SPRING FEVER

Yoga Class
For people born in 1956 or earlier, Monday Yoga with Debby Kahan, weekly, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., free to BEKI members, in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room.

Further Definitions of the Days of Awe
A 2-CD set recording of the David Chevan concert with the Afro-Semitic Experience and guest cantors, which took place at BEKI last Fall is now available in limited quantities. This was a very special night at BEKI and “If you attended the concert[s] you know that we are not kidding when we write that these were evenings that contained some extraordinary musical and spiritual moments.” Information on the concert series and on this limited 2-CD set is available at http://news. afrosemiteexperience.net/2011/01/news.html

Sefira – Counting the Omer
At the second Seder, we begin daily sefirat ha-omer (counting of the omer), a counting of days to Shavuot, the next major festival. The counting, preferably done each night for 49 nights, is an expression of eager anticipation, commemorating the period of expectation and preparation we experienced in the Exodus from Egypt until the revelation at Sinai.

The simple home ceremony is printed in most siddurim (prayer books), including Sim Shalom, immediately after the weekday evening service. While it is a mitzva prescribed for adults, sefirat ha-omer can also be a fun, artistic and joyous ritual for families with children.

In the days before printed calendars, calendar watches and daily newspapers, the sefira served to keep the liturgical calendar of the Jewish People synchronized, no simple accomplishment, given the dispersion and isolation of much of the community. The term omer refers to the measure (one handful) of grain that was used to create a physical relic of the counting. With a physical reminder, even illiterate people could do a recount in case they forgot the day’s number.

Families with young children may use this opportunity to help their children understand and experience anticipation, planning, counting and hope.

Teach us to number our days, that we may attain a heart of wisdom – Psalm 90:12

Country Auction June 5
BEKI will hold a fun-filled country auction on Sunday, June 5, 5-8 p.m., featuring a silent and live auction with professional auctioneer Mark Levine of Keystone Associates (www.keystoneauctions.com). Of course there will be delicious food and drink, including a first-ever BEKI beer tasting.

Among the must-have items to be auctioned are a basket of fine kosher wines, an antique copper laundry kettle, and a professional slide show. There will be art, Judaica, tickets to the Festival of Arts & Ideas, Yale football, and lots of shows (Long Wharf, Yale Rep, Westport Country Playhouse, Goodspeed).

Looking for an exciting getaway? How about a one-week vacation at a time-share location of your choice, a weekend in a beautiful Vermont country home, or a week in a rustic cabin on a scenic lake in Nova Scotia?

If you’d prefer an adventure closer to home, Professor Rob Forbes will lead a walking tour of historic downtown New Haven, and Grove Street Cemetery docent Daniel Lovins will take you and a few of your lucky friends to see where Noah
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Webster, Eli Whitney, and other distinguished former New Havenites rest. For a more active outing, you can bid on a round of golf at the Yale Golf Course, a plane ride, and a boat trip around the Thimble Islands.

Some of BEKI’s beloved members will offer their expertise. Star of stage and screen Bruce Altman will give a one-hour private acting lesson, musician/physician Bob Oakes will teach you to play the recorder, and anthropologist Roger Colten will take you behind the scenes at the Peabody Museum. Artist Bruce Oren will create an original pencil portrait of your best beloved (or your whole family), and Isaiah Cooper will perform a romantic jazz serenade to win his or her heart.

For the career-minded, Roz Ben-Chitrit will help you polish your resume, and Sarah Bass will bake a cake to celebrate the fabulous job it brings you. To solidify your newfound success, Andrew Weiss will give you financial advice and Isaiah will provide a legal consultation for your business.

Interested in self improvement? Bid on private pilates, aerobics or yoga sessions, as well as hypnosis and psychological counseling. Or math tutoring with Professor Yair Minsky and a seminar on China at your home or office with expert Rebecca Weiner.

If antiques are your passion, you will be able to bid on and – if you’re lucky – bring home an antique hat pin holder, Blue Maple Leaf sugar jar set, and more than one ceramic “hair receiver.” Perfume bottles, powder boxes, and many more essential items await.

For the college-bound, Yale admissions officer Marcia Landesman will speak about what colleges really look for, at a gourmet brunch hosted by Elayne Dimenstein. Journalist Carole Bass will then help you write your application essay – or edit your job application letter or other important piece of writing.

And to cap it all, you will be able to bid on Shabbat dinner at the home of the Benson-Tilsens, where the conversation is always thought-provoking and inspiring.

Tickets in advance are $18 and $25 at the door. Each BEKI member will be able to bring a non-member free. Teenagers are welcome to come, browse, and bid (but not drink the beer).

