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Rabbi’s Message

One of the most important things we do during the year is to say thank you to our congregants. In May we have created a special day called Yom Todah. For the last four years or so we have experimented in organizing a special thank you to our congregants, who do so much to make Beth Yam a special and active congregation. My experience is that too many times in the past we tend to take for granted all the work volunteers and staff perform and not often enough say thank you. Yom Todah is that day of thank to the congregants for their tireless devotion.

There are many ways of doing mitzvot for the congregation. Yes, we are grateful for the financial contributions to the congregation. We are especially appreciative to those who give to the Friends Campaign, which is our above and beyond program of giving to supplement the dues that our congregants provide for the operation of our congregation. It is not about how much, rather, the gratitude stems from our appreciation for the simple act of acknowledging that running a congregation requires more than what dues of a congregation can support. The principle is participation at whatever level people decide to be their gift.

Doing is about service to the congregation in many other ways. It is about serving in leadership positions, and committees and even being greeters at services or ushers at special events like the High Holy Days or at funerals and many other kinds of services and programs. The folks who prepare for the oneg and the special baking and cooking that goes on all the time out of the kitchen. Volunteers do all sorts of things, from helping in the office, operating the Sisterhood gift shop, helping families during lifecycle events, singing in the choir and upkeep of the facility itself. These are just a few examples of activities where our volunteers deserve recognition and our thanks. I know I did not cover all the volunteer activities, but I think we get the point that we could not be the dynamic congregation we are if we did not have so many willing to do the work it takes to make our community thrive.

Needless to say, the staff deserves our thanks on Yom Todah. Many of our professional staff are also members of the congregation. Yes, they receive remuneration, but they do their work with the idea that what they are contributing to the Jewish community goes beyond the financial reward. For the Religious School teachers, programmers, musicians, youth group advisor, administrators, clergy, maintenance staff and technology folks there comes a point where doing this work goes beyond being a job. It is for them a job and a privilege too. They deserve our thanks and appreciation.

A rabbi wrote, “To be grateful is an act of humility and generosity, a way of acknowledging how much others, like God give us. The richest, happiest people we know are those with the gift to be grateful.” In an ancient text Rabbi Ben Zoma quipped, “What does a good guest say? “May my host be remembered by God for good.”

In a way we are all guests and hosts in a synagogue. It is God’s house and so we are all guests in the synagogue. No one person owns it. It is based upon the idea that each of us is a host and a guest at the same time. Sometimes we are on the receiving end and other times we are on the giving end of welcoming others. It is a big circle of giving and Yom Todah is that one day in the year when we say ‘Thank You’ inside God’s house. Please join us and remember what a privilege it is to be on the giving end of temple life as it is to receive all the good tidings and support from our fellow congregants.

Shalom,

Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD

Board of Directors April Meeting

Although the Board activities for March did appear in the April Tidings, we are now instituting a time lag of one month for reporting future Board minutes in the Monthly Tidings. This is necessary since the monthly Tidings is published prior to the Board’s having approved the minutes for the prior month. For example, the Board minutes for April won’t be approved until the May Board meeting, so that the April minutes will not be reported until the June Tidings. Due to this time lag, as well as the importance of security for the Beth Yam community, we decided to focus this month’s Tidings on the Board’s activities for February, as follows:

- A Board of Directors meeting was held on February 13 with Ed Fine officiating. The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize those board members in attendance with existing Beth Yam security procedures and security system components.
- Barbara Meyer, a member of the Security Committee, gave board members a full tour of the synagogue pointing out the locations of all panic alarm buttons, alarms and emergency exits. This information is part of an on-going follow-up to presentations made at Beth Yam by the Sheriff’s Department in order to prepare all members of the Beth Yam community about how they should react during an emergency situation, particularly if they ever need to activate an alarm or seek safety by leaving the premises.
- Barbara also reviewed the function of the defibrillator and where it is stored. Many Beth Yam members have taken the Beaufort County Rescue Squad CPR course. Members who are certified in CPR have a red heart affixed to their name badge.
- Additionally, Barbara gave us information on locking the doors and checking all doors prior to leaving the synagogue at night. There is also a panic alarm pendant for the Presiding Officer to wear while they are on the bimah during Shabbat services. ✡
Memories From Israel

