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## Recognition & Installation of Directors & Officers



Jay Sokolow, President, with Ina Silverman

Directors and officers of the Congregation will be recognized and honored during services and during the qiddush on Shabbat Hazon ("Sabbath of Vision") 21 July 2007. Past and outgoing directors and officers, as well as returning and new directors and officers will be given honors and blessings during the service. Jay Sokolow will serve as *darshan*.

Dr. Jay Sokolow has agreed to serve as President. Recent past-presidents include Donna Levine, Gila Reinstein, Stephen Pincus, Brian Karsif, Saul Bell, Milton Smirnoff, David Sagerman, Adele Tyson, Nadav Sela, Andy Weinstein, Herbert Etkind, Alan Gelbert, and Paul Goodwin.

A number of non-directors serve as chairpersons and on committees and task forces. As this issue went to press, the new list of directors was being prepared.



Donna Levine, Sid in Background



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# Eder Leadership Retreat - Finance Discussion

At the recent Eder Leadership Retreat in which over 30 congregants participated, the subject of BEKI finances was recognized as worthy of a leadership group discussion. Isaiah Cooper, Jay Sokolow, Michael Kligfeld, Bryna Pauker, Dennis Rader, Lisa Stanger, Michael Stern and Donna Levine took part in this session. The primary issues discussed were dues, fundraising projects and income development.

With respect to dues, a number of questions were raised which will be examined by our Finance Committee over the next year. The questions included: Should people be assessed dues based on income? Should we include suggested levels of contribution in writing? Should guidelines for contributions to a Building Fund (i.e., capital campaign) be noted on the membership application, along with a note that members will be asked to contribute? Is 2% of gross income an amount that works as a guideline for total contributions? Are dues being abated in a reasonable manner? Are there other ways we should be thinking about dues and contributions?

Our fundraising projects have been successful and fun. Projects have included Purim baskets, annual tribute dinner/auction, sale of supermarket gift cards, and others. It was noted that these fundraisers provide good entry points for people who wish to become involved in the BEKI community as volunteers. It was recommended that we continue to build on our successes, including a proposed auction for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

With respect to income development, it was noted that we need more people

who are good at asking. One idea was to create categories for "asks"--i.e. lawyers, doctors, professors, etc. Another suggestion was to create a "Chai Society" where members contribute \$1800 per year in addition to dues. It was also suggested that we ask people to contribute a percentage of the costs of a *simha* to BEKI. Other recommendations included ways to create the expectation of an "ask," such as creating a building fund and publishing guidelines for giving. We would like to invite people to a seminar on ways to give to build up our Endowment. We should continue to try to get people to participate in the "President's Minyan" for those who give a total of at least \$10,000 per year to BEKI. We should also consider publicizing donations, provided we have donors' permission to do so.

An immediate outcome of the session was to get more volunteers on the Finance Committee, which will be meeting regularly throughout the year.

Please contact Donna Levine at sdsij@aol.com or 234-9867 if you would like to receive notices of these meetings. In addition, your suggestions are welcome with respect to other issues which should be addressed by the Finance Committee. DL

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Beatrice Cabacoff, mother of  
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***those who Mourn***

**Welcome New Members**

Andrew Hirshfield & Monica Starr,  
 Yonatan and Eitan

**HaNoladim BeMazal Tov**

Mazal tov to Dina Mayzlin & Aaron  
 Cohen on the birth of Rose Mayzlin  
 Cohen in June, and to big brother Ezra

Yair & Stephanie Listokin on the birth  
 of Ezra Hillel Listokin in June, and to big  
 brother Ami

**Mazal Tov to**

Danya Cheskis-Gold, daughter of  
 Martin Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold,  
 on graduating from Washington Univ.  
 with college honors with a B.A. in  
 Anthropology and Spanish. She will  
 be working in New York City for Teach  
 for America, a national service agency,  
 doing marketing, recruiting, and public  
 relations. If anyone has leads to an  
 apartment, please let her know!

Wendy Miller, daughter of Stuart &  
 Sue Miller, on graduating from the

State University of New York at Albany.  
 Wendy intends to attend graduate school  
 at Yeshiva University or a Yeshiva in  
 Jerusalem next year.

