CBY Celebrates Yom HaAtzmaut
Israel Independence Day

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SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNE

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6 4:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM CBY Annual Meeting
7 3:00 PM The Hunger Coalition
8 5:00 PM Judaica Shop Open
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service-Board Installation
11 3:30 PM Set up for the Board Meeting
4:00 PM Board Meeting
7:00 PM Shabbat Choir Rehearsal
13 10:30 AM Sisterhood Board Retreat–Offsite
4:00 PM Staff Meeting

Date Time Events
14 3:00 PM Fund Raising Committee
15 11:00 AM Set up for Party
6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service with Shabbat Choir
16 6:00 PM Retirement Party for Pennie Meiselman
18 3:30 PM SAC Meeting
20 4:00 PM Staff Meeting
21 1:00 PM Membership Committee
22 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service
24 9:00 AM Men’s Club Board Meeting
10:00 AM Men’s Club Annual Brunch Meeting
27 4:00 PM Staff Meeting
29 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Jaquelin Schmid & Deborah Urato
wished to thank the congregation for inviting us to be
B’Not Mitzvah Saturday, May 5, 2018

Janice Fradkin, Ruth Hilsen, Randy Kurjan & Janet Weingarten
cordially invite the entire CBY Congregation to witness as they are
called to the Torah for their B’Not Mitzvah on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at 10:00 in the morning.
At the conclusion of the service, please join us in the Social Hall for Kiddush and lunch.

Please join the Farbman family in Memory & Celebration of Barbara & Gerald Farbman’s life
May 2, 2018
2 PM – CBY Sanctuary
Rabbi’s Message

If there was ever a year of transitions in our congregation, 2018 might be the pinnacle of welcoming and saying thank you to our leaders, both volunteer and professional, who have served this congregation. I have always said and learned from my years of experience that taking transitions seriously is important to the stability and integrity of our congregation. We should spend time paying attention to the board members who will retire next month after their years of service. They deserve our appreciation and thanks. They give their time and usually much more time than they ever expected to during their years of service in positions of leadership. So we certainly want to thank our outgoing President Pennie Meiselman who has embraced the challenging role and always gave one hundred percent of her time and dedication to Congregation Beth Yam. She will be remembered for many accomplishments and particularly for her devotion to the congregation during two hurricanes and paying attention and supporting the congregants during their time of need. I have enjoyed working with her and thank her personally for her tireless dedication to the congregation. Thank you Pennie and I hope you leave this position with a great deal of nachas from all your experiences. In addition, I want to thank all the outgoing board members who deliberated over the policies and financial well-being of our synagouge. Please know I am grateful to you and thank you for your years of service.

Let me also say “thank you” to cherished members of the staff including our outgoing Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman. We will miss you, Daniel, and know that you have left us great memories of your presence and contribution to the music and spirituality of the congregation. Your concerts and leadership from the bimah as well as your insights during Torah study were highlights in your record of service. On behalf of the congregation, I wish you only happiness and success in your continued growth as a new cantor for the reform movement. You will always be considered a member of the CBY family.

I also want to personally thank Denise Fitzgerald for her role as the Director of Youth Education over the last year. This is a challenging job for many reasons. You did a fantastic job in developing the curriculum and maintaining a peaceful and joyous environment for our children to learn Judaism. Your relationship with the faculty and parents was strong as well. We wish you and Baron all the best in your move to Ocala, Florida. You too, will always be cherished and respected for your work and will be part of the CBY family.

At this point we want to welcome two new members of the professional and clergy staff at CBY. We welcome our new student Cantor Olivia Brodsky who comes to us from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. Olivia has a lot of energy and is excited to begin her relationship with Congregation Beth Yam. Olivia will be our third student cantor, and I believe that this program continues to serve our congregation especially to enrich our worship life. I appreciate the financial support that our donors have given to this program. Our student cantors have touched many of us in different ways as they share their gifts of music, teach, and develop pastoral skills as well.