Our recent trip to Israel included many emotionally moving and eye-opening experiences, from talking with tank crews on the Golan Heights to meeting settlers located along the Gaza Strip, just yards away from Hamas’ towers peering over the border wall. And of course, other highlights included visiting the Old City of Jerusalem and Western Wall, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Yad Vashem, and other incredible places. The following photos are three memorable scenes: a street in Old Jerusalem, the remains of a 2,000-year-old synagogue near the Sea of Galilee, and a Roman aqueduct near Haifa.

The one place that really stands out in my mind is rather new: ANU, The Museum of the Jewish People in Tel Aviv, Israel. Here, in one place, is an amazing array of exhibits and artifacts that celebrate the accomplishments of the Jewish people from our earliest times through the present (in science, medicine, literature, Yiddish theater, movies, education, etc.). After 10 years of planning and construction, at a cost of over $100 million, the museum just opened recently. It also uses the word, ANU, meaning “We” in Hebrew to express being all-inclusive for all of the Jewish people.

You are met at the entrance of the Museum with a startling array of large screens of individuals speaking about what their Jewish identity means to them. Standing in front of each screen and both seeing and listening to the individual testimonies of Jews from around the world is a profound way of finding yourself immersed in the story and importance of being Jewish. As Einstein said, “Israel is the only place on earth where Jews have the possibility to shape public life according to their traditional ideals.”

Notably, the museum doesn’t focus on the Holocaust, but is devoted instead to providing a living record of all the wonderful and brilliant contributions to ancient and contemporary society made by Jews from across the globe. And just about everything is here, from Maimonides manuscripts to the world’s largest collection of documents relating to Albert Einstein, including his handwritten notes about relativity, and from Steven Spielberg’s “ET” to Leonard Cohen’s personal guitar! It is an intense reminder of the contributions by Jewish individuals and Jewish culture and why each of us should be especially proud of our Jewish heritage.

Joel N. Greene

Message from the President–Joel N. Greene
Dear Members,

Winston Churchill said it best: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give!" Being a “Friend of Beth Yam” is your chance to show how important this synagogue is to your life!

The Friends Campaign is vital to the financial health of the Synagogue. For 2022-2023, our goal is $70,000. 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 Beth Yam is able to meet its operating expenses and continue to be the center of Jewish life in the Low Country. And, of course, Beth Yam is a great place to worship, meet new friends, and participate in engaging events and discussions.

Remember, Every gift makes a difference! Your support is very much appreciated and needed. To donate, please click the “I’m A Friend of Beth Yam” button 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.

Sustainer $2000 and above
Judith Bluestone
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Jane & Hart Joseph
Thea & Douglas Luba
Stuart Poticha
David Snell

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Catherine & Steven Kite
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Jo-Anne Perchick

Pat & Cary Levitt
Sharon Listwa
Debra & Arthur Malen
Sheila & Walter Margeson
Elyse & Myron Meister
Ann Walsh & Kenneth Nahum
Penny & David Perlman
Jack Resnick
Eva Rollnik
Felicia Roth
Catherine & Richard Rothbard
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Kim & Jeffrey Shapiro
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Robin & David Katz
Janet & Danny Kelley
Leslie Lefer
Sharon & Robert Leff
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List updated as of April 19, 2023
Can you believe it’s May already? Our women’s seder was amazing! About 30 women gathered to honor both the oft forgotten women that were integral to our Exodus story, as well as other influential females that changed the course of history, through to modern times. Ellen Jenner was our mistress of ceremonies, while the awesome duet of David Kimbell and Rachel Pepin were leading us in traditional seder prayers and song. What would a women’s seder be without a serpentine dance around the tables to Miriam’s Song!

