Togetherness-Congregation Beth Yam Style

First service after returning from "exodus 2"

Congregants in Atlanta at the Breman Museum

Celebrating Sukkoth

We thank our troups - the ones that fight for our freedom
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**Friends of CBY Campaign**

**Judy Bluestone & Bob Sable, Co-Chairs**

Now that the High Holy Days are behind us and Hurricane Matthew clean-up is well underway, it is time to turn our attention to the stream of activities and efforts that give our Jewish life meaning.

The annual Friends of CBY is commencing its annual campaign as of November 1, 2016 and we invite you to take your place as a supporter. Whether your gift is large or small, we are and will be deeply appreciative of your commitment to Congregation Beth Yam where each of us finds special meaning—spiritual, educational, cultural and social.

**Three reasons to participate in the Friends campaign:**

- CBY is the only URJ affiliated congregation in the Lowcountry
- CBY is the only congregation with a full time Rabbi
- CBY is the center of Jewish life in the Lowcountry

You will soon be receiving a letter and a pledge card. We hope to hear from you soon.
Rabbi’s Message

A few weeks from now we will all be celebrating Thanksgiving. By then we will be celebrating the results of the Presidential election, or not. The rabbis in the days of the Talmud talked about leadership and debated the ideas that, on one hand, the character of the generation ultimately would determine the quality of the national leader. On the other side of this question, the rabbis discussed how the quality of the leader would be judged by the moral standing of the generation.

Our high school kids discussed these questions back in October when we met with two knowledgeable congregants who presented their viewpoints towards the platforms of their respective political parties. They did a great job showing our students that while they held to different principles and values behind various policies they also shared important values in common with each other. Our teens engaged with sharing their comments and opinions about the important issues of the day.

I was proud of our presenters because they represented two different generations and they did a fantastic job of engaging our kids. Their example demonstrated, from a Jewish perspective, that people can be of different political opinions and still recognize our common ties and love of our faith. Both our presenters were absolutely reaffirming in their message to our youth which was how important the right to vote was and that when they would one day be eligible to cast their first votes it was imperative for them to do so.

Quite a few of the students, for example, have strong opinions about the role of women in our society today. They do care about Israel and they do listen to their parent’s political views as they slowly begin to develop their own positions on the issues. They welcomed these differing political positions and listened carefully to opinions in which they did not always agree. I was proud of them as well.

One of the important lessons from that evening was that two Jews can argue the pros and cons of their respective candidates for President in the Temple foyer but there comes a point when we cease the debate, enter the Temple, sit down in our pews, grab hold of a Siddur and start the service to pray. That is the beauty of it all which is that we don’t just suspend these political differences until the end of the final song of the service; rather, we can acknowledge that religious unity does not have to be diminished because of political differences.

I believe that the way we behave as a society towards the results of this Presidential election sets an example for the generation of future voters. How we come together in civility after the elections sends a powerful message to the values of our nation’s youth about how a democracy works. Teenagers watch and learn from us. They see how the moral standing of a generation or two in this temple or the larger community is to be judged favorably if people can unify for the greater good. If not then that, too, sends a message about whether our generations are preserving the culture of democracy or diminishing it.

In Jewish sacred texts the schools of rabbinical debate between the House of Hillel and Shammai were famous. Ultimately one of the reasons God favored the house of Hillel over Shammai was that Hillel not only argued most effectively versus the disciples of the School of Shammai but also because the students of Hillel put forth the opinions of their debate adversaries in the school of Shammai before their own. Our adult presenters and our teens had that kind of high quality discussion. There is a lesson there for our own community, let alone for the entire nation.

May you have a more peaceful November as we clear away trees and brush, repair our homes and renew ourselves with the conviction and resilience to see to the healing of our communities and our beloved town for a Shana Tova, a Happy New Year and Happy Thanksgiving.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Membership Committee—Candy Solomon Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

Welcome

- Gigi and Chuck Kotler reside in Sea Pines (Resident Family)
- Rachel and Ritchie Tabachnick reside in Pittsburgh and local address is Port Royal Plantation (Affiliates)
- Katherine Gill resides in Beaufort (Affiliate Single)
- Roz and Ivan Cooper reside in Charlotte, NC and local address is Singleton Beach, HHI (Affiliates)

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Temple Tidings

Message From The President

Pennie Meiselman

Oh what a month!
The past month (October) began with our beautiful and inspiring Erev Rosh Hashanah service followed by first and second day Rosh Hashanah services.

