Come Build with BEKI

We are on our way building our third house with Amity Cares/Habitat for Humanity – JOIN US.

Once again, BEKI’s energetic volunteers are working with others in our community to build a new home alongside a hard-working deserving family through Amity Cares – Habitat for Humanity. Along with others in the wider Amity-Westville community (other synagogues, churches, civic organizations, schools) and the wonderful family who will eventually live there, we began work on the home in April, and hope to have the entire house completed this fall!

BEKI’s participation has given us the opportunity to meet and befriend others from the wider community, and to work together to create something new, not for ourselves, but for the benefit of 3 fantastic, hard working and committed families.

Working alongside these families, building their homes, we have helped realize their dreams.

What an amazing feeling to watch the wood you have just been nailing be raised in the air and suddenly become the frame of a new house!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND NEEDED (including unskilled workers – there are so many things you can do!)

We will be working one Sunday a month into the fall. The build dates already scheduled for BEKI (working with folks from B’nai Jacob, Temple Emanuel and Or Shalom) are July 12 and Aug. 23. Sunday workdays begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Be sure to wear layers of clothing, closed sturdy shoes

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and hats for the sun. Bring sunscreen and lunch. And don’t forget plenty of water! Workers must be 16 years or older.

Over the course of building the three Amity Cares homes, over 70 BEKI volunteers have helped with framing, painting, siding, waterproofing, roofing, insulating, installing drywall, clearing land, cleaning, polishing, trimming, sanding, planting, building cabinets, building planters and benches, fundraising, planning and many other tasks that go into building a home. Most of these volunteers had never before had the opportunity to learn or use these skills and have found even just that a really rewarding experience.

We are trying to schedule a Youth Work Day during this build, for 12- to 15-year-olds. As soon as those dates are in place, we will notify the community.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven (an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International) is a secular, non-sectarian nonprofit organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing through the creation of homeownership opportunities for low-income, working families. Habitat builds and rehabilitates homes in the New Haven area with the goal of creating safe, decent, affordable houses that add to the revitalization of New Haven’s neighborhoods.

Some background about Habitat for Humanity:
• Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built and rehabilitated more that 225,000 homes around the world
• Habitat sells these homes at no profit to low-income partner families. Their no-interest mortgage payments help to support Habitat homes for additional partner families.
• Partner families invest “sweat equity” by helping to build the homes they buy.
• Families apply to be considered for Habitat homes and are chosen on the basis of need, ability to repay their no-interest mortgage, and willingness to become partners in the program.
• Although started as a Christian ministry, Habitat International is overseen by an ecumenical, international volunteer board of directors. Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven is autonomous and is managed by an independent ecumenical volunteer board.

Our newest home is being built at 44 Dewitt Street in New Haven. Amity Cares groups are assigned workdays on a rotating basis, mostly on Saturdays. To accommodate the restrictions of Shabbat for the participating synagogues, special Sunday workdays are scheduled.

Please contact Darryl Kuperstock (387-0304 kuperst@aol.com) as soon as possible to let her know that you can participate on one or both of these workdays or if you would like to help out in some other way.
The fast day of Tisha Be’Av (“ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av”) will be observed on Wednesday night, July 29 and Thursday, July 30. The Minha service is at a special time, 8 p.m., followed immediately by the Maariv evening service at 8:15.

The Shaharit (morning) service on Thursday, July 30 is from 8:15 to 9:35. The evening and morning services include the reading of the Biblical Book of Eikha (Lamentations). On Thursday 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 5:45 to 6:30 on Thursday, 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 7:53 p.m. Wednesday until 8:49 p.m. Thursday. As a sign of mourning, many refrain from wearing leather shoes and ostentatious clothing, and do not enjoy music, intimate physical relations or entertainment until Monday night.

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. The downfall of the Bar Kokhba government and the Roman massacre and destruction of Betar occurred in 135 C.E. 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 only full-day fast on the Hebrew calendar besides Yom Kippur. Those with medical conditions that require oral medications or eating are urged to consult their medical and rabbinic authorities.

Garinim Final Season

The last day of class for Garinim Montessori Preschool was held in June. Garinim was created and operated by BEKI member Lana Gad in 2004, and member Lynn Coville served as associate teacher. Although by all accounts very successful as a developmental and educational program, Garinim will not re-open in the fall due to business considerations. Some of the building and grounds improvements and equipment is being donated by Lana (& Martin) to BEKI. Thank you for five great years. The friendship and education the children enjoyed will be a life-long and continuing source of blessing.

BRS News

Shalom! On the first day of BEKI Religious School last September, I consciously considered how far away graduation seemed. Amazing though it is, the year flew by and we celebrated graduation May 17.

