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## A Message from Youth Coordinator Jenn Greene

The whirlwind of High Holidays is finally over, but the new year of Kadima and USY is just beginning and is gearing up to be action packed and full of fun. As the new BEKI-BJ Youth Group Coordinator for both Kadima (grades 5-8) and USY (grades 9-12), it is my pleasure to share with you a little bit about myself and also some of the fantastic programs that we have to look forward to this year.

I am a Hamden native who grew up in USY. I attended not only USY High (the Conservative Movement's high school program in Israel) in 2007 but I was also a member of Nativ 27,

the Conservative Movement's College Leadership Program. I am a graduate of Boston University with a degree in Archaeology and I love to bore people with long-winded explanations of biblical Israel and too many pictures of my beautiful puppy Claire. I am really excited to be working with the incredible Jewish youth that we have here in the New Haven area, and I look forward to helping build our Jewish community. I am always looking for new ideas and constructive feedback, so please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have some amazing programs to look forward to this year in both USY

and Kadima, so start getting excited now.

### For Kadima!

**October** • Apple Picking • A Top Secret Regional Kadima Only Event Soon To Be Announced

**November** • Movie Excursion • A Kadima Mini-Session at Regional Fall Kinnus hosted by BEKI-BJ USY

**December** • Ice Skating and Sufganiyot Hanuka Celebration • Kadima Lounge Night with USY at B'nai Jacob

Don't forget! Check out the at BEKI-BJ Kadima blog at <http://bekibjkadima.blogspot.com/>. I promise to keep you

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## Youth

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updated about all the happenings in the Kadima world and provide lots of pictures.

**For USY!**

**October** • Bowling Night with special prizes if you bring a friend • Regional Officers Training Overnight • A SA/TO Excursion to DESK

**November** • Regional Fall Kinnus hosted by BEKI-BJ USY! • Pies!

**December** • Movie Marathon Overnight at B'nai Jacob • USY International Convention 2013 in New

## Orleans

Looking forward, the spring brings us Kadima rock climbing, USY Limos, Bounce U, and beachy fun for all.

Like I said, I can barely keep my excitement over these events contained, and we want to include as many people as possible. Therefore, if you have not yet filled out your USY or Kadima membership form, make sure to do so! Forms can be found on the USY/Kadima bulletin board at BEKI, by request via email, or on the Kadima blog (see links below). I am so excited to be working with the Joint BEKI-BJ Youth Commission and of

course all the members and friends of BEKI-BJ USY and Kadima. Thank you so much for your warm welcome into your community. Please let me know of any questions, concerns, feedback, and ideas, and I will do my best to make this year unforgettable.

Shana Tova,

Jenn Greene

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## BEKI Board News and Resolution

*The following statement is provided in order to insure that the BEKI Board complies with applicable laws and rules governing non-profit organizations and to enhance communication between the Board and the membership. While many members have already heard of this change of plan, we emphasize that our relations are amicable and the synagogue has adapted and is operating well under a temporary presidium.*

In light of Nadav Sela's resignation from the office of synagogue President, the BEKI executive board at its August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting recommended that the President's role should be assumed by all three Vice Presidents until another resolution (ideally recruiting a new President) is elected. At the general board meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>, Jay Sokolow moved that the board accept Nadav Sela's resignation. Linden Grazier seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. The proposal that the President's role should be assumed by all three Vice Presidents was then discussed. Jay Sokolow moved and Shulamith Chernoff seconded a motion that the General Board endorse, for the interim, the arrangement of having the three Vice Presidents act in the place of the President with the legal authority to execute contracts and otherwise formally binding the Synagogue to legal obligations with third parties resting with the Vice Presidents in descending order. The resolution was passed unanimously. The text of the resolution is as follows:

### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL

Whereas, Nadav Sela has resigned as the President of Beth El-Keser Israel (the "Synagogue") and the Board of Directors has accepted his resignation with thanks for his service; and \_\_\_\_\_

Whereas, the Synagogue's By-laws direct that in the absence of the President, the President's duties and authority will be assumed by the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents in descending order: Helen Rosenberg, First Vice President; Andrew Hirshfield; Second Vice President; Yair Minsky, Third Vice President; and

Whereas, the Executive Board of the Synagogue has recommended that the three Vice Presidents serve together, on an interim basis, as a group in place of a President; and

Whereas, the three Vice Presidents are committed to the present and future well-being and health of the Synagogue and the recommended arrangement is a positive means to continue operating the Synagogue in a stable, responsible and progressive manner;

Now Therefore It Is Resolved That the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents of the Synagogue shall act in place of a President until a new President is duly elected, and that the power and authority to sign contracts on behalf of the Synagogue and to formally bind it to legal obligations with third parties shall vest in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents in descending order, so that if one of them is unavailable or unable to act, the next Vice President in order shall have that power and authority.