Emma Lehrer, daughter of Paulette  
 Lehrer and of Alex (& Amy) Lehrer, on  
 graduating from Lehigh University.

Ariel Ben-Chitrit, son of Coby & Roz  
 Ben-Chitrit, on graduating from Amity  
 High School. He will be attending the  
 New College of Florida in Sarasota next  
 year.

Elisa (Beller) Wiygul, daughter of  
 Marsha Beller and of the late Eric  
 Beller, and her husband Rob Wiygul, on  
 graduating from Yale Law School.

Leah Dumigan, daughter of Diane &  
 George Dumigan, on graduating, with  
 a BFA in toy design from Fashion  
 Institute of Technology, State University  
 of New York (SUNY) in Manhattan.  
 Leah received her first BFA in sculpture  
 from SUNY Purchase in 2001. She has  
 been living and working in NYC since  
 that time.

Jill Dumigan, daughter of Diane &  
 George Dumigan, began a course of  
 study in cosmetology at Brio Academy  
 of Hair Design in New Haven. Jill  
 is a graduate of Chapel Haven and  
 lives in Westville. She participates in  
 many events at BEKI and especially  
 likes helping Team 3 of the Qiddush  
 Committee and activities provided by  
 Kulanu.

Eva Landau, daughter of Helen  
 Rosenberg (& Keith Richter), graduated  
*cum laude* from Roger Williams  
 University in Bristol, Rhode Island on

May 18, 2007, with a Bachelor of Arts  
 Degree in Elementary Education and  
 Communications. She will be teaching  
 in the City of New Haven's Mandatory  
 Summer School Program this summer  
 and is seeking a teaching position in the  
 fall with the City of New Haven or a  
 school in the vicinity.

Ben Bell, son of Morris Bell & Raina  
 Sotsky, on graduating with honors from  
 Cheshire Academy. Ben plans to attend  
 the University of Pennsylvania in the  
 fall.

Anna Abramovitz, daughter of Alan &  
 Sally Abramovitz, will be entering Stern  
 College of Yeshiva University in the  
 fall. She will be spending her freshman  
 year at Machon Gold in Jerusalem.

David Botwick-Ries, son of Michael  
 Ries & Jennifer Botwick, on being  
 entered into the Eagle Scout Court of  
 Honor.

MAKOM graduates Anna Abramovitz,  
 Ariel Ben-Chitrit, David Botwick-Ries,  
 Michelle Hopkinson, Darren Palumbo,  
 Matthew Prober, and Samuel Weiser.

Margaret Martin on winning a gold  
 medal in swimming competitions in the  
 Special Olympics.

George G. Posener on being honored  
 at the annual meeting of the Jewish  
 Federation of Greater New Haven's  
 Department of Jewish Education for his  
 support of Jewish Education.



Susan Voigt with Carl Goldfield and Ina Silverman, May 2007 Tribute

## Letters

Thank you so very much for all your hard (and usually invisible) work in making the benefit dinner such a success. I understand from Jay that BEKI made a little money and, from my heart, I want you and everyone at BEKI to know how nice it was to sit with my family in my home away from home. I am truly honored.

*Susie Voigt*

## Ahud Sela ordained at JTS



Rabbi Ahud & Alisha Sela

Ahud Sela, a son of Nadav and Rita Sela, was ordained as a rabbi by

the Jewish Theological Seminary in May 2007. He was awarded prizes in homiletics, practical theology, and Jewish history.

Ahud was born and grew up in New Haven. A graduate of Ezra Academy, Makom Hebrew High School, and Hopkins School, Ahud was also very active in BEKI's Kadima and USY groups. Following high school, he spent a year studying in Israel on United Synagogue's Nativ program.

He continued his college studies at UC Santa Barbara and graduated with honors in Biochemistry. While at UCSB, Ahud was a leader at the campus Hillel. After graduation, he worked for a year at the Hillel of the University of Maryland.

Ahud was awarded a Wexner Fellowship and studied at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. As part of the JTS curriculum, Ahud and his family lived in Israel while he continued his studies at the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. While at JTS, Ahud gained experience

as a student rabbi with congregations in Peekskill, NY and Fitzgerald, GA. He interned under the mentorship of Rabbi Gordon Tucker in White Plains, NY.