This year we also enjoyed a beautiful buffet lunch of baked salmon, kugels and veggies, followed by scrumptious Passover desserts. Thank you to Sally Vosk, our head chef, and Tena Graber who coordinated all the volunteer providers of food and other seder supplies. Our gratitude extends to Debbie Lucca, Karen Abrams, Janet Kelly, Naomi Friedman, Sheri Farbstein, Linda Levy, Susan Sigalow, Helen Hauer, Marcie Frisch, and Ellyn Levin for their contributions to ensure our seder rituals, and our meal were plentifully prepared with tradition, and love.

Did you miss it? We certainly hope you will consider joining us next year! We are hoping to top 50 attendees! For next year, we are also resolved to upgrade our Women’s Haggadah to acknowledge more about the contributions from the Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg (may she rest in peace), and other Jewish women recognized for making a difference in the freedoms that women enjoy today. If you would like to be involved in the sub-committee that will research and upgrade our Women’s Haggadah for next year, please contact Robin Krumholz or Ellen Jenner!

This year at our seder we also honored Tena Gaber as the recipient of our Woman of Valor Award. We thank her for her many years of service to Sisterhood, chairing countless educational and inspirational activities as Vice President of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Here’s our upcoming programming lineup for May:
- **Thurs May 4** – Poetry workshop Level II – for continuing participants only. This follow-up session will be limited to those that attended her first workshop. Exceptions will be extended to those that had attended Sandee’s workshop several years ago at the home of Ruth Hilsen (may she rest in peace). Contact Tena Graber to reserve your spot at the writing table.
- **Thurs May 18** – 12:30 PM Sisterhood Book Club Luncheon. The book will be "The Gown" by Jennifer Robson. Lunch will be on the patio of Port Royal Golf Club. Contact Susan Sigalow for more information, or to reserve your seat at this table.

REMINDER: If you have not yet sent in your annual dues, I recommend that you wait at this point until after May 1! Dues received after May 1 will be applied towards membership for the following year. Our fiscal year goes June 1 thru May 31. So, why should you join Sisterhood? To challenge your inner self, to participate in wonderful experiences with and for other women, to support the Beth Yam community, and other National Jewish Charities. Make new friends! Learn something new! Smile! Laugh! Serve! We look forward to your participation!
Nominating Committee Report
— Candy Solomon, Chair

The Beth Yam Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, at 7:00 PM, at Beth Yam. We will have various synagogue reports and give the results of our board election. In accordance with Article XII of our bylaws, the Nominating Committee has recommended a slate of nominees to fill the positions of the officers and directors whose terms are expiring or being vacated. We will be conducting the election electronically using ElectionBuddy. Beth Yam members will be notified via email with a link to the voting site. The slate of nominees for 2023-2024 and biographies follows. 

### Biographies (in alphabetic order)

#### JoAnne Doyle
I am a native New Yorker. I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University and a Master of Science Degree in Education Administration from Cleveland State University. In 2011, after I retired from working in non-profit organizations in Cleveland, Ohio for 45 years, my husband Ray and I moved to Hilton Head, where I joined Congregation Beth Yam.

At Congregation Beth Yam I served four years as both Vice-President of Community, Social and Cultural Affairs and Recording Secretary for Sisterhood. I also served two years as Recording Secretary for the Social Action Committee. In 2019, I completed the Hay’Ahtid Leadership Development Program. In 2020, I received Sisterhood’s Woman of Valor Award. I have served as Chair of the Care Committee for the past four years.

I am currently serving my first year on the Board of Directors and I look forward to increasing my service as Corresponding Secretary.

#### Edward Fine
I joined the congregation in 2016 after moving to Bluffton from Palm Beach County, FL. I have been a Board member for two years and am now the First Vice President. Myself and Janice Fradkin, the Second Vice President were responsible for inviting and coordinating the participants at our last High Holy Days services.

Before I retired to Beaufort County, I served as a Circuit Court Judge for 36 years in Palm Beach County Florida. Also, we were one of 10 families who started Temple Judea, a reform congregation. I was a Board member for four years, a Vice President for two of those and was also principal of the religious school for a year.

I’ve also served as a member of various boards and committees, such as the Jewish Community Center, Boy Scout Council, Criminal Justice Commission, Community Alliance (President), Bnai Brith Chapter (President), Arthritis Association, M.S. Society etc. and several statewide professional positions.

