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Journey of a People

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**DIRECTOR OF JEWISH YOUTH EDUCATION**

Major responsibilities include directing the Judaic and Hebrew components of Beth Yam’s Sunday morning Religious School. In addition, this individual will supervise the youth group director. A bachelor’s degree is required. Prior experience in education and or Jewish communal service is preferred. Salary is negotiable.

Please send resumes to Rabbi Brad Bloom at brdbloom@gmail.com.
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**Fund Raising Committee—Alan Meiselman, Chair**

The *Ides of March* has passed without problems for the Committee. As a matter of fact, it was a very busy month for us.

We held a successful Dine Around at Jane Restaurant that was well attended and very tasty. We also dined at Michael Anthony’s in their private dining room. It was an excellent presentation with superior service and a terrific menu. We have only two events left on our schedule: Wise Guys on Tuesday, April 17, and Santa Fe Café on Tuesday, May 15. Reservations for each dinner must be made through Robin Krumholz.

We held our first Double Header event on Saturday, March 24. The Hold’em Poker Tournament ended at 11:30 PM in an agreed-upon tie for top prize. This was a first for us—three claimants to the title of CBY Poker Champion. The Progressive Raffle resulted in three of the four winners in absentia. Congratulations to all the winners.

**Yom HaShoah**

Please join us for the annual Holocaust Remembrance program—Yom HaShoah—to be held this year on Sunday, April 8, at 1:00 PM. Our topic will be “Resistance: Defying the Nazis on Multiple Levels” and will feature speakers talking of resistance as survival—emotionally, physically and spiritually. In addition, there will be readings, poetry and music by our Shabbat choir. A dessert reception will follow.

If you have a family member in the area or are acquainted with a survivor or child or grandchild of a survivor who would like to attend our program and participate in the honorary processional, please email me their contact information so that they may be invited.
Rabbi’s Message

I am so excited about celebrating Israel’s 70th anniversary this month. We are planning three activities which will highlight this annual celebration. First, on April 20 we will have a special service giving praise and celebrating Israel’s independence or as we call it in Hebrew, Yom HaAtzmaut. I hope you will come and support this effort. We so need everyone’s participation to demonstrate to ourselves that we still care and still do not take for granted Israel’s existence. Then our student cantor, Daniel Geigerman, will lead us on a beautiful music experience on Saturday night, April 21, with a special concert devoted to Israel. Cantor Geigerman will present a wide array of Israeli composed selections for us. Come and enjoy his wonderful talents and inspiration. Then to top things off, we will have a celebration on Sunday, April 22, at Jarvis Creek Park with Israeli food, song and fun activities for all ages. These kinds of events get us out of the liturgical mood and into the wonderful communal spirit of Beth Yam. I would like to personally thank Judy Bluestone for heading up the organizational effort to bring to CBY the activities for this weekend. Let me also thank the administrative staff, our music director, David Kimbell, Denise Fitzgerald and Adriana Urato for their leadership and participation. A special todah rabbah to Cantor Geigerman for his efforts on the forthcoming concert.

Let me also remind you that we are still open for registration for the trip to Israel leaving October 6. So check out the links we send you in the weekly tidings and join us for a life changing experience. This will be our third congregational trip and it is going to be a great time and an inspirational one too.

I believe that we cannot afford to take Israel for granted. Whether or not we plan to go on this forthcoming trip, Israel is a country always in flux. It is immersed in the political cauldron of the Middle East and international politics. Israel contends with all kinds of controversy and debate and all of it under the microscope of the world. There are issues with which we, as progressive Jews, have with Israel’s policies on non-Orthodox Jewry. It is a problem that is an ongoing struggle for progressive Jews and women in a society where the extreme orthodox rabbinate has complete control. Despite these issues that we continually read about, we cannot let them get in the way of our fundamental core values as supporters of Zionism and its people’s indomitable spirit to be a great nation.

We have anti-Semitism from the left and the right these days and the boycott divest sanctions movement is a prime example why American Jewry needs to show its presence here and in Israel as advocates whenever and wherever we can.

