



Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth Yam, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

There are many ways of going forward but only one way of standing still.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

It's that Sukkah time of year...

This is the longest of Jewish Festivals with a celebration that begins on the evening of October 8 and ends on October 17 with the lively observance of Simchat Torah. The sukkah symbolizes the tents in which Jewish people lived during their forty years of wandering in the desert. Sukkot is also an agricultural holiday celebrating the harvest in the land of Israel. Special prayers are recited as we hold in our hands four varieties of plants: a palm branch, *lulav*, which is bound together with willow and myrtle twigs. The fourth plant is the *etrog*, which looks like an elongated lemon. We wave the lulav and etrog up and down, right and left symbolizing the four points of the world in honor of God to whom the four corners belong.

Please plan on joining Rabbi Bloom for the following events:

- Festival of Sukkot Service on Thursday, October 9 at 10:00 AM in our beautiful sukkah followed by Kiddush.
- Yizkor Service on Wednesday, October 15 at 10:00 AM.
- Simchat Torah (Rejoicing of the Law) on Friday, October 17 at 7:15 PM. Join us in dancing **with the Torahs. Rabbi Bloom will roll out the Torah so that everyone can be "up close and personal" with our Holy Scroll.**



Meet Adriana and Elaina Urato

If you do not know Adriana Urato it means you do not attend services. In that case you are missing a wonderful experience. Adriana is our soloist and sings with the choir, the accompanist and the music director. She will be sharing the bima this year with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin for the High Holy Days.

Adriana is the single mother of 14 year old Elaina. Elaina completed her Bat Mitzvah in 2013 here at Beth Yam and we are very proud of Adriana and Elaina. Being our soloist is not her only job; she teaches 9th grade math at Hilton Head High School. **"I LOVE IT" she declares.** She runs the Beta Club which is a national honors club and so far has accomplished the following tasks under her leadership: adopted a 5 year old child from the Make A Wish Foundation and sent him to Disneyland; 2 blood drives with the Red Cross; instituted a major recycling effort in her school which takes 2 bins from each classroom to the dump every Friday (her school has the most weight of any school in the district) and many other community service projects. The school is using interactive notebooks and is much more creative through Pinterest than it was when they just copied text. All the children will have Microsoft Surface very shortly.

Adriana began her singing career at CBY when she sang in the choir with her mom, founder and longtime member of CBY, Debbie Urato. When Judy Bluestone retired, Stan Bluestone asked Adriana to apply for the soloist position and the rest, as they say, is history. It seems to be getting easier now that she is the only soloist because of the increased frequency of her appearances. She has asked her uncle from Israel to help her learn the meaning of the words that she sings so that she knows what she is singing rather than just repeating transliterations. He has been a great help and she finds more spirituality through the music with that knowledge.

In her "spare" time Adriana tutors 2 B'nai Mitzvahs and conducts Boker Tov services on Sunday morning with the religious school. In fact, Elaina now accompanies her on the guitar which Adriana is also learning.

There are two things Adriana would like everyone to know - Just because you only see her a few hours a week **doesn't mean that's all she works** - she practices at home for many hours each week and secondly, how important family is and how there are many things that she would not be able to do if she didn't have the endless support of her parents.

We look forward to many years of enjoyment with Adriana and Elaina.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>High Holy Day Food Drive began Erev Rosh Hashanah, 9/24 and ends Yom Kippur, 10/4</p>			1 4 PM Endowment Trustees 4 PM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM HHD Soloist Rehearsal 8:15 PM 92nd Street Y	2 3:30 PM Hunger & Homeless Coalition 4:30 PM Hebrew School	3 8 PM Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre Service Candle Lighting 6:48 PM KOL NIDRE	4 10 AM YK Morning Service 2 PM YK Family Service 3:30 PM YK Afternoon Service 5 PM Yizkor & Ne'ilah Service 6:30 PM Break the Fast YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR
			5 9:15 AM Religious School 9:15 AM Kita Gan 11 AM Sukkah Building & Decorating 12:30 PM Middle School	6 10 AM Ritual Committee 4 PM Executive Committee 6 PM Nosh on Judaism	7 6 PM Dine-Around at Santa Fe Café	8 10 AM Sisterhood Board 2 PM Adult Education Committee 4 PM Music Meeting Candle Lighting 6:42 PM EREV SUKKOT
12 9:15 AM Religious School 9:30 AM Gesher 11 AM Religious School children lunch with Rabbi Bloom in Sukkah INTERMEDIATE DAY	13 8 AM CBY Men's Club Golf Tournament 4 PM Board Meeting INTERMEDIATE DAY	14 12:15 PM CBY Men's Club Luncheon INTERMEDIATE DAY	15 Office Closed TIDINGS DEADLINE 10 AM Yizkor—Last day of Sukkot 6 PM Sisterhood Liliith Salon 7 PM Shabbat Choir Rehearsal Candle Lighting 6:33 PM HOSHANAH RABBAH	16 4 PM Back Pack Buddies 4:30 PM Hebrew School Candle Lighting 7:27 PM SHEMINI ATZERET YIZKOR	17 7:15 PM Simchat Torah Service Candle Lighting 6:31 PM SIMCHAT TORAH Vezot Habrachah	18 10 AM Healing Service with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin Parashat Bereshit
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Rabbi's Message

