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YAMIM NORAIM: DAYS OF AWE

Schedules, Information, Order Forms

Information, schedules, registration and order forms for Yamim Noraim – Days of Awe – are available at www.beki.org by clicking the Yamim Noraim High Holy Days image at the upper left corner.

Services

Rabbi Alan H. Lovins will serve as our Hazzan Rishon (lead cantor) for the High Holy Days. In addition to Rabbi Lovins, the services will again be led by BEKI members serving as volunteer *hazzanim*. We also are hopeful that additional members of the Lovins Family will join Alan on the bima. Rabbi Tilsen will conduct the services, as he has each year since 1993.

Services are organized and led entirely by our members. Generally, Alan leads the morning Torah service and musaf on all three days, as well as Kol Nidre, Maariv and Neila on Yom Kippur. Birkhot ha-Shahar (morning blessings) and Pesuqei de-Zimra (Verses of Song) represent a poetry reading that creates or reinforces a spiritually sensitive atmosphere, which is an experience unto itself as well as prelude to the recitation of Shema and Amida. Shaharit morning services, essentially the recitation of Shema and Amida, include popular “sing along” Hebrew *piyyutim* (poems). Musaf services, the particular additional Amida for the holy day, include several interpretative or contemporary English readings as well as cantorial (and sometimes choral) elaborations. The shofar is sounded after the haftara reading and again during musaf on both days of Rosh



Alan Lovins

HaShana. The recitation of Shema and hearing the shofar are both considered Biblical precepts not to be missed.

Bring Your Tickets

Tickets are required for adult entrance to most services. Among other reasons, this is to ensure the safety and security of the Congregation. Full-time students and military personnel on active duty may enter upon presentation of proper identification. Every person in the building must be identified before entry and is subject to search.



Some of the ushers serving during the Holy Days may be new members. Veteran members who do not recognize the ushers are urged to introduce themselves, as our ushers wish to meet as many members and visitors as they can. If you forget your tickets, our ushers will be able to find your name on the members or guests list.

For safety and planning reasons, children must be pre-registered to participate in these services. For registration information, call (203) 389-2108 x14.

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Rabbi Tilsen's Annual Report (July 2010 to June 2011) is available at www.beki.org/tilsen/annual11.pdf and in the literature rack in the lobby. The report supplements the reports of synagogue committees and describes highlights, progress and challenges of the year.

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Yom Kippur

On the afternoon before Yom Kippur, Friday Oct. 7, the Mincha service begins at 6 p.m. Candle Lighting is 6:07 (or earlier). The Kol Nidre and Maariv Evening services begin promptly at 6:20 and end by 8:36. Shaharit services begin at 9 a.m.; the Yizkor Memorial service begins after 11 a.m. The Mincha Afternoon service begins at 4:30, and is followed immediately by the Neila and Maariv services. The services end with Havdala and the sounding of the Shofar at 7:07 p.m.

George G. Posener Break Fast Concludes Yom Kippur

Following the concluding Yom Kippur services on Shabbat Oct. 8, please join us as we gather for our amazing community Break Fast. This year we are again pleased that, to honor the memory of his beloved family, George Posener's generosity is enabling us to provide you with a lovely meal and great company.

Each year, the George G. Posener Family Memorial Break Fast is prepared entirely by members of the BEKI community. Overseen by Darryl Kuperstock and Linden Grazier, some of the prep work is done in advance, but the



George G. Posener

bulk of the assembly and plating (and clean-up) of this banquet is done by *you*, the fantastic volunteers who join us in the kitchen during the afternoon break on Yom Kippur. It's fun, intense, and extremely satisfying – so come help us out this year.

The **George G. Posener Family Memorial Yom Kippur Break Fast Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel** in *blessed*

memory of his wife, parents, sisters, brother and two precious sons was established by George G. Posener in 2001 to create a lasting memorial at the time of the *yahrzeits* of his family members. Proceeds from this endowment provide for a special and meaningful community gathering at the end of Yom Kippur. The Posener Fund is held and managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.



Sukkot is Coming

If you feel a sense of loss at the end of the High Holy Days, do not despair: it is time for Sukkot, called *the* Festival by our ancestors. Lulav and Etrog are used each day of Sukkot except Shabbat, until and including Hoshana Rabba. Information on the festival observances and schedules are published at www.beki.org/sukkot.html.

