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The group ranges from 1953 MVP Al Rosen, the most dominant pitcher of the 1960’s in Sandy Koufax, 1970’s and 1980’s superstars including Cy Young winner Steve Stone and World Series MVP Steve Yeager, 1990’s 30-30 club and 49 home run hitter, Shawn Green, to the active superstars of today in Ryan Braun, and Ian Kinsler.

Each $25 donation gives you a chance to WIN!

The live drawing for the winning entry will be Zoomed live on December 11, 2020 (or earlier if we get 100 donations)

Good luck! CLICK HERE to donate now!

Teshuvah Walking Meditation

...at Dolphin Head Recreation Area in Hilton Head Plantation
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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE — JUDY BLUESTONE, CHAIR**

- Are you a numbers person?
- Have you time on your hands?
- Would you like to use your talents to benefit your synagogue?

Well, if so, we have a great job for you!

How about considering the all-important job of Treasurer at Congregation Beth Yam?

Our current treasurer, Mike Weingarten, will be retiring from this position at the end of May. He will gladly discuss the range of responsibilities with you and serve as advisor to his successor.

Please contact Judy by email; home phone; 843-681-6519 or cell phone; 843-368-2213. ✨
Rabbi’s Message

We in the Jewish community should by now fully understand and cherish the right to vote in a democracy. I believe most of us already do and will figure out a safe way to cast our ballots to express our individual choices for public office.

Judaism has sacred texts which emphasize values which are ancient and have motivated generations in this country to stand up for what we believe and vote.

Just to begin, one of the most important statements comes from the great teacher Hillel, who said, “Do not separate yourself from the community.” Not voting is separating oneself from the community and the democratic process. We are all part of the ultimate “We”, and our votes, together with the rest of the community, demonstrate that we really do belong to the greater whole of American society. Of course, people have the right to not vote, but is it the right thing to do when we look at all the races on the federal, state, and local levels?

Another text from our tradition says: “Rabbi Yitzhak taught that ‘A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted’ “ (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a). Even as far back as the Talmud we see that the rabbis understood how important it was to involve or engage the people in the decision-making process of electing a monarch.

The same Rabbi Yitzhak taught that Bezalel, the architect of the Tabernacle for the Israelites in the desert, had to receive the community’s approval, even though God chose him to complete this marvelous project.

We at Congregation Beth Yam have a diverse and politically involved community with advocates for all the major parties. Just recently we completed a two night series of interviews with the candidates for South Carolina’s United States Senate seat. After we aired the two interviews which I conducted with the candidates, Senator Lindsey Graham and Jaime Harrison, we presented a panel of congregants and community leaders representing both sides to discuss and critique the candidates. Our panelists showed their knowledge and passion for the issues and the candidates. I was proud of each and every one of them for their ability to be respectful of each other while they articulated their viewpoints. We need more of that kind of spirit in our nation.

As a forward thinking congregation, we still strive to hold fast to our ethos of mutual respect for those we disagree with because we are still Jews. This fact should remind us that “menschlichkite” is a fundamental value we cannot give up even in the heat of political discussion.

There is an old story from the Talmud which reports a debate between two schools of scholars. The School of Hillel debated the School of Shammai on points of Jewish law. Each side insisted that the law be determined by their school’s scholarly opinions.

The story goes that a Heavenly Voice called out, “The opinion of these and the opinion of these are both the words of the living God. But the law shall follow the school of Hillel.”

Shammai’s sages questioned, “If both positions are the words of the living God, then how can the law follow the School of Hillel?”

The answer was that the Sages of the School of Hillel were friendly and modest. They studied not only their own traditions, but also those of the School of Shammai. Indeed, they even transmitted the opinions of the School of Shammai before they transmitted their own traditions. (Talmud Eruvin 13b).

So go out and vote and be a mensch to those who do not share our own views. Be educated on the issues but respectful to our friends, relatives, and neighbors even if we disagree with them. That is our mensch assignment for this year’s election.

Stay Safe and Vote!

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom M.S.W., DD
November is our month to celebrate Thanksgiving. For most of us this year’s celebration will be very different. We may not be able to gather in person with our families and friends. Some of us may try to do a virtual Thanksgiving Feast with our loved ones. We are truly in uncharted waters due to the pandemic.

This year, more than ever before, we are thankful for our health and our families and friends. That goes without saying, but we need to go even further with our thankfulness.

I hope that you will join me in being thankful for the following CBY staff and members.

Rabbi Bloom has kept us all spiritually connected through our weekly services and through varied engaging congregational activities.

Our CBY office staff has worked especially hard while CBY has been closed as they have kept up with the demands and challenges that working from home have created.

Our Religious School staff has had to adapt to teaching online curriculum while keeping the kids engaged.

Our Music staff has worked very hard as they continue to enrich our services with beautiful music.

Our Technology committee has adapted to using our new technology.

Our Board of Directors has had to make some tough decisions keeping our safety and health as a top priority.

Our Committees have had to work on creative programming and activities that we can participate in virtually.

Yvonne and Ron have had to keep us hygienically safe and socially sound.