Let's face the truth - no matter how much we pray during the High Holy Days and no matter how much we talk about making teshuvah to better ourselves and our community we still, nevertheless, emerge with a lot of soul work to do for the upcoming year. Maybe we hold ourselves to a standard that is impossible to attain? To be a Jew requires us to attend services and pray sincerely. The Torah and tradition expects us to be students and consistently learning sacred texts like the Torah. The same sources adjure us to perform good deeds. Now is a good time of the year when we can assess ourselves based upon these criterion and determine how focused we are on being the kind of Jewish person tradition envisions.

Now that Sukkot is approaching, we begin to take another kind of perspective upon our lives. In fact, our rabbis, of blessed memory, taught us how to use the lulav (palm branch) and the etrog (citron) as devices to think about our strengths and areas of growth in regards to living Jewish lives.

In one midrash the sages say, "The fruit of the beautiful tree" (citron): This refers to Israel, for just as the etrog has both taste and scent, so too are there Jews who possess both Torah learning and good deeds.

"The branch of the palm tree" (lulav)- This refers to Israel, for just as the lulav has taste (dates) but no scent, so too are there Jews who possess Torah learning but lack good deeds.

"A bough from the avos tree"- This refers to Israel - for just as the hadas has scent, but lacks taste, so too are there Jews who possess good deeds but lack Torah learning.

"Willows of the stream"- This refers to Israel - for just as the willow lacks both scent and taste, so too are there



Jews who lack both Torah learning and good deeds.

So what does God do with all these groups who have some strength but have not fulfilled the ideal model of a Jew who does it all? God **says, according to the Midrash, "Bind them together in one bond and they will atone for each other" (Midrash Leviticus Rabbah 30).** The upshot is that we are stronger and more connected towards fulfilling the ideal commitment of Jewish living as a people than as individuals. We come out actually stronger despite the areas where we have yet to excel.

This is an insight that still applies to us today. We contend with long term and short term issues in Jewish life ranging from the well being of Israel to how our faith impacts or not our lives every day. We think about the future of American Jewry. The truth is that there are no magic elixirs that when ingested will preserve our future and protect us from the challenges of an open and secular culture such as it is in America. We keep on **going, on the other hand, from dor l'dor, from one generation to the next, because there are people who actually show up and live this faith and care about it.**

There are enough people who nurture the value of study and who perform good deeds. There are enough of us who bring to the table our dedication and strength even though it is not perfect in all the ways described in **the above Midrash. Yet together we "cover each other's back" when it comes to doing the heavy lifting that it takes to live Jewishly in America and around the world.** Even God understands that our imperfections somehow are diminished a bit when we engage in the community.

Yes, it comes down to a matter of engagement in a Jewish life. To use the baseball metaphor - it is about **playing the game and getting off the bench. Don't just talk about being Jewish-live it and do it every day.**

May you not only have a sweet New Year but also a chag sameah for Sukkot.



Religious School ~ Christy Cohen



On Sunday, October 5, Religious School students and their families will be decorating the Sukkah. Please bring any decorations with you on that day. The whole congregation is invited! All greens, palm fronds, branches and leaves, pumpkins, gourds, mums or other potted flowers would be greatly appreciated. Leave the paper at home, but all kinds of plastic decorations will work!

On Sunday, October 12, Religious School students and their families will be having lunch in the Sukkah with Rabbi Bloom. Each family needs to prepare a dish to share with the other families. Someone will reach out to coordinate soon. Please join your child for this special Sukkot experience and blessing. It's one of the kids' most favorite days of the year!

- No Boker Tov services will be held on either of these Sundays.
- Looking forward to celebrating with you!



President's Message

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatemu v Tikatevu --
- May you be inscribed and sealed (in the book of life) for a good year.

Thank you for attending the Rosh Hashanah Services and we look forward to seeing all of you again at Yom Kippur services. It is nice to see so many familiar faces but just as exciting to see so many new faces. We are a Congregational family with *lev* (heart).

The Rosh Hashanah services were **outstanding with Rabbi Bloom's spiritual guidance**, the chanting by Student Cantor Nancy Dubin, the lovely voice of our soloist, Adriana Urato, and David **Kimbell's excellent direction with the choir. We are very fortunate to have so many talented members of our Congregation who have prepared for months on all the High Holy Day songs.**

There was a thought provoking discussion led by Rabbi Bloom prior to the Havdalah and Selichot service and all of the services were well attended.