I’m looking forward to serving this congregation in any way that I can be helpful.

#### Janice Fradkin
I live on Hilton Head with Maury, my husband of almost 56 years. We are the parents of two married sons and, best of all, the grandparents of Gaya and Matan.

I grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and received a BS in Education from the University of Maryland and an MEd from Johns Hopkins University. In addition to teaching in the public-school systems of Baltimore and Gwinnett County Georgia, I have served as a medical office administrator and Coordinator of Volunteer Services for Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) and for Weinstein Hospice, both in Atlanta.

As a volunteer, I have served on the boards of JF&CS of Atlanta and the Atlanta Jewish Community Center (AJCC). At JF&CS, I was the founding chair of the AIDS support committee, and, at the AJCC, I chaired the Mature Adult Committee and the Program Council, where I was named Volunteer of the Year. At Beth Yam, I currently serve on the executive committee as Second Vice President and had been Corresponding Secretary. I co-chair the Committee Development committee, chair the annual Yom HaShoah commemoration and Kristallnacht programs. I have chaired the Nominating committee, co-chaired the Membership and Care committees, and the 2017 “Evening to Remember” auction fundraiser/gala and have served on the Social Action and Endowment committees and as Sisterhood
Social Action Committee—Barbara Meyer, Chair

The Social Action Committee wants to share a recent message that we received from Bluffton Self Help during Passover week. It was an urgent request for food. First, they thanked us for all the food, snacks and other items that we have collected for them over the years.

And, then, “the ask”, with the following explanation: “This year as the cost of living continues to rise so do the market participation numbers. More food is needed at each distribution and our warehouse supply of most all our pantry basics are critically low. More neighbors are finding themselves in need of our services as their income is so stretched or plainly insufficient. Your congregation can help by holding a food drive.”

It is important to note that the families who come to Bluffton Self Help, for the most part, are employed. They are trying to be self-sufficient and take care of their families. More than 850 families rely on Bluffton Self Help for food.

Another fact: “The average household grocery bill has gone up by $395 a month compared to last year.”

We want to respond to the need by having another food drive in May. We will firm up the date and let you know the day and time. Our congregants have always been generous, offering many grocery bags full of edibles. Bluffton Self Help depends on us. It is a mitzvah to provide.

Boy Scout Awards—By Felicia Roth

David Roth

Everyone knows that Scouts must earn certain requirements to be promoted to the next rank. Scouts may also participate in the award requirements of their faith, and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting has established four award ranks -- two for Cubs and two for Scouts. On March 31, David was honored by our own Dr. Jack Frisch, who has been involved at the highest levels of Scouts and the National Jewish Committee on Scouting for many years. Jack served as David’s advisor as he completed the Maccabee Award requirements three years ago, and again as he completed the Aleph Award requirements this year. Jack noted how much research and writing was required of David to earn the awards and told us that David is the first Scout in the Lowcountry District of the Coastal Carolina Council to have achieved either the Maccabee or the Aleph Award. The next day, David and his Cub den, which includes Eli Pepin, participated in the Blue and Gold ceremony marking the transition from Cub to Scout. Congratulations David! ✡

Resource Committee (Leadership Class)—Jane Joseph, Robin Katz & Kim Shapiro, Co-chairs

The 2023 Leadership class met for the last time on Tuesday, March 21. This year’s class consisted of 12 individuals, including longer-term members, but primarily made up of new or newish congregants.

The class kicked off with an introductory “Wine & Cheese” open house at the home of Jane and Hart Joseph in early December where a group of approximately 25 people heard not just about what the class would entail, but also from past class participants regarding the knowledge they gained when they took the class. Of those in attendance, 12 people were able to commit to the four session – three hour per session class over the course of 3 months.

Sessions included such topics as: History of Congregation Beth Yam and Synagogue Culture; the Beth Yam Endowment; Finances and Budget; Synagogue Security; Working with Volunteers and How to Manage Conflict. The final day was led by Rabbi Bloom featuring Reform Judaism and Jewish Ethics and included a dessert reception.

