Sunday, December 4 (10 AM-1 PM); Wednesday, December 7 (2-4 PM); Friday, December 9 (5:30-6 PM); Sunday, December 11 (9:30 AM-12 PM); Also by appointment from December 4 through December 23: The Sisterhood Chanukah Showcase—Sisterhood’s biggest fundraiser of the year supports CBY camp scholarships and many other CBY programs.  (call Robin Krumholz for an appointment.)

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There are two ideas that have been part of Chanukah. One is the fight for independence when the Hasmonean family under the leadership of Judah Maccabee led a Jewish insurgent army to defeat the occupying Greek forces around 165BCE. After the Jews reentered Jerusalem seeing that the Greeks had turned the Holy Temple into a Greek pagan temple, they spent eight days offering sacrifices. This is how eight days of Chanukah came to be.

The Hasmoneans were from the Kohanim or Biblical priests and they ruled the land of Judea. The Roman monarchy appointed King Herod, who destroyed all the remaining descendants of Hasmonean rule about 150 years after their victory over the Greeks. Let there be no question that the Hasmoneans were out and the Roman occupying authorities and their appointed leaders would rule the Jewish world out of Judea. If anything, they wanted to snuff out any sense of Jewish nationalism after the reign of the Hasmoneans.

The rabbis of the Talmud did not give much attention to Chanukah except to speak of the miracle of a menorah that stayed lit for eight days. That stream of tradition in the Mishnah was not pro Hasmonean because the rabbis maintained that only the descendants of the Davidic dynasty were truly allowed to rule the Jewish people. So of course, they focused on the faith tradition of the miracle of the menorah and not the Hasmonean tradition and bravery of Judah Maccabee.

It wasn’t until the modern era and the advent of the Zionists that people returned to the image of Judah Maccabee and used that story found in the post biblical Books of Maccabee as a model for the new Jewish spirit. This was desperately needed by poor and hardworking Jewish settlers or refugees who emigrated to Palestine in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Chanukah became a major holiday in Israel and goes to the heart of Jewish self determination and pride for a Jewish state called Israel.

The story continues beyond Israel and Zionism when it comes to Chanukah in modern times. Aside from the wonderful music and celebration on Chanukah in Israel and around the rest of the world, America’s Jewish community has had to put Chanukah in front of Christmas. Now in America with the enormous population of interfaith marriages and children being raised in a hybrid kind of religion that blends Christmas and Chanukah together, we use Chanukah as a kind of shield for some to protect Jewish identity in a time of year that is overwhelming Christian. It is a balancing act in our families and in the schools as well. It is not about Jewish nationalism anymore, rather, Chanukah is about how Jewish families can find their place in the secular world of American society during this time of year.

In Hilton Head the town puts on a big Christmas tree lighting and celebration for the Christian holiday. This year for the first time in my memory the town asked CBY if they could sponsor with them a town wide Chanukah celebration. We are working together sharing costs and providing technology at Celebration Park. This is not the first time since we just finished working with the staff of the town to put on the successful Ukraine Fundraiser in May. I am excited about this new partnership and the town’s respect for our traditions and history.

We have come a long way since 165BCE and the rebellion against Greek rule in Judea. We have seen how a historic event can be interpreted in many ways based upon the times, culture and politics of the lands where Jews lived. What is important now is that you join us for the Hilton Head Celebration Park town sponsored Chanukah celebration and the upcoming Chanukah program we will have in Bluffton for our temple members who live off island.

Come join us for a great program in either or both celebrations this year and rejoice with pride at the miracle of faith in God who enabled a menorah to shine for eight days but only had oil for one day. God bless you and Hag Sameah.
Message from the President—Joel N. Greene

Things You May Not Know About Chanukah

I have to admit, I associate Chanukah mostly with latkes and dreidels as well as learning enough Hebrew to properly light a menorah. I’ve also heard of the Maccabees. That pretty much sums up the Chanukah knowledge that I have had since childhood. Happily, my knowledge of Chanukah facts and lore has also increased as I’ve grown older. The following observations about Chanukah summarize some of the surprising “things” about Chanukah that I’ve gleaned from various sources, including The Hanukkah Anthology, edited by Philip Goodman, as well as an article by Reuben Lewis, and an article by Dr. Yvette Alt Miller, published on AISH, a Jewish cultural website:

Re-dedication of the Temple – The Hebrew word, “Hanukkah” means “Dedication.” We commemorate the victory of the Maccabees by celebrating Chanukah and the re-dedication of the temple in Jerusalem that had been defiled under the rule of the Hellenic King, Antiochus. Rather than celebrate battlefield victories in a typical way (e.g., with military parades and a show of might), the Jewish people restored their temple which reaffirmed religious freedom, Judaism, and their cultural heritage.

