Ambassador David I. Adelman


On February 2 special guests Judge Ed Fine and Attorney Charles Sanders addressed the topic “What morals must a judge possess in order to be fit to serve on the court?”
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**Important Request Regarding Streaming and Our Website**

Michael Shapiro has been doing a yeoman’s job making our live streaming of services and other special events successful as well as keeping our website current. However, he can’t do it all himself. We are asking for someone to volunteer to take over “ownership” of CBY’s streaming capability as well as someone to be a backup for the website. If you have an interest in either (or both) of these activities, please contact Michael at 843-301-3210 or by email.

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**Friday, March 29**

*Congregation Beth Yam will be offering 2 options for Friday night services:*

- **7:30 PM Shabbat service at CBY and**
- **6:30 PM Lev Simcha Shabbat service in Bluffton at St. Andrew Methodist Church’s satellite campus at 39 Persimmon St. #203.**

For further information, contact Candy Solomon

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**Yom HaShoah**

Save the Date

Planning is underway for the annual Holocaust Remembrance program – Yom HaShoah – to be held this year with three separate events at CBY.

- **Thursday, May 2 at 7 PM:**
  - Holocaust film (TBA) and discussion

- **Sunday, May 5 at 1 PM:**
  - Survivor Vera Hoffman with readings, poetry, and music by the CBY Shabbat Choir and soloist Adriana Urato

- **Monday, May 6 at 7 PM:**
  - Survivor Henry Fenichel

Come hear these amazing stories of survival, spirit, and the strength of bearing witness.

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

One of the more well-known customs about Purim is that one is supposed to drink so much that one cannot tell the difference between Haman the villain and Mordecai a hero of the story. Where does such an unusual custom originate from in Jewish sacred literature? It begins in the Talmud in Tractate Megillah. The sage Rava said, “One is required to drink alcohol on Purim to the point where the individual does not know the difference between “Blessed is Mordecai and Cursed is Haman.”

A story is told in the pages of the Talmud about two rabbinic sages, Rabbi Zeira and Rabbah, who had a Purim feast together. After they became drunk, Rabbah got up and killed Rabbi Zeira. The next day, according to the legend, Rabbi Zeira arose and asked God for divine forgiveness for Rabbah and then he came back to life. A year went by and Rabbah approached Rabbi Zeira and asked, “Purim is here again; how about we have another Purim feast just you and me?” He answered Rabbah by saying, “Miracles don’t happen all the time.” This means ‘I don’t know that if you do the same thing to me that I will be able to be brought back to life again.’

One sage in the Middle Ages known by the acronym Maharsha commented on this story by saying, “We should not take this particular story literally.” This commentator says that Rabbah pressured Rabbi Zeira to get drunk to the point where he actually died from being inebriated. Rabbah prayed that Rabbi Zeira should not die and afterward he eventually recovered from being drunk.

I can understand us questioning why this was allowed. Let’s not forget that Purim is a joyous holiday; even Mordecai said to the Jewish people, “yemei mishteh v’simchah, These are days of drinking and rejoicing” (Esther 9:22).

We shouldn’t forget that we are commanded to drink plenty of wine or alcohol not just on Purim but also on Passover, too. Are we not commanded to drink four cups of wine on Passover? What makes Purim different? On Passover the wine is used as a symbolic reason to remind us of our liberation from slavery. On Purim the difference is more about something functional; in other words, it is about how drunk to become and no more than that alone.

The Rabbis like Moses Maimonides also tried to show that the words of the Talmud should not be taken literally. He wrote in the 11th century, “How should one fulfill the obligation of the Purim meal? One should eat meat and prepare as nice a meal as one can afford and drink wine until one becomes drunk and falls asleep from drunkenness” (Laws of Megillah 2:15). The sages are trying to temper the idea that getting drunk could lead to violence like the story of Rabbah killing Rabbi Zeira.

An eighteenth century rabbi argued that the laws do not require us to get drunk despite what the Talmud says. This sage believes that by getting drunk we are likely to forget all the other commandments we are supposed to do, like washing one’s hands before the Purim dinner or beginning one’s prayers in the synagogue worship service. This is why the sage urged us not to get drunk.

We are planning to have a fun Purim spiel on Wednesday night the 20th and people will drink. If we are planning to drink we should have a designated driver. Second, drinking responsibly is a critical value, and becoming completely inebriated is no longer appropriate in a public setting. Can we keep the value of moderation in all things in mind as we celebrate the holiday of Purim this year? I hope so because decorum of the synagogue and lives depend on it.

