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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](http://www.beki.org) by clicking the Yamim Noraim High Holy Days image at the upper left corner. A schedule of Sukkot and Shemini Atseret services is available at [www.beki.org/sukkot.html](http://www.beki.org/sukkot.html).

## Volunteers Needed

To volunteer either to help with planning or to participate in our High Holy Day worship services, please contact Darryl Kuperstock at [kuperst@aol.com](mailto:kuperst@aol.com). Help is needed for mailings, Break Fast shopping and planning, greeters and ushers, minyan makers (early attendees), English readings, printing Yizkor Memorial Book, and more. If you have any questions, please speak with Darryl.

## 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*.

It is also important to defend your right – by tradition a God-given right – not to have to work on these days. So often, we find that if we *can* work, we *must* work. Nuanced reservations and distinctions are often lost in practice, and so clear-cut and undifferentiated rules are needed.

If you would like such a letter for Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur or Sukkot, contact Rabbi Tilsen at [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org) or (203) 389-2108 x10.

## Shofar So Good

The sound of the shofar calls us to teshuva each morning from Rosh Hodesh Elul (Wednesday Aug. 27) through Rosh HaShana. Psalm 27 is also included in each morning and evening service from Tuesday night Aug. 26.

## Selihot at BEKI

Our congregation will host a Masorti Community First Selihot Service on Saturday night Sept. 20. Maariv and Havdala will be held at 9 p.m.; at 9:15 p.m., Steven Fraade with present, “Teshuva: Word, Concept, Mitzva”; 10:10 to 10:30 p.m., reception and refreshments; 10:30 - 11 p.m. Selihot service.

The *selihot* (penitential) prayers are said during the middle of the night during the period immediately before Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. It is believed that a heightened sense of spiritual awareness can be achieved during those hours. The Conservative Communal service is sponsored by Congregation B'nai Jacob, Temple Beth Sholom, Congregation Or Shalom and BEKI.

## High Holy Days Participation

Please be sure to return your High Holy Days volunteer and participation forms. We will definitely need help with every aspect of our holiday celebrations. The form is also available on the BEKI website at [www.beki.org/forms.html](http://www.beki.org/forms.html). Members who have received invitations for honors must respond and confirm their acceptance.



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### Days of Awe

Michael Stern will serve as our Hazzan Rishon (lead cantor) for the High Holy Days, as he has done each year since 5773. Michael is a BEKI alumnus and a student of Rabbi Alan Lovins, who served as Hazzan Rishon for 17 years. In addition to Michael, the services will again be led by BEKI members serving as volunteer *hazzanim*. Rabbi Tilsen will conduct the services, as he has each year since 1993.



**Michael Stern**

Services are organized and led entirely by our members. Generally, Michael will lead 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. Shoharit 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 HaShana. The recitation of Shema and hearing the shofar are both considered Biblical precepts not to be missed.

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 children’s services. For registration information, contact [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or (203) 389-2108 x14.

If you are interested in babysitting service, please contact [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or (203) 389-2108 x14. Walk-in babysitting is *not* available and will not be available at all unless a prior arrangement is made. Children and infants are welcome in the sanctuary; quiet non-electric toys are permitted.

### Rosh HaShana

Rosh HaShana services begin Wednesday night Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. with the Minha service, followed by Maariv at 6:45. Candle Lighting is at 6:29. The service concludes by 7:30 p.m. Morning services begin at 8:30 on Thursday Sept.

25; several services for children and youth, and a learners’ service, are held as well. Shofar is sounded at about 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; please come to the sanctuary at that hour, or as directed by the ushers, if you are elsewhere in the building.

*Tashlikh* (“casting”) services will be held

on the *first* day of Rosh HaShana, Thursday Sept. 25, at 5:30p, at the Edgewood Bridge and at the Whitney Museum Covered Bridge. The *Tashlikh* service is a popular outdoor event for people of all ages, and includes a brief prayer, poetry and singing. It is held beside a body of natural water.

On Thursday afternoon of Rosh HaShana, minha service begins at 6:30, followed by the evening service at 6:50. Candle lighting is after 7:30 p.m.



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On Friday Sept. 26, morning services are also at 8:30. Youth services are held as well. Shofar is sounded on Friday morning as well. Afternoon service (minha) begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, and is followed immediately by the Shabbat evening service, ending at 6:45. Candle lighting is 6:26. Because Shabbat immediately follows the Holy Day, the weekly Qabbalat Shabbat service is abbreviated and comprises only the Psalm for Shabbat, according to common practice.

For instructions on preparing meals for Shabbat in compliance with halakhic considerations in light of the three-day sequence, please see *Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals* p. 306 s.v. *Eruv Tavshilin*.