Absence of the Holiday in the Tanach – Chanukah is mentioned in the Christian Bible, but not the Jewish one. Indeed, Chanukah is the only Jewish holiday that is not mentioned in the Tanach. It’s been speculated that the Rabbis did this to avoid problems with the Romans (who might have interpreted the holiday as a “call to arms”). Others suggest that the Maccabees’ revolt occurred after completion of the written Tanach.

Donuts and Latkes – You can’t have Chanukah without eating donuts and latkes, right? Both of these delicacies are made by deep frying their ingredients in oil. The oil reminds us of the oil lamp that miraculously burned for eight consecutive days and nights. Around the world, a variety of other deep-fried foods are consumed on Chanukah, including fried fish in Greece, fried sweet cakes in India, and deep-fried pancakes stuffed with cheese in Syria and Lebanon. Is there a deep-fried version of shakshuka in Israel? One can only speculate.

Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel – Dreidels appear to be synonymous with Chanukah. We really don’t know why. However, there is a game played by children in Germany during Christmas which uses a spinning top or “Teetotum” (made either of silver, oak, ivory, or brass). The German game may have its historical roots in England where another game, called “Put and Take,” has been popular for eons of time. As the game migrated to Germany from England, it became known as Trundl, meaning to roll or spin in German. When the game became popular among Yiddish speaking Jews in Eastern Europe, they pronounced its name as dreidel. In Israel, dreidels are known as sivivonim, which is derived from SOV, the Hebrew word for spin.

Some scholars suggest that a deeper spiritual relationship exists between dreidels and Chanukah. For example, it’s been suggested that letters on the dreidel may refer to divine aspects of human existence, e.g., Nun for Neve (soul), Gimel for Guf (body), Shin for Shechel (understanding) and Hey for Hakol (everything else).

Finally, we need to ask, why do we celebrate Chanukah? As children, we enjoyed eight days of receiving gifts – even if they included mostly pajamas and socks! We looked forward to participating in lighting the menorah each night in order to celebrate the “Festival of Lights” miracle of the burning oil. We enthusiastically looked forward to devouring latkes or donuts with excitement and joy. Unfortunately, as wonderful as all of these activities (and our childhood memories) are, they do tend to obscure the meaning and significance of this holiday.

We need to look at Chanukah as an event of immense historic importance. Above all else, Chanukah celebrates the defeat of tyranny, the attainment of religious freedom for everyone, and the right of the Jewish religion and Jewish culture to exist.

Happy Chanukah!

Joel N. Greene

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

Pastoral visits – The Care Committee is scheduling visits by Rabbi Bloom at long term care facilities on Hilton Head and Bluffton. He will be visiting The Cypress in December.

Shivah trays – If you are interested in picking up and delivering a shivah tray for a congregant’s family, please contact JoAnne Doyle by email. We can always use help.

Mi Shebeirach list – Be our eyes and ears. If you hear of a congregant in need of healing prayers please contact Rabbi Bloom, the office, or a member of the Care Committee: JoAnne Doyle, Kathy Burnce or Maury Fradkin.

Cards and calls – Maury Fradkin makes calls and sends notes to members on the MiShebeirach List. Please keep him informed when you hear of an ill congregant who would like some cheer. ✡
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

To recap what we have been doing recently, let me start with the Blessing of the Animals, spearheaded by Randy Kurjan with assistance from the Religious School. It was an active day. Palmetto Animal League brought a pup for adoption. Sadly, there were no takers. However, we collected pounds of dog and cat food, blankets, toys and money for the shelter. Rabbi blessed all the creatures. Everyone, humans and animals were kind and had fun.