Hag Sameah.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W., 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. *

Take on Hate

South Carolina is one of only five states to have no hate crime law in place. In November of 2018, Charleston became the first city in South Carolina to pass its own anti-hate crime ordinance. With a long term goal of lobbying state legislators to pass a statewide anti-hate crime bill, the Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate (LCAH) is attempting to solicit support from the officials of Hilton Head Island and its neighboring towns in Beaufort County - Bluffton and Beaufort - to also pass such an individual ordinance.

The CBY Social Action Committee will be sponsoring a program by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), “Take on Hate” at the temple on April 4 from 7 to 9 PM. *

Rabbi Bloom and Janice Fradkin meet with Mayor Billy Keyserling of Beaufort to encourage his support for a Beaufort ordinance.
Happy March!

What is there about the month of March that generates so many quotes? “It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold; when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.” (Charles Dickens) “Indoor or out, one relaxes in March, that month of wind and taxes; the wind will presently disappear, the taxes last us all year.” (Ogden Nash)

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.” (Lewis Grizzard)

In sum, March is the month, though unpredictable, that promises spring time and stability is upon us. So it is at CBY. This month we celebrate the holiday of Purim which commemorates the bravery of a young girl who faced a powerful king in defense of her Jewish people. It is a moment before the major spring holidays when we Jewish people let our hair down and join in the revelry of the holiday. This year at CBY we will have double the fun: PURIM AT CBY on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:00 PM and the merriment follows with a Jewish joke and story night, wine, and light fare including hamentashen. Please join us at the Shushan Cabaret. Reservations a must! On Friday, March 22, at 6:00 PM the family service offers PURIM FOR KIDS with costumes, hamentashen and family fun. March 24 is the annual kids’ Purim Carnival.

So, March sweeps in “like a lion” (Oscar Hammerstein).

March is the month when the newly paved parking lot should be completed…finally. Many thanks to our unsung hero Mark Britanisky who oversees the physical aspects of CBY and surroundings.

March is the month when the Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate, alive and well, will announce its initiatives for the coming year…advocacy (hate crimes legislation), education, and support. It is the month when the Judie Aronson Initiative is announced to the area’s public high schools. Check out the website for information.

This month Rabbi Bloom will participate in a panel on racism in a program at USCB on March 21 from 6:00-10:00 PM.

March winds are blowing in a westerly direction! On Friday, March 29, Rabbi Bloom will lead our first ever intergenerational Shabbat service for our Bluffton members and friends. The service at St. Andrews Methodist Church will start at 6:30 PM. Many of our families reside off-island so it is fun to offer them a chance to attend “around the corner.” Our regular Friday night service will take place as always on Meeting St. with Alan Krumholz and Adriana Urato leading a warm and welcoming service.

So, let’s ignore the “Ides of March” and focus on the “idylls” of March with your Congregation Beth Yam.

See you soon.

Judy

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Adult Education – Barbara Slagowitz, Chair

It’s been a very busy February for our committee. The Rabbi’s Introduction to Judaism lectures drew 71 attendees and was given rave reviews. Most of the attendees were from outside the congregation.

The film festival started with an interview with Neil Simon which he didn’t want shown until after his passing. It was very touching. We showed three films so far: “Lost in Yonkers”, “Brighton Beach Memoirs”, and “Biloxi Blues”. On March 7 we conclude the festival with “Broadway Bound”. I hope everyone enjoyed this year’s films.

THURSDAY STUDY GROUPS

- March 14: Purim - the Book of Esther and Jewish Traditions, 4 - 5:30 pm; please rsvp to Barbara Slagowitz
- April 18: Passover Haggadah: Meaning, history and relationship to us today

LUNCH AND LEARN

- May 15: Amos Oz - the Rabbi will discuss “Dear Zealots, Letters from a Divided Land”. We meet at noon. Bring lunch; drinks and goodies will be available.

Our next meeting is March 8 at 1:00 PM at CBY. We welcome new members. ✡
Sisterhood —
Randy Kurjan, President

February has flown by, as March and spring move in to take its place. First, I want to give a big Sisterhood hug and high five to Susan Britanisky and Sandy Leff. They took a program that, though well-liked, was showing signs of wear and reinvented it into a fresh, new Sweetheart Celebration. It was well attended and received many accolades. Love takes many shapes; sweethearts can be a spouse, a sibling, a friend or a parent. The atmosphere, food and music set just the right note for a delightful afternoon! The Facebook article that I posted on CBY’s Facebook page was even noticed, shared, and highlighted by the Southeast Region of the WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism!

