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Two Sundays in June On a Sunday evening in early June, about 250 people will gather to celebrate 10 wonderful years with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen and Miriam Benson. Members of the Benson and Tilsen families, with friends, community leaders, and congregants, will come together to acknowledge the inspiring leadership and warm friendship that Jon-Jay and Miriam provide.

The party will begin with a cocktail hour featuring music by the Creative Music and Arts Ensemble, directed by Nyomi Guberman-Pfeffe—a student woodwind group trained by BEKI's own Earl Banquer. During dinner, speakers will include Mayor John DeStefano, former BEKI member Robert Leikind (New England Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League), State Representative Patricia Dillon, and Evelyn Benson (Miriam's mother), as well as BEKI Presidents Paul Goodwin, Brian Karsif, and Gila Reinstein. Sydney Perry, acting director of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and director of the Department of Jewish Education, will give a devar Torah.

Sydney and the Mayor are honorary chair of the event, along with long-time BEKI member George Posener, and Senator Joseph and Hadassah Lieberman. Other distinguished guests will include State Senator Toni Harp and State Comptroller Nancy Wyman. The evening will close with dancing to music provided by Liverpool Productions.

Many people have given selflessly to make the celebration a success. The Steering Committee, including Sharon Bender, Gloria Cohen, Elayne Dimenstein, Brian Karsif, Darryl Kuperstock, Sid Levine, Jessey Palumbo, Bryna Pauker, Gila Reinstein, Jay Sokolow, Adele Tyson, and Susie

Voigt, has been meeting for months. Others have served on committees and volunteered their time and talent to help with this complex project. Special thanks go to Terri Stern for laying out the tribute book, Helen Rosenberg and Gila for text, and Darryl for designing the beautiful invitation and poster. Peggy Hackett's capable assistance all along the way has been absolutely essential.

At the end of the month, on Sunday morning, 27 June, the congregation will gather for its Annual Meeting. Brunch will begin at 9:30 a, and Gila will sum up the accomplishments of the fiscal year that ends on 30 June. Treasurer Natan Weinstein will present the budget and

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Donna Levine, chair of the Nominating Committee, will present the incoming slate of officers and trustees for the congregational vote.

The annual raffle entitling the winner to one year of free membership will be expanded this year to include a chance to win the Rabbi's parking space and several other prizes. Information will be forthcoming, and everyone is encouraged to buy a raffle ticket and participate. The elevator may be working by that date, and if so, everyone will be invited to take a ride.

At last year's Annual Meeting, Gila gave out Dubious Distinction Awards. This year's meeting promises to have some interesting surprises, too. Don't miss it!

Welcome to New Members & Families

*William "Bill" & Eva Shragis
and Alexander "Alex" and
Kathryn "Kate"*

*Jennifer Myer &
James Kempton and Owen*

Purim Basket Mishloah Manot Report

Thank you to everyone who suggested ideas, bought baskets, delivered baskets, or otherwise sent good vibes to the effort! I am thrilled to report that you raised \$12,000 for the shul. Ideas for next year are welcome. Call Ina at 387-6019 with potential themes and creative, inexpensive basket fillers. *IS*

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Come to Israel

If you are interested in going on a trip to Israel with Alan Lovins and Jon-Jay Tilsen in October-November this year or February 2005, please contact Jon-Jay at 389.2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org or Alan at alovins@snet.net. We are contemplating a flexible trip of about eight days, with an optional three to seven day extension, that would include a segment to explore peace and security issues, as well as cultural, archeological, historical and recreational locations.

The Shoharit (morning) service is held at BEKI every Sunday morning at 9:00a and every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 7:00a, and every Thursday morning at 8:15a. Minha (afternoon) and Maariv (evening) services are held at 5:45p Sunday through Thursday. These daily services provide the opportunity to fulfill numerous mitzvot (religious imperatives) such as daily recitation of the Shema and Amida prayers, Torah study, Tzedaka (charity), *nihum avelim* (comforting mourners), and attendance at the House of Study. In addition, the services provide a structure for personal spiritual development and fulfillment as well as an opportunity to improve one's facility in the Hebrew language.

Sometimes there are services for which attendance is one or two short of the *minyan* (quorum) needed to recite certain communal prayers. If you'd like to be that "tenth" (or maybe eighth...) person, come on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning. And if you just want to come regardless of what anyone else is doing, then just come. While only legally adult Jews are counted toward the quorum, all are encouraged to attend both for their own sake and for the sake of adding to the spiritual strength of the Congregation.