## Qever Avot Cemetery Memorial Services

The annual Qever Avot Cemetery Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Hamden Cemetery, and at 11:30 a.m. at the West Haven Cemetery on Sunday Sept. 28, which is the Sunday *between* Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. The hour is 30 minutes later than most years because of the longer morning service marking Tsom Gedalia that coincides this year with the Sunday of Qever Avot. Rabbi Tilsen will lead a brief communal memorial service and will be available for individual prayers. Those who wish to visit the graves of their ancestors or loved ones but are unable to do so because of distance are invited to attend along with those whose loved ones are buried in the BEKI cemeteries. If you would like a ride to the service, please contact the office a few days in advance.

In addition, a representative of the Cemetery Association will be present to answer questions and concerns of those owning or considering the purchase of plots at the BEKI cemeteries. Now is a good time to purchase your choice of prime locations for traditional Jewish burial in these historic cemeteries. Members enjoy a substantial discount; only traditionally honored remains of legally Jewish persons may be interred in these cemeteries.

Directions to the cemeteries and more information can be found at [www.beki.org/cemetery.html](http://www.beki.org/cemetery.html). For information on cemetery purchases or upkeep, please contact the BEKI Cemetery Association at [cemetery@beki.org](mailto:cemetery@beki.org) or (203) 389-2108 x57.

## Yom Kippur

On the afternoon before Yom Kippur, Friday Oct. 3, the Minha service begins at 6:15 p.m. Candle Lighting is 6:14 (or earlier). The Kol Nidre and Maariv Evening services begin promptly at 6:35 p.m. and end by 8:30.

Shaharit services begin at 9 a.m.; the Yizkor Memorial service begins after 11 a.m. The Minha 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 7:18 p.m.



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For security reasons, tickets are required for all Yom Kippur services, including the afternoon and Neila services. If you arrive without your tickets, please introduce yourself to a Greeter who will be able to find your name on the Members and Guest list.

**George G. Posener Break Fast Concludes Yom Kippur**

Following the concluding Yom Kippur services on Motse'ei Shabbat (Saturday night) Oct. 4, please join us as we gather for our amazing community Break Fast. For many years, George G. Posener sponsored the break fast in memory of his family. George G. Posener died on Yom Kippur 5772 (2011), so the Break Fast now honors his memory as well.



**George G. Posener**

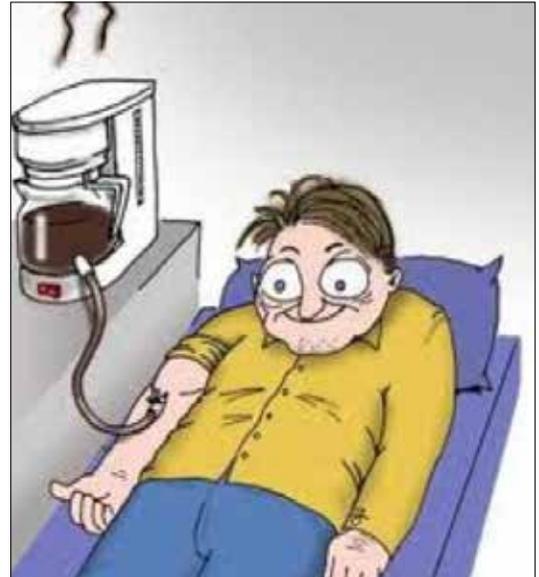
The George G. Posener Family Memorial Break Fast is prepared entirely by members of the BEKI community. Overseen by Darryl Kuperstock, most of the preparation and all of the cooking is done in advance, but the assembly and plating (and clean-up) of this banquet is done by the fantastic volunteers who 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**

*blesed 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.



**AWESOME TIPS**



In preparation for the full-day fast of Yom Kippur, it is suggested that caffeine users reduce their intake to reduce withdrawal symptoms on the Holy Day. Some people avoid wearing leather shoes on Yom Kippur, so do not be surprised to see canvas sneakers or other non-leather shoes in use. Some also follow the custom of wearing a *kittel* (white robe) or other white garments on Yom Kippur. People who need to eat or drink or take medication on Yom Kippur may speak with an usher, or contact the office in advance, for assistance if needed. Rabbi Tilsen notes that “People for whom fasting represents a significant medical threat are prohibited from fasting. Water, milk or a simple meal should be consumed as needed.”

**Taking a Stand**

While it is customary to stand for some parts of the service, those for whom standing is difficult, impossible or dangerous should feel comfortable sitting. Rabbi Tilsen comments that “You get five points for answering ‘Amen!’ but only one point for standing, so keep it in perspective. This applies to people of all ages.”

## Benei Mitzva Celebrations

**Kinneret Levene Magid**, daughter of Nancy Levene and of Shaul Magid, Sept. 12-13, *parashat Ki Tavo*, off-site (Fire Island Synagogue).

