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IDA GOLDSTEIN BEQUEST

Ida Spivack Goldstein, who died in February 2013 after more than 95 years of life, has left a major bequest to support BEKI and to help insure its future.

Ida was born in New Haven and grew up in the loving home of Abraham and Sarah Spivack, who came from Russia five years before her birth, along with her dear siblings Jack, Barney (Barnett), and Frances (Fannie), and Nina, Betty (Bertha), Harry, Mendel, Shmilik, and Ruth and along with her grandmother Rebecca, Sarah's mother. Her father owned and operated a dry goods store in New Haven.

Ida was a dedicated and loving daughter, who cared for her parents as they grew older through the end of their lives. Although her family was spread out – with respect to age and geography – she maintained contact with some of her brothers and sisters and appreciated the contact she had with them and their spouses and children.

She worked for the City of New Haven, and her intelligence, reliability and attention to detail earned her the respect of those she worked with. She was self-supporting and independent.

Ida married Isadore "Izzy" Goldstein in July 1965 in New Haven, and they provided each other companionship, love and mutual support during their happy years of marriage.



**Ida Goldstein,
of blessed memory**

She held a special place of regard and affection in the Goldstein family. Sadly, Izzy died in Aug 1980 at the age of 57. Izzy was a brother of BEKI member Abraham (& Marion) Goldstein, of blessed memory, and an uncle of our current member Hyla Greenberg.

Some time following Izzy's death, Ida enjoyed loving relationships with two significant men in her life, in both cases caring for them until their passing.

Friends from the West Rock Senior Center, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel and its [Sisterhood](#), neighbors, and co-workers recall Ida as direct, kind, and strong. She had a clear sense of right and wrong, and she knew what she liked or disliked. She was creative with language as well as with paint on a canvas. She enjoyed reading, dancing, theatre and the arts. She also liked telling jokes. Ida followed a regimen of weight training and regular walking. She was fit all of her adult life. A person of steady habits, she was well-organized and frugal.

Ida also enjoyed being a center of attention, and she was proudly independent. She didn't need anything. She wouldn't take medications or use a hearing aid, and she might well not follow the doctor's orders.

Ida was blessed with people who cared about her, and in particular her nephew Richard (& Susan) who maintained a life-long loving relationship, and during the past 5 or 10 years in particular was instrumental in providing her the sup-

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Ida Goldstein

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port she needed to maintain her independence and dignity, to the extent that was possible given her circumstances, and who provided her with the most regular and important human contact. The daily attention was more than many children provide for their own parents.

Ida had attended BEKI on the Holy Days and she saw the synagogue as an important expression of her Jewish identity, which she very much valued. She had important relationships with Charlie & Violet Ludwig, Donna Levine, and several other BEKI veteran members, as well as with

contemporaries such as the late Irving Weinstein.

Her major bequest will support the current operating budget in 2013-14 and will pay down part of our external debt (mortgage). The balance has been directed to create The Legacy LeHaim Fund managed by the [Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven](#) to provide continuing income to the Congregation to insure our future.

For information on how to leave a bequest to BEKI, contact Financial Secretary Donna Levine (203) 985-9033 sdsij@aol.com or Jewish Foundation Director Lisa Stanger (203) 387-2424 x382 lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org or Rabbi Tilsen (203) 389-2108 x10 jjtilsen@beki.org or your own financial advisor or attorney.



Lifecycle

המקום ינחם

HaMaqom Yenahem

We note the passing of

Esther Rose

*May the Almighty comfort
those who mourn*

Mazal Tov to

Shai Sokolow Silverman & Robyn Drabman on their marriage under a huppa; and to Jay Sokolow & Ina Silverman, parents of the groom. Rabbi Tilsen served under the huppa.

Daniel Leisawitz & Daniela Viale and their son Samuel, on the birth of their daughter and sister Hannah Gioia Leisawitz in June in New Haven.

Libby & Mark Abraham and their son Almanzo, on the birth of their son and brother Mordecai Halton Abraham in June in New Haven, and on his entering the covenant through *brit mila*.

