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## BEKI Gathering in Florida

**C**ongregation Beth El-Keser Israel came into being in its modern incarnation thirty-six years ago, on 31 March 1968, when two venerable congregations merged into one. This fall, we celebrated those who were there at the beginning: the leaders, visionaries and loyal supporters who belonged to either one of the two synagogues at the time of the merger. It was a wonderful experience. Veteran members and past members enjoyed the reunion, and newer members were impressed with the dedication and devotion of their forebears.

This winter, President Gila Reinstein and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen will meet in Florida with BEKI members and past members and supporters to share stories and old photos (we found some amazing ones in our archives), to provide an update on the Congregation's

progress including renovations, and most of all, to have the chance to reconnect. We'll have a little lunch, a few greetings, and some time to visit. We will not be soliciting pledges. We hope to renew and strengthen our bonds, and let our Florida members and friends know they are missed in New Haven.

Paul Goodwin has reserved a room for "The BEKI Gathering" at the Herb Skolnick Community Center, 800 SW 36th Avenue, Pompano Beach (from

Powerline Road, enter Palm Aire on North Palm Aire Drive, cross the bridge, turn left on SW 36th Avenue, go one block; the Center is on the corner) for **Monday 10 January 2005 from Twelve O'clock Noon** until 2:00p. Please be our guests for a kosher dairy/pareve lunch. Let us know if you and your guests can come by contacting our office manager Peggy at 203.389.2108 x14 or office@beki.org. If you are not sure you want to come, please decide to come!

GR & JJT

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## Mark Your Calendar

**o USY Scavenger Hunt**  
08 January usy@beki.org

**o The BEKI Gathering,  
Pompano Beach, Florida**  
Monday 10 January 2005  
Noon 2:00p

**o Elm City Choir  
Reception Sunday 30**  
January 2005 11:00a

**o Winter Shabbat Dinner**  
Friday 04 February 2005

**o Deli Box**  
Pickup Sunday 06 February  
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January) see www.beki.  
org/delibox.pdf

**o Gala Auction**  
12 March 2005 7:00p

**o Trip to JTS**  
in NYC 20 March 2005  
9:00a to 4:00p

**o Wine-Tasting**  
09 April 2005

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## Thank you:

- To Dr. Barry Richter from Louis Petrillo
- To Roz Kleper for her dear friendship & loving kindness from Mikki Ratner

## Mazel Tov to:

- Lori Weinstein on her milestone birthday from Janet & Jay Brown, Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Sally Weichbrodt on her birthday from Hyla Greenberg
- Ann Trimarchi on her birthday by Hyla Greenberg
- Dina & Michael Secchiaroli on the birth of Jalina from the Hesed Committee
- Robert Forbes & Joanne Foodim on David's Bar Mitzvah from Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Jack Botwinik on his milestone birthday from Shirley Mattler
- Mikki Ratner on her birthday from Rena Miller
- Linda Friedman in honor of her new granddaughter, Lindsay, from Louis Petrillo
- Allan Schwartz on his birthday from Barbara Cushen, Stanley Saxe
- Gila Reinstein on the birth of her granddaughter from Barbara Cushen, Grace Geisinger, Hesed Committee

## In Memory of:

- Jamie Botwick to Beatrice Botwick from Rose Brunswick, Shirley Mattler
- Arthur Friedland to Mrs. Ruth Friedland & family from Anna Goldberg, Adele Tyson
- Samuel Lender to Mrs. Lee Lender & family from Shirley Mattler
- Sima Firine to Joyce Tapper from Helen Miller
- Tess Galvin to Herb Galvin from Rena Miller
- Sally Tenner to Mr. Burtin Tenner & family from Ruth & Sam Raflowitz
- Ben Bernstein to the Bernstein family from Stanley Saxe
- Their sister to Mr. & Mrs. Al Eisenberg from Susan & Victor Stein
- Sidney Brick to Mrs. Charlotte Brick from Adele Tyson
- Her sister, Anita, to Kayla Margolis & family from Claire & Bud Volain
- Diane Myers from Shirley & Bernie Bober
- Manuel Faneca to Mr. Jack Feneca & family from Lori, Natan, Beth & Justin Weinstein
- Regina Faymann from the Hesed Committee, Rena Miller
- Her uncle to Darryl Kuperstock from the Hesed Committee

## Where is the Chapel?

BEKI's Daily Chapel was originally created as a gift of Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Rosner and Mr. & Mrs. J. Edward Rosner. In 1965, the professionally-designed sacred space was dedicated (see photo). In 1987, the chapel was renovated and updated by the Sisterhood and the support of George G. Posner. In 2000, the chapel was designated the George G. Posner Daily Chapel.

