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Leave A Legacy

There's no end to the good you can do...

BEKI has joined a statewide effort to promote charitable giving through estate planning called Leave a Legacy Connecticut. This effort is organized by the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy. Leave a Legacy Connecticut encourages individuals to leave a gift in their wills for causes they care about.

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The Jewish community of Greater New Haven has lagged far behind many other American cities in its philanthropy, including support of Jewish institutions such as BEKI. This is the unfortunate truth despite the emphasis our tradition places on Tsedaqa as a religious obligation, and despite the generally civic-minded orientation of our community.



Paul Goodwin

In Connecticut, only 5.7 percent of decedents leave charitable bequests in their wills. The number one reason for this gap: most people say they were never asked, or did not think about it. Leave a Legacy Connecticut is a statewide public awareness effort to promote charitable bequests. The

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New “Service” Entrance

The new Eastern entrance from the parking lot is open for all religious services, religious school, and programs, as is the Western lobby entrance from Harrison Street. The former entrance along the driveway is no longer open for these functions.



George Posener, John Weiser and David Thompson inspect progress

For access to the office during scheduled hours, please continue to use the “office entrance” on Harrison Street (near the corner of the driveway). This entrance will remain active until the offices are relocated to the new office area adjacent to the new entrance. Egress is always possible through any doorway. For safety, the driveway exit is reserved for emergency exit only.

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Dear Rabbi

An occasional feature of answers, advice and helpful household hints

Dear Rabbi,

There was six-hour poker game going on in the Library on Yom Kippur. This is, it seems, just an extension of the game that goes on during half of every Shabbat morning. There are people who find it quite disturbing, probably not only for the fact of when and where it is being played, but the kids' passion for the game altogether...a current popular cultural phenomenon.

While we can't really do anything about the latter, are there reasons that the game *should, or should not* be allowed to continue? It would be helpful to understand the context and reasoning of either decision so that we can approach the kids responsibly and sensitively.

Signed,
Deal Them Out

Dear Big Deal,

Offering a weekly poker game is one way to insure a full house, but the odds are against finding rabbinic approval, and I'm not bluffing.

Our sages forbade or discouraged playing games and other forms of "entertainment" and "pastimes" on Shabbat. Beyond a series of technical Shabbat violations such as carrying, engraving, and instrumental music-making (the shuffle of cards) that are associated with games, our sages wanted us to avoid the sin of *moshav leitsim*, of hanging around with (or becoming) loafers (see *Shulhan Arukh*, OH, 338:5 and *Mishna Berura* on that passage, and OH 307 and 308). We

should be involved in productive labor, public service or Torah study on a daily basis, and in spiritual and educational activities on Shabbat. "Passing time" is itself a transgression; we have a mission to fulfill in this world.

This concern extended beyond Shabbat and included every day of the year; how much more so for Yom Kippur, when we are commanded to distress our souls, and refrain from eating and drinking, intimate relations and use of luxury goods. Any form of entertainment on that day is certainly prohibited. The controversy among the sages was not whether activities such as card playing and dice games should be allowed on Shabbat, or even on weekdays; rather, it was whether these activities might be allowed during Hanuka or on Purim, when revelry and entertainment was acceptable.

The same concern would apply to games other than poker, such as golf, basketball, and Scrabble. It would apply to watching the (to use the rabbinic expression) boob tube and to recreational reading or shopping. These activities fulfill no *mitzva* nor provide significant medical or recreational benefits; they are viewed as a "waste of time."

En passant, exception was made for chess, as long as a special set was used for Shabbat, because chess was seen as a quiet and edifying activity appropriate to the sanctity of the day (Rama on OH 338:5). In the present era, special care must be taken in playing chess on Shabbat, as timing and recording moves is now part of the game. Some moderns have suggested



that baseball be an exception as well, as it is too boring to be a game and must therefore be a religious activity; it is even mentioned in the Bible.

At the same time, our sages were reluctant to impose restrictions that would not be observed, and explicitly applied this principle to the case at hand (OH 338:5). As it turns out, card playing is especially popular among Jews. We must be realistic about our present cultural environment. What is the alternative to poker in the synagogue library? Is it poker in a nearby bar or casino, vandalism, TV-watching at home, or an educational or other appropriate activity in the synagogue?