Set up of the Morris “Moishe” Schnitman Memorial Sukka is planned for Sunday morning Oct. 9 from 9:40 to 11:30, immediately following the 9 o’clock morning service. Add a personal touch by bringing some of your own *sekhakh* (evergreen branches are preferred) for the roof to enhance the beauty and aroma of our congregational *sukka*. Breakdown and storage are planned for Sunday Oct. 23, following *Shaharit*. Additional power drivers and ladders are welcome. Please come and help. For information, contact David Kuperstock (203) 387-0304.

Sukkot and Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Sukkot begins on Wednesday evening Oct. 12. Minha afternoon service begins at 5:45, followed immediately by the evening service, ending at 6:20. The services will be held in the Sukka, weather permitting. Candle lighting on Wednesday night is at 5:59.

Sukkot Dinner

For reservations for a Sukkot dinner, contact the office at office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14.

For instructions on preparing meals for Shabbat that immediately follows the festival days of Sukkot in compliance with halakhic considerations, please see *Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals* p. 306 s.v. *Eruv Tavshilin*. Attention should be given to this matter on Wednesday afternoon, before the onset of the festival.

The morning service on Thursday begins at 9:15 and includes the recitation of Hallel, waving of Lulav and Etrog, and the recitation of a Hoshana for that day. Services on Thursday night also begin at 5:45, but candle lighting on Thursday night is after 6:58. Services on Friday morning Oct. 14 are from 9:15 to 11:36 and again include the taking of Lulav and Etrog.

Candle lighting on Friday night is at 5:56. Services begin at 6 o’clock on Friday night. We do not use Lulav and Etrog on Shabbat. Shabbat morning service begins at 9:15

and includes the recitation of Hallel and the recitation of a Hoshana for that day. Although the Shabbat nusah (musical mode) predominates, certain passages are recited according to the unique Festival nusah.

Shabbat Hol HaMoed is marked by reading selections from the Biblical Book of Qohelet (“Ecclesiastes”). Qohelet, attributed by tradition to King Solomon in his old age, is a “wisdom” book that many see as being out of step with the rest of the Torah. While it includes such well-known passages as “To everything there is a season” and “There is nothing new under the sun,” it also contains statements that seem cynical or nihilistic. The Book will be chanted according to its beautiful and ancient melody.

Shabbat afternoon service begins at 5:45 and ends at about 6:20.

Sunday Sukkot

The Sunday Sukkot festival service begins at 9:15 a.m., and includes the recitation of Hallel, the use of Lulav and Etrog, and a Hoshana accompanied by a *haqafa* (circumambulation). Sunday morning service may be held in the sukka if it is dry. The afternoon service begins at 5:45.

Hol HaMoed Sukkot

“Hol HaMoed,” also known as the “intermediate” days of the festival, are those days between the first two and last two days of Sukkot (and of Pesah). They have a “semi-holiday” status. The rules against *melakha* (“work”) that apply on Shabbat and Festivals are not fully in force during this period, although we are encouraged to take this time as a holiday and to avoid work as much as possible. Our weekday morning services are enhanced with a brief Torah reading, the recitation of the musical “Hallel” section of Psalms, and a brief Musaf (additional) service. Weekday morning services thus take 60 minutes, instead of our usual 30 to 45 minutes. Afternoon and evening services are the usual length. The *lulav* (branches) and *etrog* (citron) are waved each morning of Hol HaMoed Sukkot (except Shabbat), and one is obliged to dwell (to eat is to live) in a *sukka*. Some morning and evening services will be held in the BEKI *sukka*. Some people do not wear tefillin during Hol HaMoed.

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Kulanu Sukka Shindig

BEKI's Kulanu outreach program for adults with special needs and the Jewish Family Service's Shalom Group will jointly hold a Sukka Shindig on Tuesday evening Oct. 18 at 5:30 in the BEKI Sukka (or indoors in the event of precipitation). For information on attending or helping, please contact Ina Silverman at principal@beki.org (203) 389.2108 x13.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Hoshana Rabba ("Great Hosanna") morning service on Wednesday Oct. 19 begins at 7 o'clock and ends by 8:50. This is one of the most colorful, fun and tactile services of the year, featuring seven circuits around the sukka or shul with *lulav* and *etrog* (palm and citron) and the *hoshana* service in which willow twigs are beaten on the chairs. Special holiday melodies make this an unforgettable spiritual experience. Be sure to come to this "service for all ages."

