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I don’t even know where to begin in terms of covering the items I feel compelled to share with you. I write to you from Jerusalem. We have completed our third congregational trip to Israel and Petra (in Jordan). First let me say how proud and grateful I am to these travelers or pilgrims to Israel. We were a diverse group of temple members and a few guests who joined us. We were privileged to have a small group of Christians with us who are connected to our congregation and so we embarked on a journey throughout the land of Israel learning about sacred places for the Jewish people as well as sacred sites for Christians. I think we all came to see that Israel draws us all into its gates and has something that rings true and precious for all of us regardless of our faith traditions.

My group worked hard every day to push themselves physically and spiritually. Most of us were in the senior years and as anyone knows who travels to Israel, tour guides want us to see everything and more. I believe we were all exhausted by the end of the trip and that is a lesson for the next trip, God willing, to come. Yet, my sense is that everyone opened their eyes, some for the first time in Israel, and others after previous trips, to how history intersects with the present. We learned how our identity as Jews is totally interwoven with the history of the Jewish people. We could feel that realization in the ancient places we visited as well as the modern pulse of Tel Aviv or Jerusalem.

We prayed at the Wall, conducted a service at the Holocaust museum, Yad V’Shem, and welcomed the Shabbat in Elat. We traveled to Petra and beheld the ancient kingdom of the Nabateans who built their capital city inside of the stone of the mountains they occupied and left behind one of the wonders of the world for tourists to walk through and gaze at in wonderment of their craftsmanship and design.

We went to the north and stood from Kibbutz Malkiah at the border with Lebanon and gazed into the village of another world. Our guide pointed out to us while we stood in a farmers field the patrolling cars of the terrorist organization Hezbollah. Israel watches them and they watch Israel. We met Israeli soldiers on a tank protecting the Israel border with Lebanon. We traveled by Jeeps to visit the Israeli border with Syria. It’s quiet there right now since most of their resources are dealing with the earthquake in the Northwest part of the country near Turkey.

Another highlight was attending Shabbat evening services at the reform congregation, Birkat Shalom, at Kibbutz Gezer. We enjoyed a beautiful service and then transformed the worship space and turned it into a beautiful eating space to share Shabbat dinner. Remember Rabbi Steve Burnstein who joined us for a weekend last year? We became supporters of the congregation and donated funds to help them purchase the newly published Hebrew-English prayer books for their congregation. What a moment of pride to see each book with an acknowledgement of our congregation on the inside of the siddur. This experience reminds us of our duty and the joy of supporting the reform movement congregation in Israel.

The group is now at home and resting and recuperating from a long trip. Soon they will be speaking about their experiences and what they learned not only about the spiritual nature of the trip but also the dynamics of Israel’s current issues that have been in the center of the world’s attention.

Let me add that during the services on Friday, March 3, I will present a synopsis of what I experienced, not only with my travelers but also having attended the Central Conference of American Rabbis convention afterwards. We met with Knesset members, a former vice chief Justice of the Israel Supreme Court and the American ambassador to Israel.

As we enter the new month of Adar the tradition says we begin the month with simha (joy). Purim is coming the following week. While there is more than enough drama in Israel it is incumbent upon us to get ready and fired up for Purim services just like they do in Israel and all over the world.

God bless my travelers and let’s get going on another trip for next year.

May God bless Israel and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad Bloom, MSW DD

FAITH in ACTION

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/
Beth Yam’s Mission

The developers and teachers of our Leadership Training Program, Jane Joseph, Kim Shapiro, and Robin Katz, recently invited me to say a few words to the participants of this program. I thought it would be helpful if I shared some of what I said via this column.

I started with two questions: “How many of you know that Congregation Beth Yam has a mission statement?” “How many of you have read it and are familiar with what it says?”

Congregation Beth Yam’s mission statement is a worthwhile declaration that answers the who, what, where, how and why of what we do, e.g., the purpose and goals inherent in the synagogue by serving the people who call it their spiritual home. Congregation Beth Yam’s Mission Statement reads as follows:

“Congregation Beth Yam Mission Statement

Congregation Beth Yam provides Hilton Head and Southern Beaufort County with a center for an intimate and involved Jewish community of all ages and backgrounds. Our synagogue is a place to worship in a Reform Jewish setting, where spiritual growth and ritual provide meaning and comfort to its members and to all others who join with us. At Beth Yam we preserve both Jewish culture and traditions.”

What are some of the major points that we learn about Congregation Beth Yam from this mission statement?

According to the mission statement, Congregation Beth Yam provides a chance to explore being Jewish and an opportunity for spiritual growth, meaning and comfort. We also become enriched by being immersed in Jewish culture and traditions.