In 2004, the Chapel was dismantled as part of the renovations project. In its place, an elevator has been installed, and an entryway from the parking area has been created. When the renovations project is completed, part the remaining of the space will be used to create an accessible washroom and a nursing room, and the remainder will enlarge the lobby. That work is presently projected for next winter.

In the interim, the Rosenkrantz

Library is serving double-duty as a Chapel-Library. The Chapel memorial tablets and plaques have been placed in storage or mounted in or near the library. When Phase 2C of the renovation project is implemented, a new Chapel and new Library space will be created, along with a new Claire Goodwin Youth Room. While the interim configuration seems peculiar, the completed project will present simple, elegant and comfortable spaces for study, prayer, play and gathering.



Photo courtesy of Sam Kantrowitz

### Men's Club of B'nai Israel (Beth El) 1960

Front, R-L: Charles Kaplowitz, President; Simon Evans, VP  
Back: Jack Nankin, Treasurer; Sam Kantrowitz, VP, Arthur Gorfain, Secretary



New Teen Minyan

## **New: Teen Minyan**

There are six different services or programs running simultaneously on any given Shabbat morning at BEKI. BEKI's teens have decided to add a seventh program, a teen minyan. The Teen Minyan is organized and led by BEKI teens and takes place approximately every three weeks. The teens are experimenting with format. In the first two meetings of the teen minyan, the participants organized a discussion of the Torah reading, and have tried out different melodies. There were about fifteen 9th - 12th graders who

attended each minyan. At upcoming meetings, BEKI teens also hope to invite other area teens to attend.

The next Teen Minyan will be on 15 January 2005 at BEKI from 10.30a to noon. Like USY, it is restricted to people who are in grades 9 through 12 in 2005. Participants will join the rest of the congregation afterwards for kiddush and lunch. For information, contact Jochai at [teenminyan@beki.org](mailto:teenminyan@beki.org), 464.6220.

## **USY Scavenger Hunt**

USYers, mark your calendar for Saturday night 08 January for a scavenger hunt. For more information, contact [usy@beki.org](mailto:usy@beki.org).

# Dear Rabbi



## Dear Rabbi,

Recently I attended a Shabbat dinner at the home of a religious family. One of the other guests was complimenting the host on his wife's energy, her fine cooking, and for being "a real ball-buster." The host accepted this gracefully. I was embarrassed and taken aback, but I didn't say anything. Should I say something now to that guest or the host or hostess?

Signed,  
Polite Guest

*Dear Eidel Oreakh,*

*Your interpretation, while colorful, is somewhat (to use the Yiddish term) farfetched. The guest was probably using the Yiddish term balabusta, which simply means a "homemaker."*

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( & Muriel) Banquer*

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The "Master Rotation List" for Shabbat & Festival service participation was mailed in December to some households on the BEKI membership list. (Additional copies are available from the BEKI office at 389-2108 x14, in the literature rack, or at [www.beki.org/rotate.html](http://www.beki.org/rotate.html)). The list is the schedule of services and programs to be lead by volunteers. If you would like to lead a children's or adult service, or learn to do so, contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 ([jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org)).

The "Master Rotation List" offers only a partial picture of the volunteerism at BEKI. Not listed there are the over fifty Torah Readers and the Torah Reading coordinators, the leaders of the Late Friday service and weekday services, those who prepare BEKI mailings, the work of the Board and its committees, the work of the Sisterhood and Religious School, the Renovations Committee and Qiddush Committee, and much more.

New this season are separate listings for Qabbalat Shabbat and Maariv, which were formerly listed together. The Teen Minyan (see article, this issue), is not listed, as its participants arrange for leaders from meeting to meeting.

Leaders of the shaharit (morning) service on Shabbat may sometimes be asked to yield leadership of the Torah service (hotsaat haTorah) to benei mitzva students. Leadership of this segment of the service is not scheduled separately.

BEKI has a long history of volunteerism. Over the past decades, much of the building was built and maintained by its members' own labor. Food preparation for programs and cleanup was done by members. In our day, many have now extended this "Jew-it-yourself" approach to the worship and teaching services as well. This has earned BEKI the epithet of "The People's Temple."

