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Dear Haverim:

The accompanying chart represents part of our community's tremendous volunteer effort. Through your cooperation, our system of "rotations" helps assure that Shabbat & Festival services and programs are well-planned and organized. This material is directed primarily to those who volunteer to lead certain parts of these services. Those who have agreed in advance to serve in such a capacity, and those who have or will become *benei mitzva* this year, may find their names on this list. If you received this in the mail, your name or that of a member of your household is probably somewhere on this list. If not, please take this as an invitation to join. If you would like to lead any of these services more or less frequently in the next schedule, please email your preferences.

Enclosed is a master rotation schedule for the next six months. **Note your scheduled parts now on your personal calendar.** If you cannot serve on the date listed, **please arrange for a substitute from among the others on the list who are not already serving that day.** (If you try three times to find a substitute without success, just let Jon-Jay [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org) know, and consider your commitment fulfilled.) When you are filling in for someone originally listed for a part in the main sanctuary, **please let the *shamash* (aliya usher such as Natalie, Batsheva, Eva or Paul) know when you arrive for the service,** at least 20 minutes before your part; otherwise we will assign your part to someone else. When you are changing dates for a **children's** program, please inform Miriam Benson at 203.389.6137 or [mirbenson@aol.com](mailto:mirbenson@aol.com).

Please **be on time** for your service. Following the *halakhic* (legal) guidelines, we do not delay services in the hope that a latecomer may possibly arrive (RaMa, *Shulhan Arukh* O.H. 124:3). Short of medical emergency, the person who has begun to lead a service is the one who should finish it. Pesuqei deZimra leaders and first-shift greeters should arrive by **9:10a** (earlier is better). Shaharit leaders should arrive by **9:25a**. Torah readers are reminded to arrive by **9:50a**. Children's program leaders should arrive in their program's room by **10:30a**. People coming for children's programs are urged to attend the service in the main sanctuary *before* going to your children's program. Most importantly, attend the shaharit service for the recitation of *Shema* (around 9:40a).

If you would like to join the list of service leaders, please notify Rabbi Tilsen at 203.389.2108 x10 [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org). If you would like to join the Children's Shabbat Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr

Congregation or Cosmic Conversations rotations, or to help in other ways, please contact Miriam Benson 203.389.6137 mirbenson@aol.com. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, please contact Steven Fraade 203.397.9430 steven.fraade@yale.edu. This Rotation Schedule is posted on the bulletin board opposite the Sisterhood Giftshop and on our web site at [www.beki.org/rotate.html](http://www.beki.org/rotate.html).

### ***For Greeters:***

Please be sure that the lobby area remains quiet. Please usher visitors into the sanctuary *before* 9:15a. Be sure all men (including visitors) have a head covering. Keep phones, cameras, electronics and noisy things out of the building. You may close the sanctuary doors during the Amida so that people do not enter during the beginning *berakhot* and *qedusha* (the first two pages). When the reader concludes his or her recitation of the Musaf *qedusha* (*Sim Shalom* p. 157), please go to *all* of the other programs, loudly **interrupt** and announce, “*En Ke-lohenu* begins in two minutes; please come directly to the sanctuary!” Please keep adults quiet in the sanctuary, especially those who try to stand and talk in the back.

### ***For Shaharit or Musaf Leaders:***

While, in general, *halakha* and tradition allows for variation and elaboration in the middle blessings of the *amida*, the formulation of the first three and last three *berakhot* are standardized and it is not considered permissible to alter those formulations. (The variations that occur in these *berakhot* on *Yamim Noraim* such as “*zokhrenu lahaim*” are considered an exception to this rule.)

