Jewish Women: Redefining Community and Social Justice for All

BEKI is holding several programs dedicated to “Jewish Women: Redefining Community and Social Justice for All,” as part of the ongoing Women of Vision series initiated last year with funding from the Women of Vision Society of the Jewish Foundation and private donors. All these events are free and open to the community.

Several programs led up to a public address by Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS), which will take place on Wednesday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center. BEKI is co-host and co-sponsor of Messinger’s visit to New Haven. An additional program begins at 7 on Tuesday, March 10.

Hearing the reading of the Megilla (or reading it oneself) is a Biblical commandment (mitzva). Other Purim mitzvot

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PURIM AT BEKI

Be Happy It’s Adar

משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה
Mishenikhnas Adar marbim besimha
– When Adar begins, joy increases.
– Talmud Eruvin 29a

Fast of Esther

The holiday of Purim commemorates the failure of a genocidal plot against the Jews in the Persian Kingdom over twenty centuries ago. The dramatic (and some would say comic) story is told in the Biblical Book of Esther, which is read on the night and morning of the holiday.

Taanit Esther (The Fast of Esther) is observed the day before Purim. Taanit Esther marks the serious side of the holiday. While on Purim we joyously celebrate the failure of the plot and mock the racism of its hatchers, on the Fast of Esther we fast and pray that we will bring the world to an era that does not know the threat of genocide. The Fast of Esther begins at dawn (5:51) on Monday, March 9. The Monday shaharit morning service is from 7 to 7:45 and includes “Avinu Malkenu – Our Father, Our King,” as on Yom Kippur. No food or drink is consumed. The Fast of Esther is a minor observance, and therefore those with any significant medical contraindication should not undertake the fast. The minha afternoon service is at 5:45. The fast ends at 7:22 p.m., or when the person observing the fast eats, whichever comes first.

Megilla Readings

The Megilla (Scroll of Esther) is read during the evening service, which begins at 6:30 on Monday, March 9, and then again during the morning service, which begins at 7 on Tuesday, March 10.

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**Paula Hyman**  
Professor of History  
Yale University  
Saturday Feb. 7 morning

Paula Hyman will present a d’var Torah on Judaism, social justice, and the role of women activists.

**Lina Zerbarini**  
Rabbi, Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale  
Saturday Feb. 7 1:00 pm

Rabbi Lina Zerbarini will speak after qiddush on her work coordinating service learning trips to Latin America.

**Cynthia Beth Rubin**  
Artist and Social Activist  
Sunday Feb. 8 6:30 pm

Cynthia Beth Rubin will speak on her AJWS work in Senegal with sustainability.

**Ruth Messinger**  
President, American Jewish World Service  
Wednesday March 4 7:30 pm

Ruth Messinger will speak on “Jews as Global Citizens: Our Responsibility in the World,” at the JCC of Greater New Haven.

**Lauri J Lowell**  
Director, Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater New Haven  
Sunday March 29 9:45 am

Lauri J. Lowell will speak on “Social Justice on the Home Front: From Protest to Policy.”

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All Programs are Free and Open to the Public

February 7, 8, and March 29 programs at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT  
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will take place later in March, after Messinger’s talk. Messinger will speak on “Jews as Global Citizens: Our Responsibility in the World.” After serving as Manhattan borough president from 1990 to 1998, Messinger became CEO of AJWS, an international aid organization inspired by Judaism’s imperative to pursue justice. AJWS works to alleviate poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

During February, BEKI featured three notable events in this series. These began with a Shabbat morning devar Torah by Professor Paula Hyman on Judaism, social justice, and the role of the Jewish women activists. Rabbi Lina Zerbarini, director of operations at Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale, gave a Shabbat Schmooze on why she has taken Yale students to Latin America to volunteer during their Spring Break and what they accomplished and learned during their stay. These trips were coordinated through the AJWS and other non-profit organizations. Cynthia Beth Rubin, artist and social activist, gave a slide presentation about her experiences volunteering for three months in Africa with the AJWS. Cynthia’s talk was part of BEKI’s observance of Tu BiShvat, the New Year of the Trees, an appropriate time to focus on the environment and Judaism’s dedication to healing the natural world. Cynthia worked with Green Senegal, which promotes sustainable agriculture. She recalls that they “worked in villages that were irrigating huge fields of crops with the same little green watering cans that we get at Home Depot.” Cynthia was joined by a speaker from St. Aeden’s, which jointly presented that day’s program.

The final event in this year’s Women of Vision series will be a brunch at BEKI on Sunday, March 29, when Lauri Lowell, director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, will give a talk on her life and work.

USY Iron Chef

On Sunday, March 15 all cooks are ordered to assemble for the challenge of this year. What will the secret ingredient be? No one knows, but I can guarantee that fun abounds in this event. For more information, you can contact me at ccheskisgold@gmail.com or, once again, our advisor Norianna Cohen at Norianna.Cohen@quinnipiac.edu.