At Beth Yam, we enjoy the fellowship of other Jews. This is one of the major reasons why people join a synagogue. Here we become part of an intimate community of like-minded souls. It also gives us a chance to make new friends who represent a diverse group of people who come to South Carolina from around the country with new perspectives, life stories and ideas.

The mission statement reminds us that Congregation Beth Yam is an important part of the Lowcountry where it serves the Jewish residents living in Hilton Head and Southern Beaufort County. Members of the congregation live on Hilton Head Island, as well as in Bluffton, Port Royal, and parts of Beaufort and Hardeeville. Many newcomers to the Lowcountry are attracted to the many benefits that only a full-service synagogue can provide.

According to the mission statement we welcome people of “all ages and backgrounds.” Here we see the importance of young congregants and our wonderful Religious School teachers and administrators. As Jews, we share a deep commitment to providing a comprehensive Jewish education for our youth. In other words, we try to exemplify the Jewish principle of “L’dor v’dor,” from generation to generation — the transmission of Jewish culture, values, rituals, traditions and history to the next generation.

It is exciting to see that a new playground is currently being built for our children — and we salute our kids and their families, as well as many contributors, who brought it to fruition. No doubt we shall soon hear a great deal of laughter and see many smiles of happiness as our children climb, swing, and enjoy the playground equipment.

The mission statement reminds us that we also serve several retirement communities, including TidePointe and Cypress, as well as Sun City. The average age of our members is about 70 which reflects the fact that our location attracts retirees as well as vacationers looking to enjoy the sunshine, beaches, and leisure activities for which the Lowcountry is famous, e.g., boating, golf, and tennis, to name a few.

The mission statement also is quite profound in that it echoes a number of Jewish laws and principles. It encourages us to help people by welcoming them into a warm and intimate community. For example, by joining a Chavurah group, many individuals who are new to the area will develop long-lasting friendships with people who share their interests and pastimes. It is a joy to help both existing and new members — and a mitzvah as well.

I believe that our mission statement is a dynamic, living declaration that represents a covenant between the synagogue and all who come here. It reminds us that our community expounds the values and principles of Judaism that can foster spiritual growth, meaning and comfort. I hope that you will keep CBY’s mission statement handy and that you will occasionally read it as a reminder of why Congregation Beth Yam is such an important part of our lives.

Joel N. Greene
Membership Committee – Robin Katz & Pat Levitt, Co-chairs

Please join us in welcoming our newest members: Keren and David Lotan and their daughter.

Have you seen the daffodils blooming? We are delighted to see the Worldwide Living Memorial to the children who perished in the Holocaust take shape! This project has united our congregation through the ground prep, planting and now the fruits of our labor have blossomed! Join us the morning of April 23 for a special outdoor service as we dedicate this memorial Garden with our Religious School children. Later that day will be the Yom HaShoah service.

Pull out your favorite Passover dessert recipe and bake it for the Passover Bake-off for the oneg on April 7. There is a service in Bluffton that evening as well. Both locations will participate in the Bake-off!

Please remember to return your name badge to the drawer prior to leaving the building. That will ensure your name badge is always there for you as well as helping to reduce the cost of replacing lost name badges.

Thank you to those who volunteered to be greeters in February: Robin & David Katz, Bonnie & Jon Bloom, Leydi Lemos & Warren Zelman, Naomi & Alan Freedman. If you would like to welcome congregants and guests as they enter the synagogue as a greeter for services, please contact Robin Katz or Pat Levitt.

Donate Your Vehicle to Support CBY

You can now contribute to Congregation Beth Yam—whether you are a member or friend—by donating your vehicle!

Just make a simple phone call and get a tax credit for the value of the car. The company that manages the process is Car Easy, the same company that does it for most nonprofits.

CBY gets 70% of what they sell the car for at auction less the towing expenses. No out-of-pocket costs ever for the person donating the car or CBY—a win-win for all.

Go to https://careasy.org/nonprofit/beth-yam to learn how.

Holocaust Remembrance service—Yom HaShoah — Janice Fradkin

Please join us for our annual Holocaust Remembrance service—Yom HaShoah—to be held this year on Sunday, April 23 at 1:00 PM in the Beth Yam sanctuary. Our focus will be on “The Twisted Cross: the Good and Evil of German Christian Clergy in the 1930s.” Rabbi Bloom will discuss the role of the clergy; were they heroes or evil doers in their actions toward Jews during the years of Nazi persecution? Did they sell their souls? As always, the program will include readings (some from German clergy themselves), poetry, and music of this period.

If you have a family member in the area or are acquainted with a survivor or child or grandchild of a survivor who would like to attend our program and participate in the honorary processional, please email their contact information to Janice Fradkin so that they may be invited.