**Jessie Goodwin**, daughter of Richard Goodwin & Rachel Lampert, Sept. 19-20, *parashiyot Nitsavim-VaYeilekh*.

## Contributions

### **Qiddush Sponsors (minimum \$280)**

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- To the Bass family in honor of the marriage of Annie & Marissa by Harriet Friedman & the Bruce family
- To Brian Karsif in honor of the marriage of his daughter Jessie by Harriet Friedman & the Bruce family
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by David & Darryl Kuperstock
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- To Joe & Jessey Palumbo with sympathy on the passing of Dominic Palumbo by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by Charlotte Teitelman
- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Sandra & Harold Stern
- To Brian Karsif in honor of the marriage of Jessie Karsif & Eli Chalmer by Cathie & Ron Miller
- To Sarah Miller & Lee Cruz in honor of the birth of baby boy Mateo Raphael by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by Jay Brown
- To Charlie Ludwig with sympathy on the passing of Violet Ludwig from their niece Sandra Ludwig
- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Phyllis Lesser
- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Mark Sklarz
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sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Seymour & Harriet Shapiro

- To Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Blau & family with sympathy on the passing of Sylvia Gubersky Blau by Leon & Ray Gubersky
- To the Karsif family in honor of the marriage of Jessie & Eli by Steve & Rachel Wizner
- To the Bass family in honor of the marriage of Annie & Marissa by Steve & Rachel Wizner
- To the Karsif family in honor of the marriage of Jessie & Eli by Gloria Cohen
- To the Bass family in honor of the marriage of Annie & Marissa by Gloria Cohen
- To Marsha Beller in honor of her becoming a grandmother by Gloria Cohen
- To Rena Cheskis-Gold & Marty Gold in honor of Dayna's engagement by Lisa Stanger & Greg Colodner

### **Synagogue Fund (minimum \$10) to support synagogue operations**

- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Alan & Joan Gelbert
- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Sharon & Dan Prober
- To Richard Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & family with sympathy on the passing of Paul "Pat" Goodwin by Herb & Edna Newman
- To Adele Tyson in honor of her special birthday by Marilyn Rosenfield
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by Sara Labowe

### **BEKI Religious School**

- To Ina Silverman in honor of her birthday by Joy Kaufman & Stewart Frankel
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- To Joe & Jessey Palumbo with sympathy on the passing of Dominic Palumbo by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow

- To Charlie Ludwig with sympathy on the passing of Violet Ludwig by Joshua & Dara Greene

### **Qiddush Fund**

- To Brian Karsif in honor the marriage of his daughter Jessie to Eli Chalmer by Margie & Jay Hirshfield
- **Ari Nathan Levine Children's Library Fund**
- To Noam Benson-Tilsen in honor of his birthday by Benjamin Birn
- To Al Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Marge Barnett by Sid & Donna Levine
- **The George & Leah Posener Endowment for the Jewish Education of BEKI Youth**
- In memory of Miriam Zerwitz by Ronald Zlotoff & Donna Kemper

### **The Barzillai Cheskis BEKI Youth Israel Scholarship Fund**

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- To Adele Tyson in honor of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mikki Ratner
- To Dr. & Mrs. Paul A. Schnitman in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Mikki Ratner
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### **Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund**

- To Shirley Mattler in honor of her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday by Debra Levine

### **In-Kind Donations**

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- In memory of Louis Blatt by Marilyn Margolis
- In memory of Ruth Rosner by Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach
- In memory of Samuel Garfinkel by Lawrence & Doralee Garfinkle
- In memory of her aunt Lilian Resnick by Sherry Kent
- In memory of Raymond Snyder by Irwin & Zeldia Snyder



## The Courage to Dream

According to the Talmud, God created mankind on the first day of the month of Tishri. Rosh Hashanah commemorates the creation of the human race. It is a time for cleansing and renewal, a chance to receive forgiveness and clear the slate. The importance of the holiday is reflected in its two-day observance. The Jewish New Year marks the opportunity to put the sins of the previous year in the past, and move forward having received God's forgiveness.

The phrase that clings to us through Yom Kippur is "remember us for life." The word hayyim (life) is repeated countless times throughout the liturgy. Contrary to what most people believe, there is no sadness or mourning on Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur celebrates the passion and vitality of life. According to many authorities, it is a day of joyous reflection, nurtured by a deep conviction that human moral potential has not yet been fully realized. Yom Kippur gives us the courage to dream and work for a new future.

*This was written by Rabbi David Hartman who is the founder and director of the Shalom Hartman Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem.*

## Honorees' Qiddush

Sisterhood is sponsoring a qiddush in honor of Carole and Paul Bass on Shabbat Oct. 11.

