PASSOVER AT BEKI

Kosher for Pesah guidelines are available in the “Rabbinical Assembly Pesah Guide” in the BEKI literature rack (also available by request from the office) and at www.rabbinicalassembly.org.

Selling of Hametz

During the eight days of Pesah (Passover), it is forbidden for Jews to eat or own edible hametz. Hametz is any product containing wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye that has not been especially prepared kosher for Pesah. Ideally, one physically disposes of all hametz by the morning before Pesah. In order to be sure that this has taken place, or to avoid the loss of expensive hametz such as liquor, one can sell their hametz for the period of Pesah. If you would like to authorize Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz to someone who is allowed to own it, please sign the form available at each daily morning and evening service or sign and return the form included in the February synagogue mailing for that purpose. If you need a form faxed to you, give Peggy (203) 389-2108 x14 or office@beki.org your fax number or fax her at (203) 389-5899; you can also find a form at www.beki.org/forms.html. The form is a power of attorney allowing Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz for you.

KINAHARA: Kosher for Pesah

Answers to frequently asked questions can be found at the website of the Kashrut Initiative of the New Haven Area Rabbinical Assembly: www.kinahara.org.

Kulanu - Special Needs Seder

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, and BEKI’s Kulanu Havura outreach program, in conjunction with Jewish Family Service and Abel Catering, will host the twenty-eighth annual Adult Special Needs Model Seder at BEKI on Wednesday 24 March. Each year the Sisterhood has hosted an enthusiastic group of Jewish adults from the New Haven area with a variety of special needs. This year, about 70 people are expected to participate.

For many, this is their only taste of Passover and one that they relish and look forward to each year. The Torah teaches about four types of children, and the Hagada reminds us that we must tell the story of the Exodus to each son and daughter of Israel in the way that is most meaningful to him or her.

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Through the efforts of Sisterhood, Kulanu Director Dr. Lauren Kempton, the generosity of ACI Catering and the good offices of the Jewish Family Services, the Exodus is re-enacted through song, food and story at a table set in the Passover tradition.

Kulanu is BEKI’s outreach program for adults with special needs. Kulanu is supported by The David & Lillian Levine Endowment for People with Special Needs at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, which is managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.

Hagadot and Seder Plates at Giftshop

Hagadot (do-it-yourself guide and service books) for Pesah, including the Rabbinical Assembly’s Passover Haggadah: The Feast of Freedom, are available at the Sisterhood Giftshop and wherever fine Judaica is sold. The Giftshop also offers a significant collection of decorative seder plates and other Pesah supplies (such as toy frogs).

If you purchase your hagadot or other items from Amazon.com or Buy.com and access these merchants via the links at www.beki.org/links.html, BEKI receives a small commission on your purchase, at no additional cost to you. You must use these links each time you access the merchants’ website in order for BEKI to receive a commission.

Siyyum Bekhorot: Feast or Famine

The Fast of the First Born is Monday, March 29, the morning before the Pesah seder, beginning at dawn. First-born who attend the Wednesday morning service at 7 o’clock may conclude their fast by partaking of the seudat mitzva (obligatory feast) celebrating a siyyum, the conclusion of a study project. Services and siyyum will end by 8:05 a.m. All may attend.

Bediqat Hametz and Biur Hametz

On the night of Sunday, March 28, it is customary to perform Bediqat Hametz, the final check for leaven before Passover. This procedure can be done as a spiritual or fun ritual with children or adults. The next morning, Monday, March 29, it is customary to perform Biur Hametz, a final “search and destroy” mission for leaven, to insure compliance with the rule against possessing or eating hametz during the festival. Instructions for Bediqat Hametz and Biur Hametz can be found in most Hagadot, including the Rabbinical Assembly’s Passover Haggadah: The Feast of Freedom.

Let All Who Are Hungry...

The Seder of Pesah is a wonderful opportunity to welcome others into our homes. Our congregation comprises many people who may not have extended family locally, do not have Jewish relatives, are new to the area, or who otherwise would benefit greatly from a Seder invitation. If you are able to open your Seder to additional guests, please contact Jay Sokolow at your earliest opportunity at (203) 387-6019 (sokolow@snet.net). If you are able to host an adult who is a mental health services consumer or who has developmental disabilities, please contact Special Outreach Director Dr. Lauren Kempton (203) 389-2108 x33 or l kempton@beki.org.