As we were preparing both ourselves and our congregation for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur, along came a very unwanted visitor- Matthew.

Hurricane Matthew disrupted all of our lives, having to leave our homes, driving for hours to a safe destination and watching the Weather Channel for what seemed an eternity.

To my relief, I was able with several CBY friends to watch a live stream of Kol Nidre services directly from Central Synagogue in New York City. It was especially meaningful to Alan and I as Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, our former neighbor, led the service.

Thankfully, we have all returned to our homes. We are all facing various repairs, but we shall overcome this together as a community. Thank you Jack Resnick who checked on our beautiful building and fixed the broken window in the classroom preventing further damage.

Thank you to the efforts of the LDS (Mormon) Church volunteers who took down two trees and cleared our entire property, including the roof.

These efforts enabled us to have a very moving Friday Kabbalat Service and our Sukkot Service on Monday. Special thanks to Joel Lerner, Doug Luba and Jamie Kaye for erecting our Sukkah and to Cora and Sunny Kaye for decorating it.

It is not too late to register for the Carolina Communities Shabbaton in Greensboro, N.C. November 11 &12. Mike Weingarten is the Vice Chairman of the Carolina Communities. Rabbi Bloom will be speaking at the event.

On November 16, at noon, join our Adult Education Committee as we continue “Exploring our Roots” with a Lunch & Learn discussing The Last Night in Ballyhoo, a play written by Alfred Uhny, who also wrote Driving Miss Daisy.

Please refer to our website and our Monthly and Small Tidings for other events during the month of November as there may have been changes due to Matthew.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we all have much to be thankful for.

Shalom,  Pennie

Fun Facts For November:

- National Peanut Butter Lover’s Month
- National Beard Month/ No Shave Month
- Stamp Collecting Month
- Sesame Street Premiered November 1969

Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The High Holidays are behind us; I hope yours was fulfilling. The Men’s club Usher Team accomplished its task for the High Holidays. Thanks to all who volunteered. Our Annual Meeting Brunch was a success and we elected the 2016-17 slate of officers, adding David Solomon as Second VP and Jack Frisch as board member, all others remained the same.

The Golf Tournament was held on the 26th of September. We will get the final accounting in October, and preliminary results show we were a little lower than last year but still well within our target. The golf committee will recommend how we will disburse the profits made at the event to our board for approval.

We will be holding our regular lunch meeting on November 8 and a dinner meeting in December. Our events committee has begun working on planning our 2017 calendar.

Finally, please contact Stuart Blickstein, Nelson Adelman or Mike Werner of our events committee with any ideas for new events or revivals of old meeting programs. We welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings, and larger scale events.

If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular emails it is because your system is blocking the communication using Constant Contact. Please let me know and I will send you a direct Email to help you fix the problem going forward. Thanks for your cooperation.
Religious School
Robin Krumholz, Principal

Our new Youth Service for Rosh Hashanah was held on the morning of the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Adriana Urato and Hilary Williams led our students (ages 10-18) in an introspective experience with the theme of “second chances.” Twenty-one students attended and gave very positive feedback. Next year we hope to do a similar service for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

We held our traditional Family Service for younger students, parents and grandparents in the afternoon, followed by Tashlich at Jarvis Park.

Unfortunately, our Religious School then lost two Sundays of classes due to Hurricane Matthew, and sustained the only damage to our CBY building. Two trees fell in the back, mutilating the playground fence and breaking a window. We are grateful to Jack Resnick for repairing the window, and to the Mormon Church for removing the fallen trees.

Once we returned to classes, we caught up with a “Tie, Shake, Rattle and Unroll” Boker Tov, combining our observance of Yom Kippur (sealing our Book of Life) Sukkot (decorating the Sukkah and Shaking the Lulav and Etrog) and Simchat Torah (rolling out our new illustrated Meron Torah).

