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Habitat's Historic Preservation Project

Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven and its house sponsor group *Sleeping Giant Build/Amity Cares*, have embarked on an exciting new venture – the restoration and historic preservation of the Maselli farmhouse located at 390 Gilbert Ave. in Hamden. The Queen Anne-style farmhouse was built in 1892. Apart from a modernization of the kitchen



in the 1950s, the house retains its original elements, including interior oak trim, wood floors in remarkable condition, a stained glass window and more.

Hamden officials approached Habitat to take on the home restoration project out of desire to protect the farmstead from development. After granting the home and a half acre to Habitat, the town retained the rest of the original farmstead property – 35 acres that will remain undeveloped. Habitat plans to make application for the house's nomination to the State Register of Historic Places.

It was at the beginning of 2005 when BEKI became a partner/sponsor in the Amity Cares Habitat for Humanity group, and when Amity Cares merged with the Sleeping Giant Build in 2010, we eagerly jumped at the chance to meet and work with even more wonderful committed community members.



We have been proud of the terrific work of our volunteers over these six years.

Sleeping Giant Build/Amity Cares is comprised of businesses, religious congregations, civic organizations, schools and individuals from the Woodbridge, Orange, Bethany, Westville, North Haven, Hamden and Cheshire communities. As one of the last area synagogues to remain *actively*

involved, BEKI is proud that its commitment never wanes. We have greatly appreciated the opportunity provided by Habitat to take part in special Sunday workdays that are scheduled to accommodate our observance of Shabbat.

To date, over 50 people in the BEKI community have helped build 4 houses working in this project. The Maselli farmhouse will be the fifth home that we will help build for a hard working deserving family, and we are excited to be involved in this historic venture.

Join us on **Sunday, January 8**, for BEKI's first Sunday workday of this new project. Only the first 12 volunteers of age 16 and above can be accommodated. To put yourself on the schedule, or if you are interested in lending support in some other way (financial or planning), please contact Darryl Kuperstock at kuperst@aol.com, or (203) 387-0304.

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ACT OUR AGE

For someone approaching her 120th birthday, our friend BEKI in is in pretty darn good shape. But she is beginning to show her age.

She's covered with wrinkles. Her pace has slowed. And, sadly, the children have moved out.

The wrinkles are in the rubber that covers part of the roof, which developed a serious leak after the October snowstorm and will require a major repair in the spring. The pace of donations to the synagogue has slowed, along with the ability of many of our members to pay full dues: fallout from the difficult economy that continues to challenge so many people. And the children of the Abiyoyo daycare, whose rent payments used to help BEKI's bottom line, left the building for good in September, as their longtime day care center went out of business.

Each of these symptoms comes, inevitably, with its price tag. Taken together, they add up to a hefty shortfall in the current fiscal year, and a significant financial challenge for the years



Carole Bass

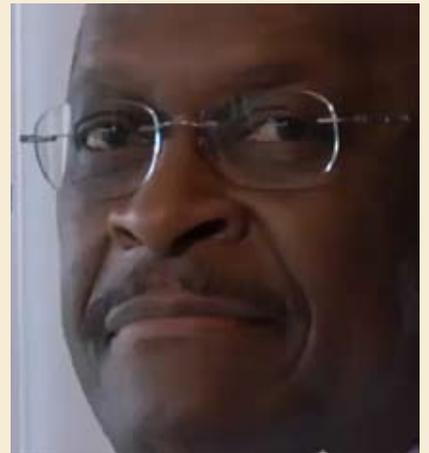
to come. (Copies of the budget, by the way, are available on request from the synagogue office.)

But BEKI is more than up to the challenge. Beneath the wrinkles – which are, after all, only skin-deep – our congregation is healthy and thriving. New members continue to join. We continue to learn: to read Hebrew, to read Torah, to lead children's programs, to work the photocopier. We continue to take care of each other, in good times and bad. Our rabbi and staff are still the greatest, and we still have the best qiddush around.

