Mazel Tov!
to the B’not Mitzvah!
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**CBY Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 6, 7:00 PM**

Join us for this important CBY meeting.
**“START SPREADING THE NEWS”...**

to honor Pennie Meiselman
as she completes her term
as CBY President

**Cocktails and Dinner**
Saturday, June 16, 2018
6:30 PM
Congregation Beth Yam

...look for your invitations coming soon

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**Big News – CBY Is Now Live Video Streaming Services**

We are now live video streaming all of our services. Watch the service live in real time or tune in later and watch it at your convenience. The broadcasts can be viewed by going to our web site streaming page or by going to the CBY Facebook page. To view the live stream from our web site, go to the CBY home page at [www.bethyam.org](http://www.bethyam.org) and then scroll down the page till you see the first item under the header called Of Special Note. Follow the directions and you will be taken to our live stream page or you can go there directly by entering the web address: [https://venue.streamspot.com/c3408706](https://venue.streamspot.com/c3408706). You can add this page to your favorites or bookmark it so it is easier to get to in the future. Once you are on the CBY streaming page, click on the “play” arrow which is in the center of the viewing screen. The broadcasts start two minutes before the actual listed service start time. If you aren’t seeing the service, refresh the web page. Also, on this page are archived services recorded during the past 30 days. You may play these at any time.

If you prefer, you may watch the live streaming on the CBY Facebook page which can be reached from our CBY web site home page (upper right corner Facebook icon) or by going to [https://www.facebook.com/congregationbethyam/](https://www.facebook.com/congregationbethyam/).

We hope you enjoy tuning in when you can’t physically attend a service at the temple.

*Please note: If you are attending a service and do not want to be seen on the video, do not come up on the bima or sit in the front row.*

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Rabbi Bloom and Sheryl Keating along with high school seminar students at Asian Bistro for their end of school year dinner
Rabbi’s Message

I want to thank you, Congregation Beth Yam, for giving me the opportunity to pursue this first installment of my sabbatical. I look back on this year and see that we have many wonderful accomplishments. At the outset I want to make sure I acknowledge the contribution of our wonderful and capable Bookkeeper Diane Lindquist. I neglected to credit her in last months article along with the rest of the professional staff. Thank you Diane.

I am so pleased with the work of the congregation and the leadership in so many committees who made wonderful things happen at CBY.

Our Hot Topics Shabbats were well received and the turnout for them was outstanding.

Torah study with Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman were well attended as well.

One of the highlights of the year had to have been our joint program with St. Francis Church and our Scholar in Residence Program with Professor Michael Cook from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Shabbat Services were well attended and I continue to be grateful to everyone for showing up and making our worship life vibrant. Given the size of our congregation I can assure you we do a great job of participation at worship services.

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We also created the Unity Committee who worked on establishing core principles for our congregation especially regarding how we treat each other when talking about politics in our society today. This was a challenging exercise and we learned how careful we all have to be when we speak to each other about issues in our society recognizing that this is a diverse congregation in many ways. I have said on many occasions that our religious diversity has been one of our greatest strengths. At the same time we have many other issues that stir up our passions in the society at large and we as a Jewish community should try our best to be respectful of divergent opinions. Our friendships are more important and our solidarity is more precious than the risk of creating hurt feelings and misunderstanding when it comes to political issues associated with partisan politics. I want to thank that unique committee for their time and effort. They really made a difference.

I thank all the committee chairpersons and their members who worked tirelessly to put on the best programs to serve our congregation. I hope they are proud of their work. They deserve our respect as well.

I also would like to congratulate Judy Bluestone for being elected the next president of CBY. She will do a fantastic job and I look forward to working with her and seeing our congregation move forward along the journey towards fulfilling CBY’s great potential in the Low Country.

This summer, after I return from the sabbatical, I will begin planning for next year. It is exciting to see our new religious school educator Valerie Appel and Student Cantor Olivia Brodsky bring their talent and enthusiasm to CBY. We look forward to planning new ideas for worship and adult education. Let us see if more would like to sign up for Adult Bar or Bat Mitzvah class. We plan on having a special program for Kristallnacht too. Yom HaShoah we will focus on the history of saving Torahs from Europe and how we and other congregations were able to adopt a Torah Scroll. We will also have another Tikun Leil Shavuot program in the spring in celebration of the holiday of Shavuot. We will have two B’nai Mitzvah next year. This is just a sample of what will be going on at CBY. With a vibrant Social Action Committee and Adult Education I am very excited about next year’s possibilities.