The inclusion of the matriarchs by name is also an exception to this general rule that has been approved by the Committee on Law and Standards of the Rabbinical Assembly and is based on thoughtful religious consideration and sound legal reasoning. However, there is only one specific wording that is formally approved, and that is the wording as it appears in our *Siddur Sim Shalom*. Some *shelihei tsibbur* have improvised, with results that have included syntactic oddities or errors, omitted matriarchs, and in any case represents a lack of consistency, which introduces an unnecessary element of confusion to some worshipers trying to follow along in Hebrew. While there may be some merit to the alternative wordings, the value of standardization is given priority, and synagogue etiquette (or *halakha*, if you will) requires the *shaliah tsibbur* to “use the version of the text placed before him or her.” We allow the *shaliah tsibbur* to choose either the “a” or “b” version of the Avot blessing of the Amida as printed in our *siddur*.

### ***For Haftara Readers:***

If you are a “novice” *haftara* reader, you are invited to call Rabbi Tilsen (jtilsen@beki.org 389.2108 x10) to review your reading in advance of your scheduled date. This will help insure that you have learned the reading correctly and will alert you to any peculiarities or unusual words in your *haftara*. If you would like to read the *haftara* from a scroll (just like Torah reading), please contact Rabbi Tilsen. The page numbers are given for the ***Hertz Humash*** and the ***Etz Hayim Humash*** (get your copy by following the BEKI link to Amazon.com) in this order: **Hertz / Etz**

**Hayim.** If you wish to verify the reading, contact Rabbi Tilsen. Experienced readers should prepare by practice reading the *haftara* at least three times.

***For Children's Program Leaders:***

The Children's Shabbat Havura (CHS) is for children aged 18 months to 6 years (although younger children are welcome to attend); K-2 Kehila (K2K) for children in grades K-2; and Jr Congregation for children in grades 3-6. The program that you will run will be from **10:45a** to 11:15a, followed by snack. Please put the snack items in your room at 10:30a, *before* your program. The snack items are crackers, plates, cups, and napkins, located in the tall brown cabinet or cabinet to the right of the refrigerator-sink unit in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room (CGYR), and juice, either in the small refrigerator or in the cabinet in the CGYR. Snack items are marked with the name of the program of their intended use.

For your CSH program, you may bring a story, song, dance, game, show-and-tell, prayers, or another creative activity (but *not* “arts & crafts”). The subjects can be Shabbat, prayer, the portion of the week, Israel, God, holidays, and the like. We encourage you to include weekly favorites and to expand your repertoire. For new ideas, consult the following works available in the Children's Room for loan: *The Jewish Preschool Teachers Handbook*; *My Weekly Sidrah*; *It's a Mitzvah!*; *Zot Ha-Torah: This is the Torah*; and others. Return borrowed resource materials promptly. Be sure to contact the other family listed for your week, in advance, to plan your program together. It is very helpful to the program leaders when all the other adults present in the room during the program participate and do not conduct side conversations. There is a library of resource material in the CGYR for your use.

For your K2K program, a varied and creative format works best, including stories, discussion, songs, prayers, plays and games. Intersperse English and Hebrew as appropriate for this age group. Content can include Shabbat prayers and practices, the weekly *parasha* (Torah portion), holidays, Jewish lifestyle and values, current events, lifecycle issues, and the like. While meeting, K-2 Children are invited to choose a melody for Adon Olam and then to lead it in the sanctuary at the end of the service (although if there is a bar- or bat-mitzva, the celebrant may choose the melody).

All parents and children who use the children's rooms on a given Shabbat should help with the cleanup. All toys and books must be put away in their marked locations. Arrange each toy on its shelf as labeled, and each color-coded book on the matching color-coded shelf, and close the shelves. The children are then expected to *join and lead the Concluding Service* with the congregation (*Ein Kelohenu*, *Alenu*, and *Adon Olam*, about 11:45a). Accompany your children to the reader's table in the main sanctuary, and encourage them to participate in leading these prayers. Stand with them and assist them in leading the Concluding Service in a dignified manner. Please be sure your children do not play with the microphone or wander on the *bima*. Close all the windows and lock the doors of the Children's Room.

