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Sisterhood Honors Shoshana Zax and John Weiser



John Weiser and Shoshana Zax

Sisterhood will be honoring Shoshana Zax and John Weiser with the Book of Life dedication on Saturday Nov. 21. Sisterhood members will lead and participate in Shaharit service and Torah service.

John and Shoshana joined BEKI in 1994, with their young children Samuel and Ariel. As a young family, they immersed themselves in BEKI, spiritually, educationally and socially. From the beginning, they attended Shabbat services regularly, participated in and eventually leading various children services for many years.

During that time both John and Shoshana studied Hebrew and began to learn more about Torah, Jewish philosophy, literature and

observances.

Shoshana has served as Kiddush Committee leader, a member of BEKI board, and most recently, as Chair of Programming at BEKI.

John led the renovation planning and funding campaign, BEKI 2000, which allowed BEKI to renovate the lobby, the George G. Posener Daily Chapel/Library, the Claire Goodwin Youth Room and to build an accessible elevator.

John is a founding partner of a consulting firm specializing in non-profit strategy and planning.

Shoshana is a nurse-midwife who has worked for 30 years providing women's health care in the greater New Haven area.

Shop in Your BEKI Gift Store

The Sisterhood Gift Store is now open Sundays 11:30 to noon and during Hebrew School hours. Peggy can also help during the week.

Please come in and shop for your Hanuka needs. The first night of Hanuka is Sunday Dec. 6.

We offer many types of Menorahs both for children and adults. We also have Hanuka candles, Dreidels and parve chocolate coins for sale. For more information please contact Mimi Glenn (203) 397-3851.



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father of Ronald Zlotoff

(& Donna Kemper)

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Benei Mitzva Observances

Benjamin Birn, son of Harold & Stephanie Birn, Nov. 13-14, *parashat Toldot*.

Eitan Hirshfield, son of Monica Starr & Andy Hirshfield, grandson of Jay & Marge Hirshfield, Dec. 4-5, *parashat VaYeshev*.

Aufrauf

Ilana Levine & Jonathan Seidmann, Shabbat morning Dec. 19 (parashat VaYigash).

Welcome New Members

Iris & Yaron Back and Ben, Dana and Roey

Mazal tov

To Steven H. Werlin on the publication of his *Ancient Synagogues of Southern Palestine, 300-800 C.E. – Living on the Edge*, Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2015.

News

National “Have a Minyan at Home” Day

Beth El-Keser Israel will join with other *shuls* in observing “National Have a Minyan at Home” day on Thursday evening Nov. 26. In marking this occasion, no afternoon and evening service will be held at the *shul* so that participants may have services in their own homes. For this purpose, plenty of *kippot* are available in your suit pockets or auto glove compartments where you have been stuffing them. Years ago, when this program was initiated, skeptics predicted it would be a real turkey and would be axed, but the response has been positive, for which we offer thanksgiving.

Minha service can be recited after noon, the evening service after 4:25p.

This is an ideal occasion to enjoy USY pumpkin and apple pies (see notice this issue).

Service Times

Beginning Nov. 7, our Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon service will begin at about the same time as candle lighting and will be followed by a period of study and maariv and havdala (about 85 minutes total).

Thanksgiving Schedule

Weekday morning services on Thursday Nov. 26 are on the Federal Holiday schedule, from 9 to 9:45. Friday Nov.

27 services 7 to 7:32 a.m. and 6 to 6:50 p.m.

The synagogue office closes at 1 p.m. on Wednesday Nov. 25 and is closed on Thursday and Friday Nov. 26-27. BRS and BMP do not meet on Nov. 25.

Costuming

Plan ahead for Purim. The Rimmonim (New Haven) Chapter of the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework, presents a Costuming Presentation and Workshop by Sharon Naveh, member of the International Costumers’ Guild, in the Library/Beit Midrash at BEKI on Sunday Nov. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The first part of the program, the PowerPoint Presentation, will cover historical period clothing, traditional ethnic dress, science fiction & fantasy costumes, and, of course, Purim costumes. In the second part of the program, a hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to make simple felt Purim costumes. The presentation is free and open to everyone. The hands-on workshop is open to everyone and costs \$5 for Pomegranate members and \$10 for non-members. (Annual dues for Pomegranate membership: \$36.) RSVPs are required for the workshop (by noon on November 4th) and recommended for the presentation. To RSVP, please contact Sue Honeyman at thewordhive@gmail.com or leave a message at (203) 397-9233.

Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דַּרְשָׁנִים

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:

Nadav Sela (part two), Nov. 7, parashat Hayei Sara.

Benjamin Birn, bar mitzva, Nov. 14, parashat Toldot.

John Weisner, Nov. 21, parashat VaYetsei.

Eitan Hirshfield, bar mitzva, Dec. 5, parashat VaYeshev.

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The *Shabbat Shalom Torah Study* meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45 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, Isaiah Cooper 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.

Mishna Ta'anit

On most Shabbat afternoons between Mincha and Maariv from November 2015 through February 2016, survey Mishna Tractate Ta'anit, which centers on public fasts, especially those declared by the leaders, such as in response to drought. Mincha begins about 20 minutes before sunset. With Rabbi Tilsen.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: Shemuel

Each Monday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) is reading Shemuel Bet (Second Samuel), called "second" as it is the second volume of a single continuous narrative split in two for convenience. 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. With 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 exclusively for rabbis, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own *talmud torah* (Torah study) in a "safe" setting and with opportunities to learn from each other's experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

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

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group: New Time

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets on Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. and 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. Class will not meet on Thanksgiving (Nov. 26) and Dec. 24 and 31.

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. With Rabbi Tilsen.

Every Day

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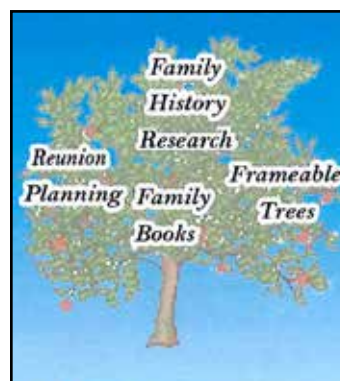
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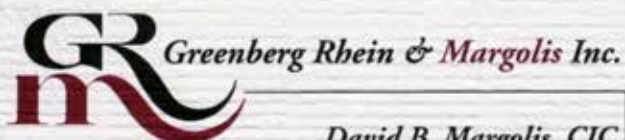


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CIRCUMSPECTION ON CIRCUMCISION

A demonstration against the right and rite of circumcision (removal or reduction of the penile foreskin) was held on the New Haven Green in October. While it passed without much comment beyond [two Register articles](#), it raised the hackles of community members. Just another nutty demonstration in our square of democracy? Perhaps. But let us consider a serious question implied by the demonstrators.

We will ignore the possibility that those who push a legal ban on medical circumcision (essential to the Jewish *brit mila* or “bris”) for minors or for people of all ages are motivated by anti-Jewish or anti-Muslim sentiments, which is often eminently clear in some European cities. Also set aside is the possibility that those who had theatrical-blood-splotted pants standing on the Green were not simply seeking to blame their parents for why they are so screwed up, or looking for some plausible-sounding explanation for their sex problems. Further we will set aside the comparison of circumcision to female genital mutilation, inasmuch as they have almost nothing in common except the unfortunate fact that FGM is sometimes (misleadingly) called “female circumcision.”

We will further set aside the personal discomfort or dislike some people have for the family ceremony of *brit mila*. While that is a serious question, it is the topic for another day, and one that can be readily solved by declining to attend or strategically waiting in an adjacent room.

We will also set aside the question of how much government regulation we want in areas that involve personal bodily autonomy, parental rights and religious practice.

Finally, we will set aside the questions of health benefit or detriment and pain, as these are medical questions that are best understood and discussed by medical scientists. I would only observe that many studies claim to find medical and public health benefits in circumcision, and few find net detriments, but these are also beyond today’s topic. With respect to pain, my observation is that standard medical procedures such as the PKU test are far more painful, at least judged by infants’ response – and even though the condition it tests for occurs in only 1 in 50,000 African American babies, they still all get this painful test. The usual scene at the *mila* is the baby screams and someone faints; but all that happened was that the baby’s diaper was removed. Some babies don’t even cry at the *mila*; but the

tearing of the adhesions seems to be painful, something that usually would happen to an uncircumcised boy along the way anyhow.

One line of complaint against infant circumcision that merits response goes something like this: Circumcision is a significant, permanent change to the baby’s body that might affect his sexual functioning and pleasure, and that of his future partners; it is wrong for parents to make such a decision for their child. The choice of circumcision should be left to an adult to make concerning his own body, if it should be a choice at all.