Lesley Frame & Steven Werlin and their son Samuel, on the birth of their son and brother Jacob August Werlin in June in New Haven, and on his entering

the covenant through *brit mila*.

Ezra Academy (Eighth Grade) graduates Madeleine Cahn, Daniel Cooper, Matthew Fiedler, Dustin Gad, Ari Kaufman-Frankel, Katya Labowe-Stoll and Benjamin Surman. BEKI kids constitute 41% of the graduating class, the largest synagogue representation in the School; more BEKI kids are graduating from Ezra Academy than from any other school.

Gilah Benson-Tilsen, B.A., Carleton College

Jonah Cooper, B.A., Temple University

Graduates

Please report news of your graduates to jjtilsen@beki.org

Looking Ahead To the Fall

As we look forward to summer vacation and leisurely living we at BEKI Sisterhood are busy at work with plans for the New Year. We plan to sponsor some interesting Shabbat Schmoozes with interesting guests.

Dues for Sisterhood

October is the time to become members of Sisterhood for 2013-14. Dues are \$25 for the year. This payment of dues helps support our activities for the holidays.

- Provide refreshments for Simhat Torah, Hanuka and Purim.
- Sponsor the Passover Seder for adults with special needs.
- Donate to the Masorti Movement (Conservative Movement in Israel)
- Support various Women's League Projects.

Toda Raba

Thank you to our members who donated their shekels to the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program. We were able to send a check for \$120 to the Whalley Avenue Holocaust Memorial.

What Goes Around Comes Around

From March 6, 1966, monthly newsletter:

There must be many women in Sisterhood who would like to enjoy being a volunteer tutor in one of the New Haven public schools. Hours can be arranged to suit your convenience once or twice a week. There are no formal education requirements but you should have an interest in the subject you will tutor and have a warm and sincere interest in school-age youngsters. Get the satisfaction that comes from helping a youngster who needs help.

Today: 2013 Jewish Coalition for Literacy

We are still volunteering in New Haven Schools through the Jewish Federation program. For more information please contact Brenda Brenner, Program Coordinator (203) 387-2424 x308 bbrenner@jewishnewhaven.org

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Thank you for purchasing cards during this past year. We reached our goal of \$1500 going directly to support the Jewish Theological Seminary: the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism worldwide.

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Barbara Cushen
Torah Fund Chair
BEKI Sisterhood

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- Thelma (Mitzi) Aronow by Louis J. Petrillo
- Morton Silver by Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe, Mikki Ratner, David Wright

Mazel Tov to

- Gila Benson-Tilsen on her graduation from college by Louis Petrillo
- Linda Levene on her milestone birthday by Harriet & Noel Barstein
- Laura Yakerson on her milestone birthday by Harriet & Noel Barstein
- Rabbi Murray Levine on his milestone birthday by Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe
- Stanley Saxe on his 85th birthday by Mikki Ratner

Get Well to

- Arthur Levy by Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe

Tisha BeAv

The fast day of Tisha Be'Av ("ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av") will be observed on Monday night July 15 and Tuesday July 16. The Mincha afternoon service is at its usual time, 5:45 to 6 p.m. The fast begins at 8:23 p.m. The Maariv evening service and the reading of Eikha (Lamentations) begin at 8:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m.

The Shharit service on Tuesday July 16 is from 7 to 8:30 a.m. The evening and morning services include the reading of the Biblical Book of Eikha (Lamentations). On Tuesday morning, according to the Ashkenazic custom generally followed in our community, *tallit* and *tefillin* are not worn (although *tallit qatan* is worn).



At the afternoon Mincha service, from 5:45 to 6:30 on Tuesday, *tallit* and *tefillin* are worn, with the recitation of their usual *berakhot*, and a brief Torah reading is chanted along with a *haftara*.

