Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress. Mahatma Gandhi

- **Feed your mind** with Rabbi Bloom as he leads us in a lively discussion referencing passages from our new High Holy Day Machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh (Sanctuary of the Soul) including cultural and historical aspects of Shavuot.
- **Feed your soul** with a Special Musical Program by Student Cantor Nancy Dubin and the CBY Shabbat Choir led by our Musical Director, David Kimbell
- **Feed your body** with cheesecake, fruits and nuts—the traditional foods of this festival

**Tikkun Leil Shavuot**

Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Food for the Mind, Food for the Soul, Food for the Body

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Yom HaShoah Service Saturday, April 11, 2015 ~ Janice Fradkin

Members of Congregation Beth Yam and the Lowcountry community came together in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The program consisted of musical selections and readings, many written by and in honor of Jewish youngsters who perished at the hands of the Nazis.

"The Voices of the Children in the Shoah"

Student Cantor Nancy Dubin and the CBY Shabbat Choir sang. Poems were read by Rabbi Bloom, Holocaust survivors and children of survivors, and members of our temple youth.

The processional of survivors and children of survivors were ushered by the youngsters, all holding memorial candles, and was a moving beginning to the annual service.
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I have always tried to teach congregations that transitions in professional staff are important for the well-being of the congregation. How we as a congregation welcome new staff is just as critical as how we thank those who have transitioned out of a professional position in this congregation. We have had transitions in our music staff, welcoming some and thanking others for their wonderful service to the congregation. This time we have the opportunity to thank our own Judi Kleiman who retires this June after four years of service as the Principal of the Congregation Religious and Hebrew schools.

Last month at Passover we read the story of the four children who approach the meaning of the story in four different ways. One asks directly the meaning of the story. Another has no idea what it means and another asks the most basic questions. Still one more who does not care what it means. We have to answer each of them differently and in a way they can grasp the material and the core values of the story.

Principals of religious schools have the arduous task of communicating these Jewish values and the body of Jewish learning to a diverse set of students from vastly differing backgrounds. Teaching the faculty and working with the religious school committee as well as other staff and religious school families ends up making this job not for the faint of heart. Yet, our Judi Kleiman demonstrated through her indomitable spirit and energy that she was up to the task and surpassed our expectations by the degree of success she had during her years of service to the youth and to the families of Congregation Beth Yam. She has my and our profound gratitude for her excellent record of service.

Under her leadership she took our school to the next level with its strong growth. Her energy and uncompromising devotion to every child and to the principles of giving our kids a quality education makes her a standout in the history of our congregation. Her guidance of the faculty and reaching out to the families and endless hours in creating a curriculum for both the Hebrew and Religious Schools has been a great gift. She has also shown us that the position of principal is a true professional position today in our congregation and we have learned to treat this position as an integral part of the staff at CBY.

These are a few of the reasons why I hope you will join us on Friday Shabbat Services on May 29 to say thank you to her. Please mark your calendars and join us for a wonderful and heartfelt Shabbat experience as we say “Todah Rabbah” - Thank you Judi. We will always remember how you truly made a difference for the betterment of our congregation and that your impact will be felt for years to come. So when you see Judi around the Temple please tell her “y’shar Koach” which means “may you be strengthened” for performing the mitzvah of Torah study and teaching the next generation of our children.

What higher mitzvah can we ask for from a Jewish person? The Torah says, “V’hegaditah L’vanechah.” And you shall teach to your children.” This is one of the main reasons the founders of the congregation created this Temple decades ago. May Judi go from strength to strength knowing full well what a difference she has made for Congregation Beth Yam.

Shalom,
Rabbi Brad L. Bloom
Each year we celebrate Mother’s Day on the second Sunday in May. How many of us know the origin and reason for the holiday? It was an interesting subject for me to research.

The story of Mother’s Day is the story of determination of a daughter, Anna Jarvis, who resolved to pay tribute to her mother, Mrs. Ann Jarvis and all other mothers of the world.

Though never a mother herself, the founder of Mother’s Day, Anna Jarvis is today recognized as the “Mother of Mother’s Day.” This is a remarkable title for one woman’s tireless devotion to her mother and motherhood in general.