LifeCycle

Mazal tov to
Hanna & Matthew Feldman and Rachel on the birth of their daughter and sister Sydney in March

Welcome New Members
Bruce & Angela Oren
Melinda Papowitz-Markowski and Ronan

Benei Mitzva
Katya Labowe-Stoll, daughter of Steven Stoll & Sara Labowe-Stoll, May 20-21, parashat Behuqotai
Leora Weitzman, daughter of Marc & Carol Cohen Weitzman, May 27-28, parashat BeMidbar

High School Graduates
The Service and Qiddush following Shabbat morning services on June 4 will honor members of the high school class of 2011. Graduates include Sarah Bass, Daniel Ben-Chitrit, Tsvi Benson-Tilsen, Lauren Buckman, David Friedman, Allie Graham, Alex Shragis, Leah Winter, Gabbie Wynschenk. Any others? For info contact Eva at eshragis@hotmail.com.

HaMaqom Yinahem
With sorrow we note the passing of
Dennis Meisel, son of Harriet Meisel
Sandy Luger, step-father of Joanne (& David) Goldblum
Charlotte Gralla, mother of Howard Gralla (& Linda Schultz)
Shira Ulmer, niece of Betty (& Arthur) Levy
Judy Pos, sister of Janice (& Robert) Lettick
May the Almighty comfort those who mourn
Torah Fund

In May and June there are so many nice occasions to honor with a Torah Card: Birthdays, Anniversaries, Bar & Bat Mitzvases, Weddings, Graduations and Mother’s & Father’s Day.

Cards are only $4 (includes postage) and sent out for you. Honor someone and support the Jewish Theological Seminary. Call me at (203) 407-0314 to send cards.

Barbara Cushen
Torah Fund Chair

In Memory of:

- Samuel Kantrowitz to Harriet Kantrowitz & family from Hyla Greenberg, Linda & Joel Cohen
- Samuel Kantrowitz to Violet Ludwig from Adele Tyson, Harriet & Noel Barstein, Sylvia Zeid
- Bernard Nitkin to Linda Lambert from Sheila Caplan
- Pat Goldberg to Grace Geisinger from Violet & Charles Ludwig, the BEKI Hesed Committee and BEKI Sisterhood
- Richard Samuel to Joanne Goldblum from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Frank Frumento to Shirley Goldstein Frumento from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Joseph London to Sharon Bender & family from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Simon “Sonny” Kurie to Elaine Janicki & family from Shirley Mattler
- Madelyn Reich to Will Reich from Louis Petrillo
- Abraham & Miriam Goldstein to Hyla Greenberg from Louis Petrillo
- Carl & Helen Chorney Goldfarb to Marc Goldfarb from Louis Petrillo
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- Hyman & Martha Goldenberg to Dr. Paul Goldenberg from Louis Petrillo
- Roy & Flora Carter to Mrs. Cindy Carter Goldenberg from Louis Petrillo
- Solomon Polikoff, Beatrice Polikoff Kessler & Naomi Zelnick to Linda Friedman from Louis Petrillo
- Leo Mayne Fine, Marcia Fine & Joseph Amatruada to Susan Fine Amatruada & Robert Amatruada from Louis Petrillo
- Al & Mollie Golden and Morris & Sylvia Rosenfield to Jeff Golden & Irna Rosenfield from Louis Petrillo
- Joyce Levin Forrester & A. Theodore Forrester to Bruce Forrester and Joseph Amatruada to Susan Forrester Amatruada from Louis Petrillo

Mazel Tov to:

- Sharon Rubin on her birthday from Hyla Greenberg
- Ruth & Sam Teitelman on the Bar Mitzva of their grandson Eli from Adele Tyson

Sisterhood News

Please shop in our Sisterhood gift store where you can find many new gifts for Bar and Bat Mitzva, wedding, graduation, weddings, Mothers’ day, Fathers’ day or just for yourself. You can also register in the store for the gifts that you want your relatives and friends to give you. Store hours are: Sunday 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Wed. 5:30 to 6 p.m. or Peggy at the office will be happy to help.

Left over food for T.I.C

Did you ever wonder what happens to the left over food from our weekly qiddushim or sometimes from bar and bat mitzva lunches?

One of our members brings the food the next morning to The Taking Initiative Center on 514 Whalley Ave., New Haven for the clients who attend the center during the day.

The Taking Initiative Center (T.I.C.) is a collaborative effort between Marrakech, Inc., Easter Seals Goodwill Industries and APT Vocational Services.