B'nai Israel, aka the Rose Street shul – one of BEKI's predecessor congregations – was incorporated on July 1, 1892. As we celebrate our first 120 years, we are also planning and building for the next 120.

That will mean many things, including a BEKI 120 fundraising campaign. You'll hear more about this in the coming months, when we ask your help to plug this year's budget gap and create reserves for the future.

As the 120th birthday draws near, BEKI's carefree youth is behind us. Now, in our community's middle years, let's work on building that nest egg for our old age.



Carole Who?

“ And when they ask who is the president of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan, I'm going to say, 'You know, I don't know. Do you know?' ”

— Herman Cain, Former Republican Presidential Candidate

“ Herman Cohen? Cain-cain-cain-didate? You know, I don't know. ”

— Carole Bass, BEKI President

News

Photo Directory

Sign up at <https://www.securedatrans14.com/ap/congregationbethel-keser/index.php?page=10>

We are updating our BEKI Member Photo Directory. Each participating individual or family member will receive a free directory and one free portrait. Members can also buy extra photos; there is no obligation to purchase

anything. Sign-up for appointments can be done on line or on paper. There is a \$10 coupon toward purchases for those who sign up on line. Photos will be taken at BEKI on Wednesday Jan. 25 from 2:30 to 8:50 p.m.; Thursday Jan. 26 from 2:30 to 8:50 p.m.; and Sunday Jan. 29 11 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. To help work on this project contact Helene Sapadin at hsapadin@yahoo.com.

Join BEKI as a member and you have the opportunity to be included in the new Member Photo Directory. Sign up at www.beki.org/forms/join.pdf or call Peggy at 203.389.2108 x14.

Notary of Note

BEKI Office Manager Peggy Hackett has been duly appointed as a Notary Public within and for the State of Connecticut.

What's Going On in BEKI-BJ USY?

It's almost that time of year, when Jewish teens from all over the area gather for one of the best BEKI-BJ USY events of the year! On Motse'ei Shabbat (Saturday Night) Feb. 11, paid-up USY members can embark on the annual BEKI-BJ Limousine Scavenger Hunt, searching the towns of New Haven, Woodbridge, Orange, and Milford for themed mystery clues. In addition, participants will be engaging in fun activities such as Israeli dancing and simply meeting or getting to know other Jewish teens, while in a limo. But the fun doesn't end there! After each limo has finished the scavenger hunt, everyone will return back to one house and munch on food, mingle, and watch videos and see pictures from the night.

This event is a blast, but to make the event even better, the Limos Scavenger Hunt is the first event any 8th grader can attend. So invite your friends, and sign up for a night of fun and mystery. Don't forget, however, that you must be a paid member of USY to participate in this awesome event. For any questions, feel free to contact the limos chairs, Dana Lew, Kate Shragis, Maya Levine-Ritterman, or our advisor, Lauren Kaufman at bekibjusy5772@gmail.com. Hope to see you there.

Sasha Weitzman

BEKI-BJ USY Co-President

Local USY Chapter Board Gets Trained in Leadership

During the frigid weekend of Nov. 11-13, more than 100 Jewish teenagers from all over New England congregated at Camp Ramah in Palmer, Mass. USY Chapters NERUSY (New England Region USY) and Hanefesh (Connecticut

and Western Massachusetts) came together for a kinnus built especially for Chapter Board members and Regional General Board members. This was the first year that Hanefesh combined efforts with NERUSY to hold a leadership Shabbaton.

Representing BEKI-BJ USY were Kate Shragis (Chapter Membership/Kadima Vice President and Regional Social Action/Tikkun Olam Board member), Shayna Weinstein (Chapter Religious Education Vice President), and Sarah Gans (Acting Chapter Communications Vice President and Regional Religious Education Board member). These three teens all learned leadership techniques to bring back to the BEKI-BJ USY chapter board.

