The Remarkable Siddur: Past, Present and Future

A four-part informal lecture and discussion series on the history, status and prospects of the prayer book will be held on four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9 in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library – Bet Midrash beginning in November. The program is free and open to the public. Participants are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

**Nov. 11:** Baruch Levine will discuss “What is Biblical about the Siddur?” The discussion will investigate the direct incorporation of Biblical texts in prayer, such as Psalms, the three parashiyot of the Shema, and biblically based prayers such as the qedusha.

**Nov. 18:** Steven Fraade will discuss “What is Rabbinic about the Siddur?” The discussion will examine the matbe’ah (fixed outline) of prayer, the basic “imprint” of the service, the berakha formula, the Amida, and the historical development of fixed, obligatory prayer.

**Nov. 25:** Michael Kligfeld will discuss “The Siddur of the Present.” The discussion will examine modern adaptations and translations, and a survey of what has happened to the Siddur during the last century or so.

**Dec. 2:** “The Siddur of the Future.” A panel discussion moderated by Jon-Jay Tilsen, with Baruch Levine, Steven Fraade and Michael Kligfeld. Issues of the contemporary and future prayer, ideas for further development of the Siddur, the role of public input, the textual and musical possibilities.
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**Rena Miller**  

**Morris Goldfield,**  
father of Carl Goldfield (& Gaylord Bourne)  

**Mindy Goodwin**

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

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**Sisterhood**

Thank you to Darryl Kuperstock for writing the inscriptions for the Sisterhood Book of Life hanging in the BEKI lobby. Come in and see your inscriptions! This is one of many of our fundraising projects and we hope that next year more congregants will take advantage of this opportunity and acquire inscriptions.

The Marcel Gutman Scholarship is now taking applications from students of congregant members. For more information pick up a packet from the BEKI lobby or call Mimi Glenn at 397-3851. Thank you to Gloria Cohen, Violet Ludwig, Mimi Glenn, Jessey Palumbo, Eva Shragis, Sascha van Creveld, Caryl Kligfeld for donating to the scholarship.

It’s not too early to think of Hanukkah and purchasing gifts for all the people on your gift giving list. Make life easier and purchase them from the BEKI Sisterhood gift store. We have many new beautiful gifts for all ages. We are open Sunday 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., Wednesday 5:50 to 6 p.m. or call the office during regular business hours (203) 389-2108 x14.

It’s not too late to join Sisterhood for the New Year 5770, 2009-10. To join please write a check made out to BEKI Sisterhood for $25 and mail to Mikki Ratner, 135 Seneca Road, New Haven, CT 06515.

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The Torah Fund Campaign of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism offers the opportunity for us at BEKI to participate in preserving, promoting and perpetuating Conservative Judaism. One easy way is simply to purchase Torah Cards for all occasions: Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Anniversaries, Weddings, Milestone Birthdays, etc.

All funds from sales of cards go directly to New York to support programs and needs of our Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), now in its 116th year.

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**Mazal tov to**

Stefania & Dennis Borisov on the birth of their son Benjamin during Sukkot; mazal tov to siblings David and Becky

Daniel & Sharon Prober on the birth of their grandson, Zachary Louis Prober, on erev Rosh HaShana; mazal tov to parents Ralf & Bonnie Prober in Washington, DC

Alan Gerber on his induction into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Welcome New & Returning Members & Their Families**

- Rachel Lovins & Andrew Hogan, Benjamin Lovins
- Micha & Sandra Perry, Hillel and Shira

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Shabbatot

Darshanim in November
Jonathan Freiman will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat VaYera Nov. 7.
Dan Jacoby will serve as darshan on Shabbat parashat Toldot on Nov. 21.

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.

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”) will serve as the base text. This autumn series will meet on consecutive Sunday mornings from 10:30 until noon, according to the Religious School schedule, beginning Nov. 1. For more information, contact Moshe at moshe@snet.net.

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 a.m. shaharit service.

Books with Bob
Join Bob Oakes with Jon-Jay Tilsen for a discussion of Parts I-IV (“Origins” to the “Period of Mishnah and Talmud”) of H.H. Ben-Sasson’s A History of the Jewish People, on Monday evening, Nov. 9 from 6:05 to 7:15 in the Beit Midrash.

Murray Levine

Word for the Day
The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) now 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.

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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.

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USY Calendar

November

8 & 11 Pies (not final date)
15 Social Action Scavenger Hunt
25 Regional Turkey Trot

December

5 Rollerblading
13 Regional Hanuka dance
19-20 Movie sleepover (pajama attire)
23-31 International Convention

January 2010

8 Potluck Shabbat dinner
10 Ice skating
24 Limos!

BEKI-BJ Kadima (Grades 6 to 8) Calendar

Nov. 7-8 Kadima Overnight (Regional Event)
Nov. 25 Soup Kitchen
Dec. 4 Shabbat Dinner
Dec. 12 Ice Skating, Latkes, Donuts
Dec. 13 Hanukkahpalooza (Regional Event)
Jan. 31 Fruit Smoothies/Plants/ Into “Knit Caps”
Feb. 21 Shalah Manot/Senior Prom
March 5-7 Kadima Shabbaton (Regional)
March TBA Chocolate Seder
March 21 Kadima Day (Regional)
April 1 Butterfly Project/Earth Day Event
April 25 Make your own Sundae or Pizza
May 9 Rock Climbing
May 16 or 23 Kadima Regional Final Event
June 20 End of Year Party.