T.I.C. aims to engage individuals who are in the pre-contemplative stage of addiction. Clients are offered information about referrals to treatment centers and other healthcare services. Additional services include employment planning and support, recovery meetings, coping skills, life skills and continuing support, and so much more.

For more information or to prepare a meal for this program please contact Mimi Glenn (203) 397-3851

Gutman Youth Scholarship

There is still a bit of money left that can be given to a BEKI youth in grade 8-12 for this year.
Changing Roles of American Jewish Women

How have the roles of women changed in the life of the Jewish community since the 1960's? What caused these changes? How have these new roles changed our communities? What do we envision for the future?

Adele Tyson, Past President of BEKI and long time Sisterhood President. The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El–Keser Israel is an arm of the Congregation providing numerous volunteer opportunities for its members and crucial services to the Congregation. It serves the Congregation in all aspects of its life and continues as a source of strength as the next generation of women join its ranks. The Sisterhood is affiliated with the Women’s League for Conservative Judaism.

Paula Hyman is the Lucy Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History at Yale University and president of the American Academy of Jewish Research. She also served as the first female dean of the Seminary College of Jewish Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Among her books are The Jewish Woman in America, Gender and Assimilation in Modern Jewish History, and the two-volume encyclopedia Jewish Women in America, which she co-edited with Deborah Dash Moore. She has played an active role since the 1970’s promoting egalitarian roles for women in Judaism.

Miriam Benson was an active member of Women of the Wall (WOW) in 1988–89, and has maintained her connection with Women of the Wall by serving as legal liaison between the International Committee for Women of the Wall (the Diaspora-based support organization for WOW) and the attorneys in Israel. Upon her return to the United States, she worked as an attorney in New York and Connecticut, and then served as the Executive Director of the Connecticut Valley Region of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Daphne Lew is currently a student at the University of Pennsylvania studying Bioengineering. She is highly involved in Penn’s Hillel, having served as past Social Chair and Education Chair on the Executive Board of the Conservative Jewish Community. She was also involved in the BEKI/BJ Chapter of USY during her high school years. Aside from her involvement in the Jewish community at Penn, she also works in a Bioengineering lab, serves as a campus Tour Guide, and coordinates a program for children at the Kelly Writer’s House.

Panel Moderator: Joanne Rudof, Archivist of the Fortunoff Video Archive for Holocaust Testimonies at Yale University.

This event is supported by a grant from the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. All are welcome to attend.
Torah for the Hungry Mind – Adult Studies

Darshanim

Rabbi Eric A. Silver will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Emor, May 7.

Katya Labowe-Stoll, bat mitzva, will serve as darshanit on Shabbat parashat BeHuqotai, May 21.

Leora Weitzman, bat mitzva, will serve as darshanit on Shabbat parashat BeMidbar, May 28.

Shabbatot

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.

Mondays

New -- Rashi Study Group: Book of Joshua

Interested adults and mature youth are invited to be part of a new venture in weekly Torah study beginning in May.

Monday mornings following the 7 o’clock service, from approximately 7:45 to 8:30 (sharp), we read Sefer Yehoshua (The Book of Joshua) along with the commentary of Rashi. The Rashi Study Group (RSG) will meet every Monday morning except those coinciding with major Jewish Festivals. (On federal holidays when the Monday service begins at 9 a.m., the RSG will meet following that service until 10:30)

The RSG began in January 1994 with the first verse of Genesis and concluded last month with the final verses of Deuteronomy. Sefer Yehoshua is the sequel to Deuteronomy, sometimes known the “Sixth Book of the Five Books of Moses” and a natural next step as well as a good starting point for new participants.

Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary but helpful. Rashi purported to explain the peshat of the text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Most participants attend the service before the Study Group. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Wednesdays

Word for the Day

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) features a 90-second “Hebrew word for the day” to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots, 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. The Word for the Day often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion. The Wednesday morning service normally begins at 7 o’clock and ends at 7:31. (The service ends later on Hol HaMoed, Hanuka, Rosh Hodesh and other holidays; Word for the Day is not presented on those occasions or on Isru Hag.)

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

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Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are dedicated to encouraging those learning to serve as ba’alei tefila (precen-tors or prayer leaders), ba’alei geri’a (Torah readers), gabbaim and other leaders, and are sometimes 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 9:05 on Thursday mornings; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 o’clock.

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30). The 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 Sanhedrin Study Group meets in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office icooper@cooperlaw.net.