Anna was an excellent speaker and she used every platform to promote her cause. In 1907, Anna began an aggressive campaign to establish a National Mother’s Day in the United States. One year later, on May 12, 1908, Mother’s Day was celebrated in her own city of Grafton, West Virginia and in Philadelphia as well. In its present form, Mother’s Day was established by Anna Jarvis with the help of the Philadelphia merchant, John Wanamaker, in the Wanamaker Auditorium in the Wanamaker’s store after the death of her mother.

On May 8, 1914, the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the second Sunday in May as Mother’s Day and requesting a proclamation. The next day, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring the first national Mother’s Day as a day for American citizens to show the flag in honor of those mothers whose sons had died in war.

Carnations have come to represent Mother’s Day since Anna Jarvis delivered 500 of them at the first celebration in 1908. She chose the carnation because it was the favorite flower of her mother.

As we celebrate Mother’s Day this year let us remember many sayings from our Mothers. We have all heard dozens of jokes about Jewish mothers. Those jokes were a lot funnier before we became mothers.

Jewish mothers are like all mothers but with one additional important quality, they not only care, but talk about their children and to their children. Just as Jewish mothers expect their children to measure up, they also make it very clear that they will do everything that can be done for their offspring. Jewish mothers ask a lot of their children but most importantly they give and give and give. That’s why we love our mothers as much as we do. Mothers are honored and remembered on Mother’s Day because everyone feels a connection and memory is a great filter. We remember the good and filter out the unpleasant. We remember our mothers saying everything from the trivial to the most important thoughts. Your mother was or will always be there with tears of joy when you become Bar or Bat Mitzvah, graduate from college, begin your first job, when you marry and when she becomes a grandmother.

Remember your mother, grandmothers and sisters for all they do and who they are. These women are precious and we remember them. Your mother was the first one to express love to you and that is the reason we all respond so much on Mother’s Day. That is a good thing.

Enjoy the day!

Twyla
Have you seen our Hallway TV displaying recent and upcoming events?

**Mitzvah Day**
Sunday, May 3
10:00 AM Under the CBY Portico
Blessing by Twyla Sable
Followed by various activities
*Picnic Lunch at Jarvis Park*
12:00-2:00 PM
MUST RSVP by April 24 for lunch
by April 24 to Lorna Bonner
More information at www.bethyam.org

**Come join in the fun**
at Congregation Beth Yam Religious School
*Mitzvah Day*
Sunday, May 3
*Newborn Baby Project*
We need volunteers to help on Mitzvah Day &
Donations of the following items:
- Diapers (large box of 24+)
- Bottles
- Blankets
- Pacifiers
- Clothes
- Toys
- Wipes
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Dear Friends,

On Friday, May 8, we will commemorate Shabbat with a special Sisterhood Kabbalat service. During this Shabbat we will honor all the women of our Sisterhood and give recognition to the tireless good works they perform to enrich CBY, our local community, and the Jewish people both at home and in Israel. We hope you will join us for this extraordinary Shabbat service.

As a new millennium dawned, WRJ contemplated its future and new priorities had to be established. In place of building buildings, WRJ was now challenged with building a more efficient organization. Branding and technology improved communications and delivery of services to local Sisterhoods. Women were more closely connected to Torah by completing the commissioned Sefer Torah and by publishing the 2009 National Book Award winner *The Torah: A Women’s Commentary*.

On Mother’s Day 2000, thousands of WRJ members took to the streets of Washington, D.C. and their local communities to participate in the Million Mom March. This march was of vital importance to Jewish women as we strengthened our commitment to preserve life and protect our country from the senseless loss of human life. Our work was far from complete. It was time for WRJ to establish a formal presence in Israel. In 2009, women from 15 Israeli communities attended the 2009 WRJ Assembly in Toronto. They were each presented a gavel and a charter. Our Israeli sisters are building their own movement and not a mirror image of American Sisterhoods. Israeli Sisterhoods “twin” with their North American counterparts, conducting joint social action projects and, through the use of SKYPE, holding simultaneous worship services. Yes, we ARE stronger together.