The committee would very much like to thank our presenters who took time to “educate” our participants in their various areas of expertise. They include Joel Greene, Ted David, Doug Luba, Jon Bloom, Barbara Meyer and of course, Rabbi Bloom. Other sessions were “taught” by the three of us.

There are several individuals that have expressed an interest in a class in winter 2024 (the class has traditionally been every two years) as their schedules did not permit them to attend this year’s class, providing we have enough interest, a 2024 class is under consideration. If you are interested in a class, please contact any of the chairs. ✡
Biographies continued... Co-VP of Community, Social, and Cultural Projects and Corresponding Secretary.

I would be proud to continue my service to Beth Yam as Recording Secretary.

Stuart Gaynes, MD
My wife and I moved to Hilton Head Island (Hilton Head Plantation) in August of 2020. We have been married for 15 years. I am looking forward to getting more involved at Congregation Beth Yam in the coming years.

I grew up in the New Jersey suburbs of Philadelphia (mainly Cherry Hill). After I attended college at Duke University, my parents moved the Kansas City area. I attended medical school at the University of Kansas. After residency outside of Detroit, I moved back to Kansas City and practiced emergency medicine there for 25 years until moving here. I still work part time at Hilton Head Hospital and Tidewatch Freestanding ED. I have two daughters; one is 30 years old and an electrical engineer at Honeywell in Kansas City. She has one daughter and a son due any day now. My youngest daughter is 26 and lives in LA. She works as an art coordinator on TV and movie projects.

Joel N. Greene, Ph.D.
Joel Greene is originally from New York City, having grown up in the borough of Queens. He also lived and sailed for a number of years in Cold Spring Harbor, New York. He retired to the Low Country from Akron, Ohio where he served as Director of Marketing with Signet Jewelers Inc., the world’s largest retail jeweler, which owns Kay Jewelers, Jared and Zales. His two daughters and his six grandchildren continue to live in Akron. He lived previously in St. Helena Island, and Charleston, where he was a member of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim Synagogue.

Joel initially worked in the financial services industry as a Trust Officer with Bankers Trust Company, New York. He holds a doctorate in Marketing from the Graduate Center, City University of New York, and he served as a business consultant to many Wall Street firms as well as a faculty member at Hofstra University in New York. He is the author of two books, Direct Mail Marketing, and Opinion Leadership, both published via Amazon. In addition, he served for five years of as a Board Member of the Beaufort Symphony Orchestra. And lest we forget, Joel is known as well for his New York Cheese cakes (based on a secret family recipe) which he baked for Shavuos.

Joel now makes his home in the HHI Plantation with Lorna Bonner and their dog, Toto. At CBY, Joel helped initiate the Talmud study group with Rabbi Bloom, and he helped to initiate the Chavurah groups at CBY as well as a relationship with Kehillat Birkat Shalom synagogue in Kibbutz Gezer, Israel. Joel is completing his first year as President of Beth Yam.

Robin Katz
We have been members of Congregation Beth Yam since moving to Bluffton in 2019. I have been active in the Social Action Committee, Membership Committee and Ritual Committee. I served as Chairperson of the Communication Committee and currently serve as the Co-Chairperson of the Membership Committee. I was appointed to the Beth Yam Board of Directors in 2022 and as the Recording Secretary in December 2022.

In my previous synagogue (Ohef Sholom Temple in Norfolk, VA) I served on the Personnel Committee and on the Board of Directors. I also was the Co-president of the Sisterhood. I was elected to the position of 2nd Vice President but due to a substantial change in my career responsibilities I had to step down from that role.

My career as a VP Store Manager for Macy’s led me to many volunteer roles as well. I served on the Board for the City of Chesapeake Tourism Committee in the Retail Seat. Additionally, I led my district in volunteering efforts in the communities we served as the MIC (Manager in Charge) of Macy’s Partners in Time volunteer program.

