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**PLEASE NOTE**

June Kabbalat times have changed to 6:00 PM (except June 18, which is 7PM)

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**Religious School**

Valerie Seldes – Director of Jewish Youth Education

CBY religious school has openings on their team for a variety of teaching positions. If you like to have fun, be creative and share your love of Judaism, please consider becoming a Sunday school teacher. Help give back to our community by passing our traditions, culture and beliefs on to our younger generations and help solidify our future. I look forward to hearing from you!

–Valerie Seldes, M.Ed, CBY Director of Youth Education, school.cby@gmail.com 516-816-0407.

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Moving Forward As One

CBY STRONG
Rabbi’s Message

As we get ready for the big day on June 18 for our return to the Sanctuary for Shabbat Services, I am reminded of the music we sing when we return the Torah into the Ark: “It is a Tree of Life to those who grasp it, and all of its supporters are happy. Return us Eternal One and we shall return. Renew our Days as of Old.”

Yes, we are returning home to the Temple. It’s been about fifteen months since we closed our doors back at the end of March 2020. Words do not describe the anxiety and trauma we were all experiencing during those initial months, yet we somehow survived it all. We had a group of congregants who contracted the Covid-19 virus but, thanks to God, no one succumbed to it. For that alone I am grateful.

By the end of the summer, we invested in new technology and installed two new drop-down screens with the projectors built into the ceiling and we were in business from that time forth. We could operate with Zoom, and we could show with newly created software the Liturgy for Shabbat Services, so that we could follow in the service in case we did not have a Siddur.

We even hired a specialist in this technology who works with us each week to put on the services using our new technology. You were lighting candles and saying the Kiddish, the choir was presenting digital recording in unison of Jewish music. Congregants read the prayers on Zoom for all to see. It was all a team effort from the volunteers and professionals who worked together to make this virtual worship service work for us at CBY.

Not everyone used the technology, but many did learn how to work with Zoom, and we created an online community. You showed up at services and participated in the music programs and the Forefront interview series. You got used to the routine of Zooming in for the services or the Torah study and many more activities at CBY. It became comfortable and easy within months of the pandemic.

Now we take another turn in the history of the Congregation with our return to an in-person community. The leadership of the Temple is taking every precaution and getting ready for a great and joyous return beginning June 18; the time has come for us to return to ourselves first and foremost. We return to the presence of each other, and before long, sitting together as we used to do. It means seeing old friends again and making new ones, too. It means standing around the Oneg Shabbat table and enjoying the treats thanks to the Sisterhood. It means having meetings and discussions and all sorts of programs that we do at CBY, but this time in person!

Community is of paramount importance in Judaism and now more than ever before. So, let’s get excited and fired up to rejoin the in-person community. Sure, we will use our Zoom and livestream technology moving forward, and we will find new ways to use it to our advantage and to build a stronger CBY community.

Truthfully, I can’t wait to greet every one of you. I am so grateful to have a wonderful congregation like CBY. Let our return to the Torah and all the accoutrements of the service that signify a period of spiritual and communal renewal for us all. Blessed are You Eternal One who has kept us and sustained us and brought us to this long-awaited day. May it be one that we will cherish not just on the 18th but every service that we have at our beloved Congregation. May we go from strength to strength.

Shalom,
Rabbi Brad

Ritual Committee — Janet Kelley, Chair

What is Kabbalat Shabbat?

If you look on the CBY calendar, you’ll note the Friday night Shabbat services are listed as Kabbalat Shabbat. Have you wondered what exactly does that mean? Literally, it means “Reception of the Sabbath.” It is the part of the evening service preceding the regular evening prayers and is a solemn welcome to Shabbat.

The Reform prayer book, Mishkan T’filah, follows the same order of psalms, songs and readings that set the mood for Shabbat as in the traditional prayer book. This includes the well-known L’cha Dodi, which compares Shabbat to a bride. It was written by Solomon Alkabetz, a Kabbalist in the 16th century.

In Israel, there are special Kabbalat Shabbat ceremonies at noon in schools throughout the land and before dinner in some kibbutzim. The ceremonies consist of lighting candles, reciting poetry, and singing songs honoring the Sabbath. What a delightful way to welcome the “bride”, our weekly day of rest! ☪
Welcome Student Cantor
Justin Callis

Justin Callis is a second-year student at Hebrew Union College in the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music. He will be singing with Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, DC, and Congregation Beth Yam in Hilton Head, SC, as a student cantor throughout the upcoming school year.

A native of West Hartford, CT, he was an active participant in his home congregation of Congregation Beth Israel, where he studied under Cantor Pamela Siskin, Natasha Ulyanovsky, and Laura Deutsch. Upon moving to Chicago, he reconnected with his childhood cantor, Scott Simon. He was truly fortunate to find such a supportive mentor and sang extensively with him at Temple Chai in Long Grove, IL. In addition, he began a long and fruitful partnership with Rabbi Frederick Reeves and Cantor David Berger at K.A.M. Isaiah Israel; their guidance was essential to his path to Cantorial School.