Finally, I want to welcome Valerie Seldes-Appel who takes over the reins as the new Youth Education Director. Valerie and her husband Josh and their twin daughters, Lily and Leia, have been members of the congregation for ten years. Valerie just received last month the award as teacher of the year at Bluffton Elementary and Early Childhood Center. She brings 18 years of experience both in teaching and administration. I feel confident that with Valerie we will have a bright future for the religious school. I can’t wait for Valerie to get started and to make her imprint on the religious school.

It is important for us to realize that there has to be a partnership between volunteer and professional at CBY. To serve our congregants the best, we need that relationship to be one based upon mutual respect. This is why I also want to thank our staff; Music Director David Kimbell who does a fantastic job at inspiring the choir and the entire congregation. Adriana Urato is a diamond of this congregation as our soloist. These folks along with accompanist Tom Tiehel have brought our music program and our spiritual life to a new level of enrichment. Our deep thanks to Michele Johnson and Ceil Treiss. These professionals are the engine that enables us to achieve all the many activities which make CBY a unique community. They are always polite, organized, and dedicated to the congregation. They are patient and understanding with volunteers and committees and serve the needs of the board and the congregation at large. Thank you Michele and Ceil for your continuing level of excellence which you achieve each year and each day.

So when you have a chance please go over to the professional staff and to the outgoing volunteer leadership and thank them for their years of service. They appreciate it and deserve your praise of them. God bless them all and may CBY go from strength to strength.

Shalom

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

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/
Board Abstract—Sharon Bass, Recording Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Pennie Meiselman. D’Var Torah given by Rabbi Bloom. 

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Treasurer’s Report:
- Treasurer presented 2018-19 budget.
- After some discussion motion made to accept budget dated March 23, 2018, as presented. Motion passed.

Membership Report:
- Membership held a very successful wine and cheese event.
- New members presented for approval. Motion made, seconded, and passed.

Rabbi’s Report:
- New Student Cantor starting this fall.
- March of the Living students have left on their journey to Poland and Israel.
- Rabbi met with some Okatie Elementary School faculty and approximately 100 students and presented a Holocaust Program.
- Program was well received.

Cong Beth Yam is in the process of installing better camera and microphone to stream events.

Some updates were made to Religious School Policy regarding tuition and scholarships.

Nominating committee presented the proposed slate of officers for the coming year.

Good and welfare.

Meeting adjourned

Yom HaShoah—Janice Fradkin

Members of Congregation Beth Yam and the Lowcountry community came together in commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The procession of survivors and their children and grandchildren, ushered in by the CBY youngsters all holding memorial candles, was a moving beginning to the annual service. The program, “Resistance: Defying the Nazis on Multiple Levels” consisted of musical selections and readings. Cantorial Soloist Adriana Urato and the Shabbat Choir sang. Poems and readings of Resistance were read by Rabbi Bloom, Holocaust survivors and their children, and members of our temple youth. A special treat was an essay, “73 Years Ago,” written and read by Sophie Miklos, a longtime member of the CBY family.

For those of you who were unable to attend, a copy of “73 Years Ago” can be found on page 11.
Sisterhood—Sue Gostanian, President

Congratulations to the newly elected Sisterhood Board:

President: .........................................Randy Kurjan
Executive VP: ....................................Robin Krumholz
Fund Raising VPs: .............Helen Hauer, Susan Britanisky
Membership VPs: .................Sharyn Brager, Sharon Leff
Community/Cultural VPs: ......Teresa Bedo, Tena Graber
Congregational Services VPs: Carol Carty, Phyllis Napoli
Recording Secretary: .........................JoAnne Doyle
Corresponding Secretary: :..................Janice Fradkin
Treasurer: ............................................Felicia Pascal

It has been an honor to have served as Sisterhood President for the past two years in the company of dedicated women who truly know the meaning of Sisterhood. Several incredible women who have worked diligently as Board members in various capacities are leaving the Board: Cathy Kite, Nadyne Ulicny, Candy Solomon, Paula Rudman, and Sharon Bass. We are truly grateful for all that they have contributed.

Please join us on May 11 as we install the new Sisterhood Board at our annual Sisterhood Shabbat.

I would like to share a favorite piece with you in my last column. It is called “How to Plant a Special Garden”.