Those who must leave for work before the end of the service are encouraged to attend the early portion of the service and leave early. Those who are not able to arrive at the starting time are encouraged to attend for the latter part of the service.

Hoshana Rabba is a semi-festival on which work is *not* strictly prohibited as it is on the major festivals. It serves as a "closing ceremony" for the weeklong Sukkot observance in preparation for the concluding festival of Shemini Atseret. Weather permitting, the Hoshana Rabba service will be in the sukka.

Shemini Atseret & Yizkor Memorial Service

The Festival of Shemini Atseret ("Eighth Day of Assembly") serves as a conclusion to the autumn Festival of Sukkot ("Booths"). The festival begins Wednesday night Oct. 19. The *minha* service begins at 5:45 p.m.; the festival *maariv* service begins immediately after, about 6 o'clock. It is customary to light a memorial candle on Wednesday night immediately before lighting the Festival candles. Candle lighting is 5:48 (or earlier).

During the morning service, which begins at 9:15 on Thursday Oct. 20, Hallel is chanted. The unique festival *nusah* (musical mode) is used for this service.

The Yizkor Memorial Service is also incorporated into

the Shemini Atseret liturgy. In the Yizkor service we call upon the memories of our ancestors and loved ones who, while not physically present, are part of our "Assembly." During that memorial service, individual and communal prayers and remembrances will be offered for all of our departed loved ones.

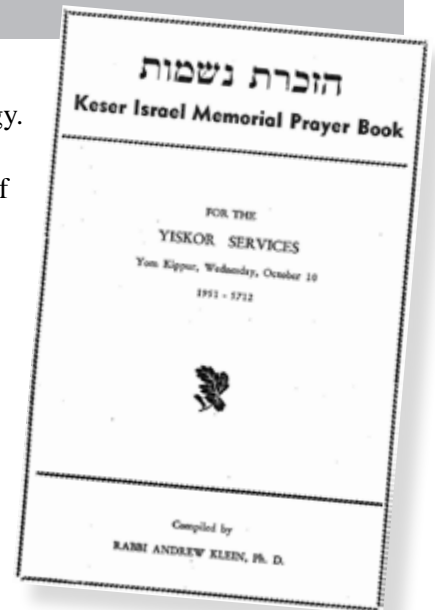
Simhat Torah Celebration

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is the place to be for the evening and morning of Simhat Torah. *Minha* services begin at 5:45 p.m. and evening services begin at 5:55 on Thursday Oct. 20. Evening services include seven *haqafot* (circumambulatory dances) with Torah scrolls and a brief Torah reading, the only time that we read Torah in public at night. Candle lighting on Thursday night is *after* 6:48.

Festival Morning services begin at 9:15 on Friday Oct. 21. Three Torah scrolls are removed from the ark (around 10 a.m.) and seven brief *haqafot* are conducted. The final chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy, *parashat Ve-Zot Ha-Berakha*, are read, followed by the opening passages of the Book of Genesis, part of *parasha Bereishit*. This concludes the annual Torah reading cycle, and begins the new cycle. This is particularly joyful at BEKI because so many members are involved in Torah reading throughout the year, and these readers dedicate considerable effort to preparing accurate and melodious chantings. A *maftir* portion is read from Numbers, which describes the observance of Shemini Atseret in the ancient Temple. The *haftara* is recited from the opening passages of Joshua, which is the sequel to Deuteronomy, sometimes called the "sixth book" of the Five Books of Moses. Goodie Bags will be presented by the [Sisterhood](#) to all the deserving children at services evening and morning. Afternoon *minha* service begins at 6 as is usual for Friday nights at BEKI, and is followed by the Maariv service, ending about 6:40 (earlier than usual).

Sukka Storage

The deconstruction of the Sukka will take place on Sun-



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day Oct. 23 at 9:40 a.m., immediately following the morning minyan service (join us at 9 a.m.). Bring your ladders, tools and gloves if you have them; if not, come anyway. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information about the BEKI Sukka deconstruction, contact David Kuperstock (203) 387-0304, ndk1024@aol.com.

Schedules

A complete Sukkot & Shemini Atseret schedule is posted at www.beki.org/sukkot.html (or under "Service Schedule" on the main page).

For a complete schedule of High Holy Days services

please call the office at (203) 389-2108 x14 or see the schedule at www.beki.org/yamimnoraim.html (or under "Service Schedule" on the main page).

Schedules are also available in the lobby literature rack, and are included with the High Holy Days mailings sent to all BEKI members.

