

A History of Congregation Beth Yam

1978 - 2007

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BOOK ONE

Genesis 1978 - 1984

In the beginning the Jews of Hilton Head were few and scattered and were without form. It was the end of the 1970's and many of the Jews on the Island did not know whether there were any others here. Some were reluctant to be publicly recognized as Jews and, although they did not deny their faith, neither did they display a mezuzah or other symbol of Jewishness.

Nonetheless, 30 people gathered for a Passover dinner in 1977, and the seeds of a Jewish association were sowed. Knowing that there were Jews living in Sea Pines and concerned that there was no synagogue on Hilton Head, the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church voiced this concern to his neighbors and friends, Sue and Hank Noble. In 1980 a notice was placed in the Island Packet inviting all Jews in the area to share a Rosh Hashanah dinner at Christ Lutheran Church. Although the meeting was to be held in Fellowship Hall, Reverend Boyd Cook discovered that the hall had also been promised to the Boy Scouts for their meeting. Honoring his commitment to the Nobles, Reverend Cook put the Boy Scouts in the sanctuary. The morning following the dinner, Hank Noble received a phone call telling him that there had been a problem in Fellowship Hall after the folks had left.

"What was the problem?" Hank asked, and he wondered if something was left dirty or damaged.

"We think that one of Moses' staffs was left behind," the reverend said.

"Huh?" or something to that effect was Hank's response.

"Yes. The Boy Scouts discovered a snake in the room after everyone else had left."

At the dinner meeting it was decided that the time was right to establish a Jewish community group on Hilton Head. A "pot-luck" Seder was held in April, 1981 in Sea Pines Plantation. It appears that 97 people attended this event. Overwhelmed by the response, Stuart and Linda Silver and Hank and Sue Noble assumed a leadership role and arranged a meeting to form a Jewish community group. This meeting, at the home of Hank and Sue Noble, was held on May 1, 1981. Twenty-six people attended, Shabbat candles were lit and a Kiddush was recited. A Steering Committee and sub committees were formed and an organizational dinner meeting was planned on May 29, 1981.

The steering Committee met May 5, 1981, opened a bank account and deposited the money remaining from the Passover Seder. The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. The official name of the group would be "The Jewish Community of Hilton Head."
2. Application for tax-free status was to be pursued.
3. Annual membership fee was set at \$15.00 for families and \$10.00 for individual members.

On May 29, 1981, 54 Jews of Hilton Head met for a dinner and voted to accept the suggestion for the name of "The Jewish Community of Hilton Head." Shabbat candles were lit, a *motze* was given and potluck dinner was consumed. Rabbi Jerome Gurland from UAHC spoke. Other actions taken at this meeting were:

1. Acceptance of the dues structure.
2. Organization of a Sunday school.
3. Plans for a Shabbat Service (the very first one on Hilton Head) to be held June 12, 1981, at the First Presbyterian Church, which was to become our home for many years. The support and cooperation of Reverend John Miller was important to this group.
4. A family picnic was scheduled for Sunday, July 12 in Greenwood Forest at Sea Pines.

JUNE 12, 1981 “A RED LETTER DAY”

The first Shabbat Service of the Jewish Community of Hilton Head was held Friday evening June 12, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. The service, excerpted from the “Gates of Prayer” by Rabbi Gurland was conducted by Leslie Bernick. Sherry Noble kindled the Shabbat candles and Bill Chait recited the Kiddush. Twenty-five adults and children attended and the first Oneg Shabbat on Hilton Head Island followed the services. Refreshments were provided by Elaine Bank, Paula Flink, and Connie Franzblau.

JULY 22, 1981 “ANOTHER RED LETTER DAY”

The Jewish Community of Hilton Head was incorporated and was henceforth known as “Jewish Community Association of Hilton Head” (JCA)

In addition, the first meeting of the Board of Directors Meeting (Steering Committee) was scheduled for August 10th, and continued to be scheduled on the last Sunday of each month. After the August 10th meeting, the Board of Directors announced plans for Rosh Hashanah Evening Service on September 28th and Morning Services on September 29th. Kol Nidre was scheduled October 7th, followed by Yom Kippur Services on October 8th. In addition regular Friday night services were planned on the second Friday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. The Membership Meeting was scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 1981 at 3:00 pm at Fratello’s Restaurant. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 1981 (5742) services were conducted by Rabbi Harold Berman and Stuart Silver and Adam Noble blew the Shofar. Seventy people participated in the Rosh Hashanah services and Yom Kippur attendance was approximately 100.

FIRST MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 1981

1. The following slate of Officers proposed by the Board of Directors was elected:

President	Hank Noble
1 st Vice President	Linda Silver
2 nd Vice President	Bea Chait
Secretary	Debbie Urato
Treasurer	Les Bernick
2. In a classic case of putting the cart after (before ?) the horse, the Board of Directors was elected from the floor. This was obviously the same group functioning as a Board of Directors (Steering Committee), and included Elaine Bank, Joel Barasch, Elaine Green, and Herb Novitt.
3. The newsletter was called “Sho’eshim Shelanu” – Our Roots and was mailed out monthly. It was edited by Bea Chait and Jackie Gottfried.
4. Religious school under the direction of Harriet Bernick was operational.

The first Chanukah Service was held December 1981. The Chanukah issue of Sho’eshim Shelanu told the story of the holiday.

The Executive Committee Meeting agenda of December 1981 had the following significant agenda:

1. A discussion of land acquisition for a temple was instituted.
2. The UAHC affiliation was discussed.
3. A budget for the Ritual Committee and for religious schoolbooks was started.
4. A Community Passover Seder was scheduled for April 9, 1982.

WHAT A YEAR 1981 WAS!

Clearly our founding members were not letting any grass grow under their feet. By the beginning of 1982 the congregation included 100 families. Judaism was alive, out in the open, and thriving in Hilton Head.

The frenetic pace of 1981 was followed in 1982 by a somewhat more subdued pace. There was a theater party on February 19th including a performance of "Born Yesterday" at the Community Playhouse following a dinner, originally scheduled at Mikato's. But the venue was changed to Jade East. Someone must have realized that Japanese food was not the same as Chinese! Our newsletter put out a call for guests for the first Community Seder and for a Torah.

By February 1982, there was discussion about music for the once monthly Shabbat services, and Torah readings in English had begun. We still had no permanent rabbi and there were no sermons. Instead, inspirational poems at services were suggested, but if there were such, they were not recorded.

"Sho'eshim Shelanu" continued to be an educational as well as an informational newsletter with the March 1982 issue telling the story of Purim. Also in that issue was an announcement that two Pennsylvania congregations were merging and that their newly formed Temple Emmanuel-EI was lending us a Torah and donating textbooks for the religious school. By the time Passover had come and gone, there were 66 resident and 43 non-resident members of the Hilton Head Congregation. We were recruiting volunteers to teach at the religious school and looking for a permanent rabbi. Our congregation had invited the rabbi from Pennsylvania to visit Hilton Head, but the recruitment apparently was not successful.

In another act of an ecumenical nature, our members worked with a Catholic group on Hilton Head to help them prepare a "Seder Meal." It appears to have been successful, but no follow-up events have been noted.

The Annual Meeting was Friday June 11th at First Presbyterian Church:

1. Census showed 66 permanent Jewish households (full-time) and 43 non-permanent members.
2. Dues structure was established.
3. Affiliation with UAHC was voted on and approved.
4. Election of Officers - the same slate was approved.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services were performed at First Presbyterian Church by Rabbi Ira Youdovin.

The year 1982 and, to some extent, the year 1983 were years of consolidation. By February 1983, dues had jumped from \$25 to \$75 for resident families and non-residents paid \$15 per person. Attendance at a Community Seder for Passover at the Sea Pines Conference Center cost \$8 per head. Administrative meetings, which had been held at Fratello's Restaurant, moved to an office provided free of charge by the Hilton Head Company. "Sho'reshim Shelanu" now included book reviews and lists of the best selling books on Jewish subjects. The August-September issue included a proposal for an Adult Education Program that would focus on Hebrew language classes, Jewish history and Jewish literature. Stuart Silver and Marshall Katz were appointed as a Search Committee for a Rabbi.

The Annual Meeting was held on June 12, 1983, with election of new officers:

President	Bernice Berman (now Bernice Lewin)
Vice President	Les Bernick
Secretary	Debbie Urato
Treasurer	Harold Kaplan
Past President	Hank Noble

Board of Directors:

1 Year Term	Ethel Shapiro Melvin Newman
2 Year Term	Herb Novitt Lanny Horwitz Elaine Green

About 150 people attended Rosh Hashanah services in 1983. The first Sukkah was built in Greenwood Forest in Sea Pines for that year's festival. In December, on the eighth night of Hanukkah, an Ecumenical Dinner (\$8 per family!) was held at First Presbyterian Church with the cooperation of Reverend John Miller, who was to continue to be a great supporter of the Jewish community of Hilton Head. Reverend Miller spoke to 200 attendees on "The Brotherhood of Man".

Recruitment of a rabbi continued, and Rabbi Ben Romer of Temple Israel in Lafayette, Indiana, visited at the end of 1983. Although he did not relocate to Hilton Head, Rabbi Romer found his calling soon thereafter as a Chaplain in the National Guard and has had a distinguished career, serving in combat zones, and then as Jewish leader at the West Point Military Academy. The November 1983 issue of "Sho'reshim Shelanu" contained a survey asking participants to check off the most and least desirable characteristics a rabbi of our congregation should possess.

WHAT A WAY TO END 1983 AND BEGIN THE MOMENTOUS ORWELLIAN YEAR OF 1984.