Let us put a smile on our faces and take a respite for the summer. I hope everyone does some fun things. Just get ready for the High Holy Days which are early this year. Remember to be proud of our presence in this community and for the work we do to establish Jewish life for all ages in the Low Country. This is your congregation. Please help us continue to work for the best congregation and nurture the education, spirituality and caring community at CBY. These are the bedrock issues that sustain our community. Thank you, Sisterhood and Men’s Club, for all of your tireless devotion. Now you can see why I feel so blessed to be serving as this congregation’s Rabbi. What a wonderful community we have at CBY.

Shalom

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Meet Our New Choir Accompanist

Josh Wall is currently the Director of Choral Activities at Hilton Head Island High School where he is also the chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Department. Josh is in his third year at the high school and 7th year in education. Josh also serves as a music director of the Main Street Youth Theatre, Seahawk Stage Company, and the Beaufort Community Theatre. Josh holds a Bachelors of Music Education degree and a Masters of Choral Music from Winthrop University and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Music Arts in Choral Conducting degree from the University of South Carolina. Josh has served as choral scholar for The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in Savannah, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.
Message from the President—Pennie Meiselman

Thank you to you, our wonderful congregation, for supporting and encouraging me these past two years. Thank you to my board of directors for their tireless efforts on behalf of Congregation Beth Yam, their dedication to the principles of Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World), Derech Erez (Common Decency), and Shalom Beit (Peace in our Home).

Thank you to the many committee chair people and their committee members who volunteer and work so hard to make CBY a vibrant, engaging, and caring community.

Thank you, thank you to our two special office administrators, Michele Johnson and Ceil Treiss, without whom my job would have been much more difficult. They were always willing to help, create, and improve the material that they sent out to the congregation, always with a smile.

Thank you also to Dianne Lindquist, who balances the books to make sure we are financially secure.

As my presidency began I was able to welcome the Church of Latter Day Saints into our home, as theirs was undergoing total reconstruction. After Hurricane Matthew our relationship became more meaningful as they volunteered to clear our synagogue of debris and then helped several congregants clear trees and debris at their homes at no cost to anyone; and when the church dedicated their new building, Rabbi Bloom, Alan, and I were honored with an invitation to attend.

Our ecumenical journey continued with a fabulous three day program with St. Francis By the Sea Catholic Church. Rabbi Cook led discussions at both CBY and the church. Choirs of both congregations performed singularly and collectively. All who attended and participated felt very rewarded.

CBY now live streams all services, including B’nai Mitzvahs, holidays, and festivals. A great deal of thanks must go to Michael Shapiro, our web master and now streaming guru.

Thank you to Jeremy Press for his willingness to lead the search for a security company and be the CBY contact with them. We now have security at all services, special events, and during Religious School.

For the past year Denise Fitzgerald led our Religious School and created a curriculum that has been implemented and will continue to be utilized by her successors. Thank you Denise for a job well done.

Valerie Seldes-Appel is our new Director of Jewish Youth Education. How fortunate are our children to have this very special woman lead our school. Valerie has been voted Teacher of the Year multiple times. Please make sure to say “hello” and welcome Valerie to this new position.

Again, CBY is very fortunate to have a new student cantor for this coming year. Her name is Olivia Brodsky and she will be coming to CBY every month beginning August 17-19. Please try to attend her first Friday evening service and greet her with our special Beth Yam warmth.

A special thank you to Ted David who created and led a “Funding our Future” task force which will keep CBY on a sound financial footing. Thinking about people who lead by example, Judy Bluestone and Bob Sable deserve much thanks and kudos for their tireless and excellent job chairing the Friends Campaign for the past few years.

Last but certainly not least, Rabbi Bloom. Thank you for guiding me into being the best president that I could be. You did it with sweet talk, tough talk, and sometimes with very funny comparisons to various sports stars. He was a coach that always wanted me to hit a home run, and if I made an error he encouraged me to seek ways to improve my fielding of problems. There were also tough decisions that we made together. Thank you for your support these past two years. It has been a wonderful experience working together for the home team.