Israel represent our dreams fulfilled and our dreams for a vibrant Jewish future. Our students will be on the March of the Living trip visiting Poland and Auschwitz Concentration Camp and then flying to Israel to witness the joy of being in Israel.

There are so many good things at CBY and we in our own way are making a difference here and abroad for Israel. So again I urge you to show up and join us.

Shalom
Happy Passover

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Faith in Action...
Please take a minute to look at my recent column in the Island Packet. I urge you to keep my “Faith in Action” column alive by clicking here and sharing it with friends and family. I always welcome your thoughts and comments.

http://www.islandpacket.com/living/religion/faith-in-action/
Message from the President—Pennie Meiselman

April—the name is rooted in the Latin “Aprilis”, derived from “Aperie” meaning “to open,” which is a reference to the opening or blossoming of trees and flowers. Spring is the time at Congregation Beth Yam to blossom and be open to so many of our programs and events. It is also a time of personal growth, including preparation by several of our adult congregants for their B’nai Mitzvah. We should also be opening our hearts to fellow congregants who are in need of our support during troubling times.

As the Israelites walked through the desert for forty years, so our personal journey as Jews is also a lengthy journey. We meet many challenges along our path towards our goals of Shalom Beit and Tikkun Olam at Congregation Beth Yam. Hopefully, we have all enjoyed Passover seders with family, friends, and community and have tasted the bitter and the sweet and have reminded ourselves, as Jews, we are on this journey together.

I had the experience this past month of being in a synagogue in Philadelphia. It has a beautiful contemporary sanctuary with light wood and stained glass windows. It is quite different in appearance from our synagogue; but does the appearance make one place more holy than another? What makes a place holy? Is it the architecture, the physical location, the Aron Kodesh and Torah scrolls, the liturgy, the Rabbi and his/her teachings, the people participating? I believe it is all of these things and more.

I would like to thank two mothers’ of children in our Religious School, Nancy Rosen and Marcy Stepelman, for their work in coordinating “The March for Our Lives” for our community.

I would also like to thank our Rabbi for his strength of moral character for speaking at the march. This was an occasion that I and the approximately 70 fellow congregants, who actually participated in the march, will never forget.

Shalom,

Pennie

Fun Facts for April:

- Soft Pretzel Month
- Pecan Month
- Grilled Cheese Month
- National Humor Month

Board Abstract—Janice Fradkin for Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary

March 13, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Pennie Meiselman

Community, prayer read by Sue Gostanian, D’Var Torah given by Rabbi Bloom.

Minutes were accepted as presented

**Rabbi’s Report:**

- Student Cantor search: Audio tapes and final interviews held with six candidates. Decision to come soon.
- Rabbi will put information and registration for the Israel trip online.
- Director of Youth Education Search in progress.
- Okatie Elementary School Holocaust education program for 90 5th graders to be held on April 3, planned and led by Rabbi Bloom. Videos and discussions in small groups. Each student will be given “What You Do Matters” wristband. Supt. Dr. Jeffrey Moss to attend.

**Treasurer’s Report:** approved as presented

**Streaming:**

- Equipment to be ordered and installed soon.
- Maintenance deal in place

**Membership:**

- Wine and cheese party on March 25 planned for new members, ambassadors and prospective members.

**Religious School:** Plan and policy being developed for collection of tuition fees as part of spiritual commitment to CBY.

**Unity Document:**

- Describing our core values; now is the time to acknowledge and move forward.
- To be displayed and included in all information for members to see.
- To be voted on at April board meeting.

**Information Items:**

- March for Our Lives
  - To be held on March 23 at McCracken Middle School in Bluffton
  - Email from Pennie to be sent to congregants with specific information
  - Per Rabbi, this is a non-partisan issue: support our kids and save a life
- Looking at future growth, Hampton County (SC) now included in resident membership category
- Poetry and Prose Evening: April 23 at CBY; three members participating thus far
- Tour for board members of where security alarm panic buttons are located throughout building

Meeting adjourned
Sisterhood—
Sue Gostanian, President

As my term as president winds down, I have been reflecting on some of the ways we have added to the efforts of the CBY community. Along with the events and celebrations we have sponsored, such as the Women’s Seder and Community Seder, we also have supported worthy organizations; Volunteers in Medicine, branches of our armed forces, local soup kitchens, Backpack Buddies and Mazon. At times, we have done disaster relief work. Additionally, I have been gratified by the generosity shown by the Sisterhood board with their recent contributions to CBY music and the cantorial program.

