Where Were the Ten Lost Tribes during the Middle Ages?

Join us for a Shabbat Schmooze with guest speaker Micha Perry (Jacob & Hilda Blaustein Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Program in Judaic Studies, Yale University), Jan. 23 after Kiddush (approximately 12:45 pm).

Towards the end of the ninth century, a strange looking Jewish traveler appeared at a Jewish community in North Africa. This Jew, Eldad, spoke only a strange and unfamiliar Hebrew, and claimed to come from the lost tribe of Dan. He carried lost traditions and stories from the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, living beyond the legendary river Sambation with their king and army. These accounts entranced Jewish communities worldwide and nourished legends that have persisted even until today.

Who was Eldad? Where did he come from? And how did his stories of the Ten Lost Tribes save the Jews from the Christians during the Middle Ages? These are the main questions we wish to address in this talk.

BEKI / BJ KADIMA KVELLING

Kadima is off to a great start this year. We kicked off with the USYers at Edge of the Woods for a Pizza Event. Lots of games, kibitzing and yummy pizza! The Regional Kick Off event for Kadima and USY at Dadd’s Extreme Sports was amazing! There was laser tag, go carts, arcade games, batting cages, paintball targets, mini-golf, prizes and lots of snacks! The Kadimaniks never stopped that day!

For Eruv Yom Kippur, there was a Hot Chocolate and Bagel Schmooze and we also were treated to chocolate chip cookies and brownies. It was fun to meet with everyone and play a few games before Yom Kippur. Unfortunately, we were rained out of the Corn Maze at Rose Orchards. Thank you for signing up and holding out until the last possible minute. If they had not closed the maze, I believe that we could have made it in raincoats and boots. We headed out to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen to give a helping hand on the night before Thanksgiving.

In December, we had a lovely Shabbat dinner at the Benson-Tilsen’s home,
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ice skating at the Ralph Walker Ice Rink with delicious latkes and donuts and the Hannukahpalooza Regional Event! Wow, it never stops! Stay tuned for more events!

And don’t forget in January, 5th graders can be full Kadima chapter members and 8th graders can have joint Kadima USY membership!

For more info on USY events: Contact Matt Wiener BEKI/BJ USY Advisor at (203) 843-0781 or email at mattwien13@gmail.com

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USY Convention

From the opening skit (written in Dr. Seuss prose, the theme of the convention) until closing ceremonies, Fall Convention was absolutely amazing! Out-loud enactments of different Dr. Seuss books, candy Shacharit, fun late night programs, and of course the dance; I never stopped having fun. In between the programs, we had just as much fun hanging out with our friends from across the region. Looking back, I can’t think of any moment

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when I wasn’t with other people. What makes any USY convention special is the energy and the friendship. While leading one session, I looked across the room to see everyone talking excitedly with smiles on their faces. Their conversations were so riveting that it took at least five minutes to draw their attention back to the program I was running. When it came time for ruach (spiritual singing on Shabbat), there was close to 100% participation in the region, especially when different chapters faced off during Dodi Li.

So for all of you who attended, and left with your voices spent, I hope you had fun and that you will come to the next one!

For those that did not join us, I hope you have thought about coming to future conventions. Contact me if you have any questions.

B’Shalom,
Yedidya Ben-Avie
Hanefesh Regional Religion/Education Vice President

Coming soon, save the dates
- Jan. 31: Fruit Smoothies/Plants/Intro to “Knit Caps”
- Feb. 21: Shaloch Manos/Senior Prom at Tower One
- March 5-7: Kadima Shabbaton
- March 7: 8th Grade Quad- Trip to NYC
- March 21: Possible Kadima Day
- March TBA: Chocolate Seder

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The BEKI-BJ Youth Commission would like to encourage all BEKI teens to consider the special Sunday testing date for the SATs.

Testing on Sunday instead of Saturday is an especially nice form of Shabbat observance.