The weekend began by bringing in Shabbat, filled with ruach and joy. Throughout Shabbat, following the theme of leadership, participants broke out into groups and activities to discuss techniques and challenges about their leadership positions. Kate Shragis recalls one activity which required groups to invent creative, entertaining activities to bring home to their chapters. "Many people shared their ideas," says Shragis, "and we all worked off of each other to create different events." Through engaging activities, the seminars also stressed the importance of communication, creativity, cooperation, and teamwork to better the efficiency of the chapter executive boards.

The weekend was a great chance for USYers to enjoy gathering with old friends, making new friends, and learning how to improve the inner-workings of USY board to increase the success of the chapter. BEKI-BJ attendees, Shragis, Weinstein, and Gans, all commit to applying the lessons learned at the Leadership Retreat to help maximize the potential of the BEKI-BJ USY chapter.

— Sarah Gans

News

Ezra Intro & Update

Find out what is happening at Ezra Academy on Shabbat afternoon Jan. 28 following the qiddush (i.e., beginning around 12:35 p.m.). Ideal for adults seeking or considering the best educational options for their children in grades K-8, including the George G. & Leah Posener Lower School. Infor-

mation and metrics on student attainment, entrance to fine high schools, and school atmosphere. With Ezra Recruitment Director Jill Schaefer (jss307@aol.com).

Erev Shira on Shabbat Shira

Join us on Motse'ei Shabbat (Saturday night) Feb. 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Minsky-Fenick Residence in

Woodbridge (RSVP (203) 393-1394 by Feb. 1) marking Shabbat Shira (Sabbath of Song). Bring songsheets, musical instruments (no pianos or pipe organs), and a kosher dessert or drinks to share, or just bring your voice. This event is supported by the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Fund for Sacred Music at BEKI.

Purim Box Order Form for 2012

Thank you for supporting the Purim Box project! Carefully circle the names you wish to send boxes to. *To send boxes to people not on this list, write their names, addresses, phone numbers, and your name, on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form.* The cost for each box is \$5 for each member, \$8 for each non-member.

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- ❖ Mail the order form and check to: BEKI Purim Boxes, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515, or
- ❖ Email your order to Peggy Hackett at office@beki.org

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HaMaqom Yenahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Louis L. Borick

Dorothy S. Fraade, mother of Steven
Fraade (& Ellen Cohen)

Paula Hyman,
wife of Stanley Rosenbaum

Cathy Schwartz,
wife of Marty Feldman, mother
of Hana, Raphael and Abigail

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn



Zach Strassburger and Maya



Nadav and Matan

HaNoladim BeMazal Tov

Mazal tov to Kate Jenkins & Zach Strassburger on the birth of Maya in December.

Mazal tov to Leeora Netter & Simon Allentuch and to Atalia on the birth of Nadav and Matan in December.

Mazal tov to Howard & Willa Needler on the birth of a grandson, born to Seth & Ariel Needler in December.

May this be a portend of blessing for our community, the Jewish People and all humanity.

Sisterhood

This year 2011-12, Women's League and Torah Fund share the theme hiddur mitzva – beautifying or embellishing a mitzvah. Its precise meaning is subject to interpretation; everyone seems to have her own idea about what it means and so this year we will discuss it through some varied approaches.

It is generally accepted that the concept of hiddur mitzva is derived from a *midrash* on Shirat HaYam, the Song of the Sea (Exodus): "This is my God and I will glorify Him" (Zeh eli veanveihu). In this *midrash* rabbis discuss: How is it possible for humans to glorify God?

They answered: through praises to God, through ethical and moral behavior that emulates God.

We at BEKI are always in a mitzva mode whether providing food for families of new born babies, or families in mourning. We sing God's praises every chance we have and we are ethical in our behavior with our community

Sisterhood will be celebrating BEKI 120 with a qiddush in the spring and a nostalgia book of days gone by.

