Please join us as we celebrate all the hard work and dedication of all our congregants and staff at our 2nd Annual Yom Todah Congregational Day of Thanks May 15 – 11:00 AM

Family activities for all ages will take place in CBY parking lot

Festivities will include:
* A congregational Boker Tov
* Musical entertainment by
  - Rabbi Steve Burnstein from our sister congregation in Israel
  - The fabulous DJ Gary Lucca
* A picnic style lunch
* Italian ice scooped to order

RSVP by May 10
-or-
Volunteer to help contact the Director of Family Engagement, Rachel Pepin
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**Save the Date: May 22 for a benefit to help Ukraine civilians and refugees. Go to HH4Ukraine on Facebook to learn more. To Ukraine With Love, “To Save A Live is To Save the World”**
In the annals of Jewish history, whenever the Jewish people faced a disaster, especially a natural disaster like a famine or a plague, the sages of the community would proclaim a fast. They believed that by afflicting themselves by fasting, it might move God to be compassionate for the Jewish people and end the problem.

There is a passage in the Talmud where the Rabbis are discussing this very issue. They get into a conversation where one sage asks another about how many times can a rabbi declare a fast and impose that upon the entire community? Even the sages knew there were limits about how much the sages could ask their people to suffer this kind of deprivation from communal fasting. In fact, the Talmud says “Ain Madrichim et HaTzibur Yoter m’dai” or “We do not overburden the community.” Yes, the Rabbis were conflicted knowing that they had boundaries that they should not cross when asking their people to afflict themselves.

When I read that passage recently, it made me think about how many rabbis like myself have thought about how often they can go to congregants and ask them to be financially generous. In other words, most of us don’t decree a fast for the entire community, but in tough times we go to our congregants and ask for more funds than the dues they give usually for a serious and worthy cause. Has that moment arrived?

The last thing I want to do is impose a burden upon our community. But with the blessing of the board, I am compelled to make a request for what I believe is a serious and worthy cause. Congregation Beth Yam is in the leadership of organizing a community-wide effort to produce a concert to raise funds for the refugees of Ukraine. From scratch, we are a community coalition from the business sector, faith community, and many other concerned communities in Hilton Head to plan an event on the afternoon of May 22 at Celebration Park. Great music will be provided, and the focus will be raising money for Ukrainian refugees. Details to follow.

A coalition of individuals, clergy, and businesspeople are working around the clock to bring together the top entertainment from Hilton Head to inspire, entertain, and make us think how important it is to raise this money for the families coping with the bombardment from Russia and Putin. Every bit of money you give to this campaign (To Ukraine with Love—Saving One Soul is to Save the World) goes to provide basic food and medical services to the refugees.

We have been watching the daily news shows portraying all the pictures of destruction that can’t help but remind us of the Nazis. I appeal to all of us to reach into our souls and conscience to help people who live far away from us. I ask that we not only think of the global problem but act locally to give the children and mothers and the grandparents a chance at life.

This is a chance for us all on Hilton Head, where we live, to join with our neighbors to make a difference. You will receive more details about how best to do this great mitzvah. Remember the Mishnah says, “To save a life is as if one can save a world.” That is exactly what we are trying to accomplish.

I know I am not asking you to fast or afflict yourselves as if we are sinners. I am equally sensitive to how often one can ask for money, but I am not asking for the congregation but for the refugees who once long ago were us. Then the world was silent. Now is our time to change that direction. Isn’t that the right thing to do? Watch for more details coming your way.

Thank you.

Rabbi Brad Bloom

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.”

-- Rabbi Bloom

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Scholar in Residence Gil Hoffman!
Message from the President – Candy Solomon
Shalom CBY,

May is going to be an exciting month! Not only do we celebrate Mother’s Day and Memorial Day, but we are celebrating the CBY Adult B’nai Mitzvot on Saturday, May 7. We have a large group of adult members who decided to take the plunge two years ago and study for this momentous occasion under the tutelage of Rabbi Bloom, Maury Fradkin, Janice Kaden, and Judy Bluestone. Many of us were not given the opportunity to have a B’nai Mitzvah when we were growing up. Rabbi Bloom offers this class to those who would like to participate in this two-year commitment that is a spiritually fulfilling experience.