1. On Friday January 13, 1984, Rabbi Lewis C. Littman, Regional Director of the UAHC, conducted services and presented JCA with a UAHC charter. Also on that night President Bernie Berman announced the donation of a Westminster Torah by the Klaus family in honor of Ethel Shapiro. **NOT A BAD EVENING'S WORK!!**
2. The search for the spiritual leader continued, and the results of the 1983 survey were tabulated.

A Rabbi for the Jewish Community Association (most important characteristics, 500 points...least important, 100 points) survey results in February, 1984 were:

480 Ability to deal with people
460 Concern for individuals
440 Personal warmth
440 Relationship with non-Jews
430 Activity in the Jewish Community
430 Sermon Delivery
420 Rapport with children
420 Rapport with Senior Citizens
420 Conduct of Worship
410 Sermon Content

410 Administration of Religious School
410 Jewish Learning
400 Administration of Congregation
390 Rapport with Adults
390 Presence in time of sorrow
390 Teaching Ability
380 Observance of Jewish traditions
360 Command of Hebrew
340 Personal Appearance
330 Social and Political Views
320 Personal scholarship
310 Relationship to whole family
310 Creative ideas for worship
300 Charm/Charisma
300 Piety/Spirituality
290 Presence in time of joy
290 Hospital visits
270 Brilliance

3. Monthly Friday night services were ongoing.
4. The first catered dinner for the Community Seder was held in Fellowship Hall at FPC on April 17, 1984. Fees were \$12 for members, \$15 for non- members, \$8.50 for members' children and guests, and \$10 for non-member children. One hundred seventy-five people attended.
5. At the Board Meeting April 24th, the Directors voted to recruit a student Rabbi for the 1984-85 year. Job duties would include conducting of High Holiday services, monthly Shabbat services and Religious School instruction. The membership was 55 resident families and 15 resident individuals, and 45 non-resident individuals (115 total).
6. The annual meeting was scheduled for June 10th, but immediately after a significant event occupied the minds of the JCA. THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL BAR MITZVAH (that of ADAM NOBLE) was to be held. This for certain is the initial Bar Mitzvah on Hilton Head Island. To make this event even more significant, the Westminster Torah arrived.
7. The Bar Mitzvah was spectacular according to members (2007) who were there. At the Annual Meeting, Herbert Bernheim was elected Treasurer; the rest of the officers remained the same.
8. Rabbi Nina Mizrahi, a fourth year student at Hebrew Union College in New York, was hired to be the spiritual leader for this year. Her job duties, after joining the congregation in September, were to conduct High Holiday services, to be with us and conduct Friday night services on the second weekend of the month, and to hold Saturday adult seminars on the weekend she was here. At the writing of this report (2007), Rabbi Mizrahi is the Director of City-Wide Programs at the Pritzker Center for Jewish Education at the Jewish Community Center of Chicago and has had a very illustrious career thus far, in addition to being a wife and mother.

9. At this time, the JCA received a new Kiddush Cup and many contributions toward the dressing of the Westminster Torah. A questionnaire asking for interest in cemetery plots was sent out, and there was enough interest to pursue this.
10. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were very successful with Rabbi Mizrahi. More than 100 gathered for Rosh Hashanah Dinner. The first Saturday afternoon seminar was also initiated and can probably be viewed as the first formal Jewish adult education done on Hilton Head Island.
11. In addition, the Nathan Frantzblau Memorial Building Fund for the building of a Temple was initiated. This was the initial fundraising for what we now know as Congregation Beth Yam. Initial pledges were made by the Caplans, the Chait, and the Frantzblaus's.
12. December 1984 ended with a celebration of Hanukah, and the ecumenical Hanukah Advent Dinner at First Presbyterian Church, with Reverend John Miller. But there was one other significant event – the JCA Community Association Building Accessibility Study Committee met on December 30, 1984. Members of this committee were Ed Smith (chair), Dan Caplan, Bill Chait, and Hank Noble. Three options were discussed:
 1. Rent space and convert it
 2. Buy an existing building
 3. Buy land and build a sanctuary

BOOK TWO
Exodus
1985-1990

The narrative continues with the events leading from the exodus from the First Presbyterian Church to our own House of Worship. It should be emphasized that the Congregants and the minister (Reverend Miller) never pushed or demanded we leave but it was an inner desire of the Jews on Hilton Head to have their own place of worship.

January 1985 began with a pledge from President Berman for more involvement in Rabbi Mizrahi's study group. The scheduled events were still in place, once monthly Friday night services, a study group on the Saturday that Rabbi Mizrahi was in town, a successful Passover Seder, and an ongoing Sunday School. The Board, at its April meeting presented the Congregation with a list of names to give it a more traditional character. One of these was Congregation Beth Yam (House of the Sea). At the annual meeting in June the Congregation voted to use this name. Other events at the annual meeting were election of Bernice Berman to a second term as President and the offering of a contract for part-time Rabbi Mizrahi for a second year. On a personal note, President Berman became President Lewin as she married Dr. Julian Lewin.

From a Social Action standpoint, the clergy of Hilton Head banded to organize a group known as Charlotte Heinrich's Community Service, Inc. This was a precursor of what is known now as Deep Well and President Lewin was included in the organization of this group. Once again the Congregation (now known as Congregation Beth Yam) celebrated a successful High Holiday season and Chanukah /Advent Dinner. At this dinner the children from the Sunday school, under the direction of teachers Debbie Urato and Sherry Noble, presented Chanukah in story and song. In addition, the Congregation filled and distributed five Christmas baskets for the Community Service Group.

In January 1986, congregants participated in the Martin Luther King march and were asked to write their Senators and Congressman regarding the passage of the Civil Rights Resolution Act of 1985(5431). Friday night services were still held once monthly, with Adult Education with Rabbi Mizrahi on that weekend. The Community Seder was held April 24th; cost was \$15 for Adult Members, \$18 for out of town guests, and \$12 for children. At the June Congregational Meeting revised by-laws were accepted in keeping with the renaming of the Congregation. Major points were the following:

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of 11 members, six of whom will be elected officers serving a 2 year tour.
2. The term of the non-officer members shall be two years, two being elected in odd numbered years, and three in even numbered years.
3. There shall be no limit to the number of times a Director could be elected.
4. The duties of the Board are to manage the affairs of Beth Yam including appointment of committees and establishing a dues structure.
5. There shall be an annual meeting to elect officers and members of the Board.
6. The Board of Directors shall meet once a month.

In the month of June 1986, Rabbi Mizrahi was ordained, and she and her husband were given a wonderful send off. She was replaced by another student, Rabbi David Holz.

Rabbi Holtz conducted exemplary Shabbat and High Holiday services, with his guitar playing adding a new measure to services. Rosh Hashanah Dinner was catered at the First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall prior to services Friday, October 3, the first night of Rosh

Hashanah. The fee was \$15 for members and \$10 for member children under 12. Non-member adults were charged \$18.

Immediately after the High Holidays, another milestone event occurred, the Bat Mitzvah of Ellise Rachael Silver. This appears to be the first recorded Bat Mitzvah on Hilton Head.

A Special Congregational Meeting was held December 12, to discuss land acquisition for the proposed temple. At this meeting the membership voted to acquire property in the Main Street Development of Hilton Head Plantation as a site for the future home of the congregation. The year 1986 ended with a special Chanukah Shabbat service conducted by Rabbi Don Rohmer. Fundraising for the new sanctuary had started in earnest.

The year 1987 began with monthly Shabbat Services at First Presbyterian Church and Continuing Education classes the week Rabbi Holtz was on HHI. The annual Communal Seder was again held on April 14th. On May 9th, the Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Sara Green was held (the Bar/Bat Mitzvah score was now in favor of the girls 2 to 1).

At the annual meeting June 12th, new officers were elected. After four years in the job, Bernice Lewin became a Past President, and the new President was Scottie Davis Younce. Paul Klein was Vice President., Mike Jukofsky was Secretary, and Irv Unger was Treasurer. Board Members were Bill Moch, Herb Novit, Karen Ferree, Saul Blumenthal, and Stu Silver. Student Rabbi Amy Ehrlich was hired for the 1987-88 year.

Regarding the Building Fund, as of August 12, 1987 the Congregation had received over \$92,300 in cash and had \$259,000 in pledges. The site plan was finally approved by the Town of HH, and on December 11, 1987 an agreement with Keane Robinson Architects was reached to provide the design of the Synagogue. At this time there were 76 on-island paid members and 61 off-island members. It should be noted that the Rabbinical Search Committee was still operational.

The year ended with another successful Chanukah dinner, but there was excitement in the air -- ---- land purchased, architects hired, funds being raised ---- such excitement!!

The year 1988 began with the usual once monthly Shabbat Services, and the extension of our use of the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church through December 1988. However, the church was not available on Yom Kippur which necessitated some maneuvering. Contracts for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services were negotiated at the Hilton Head Inn.

At the June meeting Bernice Lewin again was elected President, and Student Rabbi Karen Bookman was hired for the 1988-1989 year. Other officers were 1st Vice President Bob Stone, 2nd Vice President Irv Unger, Treasurer Arlene Levit, Recording Secretary Michael Jukofsky, and Corresponding Secretary Florrie Gibbs. Directors were Stu Silver, Paula Flink, Bill Moch, Herb Novitt, and Saul Blumenthal.

At a special meeting of Congregation Beth Yam on August 11th, a discussion of the new sanctuary was instituted.

1. Stu Silver projected the cost of the new facility to be between \$490,000 and \$550,000, plus land cost of \$115,000.
2. Saul Blumenthal stated that \$283,000 has been pledged with \$76,000 collected and paid toward land purchase. He projected \$207,000 to be pledged on-island and \$330,000 off-island.