The fast is observed from 8:23 Monday night until 9:03 Tuesday night. As a sign of mourning, many refrain from wearing leather shoes and ostentatious clothing, and do not enjoy music, intimate physical relations or entertainment until Wednesday night (i.e., 24 hours *after* the end of the fast of Tisha BeAv). The extension of the mourning practices is in part recognition that the Temple burned for two days and some of the early sages believed that the memorial should be observed on the tenth as much as or instead of the ninth.

Tisha Be'Av commemorates the destruction of the first two Temples and other tragedies that have taken place in our long history. The destruction of the Temples represents the downfall of the independent Jewish government, the devastation of Jewish society and tragic loss of life. The downfall of the Bar Kokhba government and the Roman massacre and destruction of Betar occurred in 135 C.E. On Tisha Be'Av in 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling the Jews from England. Likewise, the expulsion of Jews from Spain occurred on that date in 1492. The fast

is the only full-day fast on the Hebrew calendar besides Yom Kippur. Those with medical conditions that require oral medications or eating are urged to consult their medical and rabbinic authorities.

A *seudat mafseqet* (meal before a fast) is a modest undertaking. Before undertaking any fast, one should eat a nutritious meal of normal proportions. Fresh fruits and vegetables are believed to help maintain hydration. Consult your dietician or medical references for other dietary and medical advice.

Tu BeAv

Tu BeAv (15 Av) occurs on Sunday night July 21 and Monday July 22.

From The Jewish Encyclopedia (1906), s.v. Ab, 15th Day of:

Popular festival in Judea during the time of the Second Temple.... According to a tradition preserved in the Mishnah (Ta'anit, iv. 9, 10; Gem. pp. 26, 31), on that day, as well as on the Day of Atonement, the maidens of Jerusalem, rich and poor, without exception, dressed in white, went out to dance in the vineyards with the young men, asking them to make their choice of a partner for life. The fair ones sang: "Young men, turn your eyes to beauty; for woman stands for beauty." The patricians' daughters sang: "Young men, turn your eyes to noble parentage; for woman is the preserver of family pride." Those possessing neither beauty nor noble birth sang: "Grace is beautiful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Of the many reasons given in the Talmud for the celebration of this day, that attested by the oldest authority, R. Eliezer ben Hyrcanus of the first century (Megillat Ta'anit, v.) is that it was the great day of wood-offering, when both priests and people brought kindling-wood in large quantities to the altar, for use in the burning of sacrifices during the whole year. ... The actual explanation is given in Meg. Ta'anit, v. and Mishnah, iv. 5, according to which nine families of Judah brought at certain times during the year the wood for the burning of the sacrifices on the altar, in accordance with Neh. x. 34; on the Fifteenth Day of Ab, however, all the people, the priests as well as the Levites, took part in the wood-offering.

– Kaufmann Kohler, *Jewish Encyclopedia*

New Year At Hand

The last day of the Hebrew year, 29 Elul 5773, is on Wednesday Sept. 4. Ergo, Rosh HaShana Evening is that night (1 Tishrei 5774) and the following days. A complete [Yamim Noraim High Holy Day schedule](http://www.beki.org/yamimnoraim.html) of services is available at <http://www.beki.org/yamimnoraim.html>. A schedule for [Sukkot and Shemini Atseret](http://www.beki.org/sukkot.html) is available at <http://www.beki.org/sukkot.html>.

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The schedule for service leaders for July through December 2013 was mailed to 100 participating households in mid-June. It is posted at www.beki.org/rotate.html and available in the literature rack in the lobby or by request via schleppost from office@beki.org. If you would like to request specific dates for January-December 2014, or to be added or dropped from a roster, please contact Jon-Jay at jjtilsen@beki.org for all services, and Miriam Benson mirbenson@aol.com for children's programs. Additional leaders are needed for Pesuqei DeZimra, Friday Night and Shabbat Morning Greeters, Shabbat Mincha (Saturday afternoon) and Maariv (Saturday night during winter).

If your name was left out by mistake or you'd now like to be included, please request an "available" date from Rabbi Tilsen by email or phone (but not in person on Shabbat, as we cannot schedule on that day). Normally several additional dates become available during the course of the semester, and anyone erroneously omitted will be the first to be asked to fill those dates.