I would like to explain the process that we have all gone through. Our first year consisted of monthly readings and discussion led by Rabbi Bloom and based on many different topics and viewpoints in Judaism. Also, during that year, we met with our tutors, individually or in groups, to learn or perfect our Hebrew skills. At the beginning of our second year, we picked the verses that we would learn from the Torah portion for the appropriate week of the ceremony, practiced the prayers that are read at the services, and wrote our d’rash. We were also given the opportunity to participate at Friday night services to practice the prayers that we had been learning. It is amazing to see how far some of us have come, starting with various degrees of prior knowledge. We have formed friendships as we have all gone through this process together.

If you have ever entertained the thought of learning Hebrew and preparing for a B’nai Mitzvah while enriching your Judaic knowledge, please consider joining the next group. As a wise teacher has said, “We are never too old to stretch our minds and increase our knowledge.”

Shalom and Keep Smiling,

Candy

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

➢ WHAT KIND OF HAIRCUTS DO BEES GET?
  BUZZZZZZ CUTS!

➢ WHY CAN’T YOU PLAY HOCKEY WITH PIGS?
  THEY ALWAYS HOG THE PUCK!

Most Needed Items:

Deep Well
Natural Low Fat Peanut Butter
Jif in individual cups
Jelly
Canned salmon
Size 5 and 6 diapers
Instant oatmeal packets
Small boxes raisins
Fruit and Cereal Bars
Small olive oil
Shelf stable almond milk
Decaf tea
Dessert mixes
100% juice boxes
New, reusable water bottles

Bluffton Self Help
Whole grain cereal
Instant oatmeal packets
Canned fruit
Pancake mix Syrup
Spaghetti sauce in jars
Taco kits
Refried beans
Shelf stable almond milk
Corn Bread mix

Food Drive for Children

School is out, and kids still need food. Please help!

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 11:00am-2:00pm, trucks from Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help will be waiting in our CBY Driveway.

Sponsored by the CBY Social Action Committee

Food for Kids
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

For new congregants, perhaps a few words about the Social Action Committee’s work will be useful. When not constrained by Covid, we try to bring programs to the congregation on topics related to social justice themes. Several years ago, we brought a speaker from the Anti-defamation League in Atlanta to talk with us about hate crimes. As a result of that discussion, several of us organized with others in the larger community to form the Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate, necessary as South Carolina is one of two remaining states without a hate crime law. Currently, this bill is being discussed in the legislature.

We have organized educational/informational Hot Topic Shabbats with panel discussions on homelessness, hunger, and sexual harassment in the workplace. We work with the Hilton Head Martin Luther King Committee for Justice. Some of us helped organize a protest march after the murder of George Floyd. Yearly, we help plan an MLK Shabbat with the Rabbi. We try to be aware of local and national social justice issues. When possible, we have provided support after a disaster.

We partner with local food pantries and have food drives to help fill their shelves. Because we know that there is hidden poverty on our island, we ask congregants to support our food drives. In early fall, we sponsor a warm coat and clothing drive. When we can, we partner with the Religious School students for programs and “drives.”

In mid-March, as we celebrated Purim and the courage of Esther, we wanted to also celebrate and support the brave women who were able to leave dangerous situations. Hopeful Horizons is the organization that shelters women and children who have left abusive households and need an immediate safe, secure place to be. To that end, we asked congregants to help by donating “paper products” and personal hygiene items from this agency’s wish list. To those of you who heeded the call, we are grateful.

We will be partnering with Membership and the Religious School on “Todah Day,” scheduled for May 15th. Social Action’s goal for this event is to support the Boys and Girls Club of Hilton Head by collecting lightly used or new sports equipment. Summer is an active time for the students at the Boys and Girls Club. We have been told they can use more baseballs, gloves, bats, volleyball sets, jump ropes, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, and bicycles.

On June 1, we will hold another food drive. Typically, the food we collect goes to Deep Well and Bluffton Self Help. Each pantry provides us with a list of their needs. Due to joblessness resulting from Covid-19, hunger has been more of an issue on this island. Therefore, we have held more frequent food drives.

Overall, this committee, in our small way, tries to make our corner of the world a better, more caring, and compassionate place.

Judie Aronson Social Justice Initiative

The Judie Aronson Social Justice Initiative committee is pleased to announce our award winners for 2022. The Initiative was begun by Judie’s family as a way of honoring her legacy of social justice work. Open to public high school seniors, students were asked to present, via an essay, what he or she had done on behalf of a number of social justice endeavors. This year’s award winners are Kaitlyn McDonagh from Bluffton High School and Isabella Miller from May River High School.

Kaitlyn’s work included organizing and collecting food on behalf of food insecure citizens in our community. She continued in her role as Senior Class President to eliminate activities that required a fee, helping to create a “more equal environment” for all students. She hopes to pursue a degree at Clemson University.