3. A motion was made and passed by the Congregation authorizing the officers to proceed with the building and fund raising programs but that no construction should begin unless 85% of estimated cost of construction and fund had been raised by pledge or cash. This authorization would expire by September, 1989. THE PRESSURE WAS CLEARLY ON!

In October of 1988, over 100 people attended a Rosh Hashanah dinner at the Hilton Head Inn, followed by over 170 people attending services. The services by Rabbi Bookman and the *shofar* blowing of Adam Noble were deemed exceptional. The latest addition to services was a three voice choir (Poppy Richmond, Arlene Katz, and Steve Ziplow). The religious school was functioning under the very able leadership of Debbie Urato.

As of year's end, the building fund had \$453,000 pledged with \$99,500 needed to reach an 85% figure of \$552,000. The year's events ended with the Chanukah/Advent Service on December 9th and the distribution of Deep Well baskets.

The year 1989 was the last full year Congregation Beth Yam was to worship at First Presbyterian Church. An initial change in the night of the Community Seder was instituted. The Seder was held on the second night of Passover, the thought being that many Congregants preferred to spend the first night with family. This was held again in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church. At the Board Meeting March 8th, Bob Stone and Stu Silver reported on the four bids with Forrester and Associates having the low bid. As of this date \$553,602 had been pledged with \$156,802 collected. The Board unanimously recommended that new married members would be assessed \$2500 for the Building Fund and singles \$1500. These were to be paid over a five- year span.

At the June General Meeting, Bea Lewin was finally given a rest, and Bob Stone was elected President of Beth Yam. Other officers were Dick Glass, 1st Vice President; Stu Silver, 2nd Vice President; Florry Gibbes, Recording Secretary; Sue Noble, Corresponding Secretary; and Poppy Richman, Treasurer. Board Members were Irv Unger, Herb Novit, Arlene Levit, Joanne Gruber, and Dan Caplan.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TEMPLE BEGAN in June and Rabbi Ted Levy, recently retired from a large congregation in Syracuse, was hired as the Rabbi for the 1989-1990 year, beginning in September. Beth Yam was out of the Student Rabbi business.

DREAMS CAN BECOME REALITY! The Board of Beth Yam wrote a special paper called "Update – Spring 1989" which reviewed the history of the building of the synagogue. It is included in its entirety. For the record, the Chairman of the Building Committee was Stuart Silver, and the Committee Members were Bob Stone, Marshall Katz, Bill Moch, Hank Noble, and Mike Jukofsky.

UPDATE. - SPRING 1989

Good Morning!

What began as only a dream many years ago, is now very close to reality. OUR OWN SYNAGOGUE!

So much had happened in the last few months that we felt it was important to update our membership regarding the status of the new facility. First, a bit of history for our new members and a refresher for the rest of our group:

- The Board of Directors of Beth Yam approved the development of our own facility on Hilton Head in 1987.
- The Congregation acquired a parcel of land in the Main Street development just outside Hilton Head Plantation at the North End of the Island. Our neighbors would be a new Episcopal Church and the Museum of Hilton Head.
- The land was paid for with early contributions to our efforts as well as monies collected through dues increases that were originally earmarked to rent space for our needs. The cost of the 1 1/2 acres of land was \$112,500 and we owned it without a mortgage.
- About a year before, the Beth Yam Board authorized a small amount of funding to do preliminary work toward the development of a building. At the same time a Fund Raising Committee mapped out a plan for approaching our membership, both on-Island and off-Island to commit funds to the project.
- An architect was hired (Jim Robinson of Keane/Robinson Associates) to prepare preliminary land plans and a building design. With the input of many of our members, the concept was refined to a point where our Board was ready to present the idea to the membership.
- A Congregational Meeting was held in the fall, and as we all expected, a "spirited" discussion took place. Questions concerning everything from the floor plan to "How do we pay for this?" were among the topics. Obviously, dollars were critically important. At that meeting, it was agreed that if the Fund Raising Committee was able to generate 85% of the money needed to build the facility with pledges over five years, the synagogue would be built. The preliminary cost estimates for the total package (land, structure, landscaping, furnishings, etc.) was \$60000.
- As of April 1, 1989, we had pledges totaling \$561,202. Of these commitments, \$163,102 had already been paid. This was 86% of \$650,000.
- Our architect completed the working drawings for the building as the land use plan. Members were again asked for input and suggestions. The Building Committee met, approved the designs, and authorized the architect to solicit bids from a list of area commercial contractors. Those bids were received on February 23rd.

That's the background, HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

The bids for the BUILDING ONLY ranged from a low of \$529,014 to a bid that was \$124,000 higher for the same work. We met with the low bidder, Forrester ~ Associates, and reviewed the bid to be certain what we specified was exactly what he had bid. This was the case.

Even this \$529,014 bid was too high once landscaping, furnishings, architectural fees, land costs, surveys, etc. were added.

We then worked through all aspects of the bid with our architect to determine how we could reduce the costs without significantly impacting on the building design, integrity of the quality of the final product or the functionality of the space. The challenge was great.

The financial aspects of the project were also a major consideration. Even in making the 85 % benchmark, the "cash flow" requirements for us to handle a mortgage were impacting. We had secured financing at prime from NCNB on the Island. The rate would float and enable us to pay interest only, interest and principal, or pay down on principal as pledges are paid.

It was determined that the dollars needed for debt service versus when those dollars are pledged and due, would mean the maximum "safely affordable" mortgage would be \$430,000.

So, the goal had to be to reduce the plan for the building through deferrals and deletions from the original specifications to insure meeting the loan parameters.

WE WERE ABLE TO DO THIS! It meant some hard choices, but we chose to defer some elements of the building and delete some others. It is hoped and expected that if pledges were paid early by some congregants or even increased, the deferrals would be incorporated into the building before completion of construction. In fact, the contractor had provided us critical dates whereby we could give him the go-ahead on deferrals, and we would not have to incur additional costs from the 3/23 bid. If we were not able to handle the deferrals during the construction phase, the building would still have a finished appearance to everyone. The synagogue would look complete but there would be more to come.

The plan for deferrals involves the following:

- Defer shelving in the Rabbi's study and Conference/Library. Savings \$2,500.
- Defer completion of the kitchen....all power lines and plumbing would be installed but the room would not be equipped with appliances, cabinets, counter tops, sinks, exhaust fans, water heater. Savings \$15, 000.
- Defer operable "air walls" that would separate the Sanctuary from the Social Hall...Kitchen pass-through...Classroom to Social Hall. Please know that all of the infrastructure for these items would be built but the actual walls would not be purchased. When affordable, they could be acquired and easily installed. Savings \$17,000.2)
- Modify the paving requirements and areas. We were trying to arrive at an arrangement with the Episcopal Church that would be starting construction later in the year to SHARE PARKING with them. Obviously, our needs and times for meetings were different and we could save money doing this. We would not be required to place gravel under the power line easement that had been designated for overflow parking. Savings \$5460.
- We still needed Architectural Review Board approval, but we were also planning to pave only the entrance area (circular driveway) and then pave about an 18' wide road down the center of the parking areas. The actual areas where cars would be parked would be a high quality gravel. The idea was that after parking, a three step walk to the paved area would be acceptable and the sidewalks closer to the entrance would remain. Savings \$4,040.
- Defer the purchase of a sound system for the facility. The congregation currently had a system that would work well for most requirements. For the High Holidays and other special needs, arrangements would be made for a portable system. Even with the

deferral, all of the conduit and wiring would be installed during the construction phase. Savings \$9,500.

- There are some other minor deferrals such as wall coverings and additional moldings, but it was important to realize the requirement to meet the maximum mortgage numbers. As pledges were paid as scheduled or accelerated, the plan was to make every effort to include these in the building during the construction phase.

There were some deletions/modifications that also accounted for significant cost reductions:

- Changing the sanctuary lighting from one single dimmer to three separate dimmers in the same location would save money. Savings \$6,000.
- Originally a bathroom was planned for the Rabbi's study. This "nice to have" item had been deleted. Saving \$2400.

These are two examples of the types of savings we had chosen to accept.

Our contractor had shown \$33,000 in the bid for lighting fixtures. Through the hard work and generosity of Irv Purcell, we were able to acquire the same items at a savings of \$18,500, a major cost reduction. Obviously, all of us had contacts and ideas on how to save dollars, and we were anxious to learn of other ideas, especially for the interior work.

OUR GOAL WAS TO BUILD AN AFFORDABLE FACILITY THAT WOULD MEET MOST OF OUR NEEDS NOW WITH THE PLAN TO ENHANCE THE FACILITY AS IT WAS AFFORDABLE!

With the deferrals and deletions, the revised quotation from Forrester and Associates for the CONSTRUCTION PORTION OF THE PROJECT WAS \$409,469. This included credits for these changes, savings suggested by the contractor and our architect, and "arm twisting" by CBY representatives. IT WAS A VERY GOOD NUMBER.

In addition, Forrester had made a \$3600 contribution to our efforts. High Holiday Services were conducted for the last time at the First Presbyterian Church on September 29 and 30, and October 8, under the auspices of Rabbi Levy, the first ordained Rabbi hired by Beth Yam. In addition, music was provided by our new soloist Nancy Patterson and her accompanist Kaye Redard. The services were noted outstanding by the membership!