Service Times for Pesah

There will be no public evening service at BEKI on Tuesday, March 30 and Wednesday, March 31 the evenings of the seders. On Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, March 30 and 31, festival services begin at 9:15 a.m. The following week, the seventh and eighth days of Pesah, April 5 and 6, festival services begin at 9:15 a.m.

Pesah Candle Lighting

The first night of Passover is Monday night, March 29; candle lighting in New Haven is at 6:55 p.m. For the second night, candle lighting should be after 7:55 p.m. Because it is not permitted to strike matches on the Festival days, our practice is to light a flame before the festival begins that will burn at least 26 hours, and to use that flame to light the Pesah candles the second night.
Candle lighting for the seventh day, Monday, April 5, is at 7:02 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 6 after 8:03 p.m.

**Sefira – Counting the Omer**

At the second Seder (Tuesday, March 30), we begin daily *sefirat ha-omer* (counting of the *omer*), a counting of days to Shavuot, the next major festival. The counting, preferably done each night for 49 nights, is an expression of eager anticipation, commemorating the period of expectation and preparation we experienced in the Exodus from Egypt until the revelation at Sinai.

The simple home ceremony is printed in most *siddurim* (prayer books), including *Sim Shalom*, immediately after the weekday evening service. While it is a mitzva prescribed for adults, *sefirat ha-omer* can also be a fun, artistic and joyous ritual for families with children.

In the days before printed calendars, calendar watches and daily newspapers, the *sefira* served to keep the liturgical calendar of the Jewish People synchronized, no simple accomplishment, given the dispersion and isolation of much of the community. The term *omer* refers to the measure (one handful) of grain that was used to create a physical relic of the counting. With a physical reminder, even illiterate people could do a recount in case they forgot the day’s number.

Families with young children may use this opportunity to help their children understand and experience anticipation, planning, counting and hope.

*Teach us to number our days, that we may attain a heart of wisdom*  
– Psalm 90:12

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**CD DVD VHS Lending Library**

Homebound? Would you like something to help you pass the time pleasantly?

A CD, DVD, VHS and audio cassette lending library has been established at BEKI for the homebound. Part of the collection is housed in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. Muriel Banquer and Rabbi Murray Levine are happy to deliver and pick up media with a home visit. We would also ask that if you have CDs or DVDs that you would like to donate to BEKI for this purpose, please contact us (Muriel Banquer at (203) 787-3743 or Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513).

Here are some samples of what is in the collection:

**DVD’s:** The Best of National Geographic; The Sid Caesar Collection; The Jewish Americans: The Early Years; Drowning Mona.

**CD’s:** Carmen: Bizet; Clarinet Concerti: Hook, J.C. Bach, Mahon; Serenades: Dvorak; Guitar Pieces: Sharon Isbin; In the Fiddler’s House: Perlman; Pieces II: Stan Getz, Charlie Bird.

**VHS:** My Fair Lady; George Burns and Gracie Allen Show.

**Audio Cassettes:** New World Symphony: Dvorak; Symphony No. 3: Tchaikovsky; Romeo and Juliet: Berlioz; Classical Hit Parade.
From March 2 to April 12, BEKI will be host to the traveling Holocaust Memorial Exhibit which will be on display in the main lobby.

The exhibit tells the story of how the Holocaust Memorial was created and gives the story of Jewish survivors who reside in the New Haven area. The Memorial itself is located in Edgewood Park on Whalley Avenue, just down the street from BEKI. It was the first to be built on public land in the United States in 1977 and was built by a group of Jews and non-Jews determined to memorialize for posterity the tragedy of the Holocaust.

The exhibit brings us the story of the New Haven Community – survivors, educators, artists, political leaders, architects and landscapers – who built the Memorial and includes oral histories of its creation as well as archival photographs and drawings.