Continuing on the theme of refurbishment, your Sisterhood Board has worked hard to review the By-laws and policies and procedures. Sometimes what made sense before doesn’t seem practical for current needs. You should have received the changes to review. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past President Sue Gostanian, has been hard at work to propose members for next year’s officers and board. We will vote on the By-law changes, officers and board at the upcoming general meeting in March, which coincides with our Women’s Seder.

Be sure to mark your calendar for March 28, and make your reservations early. Come with a friend, a new member, or a neighbor!

We are very excited to be looking into a health initiative program by offering an ongoing Tai Chi and Balance program at CBY. So many of us have fallen and broken bones. Let’s do something about it! A big “Thank you!” to Linda Moniuszko for organizing this to present to the board, so that we can offer it to you! Be on the lookout for more information.

On a personal note, I want to extend a hug to the lovely women of Sisterhood. You are kind, supportive, smart and creative! Every day, in so many ways, I see your hands and hearts at work to support each other, Sisterhood, and CBY.

Sisterhood’s March Jewish Woman of Valor is Selma Wynberg Engel. Selma Engel was one of 58 prisoners who escaped from the Sobibor extermination camp in Eastern Poland. Selma was forced into hiding when the Germans invaded Poland in 1940. She was captured in a roundup in 1942. Following her escape, she was one of the first people to reveal the horrors of the Nazi agenda. She went onto testify at the trials of German officers. Selma spoke about her experiences so that the world would never forget. Selma Engel was knighted, in recognition of her historical witness, by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands, on April 12, 2010. Selma Wynberg Engel died on December 4, 2018 in New Haven, Connecticut.

Community Seder
The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Yam is pleased to announce the plans for the Community Passover Seder which will be held on Saturday, April 20, at 5 PM. The menu and forms for reservations can be found on the CBY web-site. A mail-in form is also in this month’s Tidings. We hope you can join us for this traditional ritual and meal that is being held on the second night of the eight-day Passover holiday.

Women’s Study Group
Sisterhood women’s study group will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at Sharon Leff’s home at 6 Bridgetown Rd in Wexford. The event will begin at 6 PM. Those who are interested should contact Tena Graber by email.com to reserve a place. Also, please sign up with Tena to bring a dairy dish. The article "The Unheard Female Voice" will be disseminated and discussed. Participation is limited to 20.

Book Group
Our next Book Group will meet on Thursday, March 7, for lunch at Moss Creek Country Club and a discussion of the book "The Last Watchman of Old Cairo" by Michael David Lukas. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by March 4 to Rita Suntup by email. We will also meet on May 9 to discuss the book "The Immortalist" by Chloe Benjamin. ♦
It happens only once, every two years!

A GALA EVENING

Celebration 10

Honoring 10 Wonder-filled years in CBY’s “House by the Sea”

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM

$75 per person

Catered dinner, open bar, table wine
Silent & Live Auction

GREAT BID OPPORTUNITIES, like:

- Some enchanted evening:
  - 7 nights for 6 in beautiful Bali

- Dinner & wine for 6 in your home:
  - Chef-prepared, served and clean-up by SERG

- Delightful Tuscan culinary experience:
  - 5 nights for 2, cooking class, dinners

This is CBY’s major fundraiser this year.

PLUS – we will be going online nationally with our own auction website for 8 days before the Gala and be featured on a national bidding site with 485,000 charity shoppers!

SEATING WILL BE LIMITED. To make your Gala reservations:

click here, or go to www.bethyam.org
Men’s Club –
Dave Solomon, President

I am pleased to announce that Jamie Kaye has agreed to join the Men’s Club board of directors. We are excited to have Jamie on the board and look forward to his participation, insight and the fresh ideas he will bring to our group. Men’s Club is pleased to announce we are now members of the MRJ (Men of Reform Judaism). Contact Jack Frisch if you have any questions.

Men’s Club wants to thank David Adelman, former Ambassador to Singapore, for making a fabulous presentation to CBY and Unity of Hilton Head on February 17. Mr. Adelman spoke about the relationship between Singapore and Israel as well as current political events here and abroad. There were approximately 75 attendees who listened to the presentation then enjoyed refreshments and time to interface directly with David after the question and answer session.

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

Our CBY Annual Pot Luck was held on Friday, February 8. The record crowd enjoyed the tasty dishes prepared by CBY members and chaired by Gay Birnbaum. If you weren’t able to join us this year, keep your eyes open for this event next year. You don’t want to miss it!

CBY will be hosting two Shabbat services on Friday, March 29. One service will be in Bluffton at the St. Andrew Methodist Church satellite building located at 39 Persimmon St. at 6:30 PM. This will be a Lev Simcha, or Happy Heart, service.