Students received Birkat HaMazon booklets and Shabbat candles as gifts from Mr. George Posener who generously funds graduation activities each year. Unfortunately, he could not be there with us, but we all thank him for his continuing support of BRS.

We also thank Ms. Pam Reis who taught about the Book of Job in our first Parents’ Learning Circle program. I look forward to providing more opportunities for parent and family education in the coming year.

This summer I’ll be planning, tweaking the curriculum, and finalizing the calendar. Re-registration packets have gone out with student reports and any summer assignments. All students are invited to call me at home over the summer to practice reading their assigned Hebrew prayers. Please do call, I miss you!

If you know of a family that would benefit from learning more about BEKI and BRS, please let me know.

Kol tuv,
Morah Ina
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BEKI, Chapel Haven Forge New Partnership

Twice a week last fall, four young men arrived at BEKI ready to work. Armed with rakes, clippers, and other landscaping tools, they spent hours clearing leaves, trimming bushes, and picking up trash.

The four were not USY members or BEKI kids earning their Eagle Scout rank. Rather, they were second-year students at Chapel Haven, the facility for adults with developmental disabilities just across Whalley Avenue from BEKI. Matt Guertin, Mike Harsanyi, Spencer Kelley, and Jeffrey Norwood were not just working – they were also learning.

Neighbors for more than 30 years, BEKI and Chapel Haven have forged a new partnership. BEKI members are used to seeing some of Chapel Haven’s Jewish community members at services and other synagogue activities. In the past year, the new partnership has opened BEKI’s doors to some of Chapel Haven’s non-Jewish students as well, in a vocational education program that benefits both institutions.

As second-year students, Matt, Mike, Spencer, and Jeff participated in a Chapel Haven class called EVE (Exploratory Vocational Experience). The course includes classroom work, for which BEKI made a classroom available, as well as hands-on work experience at sites in the community.

At BEKI, there was plenty of work to do. Under the supervision of their job coach, Davena Howell, the four young men tackled outdoor work with energy and enthusiasm. When winter set in, BEKI member Bob Spear volunteered many hours organizing and overseeing indoor projects, such as cleaning and painting.

With the practical work experience, students also gained “a sense of pride in their work, along with learning how to contribute to their local community,” notes Chapel Haven staffer Jessica Winfield. And BEKI gained the volunteer labor of four dedicated workers. They accomplished routine maintenance and special projects for which the synagogue could not afford to hire contractors, and which BEKI members were hard-pressed to take on as volunteers.

Matt, Mike, Spencer, and Jeff expected to graduate from Chapel Haven in June. The BEKI community honored them with a special kiddush on May 29, the first day of Shavuot. A new Chapel Haven crew will begin studying and working at BEKI in July. If you run into them, say hello!
In last month’s BEKI Bulletin, Rabbi Tilsen posed a multiple choice question, asking what is the primary reason for the popularity of our Congregation? He theorized that the answer for most people would be “Quality of community,” and, after acknowledging the importance of that aspect of the synagogue, made a strong argument for the importance of our shared ideology.

What was he thinking? He completely ignored an altogether different and highly compelling line of reasoning. Surely, people’s affection for BEKI is tied to the “Quality – and quantity – of our weekly qiddush.”

For gourmets and gourmands alike, there is good news: the long-awaited cookbook, *Is It Kiddush Yet?* has been printed and is being distributed to those who pre-ordered copies. Additional copies are available, and a large-print edition can be special ordered by contacting Peggy Hackett in the office, or Darryl Rotman Kuperstock. The cookbook is on sale in the Sisterhood Gift Shop, Westville Kosher Market, and the BEKI office.

Darryl took the idea for the cookbook and made it a reality. “I loved doing it,” she admits, adding, “I’m a cookbook reader.” She worked on the project with Bryna Pauker, chair of the Kiddush Committee, and Marsha Beller, who proofread multiple drafts.

Of course, the point of BEKI’s weekly qiddush isn’t exclusively to ease hunger pangs. Its serious function is to build community and encourage people to linger after services instead of rushing home for lunch. That was Bryna’s initial point, when she proposed the project seven or eight years ago. She said she wanted “to create an inviting opportunity for building connections and community,” and what better way than serving good food for people to shmooze over? And that was how the Kiddush Committee got started. With the help of Ellen Cohen and Sherry Rothman, Bryna set up menus and budgets and established a system of rotating teams. Team leaders and individual members have fluctuated over the years, but some of the 50 or so current participants have been active from the beginning.

