committee chair people and their members work hard to keep the heart of the synagogue pumping.

On any given day this synagogue is full of beating hearts with meetings, religious school classes, 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y series, social justice programming, soup kitchen volunteers, Family Promise, Adult Education programs, membership events and of course, fundraising events that help keep our Shul's heart beating.

The beating heart of Beth Yam has many parts, the most important part is the observance of our Jewish faith in this beautiful community, but all of the other parts are critical to the heartbeat of the life of Beth Yam.

Let us all have a joyous Thanksgiving.

**Twyla**

*Lev b' Lev, heart to heart  
Where my hand stops your hand starts  
In a circle of love that has no end  
Lev b' Lev, heart to heart  
God's been with us from the start  
In this complicated world you'll need a friend  
So I'll keep you close to me  
And God will be with us. Lev b' Lev*

Cantor Beth Schafer



### Membership Committee ~ Karen Blickstein and Pennie Meiselman

Our "big tent" continues to expand. Eight more families have joined our congregation as of this writing. Please join us in welcoming our newest resident members: Donna Brennan (husband Terry) from Hilton Head; Diane Butcaris (husband Steve), from Bluffton; Josh & Michelle Hirsch and daughters Abby & Mallory (Bluffton); Steven & Estelle Nadel (Hardeeville); Nicki Press (Bluffton); and Lilach & Daniel Rosen and daughters Talore & Thehila (Bluffton). We welcome new associate members Pamela & Roger Freedman (Hilton Head) and new affiliate members Joy Diamond & Jeff Speer and daughters Dorie & Ella (Chapel Hill, NC). Joy is the daughter of CBY members Joan & Robert Diamond. Our total membership has now reached 308 families (241 resident, 65 affiliate and 2 associate).

With so much recent growth, it can seem daunting, even to our longer-term members, to see all the new faces when they come to the synagogue. When you see someone you don't know, the greater likelihood is that they are new members rather than visitors. Please reach out and introduce yourselves. We want these members to feel at home quickly.

All of this growth in membership has kept our Ambassador co-chairs, Judie Aronson and Sharyn Brager, very busy. Thanks to their dedication, all new members have been assigned Ambassadors. Please consider doing the mitzvah of serving as an Ambassador. If you'd like to know more, please contact Judie at (843) 342-6126 or Sharyn (843) 815-9511.

Mark your calendars now for our Annual Potluck Dinner on Friday, January 9, following our Kabbalat Shabbat service. This event always fills up quickly. Details are not available as of this writing, but information will be sent out in early December.

If you know someone who may be considering joining Beth Yam, contact Pennie at (843) 681-5951 or Karen at (843) 705-9035 with their names and contact information and we will follow up with them.

#### Membership update:

We have a total of 308 Families:  
241 Resident Families  
67 Affiliate & Associates

## Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson



**YOU DID IT AGAIN!!** We collected more bags this year than last year! The total was 170 bags FILLED with food. Thank you to Alys Blumberg for chairing this event, Stan Kleiman for taking pictures for the Packet and the Tidings, the Youth Group who distributed the bags during the High Holy Days and, of course, a BIG thank you to each of you who did a mitzvah by helping those in need.

**TO ALL PET OWNERS:** Please join us for the Blessing of the Animals on October 26 at 11:30 AM. A wonderful program is planned for the morning with Rabbi Bloom blessing your pet, the Religious School children and Youth Group doing readings, and the Humane Society bringing pets for adoption. A gift for each of your pets will be a certificate with your pet's picture and name placed on it. **REMEMBER**, the Humane Society has a wish list of needed items. Please see the flyer and bring these donations with you on October 26.

**TRIP TO PENN CENTER:** Don't miss this opportunity to see this historic center on November 18 that is part of the history of Hilton Head. This is an all-inclusive trip so SAVE THE DATE now and send your reservation to: Diane Berman, 9 Gannet Street, Hilton Head, SC 29928. Cost is \$20.00 per person (make check payable to CBY and mark it for the Penn Center trip). ALL are welcome. Bring your friends and significant others.