We will also be having our regular Shabbat service at CBY at 7:30 PM. Please mark your calendars to join us at either service that evening.

Our New Member Shabbat/ Ambassador Thank You Party will be held on Friday, April 12, before the service. Watch for details.

Please welcome our newest members to our CBY family. They are Gail and Michael Froomkin (Resident family) and Sherri and Fred Katz (Affiliate family).

Social Action Committee –
Janet Weingarten, Chair

Thanks to Barbara Meyer and the ADL committee, we are nearing April 4, the day we present our program that is so important to all of us, our children, and grandchildren. Hate crimes in America have risen immensely, and our ADL speaker will present current statistics and suggest action oriented strategies to eradicate related crimes. This is a program that is important to everyone.

Please circle your calendar to be at CBY on April 4 at 7:00 PM.

We wish to thank everyone that attended the events of the MLK weekend. We had many members attend our service, the Excellence Ball, and the parade with the following program and lunch at the Hilton Head High School. It was a beautiful and special weekend.

Judie Aronson Social Justice Award Initiative

Congregation Beth Yam is pleased to announce the inaugural year of the Judie Aronson Social Justice Award, generously funded by the Aronson family in Judie’s memory. The award will honor yearly one graduating senior from each of three high schools: Hilton Head High School, Bluffton High School and May River High School. Students chosen will receive an award of $1,000. Recipients will be determined by the completion of an application form and written statement, to be released shortly on a dedicated website. Students applying for the award will be asked to demonstrate a commitment to social justice. Applications will be due in April and the awards will be presented in May 2019. All eligible students are encouraged to apply. Affiliation with Congregation Beth Yam is not a requirement.
This month we read the Torah portion P'kudei, which brings the Book of Exodus to a close. The Israelites—who by this point in our story have been freed from Egyptian slavery, stood at Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments and the Torah, and in this week’s parashat completed the construction of the Tabernacle—are finally ready for their long years of wandering that will take up the rest of the Torah’s narrative.

If your only exposure to the Book of Exodus was through children’s Bible stories, Hollywood, or even the Jewish calendar, you might easily overlook the part of the story about the Tabernacle. Big stories like the liberation from Egypt, the giving of the Ten Commandments, the building of the Golden Calf, and God’s appearance at the Burning Bush are almost always portrayed as the major events of the Book of Exodus. The building of the Tabernacle—the portable sanctuary that will serve as God’s dwelling-place among the Israelite camp during their wanderings—barely even registers. But when Moses finally completes the Tabernacle in this week’s Torah portion, it is after almost half the Book of Exodus that is mostly devoted to the detailed and often repetitive description of the Tabernacle. These Torah portions have focused on the communal efforts to create the Tabernacle that would serve as the central focus of the Israelite community in the desert. At the end of the book of Exodus, however, the completion of this sanctuary comes back into the hands of Moses, the organizer who started it all.

The construction of the Tabernacle required teamwork, volunteerism, and commitment of people from all parts of the Israelite camp. Yet, once their work was finally ready for its debut, God instructed Moses to set up the finishing touches of the Tabernacle by himself. In the quiet inner-sanctum of the Tabernacle, one can imagine Moses arranging the furniture, putting up screens, setting the table, lighting the lamps, and bringing in the water for ritual washing, all tasks he easily could have given to someone else to do. Did these tasks help the extremely busy Moses to slow down and notice that the people who created such a painstakingly detailed building were no longer the scattered, ragtag group of former slaves with whom Moses had begun the project? Before he went on to the next job after the Tabernacle’s construction, did Moses come to realize that a community of people, brought together through shared experience and unified mission, now stood before him? Did these final tasks help Moses to remember that, as a leader, God wanted him to serve those who built the Tabernacle and not the other way around?

Perhaps because Moses finished what he started, he was able to move into the next phase of his leadership with a better understanding of his community and his role. The strength of such reflection may have been what Moses needed in order to transition us into the book of Leviticus and its codes of how to fill both the Tabernacle and a community with holiness.

Learning how to leave a legacy of your life lessons & values to the ones you love.
Led by Rabbi Bloom

Writing Your Own Ethical Will
Monday, March 25, 4:00 - 6:00PM

Snacks will be provided
No charge for this priceless opportunity!