The logistics of pulling off a qiddush luncheon every week are daunting. The first step is to find a sponsor or group of sponsors – generous souls willing to pay $280 to cover the cost of the food. On average, about 150 people attend services on Shabbat. That’s a lot of people to feed on a very tight budget: less than $2 per person. That’s also a lot of people to cook for. The shopping and cooking are done by volunteers, and everything has to be ready before Shabbat begins. Each week, one of the prep teams assembles in the kitchen on Thursday afternoon or evening and in the space of two to three hours, the team of six to eight women and men put together a delicious, nutritious menu that typically includes salads, dips, soups, kugels or casseroles – all from scratch. Hot dishes in the winter; cold ones in the summer. Vegan, vegetarian, fish, and dairy. Kid-friendly. No peanuts. And, of course, kosher.

And that’s not even considering the major holidays, which Linden Grazier handles brilliantly, or the break-fast at the end of Yom Kippur, when hundreds of truly ravenous people need to be fed.

Over the years, many recipes have been tried. And so many of them have been so good, that at qiddush, you often hear people saying, “What’s in this? It’s delicious!” About a year ago, Darryl decided to assemble some of the best recipes in each of the major categories: dips/appetizers, soups, salads, hot dishes, and desserts, and produce a cookbook so that people could replicate the dishes at home. The secret ingredients in North African Red Lentil Soup, curried tuna salad, Moroccan carrot salad and chocolate-chip banana bread pudding are now revealed. Virtually every recipe in the cookbook has been served at a BEKI Shabbat or holiday qiddush, at the break-fast, or at a USY “Iron Chef” event. All have been recalibrated to serve small numbers of people – 4 to 10, instead of 150 to 500.

*Is It Kiddush Yet?* is available for $18.
Sisterhood

Wishing everyone a healthy summer and for those wedding, anniversary and bar- and bat-mitzva presents please patronize our gift shop. Many new items now in stock and we can special order.

Open in the summer during regular office hours, see Peggy or call 389-2108 x 14; by appointment: Adele at 389-9599 or Mimi at 397-3851.

Thanks to everyone who purchased an inscription in the “Book of Life” for 2009.

Adele Tyson
Mimi Glenn
Co-Presidents

Torah Fund

The following purchased cards last month. Please call me for cards for all occasions – only $4 including postage. A very nice way to honor someone who has a milestone birthday or anniversary or special event. Cards in memory of someone are very meaningful as your purchase supports our Conservative Movement’s (JTS) Jewish Theological Seminary.

Please call me at 407-0314 and I’ll send your card right out.

Barbara Cushen
Torah Fund Chair

Get Well to

- Bea Smirnoff from the Hesed Committee
- Milton Smirnoff from the Hesed Committee
- Elsie Botwick from the Hesed Committee
- Muriel Banquer from Violet & Charlie Ludwig, Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe

In Memory of

- Leonard Levy from Ruth Raflowitz
- Mr. & Mrs. Loren Zimmerman’s mother from Claire & Bud Volain

Cards for own use:

- Rabbi Murray Levine

Mazel Tov to

- Irving Perlmutter, Esq. on his milestone birthday from Estelle Horwitz

Cars Accepted

Our congregation can now accept the donation of automobiles and trucks. For information on donating a vehicle, contact Peggy at 389.2108 x14 office@beki.org.

Monthly Bulletin-by-Email

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Shabbat Schmooze with Bruce Altman

Maybe you know him from The Sopranos, Law & Order, Ed, Matchstick Men, or Girl Interrupted. Maybe he is the guy whose foot you stepped on in line for qiddush after Shabbat services. Or maybe it is time to meet him.

On Shabbat afternoon, July 11, 2009, after qiddush (about 12:45p), come for a schmooze with stage and screen star Bruce Altman. Bring friends. Sorry, no autographs or photos on Shabbat.

Bruce Altman
Darshanim in July & August

Nadav Sela will serve as darshan on Shabbat July 11, parashat Pinhas, and on Shabbat Aug. 1, parashat Ve’Etchanan, Shabbat Nahamu.

Baruch A. Levine will serve as darshan on Shabbat Aug. 22, parashat Shoftim. Baruch is Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, New York University, and author of The JPS Commentary: Leviticus, which serves as the basis for the commentary in Eitz Hayyim Torah and Commentary, one of the most popular synagogue Humashim in the world and the Humash most used at our congregation. Baruch is married to artist Corinne Levine.

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. 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.

Sundays

New: Summer Talmud with Moshe Meiri

Serious adults of all ages are invited to delve into the depths of Talmud on Sunday mornings with Moshe Meiri this summer.

The series, “An Introduction to the Mitzvot of Labor Justice,” will focus on passages from the ninth chapter of Baba Metsia. This six-week series meets on six consecutive Sunday mornings from 9:45 (right after morning services) until 11:45, from July 12 through Aug. 16. 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.