Doug Luba
I am originally from Great Neck, Long Island where I was a high school physics teacher for seven years after graduating Queens College. I then entered our family heating and air conditioning business which I ran for 25 years until I sold it in 2001. In 2004 we moved to Hilton Head (following my son who moved here two years earlier) and was the facility engineer at the Outpatient Surgery Center until I officially retired (for the third time) in 2016. Main interests include tennis (played in Maccabi games in 2013), bridge, grandkids (five in New York and Boston), cycling, and dogs (two spectacular golden doodles). There’s a new sheriff in CBY town at the treasury!

Gene Meyers
Gene and his wife, Janie, moved into their Indigo Run home in March 2022. They chose Hilton Head Island as their destination after Gene retired as Executive Director of The Temple (Congregation Ahavath Chesed), Jacksonville, FL. He had previously served as the Endowment fundraiser for Temple Beth El in West Palm Beach, FL, and the Executive Director of Rockdale Temple, Cincinnati, OH.

Janie and Gene began their married lives in suburban Philadelphia where they raised three daughters Julie, Pam and Debbie while Gene was a CPA and business owner. During this period, he served as the Chair of the Montgomery County Park Board and President of the Upper Dublin School Board (for 5 of 8 years on the Board). After changing his career to an Equitable Financial Advisor, Gene and his family moved to Princeton, NJ, to serve as Assistant Branch Manager. He was then elected to the Board of Har Sinai in Pennington, NJ. Relocating to Charlotte, NC as Vice President of Estate and Business Planning with SunTrust Bank, Gene

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Ritual Committee—Janet Kelley, Chair

Shavuot will occur May 25-27 this year. Shavuot is the Festival of Weeks, occurring seven weeks from the second day of Passover. Rabbinic tradition considers Shavuot to be the anniversary of the revelation of Torah. The distinction is made between the giving of the Torah, as opposed to receiving the Torah because we constantly receive Torah every day. We reaffirm our covenant at this time through Torah study, often lasting until dawn. The Book of Ruth is typically read on Shavuot. The main reason for this is Ruth, a non-Jew, came to Israel around this time. She accepted the Jewish faith, just as the Jews accepted the Torah at Sinai on Shavuot. It is also customary to eat dairy foods such as cheesecake or blintzes on Shavuot. One explanation for this is that our ancestors realized their meat was not kosher once they received the Torah and therefore ate dairy products. Another explanation is that the words of the Torah are like “milk and honey” and we remember the promise made to us for the land of Israel, the land of “milk and honey.”

Fundraising Committee—Gene Meyers, Chair

Our congregation’s annual budget is funded by dues, gifts and other sources of revenue. The Fundraising Committee is responsible for coordinating efforts to raise additional funds. One such source is our annual Ad Book. Your assistance is needed. Please contact Gene Meyers 704-771-5123 or by email to assist in any of the following areas.

- Solicitation – It’s fun and easy. Companies and individuals, you work with want to advertise. They may include HVAC service companies, electricians, plumbers, realtors, restaurants, cleaners, auto dealers, repair services, landscapers, doctors, dentists and the list goes on. When they place an ad, they thank you for your business and solicit new customers.
- Layout design
- Proof reading

Men’s Club—Jeff Shapiro, President

URGENT MESSAGE TO ALL GOLFERS:

Due to an issue with the greens at Hilton Head Lakes the Congregation Beth Yam’s Annual Men’s Club Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Port Royal Golf Club on Hilton Head Island

Same day, new time, Sunday May 7, 2023
8:00 AM Check In-Range Balls Available
9:00 AM Shotgun Start

If you haven’t already reserved your spot and want to join us,
You can sign up on the Beth Yam website or
Contact Jeff by email
Biographies continued…

began involved as a volunteer at Temple Beth El serving as Vice President of Finance, Executive Committee member, Board member and Chair of the Comparative Religion Committee.

Gene is currently chair of Beth Yam’s Fundraising Committee and a member of the Finance Committee. He enjoys riding his bicycle on roads throughout Hilton Head, losing balls while playing golf, making friends on and off the island, visiting family and friends (including 5 grand children) up and down the east coast, and spending 6 weeks every summer in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. Gene enjoys being actively involved at Congregation Beth Yam and looks forward to applying his experience and knowledge while serving on the Board of Directors.