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-unsubscribe@beki.org and obtain additional instructions at minyan-help@beki.org.

Web Traffic

Our website receives about 100 visits per day. Seventy-five percent of visits are by new visitors; 25 percent by returning visitors. The heaviest traffic is on Wednesdays; the lightest, on Saturdays. Top ten locations of visitors are USA, UK, Canada, Israel, Ireland, France, Brazil, Italy, India and Germany. A few visitors from United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Qatar and Syria are recorded. One visitor resides in Iran. Forty-eight states are represented (all but South Dakota and Wyoming), with most being from CT, NY, CA, MA, NJ, TX, PA, FL, MI, and IL. About 18 percent of visitors arrive by typing www.beki.org directly; 11 percent from referring sites; and 71 percent from search engine results. Statistics compliments of Google Analytics.

Second Seder

Congregations B’nai Jacob, Beth El-Keser Israel, Temple Beth Sholom, and Or Shalom invite you to join the community in celebrating the second night of Passover at our Community Seder, Thursday, April 9, at Congregation B’nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Road in Woodbridge, 203-389-2111. The festival service begins at 6 p.m., and the seder at 7 p.m. Reservations and advance payment required. Menu:

- Gefilte fish on lettuce with horseradish
- Chicken soup with matzo balls
- Chicken marsala or eggplant marinara
- Glazed carrots & potato kugel
- Assorted cookies and macaroons
- Coffee/tea

For reservations contact the B’nai Jacob office at 389-2111.
(religious imperatives) include sending food gifts to a neighbor, alms for the poor and a feast on Purim day. Children are reminded to keep their adults from talking or making too much ruckus during the actual Megilla reading at BEKI. If the congregation makes too much noise during the reading, we will have to start over to insure that everyone hears each word.

Groggers (noisemakers) will be available so that no one will have to hear the name of the Purim story’s villain reverberate though our sacred halls on our sacred cinderblocks. The use of internal combustion engines, explosives or blackboards as noisemakers is no longer permitted at BEKI. Please keep hands and feet within the sanctuary until the service comes to a complete stop. Please do not bring firearms, explosive devices or weapons, or any toy that resembles any form of weapon (these will be confiscated at the door – we mean it). In accordance with revised FAA regulations, box cutters, toenail clippers, tweezers, eyeglass repair screwdrivers, can openers and plastic knives are again permitted. However, shampoo, eye drops and more than 3.2 oz of any liquid are prohibited. Absolutely no weapons of mass destruction are permitted in the sanctuary during the service; this applies on Purim as well as year-round.

During the morning reading, when some participants may be goggier than usual due to late drinking or the early hour, groggers are limited to 4 decibels (equivalent to the sound of a marshmallow dropped on a pillow from 18 centimeters).

**BEKI Purim Seuda (Feast)**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 10  
**TIME:** 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (break for 5:45 p.m. Minyan)  
**WHERE:** In the BEKI Upstairs Social Hall  
**FOOD:** A light dairy dinner will be served  
**COST:** $13 per adult, $11 per child (age 3-12); 2 and under, no charge.  
Registration form and check due in BEKI office by Tuesday March 3. Your prompt registration is appreciated.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Purim Spiel: Starring Bruce Altman & Darcy McGraw  
• 5:45p Minyan  
• Ruth Greenblatt as Cutesie the Clown, with balloon animals  
• Face-painting with Rachel Sutin  
• Special Purim Birkat Hamazon  

Purim Songs Sing-a-long with Ada Fenick & Yair Minsky  
• Contra-dance! With caller Patricia Campbell

**VOLUNTEERS:** Contact Linden Grazier (397-1501, hearthkeep@aol.com), Food Chair, to help in food preparation and serving. Call Jessey Palumbo, Membership Chair, 387-8359, to volunteer to do outreach to, meet and greet new and prospective BEKI members at the Seuda. Call Liora Lew, Decorations Chair, 389-1048, to assist with decorating. To volunteer for the set-up, registration table, or clean-up committees, call Miriam Benson at 389-6137.
**Scholarships**

Please get applications in early for youngsters (ages 13 through college age) who are planning summer activities for the Marcel Gutman Scholarships. Assistance is available for children of Sisterhood members and men associates to attend United Synagogue programs, camps & trips to Israel. Applications are available in the BEKI office. For further information call Mimi Glenn at 397-3851.

**Model Seder**

The annual Model Seder for People with Special Needs will be held this year on Tuesday, March 31. Food is being donated by ACI Catering, and Jewish Family Service will coordinate transportation. It will be led by Dr. Lauren Kempton and Sisterhood members will be hosting this yearly event.

**Events**

Sisterhood will provide the groggers and refreshments at the Purim Megilla reading on March 9.

On March 15, BEKI Sisterhood, Hadassah and National Council of Jewish Women will host a special Sunday event at BEKI at 2 p.m. with refreshments followed by Cynthia Rabinowitz’s power-point presentation of the new nature trail through the Galilee. The hike covered 36 miles over four days and she will show photos of this beautiful scenery. No charge for a very interesting afternoon. Spouses and friends invited. Please let Mimi Glenn know you’ll be attending (397-3851).