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http://www.actstudent.org/faq/answers/nonsat.html

(Or simply search for “Sunday Testing SAT/ACT”)
Rabbi Tilsen is away on sabbatical during January, February and March. For further information on classes and program, please contact Office Manager Peggy Hackett office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14.

**Darshanim in January**

Steven Fraade will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat VaYehi, Jan. 2.

Rabbi Lina Zerbarini will serve as darshanit on Shabbat parashat Shemot, Jan. 9.

Michael Kligerfeld will serve as darshan on Shabbat VaEra, Rosh Hodesh Shevat, Jan. 16.

Rabbi Alan Lovins will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Bo, Jan. 23.

Shulamith Chernoff will serve as darshanit on Shabbat parashat BeShalah, Shabbat Shira, Tu BeShevat, Jan. 30.

**Shabbat Schmooze**

A Shabbat Schmooze with Micha Perry, Jan. 23, following qiddush. See article on this issue’s cover.

**Shabbat Minha Study**

Each Saturday afternoon, following the Minha service, there will be a 25-minute period of study before the Maariv service and havdala. This winter, Nadav Sela will lead an investigation into parashat ha-shavua (the weekly Torah reading) and into Pirqei Avot from the Mishna.

**Sundays**

**Sunday Talmud**

Adults and advanced youth are invited to bask in the light of Talmud on Sunday mornings with Moshe Meiri. The third chapter of masekhet Baba Qama (“First Gate”) serves as the base text. This winter series will meet on consecutive Sundays from 10:30 until noon, according to the Religious School schedule. For more information, contact Moshe at moshe@snet.net.

**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 are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7 a.m. shaharit service. During Rabbi Tilsen’s sabbatical, Nadav Sela will assist in facilitating the Study Group.

**Wednesdays**

**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
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Rotation Schedule Available
The “Master Rotation List” for Shabbat & Festival service participation was mailed in mid-December to participating BEKI households. (Additional copies are available from the BEKI office, in the literature rack, or at www.beki.org/rotate.html). The list is the schedule of services and programs to be led by volunteers. If you would like to lead a children’s or adult service, or learn to do so, contact office manager Peggy Hackett (203) 389-2108 x14 office@beki.org and she will forward your request to the appropriate organizer.

Additional leaders are needed for Shabbat morning Pesuqu deZimra (pre-benei mitzva age may participate), Shabbat minha (Saturday afternoon melody), and Aravit for Motse’ei Shabbat (Saturday night; weekday melody). Greeters are also needed for Shabbat mornings for both the 9:05 and 10:30 shifts.

Leaders are also needed for all weekday morning and evening services, particularly during the period of January through March this year, while Rabbi Tilsen is away on sabbatical. If you would like to lead one of these services – beginners are welcome – please contact Steven Fraade or just appear at the service and ask the person in charge if you can lead. The person in charge will gladly offer guidance if needed.

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 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.

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.

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 (203) 397-9430 or steven.fraade@yale.edu.

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Think this is a TV show? Nope – it’s exactly what happened this past summer when 50 BEKI and community members attended our first East Coast Swing workshop. Based on its success, we now have two more dance workshops scheduled: West Coast Swing, and Israeli Dance Couples dancing.

Do you need to be an experienced dancer to attend? NO! Do you need to know how to dance at all? NO! Do you need to come with a partner? NO!

What you do need is an open attitude and a love for music and movement. Leave the rest up to our teachers, who will introduce you to the basics of each dance form.

Workshops are for high school students and adults, and are open to the community.

#1. West Coast Swing Dance Workshop. Sunday, January 24. 7 to 9:30 p.m., $12 per person in advance, $18 at the door. Questions and RSVP to Rena at r.cheskis-gold@snet.net. (Snow date, Feb. 4.)

West Coast Swing is danced to different music than East Coast Swing (our last workshop). Think R&B, Jazz, Funk, Soul, and Rock and Roll-type music, with swing-type steps. (All will be explained -- not to worry!) Our workshop will be taught by teacher Sabrina Paxmann from Feeling the Rhythm.com. She is a powerful pistol of a teacher and an award-winning dancer! See a video of her dancing at feelingtherhythm.com.