He spent the past several years as Music Director at Shir Tikvah in Homewood, IL, where he led the choir and accompanied from the piano, while serving as principal soloist for their High Holy Day services. He was fortunate to have his first Israel experience through Birthright, traveling between December 2019 through January of 2020. As a teaching artist, music director, and composer in Chicago, he has worked extensively with youth of all ages and backgrounds. He was on the faculty of the Chicago High School for the Arts, where he taught music and theatre. With COT for Teens, he has served as composer, music director, orchestrator, and arranger on Memories of Yesterday, an original musical based on materials from the StoryCorp archives. With Storycatchers Theatre, he worked for many years with incarcerated youth, transforming stories from their lives into original musicals and music, directing and accompanying their performances. Additionally, he teaches private voice and piano lessons.

Justin is the former Music Director at Community Christian Church in Lincolnshire, where he prepared a choir of one dozen adults for weekly services of spiritual music. As a performer, he toured the country with Child’s Play Touring Theatre, performing original plays and musicals based on the work of children, and he has performed extensively around the Chicagoland area with Chicago Opera Playhouse. Additionally, Ravenswood Community Orchestra recently premiered his Symphony No. 1. He graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor of Science in Theatre and English and a Certificate in Music Theatre in 2011.

Message from the President – Candy Solomon

Shalom CBY,

We have wonderful news for you! Welcome back to CBY! I am pleased to say that we are going to start a phased-in reopening of CBY for Friday night services starting Friday, June 18. We will also be installing our new Board members at that service.

Our phase-in program will work as follows:

In June we will start admitting in a limited number of members for Friday night services. If you are interested in attending the service, instructions to RSVP and sign a waiver online will be sent out to the membership through an eblast. To attend our services, you will be required to sign a Brit (waiver) online stating that you will abide by the protocols in place. Only those members who have RSVP’d and signed the waiver online will be allowed into the service. Members will need to wear masks and will be seated by family groups keeping social distancing protocols in place. You will be escorted to your seat and escorted out when the service is completed. There will be no congregational singing allowed at this time. Bathroom use will be limited to one person at a time. No food will be served inside CBY. BUT we will be together again!!

If you are not yet ready to return to our in person services, we will continue to offer our services through live streaming and Facebook Live options.

We will reevaluate the CDC policies in place and the number of COVID cases in the community every few weeks to determine when to increase our number of attendees. We hope to be able to increase our numbers each month so that we can accommodate many more members at our High Holiday services at the beginning of September. As we are still in the process of working this out, please do not call the office for information.

Even though we have been closed, we have been able to accomplish many things this past year and I thank you for your support. We have all been stretched to come up with activities and events to meet your needs and keep everyone engaged. It has been harder work and we have all worked harder. Now, we will be able to offer services both in person, through Facebook Live and through our streaming platform.

I have missed you and am so eager to see you all again!

Shalom and keep smiling, Candy

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

➢ How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut!
➢ How does a scientist freshen her breath? With expeh-mints!

CANDY STORE
Open Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 pm
Thu-Sat 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Sun 10:00 am-2:00 pm

New Women’s T-shirts and Men’s T-shirts for only $25!

While supplies last!
Sisterhood — Helen Hauer, President

I would like to congratulate Robin Krumholz and Randy Kurjan for receiving Sisterhood’s Woman of Valor award. They both have been very active and worked very hard for Sisterhood and CBY.

I hope you have received our fundraiser “Count your Blessings” information. It will not only make you feel good but in counting your blessings you will be donating to our wonderful Sisterhood. If you haven’t done so already, please go to https://cby.wufoo.com/forms/sisterhood-count-your-blessings/ to select your blessings and make your donation. We thank you.

I would like to thank all the Sisterhood Board members who participated in our Installation Shabbat. It was a very meaningful service. I welcome the new Board members and thank those who are leaving for their years of service.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Helen

May Board Meeting
Action Items
(Abstracted from Board Minutes)

• 1. A motion was made by Judy Bluestone and seconded by Marida Bruggeman that Mike Weingarten be approved as an Endowment committee trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

2. A motion was made by Renee Roth and seconded by Kim Shapiro that a new administrative staff member be hired when a reconfiguration of office responsibilities and procedures is put into effect. Motion carried unanimously.

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

May has been a busy month for the Membership Committee! Although CBY members have not been able to be together in our “home” for a long time, we have found different ways to congregate as a caring community - virtually and otherwise.

On May 8, Havdalah services were held in our parking lot. In addition to members attending this lively service and discussion; several guests, new to our area, joined us for a taste of Havdalah, CBY style. They were welcomed, of course, by the warmth and friendliness that CBY is known for. New connections were definitely made!

Chai members – those of 18 plus years’ duration – were honored at a special Shabbat service on Friday, May 14, for their longtime support. We thank those 77 individuals, with memberships of 18 to 40 years, for their vision and dedication in bringing us to where our congregation is today. Thank you, mazel tov, and l’chaim to all of you!