On November 6, we had our warm clothing drive, assisted by Ella and Cora from the Religious School. We were able to collect an abundant assortment of jackets, sweaters, coats, gloves and hats, from small to large sizes. Unity congregants helped by delivering several bags of clothing to the Sandalwood Community. Family Promise got items that they had asked for. Two other communities were given mountains of warm items. All these donations were from our own, very generous folks at CBY. We are grateful to you all.

To support the Hilton Head High School Seahawk Parents’ Support Circle, we collected $25 Walmart gift cards. This parent group helps indigent students, teens who may have lost a parent or are experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

Before the holiday school break, identified students will be given gift cards to Walmart in order to purchase what they require. This is a new project for us, suggested by Rebecca Mastrorocco, who is involved with the Parents’ Support Circle.

Our committee has been collaborating with Safety and Security to encourage our congregants to become trained in CPR. Thus far, eleven members have been trained. The Fire Department Head Quarters has a trainer with whom we have learned cardiac resuscitation. If you are interested in being trained, please let me know. We will gather another group after January. Additionally, we will be gathering at the fire station for a first aide class. This is a four-hour class for which we pay a fee. The CPR classes are free. A date will be selected later.

On January 10, 2023, Staff Sgt. Daniel Allen will return to us for another Active Shooter/Attacker training. It is important that more congregants come to this presentation. All committee chairs and all board members should consider being present. Unity members have asked to join and are most welcome.

As the end of the year approaches, we wish you all a happy, healthy 2023.

Respectfully, Barbara Meyer, Chair

Randy Kurjan – Life Cycle Event Coordinator

Most of you are aware of the variety of life cycle events that occur at Congregation Beth Yam throughout the year. These include Bar and Bat Mitzvot (both youth and adult), weddings, baby naming and sadly, funerals. There is a lot of coordination that goes on behind the scenes, to make these events go smoothly and meaningfully for the families. If you would like to be a part of a committee to help this happen, please contact Randy Kurjan.

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

Call to Action

Please bring donations to benefit Hopeful Horizons on Sunday, December 18: Chanukah at Celebration Park 94 Pope Avenue, Hilton Head.

- Feminine hygiene products
- Deodorant
- Laundry pods
- Toilet paper
THANK YOU to everyone who has been sending in your Sisterhood dues. We are so grateful for your support.

We had a wonderful luncheon with 38 women in attendance in November, graced by the entertainment of the 92nd St Y, and our own Barry Dickson, poet extraordinaire. Scrumptious soups, salads and desserts were enjoyed by all. Thank you to all our soup chefs and our bakers: Helen Hauer, Randy Kurjan, Sheree Listwa, Sheila Margeson, Robin Krumholz, Tena Graber, Debby Malen, Susan Sigalow, and Ellen Jenner!

December will be all about Chanukah! Sunday, December 4, will be an awesome morning to get out and join us at CBY. We are counting on ALL CBY MEMBERS to support our Judaica Shop at our Annual Chanukah Showcase, on Sunday, December 4. Check out your Tuesdays@2 email for details. This is our largest fundraiser! Profits from our sales will support CBY camp scholarships and many other CBY programs.

While you are there, you can also support our CBY Youth Group and “Nosh While you Shop” by purchasing their donuts and hotdogs! In addition to shopping and noshing you will be able to participate in (or just observe) the CBY Daffodil Planting Project as well! It will soon be a beautiful garden to commemorate the children of the Holocaust.

If you are unable to (or prefer not to) join us on December 4, you can still support our Judaica Shop Chanukah sale! This year we have prepared an order booklet for your shop-at-home convenience. Check your Tuesday@2 email or CLICK HERE to download the booklet and the order form.

Sisterhood is looking forward to supporting other CBY Chanukah activities such as First Night at Celebration Park, Sunday, December 18, and the Night of 100 Menorahs on Shabbat, December 23. We hope that you plan to join us for donuts and treats after services. If you are available to help setup on the evening of December 23, please contact Robin Krumholz.

