

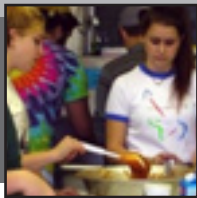
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## Renovations Update: Winter Construction



**C**onstruction for Phase 2C Renovations is to be scheduled for this winter. We expect occasional disruption in our operations during the construction period, inasmuch as the construction involves major work in the lobby area and classroom wing. However, all Shabbat and daily services and all Religious School classes will meet, as well as Garinim Montessori PreSchool.

Our Renovations Committee chairperson John Weiser, architect David Thompson, construction manager and educational and administrative staff will be working closely together to accommodate the construction needs on a week-to-week, and sometimes day-to-day, basis. Please look for printed signs on the *continued on page 3*

## Tribute Dinner Dance to Honor Saul Bell & Paul Goodwin

Late reservations may still be available for the Tribute Dinner honoring Saul Bell and Paul Goodwin on Motse'ei Shabbat Saturday Night 12 November. Please contact the office at 389-2108 x14 or office@beki.org for your reservations



## Veterans' Day Observance



Lou Hodes on Veterans Day

On Friday 11 November, Veterans' Day, daily services will be held at the Federal Holiday time, 9:00a. 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 24 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.

### BEKI Bulletin

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or see our web page: [www.beki.org](http://www.beki.org)

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**Weekday morning services on Thursday 24 November are on the Federal Holiday schedule, from 9:00a to 9:45a.**

## Important Tax Information

Taxpayers are reminded that synagogue dues, paid pledges and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. BEKI is a recognized 501(c)3 organization by the US Treasury. For many people it is advantageous to pay dues, pledges and contributions before the

end of the tax year (for most people 31 December). It is also helpful to BEKI to receive your payment at an early date. Deductions for charitable contributions may not be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), and additional benefits may be realized by contributing appreciated securities. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

## Renovations Update:

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entrance doors and notices in “BEKI Happenings” for directions during construction.

In this phase, the expanded and updated lobby will be completed, along with adjacent coatroom, accessible washroom and nursing room. The George G. Posener Daily Chapel, Rosenkrantz Family Library, and Claire Goodwin Youth Room will be relocated and renovated.

The Posener Chapel will feature quality woodwork, comfortable and movable seating, new windows, ample storage, and a custom ark. The original dedication plaques will be preserved in the new setting. The Rosenkrantz Family Library will be adjacent and its décor will match that of the chapel.

The Claire Goodwin Youth Room will feature an opening directly to the courtyard, new walls, floors and ceilings suitable for heavy use by children in the Children’s Shabbat Havura, Garinim Montessori PreSchool, and the Religious School.

Energy-efficient quality lighting will be provided in all renovated areas, as will new flooring and carpeting. Before and during construction, artwork and plaques will be carefully stored in anticipation of their restoration upon the completion of the project.

Funding for the renovations has come through the generous support of our members and friends. About \$950,000

of the requisite \$1.25 million has been raised in donations or multi-year pledges. During the remaining weeks of 2005, it will be necessary to complete the fundraising campaign for this project.

## BEKI Phone Tree Established

Members of the *BEKI Board of Directors* will be contacting all BEKI members on a regular basis to get new ideas and suggestions. They will act as liaisons for BEKI members with the Board, and relay information to members about upcoming events and opportunities to help the BEKI community.

## Shabbaton Success

Mitzva heroes and heroines are growing aplenty in our BEKI community, thanks to the inspiration from our first wonderful Shabbaton in September, with scholar-in-residence Danny Siegel.

Everyone who participated came away touched by the *fact* that each of us can make a difference. Our community has been enriched by our experiences. A highlight for many were the Saturday night offerings, especially being part of Songs of Love. To look around at 10:30p and see over 120 adults and kids belting out the special song written for Jenna Devine was divine!

The weekend couldn’t have happened without the wonderful dedication of our many hard-working volunteers. The Shabbaton was also made

possible with the generous financial sponsorship from Marsha Beller, Morris and Gloria Cohen, and David and Joanne Goldblum. We thank them for their support.

Looking for something to do, need a project to help with, want to start a project?

The needs of our community and our world are great. Check out our SATO (Social Action Tiquin Olam) part of the bulletin board near the gift shop.

Remember, everything we do counts, and the world counts on us.

Many, many thanks to each and every one of you for making a successful Shabbaton.