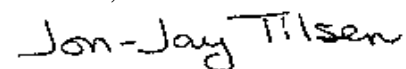
Food Restrictions: In consideration of members and guests with acute food allergies, and our observance of *kashrut* (Jewish dietary laws), it is *prohibited* to bring food items into the synagogue building without prior authorization from the synagogue office and the rabbi. **Peanut-free** and nut-free snacks are provided for all children's and youth programs. Religious School faculty and staff are trained in the use of epi-pens, which are available in the School office and some classrooms. Qiddush presentations for the general congregation and *sukka* meals should not contain peanuts or nuts. However, BEKI does not guarantee the facility to be nut-free. Those carrying items such as candy and snacks for personal consumption must keep them out of classrooms, children's rooms, and dining areas.

If you would like assistance in planning your program, please contact Miriam Benson at [mirbenson@aol.com](mailto:mirbenson@aol.com) 203.389.6137. She can suggest books and other resources for you to explore, as well as activities for the *parashiyot*.

**Please ensure that while the children's programs are meeting, your children either are attending a program or are sitting with you in the main sanctuary.** After the services, please supervise your children as well. Your cooperation is essential for the safety and wellbeing of all.

Children are always welcome to be either in the sanctuary with their adults or in one of the programs for children or youth. Accordingly, **we encourage you, with your children, to join the service in the sanctuary before and after the programs for children and youth.** Please make sure that adults are **not standing in the back of the sanctuary talking**, as it sets a bad example for the children and is disruptive. If you need to chat, stay in the lobby. If your child is crying or boisterous during **Mourners' Qaddish** (an especially somber moment for some), please bring the child into the lobby for a respite. Young children are welcome to bring a quiet toy into the sanctuary and may find the carpeted area in the front a comfortable play zone.

Shalom,



Jon-Jay Tilsen *for the Ritual Committee and Organizers of the Children's Programs*