Our Religious School also suffered a blow with the loss of three teachers at the end of October! Josh and Valerie Appel are expecting twins and have chosen to use their weekends to rest and prepare for their new arrivals. We are saddened to say adieu, but joyful for them. We welcome Ilana Rosenkrantz to replace Josh teaching our Pre-B’nai Mitzvah Middle School students. Barbara Pouls, who had agreed to substitute for Valerie in the Aleph class has suddenly moved to New Jersey for a family emergency.

The Endowment Fund Has Already Paid Dividends To CBY—Jack Miller

We hope that everyone came through hurricane Matthew OK and feel badly for those who have suffered damage to your homes. Thankfully, no one was hurt and we hope for speedy recoveries.

In previous messages we asked the question, “What would happen if Congregation Beth Yam was not here or was struck by financial hardship?” Hurricane Matthew dramatically drove that question home. Though CBY escaped damage, it could have really been devastating. CBY could have sustained major building damage making it unusable for some time...meaning we would have had the added expense of renting usable facilities, plus our income could have decreased because of a loss of members who move away from the area after such a devastating storm.

We were very fortunate that the Endowment Fund contributed $10,000 to CBY last summer from the interest earned from their investments that will offset some of the additional expenses CBY has incurred from the result of Matthew. It just demonstrates how important the Endowment Fund is to CBY’s present and future. The Endowment Fund has begun to build the kind of financial asset which will be added insurance for CBY against major costs or lost revenue from an event like a hurricane. We know you really truly care about CBY, and that is why you should consider making the Endowment Fund part of your estate planning. Whether the amount is small or large, every dollar can make a difference to the future and survival of Congregation Beth Yam.
**Message from the Sisterhood President**

**Sue Gostanian**

As a child, one of my favorite coloring book activities was “Connect the Dots”. It always intrigued me to watch the whole picture take shape...the “Aha” moment when I realized what was emerging.

By now, we have all swapped hurricane stories...some funny, some sad, and some new perspectives gained. For me, I am still fascinated with “Connect the Dots”, the grown-up version. Some of my “dots”:

As we were evacuating to Atlanta, one friend was texting and organizing a dinner for fellow evacuees; another was sending me cell phone numbers to stay in touch; one of our dog loving friends kept asking me how we were, and were the puppies safe; getting messages about Atlanta events; Rabbi Bloom making arrangements to “live stream” Yom Kippur Service; seeing Linda with their beloved pup, Emmy, on FB and hearing that she had rallied; Pennie, our president, sending out updates; seeing our friends posting photos with big smiles and messages; others forwarding all updates about the Island, others advising about evacuation plans; texts to make sure we were safe; others trying to help people who were alone and isolated; Candy sending emails for me when I couldn’t to the Sisterhood board; a friend was updating me about services.

I could go on forever...As I started connecting up all the dots, and there are more, the picture that emerged was a loving, caring, selfless CBY group...the place I have grown to call home. I am so blessed to call so many of my fellow Congregants my friends. Past presidents always have my back; one long time member always looks out for Sisterhood, and we love our upbeat, can-do Gal...and so many other sisterhood friends. As I made all these connections and others too numerous to mention, I feel so blessed to look at the finished picture: the CBY Family. It is unique and I treasure being part of it.

Yours in Sisterhood

**Sue**

**Book Club**

The next book club is on November 10, 2016 at Moss Creek. Lunch and review—12:30 PM-3:00 PM

- **Book-Saving Sophie** by Ronald H. Balson
- Reviewer Sharon Bass

The January 12, 2017 Book Club will be held at the Cypress with a 12:30 PM lunch and review.

- The book is the latest Daniel Silva book, *The Black Widow*. Chair for this meeting is Ellen Lash

Please RSVP for the November meeting to Judie. A pass is needed before coming into Moss Creek, so please let Judie know if you are attending.

**Leah’s Shower**

**Showers Of Good Wishes For Leah Bloom**

All CBY WOMEN are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Leah Bloom.

Saturday, November 19, from 5:30-7:30 PM with Havdalah Service at 6 PM in the CBY Social Hall. Sorry gentlemen, ladies only. Please [click here](https://example.com) for more information.

If you would like to help with the shower, please contact Cathy Kite at (843) 671-7399.