## Friendly Face?

If you might like to serve as a "Greeter" on a Shabbat or Festival morning, to welcome guests, direct visitors, and assist those with special needs, please contact Ritual Committee Chairperson Steven Fraade at 397-9430 or [steven.fraade@yale.edu](mailto:steven.fraade@yale.edu), or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 or [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org).

*-- Shammai taught: Greet every person with a cheerful face (Avot 1:15)*

## Important Tax Information

You can contribute stocks and securities directly to BEKI. For some, significant tax advantages can be realized by contributing appreciated stocks. IRS regulations allow the donor to deduct the appreciated value of the security.

Taxpayers are reminded that synagogue dues, pledges and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. For many people it is advantageous to pay dues, pledges and contributions before the end of the tax

year (for most people 31 December). For some people, January presents a new opportunity to contribute in a way that is deductible in the new year. It is also helpful to BEKI to receive your payment at an early date. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

## Viruses Available: Pick Up at Synagogue or Acquire by Email

To reduce transmission of illness-causing viruses and bacteria, some people refrain from shaking hands or embracing. Please do not be offended if others refrain from contact greetings on Shabbat or other occasions. Perhaps we can invent a "Secret BEKI Handshake" that does not involve actual contact.

BEKI email addresses, like those of many other fine institutions, have been used as the "sender" address in forged messages containing viruses. The "sender" information is easily altered by hackers and there is nothing we can do about it. Email from Rabbi Tilsen always includes a subject beginning "BEKI:" or another meaningful subject line. "If in doubt, throw it out."

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The winner: BEKI-BJ Youth, and everyone who enjoyed the pies.

## Kadima Korner

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## Volunteers needed for Gala Auction

12 March 2005 7:30p.

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## *Shabbatot*

### **Darshanim in January**

- Rabbi Lina Grazier-Zerbarini, Shabbat parashat Shemot, 01 January 2005
- Dr. Lauren Kempton, with students, Shabbat parashat VaEra, 08 January 2005



Steven Fraade

### **Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan**

The "Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan," which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in BEKI's Library Chapel, 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. Expertly led by **Steven Fraade**, **Rabbi Alan Lovins** 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 for the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

### **Laws of Shabbat: Shabbat Afternoon Study**

The laws of Shabbat will be studied between Shabbat *minha* afternoon service and *maariv* evening services this season. The sixteenth century law code *Shulhan Arukh* will be the basic text. The *Shulhan Arukh* was written by Rabbi Yosef Karo and serves as an essential guide to modern practice. Hebrew and English texts are available. The study period lasts about thirty-five minutes.

### *Mondays* **Rashi Study Group**

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a 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 are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7:00a shaharit morning service. On Monday 17 January 2005, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, morning services are from 9:00a to 9:45a and the Rashi Study Group meets from 9:45a to 10:30a.

### **New - Coming in March & April - Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot**

"Principles of Judaism: Torah on One Foot" is for adults wishing an overview of the Principles of Jewish thought and life. It is ideal for people new to Judaism, considering conversion, or wishing to begin a systematic study and practice of Judaism. Topics include The Torah, Halakha (Jewish Law), The Mitzva System, 3,600 Years of Jewish History, The God of Israel, Fundamental Observances, Conservative & Other Judaisms, Messiah, Eternal Life, Talmud Torah, The Sabbath, and more. The series will meet on Monday nights in March & April 2005, beginning 14 March, from 6:00p to 7:30p in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Library. The class immediately follows the 5:45p afternoon & evening service. To register, contact Peggy at 389-2108 x14 or [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org). Material & registration fee \$18.00 per person.

### *Wednesdays* **Berakhot Talmud Study Group**

A Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:30a to 8:00a during the academic year. The Study Group focuses on the original text and the issues that arise from the Mishna and Gemara, with attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of basic Hebrew or Aramaic is very helpful but not required. The Group is open to all.

## 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. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

## Thursdays Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group" meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) at a downtown New Haven professional office for Talmud study. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text. 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. For location or information, contact Isaiah Cooper at 233.4547 or [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.net).