Food collection bins to provide for the Jewish Family Service food pantry are in our temporary coatroom through November. Please bring your cans and boxes of packaged foods to contribute to neighbors in need.

*Dr. Jennifer Botwick, SATO chair  
Darryl R. Kuperstock, co-chair*

## Mitchell Library Music Section

A secular classical music section will soon be available in the Mitchell Library, Westville. Books include biographies of composers, instrumental scores for piano, and concerti. Eventually, books may also include scores for violin and grand opera as well. All are newly printed publications, mainly in hard cover and categorically arranged, a delight to borrow and enjoy. This section is donated by Muriel Kaltman in memory of Natalie

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Edison. If any BEKI members have new scores or books that they would like to donate to this section, please contact Diane Carvalho at the Mitchell Library.

## **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 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.

We can help you select a site and discuss payment terms. Contact the BEKI Cemetery Association office today at 389-2108 x57 or [cemetery@beki.org](mailto:cemetery@beki.org) and arrange a meeting with one of the officers of the cemetery association. For directions to the cemeteries see our website at [www.beki.org](http://www.beki.org) under "Directions."

## **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 for 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) feature a continuing group of friends. 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 include 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 worshippers. Call our office at 389-2108 x14 or see [www.beki.org/schedule.html](http://www.beki.org/schedule.html) for a complete schedule

## **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.

Connecticut's Leave a Legacy program urges people to leave their mark on the community. Our synagogue comforts the afflicted, teaches our children, and empowers people to repair their lives. Our mission of teaching and living Torah, honoring and worshiping the Almighty, and serving humanity depends on financial support.

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 *Tsedaka* as a religious obligation, and despite the generally civic-minded orientation of our community.

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 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, Muriel Kaltman, Rabbi Murray Levine, Marvin Missan, Sid & Donna Levine 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 President and estate planning attorney Donna Levine at 785-8079 (sdsij@aol.com) or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 (jtilsen@beki.org).



If you already have a will, Attorney Donna Levine will prepare a free codicil designating your gift to BEKI. If you plan to leave

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# A Message from the Education Director



Dr. Lauren Kempton

Oftentimes, bridging the divide between the secular and the religious, between everyday world happenings and occurrences in the Jewish Community, and accommodating all of this in the planned curriculum is challenging. This year Religious School began on the fourth anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Since it was also the weekend of the Danny Siegel Shabbaton, the older students were involved with that program and, with the younger students, we chose to speak about memory, sing “America” and light candles in remembrance.

Each November we hold a service for Yitzhak Rabin. Our Israeli Emissaries -- Tali and Hila this year -- will help our students understand the loss felt by the nation of Israel for Rabin by sharing their remembrances of him as young children. In January we will hold a *teqes* (ceremony) for Dr. Martin Luther King. We will honor the memory of the lost Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon. And in April we will commemorate Yom HaShoah with a service written by BEKI Religious School students.

At times, the secular and religious worlds merge and something happens in the outside world that must be addressed in Religious School. Sometimes an event occurs that weighs heavily on the minds of our students and needs to be addressed with further

study and exploration...and sometimes with action. Teachers, like parents, must decide what is age-appropriate for children and how best to “couch” or present a topic...not always an easy challenge.

After the Hurricane Katrina disaster in September, our students, just as much as any adults, needed to talk. Their minds were too full of images of destruction, desperation and cries for help. After Tefilot, we tried to address their concerns and to answer their questions. We spoke of many things, including rescued torahs and the role that United Synagogue and the Jewish community were playing in the recovery effort.

When closure seemed near and the students were ready to go on to their classes, a wee small voice spoke up. “Dr. Kempton, did you know that in one garden in New Orleans, one lady saw hummingbirds and butterflies?” This innocent young girl, her voice so sweet and sure, gave us all pause for both reflection and hope. We all just thought about that for a minute and then proceeded to our various classes. But something had changed. A bit of the heaviness associated with the awful events of Hurricane Katrina had lifted.



The image of butterflies and hummingbirds -- once again doing what

butterflies and hummingbirds always do -- gave us cause for reflection and continuity in this time of uncertainty, and that one child’s voice filled us with a sense of hope, *tiqva*, for New Orleans. And so the secular and religious came together as we did *tsedaqa*. We made blankets (thanks to Michelle Avenia). We helped donate and package toiletries. We bought, filled and shipped backpacks for displaced school children. We engaged the students in tangible, tactile actions of *tsedaqa*, deeds we would have done in any case, but that were done with a special sense of hope because of a little girl’s voice.

