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Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM
Join in as the Passover Seder will be live streamed from CBY
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Torah Study

**Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 AM**

Join the Zoom Torah Study

Look for details in our eblasts or email bethyam@aol.com.

**CBY Recycles!**

In the spirit of “Tikkun Olam” (repairing the world), we are proud to report that CBY will now recycle certain plastic, paper, and glass materials. We have contracted with a local, family-owned company at a very reasonable cost. They have provided guidelines on the specifics of what items are considered recyclable. Look for the blue cans in the kitchen and Social Hall. There are signs near the receptacles that clearly depict which items are acceptable. We need to all do this together if it is going to work. Please do not put any garbage/food in the blue recycle cans. Put only delineated items in the recycle bins. It is worth the extra effort! Together we can take a start and take care of our planet. ☪
One of our congregants recently texted me and exclaimed, “Isn’t it ironic that the Seder has to be cancelled because of a plague?” She has a point. People like the section of the Haggadah service when we dip our fingers into the wine at our plate and call out “Blood, frogs, lice, flies, livestock pestilence, boils, hail and locusts.” Then comes darkness and finally the slaying of the first born in Egypt.

The plagues have always been there as the way that God goes after Pharaoh to demonstrate God’s ultimate power over Pharaoh. The other aspect of the plagues story shows that Egypt had a chance to let the people go, but because of Pharaoh’s arrogance, his entire people would pay a dear price by the deaths of the first born, let alone at the sea of Reeds chasing after the Israelites.

So one could say that the plagues were truly a warning to Pharaoh that something far worse than a plague would arrive, which would be the slaying of the first born. In a Midrash on Exodus the rabbis say that when a man wants to bring sudden evil upon his enemy, he will maneuver to catch his adversary by surprise. Yet, God was different in that God warned Pharaoh before each and every plague that was coming in order to give Pharaoh an opportunity to repent.

Pharaoh ignored them all, and, in the end, he allowed the plagues to decimate the Egyptian people by the killing of the first born. This is not to say that we are Pharaohs and we are deserving of the plague of the COVID-19 virus. But what we are seeing now are the warning signs every day that if we do not take heed of the advice of the scientists and health care experts, we too will continue to see more plagues in our midst besides the tumbling economy. This will not be the plague of the first born but potentially the plagues of all born, young and old.

We have an opportunity to move forward out of strength and do our best to practice social distancing without becoming socially isolated from family, friends and community. We can be praying that our nation’s leaders, both in government and in the private sector, get it together and give our health care workers the equipment they need and should have had.

COVID-19 is a virus which operates, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci of NIH, based upon its own calendar and not ours. So let’s do what we can to take advantage of every opportunity and warning sign to make a difference for ourselves and for those in need.

For me when I recite at the end of the Passover Seder, “Next Year in Jerusalem,” I will be associating that with end of the virus. I will pray every day that all of us, Jew and gentile alike, listen and follow best practices for health care and hygiene. I pray that our temple community will go above and beyond for those in need of our support, whether it be those who have lost their jobs or others who just need a helping hand to pick up groceries while we are in this stage of social distancing.

Pharaoh did not learn from the chances he had to make a change. Let’s not forget that what is right and necessary, first and foremost, is to save life because Pikuach Nefesh, saving a life, is more important than all other commandments. It is our time to meet that challenge.

On behalf of Linda, Leah, Michael and Wesley and myself, we wish you a Hag Sameah v’Kasher and joyful and kosher Passover.

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W., DD
Message from the President – Judy Bluestone

I’m hoping that this letter finds everyone in good health. I’d like to write “good spirits”, but like you, my spirits have been better. We’re really in the midst of the unknown with nothing more important to do than to follow the guidelines and our own common sense to keep us and our loved ones healthy and safe.

While the doors of CBY are closed we continue to function as the close community that we are. Our staff, including Rabbi Bloom, Michele Johnson, Ceil Treiss, Dianne Lindquist, Adriana Urato, Valerie Seldes and David Kimbell, as well as Ron Bruns, are focused on their responsibilities and have found clever and creative ways to manage our business. Special commendation to David and Adriana for supporting Rabbi Bloom in planning and producing Shabbat services.

Many of our congregants and friends took time to view the memorial service for our dear friend and my colleague, Jaquey Schmid. The moving service can be seen on our Streamspot site until mid-April. Mary Woodmansee Green joined David Kimbell and Adriana Urato in providing the music to the Rabbi’s tribute to a strong and loyal woman. Many thanks to them for their leadership and loyalty to Jaquey and our congregation. The Packet article was a great tribute to Jaquey and a reminder of how we need to embrace and utilize technology.