They are the honorees of 2014 Book of Life. Thank you to all of you who donated in their honor.

Once again Sisterhood presented BEKI Synagogue a donation at our annual meeting.

## Gift Shop

We went shopping in New York at the gift show in August and purchased many beautiful new items. Why run around? Come and check out merchandise in our gift shop for your holiday needs.

## Dues

Membership dues to Sisterhood is still only \$25. Bills will be sent out in October to current Sisterhood members. Please consider becoming a member this year (2014-15).

## Torah Fund

Our BEKI Sisterhood has supported the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) for many years and we continue in this endeavor. For over 10 years, Women's League has helped to ensure future generations by providing rabbis, cantors, educators & administrators for day schools and synagogue schools, social workers and researchers.

You can support the Seminary through the Torah Fund campaign of Women's League. BEKI Sisterhood sells cards for all occasions at only \$4 each (includes the stamp). We have Mazel Tov cards, get well, sympathy and new baby cards.

Please call Barbara Cushen at (203) 407-0314 and your card will be promptly sent out.

## USY

# My Experience on USY's Poland-Israel Pilgrimage



Tova Benson-Tilsen

BY TOVA BENSON-TILSEN

This summer I went on USY's summer program Poland-Israel Pilgrimage 1st Departure. These were easily the best five weeks of my life. I along with the forty-one other teens in the group spent an intense, educational week in Poland touring synagogues, museums, and concentration camps. The days in Poland were sobering, yet they gave more meaning to our ex-

periences in Israel for the following four weeks. We were able to see the accomplishments of the Jewish people after an ordeal such as the Holocaust. Our group basked in the beauty of the Jewish state, from impressive landscapes to bustling marketplaces. We celebrated Israeli culture while staying safe from the nearby conflicts. This trip was educational, spiritual, and life-changing.

# Got Hebrew? Two new adult studies courses are to begin soon

## Hebrew from the Beginning

**Level:** Beginner.  
**Instructor:** Will Auriemme.  
**Time:** TBA.  
**Start:** Underway  
**Duration:** Approximately 14 classes, 7 weeks, 2 days a week.

**Location:** BEKI, classroom 4.  
**Price:** None.  
**Prerequisites:** None.  
**Audience:** Adults, member or non-member.  
**Materials:** Will be provided.

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**Location:** BEKI, classroom 4.  
**Price:** None.  
**Prerequisites:** Comfortable with the alphabet.  
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**Materials:** Will be provided.

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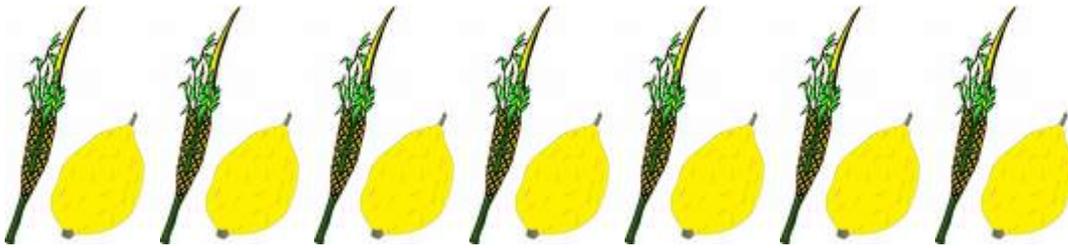
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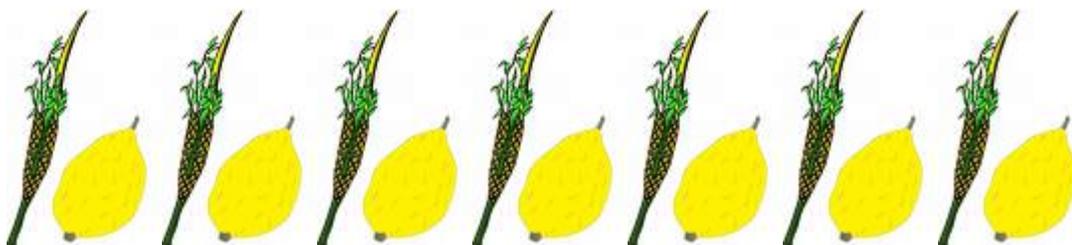
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### Row by Row

A loosely organized group of people is collaborating toward the goal of gardening at BEKI. Amy Marx and Lana Gad, a few years back, put a lot of work into the former Garinim Outdoor Play Area; Amy inspired Alice Kosowsky to continue with the concept this year. Harriet Friedman and Marsha Beller prepared the old plant pots for new growth. David Wright and Eric Dunsker provided guidance toward the goal of a reliable water source. David was the first to give plants from his own garden, and Cynthia Rubin has contributed a set of vigorous spreaders that want to burst the bounds of their containers.