**THE DATE FOR DEDICATION OF THE NEW TEMPLE
was scheduled for January 14, 1990.
Congregation Beth Yam WAS TO HAVE A HOME – THE EXODUS WAS OVER!**

BOOK THREE

Leviticus

1990-2002

The dedication of the new temple was scheduled for the second weekend in January in spite of a very harsh winter on Hilton Head. Nevertheless, construction was proceeding rapidly and a gift of \$15,500 was received from “The Bargain Box” to help pay for installation of the kitchen. Sheri Farbstein designed and built the doors for the Ark, and Carol Moch made the Eternal Light for the bema.

The first Shabbat services were held in the new Temple on Friday evening, January 12th. Prayers were led by Rabbi Theodore S. Levy, and Rabbi Frank Sundheim, Southeast Regional Director of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations delivered a talk. A further celebration was held at the Overlook restaurant on Saturday evening January 13th.

Sunday afternoon, January 14, 1990, a landmark date – the dedication of Temple Beth Yam – brought joy to the hearts of the Jews of Hilton Head and to their friends and supporters. Theodore S. Levy was installed as our rabbi and delivered the invocation. Robert Stone, President of the congregation, welcomed the guests. There was music by Kay Redard, organist, and Nancy Pattison, cantorial soloist. Additional greetings were provided by Reverend John Miller of the First Presbyterian Church, Bernice Lewin, our representative to UAHC, Hilton Head Mayor Pro Tem Henry Dreissen, and State Legislator Harriet Keyserling. One of the invited speakers, an active member of his own church and with all good intentions, welcomed Congregation Beth Yam to its new sanctuary “in the name of Jesus Christ.” Hank Noble recalls that a sudden silence in the audience was followed by an equally sudden drop in the ambient oxygen level due to the communal gasp. In his dedication speech, Rabbi Levy said, “A new Temple, created by Congregation Beth Yam, now stands as a triumph of achievement in the life of the congregation and community. It is the culmination of a dream envisioned by a group of people who were not afraid to accept the challenge of growth.”

Superb relations were maintained with the First Presbyterian Church, which had housed our services for so long. In a few years, new ties were to be established with the Unitarian Fellowship of Hilton Head, to whom we rented space for their Sunday morning services and administrative meetings, and with All Saints Episcopal Church.

One of Rabbi Levy’s first innovations was to introduce an adult study group known as the “Second Friday” series that began meeting at noon on the second Friday of each month. Discussions centered on timely topics of Judaism.

From its beginnings, Beth Yam was active in community service and the drive for Deep Well food contributions was announced repeatedly in the monthly newsletter.

The newsletter, “Sho’reshim Shelanu,” began to take on some educational activities by April 1990. Following the rabbi’s essay on Passover, there was a reprint of his article published by the Temple Society of Concord in Syracuse, New York, titled “How to Conduct a Seder in Your Own Home” complete with a diagram of a traditional Seder table setting. The first Jewish Community Seder was held in the new building in April 1990.

Rabbi Theodore and Mrs. Ina Rae Levy were appointed delegates to the 25th International Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, held in London, England, May 1-6. At the opening session, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher welcomed the delegates.

Andrew Udinsky was the first Bar Mitzvah in the new temple on August 11, 1990. On September 19th, Rosh Hashanah services began in our new sanctuary. Jean and Dan Caplan made Aliyah the next day, as did Henry and Thelma Stern, Arlene and Jerry Glickman, and Mindy and Darryl Levine on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, and Bill Moch and Sol Kutler on Yom Kippur. On September 22nd, Temple Beth Yam held its first Bat Mitzvah ceremony – that of Amanda Rose Stern. Her mother, Shelly Stern, began managing the new Judaica Shop in September. The Chanukah service was well attended and included guests from the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church and our next-door neighbor, All Saints Episcopal Church.

As Temple Beth Yam moved into its second year, we were experiencing the Persian Gulf War, and our television screens were showing us Iraqi SCUD missiles raining down on Israel. “Sho’reshim Shelanu” articles included many expressing great concern for our homeland’s survival.

By April 1991, CBY signed an agreement with the Unitarian Fellowship of Hilton Head, renting space on Sundays for Unitarian services. This arrangement was to last until the middle of 2007 when the Unitarian Fellowship obtained its own building.

In July, after the scheduled election, the position of President of the congregation passed from Robert Stone to Paula Flink. Shelly Stone was elected 1st Vice President, and Herman Gruber, 2nd Vice President. For preparation for the Days of Awe, a Selichot service was added in September. Rabbi Levy’s monthly “brown bag” lunch discussion meetings were very successful and in November he began to conduct three classes a month on Judaism on Thursday evenings (later to be changed to Wednesday evenings). Enrollment in the religious school was growing and the congregation was financially sound.

In May 1991, for reasons unexplained in our records, the name “Sho’reshim Shelanu” was dropped from our monthly newsletter but a logo and a photograph of the temple entrance were added. Then, in April 1992, at the suggestion of Seymour Lash, it became “Temple Tidings” which has been maintained to the present, and has since added some revenue-raising local advertising.

By 1992, Congregation Beth Yam had joined the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (later to become the Union for Reform Judaism) and its Southeast Council. There were two special events planned for March 1992. First there was a “Spring Fling” dinner dance, catered by Gruby’s Deli, and then in Temple Sinai in Sumter, a Spirituality Conference sponsored by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Unfortunately, the responses for the dinner dance were so few that it was canceled. However, the Temple Seder, catered by Gruby’s, was a sellout. Of course, almost nothing occurs without some complications, and it had been forgotten that the Foreign Affairs Committee of Hilton Head was holding its meetings in Temple Beth Yam on that Saturday morning and the time for setting up for the Seder was abbreviated. Nevertheless, the efficient staff of Gruby’s, together with our House Committee, got everything in order by about 5 o’clock.

Ruth and Bert Reinhold presented Beth Yam with a new Torah Scroll, including its velvet cover, silver *rimmonim*, breast plate and *yad*. In 1992, Beth Yam joined the tradition of preparing a “Book of Remembrance” for the Yizkor Service at Yom Kippur.

At the Annual meeting on June 12th, Seymour Lash became 1st Vice President, and Robert Schwartz, 2nd Vice President. Paula Flink continued as President.

Rabbi and Ina Rae Levy organized a series of three lectures by visiting scholars in 1992. On September 18th, Dr. Sol Gordon of Syracuse University, psychologist and author, presented a talk titled, "First a Mensch – Then Jewish." On October 16th Dr. Martin Cohen, a renowned scholar of Sephardic Jewish History, lectured on "The Jewish Experience 500 Years after Columbus." John David Isaacs, President of the Council for a Livable World, spoke October 23rd.

Plans for a tour of Israel conducted by Rabbi Levy and Dr. John Miller of the first Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head were announced in October. By December, it was a sellout, and the date of departure was set for February 1993. On October 22nd Rabbi Walter Zanger, an eminent Israeli scholar and tour guide, occupied the bema and spoke on the Israeli-PLO peace accord process. Rabbi Zanger had accompanied the CBY Israeli tour in March 1991.

The excursion to Israel was a wonderful experience for the 19 congregants of Beth Yam and a similar number of members of the First Presbyterian Church of Hilton Head. Purim was celebrated at Qumran, the site of discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Among the sites visited by the group were the Golan Heights, Masada, the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv, and of course, Jerusalem. Not unexpectedly, the visit to the Holocaust Museum was an intense emotional experience.

In February 1993, Paula Flink attended a conference on Small Congregations, in Dallas, Texas, by the UAHC. Her report indicated that although large congregations, such as those in major cities, can do more than those of the size of Beth Yam, the smaller congregations may have a greater sense of family, and members get to know each other faster and better. They also share a sense of intimacy with their rabbi that larger congregations may not enjoy.

The year 1993 saw the introduction of a "Spotlight" section to the Temple Tidings, featuring a monthly article on the lives of various members of the congregation. That feature lasted about two years.

In May 1993 a proposal was made to change the by-laws so that the terms of office of members of the Board of Directors would be two years instead of one year. The proposal was approved at the June membership meeting. Also at that meeting, Seymour Lash was elected President. By this time, there were 18 children enrolled at the religious school, under the direction of Debbie Urato. By November, a basic Judaica Library was established with books donated and purchased. New bookcases were donated by Jean and Dan Caplan. The library officially opened in January 1994. During 1993, a singing group of 12 to 14 congregants was established to promote greater participation and understanding of the musical portions of the services. Our piano accompanist, Betty Purdy, had by then arrived. Also, Rabbi Levy's Adult Education series continued, designed as a "refresher course" in Judaism for those born Jewish, intermarried couples, and those considering conversion to Judaism.

Congregation Beth Yam was selected from among 40 Reform Congregations by the World Union for Progressive Judaism to participate in a unique Sabbath service to promote modern Jewish philosophy. Using a special prayer book, prayers were offered in Hebrew, English, French, and Spanish from various liberal congregations around the world. The service was held on February 11, 1994.

Congregation Beth Yam received a special letter of thanks for its contribution to the Deep Well Project. Our congregation had been collecting food and donations for Deep Well for many years, and this act of *tzedaka* continues to this day.

In March 1994, the first Progressive Dinner was held at nine different homes. Paula Flink and Arlene Katz organized the event. Seventy-three folks attended and it was such a great success that it has become an annual event. A new Social Committee was formed by Howard and Mary Sherman, Gordon and Sheri Farbstein, and Herman and Evelyn Gruber. Their first event was a family cookout at Dolphin Head. They also organized the Temple's fifth anniversary party in 1995, featuring musical entertainment with chorus director and soloist Al Balkin, and "Sit-Down Comic" Bob Swimmer. After its preview, the event became known as the Annual Dinner Theater review.

By 1994, Congregation Beth Yam had begun to truly expand its social programs, both fun events such as Movie Night, Song Night, and holiday parties, and community affairs such as Trading Places where congregants filled in for Christian volunteers at Hilton Head Hospital and Volunteers in Medicine. We continued to be loyal supporters of Deep Well.