Yours In Sisterhood,
Cathy

**Book Club**

Join us on May 14, 2015 at 12:30 PM at the Moss Creek Clubhouse for a lunch and listen to John Stern review the book, *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris. The book is one man’s quest to see if Alfred Dreyfus was actually a spy or was he falsely accused of treason? We will select books at this meeting so send your RSVP and book selections to Cathy Kite at (843) 671-7399.

**Community Seder**

This year’s Community Seder, sponsored by the Sisterhood, met with wonderful feedback from those who attended. Thanks to the hard work of many, people from Hilton Head and beyond had a “hamische” place to pray, sing, eat and gather together for the second night of Passover. There are so many people to thank for making this wonderful experience possible.

First of all, Rabbi Bloom led us in the service, providing meaning and a sense of spirituality to our Seder. As always, the service was enhanced by Adriana Urato, our soloist’s lovely voice and David Kimbell, our Music Director's great accompaniment on the guitar. Thank you also to Ron for setting up the room and the office staff, Karen and Michele, for all their help with communication. Many Sisterhood members pitched in to make the evening go smoothly.

First of all, Hilary Williams did a yeoman’s (yoe woman’s?) job taking care of reservations, checks and seating. Everyone who wanted to come, members, family and visitors from Hilton Head and beyond were welcomed and provided with a place at the table. Kathy Burnce, Janet Weingarten, Nadyne Ulicny and Cathy Kite worked shoulder to shoulder with me to set up the room and set the tables beautifully, assemble the Seder plates, and prepare the charoset to accommodate all the people (131 adults and 4 children) that attended. Sharon Bass went all the way to Charleston to make sure that we had Shmura Matzoh. A big thank you goes to Elaine Lust, our Treasurer, for managing all the money going in and out. Cathy Kite, our amazing Sisterhood President, worked tirelessly to support every aspect of the planning and preparation. Thank you to Kroger's and BI-LO for donating wine. Lastly, a big thank you to Meggie Thompson, Chefs Nick and Brad and all the staff from The Serg Group, who prepared and served all the delicious food. I hope to see you all at our Community Seder next year!

Randy Kurjan, Vice President

**Onegs**

Thank you to the following people for providing the onegs for March: The Men's Club, Judie Aronson, Stuart Blickstein, Christina Bruderer, Mike Weingarten and Robert Sable.

**Lilith Salon**

Don’t forget to put on your calendar the next Lilith Salon which will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at the home of Helen Hauer. Elaine Lust will facilitate the article and discussion. Please get in touch with Helen at (843) 785-1933 to let her know you are coming and what dish you will be bringing to the pot luck supper. This is always a sold out event so don’t miss it – let Helen know as soon as you can. The electronic version of the article should have reached you by now but if not, click here to download it or let Helen know.
Almost 200 members of the Jewish community of the low country gathered for a celebration of the 67th birthday of the State of Israel. The event was cosponsored by CBY and Hilton Head Hadassah. Mayor David Bennett of Hilton Head and Mayor Lisa Sulka of Bluffton presented commemorative proclamations to the community.

Mayor Bennett reading Proclamation

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Temple Tidings

Membership - Pennie Meiselman and Mike Weingarten

- Friday, May 1 was our New Member Shabbat. We officially welcomed 26 new resident family and affiliate members to Congregation Beth Yam. Each new member received a beautiful URJ certificate signifying their membership in our synagogue. A lovely oneg following services was provided by the Membership Committee.
- The Family Directory is the responsibility of the Membership Committee. We are asking members for new updates to their directory listing before sent to the CBY office by July 15.
- We are planning for the Pub Fest, our prospective new member event, for September 2 at the synagogue.
- Please welcome our newest affiliate members Myla Lerner and Larry Kramer who spend lots of time at their home in Palmetto Dunes.
- If you know of any unaffiliated Jewish people in the Low Country who may be interested in being part of our temple family please send name and contact information to Pennie Meiselman at (843) 681-5951 or Mike Weingarten at (843) 342-3386.