Everyone who participated in the annual Teshuvah **bike ride and Rabbi's discussion following was supported** by many of our members. Thank you to Bob Swimmer, Howard Misthal and Joel Lerner who chaired this event.

We also had a successful prospective member PubFest chaired by Pennie Meiselman and Karen



Blickstein. The membership committee worked tirelessly to bring so many new people together for a festive evening.

This month is also filled with many services and activities such as Yom Kippur, Break the Fast, Sukkot service, Simchat Torah service and our delightful Shabbat Shirah service before the [Fusion Shabbat Dinner](#) with services following. Please check the times for all these events on our calendar and join us in celebration.

The thought of the month is the subject of Yom Kippur:

"Precisely because of our human value and worth, because what we do is of ultimate value, we have to be deprived of normal raiment, normal nourishment, normal pride for a day - and be reminded that we are not granted an infinite amount of time in which to grab hold of what really matters in life. If not now, when?"

--Arnold Eisen, professor of Jewish thought, **discussing Yom Kippur, "Remember Us for Life."** Tikkun, September/October 1990.

Shalom,
Twyla Sable, President



Membership Committee ~ Karen Blickstein and Pennie Meiselman

What a great month the Membership Committee has had! On Wednesday evening, September 10, we hosted our Annual PubFest, a social get-together for prospective members. Thanks to all those who helped pull this wonderful event together: Sharon Bass, Alys Blumberg, Sharyn Brager, Harold Freeman, Pennie Meiselman, Nadyne Ulicny, Shelby Weiss-Kaufmann and Janet Weingarten.

CBY's membership growth continues to amaze us! We hit a new milestone of 300 families as of the end of August, and quickly passed that number. We want to welcome seven new resident member families: Pam & Irwin Kronenberg, Cindy & Tom McAndrew, Candy & Dave Solomon, and Arlene & Larry Spiegel, all from Bluffton. From Hilton Head, we want to welcome Susan Eller with her sons, Ethan & Spencer; Robin & Alan Krumholz; and Amy & Daniel Levene with their daughter, Samantha. Please be on the lookout for these new members and make them feel at home at CBY. As of this writing, our total membership stands at 303 families (236 Resident, 1 Associate and 66 Affiliate).

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! With all this growth comes a new challenge for our committee... we need more congregants to serve as Ambassadors. Please consider doing this mitzvah. As an Ambassador, you become the personal link in helping your new member get connected to synagogue life. Since the Ambassador program began, **many former new members have gone on to become Ambassadors themselves. If you'd like to become an Ambassador, or have questions about this program, please contact Judie Aronson at (843) 342-6126 or Sharyn Brager at (843) 815-9511.** Thanks for considering this.

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

Membership update:
We have a total of 303 Families:
236 Resident Families
67 Affiliate & Associates

Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson



Upcoming Events: See e-blasts, the electronic board in temple lobby, website and *Small Tidings*.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS – Sunday October 26 at 11:30 AM

Under the Portico at CBY: Let Rabbi Bloom bless your pet. There will be a photo session with your pet, dog treats, animals for adoption, and participation by our Religious School children and our Youth Group. See flyer and website for donations needed by the Humane Society to help feed and house pets that have been abandoned. All Pets are welcome.

TRIP TO PENN CENTER ~ Tuesday, November 18

We will leave from Temple at 9:15 AM and carpooling to the National Historic Landmark on St. Helena's Island.

Cost is \$20 per person. Trip includes admission fee, a 90 minute guided tour and lunch (chicken salad or stir fried vegetables over rice). RSVP by November 1 to Diane Berman at 9 Gannet St, Hilton Head, SC 29928. Checks should be made payable to CBY. Everyone is welcome. Contact either of these chairs with questions: Myra Goldschmidt at (610) 256-2298 or Diane Berman at (301) 785-6767.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE HILTON HEAD CHRISTMAS DINNER at the First Presbyterian Church

Dates to help: December 24 to help to set up and prepare turkeys; December 25 to volunteer for various functions. To volunteer, contact Sue Gostanian at (843) 686-2583. Include your name, e-mail and phone number. You will receive confirmation from Lois Willig with your assignment.

OTHER NEWS

Thank you to all our members who have donated books to be used by the Children's Center. All gently used books will be appreciated. Place books in the Donation Box in Social Hall.

HELP STOCK THE SHELVES FOR DEEP WELL

We will work at Deep Well on Wednesday, December 3 from 1:00 PM -3:00 PM to help them get food on their shelves. Contact Joel Lerner at (843) 757-4103 to volunteer.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE CHANUKAH PARTY AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Contact Eve Sanker at (843) 682-2615.

Adult Education Committee—Elliot Siegel

Watch, Listen, Learn and Enjoy! Save the Dates!

