Family to Family

Generous and thoughtful hosts welcomed interfaith CBY families into their homes to enjoy both new and familiar holiday traditions.
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**Candle Lighting Times:**
- Monday, October 1: 6:57 PM
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- Sunday, October 14: 6:40 PM
- Friday, October 26: 6:32 PM
- Sunday, November 4: 6:48 PM
- Sunday, November 18: 6:32 PM
- Sunday, December 2: 6:32 PM
- Tuesday, December 18: 6:32 PM

**Additional Events:**
- November 9-11: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- January 18-20: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- March 22-24: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)

**October 26-28:**
- October 26: Religious School 9:30 AM Madrichim Seminar 11:30 AM Boker Tov Service 12 PM Beach Brunch 12:15 PM Religious School Committee Hebrew School
- October 27: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- October 28: Final Day of School Year

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- November 10: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- November 11: Final Day of School Year

**December 7-9:**
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- December 8: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- December 9: Final Day of School Year

**January 18-20:**
- January 19: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- January 20: Final Day of School Year

**February 22-24:**
- February 23: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- February 24: Final Day of School Year

**March 22-24:**
- March 23: Shabbat Service with SC Brodsky (service)
- March 24: Final Day of School Year
## Save the Date for November

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### Blessing of the Animals – Jaquey Schmid

Sunday, October 14, at 11:30 under the portico at CBY. Join the Social Action Committee and the Religious School for this annual event. There will be a photo session with your pet, dog treats, animals for adoption, and participation by our Religious School children. All pets welcome. Jaquey Schmid, 843-384-9655 *

### Blood Drive at CBY

December 2
9 AM-1 PM

There is a hero inside you!
CBY is a congregation devoted to the fundamentals of Jewish religiosity which include Torah study, prayer, and deeds of lovingkindness. Over the last few years we have created a strong and active identity in the larger community from our involvement in projects like feeding the hungry to advocating for causes regarding justice. Now we come to a new challenge for CBY, which is the Mayoral Elections for Hilton Head. Under normal conditions I would not take up the space in this column to discuss why we need to be vigilant this year regarding the candidates aspiring to elected office in our blessed Hilton Head.

I am hoping that by now we know that out of seven candidates for mayor two have made outlandish statements by denying the Holocaust and by praising the leadership skills of Adolph Hitler. It seems surreal to me that in 2018 we are still dealing with people who believe that having such values and beliefs should not be an impediment to or disqualify them from being elected Mayor. Yet, that is exactly the case before us today.

I have written about this matter extensively in my columns in the Island Packet and during my recent Rosh Hashanah sermon. I also talked about the board’s decision to appoint a task force whose goal was to create a community coalition to oppose these two candidates and, in the long run, address the problems of hate speech in our community.

The Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate is gearing up by sending out a press release, creating a Facebook page, and organizing a mayoral forum for our new organization to discuss critical issues of leadership in our community. Check your emails for further information regarding these activities in the weeks ahead. Your involvement and support will make a true difference to elect a mayor who will unite us and respect the kinds of peoples who live here and who only want to live in this community peacefully and with dignity.

Even now at the beginning of October, I am urging everyone to make sure they vote in the November election on this island. The last time we had an election, according to the Beaufort County election bureau, about 32% of the registered voters voted in the mayor’s race. That was a little over eight thousand people in a population of about 25,000 registered voters. With seven candidates running for office, I do not believe that we can afford the luxury to simply say, ‘These two candidates in particular don’t have a chance.’ Please pay attention and send a message, “Not in Our Town!” “Hilton Head deserves better.” “Vote from the heart and not from hate.” Whatever it takes to motivate us and our neighbors to vote for the other candidates of your preference is worth doing.

It is time that we use our best judgment to choose the candidate who we as individuals feel would best represent us all. This situation is different because we have two of the seven who have offended the Jewish people and all people of good character. The Midrash says, “Woe to the generation that has to judge its judges. And woe to the generation whose judges deserve to be judged” (Midrash to the Book of Ruth). We are that generation who must judge our potential leaders to determine which candidate will represent the values we all cherish as Americans and Jews in this great land of ours.

