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Shavuot Two-Day Festival: The Jewish Hajj

The Festival of Shavuot (“Weeks”), one of the three major pilgrimage festivals, celebrates the anniversary of the Giving of the Torah at Sinai some 3,400 years ago. The word *hag* (pilgrimage festival) is known widely by its Arabic cognate, *hajj* (which, for Muslims, means pilgrimage to Mecca). The Torah commands, “Three times a year—on the Feast of Unleavened Bread, on the Feast of Weeks, and on the Feast of Booths—all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place that He will choose. They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each with his own gift, according to the blessing that the Lord your God has bestowed upon you” (Deut. 16:16-17).

Shavuot comes at the culmination of the counting of seven weeks from Pesah, and will be a major observance at BEKI this summer. Just as we look forward to important events in our

personal lives, so too our ancestors enthusiastically and devoutly anticipated the event at Sinai. By participating in BEKI’s Shavuot observance, we re-enact the extraordinary experience of our ancestors and show our own enthusiasm for receiving Torah.

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Annual Meeting & Brunch
Sunday 26 June 2005
9:30a to 11:00a

Tiqun Leil Shavuot

This year we specially welcome our neighbors from Congregation Or Shalom to our annual Tiqun Leil Shavuot Sweeter than Honey Night of Study, on Sunday 12 June 2005. Dairy and pareve refreshments will be served. That means **cheesecake**.

The evening begins with a brief Minha Afternoon Service, from 8:00p to

8:10p. The brief Festival Evening service, from 8:30p to 8:50p, will be followed at 9:00p by a presentation by Jewish Theological Seminary



Peter Stein

of America rabbinical student Peter Stein. Peter is a son of Vic & Sue Stein.

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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 lead 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 2005, contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 ext. 10 (jjtilsen@beki.org).

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 were 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."

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After another break for refreshments, exploration of Torah continues with additional presentations, including a late-night shiur by Moshe Meiri. Additional details were being finalized as this issue went to press.

Shavuot Candle Lighting

Those who are able may light Festival candles at 8:08p or earlier on Sunday night 12 June. It is also customary to light Yizkor Memorial candles immediately before lighting the festival candles. On Monday night 13 June, the candles are lit *after* 9:05p, using the pre-existing flame of the memorial candles, pilot or other light.

The blessing recited over the Festival candles is “Barukh...asher qideshanu bemitzvotav vetsivanu lehadliq ner shel yom tov” and the “Shehehianu,” both of which can be found in most siddurim (prayerbooks). Audio recordings of these and other berakhot (blessings) are available at www.beki.org/audio.html.

Shavuot Mornings

Yizkor Memorial Service

The Shavuot First Day Festival Shharit Morning Service begins at 9:15a on Monday 12 June 2005. The service includes the full recitation of Hallel.

The Shavuot Second Day Morning service begins at 9:15a on Tuesday 13 June 2005. The Festival service includes a *Shaharit* morning service, *Hallel* (Psalms of praise), a Torah reading and *Haftara*. Following the

Haftara (prophetic reading), the Yizkor Memorial Service is held.

The Yizkor memorial service is one of four such services during the year that help us recognize our feelings of loss, which are often especially intense during the Festival season, and to honor the memories of our loved ones. Following Yizkor, the Book of Ruth is read to a uniquely beautiful and ancient melody based on the same system of *ta`amei hamiqra* (“trope”) found in most of the Hebrew Bible. Then the Festival *Musaf* additional service is recited.

Synagogue Decorum

It is suggested that worshipers 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). Please be sure to turn off mobile phones and pagers before entering the building on Shabbat and Festivals and before entering the Sanctuary or Chapel on any day. Those who must use mobile phones for medical or other emergency purposes on Shabbat or Festivals are asked to find a private place such as the Harrison Street stairwell. Your consideration for other worshipers is appreciated.