HOW TO PLANT A SPECIAL GARDEN
First, plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness, and Prayer.
Next to them, plant three rows of squash: Squash Gossip, Squash Criticism, Squash Indifference.
Then five rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful, Let us be unselfish, Let us be loyal, Let us be truthful, Let us be loving.
And no garden is complete without turnips: Let us turn up for services, turn up with a smile, and turn up with determination.

Yours in Sisterhood,

Sue

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Condolences:
To Nancy Lerner, sister of Frank Perlin
To Eve Sanker, wife of Joe

COMMUNITY SEDER
The annual Sisterhood Community Passover Seder, held on the second night of Passover, was catered by SERG. Many thanks to Rabbi Bloom, who conducted the Service with lovely musical accompaniment by Student Cantor Daniel Geigerman.
We had over 100 adults and children in attendance. We were especially pleased to have Father Crowley from St. Francis Catholic Church, Father Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey from All Saints Episcopal Church, and Bishop Masse and Mrs. Masse from the Church of the Latter Day Saints as our guests.

An event like this can only be successful with the help of many hands. We would like to thank Tena Graber for handling reservations and seating. Carol Carty and Rose Valentine registered our guests. Maury Fradkin helped the team make gallons of horseradish. The tables were lovely thanks to the setup team: Cathy Kite, Randy Kurjan, Carol Carty, Susan Britanisky, Rose Valentine, Ellen Jenner, and Ray Doyle. Cathy Kite ordered linens, negotiated with vendors, shopped, and delivered cases of food and wine. Thank you to our office staff, Michele Johnson and Ceil Treiss, who worked to provide Seder details to members and non-members.

We want to acknowledge Cathy Kite, Randy Kurjan, and Pennie Meiselman for their wisdom, support, and attention to detail that helped us create an evening at which we could celebrate the Passover holiday with family and friends.

Janice Fradkin and JoAnne Doyle, Vice Presidents of Community, Social, and Cultural Events

SAVE THE DATE
The next Book Club will meet on October 11, 2018. The book, “Zero to Sixty and Then Some” by David Schuman, is a collection of essays and short stories… mostly. The author will be joining us for discussion, comments, questions. (An insider tip: don’t try to read it in a week; jump around; read and think, read and think.)
Nominating Committee Report

The Board of Directors has set the annual meeting for Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 7:00 PM at the synagogue. The meeting will include election of the Board of Directors, reports from the treasurer, Rabbi, affiliate organizations, and committees. In accordance with our by-laws, Article XII, the Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of nominees to fill the positions of the officers and directors whose terms are expiring or being vacated on June 8, 2018. The slate of nominees and their biographies beginning new terms follows.

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee: Janice Fradkin, chair; Judy Bluestone; Jane Joseph; Doug Luba; and Candy Solomon.

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Biographies

**Judy Bluestone**

Judy was born in Cincinnati, OH, and is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, where she achieved a Master’s degree in Political Science. Judy served as assistant to the director of the Cincinnati Jewish Federation and was a volunteer in the Cincinnati Chapter of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women, in which she held executive positions. Judy chaired a national committee for NCJW and returned to university to study speech pathology, receiving her Master’s in Communication Disorders in 1984. In 1985, after relocating to Milwaukee, WI, Judy served on the boards of NCJW, the Milwaukee Jewish Federation (President of the Women’s Division), and the board of her synagogue. She was active in the general Milwaukee community serving on the boards of the Skylight Theatre, the Artist Series, United Way of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Youth Orchestra, and Start Smart Milwaukee, an advocacy organization for children from birth to three. Judy co-chaired the annual Milwaukee Performing Arts campaign and the Martin Luther King celebration. She worked as a speech pathologist for three years and then as Director of the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. On her retirement from AJC, she was elected to its national board. After 18 years in Milwaukee, the Bluestones retired to Hilton Head in 2002, where they became active full time members of CBY. In 2004, Judy organized a year-long celebration of 350 years of Jewish life in the United States, a national initiative organized by Dr. Gary Zola of Hebrew Union College. She was also chair of the Outreach Committee and chair of the Ritual Committee and was elected to the board of CBY in 2010. From 2012-2016 Judy was 1st and 2nd vice president and secretary. Judy has chaired the annual CBY celebration of Israel Independence Day for five years and has been co-chair of CBY’s Friends Campaign for four years. As cantorial soloist at CBY for

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eight years and as tutor to young and adult B’nai Mitzvah students, Judy has put her own Jewish education to work. She served on the board of the Arts Center and is a founding member of the Lean Ensemble Theater.