Men’s Club—Dave Solomon

Space for the CBY Men’s Club Golf Tournament November 12 at Oldfield Golf Club in Okatie, SC, is almost full. BUT, there is still room if you don’t delay. Cost is $125 which includes golf, beverages on the course, and a BBQ lunch after. Send your payment to Steve Burstein at 40 Savannah Trail, Hilton Head, SC 29926. Proceeds will be distributed to a number of local charities and CBY. To date Men’s Club has donated over $110,000. We are still looking for hole sponsors for the outing. Cost to sponsor a hole is $150, and if you sponsor a hole you are entitled to one golfer at a reduced rate of $75. If you have a sponsor in mind contact Nelson Adelman.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W., 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—Judy Bluestone

As I was returning our High Holy Day machzors to our bookshelves, I rediscovered a little book called Rambam’s Ladder by Julie Salamon. It is a meditation on generosity and why it is necessary to give. The discovery could not have been more providential as we move from the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, to the days of “normal”. Three days after Yom Kippur it is easy to forget the promises made while sitting in our peaceful sanctuary.

But before I explore a touch of Maimonides wisdom, let me write briefly about the last ten days, days of ups and downs and highs but and very few lows.

Preparations for Rosh Hashanah, always a race against time, could not have been made without the talent and wise time management of our incredible office staff Michele Johnson and Ceil Treiss and the coordination of David Kurjan and Candy Solomon. The cooperation of our excellent readers and chanters, our greeters, ushers and parking directors, and our security team truly ensured smooth operations. Mother Nature, however, intervened and Hurricane Florence necessitated office closure and the suspension of scheduled Rosh Hashanah services.

CBY’s Hurricane Evacuation plan was initiated with Torahs and other Judaica distributed to responsible members for safe-keeping should evacuation occur and Jeremy Press taking care of our technology. But God intervened this time, and with the evacuation order rescinded Rabbi Bloom conducted a very special second day Rosh Hashanah evening service, where prayers were said, the Haftorah recited, and those present expressing both a thank you to God for sparing us and a companion prayer for our neighbors to the north who were having a different experience. Shabbat Shuah on Friday was uneventful: the office reopened, air conditioning checked for the third time, and Kol Nidrei commenced on schedule with Student Cantor Olivia, the High Holy Day choir, David Kimbell (the one man band) providing music and Rabbi Bloom the context. But it was really hot in the sanctuary and once again, our board member Doug Luba was consulted. On Yom Kippur morning, with suit and tie in hand, Doug saw to our comfort, and Yom Kippur services could not have been more beautiful and complete. The Family Service was “magical”, to quote David K, and the afternoon service, Yizkor, and N’ilah the same. The heartfelt words of our young participants in the March of the Living (Rebecca and Samuel Gelb, Miyah Shatz, Cameron Wynne and Becca Keating) brought tears to our eyes as they eloquently described their experiences; the gorgeous duet by David Kimbell and Mary Green which introduced the N’ilah service and the moving readings therein, read by Randy Kurjan and Barry Dickson, completed one of the most moving Yom Kippur experiences in my life. The final notes of the shofar so beautifully executed by Isaiah Shatz were thrilling. My thanks to each of you and the many unnamed members who contributed to this memorable Yom Kippur (and Hurricane Florence who moved north and west).

So, back to Maimonides, a twelfth century physician and scholar who spent much of his life “trying to reconcile faith and reason.” Among his many works was one entitled “The Guide of the Perplexed”. According to Julie Salamon, “though much of his writing can seem arcane, Maimonides knew how to sell an idea”, and he wrote a program known as the Ladder of Giving. Most of us must be familiar with the idea that the anonymous giver ranks above the giver who is known. The highest level is the person who helps a poor man become self-sufficient. Where do you fit on Rambam’s ladder? A gift to the CBY Friends campaign, launched this month, can be anonymous or not, may be unsolicited or not, may be large or small, but will most certainly result in the good feeling of contributing to a meaningful cause, the results of which you can observe every day at CBY: in the Jewish education and opportunity for Jewish children to socialize; in the presence of a full time Rabbi whose knowledge and talent pervade our synagogue; in the pastoral attention to our families; in actively pursuing tikkun olam; in the music which enhances our worship; in our presence in a town which values its faith communities, and so much more. Please say yes to Friends this year. EVERY GIFT COUNTS! Y

Thank you in advance.