**COLLECTION OF TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:** Please continue to collect tabs. These are brought to the Charleston Ronald McDonald House by Carol and Marty Katz to be used by the organization. Place tabs in the donation box in the Social Hall.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Sisterhood for making cookies for the Treat the Troops and Backpack Buddies as part of their Mitzvah Day project on November 12. They will also do it again on Mitzvah Day on May 3.

December is a busy month for the Social Action Committee. Please see flyers on the website, the electronic board in the lobby and the Tidings for events and dates.

World Religions: Spotlight on JudaismJack Miles, Susannah Heschel, and Professor David Biale

Sunday, November 9, 7:30 pm



Join our award-winning scholars as they tell a new story: traveling from prehistory to the present day illuminating how world religions came to be acknowledged and studied, with a focus on Judaism. How has this great civilization and religion been absorbed and altered, understood and misunderstood?

**92YLive** (((o))) From NYC  
Programs broadcast live via satellite

Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Journalism From Around the WorldJoseph Stiglitz with Anya Schiffrin

Tuesday, December 2, 8:15 pm

Columbia professor and winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics Joseph E. Stiglitz talks to Anya Schiffrin, editor of *Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Investigative Journalism From Around the World*, about a wide range of global issues from economics to journalism to politics.

America and Israel: The Way ForwardDalia Rabin and Dennis Ross with Ethan Bronner

Thursday, December 4, 8:15 pm



Join Dalia Rabin, the former Israeli Deputy Minister of Defense and current chairperson of the Yitzhak Rabin Center, and Ambassador Dennis Ross, who played a leading role in shaping US involvement in the Middle East peace process, for an enlightening discussion on the future of Israel.

**\*\* Bring your lunch on December 8 at Noon for Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Bloom to discuss this program.**



All Broadcasts will be shown at Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting Street, 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. Purchase individual broadcast tickets, at [www.bethyam.org/92sty](http://www.bethyam.org/92sty). Tickets for a single broadcast are good for that broadcast only.



# DINE AROUND

Join us for Dine-Around at



Wednesday, November 5

AND



Wednesday, November 19

Dinner will be served from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

A great opportunity as we get together as a group for fine dining with the restaurant donating back to CBY a percentage of your bill. This is a wonderful way to enjoy good food and help your Temple carry out the wonderful programs that are offered.

**Please call Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021 for reservations.**

*The restaurant will not be accepting reservations from patrons directly.*

**Reserve your space now!**



Volunteers needed for the  
**Community Christmas Dinner**  
 At First Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, December 24 & Thursday, December 25

Sign up by emailing your name, phone and email to [bethyam@aol.com](mailto:bethyam@aol.com).

You will be contacted by Lois Willig who will give you your assignments

*For the best assignments, sign up quickly!*

Organized by the Social Action Committee



## CBY Stamp Club

Membership in the CBY Stamp Club is open to boys and girls ages 9-17 and parents. You are invited to join the most educational organization where history, geography, science, art, music, anthropology, animals, birds, reptiles, fish, insects of the United States and the rest of the world are at your fingertips.



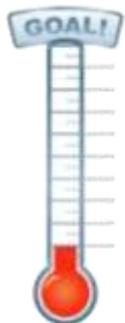
The wonders of the world, old and new, holidays, famous people and numerous other subjects are also part of stamp collecting.

Whether you prefer US or foreign countries, or both, new or used stamps or both are open for your consideration.

Please contact Richard Shulman (843) 842-9246. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM at CBY. Date of the first meeting will be announced.