Card playing, as well as other games, entertainment, and recreational activities, are prohibited on Yom Kippur. They are certainly not in keeping with the ideal observance of Shabbat, or even of a dedicated observant lifestyle. However, if poker must be played, the Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund claims 10% of the pot.

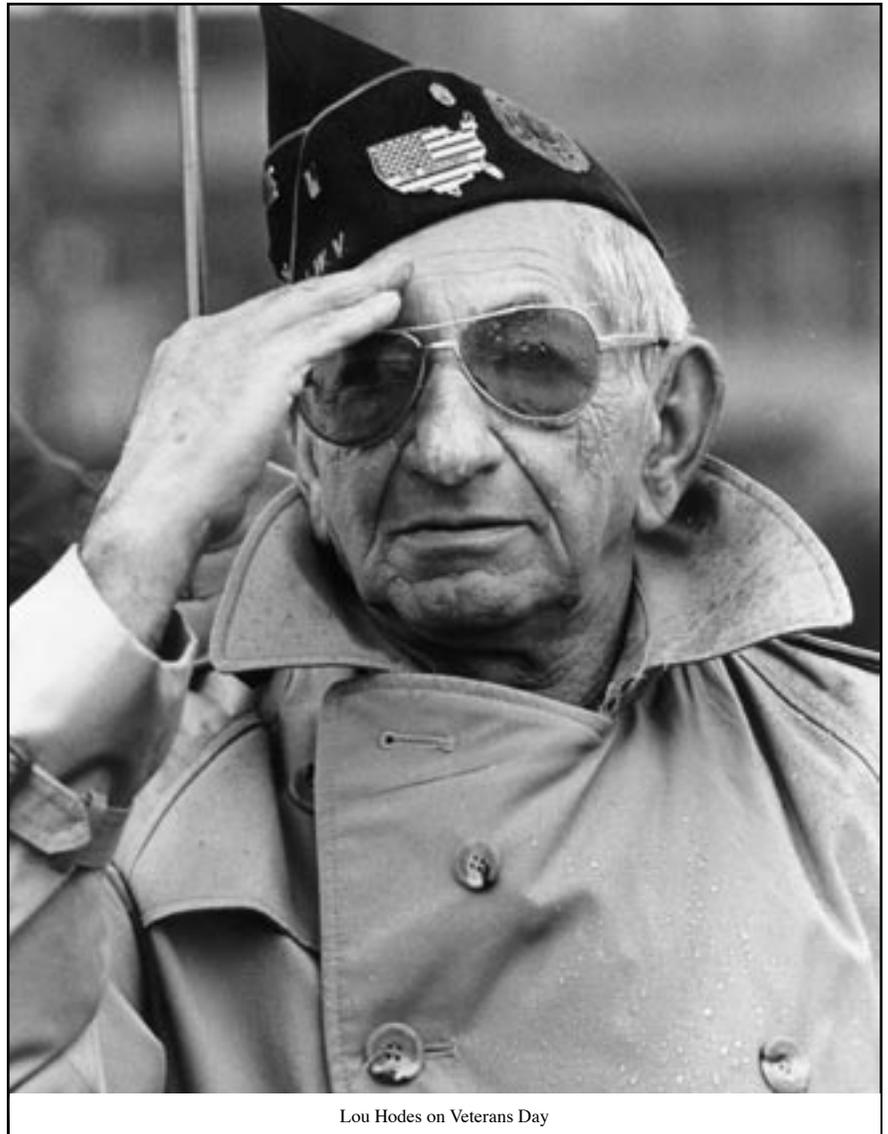
Veterans Day Observance

On Thursday 11 November, Veterans Day, daily services will be held at the Federal Holiday time, 9:00a and 5:45p. The office is closed.

National “Have a Minyan at Home” Day

Beth El-Keser Israel will join with other *shuls* in observing “National Have a Minyan at Home” day on Thursday evening 25 November. In marking this occasion, no afternoon-evening service will be held at the *shul* so that participants may have services in their own homes. For this purpose, plenty of *kippot* are available in your suit pockets or auto glove compartments where you have been stuffing them. Years ago, when this program was initiated, skeptics predicted it would be a real turkey and would be axed, but our actual response has been positive, for which we offer thanksgiving.