The best part of the project is yet to come. Would you like to be part of the harvesting? Or any other aspect, specifically, planning for seating in that area? Planters for next year? Grounds in general? If so let Alice know: [ako-sowsky@snet.net](mailto:akosowsky@snet.net).

### Windows 2014 Project Completed

The project to replace windows on the east and north sides of the building (parking lot and driveway side) and repair associated masonry was set to be completed in August on schedule and within budget. Window air conditioners in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel, the office, and Classrooms 4 and 5 were replaced, and openings and units were installed for the first time in the Administrator's (Peggy's) Office and Room 6 (K-2 Kehila, BRS and Talmud Torah Meyuhad classroom). These rooms were painted as well.

Members and guests will notice that the windows are new-looking, double-paned and can be opened, and open wider than the original windows. This provides better ventilation, reduces heat gain and loss and thereby keeps the temperatures more moderate and comfortable, making the rooms easier and less expensive to heat and cool. The clear glass offers views of the grounds and sky. The exterior bricks look less broken and chipped, and structural deterioration has been markedly reduced. The addition of weep-holes and other measures have made the exterior wells more durable. The new air conditioners also enable us to

cool the room more effectively, efficiently and consistently.

The windows were manufactured in Marlborough, MA, and the air conditioners were assembled in the southern United States and Mexico. The contractor and workers are local.

Thanks to Project Director Dennis Rader and Grant Writer officer Barbara Rader and the Windows 2014 Team, including Building Chairperson David Wright and officer Yair Minsky, as well as Bob Spear and Eric Dunsker, for planning and executing the project or advising and facilitating.

This \$80,000 project was funded through a joint matching grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, and the major support of the Borick Family (LIATIS Foundation), the Paul Goodwin Family, Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla, David & Joanne Goldblum, Gloria Cohen, Jonathan London, Baruch & Corinne Levine, Eric Dunsker, and others. Thanks to our generous donors for making these repairs and improvements a reality.

### Building News

Beyond the Windows 2014 Project, other steps have been taken to maintain and improve our building. New programmable thermostats have been installed in the sanctuary and social hall to provide more consistent control in those rooms. Insulation has been applied to the heating pipes in the school wing to provide better control and reduce waste heat. Repairs have been made to the boiler and cooling pipes in the downstairs social hall. Looking ahead, a proposal for more solar panels is being considered (see BEKI Bulletin July-August 2014).

There is a lot more that will need to be done, and that could be done to improve the functionality, efficiency, comfort and appearance of the building. If you are interested in funding or managing a project, please speak with President Andy Hirshfield, Building Chairperson David Wright, Rabbi Tilsen or an officer.

*Shabbatot (Saturdays)*

דרשנים

### Darshanim

Darshan – noun, plural dar-sha-nim. Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggadah or Halakha in a synagogue.

Rabbi Tilsen has invited the following speakers to serve as guest Darshanim in the coming weeks:

Jessie Goodwin (Bat Mitzva) will serve as darshanit on Shabbat morning Sept. 20, *parashiyot Nitsavim-VaYeilekh*

### Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The *Shabbat Shalom Torah Study* meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in the office and is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Expertly led by **Steven Fraade**, with **Rabbi Alan Lovins**, **Rabbi Murray Levine**, **Nadav Sela**, **David Kuperstock**, **Isaiah Cooper**, **Rabbi Eric Silver** and others, the Shabbat Shalom Torah Study 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 Torah reading, Haftara (Prophetic reading) and liturgy.

The program often focuses on the scriptural readings, but also addresses the prayer liturgy and other topics related to the liturgical calendar, scriptural readings or current issues of concern.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background. It is suitable for mature, or at least well-behaved, youth along with adults.

*Sundays*

### Origins: The Genesis Mythology

An 8-week course with Rabbi Alan Lovins

**Dates:** Sunday mornings Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26.

**Time:** 9:45 to 11:15 a.m., immediately following Shacharit services.

**Place:** BEKI's George Posener Daily Chapel

Enrich your High Holiday experience by participating in this course on the book of Genesis (Bereishit). Rabbi Alan Lovins will examine the historical and literary context of the Torah, exploring the ways in which the book of Genesis represents a revolutionary break with the world from which it emerged. Over eight weeks participants will read the stories of the book of Genesis, discussing them in depth and gaining new understanding and insights regarding the basic message of the Jewish Scripture. The first session will be an historical and literary introduction to Genesis, contrasting it to the prevailing mythological world view of other contemporary cultures. In ensuing sessions the class will read and discuss the following stories: Creation; Cain and Abel; the Flood; the Tower of Babel; and Sodom and Gomorrah. The class concludes with a session to review thoughts and insights gained.