I appreciate the adjustments made by the Rosen and Staigars to their plans for David and Adam and Jessica’s B’nai Mitzvot. The Rosens chose to do a small private ceremony on their original date at end of March, and the Staigars have postponed until August.

At this time, all April and early May events at CBY have been canceled, but Shabbat services will be live-streamed each Friday. I am asking every congregant to share our website with their friends especially those who live in the area who might like to participate virtually in our programming. This would be not only a service to them but also to CBY. We want to expand our contacts. News of nifty on-line programming will soon be coming your way.

We hope that you will tune in to our virtual community Seder scheduled for April 9. We will be sending details very soon. Please join us with your Haggadahs in hand, your wine glasses at the ready, and your voices raised as we celebrate our passage from slavery to freedom.

We have been approached about giving support to community efforts to protect and support the general community...

The SERG program Community Strong SERGGROUP.COM/COMMUNITY-STRONG is raising funds to help staff as well as local food pantries and COIN — Coalition of Island Neighbors change.org asking the town to request that tourists stay away for a while. Petition: https://www.change.org/p/town-manager-hilton-head-island-protect-residents

You might wish to support these worthy efforts. Please stay healthy and strong as we navigate this unprecedented world health situation “b’yachad” together.

Judy

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Membership Committee — Candy Solomon & Janice Fradkin, Co-chairs

Congregation Beth Yam celebrated its new members on March 6 as the Membership Committee sponsored the annual New Member/Ambassador Thank You Shabbat and oneg. It was a warm evening as the honorees participated in the service, and several shared their stories of community and connection at CBY.

The “Rabbi on the Road” program, offering stimulating discussion with Rabbi Bloom to our CBY family (and their neighbors and friends) in the comfort of home, is growing! Started in Sun City, the rabbi recently met with a group of Hampton Lake residents at the home of Jacki and Ron Stevens.

If you think you may be interested in hosting a session in your own neighborhood, please contact Janice Fradkin at 404-580-7513 or by email. At the time of this writing, the Lev Simcha Shabbat service originally planned for Friday, April 17, at 6:30 PM in Bluffton has been canceled. ♠
Sisterhood —
Randy Kurjan,
President

Spring has arrived, early it seems. It is hard to imagine in this beautiful place, with sunshine, balmy breezes and lush flora, that there is a pandemic that has taken the lives of so many around the world. It seems that the pace of our busy lives has come to a grinding halt. One can argue that the forced quarantine has enabled us, quite literally, to stop and smell the roses, the sea breezes and food smells from our kitchens because in the absence of meetings, jobs and social engagements, we have the time to pause, reflect and renew. One wonders what Miriam did or thought about in her own quarantine caused by a white scaly disease, possibly leprosy, that was her punishment for criticizing her brother, Moses, for his choice of a dark-skinned bride. Interestingly, Miriam and Aaron were both part of this conversation, but only Miriam got punished. The roots of double standards and gender inequality go way back!

Woman of Valor

Once again, our Jewish Woman of Valor is one of our own, Jaquelin Amble Phelps Schmid. Jaquey was born on November 1, 1941, in Springfield, Massachusetts. She grew up in Milford, Connecticut, and graduated from Randolph-Macon Women’s College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Applied Music and attended the New England Conservatory. We were deeply saddened when, on Wednesday, March 18, our beloved sister, Jaquey Schmid, gracefully exited this life, due to acute myeloid leukemia. It happened so quickly! However, in her last weeks Jaquey did enjoy her favorite things: good friends, good music, good food, her furry cat and dog companions, spiritual reflection with Rabbi Bloom, and the love and caring of her daughter Lise. We each will remember Jaquey for different things: her kindness, her devotion to the love and care of her daughter, Kitty (zikronah livrakha), her lovely voice gracing the CBY Choir as well as several other choirs, her dry humor and quick wit, her skill in skiing and tennis, her presence on the CBY Sisterhood Board, her membership on several CBY committees, including her stewardship of the CBY Blessing of the Animals, or her proud spiritual journey first with the decision to convert to Judaism and later to embrace further study as a Bat Mitzvah. Jaquey meant so much to so many people. We lovingly prayed for healing or ease of the final journey for Jaquey, as Moses prayed for Miriam’s healing - “El na r’a na la,” “Please Adonai, heal her” (Numbers 12:13). We will miss you, Jaquey, Zikronah livrahka.