Need a Letter for Employer or School?

Shul members occasionally need letters to employers or principals explaining the nature of the Jewish holiday observance. Despite the high level of understanding in our community, there is still a need for education and information. It is important that our children be in shul for all of *Yontif*.

If you would like such a letter for Sukkot, contact Rabbi Tilsen at (203) 389-2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org. ✡



News

Board News

The BEKI Board of Directors at its August 2011 meeting has approved the following proposed amended language to the By-laws because the words underlined below in the existing Article III, section 8 no longer reflect social reality. In an effort to be gender neutral, the Board voted to substitute the words "married couple" for "husband and wife" and "spouse" for "husband or wife." As approved by the Board, the language of Article III, section 8 is now amended.

Existing language (emphasis added):

Article III

8. In the event a husband and wife who are members shall become divorced, both shall continue to be members until June 30 immediately following the divorce. Each shall then be entitled to continue separate membership upon payment of appropriate annual dues. In the event of the death of a husband or wife who is a member, the surviving spouse shall be a member until June 30 immediately following the death. The surviving spouse shall then be entitled to continue membership upon payment of appropriate annual dues.

Proposed language (emphasis added):

Article III

8. In the event a married couple who are members shall become divorced, both shall continue to be members until June 30 immediately following the divorce. Each shall then be entitled to continue separate membership upon payment of appropriate annual dues. In the event of the death of a spouse who is a member, the surviving spouse shall be a member until June 30 immediately following the death. The surviving spouse shall then be entitled to continue membership upon payment of appropriate annual dues.



BEKI Hits the Silver Screen

BY MARK OPPENHEIMER

We wanted to make a movie.

When Dina Mayzlin, Stephanie Jacoby and I sat down earlier this year – our young children all learn together in the Children’s Shabbat Havura – to talk about a marketing plan for BEKI, we all agreed on one thing: the members are the best sales pitch. At some synagogues, the best sales strategy would be the building (ours is not so gorgeous). At some synagogues, it would be the prestige of the membership (I don’t even know what some of my BEKI friends do for a living). At some synagogues, it would be the brilliance of the rabbi (we have a brilliant rabbi, but most notable for his modesty).



Mark Oppenheimer

And what better way for them to share their love of BEKI than on camera, talking to people? We decided to invite members to talk about why they like the shul. We would make a video, to post to the BEKI website, to Facebook, and to YouTube, thus taking advantage of technology that allows people to really meet our members.

A generous member donated the funds to hire a videographer, and we hired YoshFilmsLLC, run by a terrific graduate of NYU’s film school. Roya Hakakian, a BEKI member who used to be a producer for *60 Minutes*, agreed to direct the shoot. A date was selected: July 26, a Tuesday.

All that was left was to recruit the talking heads. But where to begin? Every BEKI member has a unique perspective.

Ideally, our movie would represent the tremendous diversity of BEKI. We are a synagogue with people of dif-

ferent races, sexual and gender identities, ages, and backgrounds in Judaism (including many Jews by choice, or converts). We also have devoted members who have special needs or disabilities. And there are a host of attractions that may draw members to BEKI: the vibrant prayer services; the warm community; the spirit of learning. How to showcase this diversity of people, and this diversity of interests?

Ultimately, for a 5-minute movie, it would prove impossible to cover everything. First, we needed people who were outgoing enough to appear on camera. Then, they needed to be free on the Tuesday we were filming (the rabbi’s day of rest, as it happens, so we didn’t trouble him to appear). Finally, it would help if they lived close by, so it would not be a big trouble for them to appear.

I began asking around. Jennifer Goldberg said yes, and she brought her infant son Jacob (who wouldn’t sit on her lap long enough to be filmed). Stephen and Rachel Wizner are longtime members whose sons were raised in the shul; they said yes. So did a set of triplets now in high school, as well as another young person who grew up at BEKI. So did one Israeli-born member, Yaron Lew, whose daughter recently became a bat mitzvah at BEKI. My own kids stopped by, but weren’t quiet enough for me to answer questions. Our president, Carole Bass, was extremely articulate about what makes BEKI special.

After a long day of filming, Roya and Aaron, the videographer, spent hours cutting and splicing, pulling the best quotations from all the footage. The final product can now be seen at facebook.com/BEKIcongregation – and special bonus footage is on our YouTube channel (enter “BEKIcongregation” at YouTube.com). Make sure you “like” our Facebook page, and then go join our Facebook group. And above all check out the video – because you might know someone.

