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Gathering in Hawaii

This winter, President Gila Reiser and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen will meet in Hawaii with BECY members and past members and supporters to share stories and old photos, to provide an update on BECY's progress, and most of all, to hit them up for funds. The event will feature a luau on the beach.

"Our Hawaiian gathering will allow us to warm up to, and pig out with, our Pacific supporters," commented Gila.

In addition to the Hawaiian Gathering, the Congregation is considering sending the Prez and Rabbi to other locales, such as St. Kitts and Cancun. "You never know where you'll find our past mem-



bers," said Gila. "People who leave the Congregation tend to get as far away as possible."

"Although I hate to leave home, especially in winter, these trips are a sacrifice I am willing to make for the congregation," said the Rabbi. "Someone's got to do it."

Still unknown is whether there actually are any BECY members or supporters in these locations. "But

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Shushan Purim Feast
Friday 25 March following
6:00p service

Reservations required

Contact 389-2108 x14 or
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A Message from Rabbit Ilse



Jews in Space

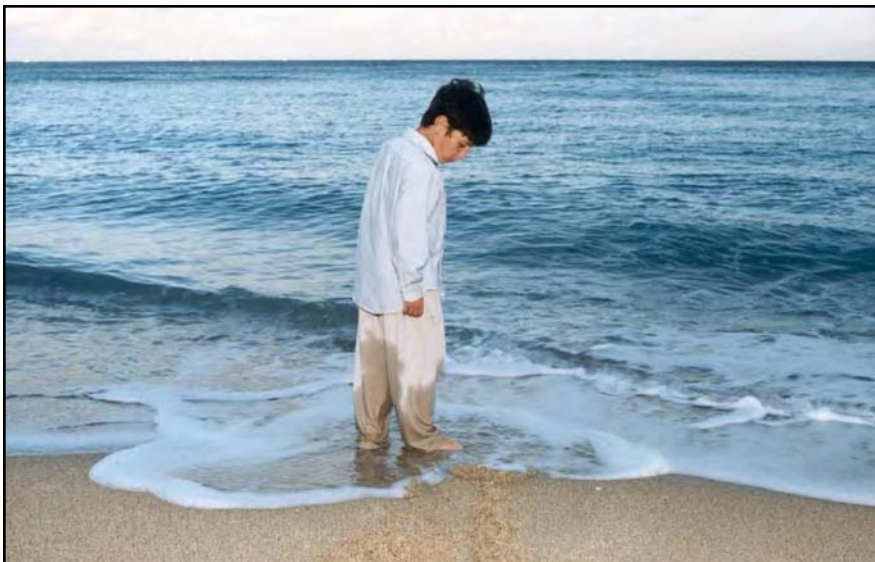
In none of the five Shtar Trek series produced over the past forty years, encompassing hundreds of episodes, thousands of alien species, three of the four quadrants of the Milky Way, and several centuries of story line, has there ever been mention of, even allusion to, anything gentile. The creators have envisioned a future devoid of the non-Jewish world. This shocking and offen-

capital, then the fact that some people may die as a result is simply irrelevant. It is a choice for individuals and communities, for corporations and governments, to add these "non-economic" factors into the equation.

sive omission runs counter to the original series' intent of portraying a future in which equality and diversity are the order of the day. While several of the actors and members of the production crew are gentiles, none of the characters "eat white bread."

From the Yiddish-speaking T'Pol (played by Celia Lovsky) and the official Vulcan handshake, to the loud-mouth Mr. Koltrami or the species "Ferbrengeen" who never pay retail, any possible reference to the

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Wednesdays

Berakhot Talmud Study Group

A Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:30a to 8:00a during the academic year. The Study Group focuses on the original text and the issues that arise from the Mishna and Gemara, with attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of basic Hebrew or Aramaic is very helpful but not required. The Group is open to all. The Group will not meet on 1 March or on 31 March because they are not Wednesdays.

Rabbis' Study Group

Wednesdays with Murray is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own *talmud torah* (Torah study) in a "safe" setting and with opportunities to learn from each other's experience and insight. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group" meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) at a downtown New Haven professional office for Talmud study. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text. The Group

focuses on the issues raised in the Talmud, with less attention to the technical aspects of the text. Fluency in Judeo-Aramaic is required. For location or information, contact Isaiah Cooper at 233-4547 or icooper@cooperlaw.net.

Women's Writing Group

A womens' writing group, open to men and women, meets Thursdays in the Chapel Library Lobby Coatroom from 2:00p to 4:00p. Each week a group of interested women and men share the short pieces that they have written: memoirs, poetry, children's stories and short stories. The goal of the group is to encourage writing, critique of written pieces, and publishing. Each week the
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AA Meeting

The *Here We Go* Group of AA meets at BECY every Purim Evening at 8:00p. The Purim Meeting has been held at BECY since last year. Open to any person who can benefit from a recovery program, the meeting is held according to standard AA procedure.

It is currently engaged in a 12 & 12 Study – Discussion. This is not a specifically Jewish recovery group, although a large proportion of par-

Every Day

Divrei Torah on the Web

A collection of Divrei Torah (Torah commentaries) and essays by members and Rabbi Ilsen is posted on BECY's website under "Adult Studies" and "Meet Rabbi Tilsen."

Reference Books on Web

A listing of basic Judaic reference and introductory works is posted on BECY's website at www.beki.org/books.html with a brief annotation by Rabbi Ilsen. They are boring.

Reading Torah at BECY

If you would like to read Torah, or learn how to read Torah at BECY, forget about it. It is much too hard.