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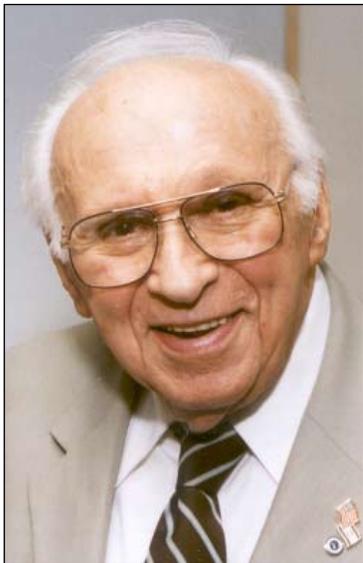
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# POSENER AT 100

Following the Shabbat morning service on Dec. 18, a qiddush luncheon sponsored by George G. Posener will be presented marking the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of his birthday. All members, visitors and friends of George are encouraged to attend the service and to participate in the qiddush that follows.



**George G. Posener**

George G. Posener was honored as the first recipient of the Congregation's [Distinguished Service Award](#) in 1995. He is a leading supporter of the Congregation through his philanthropy. George is known as well for his extensive philanthropy in the Jewish and civic worlds.

Posener has long been a supporter of Jewish education for youth, and was among the founders of the Hebrew School Endowment Fund at BEKI in 1983. Since the establishment of the BEKI Religious School, Posener has presented each student with a gift at the annual Graduation and Promotion Exercises. Seeing the continuing success

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### Lobby Becomes Art Gallery

A rail picture-hanging system was installed in the BEKI upstairs lobby and hallway in July, allowing the easy display of artwork of all shapes and sizes.

A tentative schedule for use of the BEKI gallery over the next year (which began with the annual High Holiday display) has been created. It is designed to have a certain amount of flexibility to accommodate BEKI or community members who might be interested in arranging for an exhibit.

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and growth of the School and sensing the need for assured funding, he established the **George G. & Leah E. Posener Endowment for the Jewish Education of BEKI Youth** in May 1997.

As Chairperson of the Building Committee during the mid-1990s George managed major building restoration projects, including the replacement of the roof and pointing of the brickwork. In addition, George oversaw the repair and maintenance of many parts of the synagogue building, often providing his own labor.

The daily chapel, now in its new space, was dedicated as the George G. Posener Daily Chapel in 1999.

Each year since 2001, George has sponsored The **George G. Posener Family Memorial Yom Kippur Break-Fast at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel in blessed memory of his wife, parents, sisters, brother and two precious sons**, a special and meaningful community gathering at the end of Yom Kippur.

In recognition of the importance of the [Kadima](#) program

for youth in grades five through eight and the [USY](#) program for youth in high school, in preparing young people to be leaders in the Jewish and civic community, and in appreciation for the work of Ms. Darryl Kuperstock and the other parent volunteers who have guided the youth toward excellence, Mr. Posener created the **George G. Posener Kadima & United Synagogue Youth Fund** in 2002 to provide perpetual support to our youth.

In addition to his service as a Director on several BEKI boards, providing leadership and philanthropy, George has served as a father-figure and mentor to numerous adults in the community, and is regarded as an honored elder. What is more, George has named the Congregation and its [religious school](#) as a major beneficiary in his estate planning. George has consented to letting this be known to the Congregation in order to encourage others to follow his lead. In these ways, George has provided for the Congregation in the past, present and future in very significant ways. Along with his philanthropy at BEKI, George has been a major supporter of Ezra Academy of Greater New Haven (a Jewish Day School), Camp Ramah of New England, Yale University, as well as numerous other local institutions.

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Torah Fund Chair for BEKI Sisterhood

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*Shabbatot*

## Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan

The "Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan," which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45 in the office, is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to become more comfortable and proficient in the Shaharit (morning) and Torah services in a supportive setting.