Bar Mitzva in June

Yedidya Ben-Avie, son of Michael Ben-Avie & Sascha Van Creveld, will lead and participate in services as a bar mitzva on Shabbat morning 12 June – 23 Sivan – parashat Shelah Lekha. Yedidya is a graduate of the Benei Mitzva Preparation Program.

Rabbi Jordan Ofsever, 1960s

Garinim Montessori Preschool

Plans are progressing for the opening of Garinim Montessori Preschool for children ages 2 to 6 at BEKI this September. The school combines the methods of Montessori with the traditions and culture of Masorti-Conservative Judaism. For information, contact Lana Gad at 389.7445 or lane@garinim.org.

Leave a Legacy

Dear Donna:

All this talk about giving, but charity begins at home. That's why I'm giving all of my assets to my children and grandchildren.

Signed, Family Man

Dear Family Man,

Of course, you have to provide for your family before carelessly spending your money! But giving to your children is not considered "charity," or "tzedaqa" in the language of our tradition. "Tzedaka" means your obligation to support communal institutions financially.

When it comes to charity, you can teach your children and grandchildren a lot about your values by giving to the causes you care about. Perhaps the greatest legacy we can leave for our families is a strong sense of who they are and what their heritage represents. A charitable bequest in your will is a written statement of what you cherish. How proud we all are when we see our children growing into good, compassionate people; how proud you can make your children by demonstrating that their parents are righteous people. Giving to BEKI, in particular, demonstrates your commitment to the future of Judaism. Perhaps you can't afford to make a large donation or bequest, but if everyone made a sincere effort, we could all point with pride to our Judaic "home" and community.

Sincerely, Donna Levine

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A Message from President Gila Reinstein



Miriam Benson as child with her big sister, Belgrade



Jon-Jay Tilsen as Cinderrabbi. Where were the Child Labor Laws when he needed them?

I don't know what BEKI was like before Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen and his wife, Miriam Benson, moved into town in 1993, because I was living on Long Island at the time.

But I do know that I joined BEKI in 1997 because of how Jon-Jay ran the Purim service when I paid a "shul shopping" visit that year. The Megilla reading was certainly lively. The mood was exuberant, with a zillion kids and noisemakers and adults in costume, but things never got out of control. And the rabbi was funny. Very, very funny.

I thought, "This is a great place. It's fun to be here. The rabbi sets the tone, and it's a *haimisch* and comfortable one. He manages to stay in control of the *meshugas* with a very gentle touch. These people know how to have a good time being Jewish. This is the synagogue I'm going to join."

I did, and haven't regretted it for a minute.

That was in 1997. In the years since, I've come to know Jon-Jay and Miriam quite a bit better, and my respect and affection for them continues to grow.

So does my respect and affection for the shul and its members, so many of whom have become my friends.

On 5-6 June, we are celebrating Jon-Jay and Miriam's first ten wonderful years at BEKI. During Shabbat, we will honor them with a qiddush. On Sunday evening, we will enjoy an elegant tribute dinner.

For the congregation, these have been years of growth, renewal, excitement, learning, spiritual enrichment, deepening friendships, commitment to Judaism and to our future, and, not least of all, having fun in all sorts of Jewish ways. Yes, we've worked hard and shared our worries, and sometimes we've grieved together. Often we've helped one another by offering caring words and acts of kindness. (I felt that very keenly last month, when my stepfather Milton died and many of you reached out to me.)

Through it all, Jon-Jay has set the tone for us at BEKI. Miriam has been there for him, and for us, and has been a leader (usually behind the scenes) in untold ways.

Thank you, Jon-Jay and Miriam. We love you and are lucky to have you in our midst. Here's to many more years together at BEKI!

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Annual Meeting

Sunday 27 June 2004

9:30a to 11a

Brunch! raffle!!

Late Friday Night Service in June

Join Soloist Irving Weinstein, Kevin Mack and Rabbi Tilsen for a Late Friday Night Service on 11 June. Service begins at 8:00p and is followed by an Oneg Shabbat (refreshment period) presented by Sisterhood. An early service at 6:00p is held every Friday night as well.

Cemetery Cleanup

Volunteers are welcome to clean and tend the Beth El Memorial Park and Keser Israel Memorial Park. Your one hour or more, once a week, once a month, once a year or once, would be appreciated. To volunteer please contact David Sagerman at 389-2108 x57 or davdorsagerman@webtv.net.