The exhibit also offers a section on the “Adopt a Survivor” program. This program is offered to high school students who are given the opportunity to meet with a Holocaust survivor and learn about what that survivor’s life was like during the Holocaust.

The exhibit has already appeared at Southern Connecticut University, the University of New Haven, Sacred Heart, the State Capitol in Hartford, the Mercy Center in Madison and Evergreen Woods in Branford.

“…it’s an important creation of the community, and that’s why it’s there. But it’s got to be used. And the Holocaust Memorial is witness to the number of survivors who came here and liked New Haven, live in New Haven, have been welcomed by New Haven. This is, in a way, their tribute to it.” – Merle Spiegel, wife of Arthur Spiegel, Jewish Federation President in 1976 and a Memorial Originator.
Barukh Dayan HaEmet
With sorrow we note the passing of
Tillie Dworski Horwitz
Lenny Fish, husband of Inge Fish
Sylvia Statlender
May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Mazel Tov to
BEKI alumna Jennifer Rosenberg & Gil on the birth of their son in Shevat 5770.

While the Rabbi’s away…
During Rabbi Tilsen’s sabbatical, you can find the information or help you seek at the synagogue by contacting office manager Peggy Hackett office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14 or those contacts listed below.

Should you or a loved one be in need of a rabbi for a funeral, please contact your Jewish Funeral Director such as Robert E. Shure, Inc. (Jimmy Shure) at (203) 562-8244, who will either locate Rabbi Tilsen or find another local rabbi suitable for your family. In case of a medical or pastoral emergency, please contact Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

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Selling Hametz: www.beki.org/forms/hametz.pdf

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The rabbi’s absence is a great opportunity, and time of special need, for new and increased participation, through attending daily services and classes, and by reading Torah and leading services. To find out how you can be part of it, contact Steven Fraade at steven.fraade@yale.edu.
Rabbi Tilsen is away on sabbatical during January, February and March. For further information on classes and program, please contact Office Manager Peggy Hackett office@beki.org (203) 389-2108 x14.

**Darshanim in March**

Dr. Lauren Kempton will serve as darshanit on Shabbat Para, parashat Ki Tisa, March 6.

David Kuperstock will serve as darshan on Shabbat HaHodesh, parashat VaYaqhel - Pequdei, March 13.

Rabbi Richard Eisenberg will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat VaYiqra, March 20.

Rabbi Moshe Murray Levine will serve as darshan on Shabbat HaGadol parashat Tsav, March 27.

**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, Isaiah Cooper 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.

**Shabbat Schmooze**

Join us after qiddush on March 20, for a Shabbat Schmooze with Stephen Feldman. The topic will be “*My Ten Years Working in the Former Soviet Union*”.

Stephen Feldman was born and raised in Connecticut and graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Economics, subsequently earning his MBA in Marketing from Columbia’s Graduate School of Business. Beginning in 1992 and lasting almost a decade, Mr. Feldman lived and worked in Moscow. He rose from Director of Marketing to Board Member and Equity Partner in Rosinka ZAO (www.rosinka.ru), the single most successful expatriate residential townhouse community in Moscow. With more than 1,400 residents, this international community has individuals from 35 nations including seven consulates. He was also instrumental in bringing to fruition several schools (one with a major international school partner) within this community. During the financial crisis of 1998 Mr. Feldman was a project manager for Soros Fund Management in Moscow.

**Shabbat Minha Winter Study**

Each Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon, following the Minha service, there will be a 25-minute period of study before the Maariv service and havdala. This winter, Nadav Sela will lead an investigation into parashat ha-shavua (the weekly Torah reading) and into Pirqei Avot from the Mishna.

**Sundays**

**Sunday Talmud with Moshe Meiri**

Adults and advanced youth are invited to bask in the light of Talmud on Sunday mornings with Moshe Meiri. The third chapter of *masekhet Baba Qama* (“First Gate”) serves as the base text. This winter series meets on consecutive Sunday mornings from 10:30 until noon, according to the Religious School schedule. For more information, contact Moshe at moshe@snet.net.