**המקום ינחם**

*HaMaqom Yenahem*

We note the passing of

**Evelyn Greenblatt,**

mother of Ruth E. Greenblatt

**Muriel Kaltman Jarmak**

**Herbert Etkind,**

Past President



**Muriel Kaltman Jarmak**

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

**Benei Mitzva**

Noah Sobel-Lewin, son of Suzanne Sobel & David Lewin, Oct. 4-5, parashat *Noah*, Rosh Hodesh Heshvan

Hana Feldman, daughter of Martin Feldman and of the late Cathy Schwartz, Jan. 10-11, parashat *BeShalah*

For a complete list of [scheduled benei mitzva observances](#), and for info on the Benei Mitzva Preparation Program, see <http://www.beki.org/beneim.html>. For date reservation, contact [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org).

The first meeting of the Benei Mitzva Preparation class this term is Wednesday Oct. 2 from 5 to 6:20 p.m. Registration at [www.beki.org/forms/bmp.pdf](http://www.beki.org/forms/bmp.pdf).

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*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.

Noah Sobel-Lewin, bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning Oct. 5, parashat *Noah*.

Baruch Levine will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning Oct. 19, parashat *VaYera*,

Nadav Sela, marking the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming a bar mitzva, will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning Nov. 2, parashat *Toldot*.

Nanette Stahl will serve as darshanit on Shabbat morning Nov. 16, parashat *VaYishlah*.

**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.

*Mondays*

**Rashi Study Group: Shemuel**

New Book: 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 now beginning 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 7:00a shaharit morning service. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

On Monday Oct. 14, Columbus Day, the morning service begins at 9, and the RSG meets from 9:45 to 10:30.



**Baruch Levine**



**Nadav Sela**



**Nanette Stahl**



**Steven Fraade**



**Alan Lovins**



**David Kuperstock**



**Eric Silver**



**Jon-Jay Tilsen**

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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](mailto: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.



**Murray Levine**

The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library. The group was on summer recess and resumes on Wednesday Oct. 9. 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

New Time: 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.

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



**Isaiah Cooper**

Group meets in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.net).

The Sanhedrin Study Group was on summer recess and will resume on Thursday Oct. 3.

### Hebrew: Modern and Prayerbook Hebrew

See description, above, under “Tuesdays”

### New: Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot

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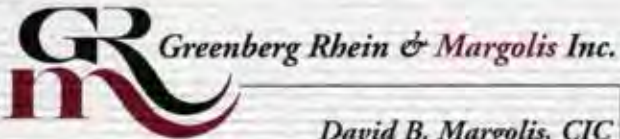


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- To Tina Silidker and family in memory of Dr.

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- To Cyd & Mark Oppenheimer in honor of the birth of Anna Ruth by Dr. & Mrs. Harold Alexander

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Friday

Saturday

		1	2 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm First Day of Benei Mitzva Program 5-6:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	3 12:00pm Talmud Study Group	4 <i>Rosh Hodesh I Numbers</i> Noah Sobel-Lewin Bar Mitzva 6:11pm Candle Lighting	5 <i>Rosh Hodesh II Noah Numbers Isaiah</i> Noah Sobel-Lewin Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Sobel/Lewin 5:45pm Minha
		27 Tishri	28 Tishri	29 Tishri	30 Tishri	1 Heshvan
6 9:00am Religious School 11am-12:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	7 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour	8	9 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 5-6:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	10 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 6:15pm Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot	11 5:59pm Candle Lighting	12 <i>Lekh Lekha</i> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 5:45pm Minha
2 Heshvan	3 Heshvan	4 Heshvan	5 Heshvan	6 Heshvan	7 Heshvan	8 Heshvan
13 No Religious School	14 Office Closed/Columbus Day 9:00am Shaharit 9:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)	15	16 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group Resumes (new time!) 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 5-6:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	17 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 6:30pm Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot	18 5:48pm Candle Lighting	19 <i>Vayera</i> Darshan: Baruch Levine 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Birn & Marx/Schonberger 5:45pm Minha
9 Heshvan	10 Heshvan	11 Heshvan	12 Heshvan	13 Heshvan	14 Heshvan	15 Heshvan
20 9:00am Religious School 11am-12:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	21 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour	22	23 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 5-6:15pm Sisterhood Gift Shop Open	24 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 6:15pm Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot	25 5:38pm Candle Lighting	26 <i>Haye Sarah</i> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 5:40pm Minha-Maariv
16 Heshvan	17 Heshvan	18 Heshvan	19 Heshvan	20 Heshvan	21 Heshvan	22 Heshvan
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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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**Lost and Found**

Muriel Kaltman’s Ancestral Prayer Book is Missing.

It is believed she gave it to someone for safe keeping. It has ivory and blue velvet on the front cover and Muriel and her brother’s birth dates are inscribed inside the cover along with the date of her mother, Bessie’s marriage to her husband. It was preserved in a clear, hard, plastic case. Any information as to its whereabouts would be appreciated and can be given to Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen.

  
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