December 1 also marks the return of the CBY Lilith Salon. I hope you have already signed up for this inspiring evening of culinary collaboration, conversation, contemplation, and comradery in an intimate home-based setting. If you missed signing up for this one, fear not… there will be more on the calendar shortly! Watch for announcements in your Tuesdays@2 emails!

NEW! Announcing another exciting Sisterhood road trip, on Friday, December 9! We will meet for a quick lunch at Chicken Salad Chick in Bluffton at 11:30 AM, then carpool to the Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage, in Ridgeland, for a private tour, at 1:00 PM, of “The Supper Table,” an exhibit celebrating the Women of South Carolina in history. For more information, just check your Tuesdays@2 email. To reserve your seat for this exciting adventure, contact Randy Kurjan.

REMINDER: If you have not yet sent in your annual dues, please consider doing so soon! Even if you are not planning to participate in our programming, your dues will make a difference in so many ways. CLICK HERE for our electronic membership enrollment form. You can opt to pay your dues by credit card or PayPal online, or just fill in the form, and send in your dues payment via traditional paper check. (All the instructions are online!) NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE SENDING OUT ANY PAPER INVOICE FOR SISTERHOOD DUES!

So, why should you join Sisterhood? To challenge your inner self, to participate in wonderful experiences with and for other women, to support the CBY community, and other national Jewish charities. Make new friends! Learn something new! Smile! Laugh! Serve! We look forward to your participation. ✺
Adult Education–Randy Kurjan, Chair

We have had three Forefront sessions so far, including an interfaith clergy panel on reproductive rights, leading up to the midterm elections, what Republicans want to know and a Democratic perspective on the midterm elections. We also had a Hot Topic Shabbat about what the Jewish texts say about abortion. We had a very successful program with Professor Omri Bronstein of Tel Aviv University. Dr. Bronstein also had lunch with the board. We are working on a date for a lunch and learn discussion based on the program on the U.S. and the Holocaust. We now have some congregants, who have volunteered their time and skills to be members of the Adult Education Committee. Thank you to Ronnie Leibowitz, Pennie Meiselman, Sheila Margeson and Rebecca Mastrorocco for stepping up! If you would like to be a part of a committee working to provide stimulating programming to our congregants, please send an email or call me at (301) 908-0567. As always, please let us know your ideas or requests for adult education programs.

Delectable desserts
Arts & Acquisitions Committee—Maury Fradkin, Chair

The Arts and Acquisitions Committee is planning to seasonally rotate items in the “Jean Caplan” display case. The display case was donated by Jean Caplan and is in the foyer near the entrance to the sanctuary. If you have items appropriate for our inaugural Chanukah display, please let me know. The items can be donated to be included in Beth Yam’s permanent collection, or they may be loaned to the synagogue for our holiday display. ✡

Backpack Buddies of Hilton Head – Janet Weingarten

Are you aware that Backpack Buddies was started at CBY in the spring of 2010? This community program was conceived to bring awareness about hidden childhood hunger to the forefront of CBY members. Leaders of our Social Action Committee, the late Judie Aronson, Twyla Sable and Janet Weingarten recruited like-minded congregants of island churches to raise funds to provide weekend food to elementary school children from low-income families, who qualify for the federal free breakfast and lunch program. Our Board of Directors at the time approved the Backpack Buddies Fund at CBY for our members to support this effort. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

Twelve years later our members have led this 501 3C, and packed and delivered food for local school children, who are nutritionally underserved. Backpack Buddies presently provides: 6700 weekend food packs in the pre-K and elementary schools; for the middle and high school, we provide 1000 weekend meal bags and 1300 healthy snack bags. Additionally, we provide over 7,000 pieces of fresh vegetables and fruit to pre-K through 12 students and to children attending the Neighborhood Outreach Connection and The Boys and Girls Club’s afterschool and summer programs. We provided supermarket food gift cards to needy families during Covid, and we provide holiday food gift cards to families with children in need.