Welcome New and Returning Members

• Ben Karp • Ian York & Annie Wareck, and Zev and Malachai • Karen & Roy Herbst, and Hannah • Asaf Carmeli & Sivan Doron, and Nina • William “Will” Auriemme • Richard & Lynn Saltz • Rabbi Yonatan & Lisa Yussman, and Gefen, Aviva and Noa • Simon Allentuch & Leora Netter, and Atalia • Illana & Sean Lazarus, and Justin

Mazal tov to

Howard & Willa Needler on the birth of their grandson Daniel Efraim, born to Elisabeth Needler in Israel.

Herb & Yvonne Kolodny on the birth of their grandson Eitan Max, born to Nicole (& Eran) in New York.

Sisterhood

2011-12 Torah Fund Pin

The concept of Hiddur Mitzva – embellishing a mitzvah through aesthetics – is attributed to a midrash (Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael) on a verse in the Song of the Sea: “This is my God and I will glorify Him” (Exodus 15:2). With enhancement and adornment, the mitzvot appeal to the senses and the heart, and sacred objects and activities become even more precious.



Hiddur Mitzva, this year’s Torah Fund theme, resonates with many Jewish women, particularly those who have been involved in artistic activities. Whether they used their embroidery skills to decorate the woven curtains for the Ark or Torah mantles in 17th-century Italy and Prague or are crafters in 21st-century women’s groups, women continue to be committed to this most ancient of Jewish values.

The pomegranate imagery of this year’s Torah Fund Pin has multilayered meaning. In addition to being beautiful, pomegranates (rimmonim) are one of the bountiful fruits of the Land of Israel. Rimmonim is also the

term used for the silver adornments (finials) on the atzei haim (Torah rollers) of the Sefer Torah (Torah scroll); just a little something extra that has adorned our Land, our Torah, our rituals, and mitzvot for centuries, and added meaning to our daily lives.

Torah Fund

Torah Fund is a grassroots campaign that raises close to \$3 million each year to support the students and programs of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). It is through synagogues such as BEKI that this dedicated support continues and ensures the future of Conservative Judaism.

Consider becoming a Benefactor at \$180 or a Guardian at \$300 and receive the 2011-12 pin in recognition of your support.

All donations to Torah Fund are welcome – send cards to family and friends for all occasions for only \$4 each (includes postage), save gas & time – call Barbara Cushen at (203) 407-0314 and your card will be sent promptly for you.

Barbara Cushen, Torah Fund Chair

Cards sent this summer

In Memory of:

- John Merz to the Lettick Family from the BEKI Hesed Committee, Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe, Violet & Charlie Ludwig

- Laura Rothman to the Rothman Family from BEKI Sisterhood, BEKI Hesed Committee, Bea Smirnoff, Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Deborah Lurie’s mother from Adele Tyson & Mikki Ratner
- Linda Wallace to Arlene and Arnold Shanbrom from Gladys Lipkin, Adele Tyson
- Tillie Friedman to Harriet Friedman & family from the BEKI Hesed Committee, Barbara Cushen
- Grace Geisinger to her family from BEKI Sisterhood, BEKI Hesed Committee, Adele Tyson
- Inge Fish to Gary Fish & Max from BEKI Sisterhood, BEKI Hesed Committee, Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe, David Wright
- Lenny Granoff to Shirley Granoff from Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe
- Peter Myers to Paul & Cindy Goldenberg from Louis Petrillo
- Leon & Barbara Weber to Mark Weber from Louis Petrillo

Get Well to:

- Pat Goodwin from BEKI Sisterhood, BEKI Hesed Committee, Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Jack Yakerson from the BEKI Hesed Committee, Harriet & Noel Barstein
- Lauren Kempton from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Richard Ross from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Bud Volain from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Marge Brown from Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe
- Naomi Rappoport from Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe

Mazel Tov to:

- Sid & Donna Levine on the birth of their granddaughter by Anita Henowitz
- Liora & Yaron Lew on Maya’s Bat Mitzva from Violet & Charlie Ludwig, BEKI Sisterhood

Darshanim

Jennifer Goldberg will serve as darshanit on Shabbat Bereishit, Oct. 22. Jennifer is Associate Professor and Director of Childhood Education, Fairfield University, and was awarded an M.S. in Jewish Studies (Spertus Inst.)

