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FROM PESAH TO SHAVUOT

Sefira – Counting the Omer

At the second Seder (Tuesday night April 15), we began daily *sefirat ha-omer* (counting of the omer), a counting of days to Shavuot, the next major festival. The counting, preferably done each night for 49 nights, is an expression of eager anticipation, commemorating the period of expectation and preparation we experienced in the Exodus from Egypt until the revelation at Sinai.

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

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

Families with young children may use this opportunity to

help their children understand and experience anticipation, planning, counting and hope.

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

LaG BeOmer

BEKI's Practically Annual LaG BeOmer Kumsitz Campfire Sing-along will be on Motse'ei Shabbat (Saturday Night) May 17, at the residence of hosts Andy Hirshfield & Monica Starr, 145 Cleveland Rd., New Haven. Gathering begins at 8:30 p.m.; counting the Omer, recitation of Havdala and ignition of the bonfire will be at 8:47 p.m. Hebrew and other Jewish folk-songs will be sung, many bags of marshmallows will be consumed, and countless twigs will be burned in the fire. Free parking for BEKI members and their guests.

This Sing-along is made possible with the support of the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music at Beth El-Keser Israel and by Andy & Monica.

Shavuot Two-Day Festival: The Jewish Hajj

The Festival of Shavuot ("Weeks"), one of the three major pilgrimage festivals, celebrates the anniversary of the Giving



Scott Tilsen and granddaughter Lilah Tilsen make matza in the BEKI kitchen for the mitzva of matza at the seder.

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HaMaqom Yenahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Violet Kantrowitz Ludwig,
wife of Charles Ludwig

Sydney Sylvan Kemper,
father of Donna Kemper
(& Ron Zlotoff)

Ethel Epstein

*May the Almighty comfort
those who mourn*



Violet Ludwig

Mazal tov to

Steven Fraade on being honored at the May 11 conference “Rabbis and Other Jews: Rabbinic Literature and Late Antique Judaism.”

Marcia & Louis Migliozi on the birth of a grandson Luke in December.

Upcoming Benei Mitzva Celebrations

Elijah Labowe-Stoll, son of Steven Stoll and of Sara J. Labowe, May 9-10, *parashat BeHar*.

Randy Kohn, son of Mark & Renee Kohn, May 16-17, *parashat BeHuqotai*.

Emily Sachs, daughter of Robert & Betsy Sachs, granddaughter of Ivan & Rita Sachs, July 19, *parashat Matot*.

News

Pesah

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of the Torah at Sinai some 3,326 years ago. The word *hag* (pilgrimage festival) is known widely by its Arabic cognate, *hajj* (which, for Muslims, means pilgrimage to Mecca). The Torah commands, “Three times a year – on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Booths – all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place that He will choose. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that the Lord your God has bestowed upon you” (Deut. 16:16-17).

Shavuot comes at the culmination of the counting of seven weeks from Pesah, and will be a major observance at BEKI this summer. Just as we look forward to important events in our personal lives, so too our ancestors enthusiastically and devoutly anticipated the event at Sinai. By participating in BEKI’s Shavuot observance, we re-enact the extraordinary experience of our ancestors and show our own enthusiasm for receiving Torah.

Tiqun Leil Shavuot

Our annual Tiqun Leil Shavuot Night of Study takes place on the first night of Shavuot, Tuesday June 3. Dairy and pareve refreshments will be served. That means **cheese-cake**.

Candle lighting is at 8:02 p.m. The evening begins with the Minha Afternoon Service, from 8 to 8:15 in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel. A shiur will begin at 8:15 p.m.

The brief Festival Evening service, from 9 to 9:20, will be followed by refreshments and additional presentations.

Shiurim begin at 8:15 p.m. and will be presented late into the evening. Please see “This Week at BEKI” (www.beki.org/bulletin/happenings.pdf) for a complete list of presenters and schedule.

Shavuot Mornings

Yizkor Memorial Service

Book of Ruth

The Shavuot First Day Festival Shahaarit Morning Service begins at 9:15 on Wednesday June 4. The service includes the full recitation of Hallel. The afternoon and evening services begin at 5:45. Candle lighting Wednesday night is at 9:02 p.m. or later.

The Shavuot Second Day Morning service begins at 9:15 on Thursday June 5. The Festival service includes a *Shahaarit* morning service, *Hallel* (Psalms of praise), a Torah reading and *Haftara*. Following the *Haftara* (prophetic reading), the Yizkor Memorial Service is held. The Yizkor memorial service is one of four such services during the year that help us recognize our feelings of loss, which are sometimes especially intense during the Festival season, and to honor the memories of our loved ones.

Following Yizkor, the Book of Ruth is read to a uniquely beautiful and ancient melody based on the same system of *ta`amei hamigra* (“trope”) found in most of the Hebrew Bible. Then the Festival *Musaf* additional service is recited.

Some Congregants may leave during qiddush for a hike to the top of West Rock. Weather permitting, bring appropriate shoes and leave with friends from the lobby.

The Festival Minha service is held in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel from 5:45 to 6:05 p.m.