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

Wednesday
October 8
2:00 PM- 4:00 PM
Adult Education's
inaugural meeting
to discuss and plan
its entire program
for 2014-2015.



STEVEN OVITSKY

- Saturday, November 22 at 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
The first event will showcase the works of Max Steiner and Erich Wolfgang Korngold, two immigrant Jewish composers who created the sound of American movies. Yes, classics like *Gone With the Wind* and *Casablanca*.
- Sunday, November 23 at Noon - 2:00 PM
The second event will illuminate the life and works of George Gershwin's music with rare recordings and film. Hear Gershwin's music the way he heard it and played it.



Ritual Committee ~ Judy Bluestone & David Kurjan

The Ritual Committee wishes the congregation a very happy New Year. Rosh Hashanah has passed and Yom Kippur is upon us but there is more to come. Please attend our worship services on the first day of Sukkot, October 9 at 10:00 AM and Yizkor service at the conclusion of the holiday on October 15 at 10:00 AM. Plan on joining us for Kiddush in our beautiful sukkah. The sukkah is available for our congregants to use during the holiday. Consider **bringing your lunch or dinner. It's a mitzvah to dine in the sukkah!** Finally, come celebrate **Simchat Torah**, which will conclude the holiday period. On Friday, October 17 at 7:30 PM, we will roll out the Torah after our joyous march around the sanctuary.

We extend a special thanks to the ritual committee members for their dedication to CBY by preparing the bima for weekly Shabbat services and for their diligence in calling our members monthly to arrange for bima honors. We appreciate their wise counsel in making recommendations which enhance our worship in so many ways.

A subcommittee of the Ritual Committee has taken the first step toward introducing CBY members to the new **High Holy Day prayer book which is expected to be published in time for next year's High Holy Days.** In a panel discussion on Selichot last month, we looked at the treatment of the Kol Nidre service in the new Machzor. This *Machzor Mishkan HaNefesh* is a total departure from the *Gates of Repentance* which has been used in Reform synagogues for almost forty years. The arrangement of the new book is similar to our Shabbat siddurim with familiar prayers and transliterations but also included are readings, poems and observations about their meaning written by contemporary authors and sages of old which are sure to enrich your appreciation of the meaning of the High Holy Days. **You might ask yourself "what is wrong with the old and familiar book?" The answer is that it was written for a different population of Reform Jews.** We are now extremely heterogeneous - coming from traditional backgrounds, classic reform backgrounds, interfaith families and limited or no past synagogue affiliation. The goal of this new Machzor is to reach all of us through readings of our choice in the hope that our worship will have more impact and meaning for us as Jews. There will be many opportunities for us to explore this *Mishkan HaNefesh* in the year ahead.

Many of our congregants have signed up to be called for honors on Shabbat. Please say yes when we call! We look forward to welcoming you on the bima.



Surfing our Website ~ Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro

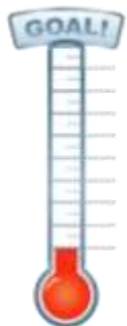
This month we move along to the [Community dropdown menu](#). This gives us access to information regarding several of our community-related activity centers. The first two are the [Social Action Committee](#) and the [Care Committees](#). You can read the text which tells you more about these two wonderful organizations. While we all know quite a bit about them already, the summary of their activities and objectives may bring to your mind a few things that you were not fully aware of, such as the fact that our Social Action Committee won the prestigious Irving J. Fain award in 2011, an honor of which we are extremely proud. The Care Committee has conducted a number of wonderful events for seniors. Perhaps you will be inspired to join one or both.

You will also find beautiful photo albums embedded on the left side of their pages, as we saw when we discussed the Media dropdown last month. The thumbnail pictures shuffle automatically, or in response to the left/right arrows - larger versions are available by clicking directly on the pictures themselves. The lower left of the Social Action page links to interesting and inspiring RAC textual materials (Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism).



Save the Date	Time	November Events
2		Daylight Savings Time ends
3	6:00 PM	Nosh on Judaism with Rabbi Bloom and High School Students
5	6:00 PM	Dine-Around at Sea Grass Grille
6	7:00 PM	Taste of Judaism
7	7:30 PM	Shabbat Service honoring our Veterans with Student Cantor Nancy Dubin
8	9:30 AM	Hot Topic Shabbat with Rabbi Bloom—Parashat Vayera Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael: Difficult decisions that women make for themselves and family.
9	5:00 PM	75th Anniversary of Kristallnacht Ceremony
9	7:30 PM	92Y—World Religions: Spotlight on Judaism
11	12:15 PM	Men’s Club Luncheon
11		Veteran’s Day
12	7:00 PM	Sisterhood Cookie Baking
13	7:00 PM	Taste of Judaism
17	5:00 PM	Welcome Home Orientation
18	9:00 AM	SAC Trip to Penn Center
20	7:00 PM	Taste of Judaism
22	7:30 PM	Adult Education Program—Steve Ovitzsky
23	12:00 PM	Adult Education Program—Steve Ovitzsky
23		No Religious School
27		Thanksgiving—Office Closed—No Hebrew School