Isabella Miller helped to found a Diversity and Multicultural Inclusion Club at her high school. She attended the Social Justice Research Academy at the University of Pennsylvania, and her actions led to the district superintendent’s formation of a student advisory committee on diversity and inclusion. She also is active in a number of other groups here in Beaufort County, including the MLK Committee, League of Women Voters, and Masks for Heroes, among others. She intends to pursue a degree at an Historically Black College or University with an emphasis on community service.

These award winners have been invited to speak at the Shabbat service on Friday, May 20.
Ritual Committee—Janet Kelley, Chair

Yom Ha’atzmaut: Israel Independence Day
What special celebration will happen on May 5 (besides my husband’s birthday)? Yom Ha’atzmaut, Israel Independence Day. In Israel, people celebrate with nighttime festivals of singing and dancing. Families go out during the day for hikes and picnics or visit army camps that open for Israelis to see the achievements of the Israeli Defense Forces. The day concludes with the awarding of the “Israel Prize” to individuals for their achievements in culture, science, arts and humanities. Most Israelis do not consider this to be a religious holiday. Groups of Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox Jews in Israel and elsewhere have differed on whether there are blessings that are to be recited along with psalms on this day.

American Jews generally see Yom Ha’atzmaut as a way to strengthen the bond with Israel. Often there is a religious service to accompany any public celebrations. Indeed, the Mishkan T’Filah, the Reform prayerbook, devotes seventeen pages to readings and prayers, which includes a special candle lighting service. Will Yom Ha’atzmaut endure centuries from now as a holiday that commemorates the victory of Jews over an entity with greater military might? Will Yom Ha’atzmaut join Purim and Hanukah as a joyous religious holiday in which the Jews triumphed? Only time will tell.

Then let us spoil you with a picnic lunch, fun activities for all ages, music with Rabbi Steve Burnstein (of our sister congregation in Israel) and popular DJ Gary Lucca. We thank you for all your efforts on behalf of CBY; come and have a good time with friends old and new! Please RSVP to Rachel Pepin by email to let us know you’ll be there.

Many thanks to our April Shabbat greeters: Janice & Maury Fradkin and Judy & Richard Movshin. Please contact Janice at by email if you would like to greet our members and guests during an upcoming Shabbat service.

Shalom! ☪

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

The Membership Committee honored our newest members on Friday, April 1, at a special Shabbat service. Several of the 20 new member families participated in the service and joined together on the bimah as Rabbi Bloom celebrated them with a traditional blessing. Once again, welcome to our CBY family!

THANK YOUs and lots of appreciation will be in great supply as we celebrate our second annual Yom Todah—a day of thanks—on Sunday, May 15, in the parking lot of CBY. Honor our Religious School students as they lead us in Boker Tov services beginning at 11:00 AM.

Saved the Date!

Yom Todah Congregational Day of Thanks
May 15 ~ 11:00 AM

Care Committee—JoAnne Doyle, Kathy Burnce, Maury Fradkin, Co-chairs

Pastoral Visits
Sierra Fox has been our cantorial student for the last couple of months. During this time she has participated in Shabbat evening services, Torah studies, Boker Tov services, Purim services, and a Saturday morning minyan. She has been wined and dined by congregants. In addition, student cantors have been required to make pastoral care visits. On Saturday, March 19, JoAnne Doyle and Maury Fradkin had the privilege of accompanying her for a pastoral care visit to the TidePointe Independent Living Community. She performed several appropriate songs, further engaged the 22 attendees with stories, and answered their questions. The audience appeared interested and attentive throughout. We gave her a hearty thumbs up for the visit.

Mi Shebeirach List
Be our eyes and ears. If you hear of a congregant in need of healing prayers, please let Rabbi Bloom, the office, or a member of the Care committee know.

Shalom! ☪
It was wonderful seeing everybody at the Women's Seder. I hope you enjoyed it and the delicious desserts. The readings were so meaningful and relevant. Congratulations to our new Board members who were elected at the event:
- Robin Krumholz, President
- Helen Hauer, Immediate Past President and Treasurer
- Sheila Margeson, Corresponding Secretary
- Ellen Jenner, Recording Secretary
- Tena Graber, Vice-President – Judaica Shop
- Debbie Malen, Membership
- Randy Kurjan, Programming/Fundraising

Open positions are Congregational Services; Community, Cultural, and Social Affairs. Please consider stepping up for one of these positions. Susan Sigalow will continue as Book Club Chair.