Every Day

Divrei Torah on the Web

A collection of Divrei Torah (Torah commentaries) and essays by members and Rabbi Tilsen is posted on BEKI’s website under “Adult Studies” and “Meet Rabbi Tilsen.” For a complete list, see http://beki.org/hungry.html.
Lawrence Goldberg & Lisa Barnett  
- To the BEKI Community with thanks for the Purim basket by Doris & David Sagerman
- To Elle Azoff-Slifstein in honor of his Bar Mitzva by the Lew family
- To the Goldblum family with sympathy on the passing of Richard Samuel by the Rothman family
- To the Goldblum family with sympathy on the passing of Richard Samuel by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- To Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow with thanks for hosting our friends for Joni’s Bat Mitzva by Dan & Beth Weintraub
- To Andy Hirshfield & Monica Starr with thanks for hosting our friends for Joni’s Bat Mitzva by Dar & Beth Weintraub
- To Jonathan Freiman & family with sympathy on the passing of Amy Aaland by Iris & Adam Gafni-Kane
- To Sharon & David Bender with sympathy on the passing of Joseph B. London by Joanne Foodman & Rob Forbes
- To Sharon & David Bender with sympathy on the passing of Joseph B. London by Cindy & Nathan Smernoff
- To Sharon & David Bender with sympathy on the passing of Joseph B. London by Lynn & Jay Brotman

Synagogue Fund (minimum $10) to support synagogue operations
- To David & Rayna Belowsky in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Lilly by Joan & Alan Gelbert
- To the family of William “Willie” Evans with sympathy on his passing by Paul Goodwin
- To the BEKI Community with thanks for the Purim basket by Harriet Meisel

Hesed Fund
- To Jonathan, Caleb, Elijah & Gabriel Freiman with sympathy on the passing of Amy Aaland by Paulette Lehrer Bobrow & Sam Bobrow
- To Harriet Kantrowitz & family with sympathy on the passing of Sam Kantrowitz by Paige Lehrer Bobrow & Sam Bobrow
- To the Goldblum family with sympathy on the passing of Richard Samuel by Gila Reinstein
- To Sharon & David Bender with sympathy on the passing of Joseph B. London by Gila Reinstein

Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund
- To Ruthie Greenblatt in honor of her 60th birthday by David, Wendy & Marlee Chorney

Social Action/Tikkun Olam
- To the Nolan family with sympathy on the passing of Jane Nolan by the Staff of Robert E. Shure Funeral Home

Eva and Miriam Gerber Tzedakah Fund
- To Jonathan Freiman & family with sympathy on the passing of Amy Aaland by Eva & Miriam Gerber

The Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund
- To the Korn family with sympathy on the passing of Donald Korn by Mikki Ratner
- In memory of Etta & Charles Miller by Julian & Susan Miller
- To Helen Drucker in honor of her 90th birthday by Mikki Ratner

The Barzillai Cheskins BEKI Youth Israel Scholarship Fund
- To the Cheskins-Gold family with sympathy on the passing of Barzillai Cheskins by Paulette Lehrer Bobrow & Sam Bobrow

Yahrzeit Fund ($5 minimum) to support synagogue operations
- In loving memory of Bessie Kaufman by Florence Kaufman
- In memory of Abraham Epstein by Kranie & Earl Baker
- In memory of Lillian Chorney by Bud & Mickey Chorney
- In memory of Mae Weinstein Goldberg by Dan Goldberg
- In memory of Faye Hankin by William Hankin
- In memory of her dear mother Lucie Moser & sister Trudi Koenig by Inge & Gary Fish
- In memory of Anita Palmer by John & Marsha Reynolds
- In memory of Sylvia Matloff by Harriet & Jack Kitavitz
- In memory of Freda Kaufman by Lewis Kaufman
- In memory of Anna Hoffman by Bea & Sy Sherman
- In memory of Kitty Greenberg by Irving Greenberg
- In memory of Paul Klein by Elaine Klein
- In memory of her husband Jack Greenberg by Belle Greenberg
- In memory of Moe Epstein by Kranie & Earl Baker
- In memory of Kate Rochlin by Kranie & Earl Baker
- In memory of Shirley Rudof by Stephen & Joanne Rudof
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- In memory of Bennett Schultz by Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla
- In memory of Sydney Weiss by Suzanne Weinstein
- In memory of Harriet Winer by Herbert Winer
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- **20s-30s Havura Seuda Shlishit:** May 7
- **New Roles Dialog:** May 10
- **USY Shabbaton:** May 13
- **BRS Graduation & Promotion:** May 15
- **Bat Mitzva:** Katya Labowe-Stoll May 20-21
- **LaG BeOmer:** May 22
- **Kadima:** Six Flags May 22
- **Bat Mitzva:** Leora Weitzman May 27-28

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