Judy

Formation of Subcommittee on Accessibility Challenges

Congregation Beth Yam’s Social Action Committee is forming a subcommittee to explore issues related to people with accessibility challenges related to mobility, visual, hearing, sensory, behavioral, cognitive or emotional needs among the Lowcountry Jewish Community. The initial meeting will take place in the JRC at Congregation Beth Yam on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

Please let Phil Davidson (585-746-0361) or Randy Kurjan, know if you are interested in participating.
The whirlwind High Holy Days have passed, as well as Hurricane Florence. We were certainly grateful that we got by unscathed. Others, however, were not so fortunate. Life is fragile, but Sisterhood is strong. It is always moving to me to see how consistently the women of CBY are there to lend a hand, cook a meal, listen, help solve a problem, teach, schlep, and ... and have fun!

Speaking of fun and teaching, calling all mahjong players! We have some women who would love to learn how to play on Sunday mornings while the children are in Religious School. So, all you mahjong "mavens" and novices, contact Randy Kurjan or Nancy Rosen for details.

In October we will celebrate Sukkot and think about bounty, harvest, and shelter. While thinking about the importance of shelter, Sisterhood does much to contribute to those in need and those who are hungry, through Mazon and VIM.

On October 7 at 9:30 AM be sure to join us at a brunch and program co-sponsored by Sisterhood and the Endowment Committee, entitled “What All Women of All Ages Need to Know About Wills, Trusts and Guardianships in the State of South Carolina,” with attorney and CBY member, Jennie Cerrati, of the McNair Law Firm. When times are good, we tend not to think about the future, but it is definitely the best time to be proactive and prepare for the future. Be sure to RSVP to me, Randy Kurjan, to reserve your place. Bring a friend!

We have a wonderful Sisterhood Book Club scheduled for Thursday, October 11, at 12:30 PM. We will enjoy lunch for purchase from the full menu at Belfair Plantation in Bluffton, followed by a discussion of the book “Zero to Sixty and Then Some” led by the author, CBY’s own David Schuman. Books are available for purchase at the Judaica Shop.

And now for October’s Woman of Valor: please meet Gertrude Elion (January 23, 1918 – February 21, 1999). Gertrude (courtesy of jwa.org) “was a Nobel Prize recipient biochemist and pharmacologist. She helped develop medicine that treated leukemia, malaria, AIDS and kidney transplant rejection.” Gertrude was born in New York City, the daughter of Eastern European immigrants. She was educated at Hunter College and New York University. She received honorary PhD degrees from NYU’s Tandon School of Engineering and Harvard University. Among her many honors, Gertrude shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine in 1988.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will resume meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018, at Belfair Plantation in Bluffton. David Schuman, a CBY member, will be reading from his book “Zero to Sixty and Then Some”, published this year. Please come with your reactions, questions, puzzlements, or other viewpoints to discuss with him.

Books are available on Amazon or can be purchased from the Judaica Shop.

RSVP to Tena Graber at 843-342-6478; or email.
Protect Your Family...

What Women of All Ages Need to Know About Wills, Trusts & Guardianships

Sunday, October 7 at 9:30 AM

Enjoy brunch (bagels, lox, fruit, coffee) and learn what every woman needs to know to protect her family in the state of South Carolina.

There is no charge for this event.

Guest Speaker: Jennie Cerrati, CBY member and attorney at McNair Law Firm.

RSVP to Randy Kurjan, 301.908.0567

Event sponsored by: CBY Sisterhood & The CBY Endowment Committee
The first portion in the annual Torah reading cycle is Bereishit. This parashat tells us the following well-known stories: God creates the world and everything in it in six days and rests on the seventh. Adam and Eve are placed in the Garden of Eden, where they eat the forbidden fruit and are subsequently exiled. Adam and Eve have two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain kills his brother, Abel. Adam and Eve have another child named Seth.

Now, what could have possibly been so bad about taking just one bite from a piece of fruit? But the fruit Eve gave to Adam was not just any fruit; it was fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and bad. Adam ate and did not ask any questions about where it came from. Consequently, that feast turned out to be Adam and Eve's last supper, their last free meal, because they were expelled from the Garden of Eden immediately following dessert.

Not being just any ordinary garden variety of fruit, the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and bad resulted in loss of innocence. But was eating the forbidden fruit the sin that earned them God's scorn and a lifetime of sweat and hard work, a punishment also passed onto succeeding generations? Adam and Eve could not plead ignorance of the law; they had been clearly warned. The snake mocked God by planting doubt in Eve's mind. Loss of innocence, failure to heed God's word, and mistrust of God's edict all should have been cause enough to have earned Adam and Eve a one-way ticket from Eden; but according to Rabbinic tradition, the sin that led to expulsion was different.