Fundraising Committee~ Alan Meiselman



The Fundraising Committee is very busy feeding both our intellectual and culinary appetites. The 92nd Street Y Live program began on September 15 with Ian McEwan then brought Alan Alda, Jane Pauley & Fred Newman into a conversation with Erik Kohbellon on October 1. The next event will be on Sunday, October 19 with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Former President of the Supreme Court of Israel Dorit Beinisch, in conversation with Nina Totenberg. On Sunday, November 9 **they will be discussing “World Religion: Spotlight on Judaism” with three outstanding scholars.**

The Dine-Around Committee Chair, Diane Miller, arranged for nearly 50 congregants to dine at The Cottage on September 17. The next event will be on [Tuesday, October 7, at Santa Fe Café](#). Reservations are still available. Diane has scheduled Wise Guys on Wednesday, October 29 & Sea Grass Grill on Wednesday, November 5. Dinners are also planned in November & December. Please contact Diane directly for details & reservations.

We will all be able to dine at the VERY NEW and long awaited POSEIDON restaurant on January 28. Please note they can only accommodate the first 200 congregants.

The Fundraising Committee’s future plans are centered around our bi-annual Dinner/Auction, scheduled for March 28, at the Omni Resort & Hotel. Our honoree will be Betsey Doughtie, President of The Deep Well Project. A full house is expected in the grand ballroom. Several very interesting items have already been committed to the event, with many, many more planned. Please contact Phyllis Napoli at (843) 785-3331 or Alan Meiselman at (843) 681-5951 to volunteer to assist on this event. The Social Action Committee has already volunteered to help us. This is our only major fundraising event this coming year. We need everyone to participate.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.



Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President



L'Shanah Tovah! Sisterhood would like to extend best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to all of our members and the entire CBY Congregation. May the New Year bring many opportunities for us to enrich our lives through the events and projects sponsored by Sisterhood.

Every October Sisterhood members come together for our [Membership Appreciation Luncheon](#). This annual event is the "kick off" to another year of stimulating Sisterhood programming. The Luncheon is complimentary to all members who have renewed their 2014-2015 dues and all women who are new members of CBY. Please join us for an afternoon of camaraderie, delicious food and an uplifting presentation about Israel. Please [click here](#) for further details.

The 1930's plunged the United States and the world into the Great Depression. Despite many challenges, The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS) persevered and advanced Jewish life. These women of vision embraced the technology of the day, radio, to bring Jewish worship to the masses. Starting in 1936, **their program, "The Synagogue of the Air" was heard in** 141 cities and 35 states. In 1937 NFTS broadcast Kol Nidre services around the world. As always, education was in the forefront. In 1931, Sisterhood made a strong commitment to the establishment of The Jewish Braille Institute. Members also volunteered to read for early editions of books on tape. This enabled blind young boys to study in greater depth for their Bar Mitzvahs. A world of Jewish studies was now available to adults. NFTS was well aware of the looming tensions felt by the Jewish people in Europe. In 1935, Sisterhood provided funds to bring five German rabbinical students to study at Hebrew Union College. One of these young men was Guenther **Plaut, author of "The Torah: A modern Commentary."** Sisterhood also urged its members to petition the U.S. government to not send athletes to the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

I encourage you to visit www.wrj.org to learn more about the good works and advocacy that define our modern day Sisterhood.

B'Shalom,
Cathy Kite

Lilith Salon

Be sure to attend the Lilith Salon on October 15, 2014 at the home of Susan Britanisky. Cathy Kite will be facilitating the article *The Politics of Paradox* from *Lilith Magazine*. Please call Susan and let her know you are coming and what you would like to bring for the Pot Luck Supper. Seating is limited so get your reservation in sooner rather than later. Contact Elaine Lust at (843) 837-1639 if you need a copy of the article.

Sisterhood Membership

Plans are underway for this year's Member Appreciation Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 in the Social Hall. A delicious luncheon will be followed by an inspiring look inside Israeli Society. A short film *Israel Inside: How a Small Nation Makes a Big Difference* will be shown. We will also be having a Mystery Gift Raffle after the program. For reservations call Kathy Burnce at (843) 757-0869. Please help Sisterhood reach its goal of 100% participation this year. There is still time to send your dues in for the 2014 - 2015 campaign. Please go to <http://www.bethyam.org/> and search Sisterhood and download the 2014 Volunteer/Dues Form.