Care Committee ~ Susan Britanisky & Sandy Leff

The Care Committee delivered individual boxes of matzohs and visited with isolated Jewish residents in several of the assisted and independent living facilities in the area. This was a really meaningful and rewarding experience for all!

On Sunday, May 3, for the third year, we will be participating in the CBY Mitzvah Day program by hosting a “sing-along” at the Bloom at Hilton Head Assisted Living. Sue Gostanian will again play the piano, and we will be spending time and singing some “oldies” with the residents, which has always been a big hit.

Congregants Corner ~ Susan G. Weinberger

This must have been serendipity. I called the Temple to update our family profile. While we were chatting, the voice on the other end of the telephone, Michele Johnson, noticed that Norman and I live in Norwalk, CT with part time residency on the island.

Michele not only let me know that she went to high school in Norwalk, but that I was her Spanish teacher 37 years ago!

An incredible coincidence, an even more emotional reunion and pure joy to see my student, "Miquita" after all these years. Gracias a Dios.

Who’s entitled to pray, and where? And how?

A follow-up to a past sisterhood program.

The Women of the Wall originated in 1988 at a Rosh Chodesh gathering of women who wanted to pray together at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. They wanted to pray in a tallit and tefillin and read from the Torah in women-led and women-only services, so as to comply with Orthodox Jewish religious law. Who would have thought that, nearly 25 years later, this would still be such a fraught issue? Today women still meet every month to celebrate Rosh Chodesh – only now with police protection because of a Jerusalem District Court decision that they are not violating the law by exercising their religious freedom and the right to pray at the Wall has become a bellwether for other kinds of religious and civil liberty in the State of Israel. We must thank Anat Hoffman of the Israel Religious Action Committee (IRAC) who never stopped fighting and all the women that joined with her that never gave up.

Membership update:
We have a total of 309 Families:
242 Resident Families
67 Affiliates & Associates
Thanks to the modest proceeds from our book sale and the generosity of congregants, we have purchased new titles for circulation. The additions are *A Replacement Life* by Boris Fishman, *A Woman in Jerusalem* by A.B. Yehoshua, *The Heist* by Daniel Silva, *The Day of Atonement* by David Liss and *The Orientalist* by Tom Reiss. The first 4 are recent fiction publications and the book by Tom Reiss is a fascinating biography. Reviews of these books will appear in future issues.

Our thanks to Elaine Lust, Hank Noble and Alys Blumberg for their generous donations to the collection. Sisterhood donated *An Officer and A Spy* by Robert Harris; John Stern will review it at the next Sisterhood Book Club on May 14 at 12:30 PM at the Moss Creek Clubhouse.

The other new titles are:

- *The Post American World* by Fareed Zakaria
- *The First Jews in the New World* by Joseph Heckelman
- *Islam: a Short History* by Karen Armstrong
- *The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic* edited by Mary Zamore
- *Promise Me* by Harlan Coben
- *Jewish Cracow* by Eugeniusz Duda
- *Why are Jews Liberals* by Norman Podhoretz
- *Jewish History and Culture* by Rabbi Benjamin Blech
- *My Love Affair with Miami Beach* with photographs by Richard Nagler

**The Devil’s Company** by David Liss - Review by Marcia Mann

A wonderful book for lovers of historical fiction, combining intrigue, suspense and corporate ethics in a thriller set in eighteenth century London. Benjamin Weaver, a Jew, and a professional “thief taker” is tasked with navigating the dangerous mazes of corporate rivals, foreign spies, and international theft involving the British East India Company, in order to save his friends and loved ones from financial ruin. Liss, as always demonstrates his wonderful ability to bring historical periods to life, in a most engaging and entertaining manner. A really good read.
Thank you for the camp scholarship. Camp is my favorite place because you meet new people all the time. You also make new friends instantly. I am so excited to go back to Camp Coleman because it is my home away from home. Thank you for making that happen.

Thank you for the scholarship to Camp Coleman—it will be very fun! At camp I really want to go to the lake, pool, zip line and celebrate Shabbat! I think from going to camp I will learn the true value of being Jewish. I think I will also learn about lots of different sports, games and songs!