Reading Torah at BEKI

Darryl Kuperstock is coordinating the readings for BeMidbar (Numbers). If you would like to read Torah, or learn how to read Torah, call Rabbi Jon-Jay at (203) 389-2108 x10 (jjtilsen@beki.org) or Darryl Kuperstock at (203) 387-0304 (kuperst@aol.com).

Service Leaders' Rotation List

The "Master Rotation List" for Shabbat & Festival service participation will be mailed in late June to one hundred households. Additional copies are available in the lobby literature rack and at www.beki.org/rotate.html. The list is the compilation of parts to be lead by those who volunteered for the services listed. If you would like to led a children's or adult service, or learn to do so, or if you would like to request a specific date between July and December 2004, contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 (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 (usually Irv Weinstein) and weekday services, those who prepare BEKI mailings, the work of the Board and its committees, the work of the Sisterhood and Religious School, and much more.

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."

KINAHARA Kosher Alert

"Police [in central Mexico] ... arrested a tamale vendor after finding a mutilated body in his home. The police suspect the vendor killed a friend after a fight and may have put his flesh in a batch of tamales..." (NYT 22 April 2004 p. A13).

KINAHARA recommends using only kosher supervised meat while traveling in central Mexico. For other kashrut information, see www.kinahara.org.

Spring Menu

Shabbat and Festival *qiddushim* may be sponsored by contacting Bryna at 389.9603 or Sherri Rothman 397.2249. The sponsor makes a contribution to the synagogue and is afforded the honor of dedicating the qiddush (for example, honor a graduation or birthday, or marking a *yahrzeit*) and of choosing items from the menu below (subject to availability). The sponsorship is announced before the qiddush and is noted in the Bulletin "Contributions" section. The sponsor does not shop or cook (although the Qiddush Committee always welcomes new volunteers). We do the rest!

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The Qiddush Committee has been in existence for the past year. Our goal is to provide refreshing presentations on a weekly basis when we are not celebrating a *simha* or special event. We are also committed to creating a positive space for the BEKI congregation to socialize and get to know one another better. The committee will assist you with organizing, shopping and preparing of the food for a basic qiddush presentation.

The list below are the choices for the spring and summer months. If there is more than one choice offered, choose one. If you would like more than one choice, just add \$50 to the basic qiddush cost of \$150 and we will be happy to add the item. You may add as many choices as you like. For each addition, you just add \$50. For birthdays we will purchase a cake at Stop and Shop. The cost for this is \$50. We will order something written on the cake for you.

The spring and summer menu provides a seasonal selection of freshly prepared items.

Bread (select one): *Pita, halla, ciabetta bread, or mini bagels*

Spread (select one): *Hummus, olive spread, babaganoush, bruschetta or cream cheese*

Cut veggies, or salad with dressing
Egg salad or tuna

Soup/Salad (choose one): *Cold pasta salad, bean salad, gazpacho, tabouli, cold rice salad, corn salad, or pea salad*

Chips (choose one): *Tortilla chips & salsa, or chips & dip*

Fruit in season

Fish (choose one): *gefilte or herring (Lox available at additional cost)*

Cookies (boxed)

Beverage (choose one): *soda & juice, or iced tea & lemonade*

Cake: \$50 Extra

Please keep in mind that this is not a profit making endeavor. The fees we ask are solely to cover the cost of the food. These presentations through a caterer would be much more expensive. Thank you for using the Qiddush Committee to enhance our Shabbat experience.

We welcome joint or group sponsorships as well. The cost to each sponsor is a minimum of \$75 when two or more sponsors sponsor jointly. If you would like to join the Qiddush Committee, please call Ellen Cohen at 397-9430.

Editions Additions: Youth Library News

The following books have been acquired through donations to the Ari Nathan Levine Library Fund and are housed in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room. They are available on a non-lending basis, and will be of particular interest to our parent-volunteer children's program leaders. *Cheesecake Surprise and other Shavuos Stories*, by Menucha Fuchs. *Middos: Stories for Children*, by Menucha Fuchs. *Children's Stories about Chessed*, by Menucha Fuchs. *Messes of Dresses*, by F. Pertzig. *The Mitzvah-Go-Round*, by Dr. Claire Buchwald. *Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel*, by Sylvia A. Rouss. *How Mitzvah Giraffe Got His Long, Long Neck*, by David Sokoloff.

