Cantor Levine, with the CBY Choir in concert on April 30

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**Tikkun Leil Shavuot** **Saturday, June 4, 6:00 PM at CBY**

Join Rabbi Bloom in this time honored tradition of Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Evening spiritual study on Shavuot) which inaugurates the festive holiday of Shavuot. Rabbi Bloom has prepared some fascinating discussion material on Shavuot in American history as well as soul searching material regarding what it means to receive and give the Torah to the Jewish people.

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**Cemetery Committee—Felicia Roth, Chair**

Plots for Sale

CBY members in good financial standing are eligible to purchase plots in CBY Gardens at Six Oaks Cemetery. Interested parties may contact Six Oaks or any members who wish to resell their interests. Please also contact Cemetery Chair Felicia Roth to facilitate arrangements between CBY and Six Oaks. Currently available for resale:

- Two plots at sale price. Contact Linda Newport at LNewp26316@aol.com or at 678-488-1657.
Rabbi’s Message

When I reflect upon the last two years at CBY, I recall a text from Ethics of the Fathers which says, “It is not incumbent upon you to complete the task but neither may you desist from it.” I do not believe any of us in the leadership will forget these years as we prepare for a new transition in temple leadership coming up in June. It has been a time which challenged us to the core of our being to provide services and maintain an ongoing temple community during the pandemic, even though the offices were closed and services were provided online.

Yet, at the end we did it. Our president, Candy Solomon, did a fantastic job, and she has earned the respect and gratitude of us all. I personally want to thank her for leading this congregation and making the tough decisions from working with families and planning lifecycle events to upgrading our infrastructure to make services and other events available to our membership. Her term of service will be remembered not only by her achievements but for her decency and compassion. Her love of children and respect for education has also been a highlight. May God bless her and her husband Dave (who led the Men’s Club) with a well-deserved respite.

We also wish the incoming president, Joel Greene, with the best wishes for an equally effective and successful term of service for the next two years. He has served honorably and done a fantastic job monitoring the Covid public health data and using it to assist us in implementing policies to keep us safe at CBY. Good luck to Joel for helping us all to make CBY a safe place to worship, congregate, and care for the well being of the staff.

Many thanks to the outgoing board members who served with tireless devotion and dedication for the temple. Their work and service on committees as well as their ability to provide counsel and wisdom has helped us move forward. In addition, we welcome new board members with the hope that they will serve and give their best to our congregation.

Please allow me to offer a hearty mazel tov to all the staff members, from the administrative team and Michele Johnson, to the secretaries Leslie Lefer and Gail Froomkin. Our educator, Valerie Seldes, continues to be a vital partner in our outreach to the children and the parents. Her leadership of the Religious School and the efforts to raise funds for the children’s playground will be part of this congregation’s history. Let us also thank our bookkeeper, Dianne Lindquist, for her steady hand at overseeing the funds at CBY.

A heartfelt thank you to the music team lead by Music Director David Kimbell, our accompanist, Charlie Curtis, who provides us with wonderful music and thanks to our cherished soloist, Adriana Urato, for her beautiful voice and spirit that enriches our services.

We also thank Yvonne Daley for maintaining the cleanliness of our building. Let’s not forget our maintenance man, Ron Bruns, for all the hard work he does in prepping our building to help us plan for all the activities and moving the furniture and tables and chairs for all the events we have at CBY.

We owe thanks to Rachel Pepin, our family outreach coordinator, for her efforts and planning so many successful activities for our congregation.

And finally, a great thank you to all the committee chairs and volunteers who work tirelessly to provide services and programming to the congregation. A special thank you to our outgoing Tidings editor, David Kurjan, who has provided us with a great Tidings over these many years.

The result is that despite the enormous challenges we have had over the last two years, we came through it all. I hope we all feel a sense of pride in these folks who love this congregation and work for it every day.

May God bless Congregation Beth Yam and its members for all the hard work and devotion that makes us a unique congregation.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad Bloom

Rabbi on the Road

Since the beginning of the pandemic Rabbi Bloom has been visiting congregants in an effort to connect. Rabbi is extremely careful and has been fully vaccinated and boosted and wears a mask. He has met with people in their yard, garage, on patios as well as inside the home.