The following text is required:

Nahum Sarna, *Understanding Genesis* (published in 1970), available in paperback from Amazon.com and not expensive.

Rabbi Lovins also recommends *The Torah, a New Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Jewish Publication Society of America, 1962). This is not required but highly recommended and very readable.

By way of introduction to the course Rabbi Lovins explains that the Torah, the basic document of the Jewish religion, teaches values and promotes principles that help civilize humankind and enhance our quality of life. It is not history or science as we understand those today. The book of Genesis teaches many of Judaism's revolutionary insights and truths via myth. Many of these circulated among the peoples in the Middle East thousands of years ago, and the Jews gave them their own unique direction and stamp, by which we deviated from paganism and more primitive morality. It is a lesson in how the Jews differed and developed ideology that has sustained us and kept us relevant for three thousand years. We will see how our myth was a version of the more universal myth of the region and the times. Our story enabled us to eliminate magic from the



**Alan Lovins**



**Steven Fraade**



**David Kuperstock**



**Nadav Sela**

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## Adult Studies

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Jewish religion. We will attempt to see how we differed and went on to establish a world view that was radical and more adaptive to the times--a religious and ethical world view that became the basis of the other two Abrahamic faiths, Christianity and Islam, and the cornerstone of the Western World.

All sessions are free and open to the public and no registration is necessary. Attendance at all sessions is encouraged but not required. For further information call the BEKI office, (203) 389-2108.

*Mondays*

### Rashi Study Group: Shemuel

Each Monday from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m. adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) has begun the Book of Shemuel (Samuel). Characters in the narrative include the Prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David, Mikhal, Batsheva, and more. 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. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG meets immediately following the 7 a.m. *shaharit* service. On Labor Day, Sept. 1, the RSG will meet at 9:45, after the 9 a.m. service. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.



**Jon-Jay Tilsen**

*Wednesdays*

### Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (*shaharit*) features a 180-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, 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 less often 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 exclu-

sively 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 others' experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library but is on summer recess. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.



**Murray Levine**

*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 9:15 a.m. on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 a.m.

### Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets on Thursdays during the lunch hour (noon to 1 p.m.). 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 Talmud, based on an oral text, has no beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time. The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.net).



**Isaiah Cooper**

*The Sanhedrin Study Group will be on recess from July 17 until resuming on Oct. 23.*

*Every Day*

### Divrei Torah on the Web

Commentaries on various weekly Torah portions and related topics by BEKI members and guests are available at <http://beki.org/hungry.html>. Recently added is [Parashat BeMidbar Devar Torah](#) by David Kuperstock, 24 May 2014. ✪



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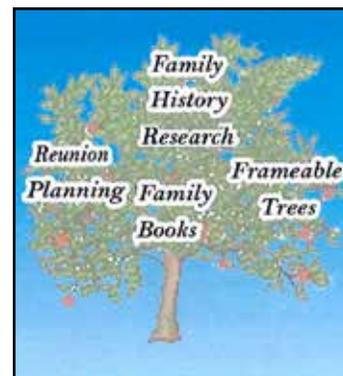
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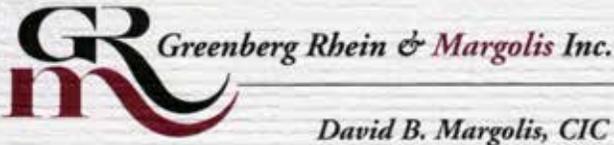


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## Rabbi's Annual Report

Rabbi Tilsen's Annual Report for 2014 (July 2013 to June 2014) is available at [www.beki.org/tilsen/annual14.pdf](http://www.beki.org/tilsen/annual14.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 past year. It also offers occasional prospective comments.

## ArtSpace Reception

Meet ArtSpace artist Miriam Stern on the final day of her show at BEKI, Sunday Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m.

## Torah Reading

David Wright is coordinating Torah Readings through Oct. 17 (including Sukkot). Rachel Light is coordinating the readings for Bereishit, Oct. 18 to Jan. 3. Thanks to Darryl Kuperstock for coordinating the Torah readings of BeMidbar.

## War Relief

USCJ is a partner in the Stop the Sirens war relief campaign, as well as in Syrian war relief. For information see [www.uscj.org](http://www.uscj.org) or locally <https://www.jewishnewhaven.org>.

## Sunday Testing

Sign up for Sunday testing for SATs and ACTs. <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/special-circumstances> and <http://www.actstudent.org/faq/nonsat.html> for more information.

## Jewish Family Service Food Pantry

Non-perishables needed. Food must not be expired and food packages must not be open. Collection area at JCC and Pantry. Contact Enid Groves (203) 387-2424 x267.