Also while at JTS, Ahud studied at the University of Pennsylvania and completed a Master's degree in Bioethics, a field that draws upon his interest in science as well as on his rabbinical training.

In July, Ahud will begin working as an assistant rabbi at Sinai Temple in Los Angeles. Ahud is married to the former Alisha Vorspan, a kindergarten teacher, and they have three-year-old twins, Yael and Gavriel.

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## Remarks BEKI Religious School Graduation

### *Spiderman Meets Mr. Posener*

I am honored to be here this morning, but the graduation is also bittersweet for me. My five years at BEKI have flown. When you reflect on a job, to me you always consider who uplifted and supported you, and to me two people stand out: David Goldblum and Sherry Rothman. David was always there when I needed to talk or to support our Young Emissary program. He was great for ideas for *davening* and curriculum work. This Religious School owes a great debt to Sherry Rothman who has worked untiringly for all our children. These five years, I would say, “Sherry, I need 10 more gift bags,” and off to the dollar store she would go; “Sherry, I need latkes for Hanuka,” and 100 would appear, or 15 dozen hard boiled eggs for our Pesach Seder. I mean the *cooked* kind – Steve Rothman arrives with 15 dozen eggs! “Sherry, more grape juice to the Landsman-Sauberman table for the Model Seder,” and she pours the wine – *real* wine. Her donations of both time and talent go on and on and she will forever be my friend and a pillar of BEKI.



You see, BEKI Religious School is a culture we have created, a culture of mutual respect and love of Torah, a love of *tzedaka* and *Tiqun Olam*.

We have had tall teachers – Mr. Guy – and short teachers – Ira. We have collected dreidels and kippot for Jewish victims of Katrina in Louisiana and gelt, frogs, *haggadot*, banners and cards for our Jewish soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq and Uganda. We have sung songs of Joy for Yom Haatzmaut and cried as Tikva told us of her student Guy Golan, who gave his life for Israel on Yom HaZikaron.

I am very proud of how your children, as Diaspora Jews, have internalized their lessons of the Jewish holidays, in an active real way. You see it is all about the power of stories... stories of our Matriarchs and Patriarchs, Rabbi Aqiva and his archers and Rabbi Heschel and Dr. Martin Luther King. I am so fortunate to have brought you the Emissary programs, Ongy and Anat, Beccy and Eilam, Ziv, Tali and Hila, and this year Lev and Adi. We know and have touched the land of Eretz Israel and this legion of young Israelis, teach us, touch our *neshama*, our soul and march off to join the IDF and keep Israel safe. We have counted pennies for solar cookers for the women of Darfur and counted pies at the Interfaith food bank.

At the core of our Religious School is our Madrikhim program. What could be better than to attend Religious School, celebrate bar- or bat-mitzva, and then return to teach! I would like Anna Abramowitz, Dayna Rothman, Dana Lew, Sarah Grazier-Zerbarini, Liora Grazier-Zerbarini, Zack Bell, Jared Levine, Nora Goldfield, and Adam Goldberg to be recognized.

My office has been in the basement and in the back and now in front where it belongs. I have had no heat and then enough heat to hatch ducklings. My policy has been open door, for students, for parents and Meyuhad students and bubbes and zeides. I have tried to bring joy to all that I do, and at times I have succeeded and other times it has been hard. We have taught your children in baseball uniforms and soccer cleats, gymnastic uniforms with bold purple glitter stripes. We know mitzva heroes, our own at BEKI and those of Danny Siegel, and we know biblical heroes. We eagerly await our *BabagaNewz* each month.

I want to close with a poem by Danny Siegel, with my additions.

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## ***A Prayer for Teachers of Torah***

**Dear God,**

**Give me the strength, the wisdom, the something to be a teacher.**

**Give me one child, a single boy or girl, who will be an honest judge, and another who will have the courage because of me to change the world.**

**Let me find some children who will stock a food pantry and cut pies for the homeless.**

**Let me touch them and teach them to care and let them use their ruach to come closer to You.**

**Let me breathe the fire of peace into a quiet, unassuming diplomat, that he or she may pace the deserts and palaces of Your Earth, reconciling brothers and sisters who have forgotten to love.**