Wednesdays

Word for the Day

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) now includes a 36-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.

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 is recessed for the summer and will resume in the autumn. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Mini Maariv Learning Service

The Wednesday evening services during the school year are supplemented with commentary and teaching
Lifecycle

Mazal Tov to
Rabbi Murray Levine on the bar mitzva celebration of grandson Jonah Levine (September)
Mimi Glenn on being designated a “mitzva hero” by Ezra Academy student Anna Golub
Darryl Kuperstock on being designated a “mitzva hero” by Ezra Academy student Tova Benson-Tilsen
Ezra Academy Graduate Kate Lilly Shragis
Katie Hereld on receiving certification as a registered nurse.
Mimi Glenn, Susan E. Jacobson and Darryl Kuperstock on being awarded “Woman of the Year” by the local Hadassah chapter at an event hosted by Sharon Bender
Ilana Levine graduated from Brandeis magna cum laude with a major in sociology, minor in social justice. She’ll be working at Yale this summer and will leave for a six-month working vacation to Australia and New Zealand in late September. Job offers are welcome for when she returns in March 2010.

Bar Mitzva in August
Shai Winter, son of Michael Winter & Ellen Mackler, on Shabbat Aug. 29.

Barukh Dayan HaEmet
With sorrow we note the passing of
Milton Smirnoff, husband of Beatrice Smirnoff
Hadassah Ziskin, mother of Deborah Ziskin (& William Berson)
Elsie Botwick, mother of Jennifer Botwick (& Michael Ries)

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Welcome New Members
Matthew Wightman & Maria Sinnamon

Adult studies
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relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shaharit service is from 8:15 to 9 a.m. on Fridays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 a.m.

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group
The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30) at the downtown New Haven professional office of attorney Isaiah Cooper 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.

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.”
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- In honor of the graduation of his grandchild Dov from Gann School by Rabbi Murray Levine
- In honor of the forthcoming Bar Mitzva of his grandchild Jonah by Rabbi Murray Levine
- To the “dynamic duo” Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow by Gloria & Morris Cohen
- To Marvin & Roz Miller with sympathy on the passing of Arlene Miller by Lenny, Inge & Gary Fish
- Lynne Coville, Helen’s teacher, honoring benot mitzva Miriam & Eva Gerber

Hesed Fund
- To Larry, Linda, Steven & Irving Pinsky with sympathy on the passing of Roland Pinsky by the Rothman family
- To Rita & Hayden Leventhal with sympathy on the passing of Lillian Caplan by the Rothman family

BEKI Religious School
- In honor of Benjamin Zlotoff’s graduation from Brown University by the Zlotoff family

Ari Nathan Levine Children’s Library
- In honor of the birth of Evelyn Grace & Nathaniel Alan Dranoff by Sid & Donna Levine

Youth Commission
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- To Jon & Rachel Dranoff in honor of the birth of Nathaniel & Evelyn by the Cheskis-Gold family
- To Miriam & Eva Gerber in honor of their Benot Mitzva by the Cheskis-Gold family

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- In loving memory of his brother Abraham Louis Silverman by Robert Silverman
- In memory of her sisters Frances Smith, Eva Rozycki & Kate Margolies by Shirley Chain
- In memory of their beloved parents Jack & Mollie Nuhl and Samuel & Sara Gelbert and aunt Mona Zitomer by Joan & Alan Gelbert
- In loving memory of Rose & Sam Olmer by Zane Olmer & Diana Olmer-Blander
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- In memory of Elaine Horen by Paul Goodwin
- In memory of Gertrude Levine by Paul Goodwin
- In memory of the Fisher family by Gloria Fisher Resnik
- In memory of her father Melvin Kleinman by Jaquie & Charles Stengel
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- 10:45am Children's Programs
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**Service Times for Summer (August 2009) 11 Av 5769 - 11 Elul 5769**

- **Sunday**
  - 9:45am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv

- **Monday**
  - 7:45am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv

- **Tuesday**
  - 7:45am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv

- **Wednesday**
  - 7:45am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv

- **Thursday**
  - 8:15am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv

- **Friday**
  - 7:45am Shaharit
  - 6:00pm Minha-Maariv

- **Saturday**
  - 9:15am Shaharit
  - 5:45pm Minha-Maariv
Learn East Coast Swing Dance!

Wednesday, Aug. 5, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.,
BEKI Social Hall

❖ Taught by Mary Christensen, from Yale Swing&Blues

❖ Neither experience nor partner required

❖ $10 suggestion donation per person

Send checks made out to Congregation BEKI to
Rena Cheskis-Gold, 334 McKinley Ave., New Haven, CT 06515

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