Chag Pesach Sameach
Membership Committee—Janice Fradkin & Judy Movshin, Co-chairs

Nostalgia and good memories were the order of the evening as Rabbi Bloom led a group of about 40 in a discussion of the documentary, “Deli Man.” From coast to coast and most points in between, everyone had a chance to reminisce about their favorite deli. Who knew good pastrami and pushy waiters could bring us all together? Thank you to Rabbi Bloom and CBY IT man, Garrett Keyes, for a fun evening!

THANK YOUs and lots of appreciation will be in great supply as we celebrate Yom Todah – a day of thanks – on Sunday, May 16, at 2 PM via Zoom. Working with our Director of Family Engagement, Rachel Pepin, several Membership Committee members are planning this first annual event in recognition of the support of our CBY family during this pandemic year. Details to follow in an eblast soon.

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Rabbi’s Message

What would you say if I invited you to join me to come to Israel and attend a Shabbat service at a Reform Congregation? You might think, “Yeah, right, Rabbi. Are you kidding?”. The truth is that I would like to lead another trip to Israel in 2022, but I have an idea that might get us there quicker but remain in Hilton Head.

So here is the plan. Instead of taking a flight in COVID-19 times, how about turning on your computer on April 9 at 11 AM and joining me in a joint Shabbat service with Congregation Birkat Shalom in Gezer, Israel. That’s right — we have a relationship with the congregation, and we have decided to participate in their Shabbat service which, due to time zones, is about 8 hours later than east coast time. So, when the members of that reform congregation sit down to worship, we will be their invited guests on Livestream and Zoom. I will share greetings and a few ideas about building a relationship with them. Most of the congregation speak English, and the Rabbi is originally from Kansas City, MO.

The plan is that we will all Zoom together and participate in their service and have a Zoom discussion afterwards. Then, when our normal time arrives at 6:30 PM for Shabbat services, their Rabbi will join us and present to us his ideas about Israel and the future of the Reform Movement. Clearly, Rabbi Steve Burnstein will be up late to join us live. We are much obliged to him.

Some who were with me on the last trip we made with CBY to Israel may remember that we visited his congregation back then. His congregation Kehilat Birkat Shalom is on Kibbutz Gezer, which is about 45 minutes equidistant from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Think about it for a second. Thanks to technology and the good will of two congregations, we can join together for a Shabbat worship experience. We are also forging links between us and Israel, too. All we must do is turn on our computers and RSVP with the office to Zoom with us and meet a reform congregation just like us in Israel. Both Rabbi Burnstein and I, along with Joel Green and Candy Solomon, hope to broaden CBY’s outreach to the Jewish world. Doesn’t that make sense, especially in April, what with so many holy days surrounding the Jewish people which include Passover, Yom Hashoah, and Israel Independence Day all leading up to Shavuot on May 15.

When we say, “Next Year in Jerusalem,” we know that this statement from the Haggadah reflects the eternal spirit of hope that the Jewish future will be bright and that the story of our people will lead to a better world. I can say, “Next Month in Gezer, Israel,” and that will have to be enough for now. This pulpit sharing program is part of the World Union of Progressive Judaism’s commitment to bring us closer together as a movement, which is all about K’lal Yisrael as the Reform Movement.

So, give this opportunity a chance and join me for the service and then we will have a Zoom discussion afterwards about what we experienced seeing how Israeli Reform Jews observe Shabbat.

Thank you for considering this unique opportunity and for believing that we can enhance the Jewish peoplehood feeling in our hearts and souls, as well as show our movement’s reform communities in Israel that we are right behind them all the way.

Shalom,
Rabbi Brad

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Yom HaShoah
Holocaust Memorial Service

Readings, Poems & Music

with Rabbi Bloom, Adriana Urato, Mary Woodmansee Green & David Kimbell

Sunday, April 11, 1 PM
13th Day of the Omer 5781

This service will be live streamed. Click on www.bethyam.org and click the Streamspot button. Also viewable Live on our Facebook page.
Message from the President – Candy Solomon

Shalom CBY,

April is the month this year that we commemorate Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Remembrance Day. On this day we remember the six million Jews and five million others who perished in the Holocaust as a result of actions carried out by Nazi Germany. The first Holocaust Remembrance Day in Israel took place on December 28, 1949. The day was marked by a burial in a Jerusalem cemetery of ashes and bones of thousands of Jews brought from the Flossenbürg concentration camp. Religious ceremonies were held in honor of the victims. In Israel, Yom HaShoah is now a national Memorial Day and a public holiday. It was declared in 1953 and put into law by the Prime Minister of Israel, David Ben-Gurion and the President of Israel, Yitzhak Ben-Zvi. In Israel flags are lowered to half mast, public places of entertainment are closed, opening and closing ceremonies take place, and a siren is blown at 10:00 signaling the start of two minutes of silence. This is a very solemn day of remembrance.