**Is this too much to ask? No? Then ... Dear God, give me the grandchild of an Hungarian Zeyde whose ashes rushed down the raging Vistula from Auschwitz --**

**A child with beautiful hands, and let me be the one to say, "Here is a violin, it belongs to you. Go! Make the people dance!"**

**Give me children who know Tikkun Olam and Tzedekah. And make them storytellers of your truths."**

What shall I miss the most? Your children (and writing for the *BEKI Bulletin*)

Your wonderful children, *kipot* slipping to the side, hair jelled straight up, hungry and starving on Wednesday and sleepy on Sunday! I love their spirit. I have cajoled them, praised them, taught them, chastised them, held and comforted them and kept their secrets. They have brought me great joy and great, great *kavod*.

-- Lauren

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## **Calling All Teens**

All BEKI Teens (9th-12th grade) are encouraged and welcome to assist in leading Junior Congregation on an occasional basis. We welcome your leadership. Please contact Miriam Benson at 389-6137 for further information.

## **Service Leaders' Rotation List**

The "Master Rotation List" for Shabbat & Festival service participation was mailed in late June to one hundred households. (Additional copies are available in the lobby literature rack, from the office and at [www.beki.org/rotate.html](http://www.beki.org/rotate.html)). The list is the compilation of parts to be led by those who volunteered for the services listed. If you would like to lead a children's or adult service, or

learn to do so, or if you would like to request a specific date between January and June 2008, contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 ext. 10 ([jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org)).

## **BEKI Religious School**

A Graduation and Promotion exercise for BEKI Religious School was held on 20 May. The students all received



George Posener congratulates Alexander Joy

Certificates of Promotion and a tribute from George Posener. The parents and students heard inspirational remarks from Susan Jacobson and Sherry Rothman. President Donna Levine spoke and explained to the students the role of the BEKI Board in relation to the Religious School. Adi Ben Ami was honored for her year of teaching at BEKI as a Young Emissary from our Sister City in the Afula-Gilboa region of Israel.

## **Registration for Religious School**

Registration packages will be mailed in July for returning BEKI Religious School (BRS) students. Registration is ongoing and we always welcome new students and their families. If you

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have any questions please contact office manager Peggy Hackett at 389-2108 x14 (office@beki.org).

## High Holidays Are Coming

The Education Committee and High Holy Days Committee are meeting to coordinate the Children's Programming for the High Holidays. There are twenty-four separate programs for the three days in the four age categories: Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation and Cosmic Conversations. Please contact Peggy at 389-2108 x14 (office@beki.org) if you would like to volunteer to be a program leader or otherwise help.

## Minyan Seekers / Minyan Makers Mailing List

If you would like email notification when BEKI members are seeking additional participants for a daily service in order to insure a minyan, and might like to request that others attend on a specific date on which you seek a minyan, send a message to minyan-subscribe@beki.org. You can unsubscribe by sending a message to minyan-unsubscribe@beki.org and obtain additional instructions at minyan-help@beki.org.

## A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

### *The Immigration Imbroglia: A Federal Failure*

The fundamental function of government, according to classical conservatives, liberals, libertarians and communists, is to provide for the common security against threats of hostile entities and natural disasters, and to ensure fundamental civil and human rights. Whether Whig or Tory, we might agree that immigration policy and enforcement is naturally primarily a federal and not state function.

It seems, strange, therefore, at first glance, that the City of New Haven is taking ground-breaking steps to address "the immigration issue."

Unfortunately, the federal government is not able to effectively provide for a safe, humane, economical and rational immigration regime. Like its response to the destruction of New Orleans by Katrina, the late Saddam Hussein regime in Iraq, and the human rights fiasco and constitutional disaster of the Guantanamo and other "enemy combatants" along with the Abu Ghraib and other torture centers, our federal administration's failure have created intolerable problems for our nation and for many millions of other people. The government cannot even provide passports to its citizens in a timely fashion; the administration created rules that they most obviously do not have the capacity to implement. It is a system in partial collapse. In saying this I apologize to the many dedicated hard-working decent people in the federal government and elsewhere who are not the cause of this federal failure but perhaps are keeping the consequences from being even worse.