Weekday morning services on Thursday 25 November are on the Federal Holiday schedule, from 9:00a to 9:45a.



Lou Hodes on Veterans Day



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Library News

The following books have been purchased for the Ari Nathan Levine Children's Library, housed in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room. These books are available on a non-lending basis, and will be particularly helpful to the volunteer parent leaders of our Children's Programs.

Apples and Pomegranates: A Family Seder for Rosh Hashanah, by Rahel Musleah

God's Garden: Children's Stories Grown from the Bible, by Adam Fisher
Lots of Latkes: A Hanukkah Story, by Sany Lanton

No Rules for Michael, by Sylvia A. Rouss

Sammy Spider's First Sukkot, by Sylvia A. Rouss

Noah and the Ziz, by Jacqueline Jules
When the Chickens Went on Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Tale, by Erica Silverman

Shabbat Minha Afternoon & Maariv Evening & Havdala on Winter Schedule

Shabbat afternoon and Saturday evening services follow a winter schedule from November through March. Services on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon begin about 20 minutes before sunset. As the time varies, please check the calendar in this Bulletin or www.beki.org/schedule.html for exact times for each week.

Take Care of Your Cemetery Need

The time to take care of your cemetery need is before there is a need. Now is the perfect time to select your sites... while there is a good selection. BEKI cemeteries are located in Hamden and West Haven, within minutes of the synagogue and with easy access to main thoroughfares. Member discounts are available.

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Weekday morning services at BEKI

Begin your day in fellowship and with a spiritual direction. Sunday morning services (9:00a to 9:30a) provide

a convenient hour for the drivers of religious school students as well as people whose work or sleep schedules preclude attendance on other days of the week. Monday morning services (7:00a to 7:50a) include a brief Torah service, and is followed by the [Rashi Study Group](#) (7:45a to 8:30a). Tuesday mornings (7:00a to 7:30a) are attended by a unique mix of people. Wednesday mornings (7:00a to 7:30a) features a continuing group of friends and is followed by the [Berakhot Study Group](#) (7:30a to 8:00a). Thursday mornings (8:15a to 9:00a) are ideal for people who either may not wish to rise earlier or who bring children to school, and includes a brief Torah service. Friday mornings (7:00a to 7:30a) present an ideal setting for someone wishing to help develop a cadre of dedicated daily *daveners*. Regular participants in these services are always glad to welcome additional worshipers. Call our office at 389-2108 x14 or see www.beki.org/schedule.html for a complete schedule.

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A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

My Grampa Ed, of blessed memory, worked hard for his family. As a young man he worked as a traveling sales agent. After he married Gramma Esther, of blessed memory, he tried several businesses. He had a General Store in New Leipzig, ND, an egg candling operation in nearby Ashley, ND, and a clothing store in Iron Mountain, MI, to mention a few. He tried many businesses and he went broke many times. It wasn't until 1938 — as he approached age 50 — when he went into the home building business in St. Paul, that he first achieved economic success.

Grampa Ed and Gramma Esther were close to their siblings. During the 1930's, they all lived in central Minnesota, from St. Paul to Red Wing. One of Ed's brothers married one of Esther's sisters, and one of Esther's brothers married one of Ed's sisters. Ed considered Esther's brothers to be his brothers. And Esther considered Ed's sisters to be her sisters. They all spent the holidays together. They worked together in businesses and at home. They were close in every way.

When times were especially tough, during the Depression, Ed & Esther's brothers and sisters would send their children to stay with them. And sometimes Ed and Esther would send their children to stay with their brothers and sisters.

During those years, Ed and his siblings all worked hard to support their families. They had their ups and downs. Sometimes they needed help. But they never had to *ask*, because Esther and her sisters would quietly

make sure that their husbands would find out when a family needed help.

When one brother needed help, the other brothers would invite him over to play cards on Saturday night. They played Gin and Poker, mostly. During the course of the evening, the brother who needed help would invariably come out ahead \$50 or \$100.