Alex Friedman, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat Rosh Hodesh parashat Noah, Oct. 29.

Benjamin Gerber, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Lekh-lekha, Nov. 5.

Eric Duhl, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat VeYera, Nov. 12.

Jonathan Hayward, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Hayei Sara, Nov. 19.

Shabbatot

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.

Expertly led by **Steven Fraade, Rabbi Alan Lovins, Rabbi Murray Levine** 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 understand-



Steven Fraade

ing and appreciation of the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

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 a.m. *shaharit* service (but the service begins at 9 a.m., and class at 9:45 a.m., on Oct. 10, Columbus Day). 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, something not normally possible in English. The Word for the Day often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion. Word for the Day is not presented during October but will resume in November following Simhat Torah.

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. The group is on summer recess and will resume following Simhat Torah. 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. (This schedule is superseded by Rosh HaShana, Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret.)

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The Sanhedrin Study Group is on recess in October and will resume Thursday Nov. 3 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." Among the latest postings is Gila Reinstein's *devar Torah* on parashat Matot, at <http://beki.org/dt/reinsteingilajuly2011.pdf>.



Sunday Testing for SATs & ACTs

The Youth Commission would like to encourage all BEKI/BJ teens to consider the special Sunday testing date for the SATs and ACTs. Testing on Sunday instead of Saturday is an especially nice form of Shabbat observance. It provides solidarity with other Jewish teens, and, as an extra benefit, you'll test in a smaller, quieter, environment.

SAT <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/special-circumstances>

ACT <http://www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/nonsat.html>

Upcoming Sunday dates for the SAT are Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 29, March 11, May 6, June 3. (Must provide letter from Rabbi when registering.) Upcoming Sunday dates for the ACT are Oct. 23, April 15 (in West Hartford). (Bring letter from Rabbi on test day.)

For a letter from Rabbi Tilsen, contact jjtilsen@beki.org or 203.389.2108 x10.

BEKI-BJ USY Teen News (9th-12th graders)

We give a strong welcome to our new USY co-advisors. Both Jaime and Lauren grew up participating in Kadima and USY youth programs. Lauren is from Albany (the United Synagogue Youth Tzafon region), and Jaime is from suburban New York (the METNY region). They bring to the advisor position many new ideas for scheduling and programming. *If your teen hasn't previously been involved with USY, please suggest that they take a look!* Activities are listed on the BEKI-BJ USY Facebook page, the BEKI and BJ synagogue bulletin boards, the synagogue websites, and through advisor-to-parent informational emails. The advisors can be reached at BEKIBJUSY5772@gmail.com.

BeShalom,

Rena Cheskis-Gold, Congregation BEKI Youth Commissioner, and Chair, Joint BEKI-BJ Youth Commission

Susan Dardik, Congregation B'nai Jacob Youth Chair

Greetings from Our New USY Advisors

Shalom everyone.

My name is Jaime Mor and I cannot wait to be the new BEKI-BJ USY co-Advisor. I am a Junior Athletic Training

and Physical Therapy Dual Major at Quinnipiac University. For the past four summers I have worked as a Counselor and as the Executive Staff Programming Director at Camp



Jaime Mor

Ramah in Nyack. Throughout my first two years at QU, I was also a volunteer METNY USY staff member. Before I began college I spent the year in Israel on United Synagogue's Nativ's College Leadership program. While in high school I was an active member in METNY USY and served as my chapter Social Action/Tikun Olam VP for two years. I also spent my summers with USY on USY on Wheels and USY's Poland/Israel Pilgrimage. Lauren and I are pumped for everything this upcoming year will bring and can't wait to meet all of you.

Shalom everyone.

My name is Lauren Kaufman and I am so excited to be one of the new BEKI-BJ USY co-advisors. I am currently a sophomore at Quinnipiac University studying History,



Lauren Kaufman

and an active member of the growing Jewish community on campus. This past summer I worked at Camp Seneca Lake in Penn Yan, NY, a JCC affiliated sleep-away camp. Before I began college I spent two years serving on the Tzafon USY regional board, as Membership/Kadima VP and President. My love for USY extended into my summers and I participated in USY on Wheels and USY Poland/Israel Pilgrimage. I also was selected during my Junior year to represent my region in Israel for an international leadership conference. Jaime and I cannot wait to start the year and are looking forward to meeting all of you.