BOOK CLUB, Rita Suntup

On Thursday, May 7 at 12:45 PM we will discuss “The Ministry of Special Cases” by Nathan Englander. We meet in the Social Hall. You’re welcome to bring your lunch.

Please e-mail me with your suggestions for future books. Thanks!
Rita Suntup, ∗

Care Committee - JoAnne Doyle

The Care Committee is committed to visiting Jewish hospital patients. During the national health crisis the Care Hospital Visitation Team will visit by phone. Monthly pastoral visits with Olivia Brodsky to local care facilities have been suspended. If you are aware of a Jewish shut-in who would benefit from a call, please contact JoAnne Doyle by email.

May you all come through this health crisis safely. ∗
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

These are confusing and troubling times. Did we ever imagine a pandemic hitting American shores in our lifetime? It is a daunting situation for us all.

We keep seeking advice from the authorities, those who actually are at their workplaces. Advice includes hand washing. A good idea. Everyone has soap and water. Perhaps not sanitizer though. That has flown off the shelves along with toilet paper (?), paper towels, napkins, alcohol and bleach wipes. I did recently see someone buying very cheap vodka for that purpose, without knowing it didn’t have a high enough alcohol content to be useful. At least she wasn’t planning to drink it.

Other advice encourages keeping our distance from other. No hugging. Air-kisses from a big distance. Self-isolation if we are symptomatic. You all know the rest.

The hard part is keeping social distance and not gathering in groups. Like horses, we, too, are herd-bound. We like connecting with each other. We thrive on closeness. Dining out together. Meetings. Group poker games. Bunches of us at bridge tables. Going to services on Shabbat. These socially nurturing gatherings are being put on hold.

What do we do? Will we wave to each other from our balconies? Those of us who have them might. Will we sing to each other across our yards? Some of us can still walk on the beach and greet others across the sand.

Perhaps we will work on being more patient. Or, learn mindfulness meditation to quell our anxieties. Maybe we will think of ways to be more kind to others. And while we engage in these more solitary pursuits, we can also make time to think about how we will engage in social justice actions once we can come together again.

Ritual Committee —David Kurjan, Chair

What is the Aleinu prayer?

“Aleinu l’ishabei’ach” means “It is our duty to praise God”. It is recited at the end of each of the three daily Jewish services – morning (shacharit), afternoon (mincha), and evening (maariv). It is also recited following Kiddush levana (blessing of the new moon) and after a circumcision is performed. It is second only to the Kaddish as the most frequently recited prayer in current synagogue liturgy.

Aleinu is recited with all the congregants standing. The literal translation of the line, “Va’anachnu kor’im umishtachavim umodim”, is “But we bend our knees and bow down and express thanks”. When this line is recited, the worshipper will flex his or her knees and then bend from the waist, straightening up at umodim. But on the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, the more observant worshipper will not merely flex and bend, but will actually get down on his or her knees at those words. In Orthodox and Conservative congregations, the Torah Ark remains closed while it is recited (except on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, when the Ark is opened), but in Reform congregations the Ark is opened whenever Aleinu is recited.

The Ritual Committee misses our friend, Jaquey Schmid. She was a hard working member of our committee and had just begun to take on the responsibility of Ritual committee chair when she was diagnosed with her illness. Her passing is a great loss to CBY.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class

Rabbi Bloom and the Ritual Committee are happy to announce another adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah program. According to Rabbi Bloom: “The program we design will be doable for everyone who participates. It is not about how much Hebrew one has to memorize; rather, our mission is to provide a learning experience where an adult can achieve becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at his/her level of learning. This class will be a group class where learning and sharing and caring about each other and your spirituality will be critical goals.”

Rabbi Bloom will be teaching class on Jewish values.

There will be a beginning Hebrew reading class. Following this, everyone will receive a Hebrew tutor, and together the Rabbi and participants will style a group or individual experience depending on the desire and intention of each student.

I am proud to say that I have participated and completed this program with five other congregants. It was one of the most meaningful experiences that I have had, and I will never forget it. It has enhanced my learning, confidence, and spirituality. Give it a try! If you are interested and/or have any questions, please call or email Randy Kurjan at 843-342-5568 or by email.
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Jan Johnson

Dear Friends,

These are uncertain times. I wish you safe harbor and continued good health during the days and months ahead.

Jack Resnick
Owner, Group 4 Builders, LLC
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