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Community Service at BEKI Religious School

by Anna Abramovitz

For a Community Service project, I visited my synagogue's Religious School at Beth El-Keser Israel. When I arrived there I did not really know what I would do, but anything they put in front of me I would conquer. While the kids were arriving, but before Religious School started I did little odds and ends to help the teachers. Some of these included helping *madrikhim* make sure all the kids who wanted snack paid for it and helping teachers staple together teaching packets for their classes.

At the beginning of every session, the kids begin with the *minha* (afternoon) service. The principal knew I was fluent in Hebrew and prayers and she asked me to lead. It is not the usual service, it is a condensed service to include the *ashrei*, a silent *amida* and the ending prayer of *aleinu*. Because these kids are still learning Hebrew, each would take one line and read it out loud, with me "chirping" in with any corrections of pronunciations. After *davening* - some of the other teachers asked questions such as how many people are needed to make a *minyán* (prayer quorum), or how do the morning and evening services start.

After services the children break up and go to their classrooms with their teachers. There was a small class where the teacher was called away for an emergency, so I became the substitute. The holiday of Passover was coming and the

Hebrew school was putting together the traditional model Seder. Each class was doing something different and my class was assigned to make a large mural of the Jew's story leaving Egypt (now on view at the elevator construction site). So we started on the drawing board literally. On the chalk board we made eight squares, the amount on the paper, and then put what each box would represent, starting with Moses being put in the bulrushes by his sister Miriam, to Moses standing on top of Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments. The kids began to draw whichever picture they wanted, and I would help write Hebrew neatly for the Ten Commandments picture and the beautifully done picture of the ten plagues.

This year has taught me that community service does not always have to be boring. Doing something different, not knowing what is to come, that is what community service is. I am rather good at dealing with younger children, so I could have done anything at BEKI Religious School. It is also very different because I learned Hebrew and Judaism from a day school, Ezra; half my day was devoted to Judaism. These kids have Wednes-

day afternoons and Sunday mornings to learn the same things. They take extra time out of their life, which I'm sure that if it was me, I wouldn't be too thrilled. Yet, they do it every week, never complaining. That is truly enlightening.

Anna Abramovitz is the daughter of Alan & Sally Abramovitz.

Our Israeli Emissary

We were very fortunate to have the services of Ziv Abekasis this year as our Teen Emissary from Afula, Israel. Ziv has been an integral part of our Religious School this year, especially for the teaching of Israel. Ziv conducted a service for Yom HaZikaron with the BEKI Religious School students. He reminded them that every family in Israel has lost a son or a daughter, a father or a mother.

He played a recording of the siren that is heard all over Israel on Yom HaZikaron to begin the Day of Remembrance. He then described the various services in cities, towns, on kibbutz or moshav across the country of Israel. We wish Ziv "Shalom Haver" as he returns to Israel in June to enter the IDF. LK



Alex & Lillian Heisler
with Grandchildren.

Mazal Tov to

Dina Kuperstock on her graduation from the University of Michigan, and to her parents David & Darryl Kuperstock

Beth Weinstein on her graduation from Quinnipiac College with an MS in E-Media, and to her parents Natan & Lori Weinstein

Hattie McMillian on the birth of her grandson

Alisha Vorspan & Ahud Sela on the birth of Yael Shira Sela and Gavriel Yair Sela, and to grandparents Nadav & Rita Sela

Alida Engel & Eugene Burger on the birth of a grandson, Mason Chaim Ifadayo Engel-Halfkenny, to Tagan Engel & Enroue Halfkenny

Sabrina & Aaron Spector on the birth of a Baby Girl. Sabrina is our Kadima Youth Advisor

Alex & Lillian Heisler on celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Judith Rosenbaum on being awarded a Ph.D. in American Studies from Brown University, and to her parents Paula Hyman & Stanley Rosenbaum

Students graduating Eighth Grade at Ezra Academy, and their parents:

Annie Bass, daughter of Paul & Carole Bass

Maxwell Pauker, son of Seth & Bryna Pauker

Hannah Rose, daughter of Tina Rose and of Aron & Stacey Rose

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Alisha Vorspan with one of newborn twins

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Shabbatot

Darshanim in June

Carole Bass will serve as *darshanit* on 05 June parashat *BeHaalotekha*

Yedidya Ben Avie (bar mitzva) will serve as *darshan* on 12 June parashat *Shelah Lekha*

Stephen Wizner will serve as *darshan* on 19 June parashat *Qorah*



Stephen Wizner

A Special Guest will serve as *darshan* on 26 June parashat *Huqat*

If you would like to present a d'var Torah on Shabbat morning, please contact Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan

The "Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan," which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library, is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to become more comfortable and proficient in the Shahrarit (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.