Our congregation is strong and will continue to prosper with the next board of directors led by Judy Bluestone, our incoming president.

“Me-chayal l’chayal” - May you go from strength to strength.

Shalom,

Pennie

The Honor of Greeting—Ellen Jenner

When we ask new or prospective members what drew them to Congregation Beth Yam, a consistent answer we get is that people felt welcomed from the moment they entered the temple for services and were greeted by smiling faces and a “Shabbat Shalom.” This tradition is a long standing one here. Finding members to perform this honor is a continual effort; this article is a request for you to join in this important volunteer position at least once during the year. It is an easy and respected way for you to contribute to the life of our temple.

Currently, we have openings for the services in July and August, all of which begin at 6:00 PM and are our Kabbalat services, which usually run for a little more than an hour. Consider a Friday night when you will be there for an occasion, to “show off” our temple to guests or visitors, or to say Kaddish for a loved one. Please contact me by email, or call me (see Temple Directory for my number) and let me know on which date you can accept this Honor. It will be very much appreciated by me and by our temple family.
Sisterhood—
Randy Kurjan, President

Greetings! I am happy to be the one who will keep you apprised about all that Sisterhood will be doing in the coming months. As Sue Gostanian, our past president noted in her last column, we have said “so long” to several board members whose service to Sisterhood and CBY will be forever appreciated.

They are Cathy Kite, Paula Rudman, Sharon Bass, Nadyne Ulicny, and Candy Solomon. You will be missed. I know we can always count on you for help and wisdom!

It is wonderful to welcome new faces to the board… Teresa Bedo, Tena Graber, Phyllis Napoli, and Felicia Pascal. We are happy to have you on board!

Be on the lookout for exciting new activities, as well as some of your old favorites. If you have an idea for an activity, let us know. This is your Sisterhood! I hope to see many new members this year. Sisterhood is more than the board. It is all of you, the women of CBY.

Each month, I would like to share with you a bit about the strong Jewish women throughout history, recent and long past. This month’s “wonderful woman” is Bella Savitzky Abzug (July 24, 1929 - March 31, 1998), nicknamed “Battling Bella”. According to the Jewish Women’s Archive, Bella Abzug was “a formidable leader of the women’s movement.” She fought to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and other important legislation for the rights of women. She served in Congress as a U.S. Representative from New York’s 19th and 20th districts for three terms. In 1971, Bella joined other feminists to found the National Women’s Political Caucus. In 1970, Bella’s campaign slogan was “This woman’s place is in the House – the House of Representatives.”

SAVE THE DATE

The Book Club will resume meeting on October 11, 2018. We will have read “Zero to Sixty and Then Some”, by David Schuman, who will be leading us for the discussion. Details to follow.

If you have suggestions for the next books, please bring them to this meeting. In the running are: The Immortality by Chloe Benjamin; The Last Watchman of Cairo by Michael David Lukas; Heroes of Faith; Lemon Tree: An Arab, a Jew and The Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan; and My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel by Ari Shavit.

SPOTLIGHTING: Robin Krumholz

(This month, our roving reporter interviewed Robin at a lovely outdoor restaurant in Shelter Cove.)

R.K. “What is a little-known fact about yourself from your childhood?”

R.R. “I was a Boy Scout.”

R.R. “Now that will take some explaining!”

R.K. “I was in Brownies, then Girl Scouts. I wanted to continue in Scouts but there was no group for teen girls where I lived. So, I talked the Sea Scouts into letting me join. They did and it became co-ed for the first time. In the summers we used to go out in an old Coast Guard cutter to learn about what the Coast Guard and Navy did. I paid dues to the Boy Scouts of America.”

R.R. “If you were to receive a Life-time Achievement award, what would it be for”?

R.K. Robin would like the award to be for all the work she has done to “empower teens and young adults to reach towards their dreams”. A few examples…. She has worked with foster kids and battered women. Robin has tutored young female teens in math and science, encouraging them to fearlessly pursue careers in the sciences. Robin’s career was in Computer Science in Medicine. Her graduate degree (MIT) was in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine. This made her just the right person to tutor gifted high school students in math and science. More, she encouraged them to believe in themselves and push the limits, as her mother had done for her.