Please take a moment during this Thanksgiving season to thank the CBY staff and members who are working so very hard this year. I challenge you to send an email or write a note to let them know that you appreciate them during these unprecedented times.

Happy Thanksgiving from my family to yours!
Shalom and keep smiling, Candy

Board Meeting Action Items
(Abstracted from Board Minutes)

1. Maury Fradkin and a small committee have made some minor changes to the Arts and Acquisition policy. Before voting on the revised document, Judy Bluestone suggested that Maury work with Michael Shapiro to be sure the ultimate document is consistent in form and style with other policies.

2. New AV equipment is installed in the sanctuary. Testing continues for another few weeks until we are sure the system is working properly. Then Jack Resnick will close all remaining ceiling openings. The new equipment greatly enhanced High Holy Day virtual services, permitting over 75 congregants to receive virtual aliya; and for those live streaming, the Virtual T’filah and PowerPoint slides were a great enhancement. Many thanks to Joel Greene and Jeremy Press who worked with Rabbi Bloom, Adriana Urato and David Kimbell to organize the services and to Robin Krumholz, Michael Shapiro, and Renee and Eli Roth who produced each livestream.

3. The COVID-19 Task Force continues to monitor data from Beaufort County, which has not yet stabilized. No change in the committee’s recommendation to keep CBY closed. *

Why CBY?

Lorna K Bonner
I was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, where I received my BS and MA from the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in Spanish Language and Literature. I taught Spanish, French and English in Philadelphia High Schools for 35 years. After retiring from the school system, I moved to Hilton Head Island where I have lived for the past 25 years. I reside in Hilton Head Plantation with Joel Greene and our dog, Toto. On the Island I have enjoyed serving as an interpreter for the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.

As a member of CBY, I have served on the Social Action Committee, and have worked on the MLK program, Mitzvah Day, as well as the lunch program in partnership with the AME Church. CBY is an important part of my life because it enables me to strengthen my knowledge of Jewish culture and worship, while simultaneously developing wonderful friendships. ∆
Ritual Committee — Janet Kelley, Chair

On October 17, we began the annual cycle of Torah reading with Bereshit, the parasha in which God creates the heavens, seas, earth and the living things therein. Bereshit is in the Book entitled Bereshit which includes the best known stories of our Hebrew Bible. Few of us are not familiar with the characters Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham and Sarah and their descendants—Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel and their twelve sons—and Moses who led us from slavery. Central to these Bible stories are the teachings of God and the core beliefs and ethics of our religion, as well as the divine right to our homeland in Israel. The Torah is an exciting piece of literature, as well, filled with battles and victories, military and moral.

The Ritual Committee, now under the leadership of Janet Kelley, invites you to explore our heritage through weekly attendance at Shabbat services and monthly Torah study led by Rabbi Bloom.

Just FYI: “The calendar of Torah readings follows a triennial cycle whereby in the first year of the cycle the reading is selected from the first part of the parasha, in the second year from the middle and in the third year from the last part.” Depending on the triennial year, different verses from the weekly parasha are selected, so that by the end of the third year all verses have been recited and the cycle begins anew.
Sisterhood — Helen Hauer, President

It is already November. The year has gone by in a blur. Days pass and I don’t remember them. I will not be going to my family for Thanksgiving this year, unfortunately. However, I am including a recipe for Pumpkin Muffins that I have made for Thanksgiving for over 30 years. Enjoy.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Helen

PUMPKIN MUFFINS

Ingredients:

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Directions:

Place "A" ingredients in bowl and mix. Sift "B" ingredients together. Add to "A" and mix. DO NOT OVERMIX. Add "C" and mix by hand. Place in greased muffin pans. Fill 24 regular muffin depressions evenly for best looking muffins – they should be about ¾ full to full. Bake at 400º for 18-20 min.

Enjoy.
I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.
Yours in Sisterhood,
Helen

Something New From Sisterhood

The Sisterhood Board is initiating a new way for congregants to honor or memorialize those they wish to remember. Unlike our “in person” Oneg Shabbats, which we cannot have due to our Covid restrictions, we are introducing the concept of a Virtual Oneg for our virtual Shabbat services. Instead of sponsoring an oneg and purchasing or baking food, we invite congregants to donate and to indicate the reason for the donation - “in honor of our new grandchild”, for example. Then the donors would be thanked at the end of the service just as they always were when we were together. The Sisterhood Board determined that since, traditionally, the oneg donations were food donations, monies collected for the Virtual Oneg would be given to Mazon. We have donated to Mazon for years after our group Seders, both the Women’s Seder and the Community Seder, but these were canceled last spring.

Mazon is an international organization whose goals are to feed the hungry, support grass roots legislation to feed the hungry, and provide educational opportunities within communities. The recipients of Mazon support do not have to be Jewish. Hunger, we know, does not discriminate.

If you wish to participate, please send a check to Felicia Pascal, our Sisterhood treasurer, 3 Anglers Pond Court, Hilton Head, SC 29926 and indicate it is for the Virtual Shabbat. You may also go to the CBY Sisterhood donation page and make your donation through PayPal. Indicate a date if you wish and the reason for the donation.