The issue of tickets for the High Holiday Services has always been a controversial one. In 1994, it was decided to abolish the requirement for ticket sales to non-members and to hand out contribution envelopes instead.

Unfortunately, 1994-1995 saw an unprecedented financial deficit of almost \$10,000 due to both rising maintenance costs and decreased contributions to the Fair Share and general funds. The shortfall was announced at the 1995 membership meeting where Irwin Lindenbaum was installed as President. Thanks to the response of our growing number of congregants, the budget was balanced by mid-1996.

The years of 1995 and 1996 saw the continuance of the Family Cookout, a golf outing for men and women at Indigo Run, a Las Vegas Casino Night, the opening of the gift shop, and the introduction of a new member recognition night at an Erev Shabbat Service. There was also a Savannah Symphony evening with dinner and the concert. That event was repeated in 1997 when Itzhak Perlman performed with the orchestra. The Congregation Seder Dinner had become so popular that it could no longer be held at Temple Beth Yam. The venue had been moved to the Country Club of Hilton Head. In future years it would be held at the Marriott at Palmetto Dunes, the Hilton Hotel at Palmetto Dunes, and back to the Country Club.

In 1997, our congregation formed a Sisterhood organization affiliated with the Women of Reform Judaism. One of Sisterhood's first actions was to sponsor the weekly Oneg Shabbat. A local Hadassah chapter was also established.

Howard Sherman was elected President of the congregation at the 1997 membership meeting. He and the Board of Directors established a committee to study the needs and feasibility of expanding and revising the synagogue's physical space over the coming decade. The congregation had grown to 271 members and the religious school, with eight teachers, provided instruction for 39 youngsters.

Rabbi Levy, who by now had received multiple honors and societal appointments, traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to attend a meeting of the International Convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Ina Rae Levy was Vice Chairperson for the North American Board section of the World Union. His return ushered a landmark moment for Congregation

Beth Yam. Rabbi Levy announced his retirement in the fall of 1997 after High Holidays and a search committee chaired by Robert Stone was formed.

January 1998 brought the first candidate for the vacant rabbi's position, Rabbi Channa Timoner. The second Las Vegas night was held on January 24th. The Board of Directors voted to hold two general meetings per year – one in March and one in September, as well as an election meeting in June. Congregation Beth Yam received a nice letter from Ms. Dottie Doyle, President of the Hilton Head Hospital Auxiliary, thanking our members for volunteering over the Christmas holidays. A Scholarship and Awards Committee was formed with Jean Caplan as Chair and Paul and Mae Schild established a Scholarship Fund. The congregation celebrated the Bar Mitzvahs of Brian Graber and David Carey. Plans were underway to start a youth group. The Community Seder was to be held at the Country Club of Moss Creek.

A Temple Expansion Committee was reactivated to examine future needs. On March 6th, a second rabbinical candidate, Rabbi Alan Klein, conducted services, followed by torah study the next day.

The Schild scholarship was formalized to be known as the Peter Schild Memorial Scholarship Fund and was used to aid or reward a religious school student to further his or her educational and cultural backgrounds.

The abstract of the March board meeting revealed the presentation to the Board by Jeff Schaffer regarding the youth group. It also announced that the Search Committee would be conducting one phone interview and seeing three candidates in Cincinnati in mid-March.

The proposed slate of offices for 1998-1999 was as follows:

President	Howard Sherman
1 st Vice President	Bert Reinhold
2 nd Vice President	Myron Meister
Treasurer	Linda Harrison
Recording Secretary	Bobbi Feiertag
Corresponding Secretary	Paula Flink

Board Members:

David Pustilnik
Paul Isaac
Fred Blumberg
Paul Schild
Debbie Urato

Bob Stone reported to the Board that the committee was unable to make a match for a Rabbi and the search was to continue. The Board also agreed to publish and sell 500 copies of Sophie Miklos's book regarding her experiences in Transylvania with anti-Semitism, titled *The Paper Gauze Ballerina, Memoir of a Holocaust Survivor*.

In May, a third candidate for the position of rabbi, Rabbi Aaron Koplin led a Shabbat service. Rabbi Koplin was subsequently hired in June and started at Beth Yam in July. June also marked the B'not Mitzvot of Carly and Dana Gottfried. Also in June the proposed slate of officers was elected.

In July, Rabbi Koplin conducted Friday night services and instituted a policy of services every Friday evening. Bob Wiener had graciously led Friday night services for the past few months and had done a superlative job. An additional event of note was a cemetery proposal from Six Oaks Cemetery, largely through the efforts of Paul Isaac and his committee.

September marked the Bat Mitzvah of Sara Hyman, the leading of High Holiday services by Rabbi Koplin and the emphasis of "Fair Share" by President Sherman and the Board.

The remainder of the fall of 1998 was devoted to Friday night services, publishing of a list of funds available to donate (including a new Torah Fund), and a special service celebrating Chanukah. The census at the end of 1998 was 136 full time members and 78 affiliate members.

The year 1999 began with the January Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Liba Urato. February was highlighted by a talk by Harriet Keyserling, who for 16 years served as a Representative in the South Carolina General Assembly. In March, CBY had a Purim celebration with a Megillah reading led by Rabbi Koplin. Many of the congregants were in costume. CBY also celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Ian Fleming with his family.

April was highlighted by Passover celebration (second night) at the Country Club of Hilton Head. Rabbi Koplin also announced a Yizkor service and a special service honoring Hadassah. A second torah was purchased through contributions to the Torah Fund.

The slate nominated for consideration at the General Meeting in June was as follows:

President	Bert Reinhold
1 st Vice President	Myron Meister
2 nd Vice President	Steve White
Treasurer	Linda Harrison
Recording Secretary	Debbie Urato
Corresponding Secretary	Kelley Kaufman

Board of Directors:
Marilyn Bellet
David Zauber
Joe Fraum
Ron Goldenberg
Fred Blumberg

The Bar Mitzvah of Dylan Highsmith was celebrated in May, and the Schild Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Aaron Shiansky.

In June the slate of officers nominated was elected at the General Meeting. Other important events were the Bat Mitzvah of Julie Medoff and B'nai/B'not Mitzvah service of ten members of CBY affirming or re-affirming their status as adults in Judaism. They were Al Balkin, Rita Balkin, Naomi Charlip, Sheri Farbstein, Renee Fraum, Evelyn Gruber, Herman Gruber, Linda Harrison, Mary Sherman, and Stephen White.

In June the Marilyn and Edward Bellet Speaker's Fund was established. This would serve many times in the future to recruit exceptional guest speakers.

The Beth Yam singers led by Al Balkin were established in the summer of 1999 to participate in High Holiday services. High Holiday services in 1999 were conducted by Rabbi Koplin and were a grand success. Break the Fast was celebrated at All Saints, and a Sukkot celebration was also done.

In October, the temple Judaica store was reinstated, led by Ellen Goldstein and Seymour Lash. The CBY picnic was also held in October at Spring Lake Pavilion.

Adult Education for the year included torah study, adult Hebrew study, readings in history and philosophy, a Taste of Judaism, and guest speakers (sponsored by the Bellet Fund).

Simchat Torah was celebrated with music, singing, and dancing. In addition, Rabbi Koplin explained the history of our first torah, the Holocaust Torah, which was "retired" and placed on permanent display.

The year of 1999 ended with the celebration of Chanukah and a CBY New Year's dinner dance celebrating the millennium.

The new millennium started with a bang at CBY New Year's Eve party. Regular Friday night services were conducted in January by Rabbi Koplin who also led congregants in the march on Hilton Head honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

February 2000 was marked by a video of the sermon given by Rabbi Eric Yoffie, President of the UAHC, at the UAHC biennial in December 1999, and the reopening of the Judaica store.

In March, plans for Shabbat with jazz to be led by Dr. Al Balkin in April of 2000 were announced. In addition, the Tidings noted the Community Seder would be held at the Country Club of Hilton Head. In addition, the Shabbat service March 17th featured the Hilton Head Choral Society led by Mary Green, and the festival of Purim was celebrated.

April was highlighted by the Bar Mitzvah of Jacob Spirer. A second event of great interest was the Beth Yam tour of Brookgreen Gardens organized by Steve White.

In May, Monsignor Leigh Lehocky, Vicar of Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Affairs for the Catholic Bishop of Beaufort County, addressed CBY. Yom Hashoah service was also performed, and CBY also celebrated the Bat Mitzvahs of Sara Turner, Sara Weber, and Chelsea Weser.

The annual meeting of CBY was held in June. The meeting was highlighted by a consideration of the revised by-laws, which were accepted. Jerry Rosenblum agreed to serve as chairman of the By-Laws Committee. Linda Harrison was installed as President of CBY. Other officers were:

1 st Vice-President	Myron Meister
2 nd Vice-President	Ron Goldenberg
Treasurer	Manny Rosenbaum
Recording Secretary	Judie Aronson
Corresponding Secretary	Kelley Kaufman

Board of Directors:
Joe Fraum

Jane Joseph
Jerry Rosenblum
Bob Wiener
David Zauber

Summer of 2000 was a slow period at CBY, with many of the congregants either visiting or entertaining relatives. The business of the congregation under President Harrison was directed to planning High Holiday services in September and October. President Harrison did write her goals for her term and published these in the Tidings.

September was highlighted by the CBY family picnic, followed by Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in early October. Bert Reinhold had initiated a men's lunch at Gruby's. (This was a precursor to the CBY Men's Club.) Simchat Torah was celebrated in late October, and a place of honor was dedicated to our Holocaust Torah.