Moshe Meiri

A Message from President Gila Reinstein



Over the past few months, the BEKI Board of Trustees and other members have been working hard to build on the existing strengths of this congregation by ensuring continuity in our professional and lay leadership.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have renewed our contract with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen for a 10-year period. He has already served as our rabbi for almost a dozen years under a series of short-term contracts, and now we can look forward to (at least) another 10 of his thoughtful



Andrew Klein

and inspiring guidance. Jon-Jay is a wonderful teacher and role model, a *menschlich* human being, an intelligent strategic planner and an effective fundraiser. His sense of humor is icing on the cake. We are truly lucky to have him as our spiritual leader for the foreseeable future. The last rabbi to serve this congregation for more than a decade was Rabbi Andrew Klein, of blessed memory, who held the Keser Israel pulpit for 16 years until his death in 1967. Rabbi Tilsen will be the first rabbi to serve in our present building for more than a decade. He is also the first to serve the combined Beth El and Keser Israel congregations for so long a stretch. Thanks to attorney Carl Goldfield for his able assistance with this contract.

I am also delighted to announce that we expect to renew our contract with Education Director Dr. Lauren Kempton for a three-year period. Her previous contracts were for one year at a time. Lauren's creative management has produced a religious school that children actually enjoy attending. Due to her outstanding efforts, BEKI's religious school has been given Framework for Excellence status and will serve as a model for other Hebrew schools nationwide. Only eight schools were given that designation—the highest possible—in all of North America this year. Congratulations to Dr. Kempton, to the BRS Committee, and to all the teachers and students of our outstanding school! Thanks to attorney Sybil Richards for her able assistance with this contract.

Our strong professional leadership will, happily, remain the same, but

the lay leadership is due for a change. When I became president, I intended to hold the position for two consecutive one-year terms, but ended up serving for a third year, because we had no clear line of succession.

I have truly enjoyed being president of BEKI, but it's time for me to step down. Donna Levine has agreed to serve as the next president for a two-year term, subject to the approval of the congregation at our annual meeting on June 26. I am certain that she



Donna Levine

will be an extraordinarily effective president, and I look forward to working with her.

We are building into the Executive Board structure a more predictable order of succession, and if the synagogue passes amendments to our By-laws that will be proposed soon, the first vice president will automatically become the next president at the end of two years; the second vice president will become the first vice president; the third vice president will become second vice president, and a new third vice president will be selected. Each



Alan Lovins



Isaiah Cooper

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position will have a two-year term. That means that after Donna's two years in office, First V.P. Alan Lovins will become BEKI President. Following Alan, Isaiah Cooper; and following Isaiah, Bryna Pauker. This arrangement puts us in a very strong position for long-term planning and continuity. It will enable us to take on multi-year projects with confidence. We will have experienced, dedicated leaders lined up for eight years at a time. Of course, it sometimes happens that the best-laid plans of mice and men go awry, but at least we have a plan!

I take real satisfaction in knowing that the future leadership of this wonderful congregation, both lay and professional, is in good hands. My thanks to all those who served on the committees that made this happen!

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

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A Message from the Education Director



Dr. Lauren Kempton

This Passover, as in past Passovers, Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen receives requests for folks who need a Seder to attend. This year he received a very unusual request. A young man who was in a Halfway House, felt the urge to attend a Seder. He looked in the Yellow Pages and found Beth El - Keser Israel. He called the Rabbi who asked if I could find a place for him. It was four days before the First Seder and most everyone had a full house. I thought and thought. Then I came up with the solution. He could come to the Seder I was hosting at Fellowship Place. I called him and explained about the Seder and arranged to pick him up. That morning my car was rather full with items for the Seder: cases of matza, both Miriam and Elijah's cups, my special Seder plate, plus tubs of .