The result is that millions of US residents live without documentation. A generation of children has grown up without social security numbers, passports, or quality medical care. This situation creates great hardship, injustice and unsafe conditions for many undocumented residents and citizens alike. June's federal raid in New Haven seems a strange publicity stunt considering that hundreds of people cross the US border illegally every week. Fortunately, these are mostly people commuting to work or visiting family, not terrorists. It suggests the administration is substituting PR for policy, commando-like raids in place of competent management.

In this light, the City of New Haven's steps to provide functional documentation to those without federal documentation seems sensible and justified. Absent effective federal policy, our municipality is forced by circumstances to address the consequences of the federal dereliction in order to protect public safety, fundamental human rights and our economic interests.

*There shall be one law for the citizen and for the non-citizen who dwells among you. Exodus 12:49; Numbers 9:14; Numbers 15:15.*

*You too must befriend the non-citizen resident for you were non-citizen residents in the land of Egypt. Deuteronomy 10:19*

The fast day of Tisha Be'Av ("ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av") will be observed on Monday night 23 July and Tuesday 24 July 2007. The afternoon minha service is at a special time, 8:00p to 8:15p. The traditional Maariv (evening) service begins at 8:15p.

The Shoharit (morning) service on Tuesday 24 July is from 7:00a to 8:15a. The evening and morning services include the reading of the Biblical Book of Eikha (Lamentations). On Tuesday morning, according to the Ashkenazic custom generally followed in our community, *tallit* and *tefillin* are not worn (although *tallit qatan* is worn).

At the afternoon Minha service, from 5:45p to 6:30p on Tuesday, *tallit* and *tefillin* are worn, with the recitation of their usual *berakhot*, and a brief Torah reading is chanted along with a *haftara*.

The fast is observed from 8:15p Monday night until 8:55p Tuesday night. As a sign of mourning, many refrain from wearing leather shoes and ostentatious clothing, and do not enjoy music, intimate physical relations or entertainment.

Tisha Be'Av commemorates the destruction of the first two Temples and other tragedies that have taken place in our long history. The destruction of the Temples represents the downfall of the independent Jewish government, the devastation of Jewish society and tragic loss of life. On Tisha Be'Av in 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling the Jews from England. Likewise, the expulsion of Jews from Spain occurred on that date in 1492. The fast is the

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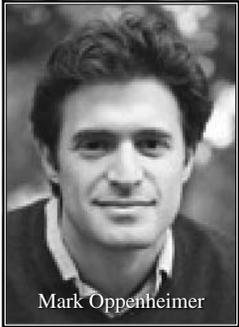
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Shabbatot

## Darshanim in July & August

**Mark Oppenheimer** will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning 7 July,



Mark Oppenheimer

*parashat* Pinhas. Mark is the editor of *In Character*, the coordinator of the Yale Journalism Initiative, and the author of two books: *Knocking on Heaven's Door: American*

*Religion in the Age of Counterculture and Thirteen and a Day: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Across America.*

**Paula Hyman** will serve as darshanit on Shabbat morning 14 July, *parashiyot*



Prof. Paula Hyman

Matot & Masei. Paula is the Lucy G. Moses Professor of Modern Jewish History at Yale University, and a former Dean of List College (JTSA).

A special guest will serve as darshan on Shabbat morning 25 August, *parashat* Ki Teitsei.

## 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, 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 for the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

Sundays

## New: Summer Talmud with Moshe

Summer Talmud with Moshe Meiri meets on six consecutive Sunday mornings in July and August 2007, from 9:45a to 11:15a. Moshe will teach the final chapter of *masekhet Ketubot*. All are welcome for one or more sessions; materials are supplied. Knowledge of English, Hebrew, Judeo-Aramaic, Yiddish, Latin and classical Greek are helpful but not required. The class is suitable for students at all levels. Talmud with Moshe will meet on Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July and 5 August.

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. The Rashi Study Group has met weekly since 1994 and is currently reading the book of Numbers. Visitors and new participants are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7:00a *shaharit* morning service.

Thursdays

## Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group," hosted by Isaiah Cooper, meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) with Rabbi Tilsen 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).

## 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)

- In memory of Mollie & Taube Nuht by Joan & Alan Gelbert
- In memory of Milton Weiner by Stephen & Joanne Rudof
- In memory of her father Abraham Golden by Marjorie Weiss

## Torah Fund News July-August 2007

On behalf of BEKI Sisterhood I want to thank everyone who purchased cards, made donations and became benefactors during the past year. Your unrelenting dedication has made this a wonderful year for our Torah Fund Campaign.