The UAHC Southeast Council Regional Biennial was held in Savannah in November of 2000. Many of the officers of CBY were in attendance. The General Meeting of CBY was also held in November. Highlights of the meeting were Ed Menkus's presentation of the work of the Long Range Planning Commission, followed by Paul Schild and the Building Committee's demographic projection to understand our space requirements.

The synthesis of the reports was as follows:

1. Projections using government furnished data from Hilton Head, Bluffton, and Sun City projected CBY to grow from 140 families in 2000, to 173 in 2005, and to 212 in 2010.
2. Projection for the religious school was for small growth from the current 22 to a high of 38 in 2010.
3. Enlargement of the sanctuary to accommodate 250 people for a social function, as well as necessary kitchen renovations was necessary
4. Increased number of classrooms, administrative and office space, and storage should be planned.

The building expansion was charged by the Board to employ an architect to do preliminary planning for expansion. The New Member Friday night service, preceded by dinner at a local restaurant, was scheduled in early December. There was a gala cabaret night enjoyed in mid-December, followed by the celebration of Chanukah to end the year.

2001

In early 2001, Rabbi Koplín chose to leave CBY upon completion of his contract in July. This necessitated a Rabbi Search Committee, chaired by Stu Poticha. Ed Appelbaum and Bob Wiener co-chaired the interim Shabbat service to be initiated when Rabbi Koplín left.

March 2001 was highlighted by the second Shabbat with jazz service led by Dr. Al Balkin, and planning for an initial Woman's Seder to celebrate the Jewish woman's role in Judaism. Purim was celebrated and Hadassah also planned a Casino and Dinner Gala at the end of March.

The Passover Seder in 2001 was held at Moss Creek Country Club. In April, CBY celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Eric Friedman, and also had a Holocaust remembrance service.

On Sunday, June 10, 2001, there was the annual election meeting, and there was a tribute to Rabbi and Joan Koplin. The search for a new Rabbi had been ongoing for five months and according to President Harrison, had not yielded good results. The Rabbi Search Committee recommended to the Board that CBY engage an Interim Rabbi. Rabbi Richard Address was recommended. Rabbi Address was to be available on a once a month basis as well as on the High Holidays and other major Jewish holidays. He was to be on the island from Friday to Sunday. Rabbi Address was to continue his duties as Director of the Department of Jewish Family Concerns of UAHC, while he ministered to CBY.

CBY membership voted to begin the process of fund raising for temple expansion. The Congregation was to vote again after 70% of the \$750,000 proposed costs had been pledged. Other notable events at the June Annual Meeting were:

1. The Schild Scholarship was awarded to Alex Rivchun to attend Camp Coleman.
2. The architectural firm Opus presented plans for a 3,700 square foot addition to CBY.
3. New Officers for 2001-2002 were:

President	Linda Harrison
1 st Vice President	Myron Meister
2 nd Vice President	Jerry Rosenblum
Treasurer	Manny Rosenblum
Recording Secretary	Judy Aronson
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine Appelbaum
Past President	Bert Reinhold

Board of Directors:

Ron Goldenberg
Jane Joseph
Mark Mayer
Stuart Poticha
Bob Weiner

Sisterhood President:

Jane Rosenblum

On August 3, 2001, Rabbi Richard Address led the congregation in services. He was described as very energetic and thoughtful. Perhaps as a sign of progress, the Board decided to issue tickets for High Holiday services. Ushers were to check tickets at the door. The annual picnic was held on September 9th, two days before one of the great tragedies in American History, the bombing of the World Trade Towers. This event triggered an incredible demand for High Holiday tickets by members and guests. CBY was fortunate both to have a ticket policy in place and to have a Rabbi leading our services.

For the record (taken from President Harrison's October message), congregants requested about 350 tickets for their families and guests. In addition, there were 15 ticket requests for services from people who belonged to other UAHC Congregations that were entitled to receive CBY tickets. Thirty-seven people wished to purchase tickets. Because CBY could seat 250 people comfortably, the Board decided not to sell tickets, but to inform non-members that they would be permitted to enter the building for services if there were vacant seats after services began. The bottom line was that the sanctuary was overfilled and alternative plans had to be worked out for 2002.

The 2001 CBY General Meeting was held on November 4th. One of the new enterprises established by Rabbi Address was embellishment of the Caring Committee. Stu Poticha, Committee Chair, reported on the Rabbi Search Committee. There were three viable candidates. Jane Joseph reported on the increase in membership and reported on the High Holiday access problem; there were seats for 275 people and demand exceeded this. Suggestions for solving the problem were: 1) two services, 2) erecting a tent, using closed circuit TV, and 3) renting space. A motion for active fund raising for a new building was introduced, and was rejected by a vote of 16 yes and 48 no. Chanukah services were well attended, but the big news was that 45 people were attending Rabbi Address's Saturday morning Torah Study Group. The year 2001 will be remembered by everyone.

2002

Rabbi Address continued his once monthly pilgrimage to CBY and was viewed as a very inspiring leader. His Saturday morning study classes were still very well attended, indicating that they were not the phenomenon of a "new guy," but rather due to the substance of the leader.

Board actions were:

1. Renewal of the two year lease of the Unitarians for the use of our facility,
2. Publishing of names of lay members of CBY who conduct services when Rabbi Address was not present, and
3. Reporting that eighteen new families became members.

The Sisterhood was functioning quite well, and making plans for the second annual Women's Seder. Other functions such as book club, fashion shows, and fundraising were proceeding.

A new lecture series was announced featuring Reverend John Miller. These lectures were jointly sponsored by CBY and the Unitarian Fellowship and were titled "The Abiding American Ethical Issue: Private vs. Public; Me vs. US."

On February 1, 2002, Friday services were conducted by Rabbi Mark Covitz, a candidate for the position of Spiritual Leader of CBY. Rabbi Covitz also conducted Saturday Torah Study. Rabbi Address came on the third Friday of February, so for this month, the membership had two services run by professional Rabbis.

In addition to the two Shabbat services conducted by Rabbis, a third Shabbat during February was Shabbat with jazz, directed by Al Balkin. February 2002 was really quite a month for the Congregants of CBY.

President Harrison announced the census of CBY. One hundred and eighty five resident families and 80 affiliate families were members of CBY in February of 2002. President Harrison also announced that the Board of Directors had concluded that the best option for High Holiday services would be to hold services and Break the Fast at All Saints Episcopal Church.

Other events noted during February 2002 were the donation of a new Memorial Board to CBY by Donald and Helen Kahaner, and Continuing Education by Reverend Miller, Rabbi Yosef Edelstein, Rabbi Address, and Dr. Eli Breger.

March was also a busy month with Continuing Education by Rabbi Yosef Edelstein on March 5th and 19th, the Women's Seder on March 12th, and the Passover Community Seder on March 28th.

President Harrison's message focused on the search for our new Rabbi and, once he or she would be selected, establishing a mutually satisfying long-term relationship. The big news of the month however, was on Monday evening, March 25th. The membership of Beth Yam voted to offer the position of Rabbi to Rabbi Mark Covitz of Denver, Colorado.

April 2002 was highlighted by Rabbi Address's Torah Study, Rabbi Edelstein's Adult Education, and a bus trip to the McKissick Museum at USC to see the exhibit, "A Portrait of the People: Three hundred years of Jewish Life in South Carolina."

The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers to be voted on at the General Meeting in June:

President	Donald Kahaner
1 st Vice President	Jane Joseph
2 nd Vice President	Stu Poticha
Treasurer	Howard Mithal
Recording Secretary	Ruth Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Elaine Applebaum
Immediate Past President	Linda Harrison

Board of Directors:

Paula Flink
Richard Levin
Valerie Mayer
Jack Tarlow
Bob Wiener

In addition to the General Meeting in June, there were two Bar Mitzvahs, that of Noah Posner and that of Sean Fleming. It was also the last Shabbat of Rabbi Address (on June 21st); the members of CBY universally felt very fortunate to have had him for the year. Rabbi Covitz was to begin at CBY on July 1st. The evolution of CBY continually moved forward and the Rabbi Covitz era had commenced.

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The July newsletter was notable in that it was President Donald Kahaner's first newsletter. Donald had taken over when the congregation had become very divided, mostly due to where High Holiday services were to be held. In addition, there were budgetary issues. CBY was fortunate in that Donald had been President of a congregation in New York. The goals in his presidency were: 1) to leave the congregation stronger financially, 2) to develop future leadership, and 3) to create a structure where CBY will have greater control over its own destiny.

At the first Board Meeting presided over by President Kahaner, the members adopted a compromise regarding worship at High Holidays. Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services were to be held at All Saints Episcopal Church. All other services were to be conducted in our sanctuary. In addition, a ticket policy regarding High Holidays was established.

On July 5, 2002, Rabbi Covitz officiated at his first Friday night service. In rapid order the Bar Mitzvah of Alex Rivchun took place on July 13th; and two of our founding members, Ethel Shapiro and Bill Chait, passed away. Rabbi Covitz had a very busy initiation. The August 2002 "Temple Tidings" was the first time Rabbi Covitz wrote an article for CBY. The major theme revolved around the concept that our tradition is to celebrate life and to do so joyously.

President Kahaner's message also reflected this concept. He announced major changes which provided CBY with much needed direction. He set up a Transition Committee and was instrumental in introducing Rabbi Covitz to HHI and its Mayor and community leaders. The new Rabbi, with assistance of Bob Wiener took over the Religious School, after Principal Jin Flynn had to resign. A PTA was founded with Valerie Mayer being acting President. The Board led by President Kahaner voted to open the use of CBY for meetings. This act of inclusion was a portent of a new future for CBY. President Kahaner also made a place for more volunteers for CBY.