We are looking for photographs and articles of Sisterhood events of long ago. If you have such material please

contact Mimi Glenn with the information (203) 397-3851

The Marcel Gutman Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications. Please fill out the form which is in the lobby or on line and send it to BEKI office.

Thank you to Donna Kemper, Muriel Banquer, Darcy McGraw and Bruce Altman, Belle Greenberg, Jen Goldberg, Sasha van Creveld, Carole and Paul Bass, Ruth Greenblatt, and Ephrem Glenn for donating to the fund in December.

Greater New Haven Jewish Survey

BY RENA CHESKIS-GOLD AND CARMİ CHESKIS-GOLD

Third in an ongoing series based on the 2010 Greater New Haven Jewish Community Population Study.

Synagogue Membership

In May 2010, the Jewish Federation of New Haven completed its first-ever scientific survey of the Jewish population in the Greater New Haven area as the foundation of a strategic planning process. All information collected in this study can be found at the North American Jewish Data Bank public website, www.jewishdatabank.org.

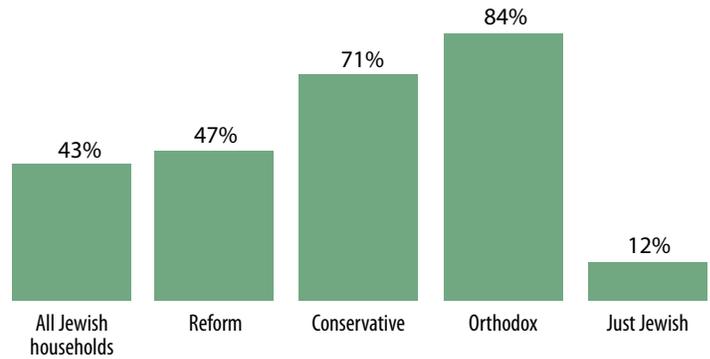
Peshat: Simple Talmudic Meaning

The bar chart shows that 43 percent of all Greater New Haven Jewish households are synagogue members. Other bars refer to synagogue membership by denominational affiliation; for example, 47 percent of Reform affiliated households are synagogue members. The pie chart shows the percentage of households that affiliate with each denomination. “By the Numbers” shows the raw data associated with each category; for example, there are 3,300 New Haven area households who identify with the Conservative movement, of whom 2,333 are synagogue members.

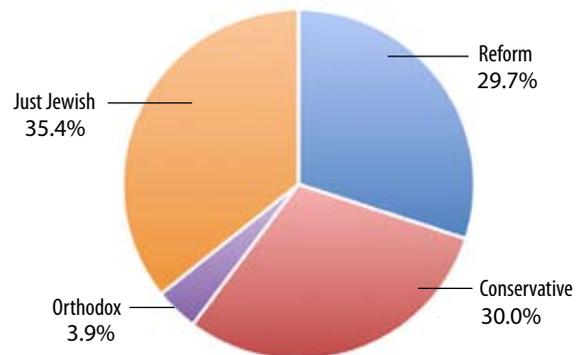
Derash: Talmudic Comparative Meaning

Forty-three percent of our households are synagogue members. Across the country, synagogue membership ranges from 14 percent in Las Vegas to 60 percent in Cincinnati. A positive way to look at our data is that there are many potential synagogue members in the Greater New Haven area. But, as a previous Survey article has shown, many of the community’s potential members are younger persons or elderly who may find the cost of synagogue membership difficult. There are many others who may identify as Jews, but yet are not interested in the religious and community activities a synagogue has to offer. Thus, while the new members are there to recruit, a successful recruiting strategy will need to be very specific to attract new members. To aid with the cost of synagogue membership, for the past four years, the Jewish Federation has given more than \$100,000 to local synagogues to offset cost for new members, and, in addition, children in religious schools are supported through the community-wide Jewish Scholarship Initiative.