## Tablecloths

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## Shabbat Clock at Whalley & Harrison

The crosswalk at Whalley Avenue at Harrison Street operates according to a Shabbat timer. On Friday nights and Saturdays, a 15-second exclusive pedestrian phase occurs periodically. It is not necessary to push the "walk" button. Please exercise extreme caution at all times as some drivers

do not obey the stop light, as they may have urgent text messages or phone calls that require their attention.

## Don't Cross the Line

A sensor on Harrison Street at the corner of Whalley Avenue detects vehicles on Harrison Street (such as those leaving BEKI) and after a delay of less than two minutes provides a green light to vehicles on Harrison Street. The sensor may not work if a vehicle approaches at a very low speed. When vehicles cross the stop line (the white perpendicular line before the crosswalk) and partially enter the intersection, the system may treat it as if the vehicle is gone and will not provide a green light, so be sure to stop at the "stop line" before the sidewalk as the law requires. The New Haven Municipal Code provides: "Except when directed to proceed by a Police Officer or traffic control signal, every driver of a vehicle approaching a stop intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line..." (Section 335.040 B). *Executive summary: If you don't stop where you are supposed to, you won't get a green light.*

## Stop Before You Go

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## Daily Services

Additional participants are needed for the morning service in September and October. Can you come one morning a week? Sunday, 9 to 9:36; Monday 7 to 7:47 a.m.; Tuesday 7 to 7:32 a.m.; Wednesday 7 to 7:33 a.m.; Thursday 8:15 to 9:11 a.m.; Friday 7 to 7:32 a.m. Let our minyan captains know care of [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org) or just come.

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# BAD, BAD ISRAEL

## Multiple Choice Quiz

**1** *The Municipality of Jerusalem, with state support, built and is now operating a fixed-rail system with 23 stops, including nine in predominantly Arab neighborhoods.*

*Please choose:*

**A)** Israel is bad because it has built in East Jerusalem, erasing the “Green Line,” and effectively making re-division impossible, and defying international will against building in Occupied Palestine.

**B)** Israel would be bad had the stops not been built in Arab neighborhoods, as it would have been building an apartheid system for Jews only and ignoring the needs of Arab residents and citizens.

**C)** Israel would be bad had it not built the system at all, as it would be developing predominantly Jewish areas such as Tel Aviv but not investing in mixed cities such as Jerusalem.

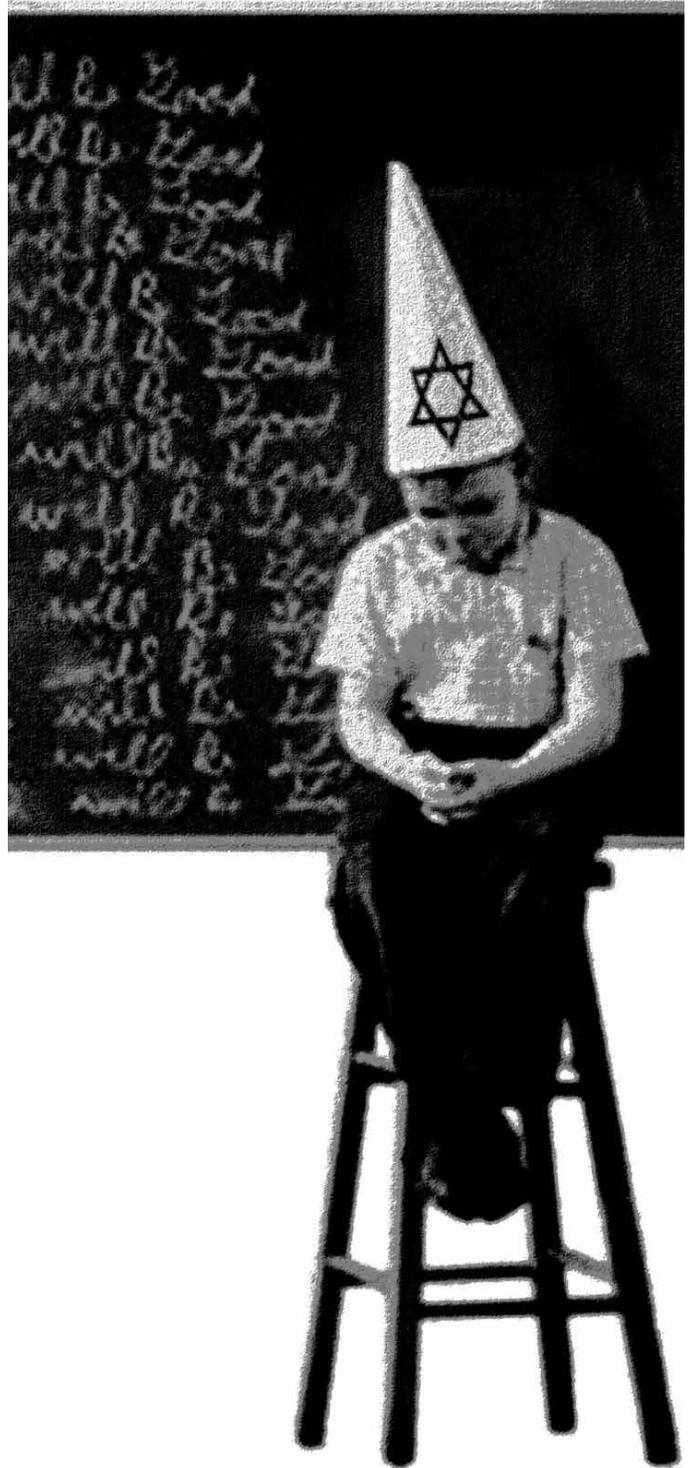
**2** *Israel protects Gay Pride parades in its major cities and recognizes American and other same-sex marriages.*