When that brother got back on his feet a few weeks later, he would invite the brothers over to *his* house to play cards. During the course of the evening, he would invariably *lose back* the \$50 or \$100. In this way, the family members were able to help each other while retaining their sense of dignity and pride.

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Max Tilsen & Edward Tilsen, Bismarck ND 1918

A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

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This year, as always, each member of our shul community will be asked repeatedly to help support the shul. As Rabbi I see every day how this community makes a real difference in the lives of many people. It is my hope that, in the words of our Torah, "every person shall give as they are able" (Deut. 16:17).

When Grampa Ed and his brothers left the card table with \$50 or \$100 less than they came with, they still felt like winners. They knew that even if they did not win the money back at the next round, they were helping their brother and sister in a very real way, and they knew that it was eminently worth it.

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Religious School News

BEKI Religious School

The parents of BEKI Religious School students meet once a month to plan and be updated on plans, curriculum and activities for the Religious School programs. The parents were pleased to see a presentation by Daniel Barash, Director of the Shadow Puppet Workshop newly located right here in New Haven. The parents hope to bring Daniel Barash to conduct two workshops prior to the Purim *seuda*. It is envisioned that the workshops would be for children K-5. The children would meet with Daniel twice to write their script and make their puppets and perform for the entire congregation at the *seuda*.

Daniel Barash says, "Children first watch and then help to create a shadow

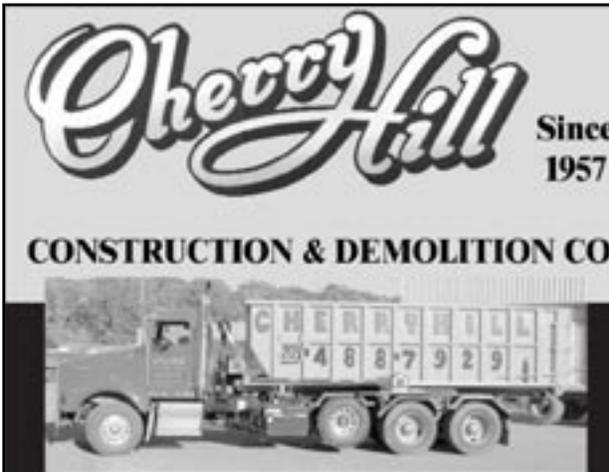
puppet performance of a biblical, holiday or historical tale. Children can delve into a deep exploration of a story or theme and create shadow puppet plays to present to their peers and families." The parents are considering the theme of 350 Years of Jews in America since the Religious School has that theme for this year. Daniel presented a shadow puppet show of Noah's Ark to the delight of the parents.

The November meeting will be centered on Religious School activities for the month and future proposed family activities. On 13 March, students in grades three through seven will travel to the Museum of Jewish Heritage in Battery Park, New York. The younger grades will tour the Mu-

seum program entitled "Immigration: New York City of Refuge." They will receive a workbook to further their learning. The older grades will tour the main Museum, A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, with a museum docent. After visiting the Museum, all students, teachers, and parents will travel to the Lower East Side and dine at a kosher delicatessen. Parents are also considering planning a Family Education trip to the Shubert to see "Fiddler on the Roof."

In addition, parents are investigating Fundraisers for the December program, "Adopt A Social Worker" which BEKI Religious School is supporting for the second year.

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*Barbara Cushen
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Shabbatot

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 Shharit (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. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

Laws of Shabbat: Shabbat Afternoon Study

During November and December, the laws of Shabbat will be studied between Shabbat *minha* afternoon service and *maariv* evening services in November and December. The sixteenth century law code *Shulhan Arukh* will be the basic texts. The study period is about one-half hour.

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.

Hebrew Language Level 1 for Beginners

An introduction to prayerbook Hebrew for beginners is being presented on ten consecutive Monday nights in the Chapel-Library from 6:00p to 7:15p; the series began 13 September. The class is appropriate for students 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 during the academic year. 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 or Aramaic 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 (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 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.

Torah for the Hungry Mind - Adult Studies

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 contact Jay at (203) 387-6019 or 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."