Parents have a great deal of responsibility toward their children, and parents make many decisions that greatly affect their child’s life. One might argue on the basis of the same line of reasoning proposed above that it should be illegal for parents to raise a child in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. That city has a very low health and safety ranking, and a low education ranking. It is a demonstrable fact that a child raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has a measurably and significantly higher chance of death or injury from violence or disease than one raised in the average American city. The harm, if the child survives at all, may be irreversible. No parent should be allowed to make that kind of decision. If a child wants to live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he can move there when he becomes an adult.

Similarly, parents should not be allowed to put shoes on their children. Some studies by scientists published somewhere show that wearing shoes reduces balance and contributes to chronic back pain. The spine-bending, nerve-deadening effects are persistent and partly irreversible. No parent should make that decision for their child.

And finally, no parent should be able to inflict appendectomy or tonsillectomy on their minor child. Studies have shown long-term health consequences to removal of these appendages. Even if the procedure saves the child’s life, the result for some children could be lives of hardship, suffering and unhappiness. These children were born with, or developed according to the laws of nature, appendices or tonsils that were destined to rupture. By interfering with that natural process, parents are forcing children to live lives that are not as nature intended, and it is arrogant for parents to impose their values – that “life is better than death” – on their children. They also are

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Circumcision

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depriving children, who would have gotten better with just a little time to heal, of the life-long benefits of having a tonsil or appendix, all in exchange for the vague possibility of reducing the small chance of death or the inconvenience to the parents of periodically infected tonsils or appendices.

Then there is the teenage man we know who underwent an emergency circumcision due to a severe infection. His words: "I wish I had been circumcised when I was a baby." Parents, note: Damned if you do, damned if you don't.

Upon consideration, parents make many decisions for their children that determine the course of their life or death. Such decision-making is inherent and goes with the territory. It is unavoidable. For many of our neighbors, the choice of circumcision is merely a medical, public health or convenience option.

The decision of parents to enter a boy into the Covenant

of Abraham through this rite is also one such decision, as is the decision to enroll a child in a Jewish day school. Being Jewish is demonstrably far more medically harmful than mere circumcision, if we treat being murdered by Nazis, pogromchiks and various other anti-Semites as a public-health problem. Maybe our children would be safer if we could raise them as Protestants in Denmark. But our argument is that what they gain through entering the covenant – even at the risk of their lives – is well worth it: A Jewish person's share in the Coming World, or stated differently, the honor of living as a Jew and being part of the Jewish mission in this world. He is wearing the uniform proudly. Circumcision, regardless of the medical benefits, is an ancient and essential point of Jewish identity.

I am very glad my parents made the decision to enter me into the Covenant of Abraham in this way as an infant, as I was able to grow up without any doubt about my Jewish status and I was saved from having to endure a far more painful and expensive procedure as an adult.



Contributions

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Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund

- In memory of her husband Edward Mattler by Shirley Mattler

Yahrzeit Fund (\$5 minimum) to support synagogue operations

- In memory of Henry & Evelyn Cohen by Clifford & Donna

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- In memory of David Harriet Kroop by Donna & Clifford Cohen
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- In memory of Gertrude Maltin by Ted Maltin
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- In memory of his wife Ellen Slopak Schwartz by David Schwartz
- In memory of Jacob Sokoloff by Shirley Goldstein Frumento
- In memory of Herman Goldstein by Shirley Goldstein Frumento
- In memory of Michael Harold Rudof by Joanne & Steve Rudof
- In memory of Lester Isenberg by Janis Isenberg



Solar 2015 Update

The new grid-tied photovoltaic (PV) system at BEKI went on-line in October, after passing its final regulatory tests. It is working well and being closely monitored to locate any issues that are likely to arise in a new system. So far it has produced 104 percent of expected output. You can [see its production](#) (linked on our website under "ecology"). Daily production will decline through Dec. 23 as the daylight hours get

shorter and as the sun's position in the sky is closer to the horizon (resulting in a sharper angle relative to the panel surface). The panels are oriented to maximize the value of the output, which is highest in summer afternoons.

If you've noticed a sharp increase in your residential electric bill since January 2015 – effectively raising the rates for BEKI about 20 percent, and more than that for many homeowners – you may appreciate the importance of this new array in containing

our communal utility bill, which is about 12 times that of a typical homeowner's.