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Sisterhood—Robin Krumholz, President

We had a wonderful Tu BiSh’vat seder for our Religious School students on January 29. The students were able to learn about and taste many different fruits from Israel, and sing songs to celebrate the annual birthday of the trees. They also were able to plant parsley seeds. Students who bring their live parsley plant to the Community Seder will win a special prize!

Thank you to those that attended our Sisterhood open meeting and calendar planning session on February 2. We had some wonderful discussions, and we are looking forward to scheduling some awesome programs for you this Spring. If you were not able to join us for that meeting, you are always welcome to share your ideas with me at ANY sisterhood program.

IT’S PURIM! Sisterhood would like to thank all those that supported our Mishloach Manot Project. In addition to selling bags, we received several generous donations. We will be delivering 65 gift bags to those in local Senior living facilities. If you did not pre-order gift bags, a few extra ones will be available for sale before the Purim Megillah Reading Services, March 7 and 10.

Here’s our upcoming programming lineup for March:

- **Tuesday, March 28, WOMEN’S SEDER** – Honoring those biblical women that are not mentioned in the traditional Haggadah. We hope you will be able to join us in this annual tradition to honor our matriarchs, and celebrate that we are all matriarchs in our own way! Full luncheon buffet to be served of poached salmon and traditional (kosher style) Passover side dishes and desserts. $20 per person. Contact Tena Graber to reserve your seat at the table.

REMINDER: If you have not yet sent in your annual dues, please consider doing so soon! [Here is a link to 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 DO NOT SEND OUT PAPER INVOICES 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! ✡️

- **Thursday, March 2,** 11:30AM Poetry Writing Workshop to discover, remember, and retell ourselves, led by Sandee Willis. Read and discuss several modern poems in which writers reflect on the art of writing, and then explore the process of getting started to write something of your own (with an invitation to meet again!) Bring your own brown bag lunch. Beverages served.

- **Sunday, March 5,** 10AM-noon – Mishloach Manot gift bag pick-up, for those that want to deliver them on your own and leftover Hamantaschen sale.

- **Tuesday, March 7,** at 6PM, and **Friday, March 10 at 6:30PM** – Megillah Services with traditional Hamantaschen Oneg (gift bag pickup available then, too)

- **THINK PESACH!** (First Seder will be Wednesday, April 5.) Judaica Shop is now taking custom orders to enhance your Seder table. Last day for custom orders is March 12. **The Judaica Shop Passover Showcase begins March 19** in the JRC for your shopping pleasure. Quantities limited, so shop early for best selection.

Tu BiSh’vat Seder

TEMPLE TIDINGS
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

Congregation Beth Yam’s Social Action Committee, along with the Campbell AME Chapel and the Lowcountry Coalition Against HATE, will be presenting BELOVED: Images and Conversations, honoring the lives of children forgotten by time and history. Admission is free; a donation to support the work of the Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate is suggested.

In 2017, South Carolina artist Mary Burkett created BELOVED: Children of the Holocaust and followed it by BELOVED: Legacy of Slavery, both living memorials to children who died due to acts of hate. Mary’s inspiring story is the focus of her film Beloved. This body of work has been exhibited throughout the United States and Europe and is being presented for the first time in the Lowcountry.

On March 11, from 3 to 5 PM, Mary’s images will be shown as part of a program at Campbell Chapel AME Church in Bluffton. The afternoon will include an Artist Q&A, musical performances, and refreshments.

At Beth Yam on March 12, from 3 to 5:30 PM, we will be showing Burkett’s film. Her evocative drawings will be on view in the social hall. Mary will be with us to speak and answer questions. Refreshments will be served. This promises to be an exciting, moving, memorable afternoon. You are all invited.

(The Lowcountry Coalition Against Hate is a nonpartisan alliance of organizations and individuals working to combat hate speech and actions. We are working to promote acceptance, compassion, and justice. A handful of our CBY members originally formed this group.) ✴
Enjoy music, food and shared stories of Israel!

March 16

**Maktub**
The biggest Israeli blockbuster since 1986. Steve and Chuma, two criminals are the sole survivors of a terrorist attack at a restaurant in Jerusalem. They decide to change their ways and become flesh and blood angels. They go on a journey of wish fulfillment for people who write requests on paper and put between the sacred stones of the Wailing Wall.

Sunday, March 26 @ **10:15 AM** (for the whole family)

**Full Court Miracle**
An African American college basketball star becomes the head coach of a yeshiva’s struggling basketball team in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after a knee injury forces him to leave the game. Based on the true story of Lamont Carr.