JEWISH HOUSEHOLDS THAT HOLD SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP



DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION



BY THE NUMBERS

(Number of households)

	Member of a synagogue	Not a member of a synagogue	Total
Reform	1,519	1,748	3,267
Conservative	2,333	967	3,300
Orthodox	360	69	429
Just Jewish	452	3,442	3,894
All	4,675	6,325	11,000

Shabbatot (Saturdays)

Darshanim

Dustin Gad, bar mitzva, son of Martin & Lana Gad, will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat VaYehi, Jan. 7.

[Rabbi Yonatan Yussman](#) will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Shemot, Jan. 14. Yonatan, Ed. D., is the Head of School of the [Jewish High School of Connecticut](#). Dr. Yussman received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Boston University and later migrated and studied in Israel,



Yonatan Yussman

receiving a Master's degree in Jewish Education from Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and Rabbinic Ordination from The Pardes Institute in Jerusalem. While in Israel he served in the Israel Defense Forces. His Doctorate in Educational Leadership is from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Steven Stoll will serve as darshan for parashat Bo, Jan. 28.

Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan

The "Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan," which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45 in the office, is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to become more comfortable and proficient in the Shaharit (morning) and Torah services in a supportive setting. Ex-



Steven Fraade

perly led by **Steven Fraade, Rabbi Alan Lovins, Rabbi Murray Levine, Nadav Sela** and others, the Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan is a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multi-generational setting. Many members who take advantage of this unique offering feel a deeper sense of awe born of increased understanding and appreciation of the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.



Alan Lovins



Nadav Sela

New: Parasha Preview

Preview Parashat haShavua (the weekly Torah portion) on Shabbat afternoons following mincha service with Nadav Sela in January and February. Mincha service on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon begins at the same hour as was candle lighting the day before; the study begins about 30 minutes after that, or about ten minutes after sunset.

Sundays

New: Torah Hand Signals Workshop

An introduction and practicum on hand signs for major trope sequences, with Tova Benson-Tilsen and Jon-Jay Tilsen, Sunday Jan. 8, 6 to 6:45 p.m. Ideal for beginning, intermediate and advanced Torah readers, gabbaim,

and those interested in the history or linguistic aspects of text and tradition.

New: Bible Footnotes

A survey of Masoretic and other notes included in popular printings of the Humash (Pentateuch), with Jon-Jay Tilsen, Sunday night Jan. 22, 6 to 6:45 p.m. For Torah readers, gabbaim and Torah scholars of all levels. What are those asterisked notes, dots, odd letters and symbols scattered about the page?

Mondays

Rashi Study Group

Each Monday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the Book of Joshua. It is possible to join the study group for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. Rashi purported to explain the *peshat* of the text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Visitors and new participants are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7 o'clock *shaharit* morning service. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.



Jon-Jay Tilsen

Wednesdays

Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) features a 90-second "Hebrew word of the Week" to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots,

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and are made with a limited set of verb or noun forms. By learning a few dozen roots and a small set of word-forms, it is possible to roughly translate Hebrew words isolated from any context, something not normally possible in English. The Word of the Week often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion.

Rabbis' Study Group

Wednesdays with Murray is a weekly study group



Murray Levine

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. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library. For more information, call

Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shaharit service is from 8:15 to 9:11 on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 a.m.

No Beginning, New Beginning: Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30). The



Isaiah Cooper

Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text; for others, it is a continuation of a long journey. The Group focuses on the issues raised in the Talmud, with less attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is helpful but not required.

The Talmud, based on an oral text, has no real beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time.

The Sanhedrin Study Group meets in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office icooper@cooperlaw.net.

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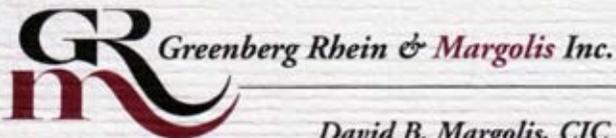


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If I Had *Another* Million Dollars

Four years ago (March 2008) in my essay “If I had a Million Dollars,” I dreamed of further reducing BEKI’s use of Iranian oil and saving on our energy bills by replacing our leaky single-pane windows, updating our HVAC system, and installing additional roof-top solar panels.