I would like to take a moment to give you a few personal details leading up to this horrific event in history. My mother was born in Warsaw and has vivid memories of her childhood. She and my uncle (the only Jewish kids in their school) would have to run home from school because the other children would throw rocks at them. One of those rocks hit my uncle in the head and created a white spot that never went away. On Saturday nights, drunken Poles would come to their house and bang on the shutters into the wee hours of the night. My grandfather was a shoemaker, and the Germans needed the boots he made. This allowed the family to save up money to pay smugglers to escape, eventually to Siberia. My mom has had to live with health issues in her legs because of the freezing temperatures in the Siberian DP camps. The strength that my grandparents, mom, and uncle showed to survive is nothing short of remarkable.

As we light a candle in memoriam to all of those who were not lucky enough to escape, let us remember that it is our duty to make sure that the generations that follow us always remember and never forget. This is our legacy that must be passed on.

Shalom and keep smiling,

Candy

Corny Jokes from Candy to Put a Smile on Your Face!

- What did the little corn say to the Mama corn? Where is Popcorn?
- What animal is always at a baseball game? A bat!

March Board Meeting Action Items

(Abstracted from Board Minutes)

President Candy Solomon and a small sub-committee expanded our current policy to better explain our values in the giving of Tzedakah. Felicia Roth moved and Jeremy Press seconded the motion which was passed unanimously by the Board. *

Cemetery Committee – Felicia Roth, Chair

Plots for Sale

CBY members in good financial standing are eligible for interment in the CBY Gardens section of Six Oaks Cemetery in Sea Pines. Several members wish to sell their interests. Anyone interested in purchasing may contact the sellers below directly, then contact Cemetery Chair Felicia Roth to facilitate arrangements with Six Oaks.

- Two plots purchased at sale price. Contact Neil Hilsen at neil.hilsen@gmail.com
- Two plots, engraved headstone and bench at half price. Contact Marvin Frogel at mpfrogel@gmail.com
- Four plots at sale price. Contact Linda Newport at lnewp26316@aol.com. *
We are so grateful to those families/individuals that have made a gift to the Friends campaign this year. As with every year, the monies raised by the campaign helps to bridge the gap between dues and expenses. Every donation is important. With little fundraising able to take place due to COVID-19 we will need all the financial support we can muster. Dues account for only about one-half of the money needed to run our beloved synagogue; your donation will help ensure we stay strong and healthy until we can all be together in person. Thank you. ✯
Sisterhood — Helen Hauer, President

I hope you enjoyed the Cooking for Passover presentation. All viewers received a booklet with the recipes. On April 13 there will be a sculpture demonstration by Sheri Farbstein. You will be hearing more details about tuning into this program. Also coming up will be a Zoom discussion, “Life after Cancer.”

You should have received the slate of Board Officers for the 2021-22 year by email. If you haven’t, please let me know. Our Installation Shabbat service will be May 7. Hope you will watch.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Helen

From the Judaica Shop
Sisterhood Judaica Shop would like to thank all those who chose to shop for Passover items at our recent sale. While we did not have regular open hours, we enabled online shopping and were also able to schedule individual shopping by appointment to meet the needs of several families.

The shop staff would also like to do a huge thank you shout-out to Anders and Laird Kennedy (two of our teen Religious School students). They helped us by schlepping Chanukah shop inventory up to attic storage and bringing our Passover inventory down.

We remind everyone that even without open hours, the Judaica Shop team will continue to be available throughout the spring and summer for individual socially responsible shopping appointments. Contact Robin Krumholz to arrange for your appointment. Remember that our Judaica Shop is always “a bargain for you; a benefit for CBY.”

Though there are no official open hours our Judaica Shop is now available for individual shopping appointments!

Consider sending Judaic gifts for Weddings, Graduations, B’nai Mitzvot, and other family simchot.

Contact Robin Krumholz to arrange for your own personal, socially responsible appointment.