Learn about Israel’s modern history on Movie Night
Thursday night movies at 7:00 PM

Enjoy the Taste of Israel
Israeli wines for Passover and beyond—Light buffet of Middle Eastern food—Hear music of Israel

Reminisce with the Mary Green Chorale
Singing songs of Israel through 75 years

Grand Finale
Light dinner, Jewish Jazz, Havdalah, CBY Israel Trippers will report on their recent trip to Israel

Check your Tuesdays@2 for more information and Wufoo links
ATTENTION All Golfers:
Join us for
Congregation Beth Yam’s Annual Men’s Club Charity Golf Tournament
Men and Women, CBY Members and Non-members—ALL are invited to participate
Sunday May 7, 2023 at

- 8:30 AM Check In-Range Balls Available-Coffee and Pastries
- 9:30 AM Shotgun Start
- Cost: $125.00 per person–18 holes includes lunch
- Cost: $45.00—Attend with lunch only, no golf.
- Proceeds to benefit CBY and local charities

To sign up and reserve your spot
CLICK HERE
or go to the CBY website tab Community/Men’s Club
or mail a check payable to CBY Men’s Club with information below

Congregation Beth Yam’s Annual Men’s Club Charity Golf Tournament
Sunday, May 7, 2023

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CBY Men’s Club
4501 Meeting St
Hilton Head, SC 29926
Ritual Committee—Janet Kelley, Chair

Tu BiSh’vat: The New Year for Trees

March Madness, Beth Yam Style
This month we have two exciting events surrounding services. On Tuesday, March 7 in addition to the annual Purim Megillah reading, we introduce the Beth Yam Comedy Club at 6:00 PM. Come and enjoy a healing dose of Jewish humor (better than chicken soup!). We need joke tellers and humorous storytellers! Please contact Emcee Mark Alhanti at 470-455-2448 or by email to get in the lineup. One joke, story or shtick is all that’s required to “perform”, but more are welcomed! After the Megillah reading, all congregants can join us in the Social Hall for an assortment of hamantaschen and a glass of wine or a soft drink. Costumes are not required but encouraged.

Shabbat Morning Minyan
Are you hesitant to drive in the dark from services at Beth Yam on a Friday night? Do you come from a more traditional background and miss the ancestral chanting, melodies and davening? Are you looking for a Shabbat service with some nosh afterwards? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Shabbat Minyan is for you! This new Saturday morning service will have the Rabbi davening traditional liturgy, starting at 10:00 AM. Each Shabbat Minyan service will be under two hours, and followed by a light Kiddish lunch, at no charge, in the social hall. We will hold three such services this spring, on March 18, April 22 and May 20.

If you plan to attend one or more of the services, we’d appreciate your RSVP, so we know how much food to provide and also if you would enjoy being honored at that service. Please see the sign-up sheet on the greeters table in the lobby or use the reservation link in the Weekly Tidings. Let us know if you are willing to accept honors for a Torah aliyah, opening the arc, lifting and dressing the Torah, reading a haftarah, etc.

Your attendance at these first three services will confirm that this type of Saturday morning service should continue to be offered next year. On behalf of those that are having trouble attending our Friday evening services, please consider attending one or more Saturday Minyans. Help ensure there will be more than a minyan of congregants present at each service and justify the continuity of this requested community observance.

Hineh ma tov umah na’im
Shevat achim gam yachad
How good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to sit together. ✶

Please Join us for Shabbat Morning Minyan

Beth Yam Comedy Club
(in conjunction with the annual Megillah Reading)

March 7 at 6:00 PM
Calling all closet comedians: Bring your appropriate Jewish jokes, humorous Jewish stories and anecdotes to Purim.
Come in costume, if you wish. Email Emcee Mark Alhanti to get on the list of comedians. Forgot to email? Bring your comedy and keep us laughing anyway. A selection of wines to be served with hamantaschen after the service.
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.

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.

Should you need additional information, or have any questions regarding the Endowment Fund, please contact Ted David by email.

Are you interested in scheduling an in-home visit with Rabbi Bloom?

Contact the office by phone, 843-689-2179, or by email, bethyam@aol.com.
CONTRIBUTIONS: We gratefully acknowledge the following from January 16-February 15.

Honor your loved ones with a Yahrzeit Memorial Plaque or memorialize a milestone with Tree of Life Leaves.

Order forms available in the office (843) 689-2178.

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The upcoming programs focus on today’s educational system and America as a Christian nation.

They 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:

🌟 Monday, March 20, 4:00pm

American Religious Exceptionalism: is America a Christian nation?

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Last year’s program was a great success; but we need your help to insure even better results this year!

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- Writing ad copy
- Soliciting auctionable items and sponsorships
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Please contact our Fundraising Chair, Gene Meyers by email or phone or text (704) 771-5123. 🌟
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