Looking ahead, we will be observing Yom HaShoah. This service heightens my awareness of the ways our world is changing. Two examples stand out for me. Charlottesville has deeply affected the Jewish community there, as well as us here.

Secondly, working at VIM has made me even more sensitive to the challenges that immigrants face today. I am aware that June 20 will mark World Refugee Day. It is a day that honors those forced to flee their homes to escape persecution. It is a day that recognizes what refugees have contributed to society. One fact that surprised me is that fifty percent of refugees are under the age of eighteen! And, of course, I think of our ancestors who were also refugees.

Since I have been a member of CBY and Sisterhood, I am more aware of the world beyond myself. And I continue to be grateful for the ways in which Sisterhood “gives back.”

Yours in Sisterhood,
Sue

TREASURER
Being Treasurer of Sisterhood has enabled me to see first-hand the rewards reaped from the hard work of our sisters. Along with the fund-raising committee, we have raised monies that have benefited the synagogue, as well as charities within our larger community. We are grateful for the congregation’s support that has allowed us to make donations to the cantor fund, the music program, the youth camp, and much more.

With thanks, Carol

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Condolences
• To John Stern, husband of Linda Stern

Respectfully, Candy

WOMEN’S SEDER
On Wednesday, March 14, more than 65 women participated in Sisterhood’s 18th Annual Women’s Seder. It was a joyous celebration of women and their important role in the history of the Jewish people.

Many thanks to all who participated in the seder and those whose dedication and work made this event possible. Cathy Kite

SAVE THE DATE
The Book Club will meet on April 12 at Moss Creek. Lunch at 12:30 PM will be followed by a discussion led by Tena Graber. The book, “Weight of Ink,” by Rachel Kadish, is a story that depicts characters separated by three hundred years, who depend on each other for their own unique reasons. As the novel evolves, we see images of different times and places.

Social Action—Judie Aronson, Chair
What is Family Promise?

Family Promise is a United Way agency. The mission of the Beaufort County Family Promise is to provide temporary shelter and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children. Families receive case management, assistance in finding jobs, access to medical care, child care, and support in helping these families find permanent employment. These are some of the goals of Family Promise.

The SAC committee has been working with All Saints Church for many years. We supply food and entertainment to the families in the evening and also supply breakfast foods.

Our newest volunteers are Steve and Wendy Lewensohn and Barbara Meyer. Men’s Club is always there to set up and take down. Considering helping? Contact Tena Graber.

March 24–March For Life at McCracken School in Bluffton

Members of the SAC participated with other temple members and other community organizations as part of this rally and march organized by our local students to support changes in the law so that gun violence in the schools will be stopped. This march took place on the same day as the march in Washington.

Stocking Shelves at Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well

We will be working at these food banks during the week of Mother’s Day. Flyer will be forthcoming!!
Women's Seder
Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its March meeting on March 13 at CBY.

Future meetings for 2018:
- April 17 (Tue) Lunch and Board meeting
- May 8 (Tue) Dinner Meeting at Frankie Bones
- June 24 (Sun) Board and Annual Meeting Brunch at CBY

We have begun planning the 2018 Golf Tournament; unfortunately, no one has stepped up to lead the planning and running of the event. Based upon this fact we have decided for this year to have a CBY based event. This event will have one main recipient (CBY) and three secondary recipients. This makes both planning and management much easier.

We have formed a nominating committee at the March meeting to prepare a slate of officers which will be announced at the April meeting and voted upon at the June annual meeting.

We have a event upcoming that requires some participation:
We need a few ushers for the Yom HaShoah service on April 8. Please contact me if you are attending; your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact 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.

NOTE: If you are a dues paying member and not receiving our regular monthly emails, please contact me at mensclub.cby@gmail.com and let me know, so that we can correct this oversight. I will update our list to include your direct email. Thanks for your cooperation.