The principal sin of the Garden of Eden was lack of accountability. When Adam was questioned by God about eating the fruit, he passed the responsibility to Eve: "She gave me the fruit of the tree, so I ate it." Eve did not own up to what she did either: "The serpent tricked me into eating it." (This is also known as "The Devil made me do it"). Neither was willing to take responsibility for their actions, "whether the act is intentional or inadvertent, whether awake or asleep".

More than ever before, people shrink from personal responsibility for action or inaction; all too many in the public and private sectors look for something or someone else to blame for their own objectionable behavior, or deny their behavior is even objectionable. Thus, the loss of personal accountability defines our age. Jewish tradition insists that individuals take responsibility for their actions, "whether the act is intentional or inadvertent, whether awake or asleep".

Blame, going on about grievances, and perfecting excuses are so much more convenient than taking personal responsibility for one's action. We've become a nation of whiners, always accusing someone else or some circumstance to explain away unsuitable behavior. Looking around, one wonders if humankind has made any real progress since Eden. The fact that it hasn't is the reason no one has ever been able to return to Eden because only when people show character and take responsibility for their actions can there ever be a return to the Tree of Life at the center of the garden.

On another note, the story of Noah and the Flood usually is read in October, which in recent years has been the time of hurricanes affecting Hilton Head and the Lowcountry. Coincidence? Perhaps. Or maybe not.
Social Action Committee – Janet Weingarten, Chair

Jews have always had ways to note seasonal changes as well as studying Torah with historical and theological viewpoints. During our preparation for the new year, we should focus on those we know and harmed and ask for forgiveness. We should also, during our sacrificial fast, think of those that never have enough food to sustain them. In our own community, make a commitment to cook and donate to a food pantry or support hungry students in our local schools. If you have your meals under a sukkah, think about those who don’t have a roof over their heads for longer than seven days. Help support Family Promise, Habit for Humanity, and [Caretaker] families living in cars. Vote for candidates that are committed to support the ethics, mitzvot, and Tikkun that are the hallmarks of Judaism. Taking personal action is a living way that we can keep Jewish values alive and relevant today and in the future.

Our food drive was very successful! During the High Holy Day season, we collected 160 bags of food for Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well. Each organization received 80 bags that were picked up on September 20. Thank you to everyone who brought their bags of food and a special thanks to Alys Blumberg and her committee.

Upcoming SAC events:
- Blessing of the Animals, October 14
- Hopeful Horizons and Lowcountry Legal Aid: Helping the Most Vulnerable in Our Community, November 13

Joint SAC/Sisterhood Program

Be informed about helping the most vulnerable in our community by attending a joint Social Action Committee and Sisterhood program. On Tuesday, November 13, from 7 to 9 PM representatives from Hopeful Horizons/ CODA and Lowcountry Legal Volunteers will present an educational program. Hopeful Horizons is an organization that helps women dealing with issues such as domestic violence, sexual assault, or child abuse. They cross refer with Lowcountry Legal Volunteers, which provides legal services and education to low income families. This program is open to the public and refreshments will be served. Be informed by attending and please bring a donation for Hopeful Horizons of new baby or children’s supplies such as bottles, wipes, onesies, pajamas, books, crayons, markers, puzzles, sports balls, or individually wrapped snacks.

Social Justice –
What does it have to do with Sukkot and Simchat Torah?

Adult Education – Barbara Slagowitz, Chair

Please join us for our first Lunch and Learn program on October 17 at 12:00 in the social hall at CBY. We will be discussing “Judas” by Amos Oz. He is a prize winning Israeli author who has written many thought provoking books. Our discussion will center on the questions of TRAITORS. Judas was the ultimate traitor or was he? Bring your lunch. We will have coffee and dessert.

In December we will be starting our study group about the New Testament. Hart Joseph, a lay leader at Saint Lukes church, will lead our initial discussion. To prepare please read the Wikipedia article about the New Testament. The study group will meet December 6 at 4:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be on November 1 at 3:30 PM at CBY. We would welcome new members.

Care Committee – Carol Carty & Janice Fradkin, Co-chairs

You know that rich life experiences are indispensable; they’ve helped make up the person you are today. So just imagine how many valuable stories, lessons, and experiences the seniors of Hilton Head and Bluffton can share with you. When you spend time volunteering with seniors, you’ll benefit just as much as they do - and you can learn a lot, too.