Our “Book of Life” event details will be mailed in April asking for support for our annual fundraiser. Supporting Sisterhood helps our congregation!

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- Irving Smirnoff to Mr. & Mrs. Milton Smirnoff from Bud & Claire Volain
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- Rabbi Murray Levine from Sue & Vic Stein, BEKI Hesed Committee, Stanley Saxe & Barbara Cushen

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Darshanim in March

Shula Chernoff will serve as dar-shanit on Shabbat morning, March 21, Shabbat HaHodesh, parashat Vayaqhel-Pequei.

Anna Golub (bat mitzva) will serve as darshanit on Shabbat morning, March 28, parashat VaYiqra.

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.

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Talmud for Teens with Moshe Meiri

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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 o’clock shaharit morning service.

Occasional Monday Nights
Book Discussions

Join Bob Oakes with Jon-Jay Tilsen for a conversation about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s God in Search of Man on Monday, March 2, from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., and on Monday, April 20, from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a conversation on Judith Hauptman’s Rereading the Rabbis.

The books are in print and available through the Amazon link at www.beki.org or wherever fine books are sold.

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

Each week a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday

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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 397-2513.

Mini Maariv Learning Service
The Wednesday evening services during the winter months are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily evening service. Maariv service is from 5:45 to 6:15 on Wednesdays; on other weekdays, the service ends at 6 p.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.

New: Hilkhot Gerim – Laws of Proselytes
Explore the law and history of gerut (conversion) in classical rabbinic sources with Jon-Jay Tilsen on four consecutive Thursday nights in March. What was the purpose and process of conversion as developed by the sages? How does it compare to today’s process?
Sources will include the Tanakh, Mishna, Shulhan Arukh and more. Beginning March 5, (following evening service) from 6 to 7:15, through March 26. Free.

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WHO IS THE AUDIENCE?

It has been said the Israeli leaders tell the truth to foreign officials but lie to their own people, whereas Palestinian leaders lie to foreign officials but speak truthfully when they address their own people. I suspect, though, that sophisticated Israelis and Palestinians alike are able to tell when their leaders are telling whoppers just about as well as Americans can.

In the post-election inter-party negotiations in Israel, aimed at organizing a coalition of parties to form a parliamentary government, it is best to completely ignore public statements of party officials. All vows, bonds, promises, obligations and oaths wherewith they have vowed, sworn and bound themselves from election day until the government is seated shall be dissolved, released, annulled, made void and of none effect; they shall not be binding nor shall they have any power.

Observers find the Hamas spokespeople quite refreshing in that they generally present the same message to their own followers as to the rest of the world, in sharp contrast to the late Rais Yasir Arafat, whose ability to say one thing in Arabic and another to the foreign press never ceased to amaze the informed listener, even when his contradictions were occasionally (though rarely) challenged by astute journalists. Unfortunately, while the style of Hamas is refreshingly non-duplicitious, the message is thoroughly and unremittingly hostile.

Nevertheless, it is helpful to keep in mind that public statements by Hamas leaders, like those of Iranian President Ahmadinejad, are not intended as communications to the Israeli public, but rather are best understood in the context of internal Palestinian (or Iranian) affairs. While the real and ultimate aims of Hamas and of Ahmadinejad’s party actually do have much to do with Israel and the Jews – which is what makes them insane and potentially as dangerous as a Hitler – their immediate field of struggle is internal. Sending daily rockets into southern Israel and the continuing captivity of Gilad Shalit (without the benefit of Red Cross visits) are not subtle communications with Israel; they are a statement of power within Palestinian society. It is likely that much of the Hamas leadership is not interested in negotiation with Israel for any kind of settlement, but would only negotiate indirectly if doing so brings it some tactical advantage in Palestinian politics.

LeHavdil (mutatis mutandis), we can ask the same questions about our public worship services at the synagogue. Who is our real audience? The educated worshipper will realize that our public services include liturgical segments in which God speaks to Israel (e.g., the recitation of Shema or the Torah reading), Israel speaks to God (e.g. Amida), and in which Israel speaks to Israel (e.g. Kol Nidre or Haf-tara). There are segments in which the individual seems to speak to himself or herself (e.g. HaNeshama she-natata bi). We sometimes move from one form to the next without transition. Sometimes the “audience” is the Almighty, and sometimes it is community, and sometimes it is ourselves. If we are to be honest, we ought to keep in mind to whom we are talking. Are we saying what we think “God wants to hear” even though it is not what we really think? Are we repeating the Divine utterances without taking them seriously? For our prayer to be of the most effect, as in politics, we need to be clear about the message and the audience.
### Service Times for Winter

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### Daylight Saving Time begins
Turn your clock “ahead” one hour, that is, from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m.

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