Required Reading & Reference Books on Web

A listing of basic Judaic reference and introductory works is posted on BEKI's website at www.beki.org/books.html with a brief annotation by Rabbi Tilsen.

Reading Torah at BEKI

Paula Hyman is coordinating the readings for Bereishit (Genesis). If you would like to read Torah, or learn how to read, contact her through the synagogue office at 389-2108 x14 or office@beki.org.



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Flowers and the Children of Beslan

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There are traditions around every occasion and, as our world gets smaller, we encounter the traditions of other peoples and places. Sometimes circumstances and traditions conspire to make us see the world and its events in new and very powerful ways.

On the first day of religious school at BEKI this year Simona and Nathan Dinovetskiy, two of our students, entered with big smiles and armloads of flowers; purple gladiolas that seemed as tall as Simona. These wonderful children have been at BEKI for three years and their parents came to us from Russia. When I spoke with their mother, Angela, about the flowers, she said she was surprised not to see

other families bringing flowers to their teachers on the first day of school. This is the tradition in Russia, and a lovely one it is.

As I held the flowers to my face, however, I could not help thinking of a CNN report I had seen of the recent horrific events that had occurred in the southern Russian town of Beslan. I thought of the children of Beslan and of the fear they had felt as their school was turned into a battleground. I thought of their hunger and thirst, and of how they had been told by their teachers to eat the flowers for the moisture they contained. I thought of the flowers brought to the devastated school by distraught parents after the siege had ended in disaster for many of the captives...piles and piles of flowers. I had to seek refuge in my office to dry my eyes and compose myself for the morning.

After a few minutes, I took my bouquet and split it up to put in vases around the synagogue for Rosh HaShanah. In doing this I was honoring the lost children of Beslan as well as celebrating the children who are here. The contrasts stayed with me: between



fear and freedom, order and chaos, war and peace. I thanked God for the safety and freedom our children enjoy here at BEKI. And I gave thanks also to Simona and Nathan for sharing a beautiful tradition with us. All of life is about connections and connectedness. It is about how we learn and become stronger through these connections, and how we help to heal the world in the process.

The question always is, of course, to decide how best to carry out the duties of Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam. How do we make the world a better, safer place? The answers are all around us, near and far.

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campaign encourages people to make gifts from their estates to their favorite nonprofit organizations such as BEKI. We urge people to discuss their intentions with financial and estate planners who specialize in this field. Many estate-planning professional organizations are a part of Leave a Legacy's collaborative efforts, as are more than 500 Connecticut nonprofit organizations.

"Everyone can help, regardless of income, and each gift makes an impact," says Lyn Walker, co-chair of Leave a Legacy Connecticut and a partner at Day, Berry & Howard.

BEKI members **Paul Goodwin, George G. Posener, Rabbi Murray Levine, Marvin Missan and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen** are among those who have included the Congregation in their estate plans, and welcome the opportunity to encourage others to do so as well. "I love BEKI," says Rabbi Levine, "and I want to do what I can now to support it, and to insure its strength in the future."

Consider including BEKI and other organizations in your will, so that you can continue to make a difference for generations to come. By remembering nonprofits in your estate plans, you can help improve the lives of generations of Connecticut residents. To find out more, contact BEKI officer and estate planning attorney Donna Levine at 785-8079 (sdsij@aol.com) or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 (jjtilsen@beki.org).



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Every pie you purchase supports our USY (United Synagogue Youth) program and the Tikun Olam tseadaqa fund (philanthropic fund) to which the group is committed. If you would like to support USY but do not want a pie, you can sponsor a pie to be delivered to a local soup kitchen or family in need, or you can contribute funds directly.

Watch for order forms in the mail and please return promptly. Additional forms are available in the synagogue offices, in the lobby literature rack, online at www.beki.org/forms.html, and from our USYers. You can also call Sharon at 393-3059 or Elana at 387-7316.

Pies can be picked up at BEKI on Tuesday, November 23 from 5:30p to 7:00p. Feel free to participate in the Maariv Evening service at BEKI from 5:45p to 6:00p that night. Thank you for your support.



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Kulanu

Kulanu participants continue to be involved in *tsedaqa* projects. The group will deliver toiletries to Parish House on the New Haven Green and plans to be involved in the Food Drive for Thanksgiving.