Judy is married to Stan and has two children and three grandchildren.

Involvement and contribution to Jewish causes and community initiatives have informed Judy’s entire life. She is honored to have been nominated as president of Congregation Beth Yam.

Susan Britanisky
- Born and raised in Worcester, MA
- Attended Classical High School
- Clark University, Business Major
- Married to Mark, 50 plus years
- Two children: Robert, a physician in Spartanburg and Jeanne Hutchinson, LTC, US Army (deceased)
- Four grandchildren: Sarah Hutchinson, 1st Lt, Us Army; John Hutchinson, 2nd Lt., US Air Force; Laura and Hunter Britanisky, students at UAB and UGA.
- One four-legged, furry daughter, Mei Ling
- Worked for forty years as a human resource manager
- Last lived in Atlanta for 30 years
- Affiliate member of CBY, 23 years; resident member, eight years
- Sisterhood member, Co-Chair Care Committee five years, SAC
- SC voter poll manager
- Enjoys tennis, mahjong, canasta, concerts, plays, nature and time with friends

Philip W. Davidson is Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. From 1975 to 2007, Dr. Davidson directed the Department of Pediatrics’ Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and the Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities, which provided interdisciplinary clinical services, education, and research addressing the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. This mission involved maintaining close links with the disability community in Western New York and beyond. It also involved recurrent strategic planning and fiscal management. Dr. Davidson has served as a board member or officer of number of local, state, national, and international professional, governmental, and community service organizations. He is the current president of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; he previously served as the organization’s Treasurer. He has also served as a psychologist at the Volunteers in Medicine of Hilton Head. Phil and his wife Margaret have resided on Hilton Head Island since 2011. Since joining CBY, he has been serving as a member of the Ritual Committee.

Sue E Gostanian
I have been a member of CBY for eight years, having moved to Hilton Head from Brookfield, CT. At CBY, I have been part of Social Action Committee, Outreach Committee, and Fundraising Committee. On the Sisterhood Board of Directors, I have served as Fundraising VP, Executive VP, and President for two years. In addition to the many programs and events Sisterhood has continued to sponsor, I established (and endowed) the Lisa G Memorial Fund to support the life event challenges of the Women of CBY.

Professionally, I am a licensed Psychotherapist. I established Counseling Associates over thirty years ago, a family therapy practice. In addition to working with families and individuals, I served as Clinical Supervisor for graduate practicum students and interns. I served on the board of the graduate counseling program at WCSU as site supervisor. I have been a board member of several mental health organizations as well as Diagnostic Team leader for Special Ed Panel and group therapy facilitator for adolescent alternative school students. I currently volunteer as a therapist at VIM, mental health department.

I am honored to serve in various capacities on the CBY and Sisterhood Boards. I look forward to future service to our Temple as we continue to promote the good will and growth of our congregation.

Ruth Hilsen
I have lived in many places - New Jersey, Colorado, Maryland, Oklahoma, Atlanta, and now South Carolina. I am very happy Neil and I have decided to make Hilton Head our home. We have found the most welcoming community of friends, along with beautiful weather and the BEACH!!

Neil and our sons have been my joy and now I have joy five-fold with my five grandsons.

Professionally, I have my Master’s degree as a reading specialist, and I taught for 34 years, the last four as an administrator.

The William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum is an organization close to my heart. When I retired from teaching, I joined the Breman Museum family. I first became a docent, mainly taking school groups around the museum, and helping them to understand the horrors and the bravery of the Jewish people before and during the Holocaust. I then became the chair of the docent committee, working with the dedicated docents and staff of the museum. This was an amazing and rewarding experience for me.

I am proud to be a member of the Congregation Beth Yam board and I am looking forward to a new experience.

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Men’s Club—Alan Krumholz, President

The Men’s Club held its April meeting on the 17th at NYC Pizza.