The SSLM meets on the 12th and 26th of June. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

Sundays NEW: Survey of Masekhet Shabbat

A six-week survey of *Masekhet Shabbat*, the tractate of Mishna dealing in part with Sabbath laws and procedures, will be hosted at the residence of Shoshana Zax and John Weiser on Yale Avenue in Westville on six Sunday nights beginning 27 June. The study period will be from 7:00p to 8:30p and will be led by Rabbi Tilsen. An excursion into Talmud may take place during one or more of the sessions. Knowledge of Hebrew is helpful but not required. *Text: Mishna Shabbat*

Mondays Rashi Study Group

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a adults meet in the Rosenkrantz Family Library 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.

NEW: Hebrew Language Level 1 for Beginners

An introduction to prayerbook Hebrew for beginners will be presented on seven consecutive Monday nights in the Chapel-Library from 6:10p to 7:15p beginning 05 July with Rabbi Tilsen. The class is appropriate for students



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who wish to learn the fundamentals of Biblical, rabbinic, prayerbook or modern Hebrew. Text: *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* is provided to registrants. Registration fee: \$40 per person (includes text).

Wednesdays **Berakhot Talmud Study Group**

A Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:30a to 8:00a. 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 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 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 information, contact Marc Schwartz at 562-9873 or mschwartzmd@hotmail.com

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 call Jay at (203) 387-6019 or email Jay at 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."

Audio Library on Web

Various blessings and prayers are recorded for educational purposes on BEKI's web site. Shabbat, Festival, and daily liturgical selections are presented. To hear the selections, go to www.beki.org/audio.html.

From Education Director Dr. Lauren Kempton

On 28 April I returned from an intensive program called March of the Living. This was my fourth March of the Living. This year we took 24 Juniors and Seniors from the New Haven area, including BEKI members Ilana Levine and Noah Ottenstein and eight Bridgeport teens. We were joined by North Carolina and Rhode Island groups.



We visited and studied at the Death Camps of Auschwitz I and II, Birkenau, Majdanek, and Treblinka. On Yom Hashoah we marched 7000 strong representing 28 countries. We were a sea of blue jackets with our white Stars of David stating proudly, "We are Here!" We concluded the March with an address by Rabbi Lau and the haunting words of the memorial prayer *El Malei Rahamim* drifting over the watch towers, barracks and crematories.

Then we flew to Israel and immediately went to the Kotel (Western Wall) where we left our prayers. I brought prayers from BEKI Religious School children and participants of Kulanu and

The March of the Living was started by two survivors, one who insisted that Jewish teens learn the Shoah, and one who insisted they learn about Israel; hence from darkness to light, a week in Poland and a week in Israel.

It was an amazing and life-altering trip. We had three busloads of students, 105 marchers all together. There was a survivor of

the Shoah on each bus, educators, social workers, physicians and local guides and guards. As we landed in Poland I read the students a quotation: "We will accomplish a mission that the victims have assigned to us; to collect memories and tears, fragments of fire and sorrow, tales of despair and defiance and names... above all names... today we enrich our collection."



Lauren Kempton, Noah Ottenstein & Ilana Levine at Treblinka with March of Living



Jewish Youth on March of Living at Treblinka

Saul's Circle. The Israeli component was particularly strong this year; we conducted a ceremony at each historic and religious site including Independence Hall, Kikar Rabin, the Kastel and Latrun. We met with Natan Sharansky and heard his Russian dissident stories and about his efforts to free Soviet Jewry. We traveled to Alfula-Gilboa, our Partnership 2000 region, for a conference with teens from Ein Harod.

A particularly moving day was our visit to Sde Boqer in the Negev. As we stood at the gravesite of Ben Gurion and felt the beauty of the desert, we realized that Ben Gurion's dream was coming true. We picked up pieces of black flint on our hike in Nahal Avdat. The stones reminded us of the stones of Treblinka; we had come full circle in our pursuit of understanding of the Shoah and the birth of Israel.

We planted trees in the MOL National Forest and wrote our own Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial

Day) program which we conducted after the entire country paused for the traditional sirens at 8:00p. The group attended a Yom HaZikaron service at the cemetery in Afula and was honored to place a wreath from our communities.