**Alan Lovins**

Expertly led by **Steven Fraade, Rabbi Alan Lovins, Rabbi Murray Levine** and others, the Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan 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 services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

## Shabbat Afternoon Study Break

Each Shabbat afternoon from November through March, a 30-minute study break is held between the Shabbat Mincha and Motse'ei Shabbat and Havdala services, featuring popular texts. The mincha service begins on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon at the same hour that candles were lit the night before, and ends about 85 minutes later. Set in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel, the service and study period are intimate, participatory and sometimes intense and uplifting.

*Sundays*

## New: The Evolution of Judaism in the Second Temple Period (March 2011)

Explore topics in the emergence of Rabbinic Judaism and its evolution in the Second Temple period with Steven Fraade on three consecutive Sunday nights in March (6, 13, 20) following the 5:45 afternoon & evening services. Steven Fraade is the Mark Taper Professor of the History of Judaism at Yale University; he teaches courses on rabbinic literature, the history of the Second Temple and rabbinic Judaism, and the Dead Sea Scrolls. English and Hebrew texts (and occasionally texts in other languages) are provided. From 6:07 to 7 p.m. Suitable for adults and mature youth. Costume optional at March 20 class. Coffee, tea and hot cocoa available.



**Steven Fraade**

*Mondays*

## Rashi Study Group

Each Monday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the Torah. 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



**Jon-Jay Tilsen**

are welcome. The RSG began in January 1994 with the first verse of Genesis and is currently reading the final chapters of Deuteronomy. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7 o'clock *shaharit* morning service. Most participants attend the service before the Study Group. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

## New: Principles of Non-Violence in Early Rabbinic Sources (December 2010)

On three Monday nights in December, explore fundamental principles of non-violent living and conflict resolution as represented in classical ancient rabbinic texts. Dec. 6, 13, and 20, from 5:55 to 6:50 p.m., in the Beit Midrash, immediately following 5:45 evening service. Texts in English and Hebrew supplied; free. Suitable for adults and mature youth. With Jon-Jay Tilsen

## New: Survey of Mishna Sanhedrin (January 2011)

On five Monday nights in January, survey the text of Mishna Sanhedrin. Compiled in the early third century of the common era by Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi, a resident of Tsiptori in northern Israel, this tractate of the Mishna describes the procedures for trying capital cases and judicial execution; the Noahide laws (the bases for universal human rights); and other rules of evidence and procedure. Several notable quotations such as "He who saves one life..." will be encountered, as well as striking evidence of the evolutionary nature of law, philosophy and theology. Begins Monday night Jan. 3, from 5:55 (immediately following the 5:45 evening service) to 6:50, and each Monday night through Jan. 31 (five weeks), in the Beit Midrash. Texts available in English and Hebrew

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## Adult Studies

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or bring your own Mishna. Ideal for anyone interested in an introduction to Mishna, or criminal law (in Hebrew law or other Western Law systems), and participants (continuing or new) in the Sanhedrin Study Group (a Talmud study group that meets on Thursdays; see below). Suitable for adults and mature youth. With Rabbi Tilsen.

*Wednesdays*

### Word for the Day

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) features a 90-second “Hebrew word for the day” 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 not normally possible in English. The Word for the Day often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion. The Wednesday morning service normally begins at 7 o’clock and ends at 7:31. (The service ends later on Hol HaMoed Sukkot and Pesah, Hanuka and Rosh Hodesh;

Word for the Day is not presented on those occasions.)

### 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.



**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 8:45 (or to 9 a.m. if a quorum is present) on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 o’clock.

## Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30). 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 Sanhedrin 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).

*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.” Nadav Sela’s most recent Devar Torah on Shabbat Nahamu is available at <http://beki.org/dt/selanadavnahamu5770.pdf>.

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# Are We Kosher, or Kosher Style?

In the recent fall edition of *Judaism: Voice of Conservative/Masorti Judaism* Rabbi Charles Simon asks in an article, “Are we kosher or kosher style?” I recently posted the article on my office door. He asks the question in a different context, but I began thinking about the BEKI Religious School. Are we genuinely kosher or a merely kosher-style school?