Back then, I wrote:

Sometimes I am inspired by the New York Lottery’s theme song (by the Canadian group Bare-naked Ladies) to think about what I would do if I won a million dollars. I don’t actually play the lottery, as I believe people who want a lot of money should get a job or otherwise do something productive to earn it. Maybe I will even do that myself some day. The lottery is just a tax on the mathematically challenged. The chances of winning the lottery are almost the same whether or not you buy a ticket, so I don’t ever buy one. But that doesn’t stop me from thinking about what I’d do with the jackpot.

...Our synagogue priorities are set by a somewhat democratic communal process, with a lot of guidance from people who are expert in financial matters and fiscal responsibility. If the synagogue comes into money, it is applied to the current priorities, such as retiring debt (i.e. paying for things we’ve already bought) and daily operations. That is as it should be; the rabbi does not make these decisions.

But if I had a million dollars – or maybe just \$100,000 – I would put *tuches afn tisch* (Yiddish for “put your money where your mouth is”), and make us less dependent on oil, or at least prepare us for the day when we will not be able to afford heating oil. A guy can dream, at least.

In the interim, although I still haven’t bought any lottery tickets, I’ve continued to dream. Happily, we’ve converted from oil to gas and made some improvements in our HVAC system that make it markedly more efficient (going from criminally wasteful to maybe a C-). But greater energy efficiency remains a high priority. We still have our single-pane windows, a roof without insulation, and a system that is less intelligent than a coal-burning stove. (It is worse than brainless – it is insane. But with due credit to those

who’ve put a lot of effort with a bare budget into making it much better than it used to be.) Sadly, even the “basic package” of improvements in this arena could use up most of my million dollars.

With my remaining funds, I would refurbish the school wing so it does not look like a moldy dungeon, write a new Torah scroll that is light enough for us to safely lift (our newest scroll was written before the Congregation was founded 120 years ago), install covered bicycle parking, dehumidify the lower level social hall, and air-condition the school wing so that our children do not have to endure 98-degree heat in the summer any more.

I would cap dues at \$100 a month (although everyone is encouraged to contribute more in the annual campaign) so that dues are not a barrier to membership. Even though dues are abated or waived by request, which is the case for around 20% of our members, there are still many who just don’t like to join unless they feel able to pay the going rate. Even \$1,200 a year in dues is a lot for a family in a country with a median household income of \$50,000. Yes, BEKI is worth supporting, and most people give more, but the basic dues level should be affordable for most potential members.

In the George G. Posener Daily Chapel and Rosenkrantz Family Library, after replacing the leaky cracked inoperable single-pane windows, I would scrape off the peeling and bubbled paint and finish the eastern wall with Jerusalem Stone, which would go perfectly with the elegant Aron Qodesh (Holy Ark) that Sisterhood provided, and finish the remaining walls with drywall and wood. I’d commission a readers’ table to match the Aron Qodesh. I’d buy another 25 chairs to match our present chapel chairs so we wouldn’t have to use folding chairs for Shabbat evening services when attendance tops 44, which is happening more frequently lately.

In the sanctuary, I’d clean the walls in the sanctuary (for the first time in 60 years), replace some or all of the fixed seating with wide, sturdy chairs with more leg room. I’d make space for people who use wheelchairs or need a place to park a walker. I’d replace the dark wood paneling and create new window wells to reduce the glare. And a hearing loop that broadcasts directly into hearing aids would be installed so that more people could actually hear what is

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Million Dollars

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being said or sung. Additional carpeting and other improvements would make the sound quality better, too.

I'd extend the lobby finish of wainscoting and drywall to the hallway by the Sisterhood Giftshop and Daily Chapel, and make the lower lobby match upstairs and extend the art displays to that space. Our art display czarina, Helen Rosenberg, would have more space to fill with the works of member and local artists.