Sunday afternoon, May 16, was a time of celebration as we held Yom Todah - Day of Thanks and Gratitude - for all of you, our CBY family, who have remained strong and connected during the challenges of this past year. Your hard work, ingenuity, and support have allowed us to be together in the most creative ways. Kudos to our Director of Family Engagement, Rachel Pepin, for your enthusiasm and skill and to participants Rabbi Bloom, Robin Katz, Marcie Frisch, and Cantor Olivia Brodsky.

Thank you to all and, as Rabbi Bloom has said, the best is yet to come at CBY!
Why CBY?

The Fradkins

Janice and I (Maury Fradkin) were married in Baltimore and moved to Atlanta in 1971 where we lived with our two boys for the next 27 years. We purchased a condo on Hilton Head Island as a second home in 2011 and moved to our present home in 2015. We were both active in our synagogue in Atlanta. Once we moved here permanently, we sought CBY to make friends and be a part of the Jewish community. Although our backgrounds were Orthodox growing up, and then Conservative by the time we had moved to Atlanta, we quickly adapted to CBY. We have both become active members of the temple in various ways.

Janice’s professional background was in teaching and then volunteer administration, and mine was in medicine. When we retired, we were both happy to leave our professions behind and find new outlets for our third act. Our two sons are grown and live in Denver. They are both married, and we have two super grandchildren. Janice’s energy has been mostly devoted to CBY, but she loves to read, cook and travel. My interests are broad. I am an avid philatelist and currently have approximately 30 stamp albums. I have recently begun tending bonsai trees and find fiber work meditative and rewarding. I have also enjoyed “playing at” guitar.

We both love our lives on Hilton Head and are very happy to be active members of the CBY family.

Cemetery Committee—Felicia Roth, Chair
Plots for Sale

CBY members in good financial standing are eligible for interment in CBY Gardens at Six Oaks Cemetery. Interested parties may contact Six Oaks or several members who wish to sell their interests. Please also contact Cemetery Chair Felicia Roth to facilitate arrangements between CBY and Six Oaks.

- Two plots, engraved headstone, bench, half price. Contact Marvin Frogel@gmail.com
- Four plots at sale price. Contact Linda Newport at lnewp26316@aol.com
- Two plots, sale price. Contact Anne Sirowitz at annesiro837@gmail.com.

Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

This year our social action team decided to focus our efforts on supporting the organizations that feed those in the community who are food insecure. Our most recent food drive was held on May 11. The theme was “Honor our Mothers” and all mothers who shop for their families at local food banks.

Thanks to the generosity of our congregants, we collected 300 pounds of healthy food for Deep Well and 300 pounds for Bluffton Self Help. We realize that we have asked many more times than is typical. We are grateful to you for rising to the occasion.

We also collected a wonderful assortment of new children’s books which were delivered to the Children’s Center. And, to support the Bluffton Community Food Kitchen, our team prepared about thirty gift bags filled with toiletries for those who go there for healthy lunches.

As we move into summer, we will stay aware of the needs in our area. And, of course, keep you informed. We are looking forward to when we can be together in person. We will be thinking of programs that might be of interest.

Thank you
Care Committee—
JoAnne Doyle & Kathy Burnce, Co-chairs

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, Sea Pines, and The Cypress. 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. If you would like a visit, please respond by emailing JoAnne at 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!

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. ♡

The Auction is Coming, the Auction is Coming ....
and we need your help

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Fundraising Committee is delighted to announce that we will be conducting an online “Just in Time for the Holidays” auction October 21 to October 31, 2021, to support CBY operations. More details to follow, but for now we need your help to make the auction a success.

Help us by identifying local (or national) businesses that might donate an item for the auction – restaurants, golf courses, salons, retail stores, gyms, etc. Do you know or patronize a business that has a product or service you would love to bid on, and would you solicit that business for a donation? If you’re not a member of our committee, or not comfortable soliciting a donation directly, we’ll be happy to make that call on your behalf. Provide us with the contact information and we will make that call; may we use your name in making the contact?

We are also looking for sponsors for the auction. These are typically businesses that do not have a product or service to donate; examples include doctors, attorneys, financial organizations, travel agents, etc., that may be interested in getting recognition on our various media outlets that reach approximately 300 CBY families and friends. Again, we would be delighted to follow up on your behalf if you provide the contact information and permission to use your name.

The auction will be a great fund raiser for CBY, give our members the opportunity to help the congregation, and bid on useful, desired products or services. Your help and support will make it even better.

Please contact Dave Solomon, Ted David or Alan Meiselman by email for information or to recommend potential donors and sponsors. ♡
“Jack Resnick of Group 4 Builders has completed a renovation on our Master Bathroom. It looks amazing.

Jack was friendly and easy to work with while being very professional. He was well organized and got the job done in a timely fashion.

The people he brought in to do the work were "artists" in each of their fields. They took pride in doing their work. When the renovation was completed, he brought in a cleaning crew that put a perfect finish to the job.

We have already recommended him to friends who are looking for quality work".
Live Stream Videos of past services can be viewed on the CBY website by going to the Home/Media/Video Player web page. Click the link to go directly there. http://www.bethyam.org/media-galleries/video-player.

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