Membership Committee—Candy Solomon & Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

A “Welcome to CBY Family” event was held in the CBY social hall on Sunday, March 25, from 4 to 6 PM. Ambassadors, new members, and potential prospects attended the event to meet each other and enjoy the wonderful wine and cheese tasting bonanza. Hopefully, as in the past, we'll soon have new members as a result of the event.

Please welcome our newest members Lynne & Craig Sigel, Affiliates, to the family.

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

We have a whole host of holidays and observations this month. To begin with there is arguably most Jews’ favorite holiday, Passover. It began Friday evening, March 30, with our family Seders and CBY’s Community Seder on the 31st and concludes at sundown, April 7. On the morning of the 31st we also observed the holiday with our Passover Festival Service in CBY’s sanctuary, and we will have our Passover Yizkor service on Saturday, April 7. We must keep in mind the attainment of freedom from the Egyptians by our ancestors and do all we can to ensure we keep our own freedoms, despite efforts by others to interfere in our affairs.

Immediately following Passover we will observe Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 8, remembering the Holocaust with a program in our sanctuary that highlights “Resistance: Defying the Nazis on Multiple Levels”. It will include remembrances, readings, poetry, and musical selections by Adriana Urato and the CBY Shabbat choir.

Then, not two weeks later on Friday, April 20, we will observe Yom HaZikaron, commemorating 51 years since Jerusalem’s reunification and the six-day war with the lighting of the Yom HaZikaron memorial torch and religious school essay and poetry reading.

Finally, on Saturday, April 21, we will begin our Yom HaAtzmaut celebration of Israel Independence Day with a 70th birthday concert featuring Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman, Adriana Urato and the CBY Shabbat Choir in our sanctuary. And the next day there will be games, activities and food for all ages and a walk for Israel at Jarvis Creek Park.

Shirei Chofesh
(Songs of Freedom)
A Special Musical Program Celebrating 70 Years of Israeli Independence
Saturday April 21, 7:00 PM at CBY
Music by all Israeli composers, both classical and popular will show the spirit of a new nation
Presented by Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman with David Kimbell, Adriana Urato & The CBY Shabbat Choir special guest Rabbi Bloom
Admission is free Refreshments will be served
Purim 2018

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES
Israel’s story continues...

This year April is a busy month at Congregation Beth Yam as we commemorate and celebrate our past and embrace our future.

While May 14, 1948, may be the general calendar date of Israel’s declaration of independence, April 19, 2018 is the actual Jewish calendar date. Congregation Beth Yam will be celebrating 70 years of Israeli independence for the entire weekend of April 20–22, 2018.

Commemorative t-shirts are available for pre-order at $15 per shirt. Contact Robin Krumholz.

March of the Living

Thanks to the generosity of a number of CBY members and the CBY March of the Living (MOTL) Scholarship Fund, this year we are able to sponsor five of our CBY high school students to attend the 30th annual International March of the Living. Our students will join Rabbi Fred Gutman, MOTL Mid-Atlantic Director of Greensboro, N.C., and the Mid-Atlantic delegation for this life-changing journey April 8-22. Each student must have become a B’nai Mitzvah, have attended our Religious School for at least the last three years and fulfilled other requirements to become eligible. This year’s scholarship recipients are: Rebecca Gelb, Samuel Gelb, Rebecca Keating, Miyah Shatz and Cameron Wynne.

Each year the International March of the Living (MOTL) brings together thousands of Jewish teens from 52 countries to Poland for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). The students march in solidarity on a 3-kilometer journey from Auschwitz to Birkenau as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. During their travels, the students study the history of the Holocaust and examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hate. The trip continues onto Israel, concluding in Jerusalem on Yom HaAtzmaut celebrating Israel’s 70th Independence Day.

The goal of the MOTL program is to develop young ambassadors able to carry forth the testimonies of Holocaust survivors to future generations. These students are among the last generation able to meet a living Holocaust survivor.

Our CBY students will prepare for the journey through a series of special classes with Rabbi Bloom and Robin Krumholz and will depart on April 8. Please join them at Shabbat services on Friday evening, March 23, when Rabbi Bloom will bless them for a safe journey before they leave.