Because of the rising cost of food, your help is needed more than ever. When you donate to CBY, please think of the Backpack Pack Buddies Fund on the drop down box on CBY’s donation page on our website. CLICK HERE FOR THE LINK. Any donation made there is matched by 15% by the PGA Heritage Golf Tournament. Thank you for your support. ✡
Kid’s Corner: Honoring Israel—Marida Bruggeman

In honor of Israel’s 75th anniversary, CBY Religious School teacher, Laura Piers, is sharing fun facts about Israel with her students and guiding them through special projects that commemorate this important milestone. The students have been making Israeli flags that will line the halls of the religious school and have watched videos about how the state of Israel was formed. Throughout this school year, students will be discussing the importance of the state of Israel and working on forming a deeper connection to our roots there. Laura recently shared with me that the kids have been intrigued by some of the amazing inventions that have come from Israel such as the cherry tomato! They also like that Israel is the only country in the world that has more trees today than it did 50 years ago. Be on the lookout for more updates from the CBY Religious School!

Membership Committee—Robin Katz & Pat Levitt, Co-chairs

Welcome to our newest members: Debra & Marc Stern. Thank you to the Shabbat greeters for the month of November: Lorna Bonner & Joel Greene, Abby & Kurt Suckow, Janice & Maury Fradkin, Sheri Farbstein, and Lorna Bonner.

If you would like the honor of being a Shabbat greeter, please contact Robin Katz or Pat Levitt.

The Daffodil Project www.daffodilproject.net is ready to go! The bulbs will be planted by our Religious School students on Sunday, December 4*. Please join us as we participate in building a worldwide living memorial to the 1.6 million children who perished in the Holocaust.

Chanukah is right around the corner!!! Join us for three very exciting events:

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*The Sisterhood Chanukah Showcase is also on Sunday, December 4. ★

Artwork created by Religious School Students
Friends Campaign – Phyllis Napoli & Lorna Bonner, Co-chair

It takes a community! You have no doubt heard this expression before. The Friends Campaign is vital to the financial health of the Synagogue. For 2022-2023, our goal is $75,000. These funds are needed since the annual dues only cover about 60% of our operating expenses.

We deeply appreciate your generosity and ongoing commitment to Congregation Beth Yam. Please know that your gift will help ensure that CBY is able to continue offering spiritually uplifting Shabbat services and cantorial music, as well as engaging educational and thought-provoking programs. Also, CBY is a great place to meet and be with your friends!

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Congregation Beth Yam. This year, we hope to reach 100% participation. Every gift makes a difference!

To donate, CLICK HERE or mail a check to “Friends of CBY” at 4501 Meeting Street, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926. Contributions to the Friends Campaign are tax-deductible and may be paid out over the course of the year through June 30, 2023.

CLICK HERE
The Guardian Society of the CBY Endowment Fund

For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference in the world in which we live. Your gift to the Congregation Beth Yam Endowment Fund can do just that.

Endowed funds differ from other funds in that the total amount of the gift is invested. Only income earned is available to spend either in the year earned or in the future. Donations (gifts) to the Endowment can only be spent in very restricted circumstances. In this respect, a donation to the endowment is a perpetual gift that keeps on giving.

We want to invite you to become a member of the CBY Guardian Society or to become a Benefactor of the Endowment. The Guardian Society members and Benefactors represent generous and forward-thinking donors who support our synagogue’s long-term success. It’s easy to do.

To become a member of the Endowment Fund’s Guardian Society:
1. Include CBY in your Legacy documents or,
2. Donate $2,500 to the Endowment Fund or,
3. Donate $1,000 with an additional pledge of $1,500 to be paid over the next five years

To become a Benefactor of the Endowment Fund:
1. Make a monetary donation of any value to the Endowment Fund.
2. Each fiscal year, donating benefactors will be identified in the Tidings.
3. When your cumulative donations reach $2,500 you are automatically included in the Guardian Society.

Please note that the lists below include CBY members and non-members who support the CBY Endowment. Should you need additional information, or have any questions regarding the Endowment Fund, please contact Ted David by email.

Ritual Committee—Janet Kelley, Chair

Two Jews, Three Opinions

I recently returned to in-person Torah study after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus during the pandemic. The learning and discussion hit home on so many levels. Family dynamics, the role of women, overcoming past traumas, how to move forward, complacency before catastrophic events...so many meanings on so many levels. Rabbi Bloom points out that in Torah study, first we see what the Torah says, then we see what the sages say, then...what do you say?