Future meeting for 2018:
- Tuesday, May 10, Dinner Meeting at Frankie Bones
- Sunday, June 24, 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 the event. Because of this we have decided for this year to have a CBY-based event. This event will have only one major recipient and that will be CBY. This makes both planning and management much easier.

Our nominating committee put forward a slate of officers which will be voted upon at the June annual meeting.

If interested please respond to upcoming announcements.

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 as well as 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.

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

Welcome New Members!

We are celebrating our new members at our annual New Member Shabbat on Friday, May 4, at 7:30 PM. Please join the Membership Committee as we honor our new members on this festive occasion.

It's Time to Update Your Family Directory Listing

We will be starting to compile information for our Family Directory. If you have any changes to your name, address, phone number, etc., please send that information to the CBY office.
Thank you!

Ritual Committee—David Kurjan, Chair

This month we will observe two different kinds of rituals in our synagogue.

On May 20 we will have a Shavuot Yizkor service at 10 AM.

The other kind of ritual will be B’nai Mitzvahs. We’ll have them in spades – a 13 year old and six adults. On May 5, Jaquee Schmid and Debbie Urato will celebrate their B’nai Mitzvot. A week later on May 12 Sarah Stepleman will be called to the Torah for the first time as her parents look on in pride as she becomes a Bat Mitzvah. And then on May 26, celebrating their adult B’nai Mitzvoth will be Randy Kurjan, Janet Weingarten, Janice Fradkin and Ruth Hilsen.

In one month – celebrating the receiving of the Torah by the Israelites and celebrating being called to the Torah as B’nai Mitzvot, both young and adult.

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Resident Families.............151
Resident Singles.............. 75
Affiliates ....................... 67
Associates .....................1
Honorary ......................6
Total......................... 300
Biographies continued...

David Kurjan
I was born and raised just outside of West Philadelphia. I received both a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Master of Science in Engineering (EE) from the University of Pennsylvania. I worked for 40 years for several engineering companies in Maryland, primarily in the area of satellite communications, before retiring and moving to Hilton Head with my wife, Randy. Our children live in Alexandria, VA, and Baltimore, MD. In my non-work moments, I performed with the Damascus (MD) Theater Company and was a member of the Rotary Club of Damascus, MD, for almost fifteen years, including in the role of President and being named a Paul Harris Fellow. Other interests, whenever there is time, are music and photography. I am currently a member of the CBY Shabbat and High Holiday Choirs and am Secretary of the Men’s Club, Editor of the Tidings, and Chair of the Ritual Committee, and I have been a member of the board for the past two years.

Doug Luba—Recording Secretary:
Thea and I moved to Hilton Head Island in 2004, three years after selling our family owned HVAC business. We followed our younger son Scott who moved to Bluffton two years earlier with his wife Tara and our grandson. I was the president of our family-owned HVAC contracting company on Long Island, NY, for the 10 years prior to selling the business in 2001. I joined the business as a second career path after having taught high school physics for seven years on Long Island and New York City. After moving to Hilton Head Island, I worked at the Outpatient Surgery Center of Hilton Head serving as the building engineer and biomed engineer for eight years, retiring June 2016. Besides my five grandchildren (three in Boston, two in Manhattan), my main interest is tennis. I was a member of the 2013 USA Maccabi team spending two weeks in Israel in July 2013 – I won a silver medal in the Masters tennis (over 60 doubles with my brother as partner). I hope to repeat in 2021 with my new tennis partner Brad Bloom, who is working hard on his game and getting into shape! I am also a South Carolina Master Naturalist and serve on the board of the Palmetto Dunes Property Owners Association. I enjoyed serving on the Board this past year, and look forward to joining the Executive Committee as Recording Secretary (breaking down the glass ceiling of that position.) I believe my business experience and technical knowledge can help insure the smooth running of our magnificent congregation well into the future.

Richard Movshin
Richard was born and raised in New Jersey. For the past fifty years he has worked for his family’s-owned paper supply business, Mooney General Paper Company. Richard and his wife, Judy, have three sons and 10 grandchildren. They are the loves of his life.