With that million dollars, I'd make sure we are paying 100 percent of our employees medical premiums and fund retirement accounts. We may be doing better than many employers right now, but it is still not good enough. I'd print the Bulletin in color each month; although our copier could do it now, we've never wanted to spend the extra money for color printing.

I'd also hire an assistant rabbi or program director or executive director so that each staff person could do more of what we do best and of what the Congregation needs most. Besides the important job of sitting around and dreaming of how to spend other people's money that we don't have, there is so much that ought to be done, and that needs to be done, that we can't do simply for lack of time and resources.

I would outfit one more classroom as a library annex so that we don't have to limit our collection so severely, and provide the Library Committee with an annual budget to

buy new books. That same room could serve as a media room with a screen and projector.

The happy news is that since I wrote my essay four years ago, BEKI did get a million dollars, and more, through a bequest from Mrs. Irma Hamburger and through several generous members who have funded building upgrades and established endowments. But the Board of Directors in their wisdom have directed most of those proceeds to pay for really boring things like the mortgage, insurance, utilities, snow removal and salaries, managing somehow to keep a bare-bones budget in balance. Rarely can we spend beyond the most basic necessities.

There's a lot more I'd like to do, but our House Committee and Finance Committee Chairpersons say my list so far of how I'd spend a million dollars is already more than five million dollars, so I'll save the rest. Even more important than rabbinic musings are the dreams of those who own, create and sustain the congregation, namely our members and supporters. Much of what is most important to our community is free or available at low cost, but there is a point where money becomes the issue, and our common dream is part of what motivates us. That is what is so special and affirming about our community.

In fairness, this describes what I'd do if the synagogue came into a million dollars (or five million), but if I won the lottery personally I might have a few things to do around my own house before I install that covered parking space for the rabbi at the synagogue.

But hey, a guy can dream.



News

God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality

Save the date, **Sunday Jan. 22**, for a special Sunday brunch program. Jay Michaelson, author of the newly published book *God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality* (Beacon Press, 2011), will be speaking to us about his book over brunch, at **10:00 am**, following the 9:00am morning minyan. Come for minyan and stay for brunch and what promises to be a most informative and stimulating program.

In his book, Michaelson, a biblical scholar and author of three previous

books and 200 articles on the intersections of religion, sexuality, and law, argues that the "God vs. gay" divide is a myth and that the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament emphasize the importance of love, compassion, and equality for all people. Re-examining the question "What does Scripture really say about homosexuality?" he makes the case that the moral principles in these texts favor acceptance of gays and lesbians and he questions the standard translations/interpretations of the biblical passages that seem to condemn homosexuality.

Jay Michaelson holds an MA from Hebrew University and a JD from Yale and has held teaching positions at Yale, Boston University Law School, and City College of New York. A founder of Nehirim, a national provider of community programming for LGBT Jews, he has been featured in the *New York Times* and on NPR and CNN. This program is free and open to the public. Copies of *God vs. Gay* will be available for purchase and signing by the author.

RSVP (recommended) to the BEKI office, (203) 389-2108.