Schmeckfest Manners

Persons of all ages are welcome to take all they want and are urged to eat all they take at the Shabbat Qiddush and other food presentations. Please help your children learn that being very hungry at the outset does not mean that they need to eat or take any more than usual. "If you're ten times as hungry, you will not eat ten times as much food." Persons unfamiliar with the menu might like to take a sample of each item and then return after tasting. Children who participate in the children's programs are offered nutritious snacks at programs' end. Please help control waste and be sure your wards learn courteous manners. Please dispose of your trash and that of your wards, and those who need assistance, in the trash receptacles.

Rabbi's Annual Report

Rabbi Tilsen's Annual Report (July 2012 – June 2013) is available at www.beki.org/tilsen/annual13.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.

Free Yoga

For people age 65 and older, Monday Morning Yoga with Debby Kahan, weekly, 10 to 11 a.m., free to BEKI

members, \$5 for others, in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room.

Read Torah

Gilah Benson-Tilsen is coordinating Torah Reading for Devarim (Deuteronomy). To sign up to read, or for information on learning to read, contact Gilah at gilahbt@gmail.com.

Get with the Program

An informational meeting on BEKI's Benei Mitzva Program will be held on Sunday Aug. 4 from 9:35 to 10:30 a.m. in the BEKI Library with Rabbi Tilsen. Youth who will celebrate becoming benei mitzva in 2014, 2015 and 2016 are invited with their adults (and adults alone if youth are away) to find out how the program works and what should be done at this point to continue getting ready. Info from jjtilsen@beki.org.

Pay Now or Later

Your payment of outstanding dues, pledges or charges this month will help us close our books on the fiscal year ending in June. If you need help setting up a monthly or regular direct payment to the synagogue, please contact Peggy at office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14.

Party Time

If you have not already attended a BEKI120 Birthday Party, this is your invitation to the Big Last BEKI120 Birthday Party. It will be held on the afternoon of Sunday Aug. 11 at the home of Donna and Sid Levine, 23 LeGrand Road, North Haven, from 3 to 5 p.m. RSVP Donna and Sid if you'd like to attend, (203) 234-9867.

Amazon's Back

Amazon has reinstated its "Associates" program for Connecticut –and that means BEKI. If you are buying items from Amazon and use the link on BEKI's [home page beki.org](http://www.beki.org) (bottom) (or <http://www.amazon.com/b?node=283155&tag=beki1-20>) then BEKI will receive a small commission on the sale at no cost to you. Bookmark our link.

By Appointment

Tuesday office hours are "by appointment only" every week. Please do not expect to conduct regular synagogue business with the office manager on Tuesdays or expect access to the building without prior arrangement.

Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דרשנים

Darshan in July & August

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 Darshan in the coming weeks.

Jay Sokolow will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning July 6, parashiyot Matot-Masei.

Carole Bass will serve as darshan on Shabbat Nahamu morning July 20 July, parashat VaEthan.

Bob Oakes will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning July 27, parashat Ekev

A special guest will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning Aug. 24, parashat Ki Tavo.

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 scripture 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.



Jay Sokolow



Carol Bass



Bob Oakes



Steven Fraade



Alan Lovins



Nadav Sela



David Kuperstock



Eric Silver



Jon-Jay Tilsen

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.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: Shoftim

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 studying the Book of Shoftim (Judges). Characters in the narrative include the Prophet Deborah, General Baraq, Warlord Yiftah, Mrs. Manoah, and Samson and Delila. 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.

On Monday Sept. 2, Labor Day, the service begins at 9 a.m., and the RSG meets from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

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Adult Studies

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Tuesdays

Hebrew (עברית)

New sections may open this season. To register for the next session, contact Peggy at office@beki.org.

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. The group is on summer recess until after the festivals. 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 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



Murray Levine

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.

The Sanhedrin Study Group is in summer recess and will resume on Thursday Oct. 3 (after the festivals).