Jo-Anne Perchick
Born and raised in Buffalo, New York, I received my Bachelor of Education Degree with a Minor in Sociology at the State University of New York, Buffalo. After graduation, I married and started teaching fourth grade. During my husband’s medical training, we moved frequently from Pittsburgh, PA, to Rochester, NY, to Bridgewater, NJ. Finally, we landed in Poughkeepsie, NY, where my husband opened a private practice as a Hemotologist/Oncologist. He practiced for 24 years and we raised our three children.

While living in Poughkeepsie, I volunteered at the American Cancer Society and became a substitute teacher. I volunteered at our synagogue, volunteered in my children’s schools, and for several years sponsored a Russian family that sought refuge in Poughkeepsie.

I moved to Hilton Head Island in 2011. Shortly after, I joined CBY and immediately found my new family, serving on several committees. Additionally, I have volunteered at the Bargain Box for several years, volunteered at the day care center, and continue to do things for others and help where ever help is needed.

Candy Solomon, First Vice President
I grew up in Ohio and attended the University of Toledo, where I earned my BA in Teaching. I married my husband, Dave, and we moved to Bloomfield Hills, MI, where I continued teaching in grades 1-6. I earned my Master’s Degree in Reading and my Early Childhood Endorsement from Oakland University. We have two married children and five grandchildren. After teaching for 40 years I retired, and we built a house in Bluffton. We joined CBY after we moved down here and quickly became involved. I joined the Membership Committee and have been co-chair for two years. I became a member of Sisterhood and have been Corresponding Secretary for two years. I have worked at the Judaica Shop, and I have read to the 3 and 4 year old class at the Children’s Center. I was on the Financial Task Force as the chair of the Membership group. I have been a member of the committee to find a Religious School Director. I have been on the Nominating Committee for the past two years. I completed the CBY Leadership Class, and I will continue to use much of what I have learned to continue to be an active and enthusiastic member of the Board.

David Kurjan
Fund Raising Committee –
   Alan Meiselman, Chair

   Only one Dine Around left: Tuesday May 15 at Santa Fe Café. Seating is still available. Last chance for reservations is Friday, May 11, through Robin Krumholz. So far this year we have had over 600 dinners during Dine Around events! Quite a success.

   Next year we plan to have only 10 events, plus one Beach Brunch at the Omni Beachfront. Watch for details in the July Tidings.

   Our first ever combination Gala and On Line Auction, “Good for All”, will take place next May (2019). This event is being chaired by Howard Rothchild. Please contact Howard if you would like to participate in any part of this special event. This will be our only really HUGE event next year. We are looking for people who have marketing or advertising backgrounds to assist in this project. We need an entire year to make this auction a success, so please get involved early.

   The Advertising Directory solicitation period ends on May 31. Please contact your resources to participate in this year’s book. For the first time we will be publishing all print ads in color on high gloss paper. We have also added three cover pages as prime locations for major supporters. These have all been sold, thanks to the persistent efforts of the committee.

Social Action – Judie Aronson, Chair

   Mazon Collection: Thank you to all of you who donated to the Mazon fund during the Passover season. Each year Sisterhood and SAC collects monies at the Women’s Seder and Community Seder for those who are in need. Again this year, a large amount of money was raised to help support this worthwhile organization.

   Help Stock the Shelves at Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well on May 14 from 10 AM to 1 PM

   Each year the SAC committee helps these food banks stock the shelves after the drive for food by the Post Office. Any time you can give will certainly be appreciated. For Bluffton Self Help contact Kathy Burnce, (843) 757-0869. For Deep Well contact Cathy Kite (843) 671-7399.

   Family Promise:
   We will again be helping the guests at All Saints Church with meals in August. More information in the next tidings. For more information contact Tena Graber.

   Collection of Metal Tabs:
   Place all the metal tabs from soda and other cans in the Donation box in the temple. The tabs will be given to Ronald McDonald house in Charleston for their disposal.

   We’d love you to learn about the work that the SAC group accomplishes each year. Contact Judie Aronson.

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 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 (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.