I hope the Religious School teaches authentic Judaism to our next generation of Jews; that is certainly our intent. Our students learn in school, for example, that becoming bar or bat mitzvah means they have mastered the very basic skills needed to continue lifelong learning and they are expected to pursue those studies. Do they get the same message from home?

Thankfully, there are formal opportunities for continued Jewish education in our community, but children learn the most from their families. Do your children perceive

that you value their Jewish education at least as much as their secular education? What would they say if they were asked?

Is Religious School just another after-school activity or are the fundamental values of Judaism reinforced daily at home? Do your children know that you give ten percent of your family income to tzedaka and what charities you choose to support and why? Often we write checks and mail them off or make donations online as just another chore to complete. How will your children learn to give tzedaka if they don't see it done?

Thanksgiving has passed. There is a great opportunity to model how to feed the hungry: join your child a few times a year at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen as BEKI volunteers. Do you want your children to internalize commandments from God to take care of the less fortunate? Show kindness to strangers? Then show them how in whatever way you deem appropriate. **Daily.** There are so many opportunities to do so and your synagogue community can help. Strive in all things Jewish to be “kosher;” not just “kosher style.” We will too.



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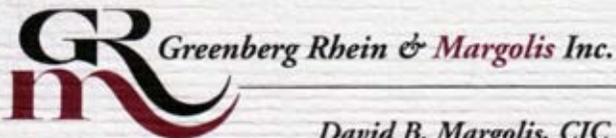


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## Marcel Gutman Scholarship for Our BEKI Youth

Applications are now being accepted for the MGS to all youth from 5-12 grade. Application is available on-line ([www.beki.org/forms.html](http://www.beki.org/forms.html)) or in the BEKI office. For more information please contact Mimi Glenn (203) 397-3851

## Mazal Tov to

Barbara Cushen on the birth of her great-grandson Joseph, born to her granddaughter Rebecca; and to David Wright, the baby's great-uncle.

## Library News

After an absence of at least 18 years, BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library now has volume 2 of the *Encyclopedia Judaica* (1973), completing the set. Although the 1973 edition was superseded by the Second Edition of the *Encyclopedia Judaica* (released 2007), which was a gift to the Congregation by Dennis & Barbara Rader, our library retains the first edition, as well as the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (1901) and the *Universal Jewish Encyclopedia* (1943). These earlier editions contain numerous excellent articles on topics deemed less essential by later editors. Although the new *Encyclopedia Judaica* is the first-stop for the current scholarship on a wide

range of topics, the replacement of the missing volume literally fills a hole in our collection.

## Building Update: New HVAC Pump

The primary pump assembly (including pump, motor, valves and pad) that circulates heated or cooled water through our HVAC system was scheduled to be replaced the first week of November. After being temporarily replaced before the High Holy Days, the pump, which was over 50 years old, ultimately failed in the last week of October. Thanks to the efforts of Moshe Meiri, along with house chairperson Eric Dunsker and custodian Clarence Bromell, the outage caused minimal disruption and replacement work was advanced and completed on 2 November. Moshe spent the better part of several days locating and ordering parts and meeting and supervising vendors. In medical terms, it was like transplanting a new heart into someone who had already been dead for three days – and having the patient feel better than ever, thank you very much.

This was a major project and should ensure reliability for this part of the system for many years (perhaps another 50). This was largely an anticipated expense, and was partially covered in the budget line for building maintenance and upkeep adopted last spring. We did get every last cycle out of the old pump before it failed beyond repair.

The new pump and motor should operate at a level of efficiency notably higher than the part it replaced. It is less "leaky" and should provide increased mechanical and electrical efficiency, producing more heat from less gas. The Building Committee is also exploring additional ways to en-

hance the effectiveness, convenience and efficiency of the HVAC system.

The degree to which we can control the temperature varies from room to room. Generally we aim to heat to 68 or 69 degrees; please dress accordingly.

## Warm Feeling in Daily Chapel

Thanks to reconfigured distribution and thermostats, and efficiency measures in the central boiler room, the reliability and control of heating in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel and the Rosenkrantz Family Library are markedly improved. On even the coldest mornings and afternoons, service and class participants should find the beit midrash (chapel library) at 68 to 69 degrees through the winter.