The Board will be installed at the Sisterhood Installation service on May 20. Please join us. Congratulations to Felicia Pascal, our Woman of Valor award winner for this year.

On May 5, Linda Levy has arranged an excursion to Beaufort for a tour of the Pat Conroy Literacy Center. Afterwards, we will eat lunch at Wren, one of Beaufort’s wonderful restaurants.

The Sisterhood Book Club will have its next meeting on May 12 at 12:30 PM. The book is "Have you seen Luis Velez?" by Catherine Ryan Hyde.

On June 2 we will have a lecture on Mitchelville by Ahmad Ward, the Executive Director of Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park.

This is my last article as Sisterhood President. It has been my pleasure to serve the women of CBY. Next month Robin Krumholz will take the reins of Sisterhood. I wish her all the best.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Helen
The first ever CBY Community Potluck Seder was a tremendous success. Attended by almost 90 congregants, students and adults, the real feeling of community embraced everyone. Dressed in holiday clothes, the children participated in the retelling of the Passover story with Rabbi Bloom bringing a warmth to the “30 minute” seder service. Our tables were filled with festive and delicious holiday foods, from farfel kugel, carrots, sweet potatoes and green veggies to chicken, salmon and brisket and beautiful desserts, prepared and contributed by our members and guests. It was truly a shared experience which will be repeated going forward.

CBY sincerely thanks everyone…Rabbi Bloom, Adriana Urato and David Kimbell and our committee… Randy Kurjan, Judy Bluestone, Valerie Seldes and Felicia Roth. Special thanks to the Wufoo “king” Eli Roth and, of course, Gail Froomkin and Michele Johnson for their talent, Yvonne Daly and team for all they do for CBY, Janet Kelley, and David Kurjan. Finally, to our members whose enthusiasm made the evening so special…Todah rabah…thank you again.

Judy and Randy
I was president of CBY from 2008 - 2010. In those two years and with help from a lot of people (e.g., Stan Bluestone, Jane Joseph, Dr. Nick Bass and many others, some who are no longer with us), we hired Rabbi Brad Bloom, ran a successful building campaign and constructed our present synagogue. That led to years of growth, a new and strong presence in the Hilton Head/Bluffton community, a debt-free position and it helped us continue to be a close “family” of people that have come here from many places.

At the core of this era of growth stands one man, Rabbi Brad Bloom. Recently, our Rabbi has initiated a community-wide effort to help Ukrainians that are left behind in their war-ravaged country. The effort as you will soon learn about is **HH for Ukraine.** It’s a concert/fund raiser that will take place Sunday May 22 at Celebration Park. The money raised will be used to support Ukraine civilians whether still in Ukraine or refugees that have fled their country. The money raised at this concert will be used for 3 main categories e.g., assistance for shelter, food and medical needs. The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry is handling the disbursement of all monies raised, and they have vetted two organizations to whom the money will be given. Those organizations are Doctors Without Borders and the World Central Kitchen. The concert will feature a string ensemble from the HH Symphony, singers, live bands and speakers.

Our rabbi loves bringing us music during Shabbat and other worship services. He’s always promoting and developing special musical programs at CBY. Rabbi Bloom can be seen dancing with the Torah, clapping his hands, playing the flute and singing as we celebrate B’nai Mitzvahs and other life cycle events.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful cantorial soloist, pianist, choir, a music director that can play the guitar, cello and more...and let’s not forget our very own Rabbi on the flute! Most of you don’t know how much study Rabbi Bloom has put into learning how to play his flute. He has taken numerous private lessons and really grown over the years to play that instrument (he actually owns several). In his first few years here, I used to kid him about how he sounded but now and after knowing how hard he has studied the flute, I can only admire his playing. For me, Rabbi Bloom and his flute are special and enhance our worship experience. So, the next time you see Rabbi Bloom, let him know how much you enjoy his flute playing and all of the music he has brought to CBY.

Today, Rabbi Bloom is at the forefront of helping make the world a better place, Tikkan Olam, by having a concert to raise money for Ukrainians. They are desperate for food, shelter and medical support. Help him make the world a better place. Go to the website **hh4ukraine.com**. This site connects you directly to the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Ukraine’s Relief Fund. Please consider giving what you can but please give. Thank you Rabbi Bloom for initiating this wonderful community-wide effort...and for the wonderful music (including your flute :)) that you bring to CBY. **Jack Reznick, CBY Past President**
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