73 Years Ago – Essay by Sophie Miklos

   As I write this essay, the rain is pouring hard all day sounding like a drummer on the top of my roof, reminding me of the concentration camps, mainly of Auschwitz, where the weather was often just as bad as today. When we were sitting in our muddy barrack with the rain coming through the roof, we looked like pigs squeezed together so tight that we were almost on top of each other - hungry, shivering and crying. Except the pigs enjoy the mud but of course we did not. The conditions were not for humans, but then again the German Nazis didn’t consider us human beings. They called us “Swine Juden” (Jewish pigs).

   I try to think about the present and enjoy my home, sitting comfortably in my leather reclining chair, where I don’t have to worry about water pouring in.

   Sometimes the present feels like a passing dream and the Holocaust feels like a nightmare that’ll never pass.

   Intellectually I am aware that I can count my blessings and I have many. I just turned 91 years old. This seems like a miracle, and at times I have to pinch myself that I

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Passover Celebrations
“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
Student Cantor– Olivia Brodsky

Olivia Brodsky is a second-year Cantorial Student at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion’s Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Judaic Studies from Tufts University and studied Classical Vocal Performance at New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA, with Karen Holvik. Growing up in West Bloomfield, Michigan, she was a highly involved member of the Jewish community. She studied independently with both Cantor/Composer Meir Finkelstein and Cantor Michael Smolash. They served as Olivia’s mentors, teaching her Jewish liturgy, Torah and Haftorah cantillation, Jewish history, and music theory. Cantor Finkelstein composed several pieces for her, some of which she performed at the 150th anniversary concert for Congregation Shaarey Zedek with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Leonard Slatkin. Olivia has performed as a wedding singer for both Jewish and non-Jewish ceremonies since she was fifteen and has co-officiated weddings and funerals. Olivia participated in Oberlin Conservatory’s “Oberlin in Italy” summer program where she performed the role of “Le Converse” in Puccini’s fully staged opera, Suor Angelica, as well as “Carolina” in opera scenes from Il Matrimonio Segreto. She was a member of the Tufts Opera Ensemble and the Tufts Third Day Gospel Choir. Of the Gospel Choir’s 220 members, Olivia was selected by Choir Director David Coleman as one of only 20 students to perform at the annual White House Christmas Party, “Holidays at the White House,” in December of 2014 – a private event held for the First Family and their friends. Olivia continues to study voice in New York City with Candace Goetz. She previously served as the Student Cantor at Temple Emanuel in Roanoke, VA, and recently completed her first practicum (recital) at HUC where she premiered a piece composed for her by Cantor Jonathan Comisar. She is thrilled for the opportunity to work alongside Rabbi Bloom and is honored be to be welcomed into Hilton Head’s Beth Yam Community! Olivia is passionate about preserving Jewish culture and tradition, specifically through the medium of Jewish music.
am still here in spite of the rough road I had to travel to reach this age. What a loss it would have been if my husband and I hadn’t survived the Holocaust. We wouldn’t have our wonderful daughter and the two gifted grandchildren who already are making a difference in people’s lives.

I wrote my memoir “Paper Gauze Ballerina” and visited lots of schools to answer their questions about the worst ever genocide. One of the students wrote me a letter thanking me for being in his class and expressing his happiness that I survived the Holocaust. He also questioned me whether it was worth it. He was aware that my life was interrupted when I was just a teenager, and also my survival was very difficult because no one waited for me from my family to welcome and embrace me when I returned home. All of them were wiped out by Hitler’s command. My reply to the student was that in many ways it was a blessing that I survived because of my wonderful family.

I often think of my life as if suddenly a tornado had struck down and I lost my family along with our house and I had to find a way to rebuild my house and my life, brick by brick by myself. It took me longer than one person building a house. It took me almost forty years by the time the house had a roof.

The Holocaust was a life changing experience, and I never regained my true spirit. But in spite of it, in a way I am proud that I struggled every day to rebuild my house, and I can function now like a human being and sometimes even forget I was called a Jewish pig for a whole year.

I would have liked if Hitler had seen me and my husband, who also went through a labor camp on the front line, as we built our successful lives. Hitler wouldn’t believe that we built a new building with a new family and a roof that doesn’t leak and that we had everything money can buy. It would show Hitler never to mess with Jews because they won’t be defeated ever again. There is one thing though I wouldn’t let Hitler know – that he robbed the survivors of their spirit and that he took this to his grave where there is no return.