Kadima & USY

My Leap of Faith

BY NATALIE MAY

“We’ve got the perfect position for you.” It was an invitation that would transform my year, but after only three weeks in a new high school I was uneasy at the idea of another change. I had transferred to the Jewish High School of Connecticut for my junior year and was still adjusting to the intimate atmosphere, menu of tefila options, and Judaics courses. I was excited about the switch, but unsure about the idea of joining another Jewish community so soon. After further explanation, I learned that the BEKI-BJ chapter of USY was seeking a Communications VP for its board – someone to take notes at business meetings, create flyers advertising events, and provide announcements to both congregations. As an organization enthusiast I was intrigued, but part of me worried about whether I would belong in a youth group where well-established friendships between long-time members flourished and traditions such as the passing of Soule, Hanefesh region’s stuffed mascot, remained unknown to me.

I took a leap of faith *into* my faith, and, looking back, I could not be happier. Working with my fellow board members, I learned about reaching out to eighth graders who worried about the switch from Kadima to USY, creating

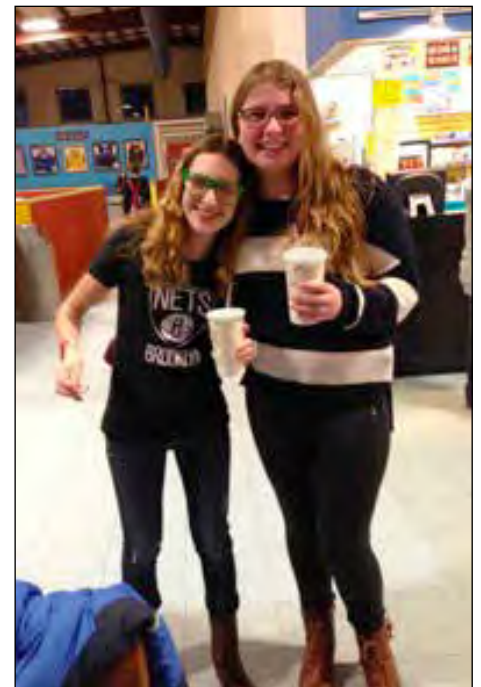
themed meeting programming, and the art of documenting each moment to share on Facebook and in shul bulletins. I was inspired by the regional officers’ sleepover, became comfortable with my chapter at weekly lounge nights, and loved meeting so many new people from across Connecticut and Western Massachusetts at Spring Convention. As chapter president this year, I extend the same invitation to anyone in grades 8-12 looking for the experience of a lifetime. I didn’t believe them at first, but it’s true; whether you’re an officer or a member, we do have the perfect place for you in USY. ☆

BEKI-BJ Kadima

BEKI-BJ Kadima has had such an exciting past few months. From painting seder plates for Passover, to Shabbat game day, to dodgeball, bowling, and laser tag, to baking brownies, and let’s not forget the Hanefesh overnight at Prime Climb. There is something for every middle-schooler at BEKI-BJ Kadima. We are now inviting all 4th graders to join BEKI-BJ Kadima. Come see what the fuss is all about. Come meet new friends, spend your weekends with other Jewish kids just like you. Contact Emily Zaghi, BEKI-BJ Kadima Youth Group Coordinator, at BEKIBJkadima@gmail.com for a membership application today. Also, don’t forget to check out our blog at www.BEKIBJKADIMAUSY.blogspot.com for more pictures, event announcements, membership applications, and more.



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Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דַּרְשָׁנִים

Darshanim

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

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

Elijah Labowe-Stoll, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat *Parashat BeHar* May 10.

David Kuperstock will serve as darshan on Shabbat *Parashat BeMidbar* May 24.

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**, **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.



Elijah Labowe-Stoll



David Kuperstock



Steven Fraade



Nadav Sela

Sundays

Origins: The Genesis Mythology

Sunday mornings Sept. 14 – Oct. 26, 2014 9:45-10:45

The Torah is the basic document of our religion. It teaches values and promotes principles that help civilize humankind and enhance our quality of life. It isn't 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.

This study series, beginning on Sept. 14, will look at the Bible stories as Jewish myth in the context of the other cultures that we lived among. We will see how our myth was a version of the more universal myth of the region and the times. 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, both Christianity and Islam and the cornerstone of the Western World. With Alan Lovins.



Alan Lovins

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) 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



Jon-Jay Tilsen

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Adult Studies

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and new participants are welcome. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG meets immediately following the 7 a.m. *shaharit* service. The RSG will meet at 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday May 26, following the 9 to 9:45 a.m. Memorial Day 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 others’ 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.



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 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). 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.



Isaiah Cooper

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 will not meet on May 8 or on June 5 & 26.

Every Day

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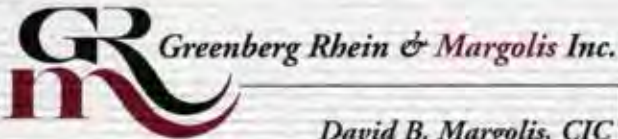


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Dear Rabbi,
Why the mad rush to eat pizza or bread the minute Passover is over? Is it such a deprivation? Is the festival so unwelcome that they can't wait for it to end?