## NEW: Women's Writing Group

Member Ruth Silver has formed a women's writing group that is open to all women. It meets on each Thursday in the Chapel Library from 2:00p to 4:00p. Each week a group of interested women come together to share the short pieces that they have written:

memoirs, poetry, children's stories and short stories. The goal of the group is to encourage both writing, critique of written pieces, and publishing. Each week the women come together with a piece of their writing. The writer then has a "Read-Aloud" and the group provides feedback. The founder hopes that this community will generate writing and provide support and feedback for published pieces. For more information please contact Ruth Silver at [bergida@yahoo.com](mailto:bergida@yahoo.com) or Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or [lkempton@beki.org](mailto:lkempton@beki.org)

## AA Meeting

The *Here We Are Group* of AA meets at BEKI every Thursday night at 8:00p. The weekly Meeting has been held at BEKI since May 1997. Open to any person who can benefit from a recovery program, the meeting is held according to standard AA procedure. It is currently engaged in a 12 & 12 Study – Discussion. This is not a specifically Jewish recovery group, although a large proportion of participants are Jewish. For information on the weekly meeting contact Jay at (203) 387-6019 or [sokolow@snet.net](mailto:sokolow@snet.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."

### Required Reading & Reference Books on Web

A listing of basic Judaic reference and introductory works is posted on BEKI's website at [www.beki.org/books.html](http://www.beki.org/books.html) with a brief annotation by Rabbi Tilsen.

### Reading Torah at BEKI

If you would like to read Torah, or learn how to read, contact the Torah Reading Coordinator through the synagogue office at 389-2108 x14 or through Rabbi Tilsen at [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org). Marsha Beller is the Coordinator for Shemot (Exodus), which we read 01 January – 12 March 2005.

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## The Emissary Program



**T**his is the fourth year that BEKI Religious School has participated in the Emissary Program. Our connections to our Partnership 2000 Sister City, the Alfula Gilboa region, has been strengthened by such past emissaries as Ongly Zisling, whose grandfather, Aharon Zisling signed the Declaration of Independence for Israel and Danny Atar, son of Afula Mayor Danny Atar.

As I read the amazing article about Eilam and Beccy, our BEKI shelihim, by Donna Kemper and Ron Zlotoff, I was prompted to reflect on the many tasks these young people accomplish, the personal caring and the lasting impact they have on our BEKI youth.

We, the area Education Directors, meet to plan the dates the emissaries are needed at our various Religious schools. To the observer it sounds a bit like an auction: "I'd like Beccy at BEKI on 2 April" ... "No, I need Eilam for Fruit People on that date."

Each year the program has strengthened and the focus has been refined. So I want to focus on two outstanding programs; Beccy's presentation of Attractive Land, the interactive Israel map and Eilam's Hanuka program.

The BEKI Religious school students are well-versed in historical Hanuka so when Eilam and I planned the morning our intentions were that it be different, interactive, and typically Israeli. First we made hanukiyot from wood and gum drops. Then Eilam started with a game called "Baqbuq" that is played by Israeli children. If you want to emulate this game, tie a string around your waist with a Hanuka candle tied to the end of the string, almost like a tail; Without your hands try to get the candle in a small necked wine bottle! The children loved this

game and it made "Pin the Tail on the Donkey" look really lame.

Next, Eilam distributed traditional Hanuka pictures for coloring except we did not use crayons or paints. Rather, we painted with the drippings from the candles. (It was also a lesson on fire safety.) We concluded by singing Maoz Tsur accompanied by Eilam's guitar and we taught Eilam some of our songs.

It was a fun morning, totally interactive. Eilam and Beccy bring spirit and enthusiasm to our children in their work. They certainly teach us about Israel and Modern Hebrew, but perhaps the most important lesson is Beccy and Eilam themselves: their commitment and their absolute dedication to their work.

– LK



Busy BEKI Religious School Class

## Megilla Readers Needed

If you would like to read Megillat Ester (the Book of Esther) on Purim at BEKI, or learn how to, please contact Rabbi Tilsen (389-2108 x10 jjtilsen@beki.org) at your earliest opportunity. Purim is observed on Thursday night 24 March and Friday 25 March 2005 in New Haven and other cities that were not walled in the thirteenth century BCE.

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In addition to fulfilling the daily mitzvot of qeriat shema (recitation of the Shema), tefila (prayer), Talmud Torah (study) and Tzedaka (charity), attendance also affords those in mourning a Minyan so that they can recite qaddish. Audio recordings of some of the prayers are available at the BEKI website under "Audio Library." Regular participants in these services are always glad to welcome additional worshippers. Call our office at 389-2108 x14 or see [www.beki.org/schedule.html](http://www.beki.org/schedule.html) for a complete schedule.

## Maariv Evening Service

The daily maariv evening service comprises the recitation of the Shema and

its accompanying blessings, as well as the individual recitation of the Amida. The maariv service (also known as arvit) provides an opportunity to fulfill the Biblical commandment of reciting the Shema at night as well as fulfilling the rabbinically mandated recitation of the Amida. An audio recording of the Shema is available in BEKI's web Audio Library.