David Perlman

My wife of 51 years, Penny and I moved to the Lowcountry almost six years ago. We are residents of the Hampton Lake community in Bluffton. We have one daughter, Rachel, 34 years old who resides in NYC. Prior to our move, we were residents of Westchester County, NY where we were members of the Congregation Sons of Israel, a conservative temple in Briarcliff Manor for 20+ years. My profession was a salesman in the apparel industry, the last 30 years, self employed in my own firm.

Upon moving here, I requested a meeting with Rabbi Bloom to get a better understanding of Beth Yam and perhaps where I might be able to help the congregation since I was finally retired. The Rabbi and I had a great conversation which was both delightful and informative. Given my sales background, he suggested joining a committee, specifically the Membership Committee. My wife and I have served on the committee for the past 5+ years. I have found the experience to be very rewarding. We have monthly meetings with like minded dedicated members to discuss new members, activities and special projects. My responsibilities include recruiting Shabbat greeters as well as being greeters when shorthanded. In addition, we do birthday calls, volunteering for special events such as Hanukkah celebrations in Bluffton and recently the Daffodil project with the school age children to mark the remembrance of those children lost during the Holocaust.

I am a member of the Men’s Club and was recently asked to join the Fund Raising Group.

My main reasons for wanting to be on the Board of Directors is two-fold. First and foremost is the fact that Beth Yam for me has been truly rewarding and I want to be able to give back. I feel that we have a wonderful congregation that has established itself as a meaningful member of the Hilton Head/Bluffton community. I want to do whatever I can to see that we maintain that and at the same time grow our membership. Secondly, we all need to be aware of the rise in anti-semitism and we need to do our share to address this issue. I look forward to this rewarding opportunity.

Jack Resnick

I have served as President of Congregation Beth Yam, and am currently on the finance committee. Co-chaired the fundraising and development of a plan to build our new synagogue and chaired the construction committee responsible for the new building. The construction occurred during the time I served as president of Congregation Beth Yam [2008-2010]. I have been on the finance committee for as long as I can remember, and helped establish annual budgets, as well as address funding for special programs. I also served on the search committee to hire Rabbi Bloom. Recently retired from my company, Group 4 Builders, LLC, and looking forward to devoting time to Congregation Beth Yam as a Board member. I also served on the board of the Farmington Valley Jewish Congregation in Simsbury, CT. And my career includes owning Group 4 Builders, and prior to that I was CEO of a manufacturing/printing company. My interests are in doing whatever I am asked to do on behalf of Congregation Beth Yam to insure a continued vibrant and healthy center of Jewish life in the lowcountry.

Kim Shapiro

A transplant from Michigan, Kim is a retired attorney and consultant specializing in nonprofits. Over the course of her career she held positions with Wayne State University (Detroit), Michigan State University (East Lansing), the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the Greater Lansing Housing Coalition.

Kim previously served on the Boards of the Detroit Institute of Arts, The Parade Company (Detroit), Jewish Vocational Services (Detroit), Hillel of Metro Detroit and MSU Hillel and is the co-founder of an HIV/AIDS Foundation that supports children in and around the greater Detroit area named Kids Like Us!

Kim is married to Jeff Shapiro, a partner in the commercial real estate company, NAI Mid-Michigan, is stepmother to Jeff’s three children, Kori, Jodie, and Ryan and is “Mimi” to grandkids Sadie and Tucker. Fun fact about Kim and Jeff, Rabbi Bloom married them in 2014 and Judy Bluestone signed their ketubah! ✡
**TEMPLE TIDINGS**

**Judie Aronson Initiative for Social Justice announces 2023 recipients – by Ellen Jenner**

The committee charged with overseeing the annual Judie Aronson Social Justice Initiative Award announces the recipients for 2023. This year, the award was available to both seniors and juniors in the three high schools in southern Beaufort County: Hilton Head High School, Bluffton High School, and May River High School.