Your support of The Jewish Theological Seminary and its schools ensures our future as Conservative Jews.

Please continue to purchase cards over the summer by calling Barbara Cushen at 407-0314. Save gas and time! One call and your card is out immediately and you have made a contribution too! And just \$4.00 each (includes the stamp)!

**Barbara Cushen**  
**BEKI Torah Fund Chair**

Thanks to the following who purchased cards last month:

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- Selma Young from Anna Goldberg
- Cyvia Scharmatt from Violet & Charlie Ludwig

### Mazel Tov to:

- Jennie & Sol Matisoff on their anniversary from Hyla Greenberg
- Marc & Myra Goldfarb on their anniversary from Hyla Greenberg
- Jennifer Botwick & Michael Ries on Solomon's Bar Mitzvah from Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Liora & Yaron Lew on Dana's Bat Mitzvah from Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Rick Grossman on his milestone birthday from David Wright

### In Memory of:

- Ada Fish from Sam & Harriet Kantrowitz
- Rose Hodes from Sheila Caplan, BEKI Hesed Committee
- David Sotsky from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Joe Cyril May from the BEKI Hesed Committee
- Honey Sender from Shirley Matloff

- Yetta Schefts from Helen Miller
- Jack Cohen from Clair & Bud Volain
- Herbert Brumberger from Gladys Lipkin

## Saving Energy

During this past year, BEKI has promoted conservation and renewable and alternative energy as a Jewish value in the shul and at home. In part through these efforts our electric demand (peak kilowatts by month) was down 24.26%, and our total consumption (annual kilowatt hours) was down 16.78%, compared to the previous year (i.e., July 2006 to June 2007 vs. July 2005 to June 2006). Factors besides conservation, such as weather and synagogue activity level, also affect usage. Additional conservation steps are in progress or planned for the new fiscal year '08 beginning 1 July 2007.



# July 2007

## 15 Tammuz 5767 - 16 Av 5767

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |               |
|--|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|---------------|
| <p><b>1</b><br/>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 Tammuz</p>  | <p><b>2</b><br/>7:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">16 Tammuz</p>   | <p><b>3</b><br/>Fast of Tammuz 17</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17 Tammuz</p> | <p><b>4</b><br/>Office Closed: Independence Day</p> <p style="text-align: right;">18 Tammuz</p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br/>8:00pm A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">19 Tammuz</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>8:10pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">20 Tammuz</p>  | <p><b>7</b><br/>Darshan: Mark Oppenheimer<br/>10:45am Children's Programs<br/>10:45am Learner's Minyan<br/>Qiddush: TBA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">21 Tammuz</p>                                  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |               |
| <p><b>8</b><br/>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">22 Tammuz</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/>7:45am Rashi Study Group<br/>7:30pm Executive Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">23 Tammuz</p>                        | <p><b>10</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">24 Tammuz</p>                      | <p><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">25 Tammuz</p>  | <p><b>12</b><br/>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br/>8:00pm A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">26 Tammuz</p> | <p><b>13</b><br/>8:07pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">27 Tammuz</p> | <p><b>14</b><br/>Darshanit: Paula Hyman<br/>10:45am Children's Programs<br/>Qiddush: Lord &amp; Hornreich (aufruf celebration)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">28 Tammuz</p>                           |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |               |
| <p><b>15</b><br/>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29 Tammuz</p> | <p><b>16</b><br/>Rosh Hodesh<br/>7:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Av</p>   | <p><b>17</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">2 Av</p>                           | <p><b>18</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">3 Av</p>   | <p><b>19</b><br/>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br/>8:00pm A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4 Av</p>      | <p><b>20</b><br/>8:03pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 Av</p>      | <p><b>21</b><br/>BEKI Board Installation Shabbat<br/>Darshan: Jay Sokolow<br/>10:45am Children's Programs<br/>10:45am Learner's Minyan<br/>Qiddush: Tina Rose</p> <p style="text-align: right;">6 Av</p> |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |               |
| <p><b>22</b><br/>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7 Av</p>      | <p><b>23</b><br/>7:45am Rashi Study Group<br/>8:00pm Minha<br/>Tisha BeAv<br/>8:15pm Maariv &amp; Eikha</p> <p style="text-align: right;">8 Av</p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>Fast of Tisha BeAv</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9 Av</p>    | <p><b>25</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">10 Av</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br/>8:00pm A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">11 Av</p>     | <p><b>27</b><br/>7:57pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">12 Av</p>     | <p><b>28</b><br/>10:45am Children's Programs<br/>Qiddush: TBA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">13 Av</p>  |  |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |               |
| <p><b>29</b><br/>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe</p> <p style="text-align: right;">14 Av</p>     | <p><b>30</b><br/>Tu B'Av<br/>7:45am Rashi Study Group<br/>7:30pm General Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: right;">15 Av</p>                 | <p><b>31</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">16 Av</p>                          | <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Sundays:</b><br/>9a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha-Maariv</td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Tuesdays:</b><br/>7a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha-Maariv</td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Thursdays:</b><br/>8:15a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha-Maariv</td> <td style="width: 25%; vertical-align: top;"><b>Saturdays:</b><br/>9:15a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><b>Mondays:</b><br/>7a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha-Maariv</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><b>Wednesdays:</b><br/>7a Shaharit<br/>5:45p Minha-Maariv</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><b>Fridays:</b><br/>7a Shaharit<br/>6p Minha-Maariv</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> |  |   |  | <b>Sundays:</b><br>9a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha-Maariv | <b>Tuesdays:</b><br>7a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha-Maariv | <b>Thursdays:</b><br>8:15a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha-Maariv | <b>Saturdays:</b><br>9:15a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha | <b>Mondays:</b><br>7a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha-Maariv | <b>Wednesdays:</b><br>7a Shaharit<br>5:45p Minha-Maariv | <b>Fridays:</b><br>7a Shaharit<br>6p Minha-Maariv |  | Service Times |
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### BEKI Events