Save the Date	Time	December Events
2	8:15 PM	92Y—Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Journalism From Around the World
3	11:30 AM	Latke Making with the Outreach Committee
3	1:00 PM	Stock Deep Well shelves with the Social Action Committee
4	8:15 PM	92Y—Israel & America: The Way Forward
6	10:00 AM	Torah Study with Rabbi Bloom—Joseph in Egypt: Does success in life come more from hard work or good fortune?
7	12:00 PM	Sisterhood Chanukah Bazaar
7	2:00 PM	Latke Making with Sisterhood and Youth Group
8	12:00 PM	92Y—Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Bloom
10	6:00 PM	Dine-Around at Old Fort Pub
11	12:30 PM	Sisterhood Book Club
14	10:30 AM	Religious School Chanukah Party
15	5:30 PM	CBY Men’s Club Meeting at Frankie Bones
17	10:00 AM	Chanukah Party at Children’s Center with the Social Action Committee
19	6:15 PM	Fusion Shabbat Dinner (Reservations required)
21		No Religious School
23	11:30 AM	Care Committee Chanukah Program
24		Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian with the Social Action Committee
24	6:00 PM	Dine-Around at Hilton Head Prime
25		Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian with the Social Action Committee

## Fundraising Committee~ Alan Meiselman



The Fundraising Committee is moving ahead with plans for our gala Dinner/Auction on March 28, 2015. Several items have already arrived in our inventory. Two lovely ladies suits from “Peace of Cloth” (formerly Garfield & Marks); a beautiful pair of adult tricycles; a Pentax 35 mm reflex camera with flash as well as commitments from several congregants for special dining experiences. The Omni Resort & Hotel has committed a large ballroom and their full support for our event. Now all we need is your participation.

Participating in our planned events can be a delicious experience, as our members who joined us at Santa Fe Café recently can attest. Our evening at Wise Guys was very well attended and successful in all respects. Thanks to the efforts of Diane Miller, we will dine at Sea Grass Grill on November 5, followed by sunset dining at Hudson’s on November 19.

Marty Slagowitz has been a very busy guy organizing the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y program. We just spent two very interesting hours with Ruth Bader Ginsburg & Dorit Beinisch, both Supreme Court justices of their respective countries. On Sunday, November 9, at 7:30 PM *World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism* will be presented. This will be followed on December 2 with *Global Muckraking: 100 Years of Journalism From Around the World*, followed on December 4 by *America and Israel: The Way Forward* with Dalia Rabin & Dennis Ross.

The Friends Campaign, co-chaired by Ted David & Marcia Frezza, continues to provide needed support to CBY and counts on everyone’s support to enable us to plan for the future.



## Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President



Dear Friends: Fall marks the beginning of a new year of Sisterhood programming. Our 2014 - 2015 dues campaign was a huge success and, thanks to you, we will be able to honor our commitments to programs in our local community, nationally and in Israel. We continue to provide support and enrichment to our youth, our sisterhood and our CBY family. We ARE stronger together.

Never was the call to Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, greater than during the Second World War and its aftermath. Every possible energy was directed to the war effort by Sisterhood members. The Committee on Emergency, dormant since WWI, was reactivated in 1942. Every local Sisterhood was urged to appoint a war service chairperson to work with existing relief agencies. Sisterhoods did whatever they could to raise money for War Bonds. They operated canteens, baked, ran blood drives, corresponded with soldiers, became nurses' aids, knitted for the troops and welcomed returning servicemen. HUC (Hebrew Union College) scholarships were more important than ever. NFTS (National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods) fully funded 48 scholarships as rabbinical students accelerated their studies to become military chaplains.

A Special Committee on Post-War Service was established "To meet the critical and deplorable situations arising from the Holocaust and the horrors and persecution of Jews abroad." Thousands of dollars and millions of pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies were donated through this effort. In 1945 NFTS petitioned President Truman to facilitate relief for displaced persons, raise immigration quotas and support the establishment of the State of Israel. Sisterhood urged adoption of the U.S. Permanent Commission on Human Rights and appealed for International arms regulation and control of atomic energy. At home and abroad, in times of greatest need, Hineini, Sisterhood was, and is, at the forefront.

B'Shalom,  
Cathy Kite

**SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, December 31 - 7:00 PM  
Sisterhood/Men's Club New Year's Eve Party. Details to follow.

**Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Luncheon**

On Wednesday, October 22nd, Sisterhood held its annual Membership Appreciation Luncheon. More than 60 women enjoyed a delicious meal of fresh homemade soups and salad followed by desserts prepared by some of CBY's best bakers. It was a great day visiting with sisterhood members and meeting with our newest members.

We viewed a poignant and inspiring film which gave us all a look inside Israeli society and at the wonderful contributions their citizens have made to the world. Special thanks to Helen Hauer for providing a beautiful hand knit afghan for the raffle, and to Cathy Kite, Sue Gostanian, Diane Miller and Kathy Burnce for organizing this special event as well as our bakers and soup makers. The Membership Appreciation Luncheon has always been an excellent way to get reacquainted with friends and meet new members of Sisterhood. Remember, it is not too late to join CBY Sisterhood. Join now and participate in some of the interesting events we are planning for the year.

**Onegs**

Thank you to the following for providing the Onegs for September: Lorna Bonner, Paula Rudman, Bev Averack, Melanie Wynne, Teri Kopp, Elaine Lust and Cathy Kite. Shout out to those who made the Selichot desserts: Randy Kurjan, Janet Weingarten, Judie Aronson, Sheri Farbstein, Sue Gostanian and Nadyne Ulicny

**Book Club**

Please join us for the next Book Club on December 11, 12:30 PM at Moss Creek for lunch and review. The book we will be reviewing is Marjorie Morningstar by Herman Wouk. An oldie but goodie. The reviewer is Diane Miller. Please note the Book Club date and place for February will be changed. See the details in next months Tidings.

**Donations**

**Oneg/Kitchen Fund:** Ellen and Michael Jenner in honor of Helen and Harold Hauer's 50th anniversary; Sue and Mike Fritz in honor of everything Nadyne Ulicny does for Sisterhood and Temple

**Greatest Need Fund:** Paula and Jerry Rudman in memory of beloved father Sol Lev

**Judaica Shop**

Chanukah is not far off and we have wonderful gifts for all ages. Jewelry, tableware, kippot, candy, greeting cards, tallit and many other delightful items.

Hours are Monday-Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 or, if necessary, by special appointment. Our Chanukah Bazaar is scheduled for December 7 so be sure to visit, have a hot dog and buy a beautiful gift for moms, siblings, dads, teachers, etc.

Check out this unique GOLF menorah handcrafted by Karen Rossi





The October Lilith Salon was held at the beautiful home of Susan Britanisky with Cathy Kite facilitating the article *The Paradox of Politics* which contained a summary of one woman's family history of support of the Civil Rights Movement from the beginning to the present time. As always, a spirited discussion was followed by our pot luck supper, which is always a big hit.

Thanks to Susan and Cathy for presenting this wonderful program and the fabulous cooks that provided our potluck supper. Watch for information regarding the next, not to be missed, salon.

### Help Needed at Deep Well

The Mitzvah continues....

We will again be helping Deep Well stock their shelves. The event takes place on Wednesday December 3, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Please contact Joel Lerner at (843) 757-4103 for more information or to sign up.

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### A bstract of Board Meeting, October 13, 2014 ~ Judy Bluestone



- Rabbi Bloom reported that the new High Holy Day Machzor (prayer book) will not be available until early to late June, 2015. The Rabbi hopes that galley copies will be accessible in the spring which will give the congregation time to be oriented in preparation for the fall High Holy Days. In addition there will be a congregation based fundraising program to underwrite the remaining cost of the Machzors.
- The treasurer reported that we are ahead in dues collections. The Friends campaign is up from last year as well **but general donations are down. He noted that CBY's expenses increase 3-5% annually but dues only 4%.** He encouraged committees to use money from restricted funds for related programming to relieve the burden on operating expenses.
- **At this date CBY's membership is 308.**
- The Friends Campaign has raised \$14,713 to date.
- Our program with Amazon raised \$122.32 last month.
- **Student Cantor Nancy Dubin will return on October 17 for Simchat Torah, on November 7 for a Veteran's Day service and on December 19 for the Night of 100 Menorahs.**
- The Congregation should be encouraged to attend Festival services: Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot as well as the Yizkor services at the conclusion of these holidays.
- The Religious School committee and Rabbi Bloom will discuss ways in which Fusion Shabbat services and dinners might be reconfigured to accommodate our younger families.
- A Task Force on Future Funding has been appointed to examine funding of future needs currently covered by **private donations such as CBY's music and student cantor programs.**
- Sisterhood has pledged \$1,000 for the Machzor Fund. The Paid Up Membership luncheon will be held on October 22.
- **The Men's Club golf tournament was extremely successful; an average of 25 men regularly attend their monthly luncheon which now features a speaker of interest.**