Thank you for the money. I am super thankful. I love Jacobs Camp because it's super fun.

Thank you for giving me a scholarship to Jacob's Camp. I love this camp because it is an opportunity to be with Jews from Australia, Canada and many more. I get to experience all the different cultures. Thank you.

I am so excited to go to Camp Coleman this summer. Thank you for the scholarship in helping my family pay for this adventure. I am grateful to go to camp and learn more about Judaism and can't wait to meet new friends. Thank you for this opportunity.

Thank you very much for giving money as a scholarship towards Camp Coleman. This is a special opportunity for us and to be welcomed to this camp. This summer I hope to have a great time and make great friends. Last year I went to Camp Pinemere and learned so much about Jewish life and I expect Camp Coleman will be even better. Is there anything more special than getting an opportunity to go to a special camp and receiving a scholarship from our Board of Directors? Thank you again for helping me to go to Camp Coleman.

Thank you so much for providing us scholarships to attend Camp Coleman. I love going to Jewish overnight camp so I can be around a lot of kids, play sports, sing songs, eat great food and learn about nature and Israel. My father told me how important it is for the Temple that we get to go to Jewish camp, and I am thankful for the opportunity. I will also enjoy doing our Mitzvah at the Cypress Home.
Volunteers ~ Paula Rudman

Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) provides healthcare for those without insurance if they live or work in Hilton Head. As a retired Registered Nurse, I have been lucky enough to volunteer there on Tuesday afternoons for the past 10 years. VIM is a rare entity that exists to help those in need without regard to race, national origin, gender, cause of illness or the ability to pay. We ask for $10.00 per visit, but NO ONE is ever turned away if they cannot pay. We accept no federal or state funding. VIM exists on monies that are donated, by fundraising, grants and gifts. The quality of medical care is outstanding and all specialties are represented except obstetrics.

As part of the nursing staff, I assist with triage, preparing the patient to see the doctor (taking vital signs, weight, etc) and finding our why they are coming to see the doctor. The use of translators is frequently utilized. Many times, while the patient comes in to see the doctor in a particular specialty, the nurse will uncover another problem that needs to be addressed. For example, a patient may be there to see an orthopedic doctor but the nurse finds the patient has high blood pressure and is very overweight. VIM can offer programs in both areas so we explain that to the patient and set them up into those programs.

I have found my years at VIM to be extremely gratifying. The patients are so appreciative of the care they receive; I leave on Tuesdays feeling so good about what I was able to do. If you are interested in joining the volunteer team at VIM please feel free to call me and I will direct you to the proper channel.

Mishkan HaNefesh ~ Confessions of a Mishkan HaNefesh “Doubter”... Judy Bluestone

I must confess that in 2011 when I reviewed a draft of the machzor for Rosh Hashanah morning my reaction was not favorable. I was disturbed by the layout where I felt that transliteration was more prominent than the Hebrew; I was bothered that there was too much introduction and too little content; I was annoyed that the prayers and poetic interpretations of them were too egocentric. In short, I believed that the communal spirit that infused the familiar Gates of Repentance had been replaced by an emphasis on “I, Me and Myself.”

So, I was not enthusiastic about the second draft for Yom Kippur. I was pleasantly surprised when our piloting group discussed the Yom Kippur service and I realized that the editors of Mishkan HaNefesh had accomplished, at least for me, what they’d promised to do: engage me in the essence of the High Holy Days which is self reflection, is an embrace of the central theme of these days of awe, t’shuvah and chesbon hanefesh, change and repentance, and deepen my understanding of both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The inclusion of the supplementary readings and poetry written by Jewish sages of old as well as contemporary thinkers reflect the exceptional literate history of our people. Finally, I could see how accessible Mishkan HaNefesh could be to congregants, Jewish and non-Jewish, who might otherwise be unengaged in the service.

Mishkan HaNefesh is a machzor which can speak to all of us if only we open our minds and hearts to it. I urge our congregants to purchase their personal Mishkan HaNefesh, read through it before and use it as reference after the High Holy Days.
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Owner, Group 4 Builders
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