Date	Parasha	Theme/Event	Fri 6:00p	Fri 6:00p	Greeter 1	Greeter 2	Pesukei DZ	Shaharit	Haftara	Haftara p.	Musaf
			<b>Qabbalat Sh</b>	<b>Maariv</b>	<b>9:10a - 10:30a</b>	<b>10:30a - 12:00</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>		<b>Hertz / EtzH</b>	
01.Jan.11	VaEra		Elie A-S	Available	Needed	Sid Levine	Shragis	Sascha VC	Ruth E G	244 / 370	Howard G
08.Jan.11	Bo	E. Silver Darshan	Talia C	Naomi C	Needed	Robert F	Gerber	Nadav S	<b>Tina R</b>	263 / 395	Harold M
15.Jan.11	BeShelah		Marlee C	Available	Needed	Robert L	Katya L-S	Carole B	R' Eric Silver	281 / 424	Marsha B
22.Jan.11	Yitro		Julia Joy	Aliyah B-D	Needed	Jay Brown	Tova B-T	Brian K	<b>Tsvi B-T</b>	302 / 452	Frankel
29.Jan.11	Mishpatim		Katya L-S	Samuel C	Needed	Donna L	Gerber	Caldwell	<b>N. Caldwell</b>		Bryna P
05.Feb.11	Teruma. Rosh Hodesh		Ben Gerber	Batsheva L-S	Needed	Ghis P	Tova B-T	Marsha B	Gila R	Rosh Hodesh	Shoshana Z
12.Feb.11	Tetsave		Anna G	Available	Needed	Charlie L	Katya L-S	Caldwell	Leon Cummins		Rena CG
19.Feb.11	Ki Tisa		Batsheva L-S	Tova B-T	Needed	Joanne F	Shragis	Steven F	Willa N		Caldwell
26.Feb.11	VaYaqhel		Elie A-S	Myles C	Needed	Susan V	Gerber	Howard G	Paula H		Corey S
05.Mar.11	Pequdei: Sheqalim	USY Shabbaton	Joni Weintraub	TBY USY	Sid L	Steven F	TBA USY	TBA USY	Paul Bass	Sheqalim	TBA USY
12.Mar.11	VaYiqra	Kadima Sh / Sachs	Sherman G	Reserved	Needed	Robert L	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	/ 607	Reserved
19.Mar.11	Tsav: Zakhor		Gabriel F	Sasha W	Needed	Jay Brown	Tova B-T	Gerber	Roz B-C	<b>995 / 1281</b>	Sascha VC
26.Mar.11	Shemini: Para	Bar M: Elie A-S	Elie A-S	Reserved	Jay B	Ghis P	Reserved	Reserved	Elie A-S	<b>999 / 1287</b>	Elie A-S
02.Apr.11	Tazria: HaHodesh	Bat M: Joni W	Reserved	Reserved	Steven F	Donna L	Reserved	Reserved	Reserved	<b>1001 / 1291</b>	Reserved
09.Apr.11	Metsora		Julia Joy	Batsheva L-S	Needed	Charlie L	Noam B-T	Frankel	Alan Lovins		Howard G
16.Apr.11	Aharei Mot: HaGadol		Aliyah B-D	Tova B-T	Steven F	Susan V	AVAILABLE	Caldwell	Harold M	<b>1005 / 1296</b>	Willa N
19.Apr.11	Pesah Day 1: Tuesday				Needed	Needed	Needed	Carole B	Paul Bass	<b>1009 / 1300</b>	<b>Corey S (Tal)</b>
20.Apr.11	Pesah Day 2: Wednesday				Needed	Steven F	Noam B-T	Marsha B	Ruth E G	<b>1012 / 1304</b>	Sascha VC
23.Apr.11	Shab. Hol HaMoed Pesah	Shir HaShirim		Batsheva L-S	Needed	Jay Brown	Katya L-S	Howard G	Eva Gerber	<b>/ 1308</b>	Available
25.Apr.11	Pesah Day 7: Monday			Festival Maariv	Needed	Robert F	Tova B-T	Needed	Brian K	<b>/ 1311</b>	R' Eric S
26.Apr.11	Pesah Day 8: Tuesday	Yizkor		Festival Maariv	Needed	Needed	Noam B-T	Needed	Paula H	<b>1023 / 1316</b>	Sascha VC
30.Apr.11	Qedoshim		Leora W	Aliyah B-D	Needed	Sid Levine	Paula H	Elie A-S	Tina R		Howard G
07.May.11	Emor		Ben Gerber	Elie A-S	Needed	Donna L	Gerber	Joni W	Willa N	/ 735	Available
14.May.11	BeHar		Maya L	Eva Gerber	Needed	Ghis P	Katya L-S	Willa N	Bryna P		Steven F
21.May.11	BeHuqotai	Bat M: Katya L-S	<b>Katya L-S</b>	Reserved	Sid L	Robert F	Reserved	<b>Katya L-S</b>	<b>Katya L-S</b>		<b>Katya L-S</b>
28.May.11	BeMidbar	Bat M: Leora W	<b>Leora W</b>	Reserved	Steven F	Robert L	Reserved	<b>Leora W</b>	<b>Leora W</b>	/ 787	<b>Leora W</b>
04.Jun.11	Naso		Julia Joy	Miriam Gerber	Needed	Susan V	Needed	Marsha B	Available	602 / 813	Bryna P
08.Jun.11	Shavuot Day 1: Weds.			Festival Maariv	Needed	Charlie L	Tova B-T	Carole B	Available		Corey S
09.Jun.11	Shavuot Day 2: Thurs.			Festival Maariv	Needed	Steven F	Needed	Marsha B	Available		Sascha VC
11.Jun.11	BeHa' alotekha		Sasha W	Elie A-S	Jay B	Carl G	Shragis	Katya L-S	Bryna P	620 / 837	Caldwell
18.Jun.11	Shelah Lekha		Caldwell	Tova B-T	Needed	Ghis P	Needed	Leora W	Alan Lovins	635 / 857	Howard G
25.Jun.11	Qorah	Bat M: Maya L	Reserved	Reserved	Steven F	Jay Brown	Reserved	Maya L	Reserved		Maya L