The solar panels are located on the two sections of roof that were recently replaced. The panels are tied to the utility grid, so that the electricity replaces what BEKI would otherwise have drawn from the electric company.

Want to support the project or know more? Contact Yaron yaronl@aol.com or Jon-Jay jitilsen@beki.org or Andy president@beki.org.

November 2015

19 Heshvan 5776 - 18 Kislev 5776

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Religious School 19 Heshvan	2 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 20 Heshvan	3 7:30pm Israeli Dance 21 Heshvan	4 9:00am Rabbi's Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 22 Heshvan	5 11:00am Safe Stance: "Clearing Clutter/Downsizing-Self Home Assessments" 23 Heshvan	6 4:22pm EST Candle Lighting 24 Heshvan	7 Haye Sarah Darshan: Nadav Sela 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Akresh, Fremmer-Oppenheimer, Minsky, Levine, Levy, Sela 4:25pm EST Minha-Maariv 25 Heshvan
8 9:00am Religious School 1:00pm Pomegranate Guild Costuming Presentation & Workshop (presentation: free - workshop: reservations & fee required) 26 Heshvan	9 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 27 Heshvan	10 7:30pm Israeli Dancing 28 Heshvan	11 Office Closed/Veterans Day 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 29 Heshvan	12 Rosh Hodesh I Numbers 1:00pm Talmud Study Group 30 Heshvan	13 Rosh Hodesh II Numbers Benjamin Birn Bar Mitzva 4:15pm Candle Lighting 1 Kislev	14 Toledot Benjamin Birn Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Birn 4:20pm Minha-Maariv 2 Kislev
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22 No Religious School 10 Kislev	23 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm General Board Meeting 11 Kislev	24 7:30pm Israeli Dancing 12 Kislev	25 No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 13 Kislev	26 Office Closed/Thanksgiving 9:00am Shaharit No Talmud Study Group No afternoon/evening services 14 Kislev	27 Office Closed 4:06pm Candle Lighting 15 Kislev	28 Vayishlah 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Tova Benson-Tilsen Fund for Animal Welfare 4:40pm Minha-Maariv 16 Kislev
29 No Religious School 17 Kislev	30 18 Kislev	<p style="text-align: center;">Motse'ei Shabbat Dinner and (Kids) Movie: Saturday Night Nov. 21 4:30-8:30 p.m. Join us for a family-friendly ma'ariv and havdala, followed by a light dinner/drinks and kids movie. Free and open to all -- bring friends old and new. RSVP to Steve Werlin (shwerlin@gmail.com).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEKI-BJ USY: Lounge Nights Mondays through December 6:30p – 7:45p at BEKI. All high school students invited for snacks, games, talk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BEKI-BJ Kadima & BEKI-BJ USY: Sign up for the 2015-16 one-year memberships: Kadima \$30, USY - \$40. Special prices available for multiple-year memberships. Contact Coordinator Matt Pinchover at BEKibjusy@gmail.com, or bekibjkadima@gmail.com.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Staff Holidays: Clarence Bromell will be off-duty Nov. 16-30.</p>				

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


Caroline Exhibit: *I Have Come to My Garden*

As the final leaves are falling on Nov. 19, the exhibit “I Have Come to My Garden,” featuring the scrolled prints of local artist Leah Caroline, will be installed in the BEKI art gallery. Leah’s inspiration for her images are the poetic verses of “The Song of Songs,” and observations from her garden and nature.

Leah will be at BEKI on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., to greet and answer questions from visitors and explain her unique creative approach. The scrolls are made with cyanotypes, which, Leah explains, are “an early photographic printing process used to record nature and make blueprints.”

“To make the negatives for the prints I digitally manipulate photographs of nature, personal writings, and Biblical and other communal texts. I arrange and layer the negatives onto chemically sensitized papers, expose them to sunlight, and process in water. The processed papers turn a brilliant Prussian blue. Sometimes I layer multiple printings and collage actual plant materials into the prints. The layering of photos and text within the images mirrors the layering of my memories of nature, myself and my community.”

Leah, born in Brooklyn and raised in the Chassidic community of Crown Heights, received her BFA from Lyme Academy of Fine Arts in Old Lyme. She is the founder and teacher of the Connecticut Artists’ Beit Midrash and leads art workshops. She has exhibited at the Yale Slifka Center and various shows, galleries, and institutions in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.



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