## Participation Question of The Month

*With this issue, we introduce a new Bulletin feature, the Participation Question of the Month. At a BEKI Board meeting it was suggested that congregants might have interest in speaking at a Shabbat Schmooze or brunch, organizing or chairing a social or tiqun olam activity, or writing a profile of a BEKI member for an upcoming Bulletin. If you are interested in sharing your ideas for BEKI activities and participating in a leadership role, now is your chance to email or call-in your thoughts to [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org), subject line "Participation."*

Now, our **Participation Question of the Month**: Is there a topic that you would like to talk about at an upcoming Shabbat Schmooze or Brunch? (You may also suggest a friend or other associate who could speak.) If so, please email or call-in your thoughts to [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org), subject line "Participation."



George G. Posener

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# Welcome to BEKI

There was once a country club with a placard at the gate, “No Jews or dogs allowed.”

With the passage of time and evolving attitudes, and after long, heartfelt and sometimes contentious deliberation, the club members

ultimately and sincerely decided to change their policy. Up went a new sign: “Jews and dogs allowed.”

Some non-Masorti congregations, like some in our own movement, have recently taken the position that they accept gay and lesbian (and transgendered) Jews, and should not discriminate against them, on the same basis that they accept drug addicts and adulterers. This may be an important and commendable development, but a plane moving at that velocity cannot get off the tarmac.

Determining to *accept* previously excluded or alienated people is only a first step toward genuinely *welcoming* them; it is a necessary but not sufficient condition.

When our ancestor Avraham ran to welcome visitors to his tent, he did not first check to see if they were male or female, what language they spoke, their skin color, gender identity, age, *tsitsit* length, party affiliation, donor history

or criminal record. For Avraham – the one who set the standard for the mitzva of *hakhnasat orhim* (welcoming visitors) – it was enough to recognize the humanity of those approaching his tent.



**Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978)**

Our community knows this lesson well. Many – perhaps most – of our members know what it is like to feel excluded or unwelcomed by Jewish or other institutions, and by definition we know the variations of the experience of “the Jew” in broader society and the place of Israel on the world stage. Our experience ought to prepare us to understand and truly welcome others.

It has been said that much of our membership represents the “misfits” of the Jewish world – the traditionally observant and egalitarian; the shul community-loving atheist; the uneducated exploring modern traditional Judaism; the foreign

(non-U.S.) -born; the minority gendered; the racially non-European; the escapee from an insular sect; the non-Ashkenazi – and we are seldom surprised at who washes up

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on the shores of our *cholent* at qiddush. We all like the idea of pluralism and welcoming “all Jews” and would-be Jews to our congregation, but do we thoughtfully say and do what is necessary to actually make everyone feel welcome? Are we ready to really accept them in our hearts and welcome them unconditionally as did Avraham and Sara?

True, not everyone can or should find a home among us. Avraham’s visitors were not suicide bombers. He was quite particular in whom he found as a mate for his beloved son. We define our Congregation as one that seeks to follow the standards of normative Judaism as taught by our Masorti-Conservative rabbis and scholars and as expressed by our observant local community. We want our children to recognize and respect other approaches to Judaism, other cultures and religions, but even more we want to immerse them in a Masorti-Conservative environment and train them to understand and live by the wisdom of our teachers. And even more than that, we want them to follow basic rules of human decency. As long as our visitors – as well as members – respect our identity, safety standards and rules of public behavior (such as “no smoking on premises”), our tent is large enough to welcome them.

Years ago the BEKI leadership decided that our building should be physically accessible to all. A great deal of

effort, inconvenience and most of all money was invested in modifying our building to accommodate most people. Likewise, we have engaged trained outreach coordinators and teachers to welcome adults and children with special needs related to developmental disabilities, as well as adults who are mental health service consumers, and to help teach

the broader congregation how to be understanding and welcoming. Can we modify the ways we think and behave to truly accommodate and welcome these adults? Have we learned what to do when someone behaves “oddly” or inappropriately?