September 2002 was the first time Rabbi Covitz conducted Rosh Hashannah and Yom Kippur services at CBY. President Kahaner instituted a L'Shanah Tovah Giving Program. Services were deemed very good by the attendees, and "Break the Fast" was held at the Fellowship Hall at All Saints Episcopal Church. Open house on Rosh Hashanah was held at the Covitz's new home.

The rest of 2002 was occupied by CBY getting used to our new Rabbi and vice versa. Highlights were:

1. The announcement of \$100,000 pledges, one by Jean and Don Caplan to the newly created Dan and Jean Caplan Endowment Fund, and one by Marilyn and Ed Bellet to the Endowment Fund,
2. Rabbi Covitz starting a Junior and Senior Youth Group,
3. Establishing a CBY Men's Club,
4. Initiating the "Night of 100 Menorahs" services, and
5. Membership was noted at 167 members.

2003

The year 2003 began with President Kahaner, in his monthly message, thanking those who contributed to Fair Share. In addition, he announced a new policy regarding calls to CBY after hours; callers were to be given an officer's home phone number and an emergency number to

reach Rabbi Covitz. The Sisterhood, Brotherhood, and Adult Education were all active, especially the former which was busy planning the Passover Seder on the second night.

President Kahaner's February message discussed the formation of several new committees to study the Role of the non-Jew at CBY. This seemed to be an important step in the evolution of CBY, as an increasing number of members had mixed marriages. Other items of import were a discussion of the purchase of a defibrillator, and that May 31st was to be the First Annual Journal Dinner Dance.

In March, President Kahaner announced a committee headed by Jack Tarlow to review the by-laws. The plans for the Third Annual Women's Seder were announced. A terrific celebration of Purim was held, with many of our members in costume, and Rabbi Covitz leading a lively noisy celebration. Bob Wiener was doing a first rate job as head of the religious school, and the number of children enrolled was growing.

April marked the acceptance of PTA By-Laws; kudos was offered to Valerie Mayer for accepting the responsibility of organizing our PTA. President Kahaner also announced that Maestra Mary Green would be conducting a volunteer choir at this year's High Holiday services.

The dinner dance was held May 31st at the Marriott Beach and Golf Resort was chaired by Arlene Katz. The Cemetery Committee chaired by Jack Tarlow and Jerry Rosenblum was establishing a policy and was negotiating constantly with Six Oaks.

The highlight of the June General Meeting was President Kahaner's announcement of an increased size of the Board of Directors with a sequencing of Board involvement, so there would always be experienced leadership. This meant that terms expiring in 2004 were:

President	Donald Kahaner
2 nd Vice President	Stuart Poticha
Recording Secretary	Ruth Levy
Directors	Richard Levin Valarie Mayer

The new Board Directors were Michael Fritz, Richard Glass and Sheila Goad, and the slate of officers with term expiration in 2005 was:

1 st Vice President	Jane Joseph
Treasurer:	Howard Mistal
Corresponding Secretary:	Toby Markowitz
Directors:	Stanton Bluestone Sheri Farbstein Jerold Rosenblum

Other announcements at the Annual Meeting were:

1. CBY had reversed the deficit and would finish the year with a surplus.
2. A new Music Committee was established, chaired by Mindy Shea and comprised of Al Balkin, Judy Bluestone, Toby Markowitz, Paula Flink and Ed Appelbaum.
3. In addition to the \$200,000 in the Endowment fund, additional pledges from Theodora and Stanley Feldberg, Paula and Henry Flink, Jane and Hart Joseph, and Helen and Donald Kahaner had added \$115,000.
4. Paula Flink agreed to stay on as editor of the Tidings.

5. CBY began to prepare for the 350th Anniversary of the first Jewish settlement in North America in 2005 by appointing Judy Bluestone as chairperson.

Important announcements reported in the July "Tidings" were the appointment of Ruth Levy as new Religious School Principal, and the implementation of a new policy regarding payment by unaffiliated worshipers of High Holiday services. Membership was also announced at 170 resident member families.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services were accomplished without major problems, and a full Adult Education Film Festival was ongoing. A Progressive Dinner presented by CBY Sisterhood occurred in October. A new defibrillator was put in place and many CBY members were trained in its use, thanks to Richard Levin. A new Social Action Committee chaired by Mike Fritz was initiated and began by asking for a survey of CBY members' involvement in the community.

By December of 2003, the results of the Social Action Survey were analyzed. CBY was very much involved in the Hilton Head Community as individuals, but the congregation was not a collective force. Therefore on Saturday, January 17, 2004, CBY volunteers would be involved in fifth Saturday or Martin Luther King weekend. A non-denominational prayer breakfast at 8:00 am followed by working in community projects from 9:00 am - noon was the order of the day.

Other notable happenings in December were a town hall meeting discussing funeral and memorial services held in the CBY sanctuary and burial policies in the CBY Garden at Six Oaks. CBY donated \$1,000 to Habitat of Humanity, and many of its members became involved in building Habitat houses.

2004

January began with the announcement in Tidings of the Sisterhood Sweetheart Luncheon in February, and ongoing Adult Education (movies with discussion by Rabbi Covitz and Joe Scheines, and lectures by Rabbi Yosef Edelstein); the committee was chaired by Richard Levin. Twenty five members of CBY gathered to build beach conservation fences on MLK Community Service Day. The kick off dinner for the Habitat house which CBY was partially sponsoring (about 40%) with contributions from All Saints and Queen Chapel AME, was scheduled for February 2nd, with the wall installation on February 14th. (It should be noted that a major donation was given by a client of Howard Mistal). Social Action in the Hilton Head Community by CBY was alive and moving. The Men's Club of CBY (Co-Presidents Don Baker and Lew Markowitz) assumed the leadership role in building the Habitat house.

February included a Goods and Services Auction on the 21st chaired by Sheri Farbstein. At the February Board Meeting, President Kahaner suggested we negotiate a new contract with Rabbi Covitz, as he had one year left in his original contract and wished to make a commitment to Hilton Head. President Kahaner appointed Mike Fritz to chair a committee to evaluate the Rabbi's performance.

Other notable events were the report of a very well organized Care Committee (chaired by Bobbie Elow) and publication of Policy for Funerals and Memorial Services (chaired by Jerry Rosenblum). The Sisterhood also announced that \$500 was raised by Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble (chaired by Sue Fritz and Mae Schild), and this money was to be donated to Heroes on Horseback and Juvenile Diabetes.

March marked another Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading, and April began with the Community Seder on the 6th with 240 people attending. On the 15th of April, there was a special meeting of CBY to amend the by-laws. These were overwhelmingly approved.

Other important items were:

1. The Committee to evaluate Rabbi Covitz's contract reported very positively to the Board. This Committee sent out a questionnaire designed by a professional to random members and statistically evaluated the answers. The results were to be presented to the Congregants at a future meeting.
2. As a result of the report, a Committee was formed to negotiate a new contract with the Rabbi.
3. A separate fund for 350th Anniversary of "Jews in America" was established.
4. The Ritual Committee was charged with the responsibility of Shabbat services.
5. Membership was 188 Resident Members and 78 Affiliate members.
6. Fair Share notices were sent out for the annual appeal.
In May the Nominating Committee (Chaired by Stan Bluestone) made its report;

The nominations were to be voted at June CBY General Election Meeting. The slate for 2004-2005 was the following:

President	Jane Joseph
1 st Vice President	Toby Markowitz
2 nd Vice President	Stanton Bluestone
Treasurer	Felicia Pascal
Recording Secretary	Joe Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Thea Heimlich
Immediate Past President	Donald Kahaner
Board of Directors:	
Sheri Farbstein	
Jerry Rosenblum	
Valerie Mayer	
Sheila Goad	
Mike Fritz	
Sam Birnbaum	
Stuart Rosenberg	
Lee Oppenheimer	
Jack Resnick	

The Gala Dinner Dance honoring outgoing President Donald Kahaner was scheduled for June 19th. The contributions to the future of CBY by President Kahaner cannot be overstated. He mended many of the rifts in the congregation, established a stable organizational structure, promoted fiscal stability, and entered into a long term commitment with Rabbi Covitz.

The slate was voted into office at the CBY General Meeting. Other notable events at the June meeting were the "retirement" of Paula Flink as editor of the "Tidings" to be replaced by Bette Forman, and the request for voices for the High Holy Day Choir under the direction of Maestra Mary Woodmansee Green.

July 2004 began the Presidency of Jane Joseph and brought the announcement of schedules for the 350th Anniversary Celebration throughout 2004-2005. Highlights were October 16 & 17 with Steven Ovitsky, January 14-16, 2005, with Scholar in Residence Gary Zola, Director of

American Jewish Archives, and a CBY Gala at the Arts Center. This enterprise was co-chaired by Judy Bluestone and Barbara Peck.

August marked the beginning of a new B'Yachad Committee to act as a bridge from the Congregation to the Board.

In September, CBY celebrated the High Holidays, using both All Saints and the synagogue for services and Break the Fast. At the same time it should be noted that we observed the passing of one of our Past Presidents, Howard Sherman.

On a happier note, Nick Bass volunteered to build a Sukkah on our premises. The Religious School enrollment was announced at 43 students. The Film Series chaired by Sharon and Steve Burstein was ongoing.

At its October meeting, the Board of Directors decided to suspend Social Action Projects on Shabbat until the Ritual Committee could make recommendations. Individual participation could be involved, but there was to be no sponsorship by CBY. Resident Membership at the Board Meeting was announced at 195. Bob Pascal agreed to chair Adult Education.