**Calling All Wrappers!**

It’s time to get organized for the CBY Sisterhood’s Barnes and Noble gift wrapping fundraiser. During the weeks before the Christmas holiday, two person teams of our sisters wrap gifts for shoppers at Barnes and Noble. There is no cost for the shoppers, and Barnes and Noble provides the wrapping paper and other materials. Shifts usually last 2 to 3 hours and may be done during the day and/or evening. Donations for this service will benefit Treat the Troops and Volunteers in Medicine. If you would like to participate by volunteering for a shift or two, please contact Janice Fradkin at (404) 580-7513 or Joanne Doyle at (843) 715-9242.

**Onegs for September**

Thank you to the following: Diane Miller, Pennie Meiselman, Marcia Frezza, JoAnn Perchick, Randy Kurjan, Felicia Pascal, Nadyne Ulicny, Rebecca Mastrorocco, Susie Eisinger, Paula Rudman & Lorna Bonner.

Thank you to the following for baking for Selichot Onegs

- Judy Bluestone, Carol Carty, Janice Fradkin, Sheila Gefen, Sue Gostanian, Cathy Kite, Randy Kurjan & Nadyne Ulicny

**Mah Jongg Lessons:** Interested in Mah Jongg lessons? Four sessions starting Wednesday, November 16 at 1 PM. Contact Beverly Averack (843) 682-3778.
Care Committee—Carol Carty & Janice Fradkin, Co-chairs

We had barely delivered apples and honey to the residents of Indigo Pines and Bloom Hilton Head when the unthinkable happened. Now, with the devastation of Hurricane Matthew barely in our community’s rear view mirror and much work still ahead of us, the Care Committee remains committed to meeting the needs of our congregants and non-affiliated visitors and residents of the Lowcountry. With this in mind, several programs are in the works for the coming months.

The Care Committee will be hosting a special Chanukah Celebration and Lunch featuring music performed by David Kimbell. Congregants and their families are invited for latkes and fun on Wednesday, December 7 at 11:30 AM at CBY. There is no charge for this program and lunch, but reservations are necessary. Please RSVP to Janice Fradkin at (404) 580-7513 or Carol Carty at (609) 313-9036. Volunteer participation is always appreciated; come join the fun!

Several exciting ideas were discussed at our semi-annual meeting in September. Among them:

- A periodic healing service led by Rabbi Bloom, the development of a pastoral visitation program with Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman to senior residences in our community, and a program on writing your own ethical will.

Please join us as we plan for the future.
URJ Carolinas Community Shabbaton

Mike Weingarten, Vice-Chair Carolinas Community

On November 11-12, the URJ Carolinas Community will be sponsoring a Shabbaton in Greensboro, N.C. The event will be exciting, entertaining and informative. The registration fee for adults will be $125/person and $100/NFTY youths which will include a Friday Night Shabbat dinner, Saturday morning Kiddush luncheon, and Saturday night dinner. The Shabbaton will be held at Temple Emanuel, the Reform Temple in Greensboro. Arrangements have been made for accommodations minutes away from Temple Emanuel at the Greensboro Airport Marriott for $125 plus taxes/night which will include a full breakfast each morning and free Wi-Fi. Accommodations for all youth who attend will be provided at no charge by the Greensboro NFTY chapter and the BBYO organization.

For any additional questions or information, contact Mike Weingarten.

Social Action Committee—
Judie Aronson &
Janet Weingarten, Co-chairs

Listed below are some of the upcoming events for the month of November:
November 6—Blessing of the Animals 11:00 AM under the portico in temple.
November 13—Blood Mobile in the parking lot of temple from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Please continue to knit winter hats for our young children in the Back Pack Buddies program who attend the Early Childhood School on Hilton Head. We do not want any child to be left out. For more information contact Bev Averack.

More information concerning these projects are listed on the CBY website.

Help is needed at the Children’s Center. CBY has been actively involved in the Children’s Center through reading to the various classes (ages 2-5) as well as supplying used books and holding a Chanukah party. This year there is another way to become involved. The pre-school children are now at the center after school from 3:30-6:00 PM. Readers and tutors are needed at this time. If you can help contact Eve Sanker.

Please Remember to Vote.