Please be responsible and appear on time or find a replacement

SS	M	Havura	Havura	K-2 Kehila	Jr. Cong	7 & 8	Minha	Minha	Maariv	Date
LM	H	Family 1	Family 2	Family 1		Cosmic	Time	Saturday pm	Motse'ei	
S	M	Klein & Berger	Listokin	Landesman & Sauberman	Cooper & Lowell		4:15p	Fraade	Shragis	01.Jan.11
		Marx & Schonberger		Listokin	Cheskis-Gold	Dimenstein	4:20p	Tova B-T	Needed	08.Jan.11
S		May		Marx & Schonberger	Fenick & Minsky		4:30p	Gerber	Sokolow	15.Jan.11
		Mayzlin & Cohen		Secchiaroli	Fraade	Forbes	4:40p	Bass	Shragis	22.Jan.11
S	M	Myer & Kempton		Weiner & Rastelli	Frankel & Kaufman		4:45p	Sokolow	Needed	29.Jan.11
		Oppenheimer		Aaland & Freiman	Cheskis-Gold	Shragis	4:50p	Bass	Steven F	05.Feb.11
S		Perry		Arnedt & Sheinberg	Gad		5:00p	Gerber	Needed	12.Feb.11
		Rothman		Benson & Tilsen	Labowe-Stoll	Silverman	5:10p	Tova B-T	Needed	19.Feb.11
S		Berry & Colten		Birn	Lettick		5:20p	Needed	Shragis	26.Feb.11
	M	Cohen		Friedman & Bruce	Cheskis-Gold	Dimenstein	5:30p	TBA USY	TBA USY	05.Mar.11
S		Jacoby		Gerber	Lew		5:30p	Reserved	Reserved	12.Mar.11
		Klein & Berger		Goldberg & Blander	Stanger & Colodner	Forbes	6:45p	Bass	*Purim 7:30p	19.Mar.11
S		Lerner		Gratz	Weintraub		6:45p	TBA	TBA	26.Mar.11
	M	Listokin		Hakakian	Cheskis-Gold	Shragis	5:45p	TBA		02.Apr.11
S		Marx & Schonberger		Jenq & Goldstein	Woolfson		5:45p	Gerber		09.Apr.11
		May		Landesman & Sauberman	Avni-Singer	Silverman	5:45p	Needed		16.Apr.11
										19.Apr.11
										20.Apr.11
S		Mayzlin & Cohen		Listokin	Cooper & Lowell		5:45p	Needed		23.Apr.11
										25.Apr.11
										26.Apr.11
	M	Myer & Kempton		Marx & Schonberger	Cheskis-Gold	Dimenstein	5:45p	Bass		30.Apr.11
S		Oppenheimer		Secchiaroli	Fenick & Minsky		5:45p	Tova B-T		07.May.11
		Perry		Weiner & Rastelli	Fraade	Forbes	5:45p	Needed		14.May.11
S		Berry & Colten		Aaland & Freiman	Frankel & Kaufman		5:45p	Reserved		21.May.11
	M	Cohen		Arnedt & Sheinberg	Cheskis-Gold	Shragis	5:45p	TBA		28.May.11
S		Jacoby		Benson & Tilsen	Gad	Tova B-T	5:45p	Bass		04.Jun.11
										08.Jun.11
										09.Jun.11
		Klein & Berger		Birn	Labowe-Stoll	Silverman	5:45p	Fraade		11.Jun.11
S		Lerner		Friedman & Bruce	Lettick	Gerber	5:45p	Needed		18.Jun.11
	M	Listokin		Gerber	Cheskis-Gold	Dimenstein	5:45p	TBA		25.Jun.11

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