## CBY Men's Club ~ Stuart Blickstein



### Congregation Beth Yam Men's Club Golf Tourney a Great Success.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Club Charity Golf Tournament was held on Monday October 13th at the Dolphin Head Golf Club. With perfect weather, a superbly conditioned course, and record low scores, over 90 participants enjoyed this annual event. Some simple rule changes made this year's tournament even more competitive than usual.

As is our custom, we surpassed our financial goals in support of charities in the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Communities, having now contributed over \$50,000 since the birth of this event. Given the results, we're not sure whether to call this event a fund raiser or a fun raiser.

The golf tournament gave all involved a chance to compete in a friendly and spirited game of golf. The best men's team score was posted by our own Jeff Berman and Dave Schweiger playing with Jim Brolly and Jeff Kennard. The women's division was won by Kathy Burnce, Judi Kleiman, Diane Miller and Sandy Varn. Judi Kleiman also won the woman's "closest to the hole" contest, and Steve Schuman was closest in the men's division.

With many tournament, door, and other prizes, as well as great golfing fun, everyone was a winner, but none more than our charities. Thanks to the hard work of our committee and committed members, and the extreme generosity of our sponsors, gift givers and participants, we will be able to distribute more money this year than ever before. The festivities ended with a top of the line lunch buffet served by the Dolphin Club Caterers. Everyone left the dining room totally satisfied.

The Men's Club thanks all those who helped make this event such a success, offers a special thank you to the "non-playing" volunteers who worked tirelessly from early morning to late afternoon. We are looking forward to next year's event and the continued success of The Men's Club Tournament. See photos below.

**Announcements:** Our next meeting will be held at Congregation Beth Yam on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 12:15 PM. We will share Gruby's delicious sandwiches and a speaker. This month's topic is the Jews in Cuba, with a discussion led by Ray Mintz, who recently visited there on a "Jewish tour" sponsored by the Savannah JCC. The December Men's Club meeting will be held on December 15 at 5:30 PM at Frankie Bones. Watch for New Year's Eve and Super Bowl party news.



Starting lineup



Best men's team

Photos courtesy of Stan Kleiman



Best ladies team

## Outreach Committee ~ Joan E. Diamond

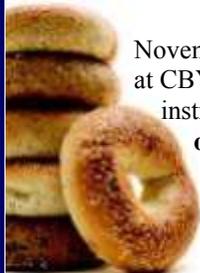


### "A Taste of Judaism – Are You Curious?"

November 6, 13, and 20 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at CBY, Rabbi Bloom will once again be the instructor for this interactive informative class

**open to all members of CBY** and the general Hilton Head Community. This is the perfect introduction to Judaism for anyone who wants to learn something about Judaism.

Each class has time for questions and the Rabbi makes all the participants feel comfortable. There is no charge for the course but all students must register and we ask all students to plan on attending all three classes. For more information please go to [www.bethyam.org](http://www.bethyam.org) and click on Taste of Judaism under Save the Date. To register, please call Phyllis Napoli at (843) 785 3331 or email [tasteofjudaism@bethyam.org](mailto:tasteofjudaism@bethyam.org).



## Congregant's Corner ~ Adam Oppenheimer



What made Adam Oppenheimer naked and afraid?