Saul's Circle

Participants in Saul's Circle will attend a program in November led by Dr. Lauren Kempton. The title of the program is, "Does Thanksgiving Have Jewish Roots?" Dr. Kempton will tell the story of the Pilgrims basing their first Thanksgiving on the Bible's stories of Sukkot. The program will conclude with the film *Mollie's Pilgrim*, the story of a young immigrant girl, new to America, who is supposed to dress as a Pilgrim but dresses as a Jewish Russian immigrant for a class assignment. Her classmates ridicule her until she tells them that the reason her family came to America was for religious freedom. The class decides that she is a new Pilgrim.

Hebrew Corner

Hebrew is among the oldest languages in continuous use in part because of its flexibility in forming new words based on its three-letter root system as well as its ability to incorporate foreign words.

The word meaning "to clone," "le-shabeit," is created as an intensive form from the root shin-bet-tet, which carries the root idea of "tribe." The word "to debug," mostly associated

with computer programming, is "le-dabeig," formed by plugging the root letters d-b-g into an existing Hebrew verb form.

In other cases, a word may be adapted or imported "as is" from another language. Hebrew has incorporated numerous Aramaic, Greek and Latin terms, and in the past century, many English words, and less often, Yiddish terms. The Latin character "@," the "Commercial At" or more commonly called the "at" sign, used in email addresses, is called in Hebrew, "shtrudel," a Yiddish word adapted to a new use, with a new twist.



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17 Heshvan 5765 - 17 Kislev 5765

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 6:00p Hebrew 101 Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>4:24p Candle Lighting 7:00p Fall Shabbat Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>10:45a Children's Programs Qiddush: Natan & Lori Weinstein 4:25p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 Heshvan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p>9:00a Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 6:00p Hebrew 101 Class 7:30p Executive Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>Office Closed/Veteran's Day 12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>Candle Lighting 4:17p</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 Heshvan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Haddassah Shabbat 10:45a Children's Programs 10:45a Learner's Minyan 4:20p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 Heshvan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh 9:00a Religious School USY Pie Bake</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 6:00p Hebrew 101 Class</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group 4:00p Religious School 4:00p Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>12:30p Talmud Study Group (off-site) 8:00p A.A.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>4:11p Candle Lighting 8:00p Late Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>BRS Grade 5 Shabbat 10:45a Children's Programs 4:15p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Kislev</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p>9:00a Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group 7:30p General Board Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>5:30-7:00p USY Pie Pick-Up</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>7:30a Talmud Berakhot Study Group 8:30a Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p>Office Closed/Thanksgiving 9:00 Shoharit No Maariv</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Office Closed 4:07p Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>10:45a Children's Programs 10:45a Learner's Minyan 4:10p Minha, Maariv, Havdala</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Kislev</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>No Religious School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Kislev</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Kislev</p>				

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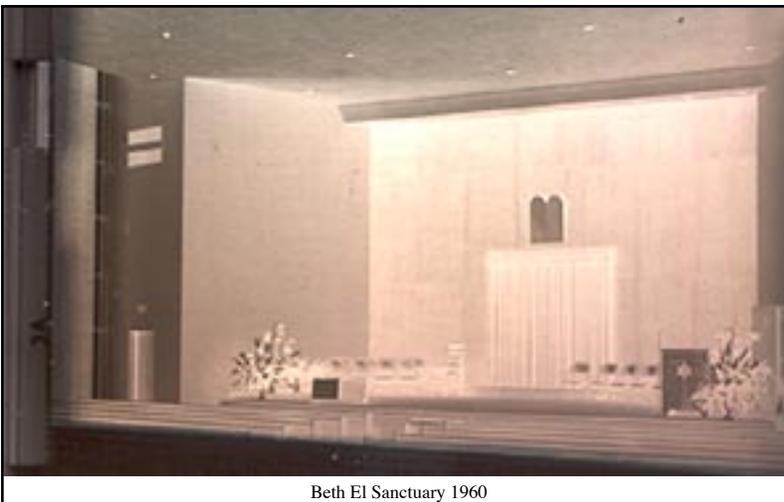
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