I want to conclude this essay with a quote from Cecile Klein’s book “Sentenced to Live.” She wrote: “Many years ago, I witnessed the massacre of my people and when my turn came, I wasn’t thrown into the flames like all the others. Instead, I was chopped up into small pieces, but I refused to die. I picked up all the pieces, put them neatly together, made myself look like a person, but in fact remained a mummy.”

I think the author paints a vivid picture of the survivor’s state of mind, years after the Holocaust.

CBY has been very fortunate to have had the costs of our Student Cantor for the last 4 years and Music Director for the past 5 years fully or partially funded by anonymous donors. However, the funds from the anonymous donors will be depleted in the current fiscal year (2017/18) or next fiscal year (2018/19). In addition, costs for the Religious School were increased with the engagement of a new Director of Youth Education. Thus, CBY had the possibility of either incurring significant budget deficits or reducing our music programs.

The Task Force on Financial Structure was appointed by President Penny Meiselman to identify changes in CBY’s financial structure or practices to provide funds to maintain the music programs. The Task Force, which I chaired, included CBY members with varying backgrounds and experiences at CBY as well as other congregations; in addition, other CBY members participated on specific Task Force projects.

The Task Force initially projected that for the next 5 years, annual operating deficits could be as high as $67,000 using conservative assumptions for membership growth and inflation. The Task Force also projected sufficient monies available for all known capital replacements. Over several months the Task Force analyzed CBY’s financial structure and practices, talked to the URJ and other congregations about their financial practices, reviewed various written material, discussed and debated alternative approaches to meet the financial requirements to maintain the music program, and prepared recommendations for Board consideration. (Since the beginning of the Task Force efforts, CBY has received additional donations for the music programs from an anonymous donor and the CBY Sisterhood.)

Based on its review and analysis, the Task Force concluded that the CBY financial structure and practices can be responsibly modified to enable the Congregation to retain the music programs and cover increased Religious School costs. In fact, the Task Force presented several alternative changes which can be “mixed and matched” to accomplish those objectives over the next 5 years. Those recommendations include:

- Continue modest increases in dues (financial commitment).
- Increase prices of Memorial plaques and Leaves on the Tree of Life (prices had not changed since 2002).
- Reduce operating costs without negatively affecting services and programs (the proposed budget for 2018/19 includes significant cost reductions).
- Use a portion of the Capital Reserve Fund to pay for insurance to protect CBY’s assets. There is sufficient money available to meet projected capital needs and pay for property insurance.
- Improve investment returns on CBY’s available cash.
- Implement several enhancements in CBY’s fund-raising programs, such as the Advertising Directory and the Gala/Auction
- Implement an enhanced Friends donation program
- Increase funds raised from CBY’s “free money” programs

Several of these recommendations have been implemented and/or are included in CBY’s 2018/19 budget.

In addition, the Task Force recommended that CBY promote a Culture of Philanthropy, including steps such as:

- Continually communicating CBY’s mission, vision, and priorities and why it is important to donate to CBY
- Clarify the role of the Board in Fund Raising
- Revise the term “dues” to “Financial Commitment” or similar
- Increase financial transparency for members
- Say “thank you” for all monies received from members, including dues and tuition

The Board has accepted the Task Force report and is implementing its recommendations. In addition, several activities initiated by the Task Force are continuing.

As Chair of the Task Force I want to thank each member of the Task Force and other Congregants who devoted many hours to providing the roadmap for CBY to retain its music and RS programs and to structure CBY’s future financial practices.

Members of the Task Force were:

- Linda Bloom
- Rabbi Brad Bloom
- Ed Brager
- Ted David
- Janice Fradkin
- Jack Frisch
- Helen Hauer
- Elaine Lust
- Alan Meiselman
- Pennie Meiselman
- Jack Miller
- Phyllis Napoli
- Felicia Roth
- Bob Sable
- Candy Solomon
- David Solomon
- Mike Weingarten

Copies of the Task Force presentation to the Board can be obtained, hard copy or electronic, from the CBY office.
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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