“A bargain for you; a benefit for CBY”

Student Cantor Sierra Fox

Born and based in the Philadelphia area, Sierra has sung with both sacred and secular ensembles as a mezzo-soprano soloist and choral alto, while also touring throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. With a background in classical music and interfaith outreach, she is especially interested in singing as a tool of unification. Sierra has served as staff singer, section leader, and cantorial soloist at Reform Congregation Kneseth Israel of Elkins Park, and is honored to be the student Cantor at Temple Emanuel of South Hills in Pittsburgh in 2021-2022.

Sierra has recently performed as alto soloist in Bernstein’s “Chichester Psalms” at the International Cantors Assembly, and for Adler’s “Five Sephardic Choruses” at the Kimmel Center, as a part of her annual engagement with the “Sing Hallelujah” concerts of Jewish music (organized by the Kehillah of Old York Road). She volunteers for the Mitzvah Project through the Jewish Federation of Philadelphia while continuing her work as a staff singer and cantorial soloist with Kneseth Israel and in choirs throughout the area. She received her Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance and Religion and Society from Syracuse University, followed by graduate study in Voice Performance at Temple University and in Social Work at Widener University, and is currently in her first year of study towards Cantorial Ordination at HUC-JIR.

Meet Student Cantor Sierra Fox during Shabbat Services on April 16 and April 30 …
She will be singing for us several times this spring into the summer.
Bellet March of the Living Scholarship Fund – Renee Roth, Chair

The CBY March of the Living Scholarship Fund and the Bellet Youth Fund have merged to become the Bellet March of the Living Scholarship Fund. The Fund’s sole purpose is to give scholarships to CBY students in grades 11 and 12 who qualify and have an interest in participating in the International March of the Living program.

The March of the Living program is a life changing experience that inspires our students to live a Jewish life and take their rightful place in the Jewish Community. The International March of the Living is an annual educational program, bringing individuals from around the world to Poland and Israel to study the history of the Holocaust and to examine the roots of prejudice, intolerance, and hate. The participants spend Yom HaShoah in Poland and Yom HaAtzmaut in Israel.

As part of the 31 marches held so far, over 260,000 participants from 52 countries have marched down the same 3-kilometer path leading from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Holocaust Remembrance Day, Yom HaShoah, as a tribute to all victims of the Holocaust. The participants then spend time in Israel and see the hope there that was lost in the Shoah.

Since 2016, The CBY BMOTL Scholarship Fund has enabled nine of our religious school students the opportunity to participate in this, in their words, “Life changing and transformative program”. More from our alums: “It was a trip of a lifetime.” “This was the first part of the trip, learning our past. The second was seeing the present and learning about the future in Israel. When I landed in Israel, there was a certain bliss, a certain elated feeling of joy of seeing our homeland in which I have only ever dreamed about.” “We must learn from each other but also take it with grace. We can’t sit idly by; we must take a stand, but we should do so with pure intention because you can’t bring down someone who has nothing but love and God in their hearts. You can’t.”

Participating in the IML is a wonderful opportunity for CBY students. These scholarships are made available through the generosity of CBY donors who give specifically to make this trip possible. Due to COVID restrictions, the 2020 and 2021 trips were cancelled, but there is expected to be a trip in Spring of 2022.

Anticipating future participants, the Bellet March of the Living Scholarship Committee has presented gifts to nine of our recent B’ni Mitzvot students. These students have been invited to apply for this remarkable experience upon achieving the scholarship requirements and becoming eligible as a high school junior or senior. The committee will continue to present a gift to future students on the day of their B’ni Mitzvah.

For information, please contact any of the committee members: Sam Birnbaum, Sheryl Keating, Renee Roth.

CBY Celebrates Israel’s 73rd Year of Independence (Date & Time TBD)

Gilead Morahg is Professor Emeritus of Hebrew literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. There he served as the Founding Director of the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and as Chair of the Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies. He also served as President of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew and as President of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages. He is the recipient of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. The main focus of his research and his teaching is Israeli literature. He is the author of the book, Outraged Humanism: The Fiction of A. B Yehoshua, as well as over fifty studies and essays on contemporary Israeli literature. He is married to Galila, whom he met while serving as a paratrooper in the IDF. They have one son, Yoav, and, in 2013, they realized a life’s dream and moved to Manhattan.