Our brains are “hard-wired” to find disgust or danger in things that look “different.” People are fascinated or frightened by those who look like “freaks” and can easily vilify, dehumanize, enslave or destroy those of different races. It is only a higher brain function, or a matter of retraining ourselves, to classify all humans as “object: familiar” regardless of physical appearance. Our alternative way of thinking is reinforced by numerous rabbinic teachings – the *Tselem Elohim*, image of God, in each person, the notion that all humans are of the same family (i.e., all

descended from Adam and Eve). We are taught how to treat the “stranger” among us, as we should know the heart of the stranger inasmuch as we ourselves were “foreigners” in the Land of Egypt.

For us to genuinely be a safe place for otherwise disenfranchised Jews, we still have a way to go.

*You shall love your fellow as yourself.* Lev. 19:18



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# December 2010

## 24 Kislev 5771 - 24 Tevet 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Erev Hanukkah 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 5:45pm First Night Hanukkah Menora Lighting in Lobby  24 Kislev	<b>2</b> Hanukkah I 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  25 Kislev	<b>3</b> Hanukkah II 4:05pm Candle Lighting  26 Kislev	<b>4</b> Hanukkah III Darshan: Rabbi Eric Silver 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Sachs 4:00pm Minha-Maariv 7:15pm Kadima Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey (open to all/reservations req'd)  27 Kislev
<b>5</b> Hanukkah IV 9:00am Religious School 2:30pm USY Hanuka Party (off-site/reservations required)  28 Kislev	<b>6</b> Hanukkah V 7:45am Rashi Study Group 5:55pm Principles of Non-Violence in Early Rabbinic Sources w/Rabbi Tilsen  29 Kislev	<b>7</b> Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI  30 Kislev	<b>8</b> Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program  1 Tevet	<b>9</b> Hanukkah VIII 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  2 Tevet	<b>10</b> Sherman Goldblum Bar Mitzva 4:04pm Candle Lighting  3 Tevet	<b>11</b> Sherman Goldblum Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Goldblum 4:00pm Minha-Maariv  4 Tevet
<b>12</b> 9:00am Religious School 1:00pm Pomegranate Guild  5 Tevet	<b>13</b> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 5:55pm Principles of Non-Violence in Early Rabbinic Sources w/Rabbi Tilsen 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)  6 Tevet	<b>14</b>  7 Tevet	<b>15</b> 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program  8 Tevet	<b>16</b> 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  9 Tevet	<b>17</b> Fast of Tevet 10 4:06pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm 20's/30's Havura Friday Night Dinner (off-site/reservations required)  10 Tevet	<b>18</b> 10:45am Children's programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Posener 4:00pm Minha-Maariv  11 Tevet
<b>19</b> 9:00am Religious School 3:30pm USY Bounce U in Stratford (off-site, reservations required)  12 Tevet	<b>20</b> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 5:55pm Principles of Non-Violence in Early Rabbinic Sources w/Rabbi Tilsen 7:30pm General Board Meeting  13 Tevet	<b>21</b>  14 Tevet	<b>22</b> 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program  15 Tevet	<b>23</b> 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  16 Tevet	<b>24</b> Office Closed 4:09pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Chinese Shabbat Dinner (catered by Eden Wok/reservations required)  17 Tevet	<b>25</b> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Koenig 4:00pm Minha-Maariv  18 Tevet
<b>26</b> No Religious School  19 Tevet	<b>27</b> 7:45am Rashi Study Group  20 Tevet	<b>28</b>  21 Tevet	<b>29</b> 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program  22 Tevet	<b>30</b> 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  23 Tevet	<b>31</b> Office Closed 4:14pm Candle Lighting  24 Tevet	

### Service Times

<b>Sundays</b> 9 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Mondays</b> 7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Tuesdays</b> 7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Wednesdays</b> 7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Thursdays</b> 8:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Fridays</b> 7 a.m. Shaharit 6 p.m. Minha-Maariv	<b>Saturdays</b> 9:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha
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