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## Children's Shabbat Havura

The Children's Shabbat Havura meets every Shabbat morning at 10:45a in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room. Designed to address the spiritual and social needs of preschool children, the Havura meets concurrently with K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation, Cosmic Conversations, the Shabbat

Shalom Learners' Minyan and the main Sabbath service. Following the half-hour of songs, stories, prayers and dance, the children have their own qiddush refreshments and then enjoy supervised play until they join the adult worship for the Concluding Service and qiddush.

The Havura enjoys strong support from parents and the Synagogue. Currently about 70 children and their parents actively participate in the Havura. Visitors have come from across New England to observe this program as a model for their own synagogues.

Meeting the spiritual and social needs of preschool children is an obligation of the Jewish community and an important part of the Synagogue's mission. The Havura (Friendship

Circle) links the children to one another, to other concerned Jewish parents, and to the Synagogue. The Havura enjoys the active participation of parents who themselves are enriched by the experience. For many adults, the Children's Shabbat Havura serves as their introduction to active participation in the Synagogue Community.

If you are interested in learning more about the BEKI Children's Shabbat Havura, come any Shabbat (Saturday) morning at 10:45a and see for yourself. Or contact Miriam Benson at 389-6137 or [mirbenson@aol.com](mailto:mirbenson@aol.com), who, along with Ellen Cohen, coordinates the program. You can also contact Education Director Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or [lkempton@beki.org](mailto:lkempton@beki.org), the staff person who supports this parent cooperative.

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## 20 Tevet 5765 - 21 Shevat 5765

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

						<p>1</p> <p>Darshanit: Rabbi Lina Grazier-Zerbarini 10:45a Children's Programs Qiddush: Leon Cummings 4:15p Minha, Marris, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 Tevet</p>
<p>2</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 Tevet</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p Executive Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 Tevet</p>	<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 Tevet</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24 Tevet</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 Tevet</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:20p Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 Tevet</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Darshanit: Dr. Lauren Kempton 10:45a Children's Programs 10:45a Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Margot Roten 4:20p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 Tevet</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:00a Religious School 12:00p Religious School Faculty Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 Tevet</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 Tevet</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Shevat</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 9:30a NAHARA 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Shevat</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Shevat</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:27p Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Shevat</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30a Teen Minyan 10:45a Children's Programs Qiddush: Myer-Kempton 4:30p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Shevat</p>
<p>16</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Shevat</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day 7:45a Rashi Study Group 9:00a Shahaarit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Shevat</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Shevat</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 Shevat</p>	<p>20</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Shevat</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:35p Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 Shevat</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:45a Children's Programs 10:45a Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Ben-Chitrit 4:35p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Shevat</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:00a Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Shevat</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p General Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Shevat</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Tu B'Shevat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Shevat</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Shevat</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Shevat</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BEKI/BJ USY Deli Box Order Deadline 4:44p Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 Shevat</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:45a Children's Programs Qiddush: Kassap-Caldwell 4:45p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 Shevat</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:00a Religious School 11:00a Elm City Girl's Choir Concert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 Shevat</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 Shevat</p>					

# Service Times for Winter

**Sundays:**

9a Shaharit  
5:45p Maariv

**Mondays:**

7a Shaharit  
5:45p Maariv

**Tuesdays:**

7a Shaharit  
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**Wednesdays:**

7a Shaharit  
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**Thursdays:**

8:15a Shaharit  
5:45p Maariv

**Fridays:**

7a Shaharit  
6p Maariv

**Saturdays:**

9:15a Shaharit  
See calendar for  
Minha-Maariv

## Calendar Notes in January

On Monday 17 January 2005, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, morning services are from 9:00a to 9:45a; the Rashi Study Group meets from 9:45a to 10:30a; and the office is closed. Other services are at their usual times.

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- Dorothy Fraade honoring Liora's birthday

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## Kulanu

Participants in Kulanu decided to focus in their Community Day Group on a Lunch and Learn series. In January, the topic will be Jews and Civil Rights. The group will explore the friendship of Dr. Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel as they worked towards a more just America.

## Saul's Circle

Participants in Saul's Circle will be part of an interactive workshop entitled "Walk Your Talk." With Dr. Lauren Kempton, they will explore the issues of Civil Rights, which were fought for in the Sixties and are still an issue today. They relate these issues to their own lives.



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