Onegs

Thank you to these people for providing the Onegs for August: Judy Bluestone, Nadyne Ulicny, JoAnne Perchick, Felicia Pascal, Randy Kurjan, Mike Weingarten, Elaine Lust, Twyla Sable and Hilary Williams.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet on the following Thursdays at Moss Creek Club House:
SAVE THE DATES: December 11 *Marjorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk, February 12 *Russian Winter* by Daphne Kalotay and May 14 (***Felice's World*** by Henry Massie is not available and we will be choosing another book). The books will be available in the temple library shortly. Watch the small tidings for more details.

Donations

Children's Library Fund: Randy and David Kurjan in loving memory of Sally Moskowitz; Doris and Irv Cohen in memory of Saul M. Cohen, father of Irvin; Greatest Need Fund: Paula and Jerry Rudman in memory of Dorothy and Murray Rudman's yearzeits; Building Expansion Fund: Elaine Lust in memory of Ken Holzapfel and Jacqueline Lust.

Judaica Shop

Come to the Judaica Shop and see this wonderful custom made child's menorah ready to order in time for Chanukah



This chanukiah is designed and fabricated by David Klass, the sculptor who gave us the ark doors, the eternal light and the lobby menorah. Come in and see how lovely it is.



Sisterhood Membership Appreciation Luncheon

RSVP to Kathy Burnce
by Oct 14
(843) 757-0869



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How A Small Nation Makes A Big Difference

*"... a poignant and inspiring
look inside Israeli society.
A must-see."* -Natan Sharansky

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CBY Sisterhood Membership Committee
invites you to join us for
homemade soup, salad, and dessert

We will be screening the film
ISRAEL INSIDE

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
11:30 AM
CBY Social Hall

The luncheon is complimentary to all
Sisterhood members who have paid their
2014-2015 dues. We will be happy to accept
your dues at the luncheon. Guests of Sisterhood
members may attend for a \$10 fee.

Raffles will include hand crafted items, Judaica,
50/50 raffle, and a mystery gift raffle.

YOU ARE INVITED

92nd Street Y Live Program

Sunday, October 19 at 7:30 PM

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and
former President of the Supreme Court of Israel Dorit

Beinisch, in conversation with Nina Totenberg. Join us for an historic "meeting of the minds" with two
judicial stateswomen and pioneers as they reflect on their professional journeys, the role of the Supreme
Court in a democracy and challenges to the judiciary in the United States and Israel today.

All Broadcasts will be shown at Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting St., 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. Tickets for a single broadcast are good for
that broadcast only.



Congregation Beth Yam Thanks..

The unsung heroes of the House Committee

NICK BASS, MARK BRITANISKY
AND JACK RESNICK

**For keeping our "HOUSE" in good order and
looking beautiful for the High Holy Days and
throughout the year.
TODAH RABAH!!!!**

Congregant's Corner ~ Ashley Hamlin

Ashley Hamlin won the regional science fair last
spring and travelled to Los Angeles over the summer to
compete in the Intel International Science and
Engineering Fair. There, she received a third-place
award from the American Psychological Association for
her project that studied the human eye and brain to
determine the highest light speeds people can perceive.
Ashley is the daughter of CBY members Scott and Debbie
Hamlin.



Library Committee ~ Felicia Pascal and Linda Stern

By the time you read this, we will have cruised through the beginning of the High Holy Days, with the observance of Yom Kippur to follow in a couple of days. We used the electronic board to showcase a couple of books about the High Holy Days in our collection. We will entice you with other tidbits from the collection in the coming months. Check out the collection; there is a lot that is worthy of your interest. Later this year, we will offer a book sale of duplicates and other materials. The proceeds will go towards purchasing current books.

Additions donated to the collection this month came from Sally Voss (***The Women's Haggadah*** devised by E.M. Broner and ***A Women's Seder: Our Spiritual Passage to Freedom*** by Jill Shapiro Thornton. Linda and Jon Stern provided us with Herman Wouk's *Inside, Outside* and *Anne Frank Remembered* by Miep Gies. Ms. Gies was the friend who hid the Frank family. Marcia Mann reviewed ***The Fortune Teller's Kiss*** (see below) and donated a copy of this very interesting memoir.

The Fortune Teller's Kiss By Brenda Serotte

Growing up in Brooklyn, I was under the impression that all Sephardic Jews came from Egypt, Syria, or perhaps, Greece. **What an interesting and refreshing surprise then, to read Serotte's** memoir; sometimes funny, bittersweet, and captivating, providing a glimpse into the rich heritage of the Turkish Sephardic community that settled in the Bronx.

Serotte takes us into a world of belly dancers, fortune tellers, curses and superstitions, and food redolent with the flavors of the Levant. In the midst of this wonderful tribute to a culture that is fast disappearing as the young generation assimilates, we are thrust into the horrific polio epidemic of the **1950's, and the author's courageous battle with this dreaded disease. A compelling and wonderful** read.