## Kulanu

The High Holy Days saw a flurry of activity for participants in Kulanu, BEKI’s outreach program for adults with developmental disabilities. Kulanu participants joined the Shalom Group from Jewish Family Service (JFS) for a traditional dinner in the BEKI sukka. The food was generously provided by JFS. The members of the Shalom Group were pleased to welcome back Jennifer Cohen as the staff person from JFS. The group heard the story, “The Announcing Tool,” about why the shofar is sounded on Rosh HaShana. The group then brainstormed about what guests they would invite as Ushpizin.

## Saul’s Circle

The participants in Saul’s Circle experienced their own explanation of the High Holy Days in October

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## We Welcome New Members & Their Families

- Mara Benjamin & Miryam Kabakov
- Elizabeth Zahavi and Kobi
- Karen & Daniel Levine and Jared, Benjamin and Julia
- Allan & Rachel Sutin and Sharon, Karen, Maya and Avital
- Miriam Feinstein and Yaakov and Rafael
- Heather & Ian Gottlieb and Samuel
- Gary Goldfine

## Letters

Dear BEKI Community,  
Thank you very much for the get-well cards, prayers, calls, visits and good wishes during my hospitalization and recovery in September. I very much appreciate the expressions of concern.  
*Milton Smirnoff*

Dear BEKI Community,  
I recently had a surgical problem which was resolved. I am very pleased at the response, prayers, cards, calls and visits made by members during this period. I am thankful for the concern expressed.  
*Herbert Etkind*

## Bat Mitzva in November

Hannah Stone, daughter of Corey Stone & Sue McDonald, will lead and participate in services as a bat mitzva on Shabbat 25-26 November, *parashat* Hayei-Sara.



Hannah Stone

## Saul's Circle

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at Fellowship Place. They shared round *hallot* and apples and honey. The sessions in the Learning Barn continue. The themes for November are "Holy Days or Wholly Dazed" and "Reflections on Hiroshima."

**With  
sorrow we  
note the  
passing of**

**Philip Voigt**

*husband of Susan Voigt, father  
of Chloe, Claudia, Carlos and  
Clara Rose*

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Comfort Those Who  
Mourn**



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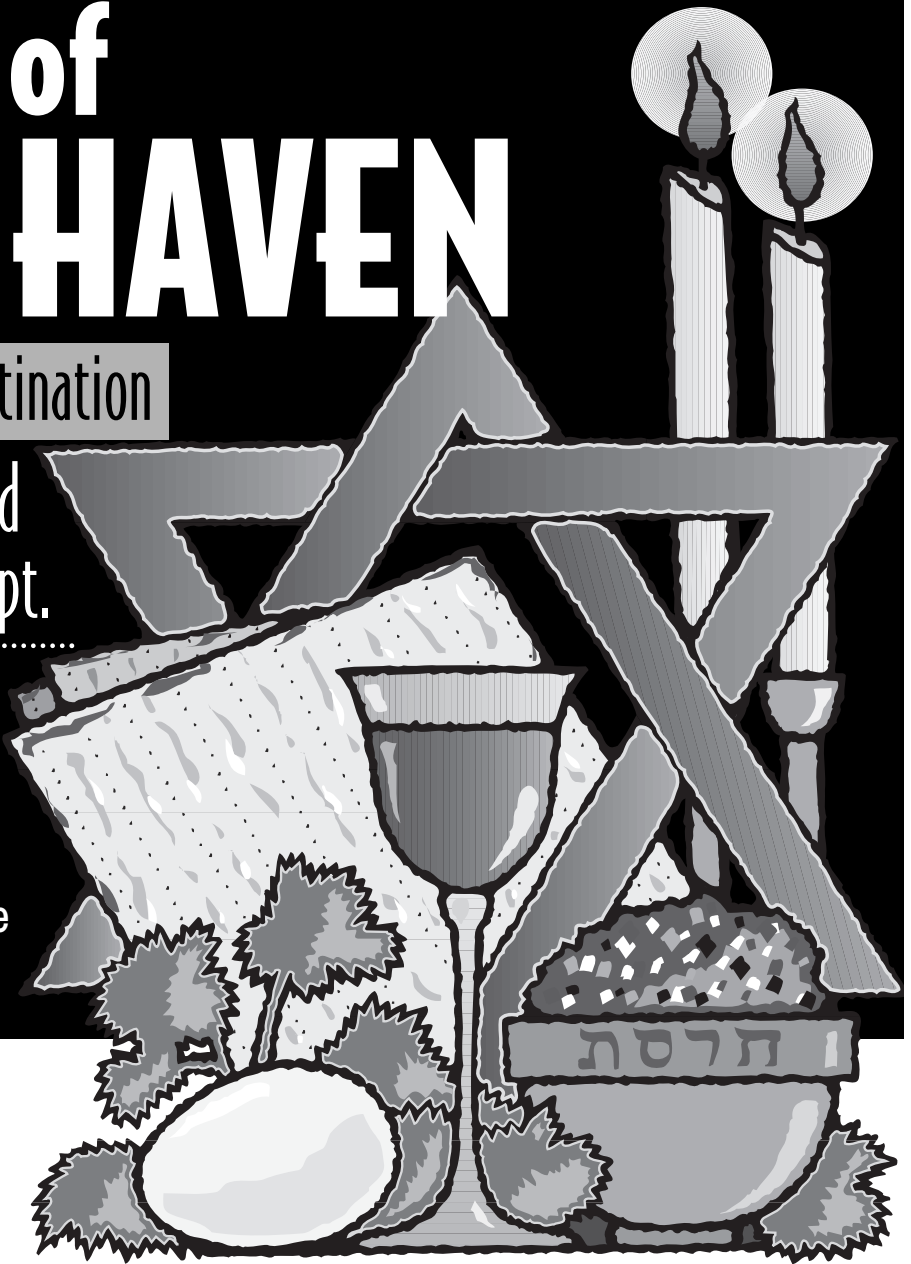
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# A Message from Rabbi Tilsen