RSVP by March 18 & for questions contact:
Carol Carty, 609.313.9036
or
Janice Fradkin, 404.580.7513

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A Perfect Handmade Gift for that Special Person

Helen Hauer will knit a beautiful afghan for you when you make a $350 donation to CBY Sisterhood. Contact Helen Hauer by email.
Fundraising – Dave Solomon, Chair

There were 31 people who enjoyed the Rita Rudner comedy night, and about 22 plus for dinner at the Mediterranean Harbour Bar and Grill. The owner of Mediterranean Harbour donated two $25 gift certificates that were raffled off. The raffle netted $125, which will be donated to the Music fund.

The Dine together at “It’s Greek to Me” was a large success. The owner donated a $25 gift card for his restaurant, and we made $130 which will be donated to the Music fund.

Save the date May 18, 2019 for Celebration10, 2019’s Gala and Silent & Live Auction. Tickets are on sale now on the CBY website. You can pay by charge (preferred) or by mailing in your invitation with check or cash enclosed. Find out more by checking the CBY website or watch for articles in the Tidings. Any ideas or contacts for auction items please contact Alan Meiselman.

The Fund Raising Committee is looking for new members to join the team so we can continue to develop new activities and events to support CBY.
Congregation Beth Yam
Sisterhood
Invites you to attend our
Passover Community Seder
led by Rabbi Brad Bloom
Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM
CBY Social Hall
Catered by Serg Group
Click here for menu

This event fills quickly...please reserve early!
SEATING LIMITED TO 130 PEOPLE. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 12. RESERVATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE FILLED FROM OUR WAITING LIST

All are welcome
CBY Members, families & guests (Age 14+).................... $55 each
Non Members (Age 14+)........................................ $65 each
All Children 6 - 13.......................................................... $20 each
All Children under 6 ..........................................................FREE

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Please reserve __________ vegetarian matzo ball soups
We would like to sit with: ________________________________________________________________

Mail this form and check payable to CBY Sisterhood to:
CBY, 4501 Meeting St Hilton Head SC 29926
Questions: Tena Graber 843-342-6478
SAVE THE DATE FOR AN IMPORTANT EVENT
April 4, 2019, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Please join us at Congregation Beth Yam for a timely presentation by Shelley Rose, Deputy Director of the Southeast branch of Anti-Defamation League

- Discussion of the most current statistics on hate crimes in America
- Action-oriented strategies to eradicate bias-related crimes

South Carolina is one of the five states which does not have a hate crime law. Charleston, with the assistance of the Anti-Defamation League, passed an ordinance making such crimes legally punishable.

Come work with us to pass a similar piece of legislation in Hilton Head and adjacent communities.

Information contact:
Barbara Meyer

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The Social Action Committee of Congregation Beth Yam
Sisterhood Book Club presents
“The Last Watchman of Old Cairo” by Michael David Lukas
Thursday, March 7, 12:30-2:00 PM
Moss Creek Country Club
RSVP by Monday, March 4 to Rita Suntup, 843.715.2873

CBYadult education
study group
PURIM STUDY:
The Book of Esther and Jewish Tradition
Thursday, March 14, 4:00-5:30 PM
Led by Rabbi Bloom
RSVP: Barbara Slagowitz, bslagowitz@gmail.com
Presented by The Adult Education Committee

TOGETHER
FRIENDS ARE MADE ACROSS THE TABLE
Thursday, March 14
6:00 - 8:00 PM
The Sage Room
Please email dinetogether.cby@gmail.com for reservations
The restaurant will not be accepting reservations from patrons directly. Reserve your space now!

Women’s Seder
In Celebration of Women
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 11:30 AM
*Please note: ALL reservations must be received by March 15
Send checks payable to the CBY Sisterhood to: Sue Gostanian
1 Carma Court
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
203-770-7337

Buffet Menu
◊ Chilled Salmon
◊ Mixed Salads
◊ Homemade Kugel
◊ Home Baked Passover Desserts
◊ Coffee and Tea
$18 for Sisterhood members & guests
Catered by
The Sisterhood Board
Sherri And Fred Katz
Enjoying Their New Home

Group 4 Builders built Sherri and Fred their fabulous new home. Features include cypress ceiling extending from living room through screened porch, modern large kitchen, heated pool and spa, 4 bedroom 4 1/2 baths including a luxury Carrara marble master bath.

“We have been coming to Hilton Head for over thirty years and decided to build a home in Sea Pines. We were introduced to Jack and we were impressed with his organizational skills. Since we live 750 miles away, we were looking for someone who would keep us informed and let us know frequently about the progress of construction. Jack fit the mold perfectly. We are very pleased with our new home and want to thank Jack and his subcontractors. We appreciate all their hard work.”
Sherri and Fred Katz

CONTRACTOR: GROUP 4 BUILDERS
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