If you are not yet ready for a personal visit to your home, he’s willing to do a Zoom meeting or phone call or you are welcome to meet him in his study at temple.

His main concern is to simply see how his congregants are doing.

Are you interested in scheduling a visit with Rabbi Bloom? Contact the office by phone, 843-689-2179, or by email, bethyam@aol.com.

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

http://www.islandpacket.com/living/religion/faith-in-action/
Message from the President—
Candy Solomon

As my term as President has come to an end, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your leader at CBY for the past two years. This has been a term filled with many unusual issues that we have never had to deal with before. We were put to the test, and we did survive.

I would like to recap what we were able to accomplish the past two years.

- We hired Rachel Pepin as Director of Family Engagement to work with our families and plan activities to engage all our members, whether on island or off.
- We hired Garrett Keyes, our Media Technician, to handle all our Zoom and streaming activities, and technology within the building and outside the building.
- We purchased and installed drop down screens and projectors to keep all our members connected through our services and through our many programs.
- We purchased and installed a new air conditioning system.
- We purchased a new audio system for the main sanctuary and social hall.
- We were able to fulfill the dream of our Religious School to install a new playground that was made possible by donations from members.

I would like to thank the past Presidents of CBY who were always available to answer questions, give me guidance when needed, give counsel, and point me in the right direction. Their advice was invaluable to me.

We have several Board members who are retiring from the Board, and I would like to thank them. Judy Bluestone has been a lifesaver for this congregation. She stepped in as President four years ago and then spent the past two years on the Board as Immediate Past President and advisor to me. I appreciate all her help, and she was always willing to lend a hand. Barbara Meyer, chair of the SAC committee, has also decided to step down from the Board. She is a very hard worker and always kept us apprised of social issues within CBY and the Lowcountry community. Helen Hauer, as President of Sisterhood, former CBY Treasurer and Board member, and Dave Solomon, as Men’s Club President and Chair of Fundraising, are also moving on. As Helen and Dave represented our two affiliate groups, their input and advice were needed at the Board meetings. All four of these Board members were valuable people with creative ideas and support. They will be missed.

Rabbi Bloom, I thank you for being a sounding board and a supporter of me and the Board. Your advice was always on target, and we worked together as a team to keep shalom at CBY.

Looking to the future, I ask that you give our new President all the support that he will need going forward. I am confident that he will do a great job as the next leader of CBY.

We remain CBY Strong: Moving Forward as One.

Thank you.

Shalom and Keep Smiling,
Candy

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

- What do ghosts like to eat in the summer? I scream!
- Where do sheep go on vacation? The Baaa-hamas!

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

Sunday afternoon, May 15, was a time of celebration as we held Yom Todah—a day of thanks and gratitude—for everyone’s support and hard work as we were again able to be together during the past year. Miss Rachel Pepin and Rabbi Steve Burnstein, from Israel, and our Religious School students began the day leading us in Boker Tov services as we finished another successful school year. The weather was definitely on our side as we came together at “party central” (otherwise known as the CBY parking lot!) for burgers, kosher dogs, and snow cones, along with a full afternoon of activities and music provided by DJ Gary Lucca. Special thanks to Rachel Pepin, Director of Family Engagement, Lee Pepin, grillers Josh Hirsch and Becky & Doug McCarty, and Religious School director Valerie Seldes. It was a pleasure seeing our multigenerational CBY family together in laughter, fun and conversation. See you next year!

Many thanks to our May Shabbat greeters: Shari and John Box, Sheri Farbstein and Howard Rothchild, Pennie and Alan Meiselman, Robin and Alan Krumholz, Kim and Jeff Shapiro, Ellyn Levin and Debbie Lucca, and Sheila and Walt Margeson. And todah rabah as well to our May organizer, Robin Katz.

We welcome the Pomerleau family—Rachel, Paul, and son Grant—to CBY!

L’shalom,
Janice Fradkin and Judy Movshin ♡
Ritual Committee—Janet Kelley, Chair

Shavuot, a holiday commemorating the giving of the Torah, falls on June 5 and 6 this year. Have you ever wondered about the adornments on the Torah? There are the Torah mantle, the gartl, the breastplate, the crown, the rimmonim, and the bells.