## ***You Don't Have to Be Jewish to Be Jewish: On Conversion to Judaism***

Welcoming adults who have chosen to become Jewish is one of the great joys in the life of our community. It is an affirmation of the power of the Torah and of the success of the Jewish family, at least as idealized, to attract spiritually sensitive and intelligent people.

The most common attractions of Judaism, as stated by adult *gerim* (converts) at BEKI, is the open-mindedness, the encouragement to challenge authority and ask questions, and the associated respect for intellectual and religious integrity; the strength of the ideal Jewish family; the support of the caring community; and the sense of mission in the world, that is, the objective of creating a better world through education, law, *hesed* and justice and promoted in the Torah and rabbinic teachings, or said differently, "Jewish values." Converts wish to fully become part of the community, including participation in public ritual

and leadership roles reserved for the legally Jewish.

*Gerim* are a great blessing. They are an "independent" affirmation of our lifestyle and mission; they are a boon to our gene pool and provide some relief to our demographic crisis; and they bring their ideas, labor and leadership to the community. King David himself was the grandson of a Moabite woman who joined the Jewish People, as told in the Book of Ruth. Indeed, all of us are descendants of converts, whether from the time of Abraham and Sarah, the mass conversion at Sinai following the Exodus (Yev. 46b), or through the ages. That is obvious by our complete range of "racial" characteristics and confirmed by genetic analysis. Our synagogue leadership and staff comprise many *gerim* and children of *gerim*. That being the case, one might wonder why we don't actively encourage *gerut* (conversion).

Many people have heard that the potential convert is turned away three times, in order to ensure that only the truly determined succeed in their quest. But as a rabbi who guides many converts, I don't do that, because I find that when, upon further study and experience with the real Jewish world, candidates encounter plenty of realities that would turn them off, and turn them away. The realities are harsh enough to sober the greatest idealists.

There was a long period in which proselytizing, that is, actively encouraging *gerut*, was the norm. From the time of Abraham and Sarah through the early years of Roman occupation,

the Jewish People grew in large part through welcoming the righteous. Later, under Byzantine rule and in other settings, when we became an oppressed people, conversion was not only unattractive and dangerous, it was illegal. Jewish communities developed an attitude of distrust toward "outsiders."

In our day, I believe our reluctance to actively encourage *gerut* stems from our own resentment toward a segment of the surrounding society that seeks to convert *us* to *their* ways. We find those attempts at the least annoying, and often disrespectful and outright dangerous. Our response is to make sure we don't do unto others as we don't want others to do unto us. However, the truth is that, at least in America, far more Christians convert to Judaism than the other way around. Very few Jews convert to Christianity, since for the educated and devout Jew there is really no attraction, with all due respect, in part because of the similarity. We already have mystical movements, messiah figures, endless ritual, nationalist devotees; or, alternatively, if you prefer, humanistic, Reform, or other approaches, we have that, too. There is already something for everyone. Jews who leave Judaism tend to either become secularists or Unitarians or pursue Eastern religions.