Sharing Shabbat Recipes During the Time of Social Distancing

Friday night Shabbat dinner is a special time for family and friendship. It’s also quality time during which we can still enjoy each other’s company via Zoom.

Please join our next virtual Shabbat Cooking Class! We have a wonderful line-up of Sisterhood chefs who will demonstrate different parts of a Shabbat meal, including how to make challah, chicken soup for the Jewish soul, and yummy vegetables like Momma used to make and a delectable dessert.

Please email me to let me know that you will be attending Sisterhood’s Shabbat Cooking Class Jan 10 at 2 PM, and we will send you the Zoom link.
Lorna Bonner, Membership VP.

Custom Orders being taken now!
Contact Robin Krumholz
Watch for details of NEW online ordering process from your Sisterhood Judaica Shop.

Chanukah O Chanukah!

First Night is December 10
Hold the Date:
Sunday, December 6
Mini Drive-Up Chanukah Showcase
under the portico with curbside pick-up of pre-orders

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Sisterhood Judaica Shop
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

The High Holy Days passed gently. A touch of fall is in the air. Chrysanthemums and pumpkins abound. Apples are crisp and tart. And, we had a perfect day for an outdoor food drive.

We completed this year’s food drive on a very high note. Our “COVID process” worked incredibly well. Our chief organizers, Cathy Kite and Kathy Burnce, did an amazing job inventing a new process that would keep us socially distant, masked, and safe. Our congregants were generous with their gifts of food as well as checks, all beyond our expectations. Who knew what to expect in this time of worry about being near other humans?

The trucks from Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help arrived on time. Four hours later, each truck was filled to the brim! We collected 246 bags of groceries, pallets of canned tuna, and toilet paper.

Our team of Mike and Kathy Burnce, Sandee Willis, Ellen Jenner, Robin Katz, Jill Harrison, Myra Goldschmidt, and Alys Blumberg all got a workout lifting and carrying. When the food was weighed, we had collectively lifted 3,600 pounds!

The extra unexpected bonus, arranged by Sandy Gillis, Director of Deep Well, was television coverage. Riley Miller from ABC-22 news came to interview Sandy, who spoke about her gratitude to our congregation for their years of helping Deep Well. She noted that the need during COVID times, with high unemployment, is significantly greater than usual. The footage was aired on the five o’clock news on October 1. We can all be proud of our synagogue’s group effort to do our part to address food insecurity in our community.

Two things stand out for me. One is the commitment of the entire Social Action team. I love how we work together. Ideas flowed. Flexibility and creativity to develop a “COVID-kind-of-process” made it possible to accomplish our goals. The second is the generosity of the congregation that contributed to a hugely successful event.

I am both overwhelmed and grateful. ✽

Friends Campaign – Kim Shapiro, Chair

Fundraising Committee – Dave Solomon, Chair

This has certainly been an unusual year to say the least and we haven’t even seen the end of 2020. Our spiritual home, Congregation Beth Yam has been an anchor through this challenging storm and CBY will be here when this pandemic is in the rearview mirror, but to keep going, we need your help. Shortly, you will receive a letter asking for a gift to the FRIENDS Campaign. This annual campaign is crucial to covering the difference between financial needs and dues revenue. While you may think our expenses are less since the building isn’t open and many of our “regular” activities aren’t taking place, in reality it’s the opposite; we are incurring expenses we hadn’t counted on such as sanitation, communication and internet and equipment upgrades, and programs to keep our congregants engaged.

The coronavirus has led to the cancellation of several important fundraising events, which in normal years would have provided some of the safety net which allows us to support our congregation. Even in the years we are able to host these events, the FRIENDS Campaign is vital to our overall financial health. This year, your gift is more important than ever. Your donations to the FRIENDS Campaign allow CBY to remain a vibrant part of the Low Country religious community and we ask you to consider increase your contribution in 2020-2021.

Over the next year, you’ll hear from us on how gifts to the FRIENDS Campaign can make a difference to CBY. In the meantime, please join with us and make a FRIENDS donation for 2020-2021.
Rabbi Bloom and the Care Committee have embarked on a new outreach to CBY Congregants. We call it “Rabbi on the Road”. In partnership with the Care Committee, Rabbi Bloom has visited Hilton Head Plantation, Indigo Run, Port Royal, and Palmetto Dunes. Rose Hill will be next. Rabbi wants to maintain his contact with all of us, and this is a way congregants and Rabbi can touch base, even if it is just a wave from your front lawn or a short visit. The Care Committee is working to facilitate his visits to all of our communities. You will be receiving notification of designated days that Rabbi Bloom will be spending in your community. If you would like a visit, please respond by emailing JoAnne for Hilton Head visits or Kathy Burnce for Bluffton visits, so that we can set up the times for the Rabbi to visit. We are a caring community and we thank Rabbi Bloom for making this effort to touch base with our membership.

Phone Calls
During the current pandemic, when most of us are staying at home, we miss our family and friends. If you would like a phone call from the Care Committee, or from Rabbi Bloom, please contact JoAnne by email or Kathy by email. ✝
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Nathan Shefsick

Nathan, Jess and “Bear”

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