At sundown on the beginning of Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day) we celebrated the 56th birthday of Israeli Independence with the traditional boppers and silly string on a boat ride on the Kinneret. The march ended at Havat Ronit where we danced and sang under the stars for Israeli independence. We then flew home, as emissaries of the stories of the Shoah and living monuments to our beloved Israel.

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Synagogue Decorum

It is suggested that worshippers not enter or exit the sanctuary while the congregation is standing for the Amida or during a Torah reading. When entering or exiting during the Torah service, it is best to do so between readings (i.e. between the aliyot). Your consideration for other worshippers is appreciated.

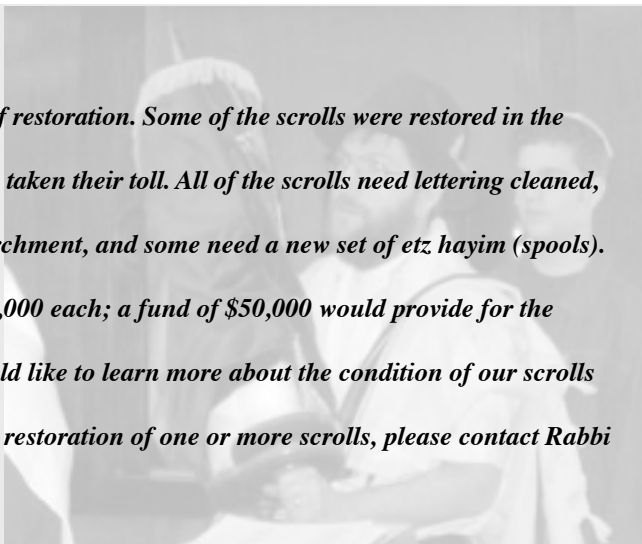
Calendar & Daily Services

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha-Maariv	7a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha-Maariv	7a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha-Maariv	7a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha-Maariv	8:15a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha-Maariv	7a Shahrūt 6:00p Minha-Maariv	9:15a Shahrūt 5:45p Minha
		1 12 Sivan	2 13 Sivan 7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group	3 14 Sivan 12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8p A.A.	4 15 Sivan 8:03p Candle Lighting	5 16 Sivan 10:45a Children's Programs Darshan: Carole Bass Qiddush: Birthday
6 17 Sivan 6p Jon-Jay Tilsen & Miriam Benson 10 Year Anniversary Tribute Dinner	7 18 Sivan 7:45a Rashi Study Group	8 19 Sivan	9 20 Sivan 7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group	10 21 Sivan 12:30p Talmud Group (off-site) 8p A.A.	11 22 Sivan 8p Late Service 8:07p Candle Lighting	12 23 Sivan Yedidya Ben-Avie Bar Mitzva 10:45a Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: van Creveld/Ben-Avie
13 24 Sivan	14 25 Sivan 7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p Executive Board Meets	15 26 Sivan	16 27 Sivan 7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group	17 28 Sivan 12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8p A.A.	18 29 Sivan 8:09p Candle Lighting	19 30 Sivan ROSH HODESH I Darshan: Stephen Wizner 10:45a Children's Programs
20 1 Tammuz ROSH HODESH II	21 2 Tammuz 7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p General Board Meets	22 3 Tammuz	23 4 Tammuz	24 5 Tammuz 12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8p A.A.	25 6 Tammuz 8:11p Candle Lighting	26 7 Tammuz 10:45a Children's Programs 10:45 Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Tina Rose
27 8 Tammuz 9:30a Annual Meeting/ Brunch 7p Masekhet Shabbat Study at Zax/Weiser home	28 9 Tammuz 7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p Ritual Committee Meets	29 10 Tammuz	30 11 Tammuz			

Torah Scroll Restoration

Our Torah scrolls are all about 100 years old and in need of restoration. Some of the scrolls were restored in the 1980s, but the passage of time and daily or weekly use have taken their toll. All of the scrolls need lettering cleaned, replaced and treated. Some need sewing and taping of parchment, and some need a new set of etz hayim (spools).

The cost of restoring our best scrolls is \$3,600 to \$6,000 each; a fund of \$50,000 would provide for the permanent regular maintenance of the scrolls. If you would like to learn more about the condition of our scrolls or about the restoration process, or would like to fund the restoration of one or more scrolls, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org.



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