January 2012

6 Tevet 5772 - 7 Shevat 5772

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 No Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Tevet</p>	<p>2 Office Closed 7:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Tevet</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Tevet</p>	<p>4 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 Tevet</p>	<p>5 Fast of Tevet 10 12:30pm Talmud Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Tevet</p>	<p>6 Dustin Gad Bar Mitzva 4:19pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 Tevet</p>	<p>7 Dustin Gad Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Gad 4:20pm Minha-Maariv 4:50pm Parsha Preview w/Nadav Sela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Tevet</p>
<p>8 9:00am Religious School 6:00pm Torah Hand Signal (Chironomy) Workshop w/Tova Benson-Tilsen & Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Tevet</p>	<p>9 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Tevet</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Tevet</p>	<p>11 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Tevet</p>	<p>12 12:30pm Talmud Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Tevet</p>	<p>13 4:27pm Candle Lighting 20's/30's Havura Dinner (off-site/reservations required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 Tevet</p>	<p>14 Darshan: Rabbi Yonatan Yussman 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Minyan Captains 4:30pm Minha-Maariv 5:00pm Parsha Preview w/Nadav Sela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 Tevet</p>
<p>15 No Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 Tevet</p>	<p>16 Office Closed/Martin Luther King Day 9:00am Shaharit 9:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 Tevet</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 Tevet</p>	<p>18 8:30am Rabbis' Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitvva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 Tevet</p>	<p>19 12:30pm Talmud Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24 Tevet</p>	<p>20 4:35pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 Tevet</p>	<p>21 Darshan: Jonathan Freiman 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Weiner/Rastelli & TBA 4:35pm Minha-Marriv 5:05pm Parsha Preview w/Nadav Sela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 Tevet</p>
<p>22 9:00am Religious School 10:00am Brunch featuring guest speaker Jay Michaelson, author of "God vs. Gay? The Religious Case for Equality" 6:00pm Bible Footnotes w/Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 Tevet</p>	<p>23 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm General Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 Tevet</p>	<p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 Tevet</p>	<p>25 Rosh Hodesh 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 2:30-8:50pm Photography Sessions (for new membership directory/reservations required) 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Shevat</p>	<p>26 12:30pm Talmud Study Group 2:30-8:50pm Photography Sessions (for new membership directory/reservations required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Shevat</p>	<p>27 4:43pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Shevat</p>	<p>28 Ezra Shabbat 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: TBA 4:45pm Minha-Maariv 5:15pm Parsha Preview w/Nadav Sela</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Shevat</p>
<p>29 9:00am Religious School 11:00am-4:50pm Photography Sessions (for new membership directory/reservations required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Shevat</p>	<p>30 7:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Shevat</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Shevat</p>				

Service Times

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Look For The “Golden Ticket” In Your Deli Box And Win

For the 21st year, our community will be treated to festive, flavorful and fantastic boxed kosher deli lunches and dinners, thanks to the efforts of the BEKI/BJ Joint Youth Commission. The event, DELI BOXES, is our only annual fundraiser for the joint youth programs of the two synagogues, and will take place this year on Sunday, February 5 – Superbowl Sunday (as usual).

BUY DELI BOXES! You don’t need to be watching the Superbowl to enjoy a delicious deli meal prepared with love. Give yourself a break, have a party, *fress* – and support our award-winning youth programs.

Again this year, the choices are abundant, including: pastrami, corned beef, roast beef, portobello mushroom with roasted red peppers, turkey, tuna salad, egg salad and salami.

Added Bonus: “Golden Tickets” will be randomly included in 3 Deli Boxes. Each “Golden Ticket” will entitle the winners each to 4 FREE MOVIE TICKETS! And maybe a few surprises for our 21st year....

The funds that are raised will be used to provide subsidies to enable more of our youth to participate in a broad range of chapter, regional and international activities, and to supplement the program activities of both USY and Kadima at BEKI and B’nai Jacob.

The Youth Commission would like to encourage you to volunteer to help out at BEKI on Saturday Feb. 4 from 7:30 p.m. on, and/or on Sunday, Feb. 5 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. as the great “Deli Boxes” machine rolls into action. We need all the help we can get to make sure the program is a success.

Order forms are available in a special mailing, on the BEKI website www.beki.org/deli.pdf, in the literature rack in the synagogue lobby, and by email request to kuperst@aol.com. *Deadline for orders is Friday, January 27.* Please send orders with your advance payment to: Darryl Kuperstock, 2 Debby Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, or send your order by email to Darryl at kuperst@aol.com. (Please note that all emailed orders are commitments for full payment at pick-up on February 5).

If you are interested in providing additional support for our youth (with funding or

volunteer participation), please contact the BEKI Youth Commission Chairperson: Rena Cheskis-Gold (203) 397-1497.

Thanks for your support.



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