Signed, Miffed by Muffins

Dear Doughnut Denier,

Rabbi Yirmiyahu said in the name of Rabbi Shimon ben Yohai, and Rabbi Yohanan said in the name of Rabbi Shimon HaMehozi in the name of Rabbi Yohanan HaMekoti, 'Whoever makes Esur leHagg [Isru Hagg, the day after the Festival] into a day of [festive] drinking and eating is considered by scripture as one who has built the alter and offer upon it a sacrifice.' (Sukka 45b).

While the last days of Sukkot and Pesah have their own ceremonies, the heightened spiritual sensitivity, emotional state and logistical needs of the major festivals carry over to the "day after." Instead of experiencing those days as "downers," we seek to extend joy of the festivals and seek a "soft landing" through rituals such as havdala or celebrations such as the [Maimuna](#).

When Diaspora Jewry adopts the Israeli liturgical calendar, the celebration of Isru Hagg may be a necessary shield against that transition being no more than another way to make people work more and enjoy life less. We need to protect that day as a "day off" for all but emergency workers.

Dear Rabbi,
The times given for the end of Passover (havdala) were different in various local publications, including two variations in BEKI material. Why the difference?

Signed, Timed Out

Dear Good Time for All,

The havdala times were established for four different kinds of BEKI members:

- 7:19 p.m. – the lax Jew
- 7:20 p.m. – the average Jew
- 7:21 p.m. – the pious Jew
- 7:22 p.m. – the religious fanatic

While one should be meticulous in observing the prohibition against hamets (leavened foods) on Passover, and careful not to contaminate Passover utensils in the transition, there is no fundamental reason to be strict at the end of Passover when it is observed eight days in the Diaspora. The "eighth day" of Passover is not a Biblical institution and should be seen as a temporary institution.

However, since many of us or our children may move to Israel or otherwise adopt the Israeli liturgical calendar (i.e., seven days of Passover), we must take care not to create a tradition of laxity at the end of the festival, since strictly following the prohibition "really" does matter when we are observing just seven days. In other words, it is OK to be lax at the end, just don't make a habit of it.



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May 2014

1 Iyar 5774 - 2 Sivan 5774

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 <i>Rosh Hodesh II Numbers</i> 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 1 Iyar/16 L'Omer	2 7:34pm Candle Lighting 2 Iyar/17 L'Omer	3 <i>Emor</i> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Ritual Committee IHO Teen Shamashim 5:45pm Minha 3 Iyar/18 L'Omer
4 9:00am Religious School 4 Iyar/19 L'Omer	5 <i>Yom Hazikaron</i> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 5 Iyar/20 L'Omer	6 <i>Yom Ha'Atzmaut Deuteronomy Isaiah</i> 7:30pm Israeli Dance 6 Iyar/21 L'Omer	7 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 7:00pm Social Action/Tikkun Olam Meeting 7 Iyar/22 L'Omer	8 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 8 Iyar/23 L'Omer	9 Elijah Labowe-Stoll Bar Mitzva 7:41pm Candle Lighting 9 Iyar/24 L'Omer	10 <i>Behar</i> Elijah Labowe-Stoll Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Labowe & Stoll 5:45pm Minha 10 Iyar/25 L'Omer
11 9:00am Religious School Graduation 11 Iyar/26 L'Omer	12 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 12 Iyar/27 L'Omer	13 7:30pm Israeli Dance 13 Iyar/28 L'Omer	14 <i>Pesach Sheini</i> 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 14 Iyar/29 L'Omer	15 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 15 Iyar/30 L'Omer	16 Randy Kohn Bar Mitzva 6:00pm 20's/30's Havura dinner (off-site, reservations required) 7:48pm Candle Lighting 16 Iyar/31 L'Omer	17 <i>Behukotai</i> Randy Kohn Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Kohn 5:45pm Minha 8:30pm LaG BeOmer (off-site) 17 Iyar/32 L'Omer
18 <i>Lag B'Omer</i> 18 Iyar/33 L'Omer	19 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm General Board Meeting 19 Iyar/34 L'Omer	20 7:30pm Israeli Dance 20 Iyar/35 L'Omer	21 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 7:00pm Sisterhood "Healthy Happy Hour" fundraiser kick-off 21 Iyar/36 L'Omer	22 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 22 Iyar/37 L'Omer	23 7:55pm Candle Lighting 23 Iyar/38 L'Omer	24 <i>Bemidbar</i> Darshan: David Kuperstock 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Kuperstock 5:45pm Minha 24 Iyar/39 L'Omer
25 9:00am Religious School 25 Iyar/40 L'Omer	26 Office Closed/Memorial Day 9:00am Shaharit 9:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 26 Iyar/41 L'Omer	27 7:30pm Israeli Dance 27 Iyar/42 L'Omer	28 <i>Yom Yerushalayim</i> 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 28 Iyar/43 L'Omer	29 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 29 Iyar/44 L'Omer	30 <i>Rosh Hodesh Numbers</i> 8:01pm Candle Lighting 1 Sivan/45 L'Omer	31 <i>Naso</i> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 5:45pm Minha 2 Sivan/46 L'Omer

Service Times

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