Students were asked to write about their experiences promoting social justice in their school, their communities, their houses of worship, or their employment situations. Each recipient will be awarded a $3000 prize.

This year’s recipients are: **Camden Bernstein from Hilton Head High, Madison Hahn from May River High, and Abigail Nance, also from May River High**.

Camden, influenced by her mother’s work with special needs’ students, works regularly with students who need extra help. Her endeavors have found outlets in both the fields of dance and photography. She has developed a program for the Island Rec Center in adaptive cheer leading for the coming summer. She also is using her prize winning photography to highlight the cultural heritage of our community. She is planning to attend the College of Charleston, with a major in Studio Arts and a minor in Dance.

Madison, realizing that others in her school community were not as fortunate as she, joined Youth in Government and schooled herself in the kinds of gaps that exist in her community. She strongly supports education reform and spoke at the community meeting to support those opposed to the removal of books from the school shelves. She hopes to become a lifelong advocate of social justice with a goal of practicing law and public policy so that she can be an “advocate for the voiceless and a force for good.”

Abigail is an advocate for socio-economic justice with her work with the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. She works toward helping students see the value of higher education and how students can avail themselves of that opportunity through the FAFSA program for financial aid. She has been an ambassador for the program both in the school and with her contacts in local media. She will remain an ambassador through her first year in college and then will go on to further her own education so she can continue to target socio-economic injustice in our community.

Each of these ladies will be invited to attend a Shabbat service later this spring to receive the check for her award. When announced, we hope the congregation will welcome and congratulate them.

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**Membership Committee – Robin Katz & Pat Levitt, Co-chairs**

Mark your calendars to attend the Yom Todah event on May 21, 2023 @ 11:00 AM.

It will be a wonderful day filled with recognition of our volunteers and staff, a musical presentation by Rachel Calloway (our guest Cantorial Soloist), the Religious School naming and a tribute to the Jacobs Family, the playground dedication, and great food at our famous Beth Yam Bar-B-Q!

All are invited to attend! Make it a day to meet your friends and make new friends!

Thank you to our volunteer greeters who had the honor of welcoming our members and guests to the April services: Ruth & Michael Kalafer, Carol & Larry Horowitz, Robin & David Katz, Jane Joseph, and Debby & Art Malen.

Please contact Robin Katz or Pat Levitt if you are interested in the honor of being a greeter for a Shabbat service.

Congratulations to Carol Horowitz and Susan Schine Angelico who both won Judaic Gift cards for 1st place in the Membership Committee sponsored Passover Bake off!

Carol baked delicious mandel bread for the Hilton Head Shabbat service. Susan Schine Angelico baked amazing charoset bars for the Bluffton Shabbat service. There were several delicious entries. Everyone enjoyed the tastings!
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.

Beth Yam Daffodil Project—Pat Levitt & Robin Katz, Co-chairs

Beginning Fall 2022, Congregation Beth Yam Membership Committee and the Religious School supported “The Daffodil Project” which aspires to build a worldwide ‘Living Holocaust Memorial’ by planting 1.5 million Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust. Now each year, the beautiful blooms will appear in front of our synagogue building.

(Daffodil Project is an initiative of Am Yisrael Chai, a nonprofit Holocaust Education and Genocide Awareness Organization. Am Yisrael Chai has developed The Daffodil Project, a worldwide project empowering Holocaust Education.)

Last Fall, children and adults prepared the planting areas, planted bulbs, fertilized and watered. Then during springtime, Congregation Beth Yam enjoyed the many bright blooms!

Please feel free to view the following projects the Membership Committee and Religious School created together:

A large, framed photo collage of the Daffodil Project represents the timeline of the activity. Over the months of November, December, March and April soil was prepared, 200+ bulbs planted, daffodils bloomed and students chalked words of peace. Lastly, the Religious School students fingerprinted yellow paint on the photo collage frame to commemorate the uniqueness of each Holocaust child.

A “Branch of Life” was created. Each student decorated and placed a yellow tag (representing a perished child) on a branch of a small olive tree.

Students and adults created beautiful “Chalk the Walk Against Hate” colorful drawings on our front walkways.
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