In July, Adam found himself alone in the Western Australian wilderness—naked—hiding behind a tree. On the other side of the tree was a feral bull, whose massive horned head was sniffing around Adam's campsite.

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### Religious School ~ Christy Cohen

The Religious School year is off to a great start! We are thrilled to welcome several new member families. Class lists are complete and the children are enjoying their studies. On October 5, we decorated a beautiful Sukkah with the youngest to the oldest kids creating one-of-a-kind art pieces to adorn the walls and moms and dads pitching in to hang the highest decorations.

The kids were then blessed to have a wonderful Sukkot experience and have lunch with the Rabbi in the Sukkah on October 12. Many families participated in the Simchat Torah service on October 17, where the kids saw the Torah completely unrolled and we honored the newest members of the CBY Religious School family.

On October 24th, the Religious School Committee hosted a fun Fusion Shabbat and on October 26th, the month ended with one of the most fun days of the year - the Blessing of the Animals! There were lots of dogs and even cats and birds assembled at the front of the temple to be blessed by Rabbi Bloom.





## The Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island ~ Hank Noble

Tikkun olam, (repairing the world), is a fundamental precept of Judaism. It is also the bedrock goal of Rotary. Jews and Rotarians are fellow travelers along a road to a better life for everyone, everywhere.

Rotary International was one of the first service organizations ever formed. It began in Chicago on February 23, 1905 by attorney Paul Harris and three of his business associates. They agreed to meet regularly and do “good works.” They also agreed to rotate the meetings among the offices of the members. Hence, our name, Rotary Club. There are now 1.2 million members worldwide, with clubs in 220 countries.

The Hilton Head Rotary Club was founded in 1974. Our mission was, and continues to be, to create a community of productive, healthy individuals. By our membership and our activities, we promote collaboration within our diverse community.

**Our club efforts are local and also span the globe. Some of our club’s activities include:**

- Donated the first ambulance on Hilton Head to the HH Rescue Squad
- Started the first Boy Scout Troop
- Built the Island Youth Center which is now the Island Recreation Center
- Built the “Polio House” and raffled it off to raise money for Rotary’s Polio Eradication project
- Established the Rotary Reader Program
- Built and endowed the Deep Well Building
- Contributed to the Memory Matters capital project
- Purchased the first van for the Boys and Girls Club
- Funded a soccer field and lights at Crossings Park

**Some of our current Club activities include:**

- Created and administer the Hilton Head Hall of Fame located at the Coastal Discovery Museum
- Providing shoes and jackets to 300 children in need through the Happy Feet Program
- Sponsorship of “junior Rotary clubs” in colleges (Rotaract at USCB and TCL), High Schools (Interact at HHIHS, HH Prep) and Elementary Schools (Earlyact at Creative Arts and HH Prep). This involves 200+ young people in Service Above Self.
- Funding and building a Habitat House
- The Gift of Life project which sponsors reconstructive surgeries here on Hilton Head for severely injured young people from third world countries. There have been twelve beneficiaries, so far.
- Donated over \$20,000 to Alzheimer Research
- Our college scholarships have given over \$300,000 to local students
- Sponsor international exchanges for students from Hilton Head and abroad
- Provide volunteers for tutoring and mentoring programs in our schools
- Provide recognition awards to students, teachers, and law enforcement officers each year.

There are three Rotary Clubs on Hilton Head and two more in Bluffton. I have been a member of my club, the Rotary Club of Hilton Head Island, for thirty-three years. Many other members of Beth Yam are now or were members. We meet every Thursday at the Sea Pines Country Club. We enjoy lunch and fellowship and hear a speaker.

We have many social events for our members and guests. We also work on community enrichment projects here and abroad. As a member of a local Rotary club, you are welcomed at every Rotary Club in the world. We often attend meetings in other towns, and in other countries.

Over the years I have found real benefit in the synergism of like-minded men and women working together to make a better world. Sue and I have made wonderful friendships with other club members. We enjoy the volunteer efforts and the social aspects. If you are interested in joining us please get in touch.



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