# August 2007

## 17 Av 5767 - 17 Elul 5767

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

|                                      |  |                     |                      |  |                              |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
|                                      |  |                     | 1                    | 2<br>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br>8:00pm A.A.  | 3<br>7:49pm Candle Lighting  | 4<br>10:45am Children's Programs<br>10:45am Learner's Minyan<br>Qiddush: TBA  |
|                                      |  |                     | 17 Av                | 18 Av  | 19 Av                        | 20 Av   |
| 5<br>9:45am Summer Talmud with Moshe | 6<br>7:45am Rashi Study Group                                    | 7                   | 8                    | 9<br>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br>8:00pm A.A.  | 10<br>7:46pm Candle Lighting | 11<br>10:45am Children's Programs<br>Qiddush: TBA                             |
| 21 Av                                | 22 Av  | 23 Av               | 24 Av                | 25 Av  | 26 Av                        | 27 Av   |
| 12                                   | 13<br>7:45am Rashi Study Group<br>7:30pm Executive Board Meeting | 14<br>Rosh Hodesh I | 15<br>Rosh Hodesh II | 16<br>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br>8:00pm A.A. | 17<br>7:31pm Candle Lighting | 18<br>10:45am Children's Programs<br>10:45am Learner's Minyan<br>Qiddush: TBA |
| 28 Av                                | 29 Av  | 30 Av               | 1 Elul               | 2 Elul   | 3 Elul                       | 4 Elul  |
| 19                                   | 20<br>7:45am Rashi Study Group                                   | 21                  | 22                   | 23<br>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br>8:00pm A.A. | 24<br>7:21pm Candle Lighting | 25<br>Darshan: Special Guest<br>10:45am Children's Programs<br>Qiddush: TBA   |
| 5 Elul                               | 6 Elul   | 7 Elul              | 8 Elul               | 9 Elul   | 10 Elul                      | 11 Elul   |
| 26                                   | 27<br>7:45am Rashi Study Group<br>7:30pm General Board Meeting   | 28                  | 29                   | 30<br>12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site)<br>8:00pm A.A. | 31<br>7:11pm Candle Lighting |   |
| 12 Elul                              | 13 Elul  | 14 Elul             | 15 Elul              | 16 Elul  | 17 Elul                      |   |

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