Those of us of a “certain age” remember the Leon Uris book “Exodus” glamorized by Hollywood into a movie starring Paul Newman. The heroism of the “chalutzim”, the poignant stories of the Holocaust survivors and the optimism of the young Israelis added new chapters to the history of our Jewish people.

But, have you ever heard or read about the life stories of the Jewish men and women, not the Teddy Kolleks, Ben Gurions or Chaim Weitzman who came to Palestine to build a modern Jewish country? You can learn about one such couple, Mordecai and Ruhama Morahg, who left for Palestine in 1934.

What motivated them? How did they prepare? What did they find? Did the reality of Israel live up to the dream?

We are delighted that their son Dr. Gilead Morahg will join us to share his “Memories of my Parents”, true builders of Israel.
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 members living in Hilton Head Plantation, Indigo Run, Port Royal, Palmetto Dunes, Sun City, Water Walk at Shelter Cove, Long Cove, Wexford, Rose Hill, Sun City, and Sea Pines. 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 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 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.

**Volunteers are needed to make phone calls!**

During the Covid pandemic, when most of us are staying at home, we miss our family and friends. The Care Committee has recruited volunteer callers from across the congregation to call members just to keep in touch, but more volunteers are needed to make calls to congregants not yet contacted. If you would like to help us make a few calls, please contact JoAnne by email. If you would like a phone call from the Care Committee, or from Rabbi Bloom, please contact JoAnne or Kathy by email.

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**Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair**

We are approaching a blossom-filled, sun shining, bird tweeting spring, with an extra hour of daylight. Many of us have received our second vaccinations. Things are looking more hopeful.

First, let me share with you two events held by our committee in February. One event was driven by a not-so-hopeful situation in our community — food insecurity. On February 16 we held a food drive, the theme of which was “love your neighbor.” Food trucks from Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help were parked in our driveway to receive your bags of groceries. Because of your generosity, we collected 117 bags of much-needed items. We are grateful to all our congregants who contributed. The food pantries expressed their thanks, also.

Hunger in our community persists, in part due to Covid-19 and job losses. Most recently, an article in the Packet stated: “We realize that many people have ‘Covid fatigue’ and simply want this to be over, but for our neighbors who are still facing extreme challenges, we hope our community feels compelled to continue to help”. It is not over.

In response to this situation, our committee will continue to have food drives and count on you all to help. No one, adult or child, should have to feel hungry; no family should have to worry about how to provide for themselves and their children.

The second event our committee participated in was the Disabilities Shabbat. February is Disabilities month.
We gratefully acknowledge the following from February 16-March 15

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Ritual Committee — Janet Kelley, Chair

[Note: when this article was written, CBY was planning to observe a Havdalah service with Kehilat Birkat Shalom in Kibbutz Gezer, Israel. The joint Havdalah service on April 10 is no longer in the works, although a Shabbat service with Kibbutz Gezer on April 9 is still planned.]

On the weekend of April 9-10, Congregation Beth Yam will be joining with congregation Kehilat Birkat Shalom in Kibbutz Gezer for special Shabbat services. On Saturday we will observe Havdalah with Kehilat Birkat Shalom at the conclusion of Shabbat their time. Havdalah means “separation” and formally ends Shabbat, separating it from the work week. It is derived from the commandment to remember the Sabbath and the Rabbis determined that meant sanctifying Shabbat at the beginning and at the end.

Havdalah usually starts with biblical versus expressing hope for God’s salvation. Next comes the recitation of four blessings: over the wine, the spices, the lights of fire, and the final blessing. The blessing over the spices in a spice box may have originated from the ancient practice of burning spices over coals at the end of a meal. The practice of blessing the lights of the fire may come from the Rabbinic story that God created fire at the conclusion of the first Shabbat, when Adam and Eve were fearful as twilight came. A special braided candle with multiple wicks is used because fire is made of multiple lights of several colors. Therefore, the blessing is for the lights of fire, not the light of fire. The final blessing is to praise God, who distinguishes the holy from the secular. After that benediction, the leader drinks from the wine and extinguishes the candle in the remaining wine in the cup. This shows the candle was lit only to fulfill the mitzvah of Havdalah and not for illumination or other purposes.

Often Havdalah ends with a song such as Eliyahu HaNavi (Elijah the Prophet) to express the desire for the future messianic redemption. The Sabbath is thought of as a foretaste of the world-to-come. As we are sad to have Shabbat end, we sing hopeful songs for the perfected future. Shavua tov - have a good week! ☪
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