*Please choose:*

**A)** Israel is bad because protecting rights of sexual preference, gender expression and women’s rights is inconsistent with fundamentalist Islam, offends and antagonizes its neighbors ranging from HAMAS to Saudi Arabia, and is a colonialist imposition of foreign culture on the Middle East. It imposes secular Jewish values on non-Jewish Israelis.

**B)** Israel is bad because news coverage of Israel’s position on these issues distracts attention from Israel’s oppression of its Arab subjects and discrimination against Arab citizens. It has made gays a propaganda tool against the Palestinian Arabs.

**C)** Israel is bad because protecting the rights of such persons promotes dissension within Arab society, leading some to seek refuge in Israel, part of Israel’s “divide and conquer” strategy with the Arab world.



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### Quiz

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**3** *The State of Israel has conducted back-channel communications and accommodation with HAMAS for many years over a variety of issues such as trade and prisoner exchange. Please choose:*

**A)** Israel is bad because cooperating with HAMAS undermines the political power of the Palestinian Authority and its dominant FATAH faction, thereby perpetuating Palestinian Arab division and undermining efforts toward the “Two-State Solution.”

**B)** Israel is bad because cooperating with HAMAS strengthens that organization, encourages further violence against Israeli citizens and world Jewry, and undermines the global effort against terrorism and fundamentalist Islam. Israel supported the Brotherhood in the 1980s as an alternative to FATAH and look how well that turned out.

**C)** Israel would be bad had it not communicated with HAMAS because failing to communicate and cooperate creates further intransigence, antagonism and extremism among HAMAS supporters and shows Israel to be intransigent. You have to make peace with enemies, not with friends.

**4** *The State of Israel has removed or demolished structures built by Arabs in the West Bank for failure to obtain building permits, violation of building codes, or for lack of title to land. Please choose:*

**A)** Israel is bad because demolishing Arab homes, which are demolished by Israel twice as often as Jewish homes (outside of war), is a hostile act of ethnic cleansing and discrimination, thwarts Palestinian Arab national and economic aspirations, and undermines home ownership, which is a foundation of civil society.

**B)** Israel would be bad if it failed to do this because international law requires an occupying power to enforce existing civil codes such as building regulations and land use. Failure to comply with international law is the trademark of an illegitimate outlaw state.

**C)** Israel would be bad if it failed to do this because it would effectively endorse illegal appropriation of private or public land and the construction of unsafe buildings in an earthquake-prone region. Just wait to see who gets the blame when the earthquake strikes and structures not built to code collapse causing injury and death.



## ANSWERS

Is the whole world upside down, or just you?

# September 2014

## 6 Elul 5774 - 6 Tishri 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>9:00am First Day for Religious School 9:45am "Genesis Stories as Jewish Myth" class w/Rabbi Alan Lovins (pre-registration required) 11:30am "Meet the Artist" with Miriam Stern</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Elul</p>	<p>7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm General Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Elul</p>	<p>7:30pm Israeli Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Elul</p>	<p>4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 7:00pm Social Action/Tikkun Olam Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Elul</p>	<p>6:15pm Shamashim Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Elul</p>	<p>7:00pm Candle Lighting</p> <p>6:48pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Elul</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Kee Tetze</b> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Bashevkin &amp; Dunsker 5:45pm Minha</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 Elul</p>
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28	29	30	<p><b>Mark Your Calendar</b>  <b>Yom Kippur: Oct. 3-4</b>  <b>Sukka Build: Oct. 5</b>  <b>Sukkot Hagg: Oct. 8-10</b>  <b>Sukka Hop: Oct. 9</b>  <b>Hoshana Rabba: Oct. 15</b>  <b>Shemini Atseret: Oct. 15-16</b>  <b>Simhat Torah: Oct. 16-17</b></p>			
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### Service Times

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



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