For more information, contact advisor Caryn Azoff at crazoff@comcast.net.

Library News

The following item has been donated to the Ari Nathan Levine Fund Library: Turn! Turn! Turn! Ecclesiastes & Pete Seeger and Illustrated by Wendy Anderson Halperin.

Then and Now…

• Membership: 22. Annual dues: $10. Funds on hand: $8.40 – President’s Report, Temple Keser Israel, April 1938

Torah for the Hungry Mind – Adult Studies (continued)

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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 Sep. 16. Minha & Maariv services are from 5:45 to 6:15 each weekday, and at 6 p.m. on Fridays, and 20 minutes before sundown on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoons in November.

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Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30) at a downtown location. 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.

The SSG has been hosted for several years by attorney Isaiah Cooper in his law office. However, the office building that houses his practice closed for conversion to a hotel at the end of October, and Isaiah will be relocating his practice to a new site. For meeting location or information, contact Isaiah Cooper at (203) 233-4547 or icoop@cooperlaw.net or office@beki.org.

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One of the advantages, or disadvantages, of being the “People of the Book” with a continuous literary and legal history going back some 3,600 years is that it is hard to hide our past. Sure, some information is lost in the mist of time, but much of our history is preserved in documents and historical sites that are part of the “permanent record.” If anything, episodes and themes may be lost in the vast libraries that hold our law and lore. Millions of responsa, books, letters, poems and other writings in Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino and other languages represent a vast repository of information on our past.

Whether uplifting or embarrassing, the words, ideas and deeds of our ancestors are recorded. If we are honest, we are forced to recognize both the glory and dishonor of our past.

The same holds true, to a growing degree, to individuals in the Western world in our day. Fifty years ago, a person with a criminal record, a failed business or broken family could easily move a few hundred miles and begin a new life. With a change of name, a shave, a new address, anyone could start over. Criminals could find impunity, and penitents could find a clean slate. Politicians could say one thing in one place and another thing in another place, and no one would be the wiser.

Today, however, our past is increasingly recorded. Every stupid Facebook posting, vulgar email message, police mug shot, bankruptcy filing or address change is preserved for posterity and available on the web. All of your old addresses, old spouses, old jobs and old court records are there for all to see. Birth certificates are public records in some states, and for $9.00 you can instantly see an image of the original, replete with information such as mother’s maiden name, father’s occupation, birth date and place, number of siblings and other information valued by genealogist and identity thief alike. You can be sure I don’t use “Mother’s Maiden Name” as the password for my bank account.

Every detail of our past has become part of the permanent record, accessible as long as the hard drives continue to whirl.

In light of this development, I have decided to stop saying stupid or self-incriminating things, or at least to stop putting them in writing. Please discard or recycle my previous Messages in previous issues of the Bulletin. I might change my name, too, but for privacy reasons I won’t be able tell you what my new name is.

One benefit of preserving our history is that we can see how much and in what ways we have evolved or developed over the centuries. Instead of being embarrassed by words or deeds of our ancestors that don’t fit our present outlook, we might rather feel positively toward the fact that we have grown or evolved. Just as DNA records and paleontology enable us to understand the evolution of species, and old photos and memories allow us to trace our personal growth, so our written and archeological records allow us to learn about the evolution of our civilization. I do not think less of you merely because your ancestor was an ape-man or, if we go further back, a worm. To the contrary, I marvel at your change, and wonder what might come next.

Rabbi Yehuda HaNasi taught: “Keep in mind what is above you: An Eye that sees, and Ear that hears, and a Book in which all your deeds are recorded” (Avot 2:1).

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**Pre-Thanksgiving Program**

We are planning a pre-Thanksgiving Program with the Church of St. Aeden for Sunday, Nov. 22. Look for details in “This Week at BEKI” and your November mid-month mailing.
Dial “M” for Monotonous

On Nov. 14, Connecticut is implementing a mandatory 10-digit dialing plan. BEKI publications will begin listing area codes for all telephone numbers. New Haven County and Fairfield will use both area codes 203 and 475; other areas will use both 860 and 959. Those wishing to call the BEKI office, even from nearby, will need to dial (203) 389-2108.

Shabbat Schmooze on Adoption and Foster Parenting

Join Us for An After Kiddush Schmooze with Jewish Family Service. Would you consider opening your home and life to a foster or adoptive child? Join JFS President Darcy McGraw Altman; JFS Executive Director Jonathan Garfinkle, Ph.D; Margaliet Ligtenstein, LCSW, and Elaine Benevides, LCSW, on Shabbat, Nov. 14, to learn about JFS and its dedication to helping local children find a family to call their own. Learn how you can help local children and expand your family through foster care and adoption. This informal meeting will be held directly after qiddush (approximately 12:30 p.m.) During this gathering you can learn: Who are the children looking for homes? Who can adopt or provide foster care? How to start the process? How to get through the process and what to expect?

If you can’t attend this event, but would like more information about becoming a foster parent, please contact Elaine Benevides at (203) 389-5599, ext. 115 or for adoption information, contact Margaliet Ligtenstein at (203) 389-5599, ext. 105.