I found the Halfway House and signed him out and proceeded to Fellowship Place. He helped me set up and was in community with the

others in attendance. As we started the Seder I thought of the Magid, the telling... "Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and celebrate Pesah. When we share our bounty, we honor our past. When we share our joy, we ease the spirit's hunger." The Seder meal was wonderful, thanks to Sara Mag, Special Program Director at Fellowship. When the matza ball soup was served, I looked over at my guest, and he had this bittersweet look on his face. He said, "This is just like my bubbe used to make." I was deeply touched and so happy that he found us at BEKI through the Yellow Pages. "Berukhim habaim beShem Adonai. Berukhot habaot tahat kanfei HaShekhina." Blessed are you who come in God's name. Blessed are you who come under God's protecting Presence. I am so proud to be a member of BEKI, a synagogue where all are welcome, a shul committed to Social Justice and Social Action. I believe that at BEKI when the Seder is over, we continue to celebrate the end of our enslavement in Egypt by working to free those in need.... the hungry, those of special needs, the poor and the vulnerable. We rise from

our enslavement of the noise of our lives to imagine a world and a society that reflects the holiness of every human life. This person still needs assistance, to enter the workforce. Please call me if you can help.



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Religious School News

As is the tradition, BEKI Religious School closed for the summer with a combined Graduation Ceremony and Mitzvah Hero Brunch and Presentation. At the Graduation, all students in grades Kindergarten through Seventh Grade received books, presented by Mr. George Posener. This has become a wonderful tradition for both the students and Mr. Posener. Dr. Lauren Kempton, Education Director of BEKI presented a gift to Michal Becher, Meyuhad teacher who is returning to Israel. Edward Abramovitz was also honored for his multiple roles at BEKI, Assistant and Tutor in the Benei Mitzva program and *madrিকা* for Grade Five. The Graduation was followed by the Mitzvah Hero Brunch hosted by the Benei Mitzva parents.

The Benei Mitzva class members then gave short presentations on each of their Mitzva Heroes.

The honorees and their Benei Mitzvah students are:

Alex Shragis – his grandmother of blessed memory - Judith Sardi

Tsvi Benson Tilsen – Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen

Jonathan Curtis-Resnik – Karen Fine

Rachel Green – Daryl Kuperstock

Jesse Goldblum – Harry Sherman

David Friedman – Paul Goodwin

Ariel Weiser – Mikki Ratner

Seth Miller – Alan Lovins

Alan Visochek – Jordan River Village Project



This intergenerational project has deepened our understanding of the links between generations, for our students personally, their families, and the wider Jewish community. As we read in *Pirque Avot*, “Upon three things the world is based: upon the Torah, upon the Temple service, and upon the practice of Charity.” We would add the performance of *mitzvot* and we are grateful for the life examples of our Mitzva Heroes.

LifeCycle

HaMaqom Yinahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Irving Berman,
brother of Harriet (& Sam)
Kantrowitz

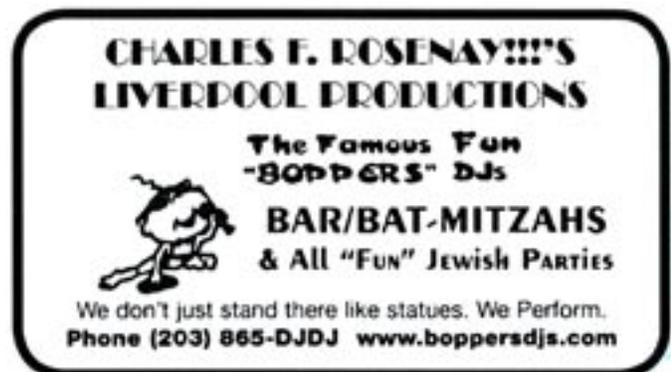
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Mazal Tov

• To MAKOM Graduates Nathaniel Cohen-Fraade, Dana Wolf Etra, Joanna Wolf Etra, Ilana Rachel

Levine, Noah Jacob Ottenstein, Benjamin David Zlotoff

• To Ivan & Rita Sachs on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary



Shabbatot

Darshanim in June



Matthew Wightman

- Matthew Wightman will serve as darshan on Shabbat 4 June parashat BaMidbar
- Laura Visochek will serve as darshanit on Shabbat 11 June parashat Naso
- Laurel Leff will serve as darshanit on Shabbat 25 June parashat Shelah Lekha

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 Meiri

Dive into the "sea of Talmud" on Sunday mornings in June. *Summer Talmud with Moshe Meiri* will meet each Sunday morning in June from 9:30a to 11:00a in the Posener Chapel Library. Knowledge of Hebrew and Aramaic is helpful but not required. People of all ages and backgrounds are welcome.

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.

New: Mishna Sanhedrin

A survey of Mishna Sanhedrin will be presented by Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen on each Monday evening from 6:05p to 7:25p from 20 June to 8 August. The Mishna, a law compendium edited by Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi in the second century of the Common Era, includes sixty books or "tractates." Tractate Sanhedrin deals in large part with court procedures, especially capital cases. It includes the well-known statement, "One who saves a single life is credited with having saved an entire world." The Mishna is written in concise Hebrew. Participants should acquire a copy of the Mishna Tractate Sanhedrin (or complete Mishna) in Hebrew and, if so desired, with translation and commentary. Copies will be available in class. The \$18 registration and material fee may be remitted to the BEKI office; for billing, contact Peggy at office@beki.org or 389-2108 x14.



Laurel Leff

New: Practicum in Jewish Living

Three Monday nights in July

Explore the procedures, rules and meaning of three major areas of private and communal observance on Monday nights in July with Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen. Topics include "Shabbat Rules!" (Monday 11 July); "Chews by Choice: Kosher in and out" (Monday 18 July); and "VeSamahta beHagekha: Celebrating the Major Festivals" (Monday 25 July). Each meeting is from 7:30p to 9:00p in the Library. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesdays

Rabbis' Study Group

Wednesdays with Murray is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own *talmud torah* (Torah study) in a "safe" setting and with opportunities to learn from each other's experience and insight. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group" meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) at a downtown New Haven professional office for Talmud study. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct ex-

perience 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.

Writing Group

The Writing Group meets each Thursday in the Chapel Library from 2:00p to 4:00p. Interested writers gather to share the short pieces that they have written: memoirs, poetry, children's stories and short stories. The goal of the group is to encourage writing, critique of written pieces, and publishing. Each week the participants bring a piece of their writing. The writer then has a "Read-Aloud" and the group provides feedback. This community aims to generate writing and provide support and feedback for published pieces. For more information please contact Ruth Silver at bergida@yahoo.com or Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or lkempton@beki.org

AA Meeting

The *Here We Are* Group of AA meets at BEKI every Thursday night at 8:00p. The weekly Meeting has been held at BEKI since May 1997. Open to any person who can benefit from a recovery program, the meeting is held according to standard AA procedure. It is currently engaged in a 12 & 12 Study – Discussion. This is not a specifically Jewish recovery group, although a large proportion of par-

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- Her mother to Roz Bobrow from Violet & Charlie Ludwig
- Nicoletta Lender to the Lender Family from Rena Miller
- David Schleifer to Ruth Schleifer from Louis Petrillo
- Norma Greenblatt to her family from Mollie Satin, Uncle Ted & Family, Mikki Ratner

Service Times for Spring/Summer

Sundays:
9a Shaharit
5:45p Minha-Maariv

Mondays:
7a Shaharit
5:45p Minha-Maariv

Tuesdays:
7a Shaharit
5:45p Minha-Maariv

Wednesdays:
7a Shaharit
5:45p Minha-Maariv

Thursdays:
8:15a Shaharit
5:45p Minha-Maariv

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7a Shaharit
6p Minha-Maariv

Saturdays:
9:15a Shaharit
5:45p Minha

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