R.R. “If you could invite anyone for dinner, who would that be and what would you cook?”

R.K. Robin describes herself as “open-minded” and a woman who “loves comparative religions”. It is not a stretch, then, to hear that she has invited nuns to her Seder.

Her family especially enjoys celebrating Passover and the Sabbath. She likes to invite families who do not know how to make a Sabbath dinner. For them, she teaches by example, with love and warmth. Students who can’t go home are frequent invitees to the Krumholz table. Robin cooks from treasured recipes that belonged to her grandmother.

R.R. “What is your least favorite word?”

R.K. “CAN’T”.
Sisterhood Installation during Shabbat service

Rabbi Bloom blesses the new president, Randy Kurjan

Offering Judaica for all holiday, ritual, and gift giving needs

We aim to underprice the internet
“A bargain for you and a benefit for CBY”

Don’t see what you like? Browse our catalogs & we order it for you!

New Summer hours: Thursday 1:00 – 3:00pm
Friday Evenings 5:00 – 5:45pm
And, as always, by appointment
(We will resume Sunday Morning hours mid-August)

Contact Robin Krumholz or Ruth Hilsen or giftshop.cby@gmail.com
Religious School—Valerie Seldes, Director of Jewish Youth Education

Why Teaching at Beth Yam Religious School is the Job for You!

We all know our little house by the sea, Congregation Beth Yam, is an amazing and unique place. Not only are we the only full service synagogue in Southern Beaufort County, we are home to the only Jewish Religious school serving students Pre-K through High School in the area. Our students begin learning culture, history, faith, and Hebrew as early as three years old! This is only the beginning of a journey that along the way leads to their Bar/Bat Mitzvah and beyond to opportunities such as The March of the Living. The lessons our students learn and the experiences they have under our guidance help set the stage for leading a Jewish life that is full of the faith and traditions that will be passed to the coming generations. In essence, our little religious school touches the future in innumerable ways. That is why I love being part of our student’s Jewish education and why I feel a drive to ensure I share my love of Judaism with our children.

Our congregation is full of talent. Each time I meet a new member, or spend time talking with an established congregant, I find myself in awe of their stories about where they have been, what they have done, and who they have met along the way. Artists, musicians, doctors, lawyers, business people of all kinds, educators, and world travelers are just some of the gems amongst us! It is this talent and experience that I hope to bring into our religious school and blend with our lessons about Judaism to create an even greater depth of knowledge for our students. YOU, yes, YOU and your life experiences can help make a difference in our students’ lives and help to create a legacy that we can all be proud of.

My hope is that with your help, we can send our students into the world with a wealth of knowledge, a strong faith, and love of our traditions. Most importantly, I want them to be proud of who they are and confident in their knowledge of our beliefs. You can help strengthen and broaden our curriculum. Teaching in our religious school is the job for you! Please consider joining our team. Please contact myself, Valerie Seldes, at school.cby@gmail.com or 516-816-0407. I look forward to hearing from you!

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

The first Torah portion this month is B’ha’alot’cha. On the first anniversary of the Exodus, the Jews are instructed to bring the Paschal Offering on the fourteenth day of Nisan. Certain individuals, however, could not participate because they were ritually impure. These people lodged a complaint, which Moses then transmitted to God. God responds by designating a “Second Passover”, or Pesach Sheni, to be observed exactly one month later. Anyone who could not offer the Paschal Offering in its proper time must do so on the Second Passover. It is, in effect, a “second chance”. No similar concession is granted for missing any other festival. There is no second chance for those who for some valid reason are unable to observe Sukkot or Yom Kippur.

Pesah Sheni brings to mind the journey of Rabbi Akiva, whose life changed because of a second chance. As a young man, according to the Talmud, Rabbi Akiva was an illiterate shepherd for one of the richest men in Jerusalem. His daughter, however, fell in love with Rabbi Akiva. She also recognized his innate talent and promised to marry him if he would go off to study Torah. He agreed and they married secretly.

Despite their poverty, the couple kept to their plans and each other. For 12 years, Rabbi Akiva left his wife to study at the academy of Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Yehoshua. Ready to return, he learned indirectly that his devoted wife would endure another dozen years of widowhood if her husband would continue to study. Again he heeded her wishes.