Library Committee—Felicia Pascal &
Linda Stern, Co-Chairs

The subject of immigration is the focus of the Adult Education program for this year. There are many books—biographies, histories—which cover the subject of Jewish immigration to America. There are also fictional accounts on this very subject. Over the coming months we intend to compile a list of those books in our collection, books that bring both fact and emotion to this very subject.

This month we review a book written in the early part of the 20th century, *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. The book received very little attention when first published in 1934 but was reintroduced by the prominent critic Irving Howe in 1964. Over a million copies have been published since then.

*Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth

Reviewed by Felicia Pascal

Set in New York City’s lower east side, this book by the Galician born author is as much a story of the isolation and anguish of a young boy as it is about the immigrant experience in the NYC ghetto almost a century ago.

We suffer with young David as he struggles with his father, a taciturn and even violent man and his gentle and abused mother. We yearn for David’s acceptance and success and cannot help but wince at the poor choices he makes out of ignorance, fear and the desire for acceptance.

We understand the issues that immigrants grapple with as they adapt to their new country, but must also deal with every day living and emotional crisis.

Your Vote Counts
Temple Tidings

Tashlich at Jarvis Park

Photos by Tal Gur
Temple Tidings

Dine-Around Venue for 2016-2017

Santa Fe Café
807 Hilton Head Hwy.
Hilton Head Island

Thursday, November 3
6:00—8:00 PM

Please call Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021 for reservations.
Note: The restaurant will not be accepting reservations from patrons directly!
Please reserve your space now!

Blessing of the Animals
By Rabbi Bloom
A Special Service to Honor Animals
Sunday, November 6, CBY Portico
11:00 AM Registration & Photos 11:30 AM Service
Photo Opportunity session with your pet
Dog treats
Animals for adoption
Get a complete Hilton Head Humane Assoc. WISH LIST on www.bethyam.org
Sponsored by the Social Action Committee and CBY Religious School

Adult B’nai Mitzvot
First Semester Classes Scheduled
Wednesday, November 9
Wednesday, December 7
All classes are held at CBY 7:00PM – 9:30 PM
Our mission: provide a learning experience where an adult can achieve becoming a B’nai Mitzvah at their level of learning
Interested in participating?
Contact: Randy Kurjian, 843-342-5568,
randykurjian@gmail.com
for complete program details and goals.

Women’s Prayer Service for Healing and Thanksgiving
Join us for song, prayers and friendship
Light refreshments will be served
Tuesday, November 15,
2:30-4:00 PM
Join CBY women and the women from All Saints Episcopal Church and The Church of the Latter Day Saints for a healing prayer session.
RSVP to Randy Kurjian, 843 342-5568

Congregation Beth Yam
American Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, November 13
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be located in CBY parking lot
Sponsored by CBY Social Action Committee

Dine-Around Venue for 2016-2017

Sigler’s
Sheridan Park
Bluffton
Rotisserie & Seafood
Thursday, November 17
6:00—8:00 PM
Please call Diane Miller at (843) 836-1021 for reservations.
Note: The restaurant will not be accepting reservations from patrons directly!
Reserve your space now!

Calling All Knitters
SAC is collecting winter outerwear for the children at the Children’s Center.
If you are a knitter we ask that you make hats, mittens and scarves for these children, ages infant to 5 years old.
Contact: Bev Averack, bevav@aol.com

ALL CBY women are invited to a bridal shower honoring Leah Bloom
Saturday, November 19
5:30-7:30 PM
CBY Social Hall
RSVP by November 7
Judie Aronson
843-392-6126

“Champagne & Cupcakes”
Hosted by the CBY Sisterhood
LOOK AT THE DESIGN AND SELECTIONS IN MARCIA’S NEW MASTER AND GUEST BATHROOMS...

New Master Shower

New Guest Vanity/Counter Top and Glass Sink...

Porcelain wood-look tile

River Rock Shower Floor and Modern Hand Held

Jack, thank you so much for the excellent work you did on the remodel of my master and guest bathrooms. As always, the work was done carefully and expertly, and my house was left clean and fresh when all the work was over. Your subcontractors and the companies you suggested for tile, cabinets, counter tops, etc., were the very highest quality, and were absolutely wonderful, helpful and very knowledgeable. In all, another excellent job. I am very happy knowing I can count on you for the best and most efficient work.

Thank you so much…” Marcia Mann

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