For further information contact Renee Roth, Chairperson of the CBY MOTL Scholarship Committee, or MOTL.ORG.
Poetry Month Celebration
Starring...YOU!

April is National Poetry Month, and CBY is celebrating Tuesday, April 24—featuring our own creative congregation! Enjoy some delightful writing by fellow congregants—poetry AND prose. We already have some readers lined up, and we’re looking for more. Do you have a poem or two, a short-short story, essay, memoir, or letter to your nephew in Phoenix worth sharing? You could even read someone else’s work, your favorite poem perhaps. Or just come and be entertained—you’ll hear masterpieces ranging from moving to funny to spiritual to topical. Admission: FREE! No need for reservations; just show up and be amazed at how talented a group we are.

Got something you’d like to read, contact Barry Dickson (914) 260-9564. The number of readers is limited—five minutes maximum per reader. This delightful evening begins at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. Oneg to follow.

Adult Education—Barbara Slagowitz

Thank you to everyone who attended our film festival which this year featured Israeli films in honor of the 70th anniversary of its founding. Special kudos to Felicia Pascal, Judy Bluestone and Robin Krumholz who were wonderful facilitators. Also, thanks to Phyllis Napoli for the wine and snacks. We look forward to next year and welcome any suggestions of movies that might interest the congregation.

Memorial Plaques, Tree of Life, Pavers

Our “New” building in now nearly 10 years old! We are in the process of incurring increases in costs and replacement of several aspects of temple usage. In order to meet some of these costs we have decided to increase the prices of our memorial plaques, leaves on our Tree of Life and dedicated pavers.

Current pricing will remain in effect until April 30. Orders must be accompanied by full payment. Price lists are available in the office.

New pricing, effective May 1 is as follows:

**Memorial Plaques:** $400.00

**Leaves on the Tree of Life:** $200.00

**Pavers are priced by size**

- **6” x 6”** $72.00
- **4” x 8”** $150.00
- **8” x 8”** $350.00
- **8” x 12”** $750.00

Israel 70th Commemorative T-Shirt

$15 Adult Sizes
$12 Youth Sizes
Order forms on rack outside CBY Office
One of the most well-known quotes to most Jewish people is from Rabbi Hillel and dates from the 1st century B.C.E Rabbi and scholar of the 11th century. Perhaps Hillel's most famous quotation is:

“If I am not for myself, who is for me?
If I am only for myself, what am I?
If not now, when?”

These important words are the essence of the Jewish faith and a universal guide to people of all faiths. It is human nature to be concerned about one's self and her family but ethical behavior also requires that each of us consider the needs of others and in a larger sense, we should consider and try to voluntarily help others. Within the Jewish community and within Carolina Lowcountry, the center of Jewish life is our shul, Congregation Beth Yam. The dues each family pays are the basic voluntary tax that is the largest source of income to this congregation. Dues, however, provide only about 55% of the funds required to operate the congregation and the many services and support systems CBY provides to the Jewish community in Hilton Head and Bluffton. The other 45% is derived from various activities and events, many of which are through the CBY fundraising. The Friends Campaign is expected to deliver over $82,000 to support the congregation. We are still over $20,000 short of meeting that goal.

If you have not already made your Friends 2017-2018 contribution, please send a check today. If you have donated to the 2017-2018 Friends Campaign please consider an additional Friends contribution. Even a supplemental contribution of 10% to 15% will help a lot. By April 15, we will be calling each congregant who has not yet donated.

IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

2017-2018 Congregation Beth Yam Friends Campaign
Judy Bluestone and Bob Sable, Co-Chairs
Liz and Jack Get Two New Additions
Cozy Family Room & Luxury Master Bath

“We initially contacted Jack because we bought a house with a very small master bath and small closets that we wanted to reconfigure. We immediately felt comfortable with Jack’s experience and candor. It also became clear that our plan would result in closets that were even smaller, so we came up with a new plan for two additions—a new master bath and family room.

Being new to the area, it was a huge benefit to have someone like Jack handle all of the details and manage the resources. The people he brings in to do the work are very professional and he handles any issue that arises quickly, keeping us in the loop so we always had the latest status. We’re so happy with the way both additions came out that we are now planning another project with him.”

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