**From Modern Slavery to Freedom**

On Sunday, March 14 from 10:30 to noon in the downstairs social hall, Sara Labowe-Stoll will present the problem of child-slavery in our time and how we can stop this scourge now. Join us for coffee, bagels and an enlightening talk.

**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

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participants are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7 a.m. shaharit service. During Rabbi Tilsen’s sabbatical, Nadav Sela is facilitating the Study Group.

**Wednesdays**

**Word for the Day**

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) includes a 60-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. Word for the Day is on hiatus during Rabbi Tilsen’s sabbatical.

**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 meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library. 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 relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily evening service. The learning service resumed on Sept. 16. Minha & Maariv services are from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. each weekday, and at 6 p.m. on Fridays, and 20 minutes before sundown on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoons. Tani Cohen-Fraade is conducting the service in March.

**Thursdays**

**Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group**

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30) in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text; for others, it is a continuation of a long journey. 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 Isaiah at his law office icoooper@cooperlaw.net.

**Every Day**

**Divrei Torah on the Web**

A collection of Divrei Torah (Torah commentaries) and essays by members and Rabbi Tilsen are posted on BEKI’s website under “Adult Studies” and “Meet Rabbi Tilsen.”
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Letters

Dear friends and fellow congregants,

Thanks to everyone who has expressed concern regarding my absence last Shabbat, when I was scheduled to offer the devar torah. I owe the congregation an apology and an explanation.

First, I am fine, except for my feelings of remorse and chagrin. The simple explanation is, I forgot.

In the several months since Jon-Jay asked me to speak, two difficulties converged to help this to happen.

As many of you know, my father was briefly hospitalized at the end of last year and has now moved to assisted living. The transition has been difficult, and I have been spending a large amount of time in Cambridge and on the road. At times I have felt as if my father’s cognitive problems were catching.

The second factor contributing to my amnesia has been my computer’s infection with malware. Although my files were backed up, baruch Hashem, my calendar became corrupted and many notations were lost.

None of this excuses my omission. I am sure I caused consternation and disappointment on the eve of an important and joyful holiday.

I hope you will give me another chance at a later date. The drosh is my favorite form of writing, and you are my favorite audience.

Sincerely,
Rob Forbes

From Modern Slavery to Freedom

Sunday, March 14, 2010
10:30-noon at BEKI
downstairs social hall

Sara Labowe-Stoll
presents
the problem of child-slavery in our times
and how we can stop this scourge NOW.
Sisterhood provided the groggers and refreshments at the Purim Megilla reading.

The annual Model Seder for People with Special Needs will be held this year on Wednesday, March 24. Sisterhood members will be hosting this yearly event; ACI Catering will again donate the food; Jewish Family Services will coordinate transportation and Dr. Lauren Kempton will conduct the service.

Our gift shop has many new items for Passover. The “BEKI in the Kitchen” cookbook contains many recipes for the holiday and is only $8; makes a lovely hostess gift. The shop is open on Sundays from 11 to 12:15 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5:50 to 6 p.m. and during office business hours.

The yellow Yom Hashoah candles are available at the gift shop or in the office.

We have beautiful tablecloths for rent for your special occasions (Bar/Bat Mitzvahs) taking place in the shul. Please call Adele Tyson for details.

Adele Tyson, Mimi Glenn
Co-Presidents

Torah Fund – News from the JTS Library

A new partnership between The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) Library and the Metropolitan Museum of Art permits three treasures from the Library to be displayed at the Met. Now through November, Maimonides’ Mishneh Torah will be on loan to the Art of Medieval Europe gallery.

The Library has finished a five-year project to reclaim 35,000 books that survived the fire of 1966.

Funding has now been secured that enables the Library to hire a conservator to prepare approximately 900 Hebrew manuscripts for digital photography, making it possible for scholars to study these manuscripts online from anywhere in the world.

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Barbara Cushen
Torah Fund Chair

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- Teaching til 9:30; dance til 12.00!
- $10/person in advance, $12 at door.
- H.S. and college students attend free.
- RSVP to office@beki.org, 389-2108 x14
  85 Harrison St., New Haven, CT 06515

Elements of swing, salsa, waltz, with a Middle Eastern beat!
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Registration table: Robert Lettick
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