Studying what the sages say is captivating because they often disagree with previous commentary or offer entirely new viewpoints. So, we get to see how thought developed over the years, many centuries ago. Yes, two Jews, three opinions. But the relevance to our lives today and the implications for the future are startling. The text’s meaning can unfold differently. We know many of the stories from our childhood but delving into the commentary and the connection to our lives offers an entirely different adult understanding. In addition, I appreciated the comments and insights from the fellow participants in Torah Study. As in most Jewish events, Torah study is a communal experience, not a solitary one. Wondering, questioning, arguing about the meaning is all part of our tradition.

So come join in this mitzvah. It is said the study of Torah is equal to all (honoring parents, deeds of loving kindness, making peace between one person and another). The next Torah study is December 10 at 10:00 AM. Come to the synagogue to join us in reading the Torah and the commentary. Delve into the words. Bring coffee or tea and I will bring doughnuts to share in the sweetness of learning. If you cannot attend physically, you can still join us via Zoom and participate in the readings and discussion. You will be glad you did. ✡
**Forefront** is a public service podcast sponsored by Congregation Beth Yam. Rabbi Brad Bloom will conduct a series of interviews with elected officials and representatives from the local community. This is an educational program on current contemporary topics in American society.

The Fall-Winter Series focuses on Women’s reproductive rights, the midterm elections, Israel at 75, today’s educational system and America as a Christian nation. The programs will be live streamed from bethyam.org and the CBY Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/congregationbethyam and will provide an opportunity for viewers on chat lines to ask questions of our guest speakers. **Forefront** is open to the entire community.

### Upcoming ForeFront topics:

- **January 23, 2023- 4:00 PM** – Israel at 75.
- **January 30, 4:00pm** – The challenge of being a school superintendent in today’s world.
- **March 20, 4:00pm** – American Religious Exceptionalism: is America a Christian nation?

Watch your mail for more information on these upcoming programs.

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**It’s Not Your Father’s Exodus**

The Israel at 75 committee has created a film series that is different & very engaging. We are presenting films that tell stories about events in Israel that have been hidden from view or offer a very different view of historical events. They will engage your heart as well as your mind about the state of Israel as it began & survived in a very tough environment.

The series began on Wednesday, November 16, with the film “Image of Victory”. This story, about Kibbutz Nitzanim, tells the story of a struggling “colony” on the road between Gaza & Tel Aviv. Founded by survivors and socialist pioneers, they fight off local Arab militias and ultimately fall to the overwhelming force of the Egyptian army. Their struggle was a tale of dedication and ultimate survival at the beginning of the War of Independence.

The next film in the series “The Angel” deals with time leading up to the Yom Kippur war. It is the story of the little known circumstances leading up to the peace treaty between Israel & Egypt. Politics, spies and double agents lead to a major change in the Middle East. It is a fascinating tale that will keep you involved right up to the end.

**This film will be presented on Thursday, January 19, in the Social Hall, at 7:00 PM.**

Be prepared to be surprised!
Communications—Howard Rothchild, Chair

**WANTED! BACKUP FOR WEB SITE MASTER**

Beth Yam’s web site master would train you to become proficient in working on our web site, helping her with various tasks. Here’s a good chance to become better at online technology, while helping Beth Yam to “put out the word.” Interested? Email Diane Butcaris.

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**Nosh, Schmooze and More**

Nosh, Schmooze and More—Pat Levitt & Kim Shapiro, co-chairs

**ATTENTION CBY LADIES!! YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!!**

Come join us for the rescheduled luncheon season kick-off. Black Marlin Bayside Grill - 86 Helmsman Way, Hilton Head

An outdoor luncheon with heaters and side flaps is planned.

- Dress in layers if needed.
- Wednesday, December 7, at 11:30 AM
- Seating is limited to 25, so RSVP soon to:
  - Kim Shapiro or Pat Levitt by email.

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**Men’s Club—Jeff Shapiro, President**

A fun time was had by the attendees of the Air Force Museum Tour and Lunch. Look for next month’s Men’s Club lunch announcement coming soon! 🎉
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