The gartel is a Yiddish word that means to “gird.” It is a long band of material that holds the two scrolls of the Torah together. The mantle is the cloth covering of silk, as described in the Talmud. It is to beautify and to protect the Torah. The breastplate is usually made of silver. They are designed in imitation of the breastplates worn by the High Priest, as described in Exodus. Often, they contain a small box soldered to the plate that has smaller plates with the name of special holidays and special Shabbat times. Typically, the plate with the day being celebrated would be placed in front so that the correct Torah would be removed from the ark. Because the Torah is the holiest object for Jews, it is adorned with a crown as a symbol of kingship. A tenth century scholar named Hai was the first to make a reference to a crown as an adornment for a Torah. The rimmonim are the decorative crowns that fit over the poles of the Torah rollers. It is assumed that the bells that adorn the crown and the rimmonim were intended to remind us of the priestly vestments. Some modern scholars think the bells were believed to ward off evil spirits. Another possible explanation for the bells is so everyone will know when to stand, even if one cannot see the Torah removed from the ark. Then, it could be heard, signaling it is time to stand.

The next time you stand as the ark is opened, you may have a new appreciation for the adornments on the Torah.

Source: The Jewish Book of Why by Alfred J. Kolatch

HH4Ukraine

Shavuot, a holiday commemorating the giving of the Torah started as a spark in the heart and mind of Rabbi Bloom. That spark ignited the passion, energy, and generosity of all of Hilton Head. Rabbi Bloom envisioned an interfaith, interagency effort, engaging the business community, civic organizations, residents, and tourists. Our HH4Ukraine project was a resounding success due largely to the efforts and engagement of all these segments. Rabbi has always challenged us to “Pray as if everything depended on God; act as if everything depended on you.” Many CBY members took part in this endeavor by being on the organizing committee, volunteering, and donating. If it “takes a village,” Hilton Head certainly proved that ours is a village that cares and ours is a Congregation that cares. You all rolled up your sleeves and said, “How can we help?” You volunteered with your hearts, your hands, and your donations. No job was too big or too small. Egos were checked at the door to come together to support the people of Ukraine. For weeks preceding the event you wallpapered Hilton Head and Bluffton with posters and “bookmarks” with the QR code. You solicited donations everywhere. You picked up chairs and tables and transported them. You picked up water, soda, and merchandise. You set up tables and chairs and decorated the sponsor tables. You sold merchandise at tables and walked the park. You accepted donations. You provided information. You walked the grounds, making sure that our park was consistently as pristine as when we arrived. You patrolled the area, making sure that nothing was amiss, with eyes open and observant. You collected money on the hour. You rolled up your sleeves with a smile. This is why Hilton Head is such a special place. Just so you know.

The spark, the dream, became the reality. Not only did we practically meet our goal of $100,000 before the event even began, we exceeded it on Sunday, bringing in an additional $25,000! And money is still being counted and is still coming in. This could not have happened without each and every one of you. We hope you share in the pride we all feel of a job well done. People in Ukraine will have food and medical care because of your efforts.
Sisterhood—Robin Krumholz, President

At the Sisterhood Shabbat on May 20, I took the reigns from Helen Hauer to become the new President of this group. Thank you to all my fellow sisters for honoring me with the responsibility. We are not saying goodbye to Helen Hauer yet…she remains on the Sisterhood board as our new Treasurer.

Our new Sisterhood Leadership Team includes:
- Tena Graber, VP Judaica Shop
- Debby Malen, VP Membership
- Ellen Jenner, Recording Secretary
- Sheila Margeson, Corresponding Secretary
- Helen Hauer, Treasurer
- Susan Sigalow, Chair of Sisterhood Book Club
- Randy Kurjan, Chair of Programming

We are saying farewell to Felicia Pascal, our trusted former Treasurer, who spent the past few years consolidating our banking, improving our Judaica Shop credit card services, and overall streamlining Sisterhood record keeping. Felicia, we will all miss your “matter-of-fact” voice of reason and wisdom at our Sisterhood Board Meetings.