Do you have an hour once every month or two - on your own or with your child, grandchild, sibling, or friend - to brighten the day for one or a small group of our elders? We stand on their shoulders in so many ways; please help us thank them with companionship, conversation, and a listening ear. Contact Janice or Carol; we’ve got lots of ideas for getting started.

Carol Carty: 609-313-9036
Janice Fradkin: 843-715-9514
Kristallnacht – Janice Fradkin
A special program to commemorate Kristallnacht will be held on Sunday, November 11 at 1:00 PM at CBY. The observance will be led by Rabbi Bloom.

On Kristallnacht, also known as the “Night of Broken Glass,” a wave of violent attacks on Jewish stores, homes, and synagogues, took place across Nazi Germany and parts of Austria on November 9 and 10, 1938, setting off an explosion of human destruction that was to become the Holocaust.

To commemorate the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, join us for “The Nazis Burned Books and Destroyed Buildings but the Jewish Spirit Will Never Die,” a program of music and readings to comfort the soul and uplift the spirit. Featured will be the acclaimed Mary Green Chorale, under the direction of CBY member and maestro Mary Woodmansee Green, performing Reconciliation and the Finale of Vaughn Williams’ “Dona Nobis Pacem” and two works by Leonard Bernstein: “Canon” from Symphony No. 3 (“Kaddish”) and “Almighty Father.”

Please join us on Sunday, November 11, as we remember. ⊡

2018-2019 Friends Campaign – Pennie Meiselman & Stanton Bluestone, Co-chairs
“The Most Important Thing is to Have Friends”

The title of this article is the response that a teenager gave 30 years ago to the question, "What's the most important thing?"

In a teenager's world, friends are the most important thing. In a Jewish congregation, the most important things are the services, the rabbi, the preservation and strengthening of our Jewish religion, and maintenance of our congregation. At Beth Yam we have active religious and cultural programs, well attended weekly services, a religious school, a fully engaged and caring rabbi, as well as many other activities. Our staff is helpful and friendly, and overall the synagogue works well, BUT the revenue side takes effort.

At CBY, the largest source of revenue is dues, followed by the Friends Campaign, then the myriad of fundraising events.

The Friends Campaign officially starts after the High Holy Days and continues until the end of the CBY fiscal year, June 30. While our goal last year was $82,000, which was not achieved for various reasons, we are committed to reach and hopefully surpass this amount with your continued support.

In order to achieve our goal we hope you will consider increasing your Friends gift, as many have done in the past, to maintain CBY’s healthy foundation of Jewish life in the Lowcountry.

If you have an IRA and are over 70 and one half, there can be a significant tax savings by donating directly from your IRA to the CBY Friends Campaign.

Please be a Better Friend this year. ⊡

Friends of Congregation Beth Yam

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(Please indicate how you would like your name listed in the Temple Tidings)
Address: ________________________________________
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To make special payment arrangements, please contact the treasurer.
Signature: ________________________________

□ Please check the box if you do not want your names listed

All Friends will be listed alphabetically in the Temple Tidings and in the CBY lobby

Please mail this form and your check to:
Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting Street, Hilton Head, SC 29926

Friends of Congregation Beth Yam
Planning for the Surviving Spouse: After the Wills and Trusts

We hope that every member of CBY has a current will and related legacy documents prepared in conformity with the laws of your state of residence. If not, get the documents as soon as you can. It’s important (see prior Endowment Committee communications). If so, great! You have accomplished the first critical step in planning for the surviving spouse. However, there is more to do.

In many households, one spouse handles the bulk of the business and financial affairs of the household; in other families the responsibilities are split. Either way, in most households both spouses do not know everything he or she will need to know if he or she is the surviving spouse. For example, what are the passcodes to get onto the computers and phones, what are the user IDs and passwords for the various websites you use, where are your investments held, where is your safe deposit box, who are your financial, medical and legal advisors and what is their contact information, where are your legacy documents held, and the list goes on. This is the type of information that the surviving spouse (or one of the children) needs to know to close out your loved one’s estate and to get on with life. (Even if both spouses know this information, is it written down and readily available to the surviving spouse?).

On October 23, 2018, at 4 PM the Endowment Committee is sponsoring a wine and cheese workshop titled “Planning for the Surviving Spouse: After the Wills and Trusts” to be presented by Steven Weber, Principal of The Bedminster Group. The workshop will share life planning and organizational tools to reduce the stress often involved in passing on financial responsibility to family members. Steve will discuss his “Red Folder” method of organizing relevant financial and family information as well as other important planning tools.