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- To Gary & Max Fish with sympathy on the passing of Inge Fish by Janet & Donald Germaine
- To Richard Missan with sympathy on the passing of Marvin Missan by Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- To the Rothman family with sympathy on the passing of Laura Rothman by Lori & Natan Weinstein
- To Bobbie & Harold Miller with sympathy on the passing of BeBe Greene by Lori & Natan Weinstein

- To Violet Ludwig "we're thinking of you" by Lori & Natan Weinstein
- To Bobbie & Harold Miller with sympathy on the passing of BeBe Greene by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- To Harriet Friedman and family with sympathy on the passing of Tillie Leah Friedman by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow

Benei Mitzva Qiddush Committee

- With thanks for allowing them to borrow prayer books for their son's Bar Mitzva by Debra & Ian Polun
- To Katya Labowe-Stoll in honor of her Bat Mitzva by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- To Katya & Batsheva in honor of their Benei Mitzva by Dawn Kopel

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- In memory of Earl Banquer by Muriel Banquer

SATO (Social Action/Tikkun Olam)

- To Gary Fish and family with sympathy on the passing of Inge Fish by Jimmy Shure
- To Tsvi Benson-Tilsen in honor of his receiving the Edgar M. Babbit Prize from The Hopkins School by Jimmy Shure

In-Kind Donations

- Betty Goodwin for her donation of 90 used Judaica books and four works of art

The Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund

- To Gary & Max Fish and family with sympathy on the passing of Inge Fish by Helen & Richard Ross
- To Gary Fish and family with sympathy on the passing of Inge Fish by Anna Tilow
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- To Maya Lew in honor of her Bat Mitzva from Morris Bell & Raina Sotsky

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- In memory of Natalie Edison by Muriel Kaltman
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Goldblum 5:45pm Minha 3 Tishri
2 Fast of Gedaliah 9:00am Religious School 4 Tishri	3 7:45am Rashi Study Group 5 Tishri	4 6 Tishri	5 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 7 Tishri	6 8 Tishri	7 Erev Yom Kippur 6:00pm Minha 6:07pm Candle Lighting 6:20pm Kol Nidre & Maariv 9 Tishri	8 Yom Kippur (Yizkor) **see related article for service times and children's programs** 7:08pm Posener Break Fast 10 Tishri
9 9:00am Religious School 9:40am Building of the Sukka 11 Tishri	10 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 12 Tishri	11 7:30pm Sisterhood/Haddasah program "Women's Health - Focus on Wellnes" featuring Dr. Jennifer Botwick & Sue Neufeld 13 Tishri	12 Erev Sukkot No Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 5:45pm Minha & Festival Maariv 5:59pm Candle Lighting 14 Tishri	13 Sukkot I Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 5:45pm Festival Minha & Maariv Candle Lighting after 6:58pm 15 Tishri	14 Sukkot II Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 5:56pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Festival Minha & Maariv 16 Tishri	15 Hol Hamoed Sukkot I 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Winer 5:45pm Minha-Maariv 17 Tishri
16 Hol Hamoed Sukkot II 9:00am Religious School 18 Tishri	17 Hol Hamoed Sukkot III 7:45am Rashi Study Group 19 Tishri	18 Hol Hamoed Sukkot IV 5:30pm Sukka Dinner for adults with special needs 20 Tishri	19 Hoshanah Rabbah No Rabbi's Study Group 7:00am Shaharit No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 5:48pm Candle Lighting 21 Tishri	20 Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor) Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit Service After 10:30am Yizkor Memorial Service 5:45pm Festival Minha & Maariv & Haqafot (Dancing) Candle Lighting after 6:58pm 22 Tishri	21 Simchat Torah Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 10:00am Haqafot (Dancing) 5:45pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Minha-Maariv 23 Tishri	22 Darshanit: Jennifer Goldberg 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Birn 5:45pm Minha-Maariv 24 Tishri
23 9:00am Religious School 9:40am Sukka Dismantling & Storage 25 Tishri	24 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm General Board Meeting 26 Tishri	25 27 Tishri	26 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 28 Tishri	27 29 Tishri	28 Rosh Hodesh I Alex Friedman Bar Mitzva 5:35pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Maariv 30 Tishri	29 Rosh Hodesh II Alex Freidman Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Friedman/Yang 5:45pm Minha-Maariv 1 Heshvan
30 9:00am Religious School 2 Heshvan	31 7:45am Rashi Study Group 3 Heshvan					

Service Times

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	8:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 6 p.m. Minha-Maariv	9:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha



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