#2. Israeli Dance Couples Workshop. Thursday, March 11. Teaching from 7 to 9:30 p.m., followed by open dancing session until midnight $10 per person in advance, $12 at the door. Questions and RSVP to Rena at r.cheskis-gold@snet.net.

The basis of this dance form is what you see at Simhat Torah or Benei Mitzva, but it has evolved much past that. In Israel, a typical Israeli dance session will attract 300 or more people, and every popular song on the Israeli music hit parade has a dance choreographed to it. Our workshop will focus on partner dancing, using many of the same partner elements we learned from swing: how to lead, how to follow, passes, turns, dips -- but with a Middle Eastern beat. Our workshop will be taught by ‘markid’ (dance leader) Yossi Almani.

Yossi has been leading regular dance sessions and dance weekends throughout New England for more than 15 years. He holds a regular session throughout the year at the Greater New Haven JCC each Thursday night, and he will bring his regular session attendees to BEKI to help out at our workshop!

Yossi’s website is Hilulim.com.
A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

HAVE AN AVERAGE DAY

In my Kol Nidre address this year, I suggested that our times demand that we moderate our expectations. Instead of wishing our children, spouse or friend “Have a great day,” it might be more realistic to just say, “Have an average day.”

As I embark on a 13-week sabbatical, I am trying to keep my personal expectations reasonable and realistic. Instead of writing a best-seller, I plan to read one. Instead of planning to lose weight, I plan to gain weight. My central objective in this three-month period is to concoct a narrative that makes it sound like I actually did something constructive or meaningful.

My expectations for the congregation, in contrast, are high. My absence creates real and immediate opportunities and needs for participation and leadership in the community; this, in a congregation that already enjoys an extraordinary level of volunteerism, participation and support. There is no one thing that I do as a rabbi that others cannot do, in most cases, better than I can. The rabbi is not the glue that holds it all together, and anyway the Temple (or was it the Great Pyramid) was built entirely without mortar.

My absence, though, challenges the community for a greater “volume” or frequency of participation. So often I am one of the ten (or fewer) people who attend a daily service; anyone can attend, and any Jew age 12 or 13 or older can help make a minyan (quorum). Likewise, I am just one of seven to ten people who read Torah each week; most of us can learn the minimum of three verses. The challenge is not in being “able” to do it; the challenge is in actually doing it. It is lovely to talk about mitzvot one can or will perform; it is another thing to actually do them. As Maimonides once said, in another context, loosely translated, “Just drag your tuchus down to the house of study right now and subdue your evil inclination.”

The one thing that no one else at BEKI can do in my stead is to count for me in the daily minyan. Happily, each person can count for himself or herself.

If you would like to find out how you can help make BEKI work, especially during this finite period of greater need, please contact our President Jay Sokolow, president@beki.org, or office manager Peggy Hackett, office@beki.org, (203) 389-2108 x14, and they will direct you to the right person.

Our theory is that the Congregation can function just fine without a staff rabbi by distributing rabbinic functions among congregants, and by completing some administrative tasks in advance and deferring others. This is what we have done on my occasional vacations, just on a more sustained basis. While I am away, I hope things don’t go better without me, and I hope they don’t fall apart. So I mean it when I say, “Have an average day.”

While the Rabbi’s away

During Rabbi Tilsen’s sabbatical, you can find the information or help you seek at the synagogue by contacting office manager Peggy Hackett office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14 or those listed below.

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The rabbi’s absence is a great opportunity, and time of special need, for new and increased participation, through attending daily services and classes, and by reading Torah and leading services. To find out how you can be part of it, contact Steven Fraade at steven.fraade@yale.edu.
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On Monday, Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, morning services are from 9 to 9:45; the Rashi Study Group meets from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and the office is closed. Other services are at their usual times.
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 normally allow the donor to deduct the appreciated value of the security if it has been held for more than one year.

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