The members of CBY were saddened by the November 11th passing of Rabbi Theodore S. Levy, our first permanent Rabbi, and the Rabbi who consecrated our building. Ted was not only a strong religious leader but was also a very important force in the Hilton Head community.

December 2004 began with the Night of 100 Menorahs on the 7th, the 350th Film Series, and ended with the first Kabbalat Shabbat service on December 31st.

2005

The highlight of January 2005 by most recent accounts was Scholar in Residence Rabbi Gary Zola's four presentations focused on different aspects of the Jewish experience in America. In addition, Beth Yam Gardens (our cemetery) was the recipient of an entrance way monument donated by, and honoring the names of, Stanley and Thedora Feldberg. CBY received a portion of the Judaic Library of the late Rabbi Ted Levy, donated by his widow Ina Rae.

Long Range Planning focus group sessions were to begin in February and occur through April. Other notable February events were initiation of once monthly Kabbalat Shabbat Services as a trial for the next few months, increased activity of the Social Action Committee and the Men's Club partying at CBY on Super Bowl Sunday. The Men's Club also planned to supply ushers for Friday night and High Holiday services.

March 2005 was highlighted by the "350 Years of Jews in America Art Exhibit" at the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. This was preceded by a private opening and by a Gala Dinner Dance at the Arts Center.

The Annual Community Seder was successfully held at the Marriott Beach and Golf Resort in April 2005. This was again preceded by the Fifth Annual Women's Seder.

May began with the Yom Hashoah Service, continued with the return of Rabbi Address as part of the 350th Celebration, and the nomination of the following people as officers and Board Members:

President	Jane Joseph
1 st Vice President	Stanton Bluestone

2 nd Vice President	Jack Resnick
Treasurer	Felicia Pascal
Recording Secretary	Joe Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Thea Heimlich

Directors:
Lee Oppenhiemer
Stuart Robinson
Barbara Schuman
Nick Bass
Stuart Rosenberg

These were to be voted on at the June General Meeting.

Other Directors whose terms had not expired were:

Jerold Rosenblum
Sheri Farbstein
Sheila Goad
Valerie Mayer
Jane Geiger – PTA President
Helen Kahaner – Sisterhood President
Donald Kahaner – Immediate Past President

At the General Meeting in June the slate of officers was elected.

Summertime in Hilton Head Island is often a time when people travel and families visit. Other than the plans for the High Holiday services and the September Flea Market, summer 2005 followed this trend. The calm situation at CBY was certainly relished by the membership, and indicated that our congregation was functioning efficiently. The only other report of note during this time was the appointment of Bruce Belisle to the Board replacing Sheila Goad (Bruce was also appointed as Religious School Chairman), and the Board action making the Kabbalat Shabbat service a permanent feature of our worship schedule.

High Holiday services in 2005 were successful, as was the Flea Market. New leadership positions were announced: Judie Aronson and Barbara Slagowitz were to co-chair the Social Action Committee, and Shawn Timen was the new Youth Group Advisor.

CBY was involved in providing a Special Delivery Hurricane Relief Fund to victims of Hurricane Katrina. CBY Vice President Jack Resnick with his close friend Porter Thompson were the organizers and truck drivers of this effort.

In October of 2005, the Board re-established the Building Expansion Committee with Jack Resnick and Stan Bluestone as co-chairmen. Other notable events at the October Board meeting were the appointment of Debra Reed as PTA Chairperson and the establishment of a CBY Hurricane/Disaster Plan.

At the Board Meeting in November, the plans were instituted for a December CBY Semi-Annual Meeting (a change from the past), announcement of the turnover of the Judaica Shop to the Sisterhood, announcement of plans for Chanukah and the Night of 100 Menorahs, with a Shabbat Dinner preceding this, and a February 2006 Service Auction and Dinner.

The year 2005 ended with the Night of 100 Menorahs and many in CBY community continuing their contributions to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and reflecting on the fact that two events of the last few years (the bombing of the World Trade Towers and Hurricane Katrina) would shape the United States for decades to come.

2006

One of the first functions of CBY was a Sunday January 8th cleanup of Chapin Park, organized by the Social Action Committee. A new committee, the Communication Committee, was established and was chaired by Maria Bell. The Board accepted contributions from the Bellet family in honor of the late Marilyn and Ed Bellet.

February 2006 was highlighted by the visit of visiting Scholar Steve Ovitsky. Other significant events were the Film Series and the Silent Auction.

The Board approved a contractual arrangement with Six Oaks Cemetery and also voted to continue to hold High Holy Day Services at All Saints. The first meeting of the Building Expansion Committee was held in January, chaired by Stan Bluestone and Jack Resnick. As this history will show, the process of entering into a Capital Campaign for the expansion of CBY would take over 18 months. Coincidentally this would be just a few months past the 25th Anniversary of CBY on Hilton Head Island.

March 2006 was highlighted by the Megillah reading, planning for the Community Seder, and the visit of Rabbi Marc Lee Raphael as visiting Scholar-in-Residence.

In April the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in June.

President	Stanton Bluestone
1 st Vice President	Jack Resnick
2 nd Vice President	Thea Heimlich
Treasurer	Felicia Pascal
Recording Secretary	Joseph Levy
Corresponding Secretary	Debra Reed

Directors
Bruce Belisle
Carol Katz
Ted David

The Directors whose term did not expire were:

Nick Bass
Valerie Mayer
Lee Oppenheimer
Stuart Robinson
Stuart Rosenberg
Barbara Schuman
Jane Joseph, Immediate Past President

May 2006 was highlighted by the New Members Service, the Annual Congregational Picnic and Hurricane Preparedness Seminars with our neighbors (All Saints Episcopal Church). The Film Series was ongoing and the Social Action Committee chaired by Judie Aronson and Barbara Slagowitz was very involved in the Hilton Head Community.

At the June Congregational Meeting, the slate of officers was elected. A major function of this group would be to act as overseers of building expansion. The send off to Jane Joseph at a wonderful dinner at Windows on the Waterway was splendid, as was her "Roast" by Bob Pascal and Steve Burstein.

The installation of the new Board was scheduled for July and began the Presidency of Stan Bluestone. In addition to managing the affairs of CBY, Stan's mission was to guide the membership through a proposed physical expansion.

The Board of Directors stayed busy during this summer (among other things) by planning for High Holiday services. CBY members were also very much involved with the events in Israel during the summer of 2006, as our brothers and sisters were involved in a war in southern Lebanon, and were donating to the Israel Emergency Fund and the Ambulance Fund.

High Holiday services and Break the Fast were again successful. President Bluestone established the Friends of CBY, allowing the membership to make a single decision on an annual basis to support financial needs of the congregation. Jane Joseph and Barbara Peck served as co-chairs.

Other important Board actions in October were the hiring of the Ostroff Group, professional fund raisers, to perform a feasibility study for the planned Capital Campaign and acceptance of the Ritual Committee's recommendation to purchase Mishkan T'filah prayer books.

November marked the dedication of the Leadership Plaque for Rabbi Theodore Levy, the first permanent Rabbi of CBY. In addition, there was a Town Hall Meeting for an update of the building expansion of CBY.

The conclusion of 2006 at CBY was a report by the Membership Committee (chaired by Mike Werner) regarding a strategy for acquiring new members and integrating them into CBY, and the Night of 100 Menorahs celebration of Chanukah.

2007

The Long Range Planning Committee held two strategy sessions for the membership in January 2007. The Film Series chaired by Sharon and Steve Burstein was ongoing and well attended.

President Bluestone, in his monthly message in the Tidings, presented a tentative timetable for CBY expansion, and the Board of Directors approved the Ostroff Group to move ahead with the feasibility study.

CBY, due to the efforts of Jane Rosenblum and others, now had a resource document "A Guide to Death and Mourning." The Religious School (Ruth Levy, Principal) announced 41 students.

It was announced in February that June 1 and 2, 2007, would be "Founders Tribute," honoring our Founders and the 25th Anniversary of CBY.

March was highlighted by Casino Night, Women's Seder, and Adult Education Seminar, the Megillah Reading, and Purim Dinner. The Long Range Planning Committee was actively compiling the ideas and suggestions garnered at the January meeting. The Ostroff Group met with congregants during this month.

The Community Seder, Yom Hashoah Services, and an ongoing Film Series highlighted April 2007. This month also marked the report of the Long Range Committee, written by Michael Werner and Karen Blickstein, on what CBY members liked and disliked, and a prioritized vision for 2012.

May of 2007 was highlighted by the Film Series and planning for Founders Weekend.

In June 2007, CBY celebrated Founders Weekend and 25 Years on HHI. The list of Founders is included. It is still hard to imagine that these people created what we have today, a Jewish identity on HHI, and an ongoing dynamic congregation. There can not be praise enough for the foresight of these people.

FOUNDERS

who were acknowledged and alive in 2007

Dan & Jean Caplan	Beatrice Chait	Neil & Ida Ruth Citron
Paula Flink	Arnold & Connie Franzblau	Gilbert & Beverly Held
Lynne & Roger Irvine	Dorothy Kaplan	Marshall & Arlene Katz
Julian & Bernie Lewin	Hank & Sue Noble	Ruth Parris
Burt & Ruth Reinhold	Irvin & Dorothy Rudick	Stuart & Linda Silver
Allen & Cookie Slan	Debbie & Cosimo Urato	

BOOK FIVE
Deuteronomy
2007 -

Having celebrated the 25th Anniversary of CBY, and with CBY getting ready for temple expansion, the authors of this report will end here. Hopefully, there will be a second 25 year report written in 2032.

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