Finally, after an absence of 24 years, Rabbi Akiva, now the greatest scholar of his age, did come home with an entourage of students. He acknowledged that his awesome knowledge owed everything to the judgment and loyalty of his wife. So, the primary founder of rabbinic Judaism was a second-career student! Had his far-sighted and long-suffering spouse not provided him with a second chance, his flock would still be sheep rather than students.
Membership Committee—
Candy Solomon &
Michael Weingarten, Co-chairs

The New Member Shabbat was a success. Many of our new members participated in the service. We would like to thank those who brought treats for the oneg.

The Membership Committee has been busy planning our programming for next year. We will also be introducing Student Cantor Olivia Brodsky to the congregation through various activities. Please consider hosting a dinner, cocktail party, or other event for Olivia.

It’s Time to Update Your Family Directory Listing
Please send your changes in information to the CBY office. Thank you!

Resident Families........148
Resident Singles...........73
Affiliates ....................66
Associates ...................1
Honorary .......................6
Total ........................294

Congregation Beth Yam
Led by Rabbi Brad Bloom
Sights, Scents and a Taste of Israel
October 6-16, 2018
(Optional Extension to Jordan Oct. 16-19)
Check our website for full details and registration

Social Action—Judie Aronson*, Chair
STOCKING THE SHELVES FOR DEEP WELL AND BLUFFTON SELF HELP
Another mitzvah performed by the SAC members and chairs Cathy Kite and Kathy Burnce with help from Joel Lerner. A group of members helped both food pantries stock shelves after the Post Office Drive for food which takes place around Mother’s Day each year. Both food banks need the extra help because of the large influx of food. Thank you all. We will again help around Christmas when they also need extra volunteers.

COLLECTION OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES
We will again collect school supplies over the summer to be used by those children who cannot afford to purchase them. You can always begin to collect items now and place them in the SAC Donation box in the Social Hall.

CONTINUING PROJECTS
Collection of metal tabs to be brought to Ronald McDonald House for their use.
Collection of cell phones – All information will be erased and phones given to Verizon who in turn distributes them to abused women’s shelters for emergency use.
Place all donations in SAC box in Social Hall
Can you spend a little time reading to preschoolers at the Children’s Center? Whatever time you can give will be appreciated.

*This article was submitted before Judie’s untimely death on May 26
"The March of The Living is like a second bar/bat mitzvah, meaning it is so necessary, it truly furthers my Jewish education unlike anything else I could have imagined."
Men's Club–Dave Solomon, President

Men's Club is off and running for 2018-2019. Planning is underway for the 12th Annual CBY Men’s Club Golf Outing November 12, at Oldfield Country Club. If you want to help in the planning, etc., or sign up, please contact Nelson Adelman for more detail.

A reminder we are having our annual meeting and brunch June 24 at 10:00 AM in the CBY social hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Fund Raising Committee–Dave Solomon, Chair

Fund Raising is in the final stages completing the advertising pages for the member directory. We are making progress on the solicitation of ads, but as usual we can use more help in getting advertisers for the book. There is still time, so if you haven’t, please contact just one of your regular service providers and ask them to help you (and CBY) by signing up for an ad in this year’s directory. Cost is minimal for the exposure to more than 300 families. If you have advertisers in mind please contact Alan Meiselman or Dave Solomon so we can help you with the ad.

Planning is well underway for the Silent and On Line Auction in 2019. If you would like to support the effort please contact Howard Rothchild. He can let you know what he needs.

Don't forget–Beach Brunch at the Omni on October 21.

Coming soon...

CBY Family Directory

Help us keep in contact with you ...

Contact the office–843-689-2178 or bethyam@aol.com with changes in address, phone number or email.

Shortly you will be receiving a survey regarding what the Men’s Club can do to plan better events, develop new programs, and invite speakers who are interesting to our entire congregation. Please take a moment to respond so we can get the right activities in place for our all members.
Live Stream Videos of past services can be viewed on the CBY website by going to the Home/Media/Video Player web page. Click the link to go directly there. http://www.bethyam.org/media-galleries/video-player.

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