“It is a terrific presentation of an important topic,” according to Phyllis Napoli and Janice and Maury Fradkin, who recently attended Steve’s presentation on this topic. As a result, one of the attendees is preparing a “Red Folder” for her family.

Steven Weber is the Registered Investment Advisor and compliance officer for The Bedminster Group, and the pro-bono financial advisor to the CBY Endowment Committee. He founded the Bedminster Group on Hilton Head Island in 1997 and has over 30 years of experience as an investment advisor and portfolio manager. Mr. Weber has served as Vice Chairman of the Board of Habitat for Humanity in Hilton Head, Treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Beaufort County Arts Council, and a board member of the Literacy Center. He is also a former member of the investment advisory committee of Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona.

Join us on Oct 23 at 4 PM for the seminar on “Planning for the Surviving Spouse: After the Wills and Trusts”. Please RSVP to Janice Fradkin by email or 843-715-9514.
Family to Family

Despite the lingering threat of Hurricane Florence, 16 CBY families set their stress aside to participate in the Outreach committee’s renewed Family to Family program during Rosh Hashanah. Generous and thoughtful hosts welcomed interfaith CBY families into their homes to enjoy both new and familiar holiday traditions. Fourteen children and 29 adults created sweet new memories of Rosh Hashanah 5779. CBY is the only URJ congregation sponsoring an outreach program like this for members of different faiths.

Host Felicia Roth described a “loud, happy, full house where everyone brought a dish or two to share.” Highlights included Rachel Pepin’s chicken noodle soup, Sheryl Keating’s brisket, and Marida Bruggeman’s noodle kugel. Felicia shared her own family’s special tradition of caramel-dipped apples for a sweet new year. Carol Horowitz baked her famous round raisin challah, which could easily feed 30 people. Larry remarked that leftover challah makes amazing French toast. The Napolii and Hilsens combined their skills and hosted two additional families. The Weinbergers, who are from Connecticut, have spent the last 25 years celebrating Rosh Hashanah at CBY. They happily hosted a family of three because they believe in the concept and spirit of Family to Family. Judy Movshin hurried home from her volunteer activity on the choir to prepare dinner for many families whom she and Richard generously invited to Rosh Hashanah dinner.

The Outreach committee is now planning a grandparents’ workshop for members that are grandparenting children being raised in interfaith families or who are interfaith themselves with grandchildren. Outreach hopes to serve a continuing need for CBY members in interfaith relationships. Contact Marcia Frezza or Rebecca Mastrorocco by email for more info.

Fundraising Committee—Dave Solomon

Thanks to those of you who helped solicit advertisers for the ad section in the CBY Member Directory. This year’s directory is a major step up in quality thanks to Alan Meiselman and all of you who helped contribute to getting ads. Remember to frequent the establishments in the Ad Directory and make sure you let them know you’re from CBY and saw their ad in this year’s directory. It lets them know there is value in advertising with us.

Reminder—the BEACH BRUNCH at the Omni is approaching fast ... October 21. The theme of this year’s brunch is Trivial Pursuit. It’s going to be a fun event where you can mingle with friends and learn some fun facts as questions are asked and answered. Cost is $35/person. Watch future Small Tidings and e-blasts for more information.

The new Dine Together program has been a success so far due to the efforts of Maury Fradkin and Neil Hilsen. Unfortunately, the Dine Together at the Cottage was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence. It’s been rescheduled to October 4. Make sure you sign up with Maury Fradkin to assure there is room for you. More Dine Togethers are being planned, so watch the Tidings and e-blasts for more information.

Beach Brunch

Sunday, October 21, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Shore House at the Omni Oceanfront Resort

Please give a warm welcome our newest resident members:

☆ Michael and Ruth Kalafer, who live in Sun City.

Membership Committee—Candy Solomon & Sue Gostanian, Co-chairs

The Family Directories are ready and waiting for you to pick them up in the foyer if you have not already done so. We would like to thank all of the greeters at the High Holy Day services for being so welcoming to all of the members and guests. Pennie Meiselman deserves a big thank you for organizing the greeters for these services.

The Membership Committee is in the process of planning several events in the next several months. We are planning to have off-island Friday night services, a Meet and Greet in Hampton Hall, and our Back to Shul Night. Stay tuned for details.

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