A bstract of Board Meeting, September 8, 2014 ~ Judy Bluestone



- Rabbi Bloom's monthly board education will be based on materials from the work of Alan Morinis who uses an ideology, "mussar," to help us deal with issues of life; discussions of this material will help the Board members in thinking about balancing volunteerism with personal life.
- The treasurer reported that we are well on budget as expenses are in line.
- August minutes were approved.
- The Board wished Nancy Lerner a speedy and complete recovery from her biking accident.
- The Rabbi will decline an invitation to attend the fundraising event at First Presbyterian which will feature representatives from an Arab Christian church in Hebron. The Board took exception with the public invitation o **this program appearing in the Packet which singled out CBY. The National Presbyterian Church's turn away** from Israel and its support of a single state solution as well as its promotion of anti-Israel and anti-Semitic materials was cited.
- The CBY Religious School had a very successful opening day. The Religious School committee members have been assigned to sub-committees. Because so many new families are dispersed throughout our area an effort will be made to bring them together through a Parent to Parent program.
- Our membership is currently 303 with most new members joining as resident families. 75% of members are resident; 25% affiliates. This is a reversal of the trend toward affiliates. The member recruitment PubFest and the member reengagement brunch were very successful.
- The Friends Campaign is off to a good start with 4 gifts received to date.
- The High Holy Day arrangements have been made: 150 people are expected at the Break the Fast; the Book of Remembrance is published and Shanah Tovahs are printed in the Tidings.
- Plans for the spring gala on March 28 are progressing; Lavon Stevens will provide music and entertainment and a professional auctioneer has been engaged. Members are asked to be on the lookout for auction items of all types.
- Rabbi Bloom and the committee were complimented on an excellent Stand Up for Israel program in late August.
- A significant contribution to assist Israeli soldiers will be made from the Tzedakah fund.
- The ad book brought in \$19,200 to our congregation.

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To our congregational family,
 May you be written
 and sealed in the Book of Life

Rabbi Brad, Linda, and Leah Bloom

CBY Men's Club ~ Stuart Blickstein



Many thanks to Lt. Jason Covington of the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office for his most interesting and informative session at our September meeting.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the ushering at the High Holy Day services. I'm sure that performing that mitzvah went straight to the positive side of your ledger.

Not like your old High School - Rachel Pincus of the International Junior Golf Academy will provide a presentation at our next meeting. The school, which operates at Pinecrest, offers a unique combination of golf and academics to students from around the world, and Rachel will tell us all about it. Feel free to chip in with some questions but do it in a fairway and don't drive her crazy. We hope to see you all at our next lunch meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at 12:15 PM at CBY.

Don't forget the [Annual Golf Tournament](#) on October 13 at Dolphin Head Golf Club. There may still be some playing slots open. We'll have some great golf, AM coffee, and lunch for you. Join us in this fun and charitable day. Players, please arrive early, and if any of you'd like to help out with administration on that day, contact Steve Burstein at (843) 342-5577.

Hmmm - the Yiddish at the British. Next July, Celebrity Cruise Lines is offering a 12 day Scotland cruise which includes a shore excursion to the British Open and golf in three ports. Now that would be an outing to remember. As Joan Rivers used to say, "Can we talk ..."

Also in our plans, New Year's Eve party with Sisterhood, Super Bowl party, etc....

If you have not joined or renewed your Men's Club membership for 2014-5, you can now do it on line and charge your \$25 dues to a credit card. Just click [here](#) or go to the [Men's Club page at www.bethyam.org](#).

Or just send a check made out to Congregation Beth Yam Men's Club to the office or bring a check to the next meeting.

We'd welcome your suggestions for short programs for future meetings and larger scale events. Please let us know. Still under consideration - Scotch, beer or Manischewitz tasting, golf trail trip...

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Outreach Committee ~ Joan E. Diamond

[“A Taste of Judaism - Are You Curious”](#)



Reservations for A Taste of Judaism are filling quickly. Classes are being held November 6, 13 and 20 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at CBY. Rabbi Bloom will be the instructor for this free course that welcomes interfaith couples and all people seeking to learn more about Judaism. All students must register and we ask that all students plan on attending all three classes. For more information please go to www.bethyam.org and Taste of Judaism under Save the Date. To register, please call Phyllis Napoli at (843) 785-3331.

Cooking Classes

How to bake a Challah with instructor Joey Perchick will be our next cooking class. Check the weekly Tidings for the time and date.

Reengage and Reconnect Brunch

The first Reconnect and Reengage Brunch was a big success!!! Wow! What a great morning! On Tuesday, August 26, Congregation Beth Yam had their first reunion brunch honoring all those original and early members who joined the congregation from 1981 to 2001 and helped to make it what it is today. Over 70 people enjoyed the brunch and stories of those early days at CBY.



This Reconnect and Reengage brunch was the idea of Barbara Schuman and Karen Blickstein who co-chaired the event. It was sponsored by the Membership Committee with the support of co-chair Pennie Meiselman, past president Mike Weingarten, current president of CBY Twyla Sable and Rabbi Bloom.