Hebrew: Modern and Prayerbook Hebrew

See description, above, under “Tuesdays”

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.”





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SHOULD WE CARE WHAT WE WEAR?

As a student I served as an intern for a few months for a prominent New York metro-area rabbi. Around 6:30 one evening, after the 12th-hour of his 15-hour day of work, he welcomed into his office the next person in line – a woman who had been waiting over an hour with an important and urgent question. “Which dress,” asked the petitioner, holding up two dresses, “should my daughter wear at her bat mitzva?” The bat mitzva was nine months away. The overworked rabbi died a few months later.

The Shulhan Arukh, the 16th century law code synthesized by Rabbi Yosef Karo, states that “One should try to have nice clothes (בגדים נאים) for Shabbat, or at least arrange them in a respectable fashion” (262:2). The sages recognize that there is no specific definition of “nice” but rather such notions are a matter of local fashion (see *Tur* YD 182). It is widely understood, though, that “for Shabbat” means, preferably, distinct and special garments worn just on special days, and that “respectable” excludes torn or soiled garments. For any day, one should not wear garments that are “immodestly revealing” and well as “immodestly ostentatious” – again, matters of local fashion. We are also obliged to place tsitsit (fringes) on the corners of certain garments.

The ethos of Shabbat suggests specialness, but this can mean both “leisure and not work” as well as “formal and not informal” or “comfortable and not uncomfortable,” or “what pleases the wearer or pleases the observer.” Shorts

and sandals? Suit and tie? Comfortable? Colorful? Dignified? These are all subjective notions.

Short of suggesting a dress code (does anyone want to see all of the men – or men and women – dressed in the same fashion as the rabbi?), we might consider keeping in mind the traditional values of deliberateness and specialness for Shabbat, as well as the tolerance and respect that goes along with embracing individual expression (no dress code) and diversity. Some people come to shul directly from work – and while it is preferable to change and wash first, it is better to come “as you are” than to not come due to concerns about clothing. Others experience a sense of



liberation in wearing something different in style from their work outfit.

How much should we care about what we wear? Some care a lot, others not a whit. We should care more about our own actions, though, than about the actions of others. The bottom line is that it is what – or whom – is under the clothes that is truly important.

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23 Tammuz 5773 - 24 Av 5773

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am 55+ Yoga Hour 23 Tammuz	2 24 Tammuz	3 25 Tammuz	4 Office Closed/Independence Day 9:00am Shaharit 26 Tammuz	5 Office Closed 8:10pm Candle Lighting 27 Tammuz	6 <i>Mattot Mase</i> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Altman/McGraw 5:45pm Minha 28 Tammuz
7 29 Tammuz	8 <i>Rosh Hodesh Numbers</i> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am 55+ Yoga Hour 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 1 Av	9 7:30pm Israeli Dancing Instruction 8:30pm Open Israeli Dance 2 Av	10 3 Av	11 4 Av	12 8:08pm Candle Lighting 5 Av	13 <i>Devarim</i> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 5:45pm Minha 6 Av
14 7 Av	15 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am 55+ Yoga Hour 5:45pm Minha 8:30pm Maariv 8 Av	16 <i>Fast of Tisha B'Av</i> Morning: Deuteronomy; Afternoon: Exodus Morning: Jeremiah; Afternoon: Isaiah 7:00am Shaharit 5:45pm Minha-Maariv 9 Av	17 10 Av	18 11 Av	19 8:04pm Candle Lighting 12 Av	20 <i>Vaer'Hanan</i> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Bass 5:45pm Minha 13 Av
21 14 Av	22 <i>Tu B'Av</i> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am 55+ Yoga Hour 7:30pm General Board Meeting 15 Av	23 7:30pm Israeli Dancing Instruction 8:30pm Open Israeli Dance 16 Av	24 17 Av	25 18 Av	26 7:58pm Candle Lighting 19 Av	27 <i>Ekev</i> Darhsan: Bob Oakes 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 5:45pm Minha 20 Av
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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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