The other reason is that you don't have to be Jewish to be Jewish. A non-Jewish person is genuinely welcome to all of the classes and services at the synagogue and to serve on various committees and volunteer projects. We even accept their often generous

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# A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

donations – how much more welcoming could we be? Sincere effort is made to be kind and respectful to extended non-Jewish family members at life-cycle events. Indeed, many non-Jewish people participate happily in most aspects of our synagogue community. Even more so at other Jewish institutions such as the Jewish Community Center or Jewish Family Service; everyone is most welcome. And more importantly, many non-Jewish people have achieved great success in raising Jewish children. It's not the easiest way to raise kids, but it can be done.

Part of rabbinic teaching is that we assume that the Almighty loves and values each person unconditionally, and judges us by our deeds and by what is in our hearts, not by what membership cards we carry. You don't have to be Jewish to be loved by God or to be "saved" or to enjoy the "world to come." Being Jewish should help in those departments – like belonging to a health club can help you stay healthy if you actually make use of its facilities. But you don't have to be Jewish to be a good person.

My hope is that our potential *gerim* will understand our apparent "soft-sell" approach in this light, and realize that we do truly delight in formally welcoming them to our community. Membership does have its benefits. You don't have to be Jewish to be Jewish, but it helps.

*The Holy Blessed One especially loves the convert.*

*Rambam, Hilkhhot Deot 6:4*

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# November 2005

29 Tishrei 5766 - 28 Heshvan 5766

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Saturday

		<p>1 7:30pm General Board Meeting</p> <p>29 Tishrei</p>	<p>2 Rosh Hodesh I 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:45pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p>30 Tishrei</p>	<p>3 Rosh Hodesh II 12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site) 2:00pm Writing Group 8:00pm A.A.</p> <p>1 Heshvan</p>	<p>4 4:25pm EST Candle Lighting</p> <p>2 Heshvan</p>	<p>5 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Saul Bell 4:25pm Minha-Maariv</p> <p>3 Heshvan</p>
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Baruch Levine

## *Shabbatot* **Darshanim in November**

**Baruch Levine** will serve as *darshan* (Torah commentator) on Shabbat *parashat* Lekh Lekha, 12 November 2005. Baruch is an editor of the popular *humash Etz Hayim* and is the Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University.

Michael & Caryl Kligfeld will serve as *darshanim* on Shabbat *parashat* VaEra, 19 November 2005.

## **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 of the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

## *Sundays* **MAKOM Talmud for Youth with Moshe Meiri**

Serious youth are invited to dive into the "sea of Talmud" on Sunday mornings with Moshe Meiri. The course will cover the first  *Mishna* of Tractate Berakhot with its Gemara. Students are expected to have studied some Mishna and be able to read Hebrew. An acquaintance with Rashi's commentaries is helpful. The text, the *El-Am* edition of Tractate Berakhot, will be supplied. This text is vocalized for easy reading and is accompanied by an English commentary and translation. The class meets Sunday mornings from 10:00a to noon at BEKI. Students wishing to enroll should speak with Arnold Carmel at MAKOM. This is an AP class and will be taught in an academic Jewish Studies style. Disciplined attendance is expected. Moshe may be reached at [moshe@snet.net](mailto:moshe@snet.net).

## **Hebrew 101 with Margolit**

Learn to decode the Hebrew alef-bet and learn 100 vocabulary words and a few songs on Sunday mornings from 11:00a to noon with Margolit Kern. For information, contact Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or [lkempton@beki.org](mailto:lkempton@beki.org).

## *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.



*Thursdays*

## **Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group**

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group," hosted by Isaiah Cooper, meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) with Rabbi Tilsen 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](mailto: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, critiques 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](mailto:bergida@yahoo.com) or Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or [lkempton@beki.org](mailto: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. 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](mailto:sokolow@snet.net).



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Every pie you purchase supports our USY (United Synagogue Youth) program and the Tikun Olam tsedaqa (philanthropic) fund. 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. Orders are due by 6 November. Additional forms are available in the synagogue offices, in the lobby literature rack, online at [www.beki.org/forms.html](http://www.beki.org/forms.html), and from our USYers, or email [usy@beki.org](mailto:usy@beki.org).

Pies can be picked up at BEKI on Tuesday 22 November 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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