Karen helped open the wonderful buffet brunch by relating how the whitefish salad came all the way from Brooklyn. Barbara addressed the group after lunch and stressed the importance of the early leadership in starting our congregation. She acknowledged all the past presidents, officers, board members and committee chairs who were in attendance. Pennie welcomed everyone on behalf of the Membership Committee. Twyla greeted the guests and gave an update on temple activities. The Rabbi talked about his observations of all the changes he has seen in his 6 years at CBY.

Then the guests were entertained with stories and comments from Irwin Lindenbaum, Hank Noble, Dick Glass, Paula Flink, Jean Caplan, Arlene Katz, and Bob Swimmer. Included was how Congregation Beth Yam started with 26 people meeting in the home of Hank and Sue Noble in 1980. The CBY school started out with 6 students (to save the drive to Savannah) and now has over 60 students. For those who were not aware, we also found out Meeting Street was originally named Church Street. But part of the land acquisition depended on the name being changed. Who knew?

Barbara and Karen want to thank all those who cooked, baked, schlepped and contributed to make the event such a success. Judie Aronson, Karen Blickstein, Sharyn Brager, Sheri Farbstein, Barbara Freeman, Marcie Frisch, Barbara Frogel, Cathy Kite, Sandy Leff, Joel Lerner, Nancy Lerner, Joe Levy, Ruth Levy, Pennie Meiselman, Jack Miller, Twyla Sable, Barbara Schuman, and Mike Weingarten.

Plans to make this a continuing get together in some kind of informal way was discussed. We all look forward to it.





EDITOR'S NOTE: Each month we have heard from several of our congregants telling us about the wonderful work they do at their chosen charitable organization. We should be very proud that we are represented so strongly in the community; however, there are other volunteers that cannot speak to us or indeed write a column, so I have taken the liberty of interviewing them myself. Here is the result:

- E: What is your name? Alfie Averack
- E: How old are you? Five years old this past July
- E: What breed are you? Goldendoodle. A cross between a golden retriever and a standard poodle.
- E: How much do you weigh? 68 lbs.
- E: How did you get into the service business? My trainer, Abby Bird, told my mom that I would be a perfect candidate because I am so easy-going.
- E: What kind of training did you receive? Puppy training and obedience and social experiences with other dogs. Then I passed my test for Canine Good Citizen and that gave me the ability to go to nursing and independent living homes. For my next career, Therapy Dog International, I had to walk down a corridor past another dog without stopping, calling and responding, get past food and loud noises. Since I passed that and got my insurance and ID cards, I can go anywhere they allow therapy dogs.
- E: Where do you visit? Memory Matters, Preston, Frazer, Bloom, Palm Meadow Village and Emeritus is where I say hello to everyone.
- E: Your next step up the ladder? I went to Tailwagging Tutors School where the children read to me. At first they were very frightened of me but then got to like me a lot. The primary purpose of this program is for a child to be comfortable reading out loud - they lose their inhibitions. Each child gets this opportunity for one year.
- E: What is your favorite stop? Hilton Head Hospital of course!



DAXIE LEE BURSTEIN

- E: What kind of dog are you? Lhasa Apsos
- E: How old are you? 11 years and 3 months
- E: How much do you weigh? Do I have to tell? You know girls are a bit sensitive about that. But just between you and me and the congregation I weigh 16 lbs 6 oz.
- E: Where do you visit? Preston Nursing Home, Palm Village, Memory Matters and Indigo Pines. Now that I'm up in age, shhh, I have to limit my visits. I had gone for years to Hawthorne, now Emeritus, Life Care, Palm Court, Broad Creek Care Center and Bloom at Belfair. I made a one time appearance at Carolina House now called Bloom in Hilton Head. I made quite a few visits to the Hilton Head Library when mom did Story Time on Saturday mornings.
- E: What do you think the result of your visits are to the persons you visit? The participants, or residents, depending on where I'm performing, seem to be wowed by my piano recitals and my famous achoo trick. But they do like them all. I have about 18 tricks. I retired five tricks a few years ago. I get applause and hugs from my audience. When I sit on their laps they tell me about the dogs they had when they were younger. Some want to keep me but my mom would never let that happen. So I think the people like my visits a lot.
- E: How long have you been doing this? I have been working since I was 1 year old so that's 10 years and 3 months that I have been working.
- E: What does your mommy have to do to prepare you for these visits? My mom calls the facility the morning of my performance to be sure they have me on their schedule. She has to get my equipment packed in the cart and take mats for the places that are not carpeted. My mom has to make sure she has treats for me. I don't work for free. She brings my water and bowl. I practice a few minutes each morning so I don't get rusty. My dad is the shlepper, he gets all my 'stuff' into the car and into the facility, my mom is the trainer and I AM THE STAR.



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