I’m proud that despite no real fundraising activities for more than two years, Sisterhood ended this fiscal year making major donations to the CBY Endowment and Friends campaigns, the Religious School Camp Scholarship Fund, and the gift of prayerbooks for our sister congregation in Israel. We raised over $250 for Mazon at our Women’s Seder. We also partnered with Men’s Club to make a combined $1000 donation to HH4Ukraine, such that CBY was listed on the Jumbotron as a major sponsor. I’d like to personally thank all those congregants who continued to patronize our Sisterhood Judaica Shop throughout the pandemic, without which we could not have met these financial expectations!

Speaking of the Judaica Shop, let me reassure all our customers that we now have a growing team of volunteers that will keep our shop going, as I take on a wider role in Sisterhood. I am grateful to Tena Graber, Sheila Margeson, Debbie Lucca, and others who have stepped up to ensure that this shop will continue. I trust you will support them as they grow into their roles to keep a vibrant shop available for your convenience.

Thanks to Randy Kurjan, Sisterhood began a few months ago to sponsor monthly gatherings open to all members with a variety of entertaining and educational programs. Please mark your calendars to hold “First Thursdays” every month, and watch for announcements with further details. Hope to see you all at our next program on June 2, at 11:30 AM, when we will be hosting Mr. Ahmed Ward, Executive Director of Historic Mitchellville Freedom Park. I can’t wait to share photos in my next article. At this event we will be welcoming donations for the Freedom Park Project. If you are not attending, but would like to donate, please contact Ellen Jenner. Thank you to Ellen for championing this activity.

I would also be remiss if I didn’t take a moment to briefly mention Shabbat Onegs. So many of us enjoy this special time to gather, even if just briefly, to catch up with friends after services. It is a wonderful blessing to become a sponsor of one of these weekly events, especially if it is in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one. Please consider signing up. It’s quite simple. There is a clipboard to sign up for a future date available on the greeters table in the front lobby every Shabbat.

So, you’ve never sponsored an Oneg before? … no problem, we can pair you up with someone that has. You’ve got no time to do it? Then consider donating to Sisterhood, and someone from our leadership team will see to it that it gets done in your name.

So, you really enjoy these Onegs, and you’re concerned that I’ve got enough on my plate, and that I may end up letting you down with this promise? Well, that’s a real possibility … and YOU’d be the perfect person. So please volunteer as the Chairperson for this activity, and then your worries will be behind you.

Most important, note that Sisterhood still has several open positions in leadership, as well as dozens of options for volunteers on committees. Ideas alone can’t make things happen. Sisterhood has always been dependent on volunteers to do and to grow in the doing. We are full of hugs and support for all volunteers, both old and new. Working, learning, and growing together is what a Sisterhood is all about. Give me a call, drop me an email, or just catch me at an Oneg after Shabbat services.

As for the rest of Sisterhood activities, stay tuned. That’s a work in progress. As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions.

We are all looking forward to you joining, or re-joining, our Sisterhood to help us further each other and the needs of our CBY community. Please come on board.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Robin

Pat Conroy Trip

On Thursday, May 5, a group of eight fun-loving ladies ventured to nearby Beaufort. Our first stop was at the Pat Conroy Literary Center. Nestled in a small house on Bladen St., the Center holds the personal effects, including writing desk, awards and memorabilia, of the esteemed Lowcountry author. Jonathan Haupt, the executive director, gave us an hour+ long presentation of his life, writings, and contributions to the community. Conroy’s extensive work in helping students and writers
become established in the literary world was emphasized.

After the tour, we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Wren, many of us relishing their chicken salad.

It was a great day, and we hope you’ll join us on future day trips – Daufuskie? Savannah?

ALWAYS A BARGAIN FOR YOU; A BENEFIT FOR CBY!

It’s not too early to consider enhancing your High Holy Day Table! How will you serve your honey this year? Browse our shop window and catalogs for new ideas!

Summer Hours: Open 30 min before Shabbat services and by appointment.
Dear Fellow Congregants,

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 whom 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 had to flee their country. The money raised 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 lifecycle events.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful cantorial soloist, pianist, choir, a music director that can play the guitar, oello 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 Resnick, CBY Past President
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