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## WALKATHON

### Walkathon

BEKI is presenting a variable-length walk-a-thon benefit for Jewish Family Service on Sunday, Nov. 21, on synagogue grounds (indoors in case of inclement weather), from 10 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds will support JFS's work in helping families in crisis as a result of economic displacement. Walkers, strollers, sponsors and helpers are needed. Suitable for people of all ages. Checks will be collected on the day of the event and should be made to "Jewish Family

Service of Greater New Haven." For information or to help organize, contact Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

### Sukkot Thanks

Many thanks to the Listokin, Kaufman & Frankel, Arnedt, Sheinberg, Sokolow & Silverman, Friedman & Bruce, and Goldberg & Blander families for graciously and generously hosting 81 people on the Family Sukka hop with activities and food. Save the date: Thursday Oct. 13, 2011 for the next Sukka Hop.

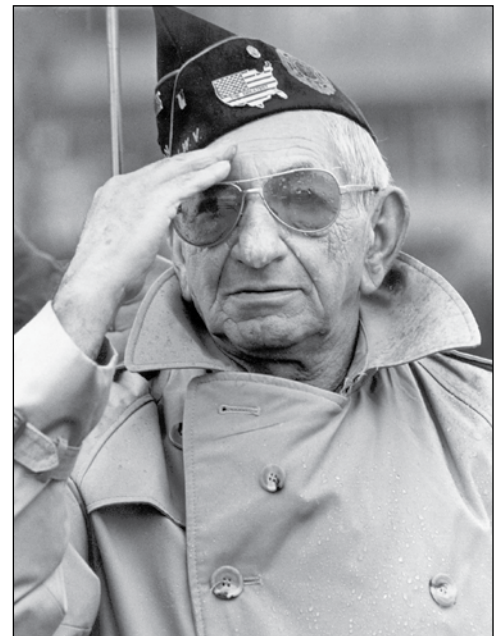
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### SATO Serves Soup

BEKI Social Action/Tiqun Olam continues our longstanding commitment to serve at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, the second Monday of every month. New participants, including new BEKI members, are needed and welcomed on several of our teams. Commitment: Three times per year, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please e-mail [jdhoberman@aol.com](mailto:jdhoberman@aol.com) today, to be put on the schedule.

### Veterans' Day Observance

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Veterans' Day, daily services will be held at the usual time, 8:15 to 9 a.m. The office is closed. The evening service is at its usual time, 5:45. Join us in worship on this day when we honor veterans and the highest ideals of our nation.



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# Leave a Legacy: Where There's a Will...

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

BEKI participates in 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 that of 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 Tzedaqa 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.



"I have included BEKI in my will," says Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen. "I figure that in the unlikely event that I leave a large estate, my heirs will not miss a few million dollars, and if my estate is small, likewise, they won't miss a

few thousand. Either way, don't plan on collecting soon. But it is important for my heirs to know that my commitment to the future of the Jewish People and BEKI in particular is very important to me."

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 Treasurer and estate planning attorney Donna Levine at (203) 985-9033 ([sdsij@aol.com](mailto:sdsij@aol.com)) or Rabbi Tilsen at (203) 389-2108 x10 ([jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org)). You can also contact Jewish Foundation Director Lisa Stanger at (203) 387-2424 x382 ([lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org)). Your call will be treated with the utmost discretion.

If you already have a will, Attorney Donna Levine will prepare a free codicil designating your gift to BEKI. If you plan to leave 25 percent or more, or \$25,000 or more to BEKI, Donna will prepare your will at no cost.

## Important Tax Information

Taxpayers are reminded that synagogue dues, paid pledges and contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. BEKI has been determined to be a 501(c)3 organization by the U.S. Treasury. For many people it is advantageous to pay dues, pledges and contributions before the end of the tax year (for most people Dec. 31). 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.

*Shabbatot*

### **Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan**

The “Shabbat Shalom Learners’ Minyan,” which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in the office, is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to become more comfortable and proficient in the Shoharim (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.

### **Shabbat Afternoon Study Break**

Each Shabbat afternoon from November through March, a 30-minute study break is held between the Shabbat Mincha and Motse’ei Shabbat and Havdala services, featuring popular texts. The mincha service begins on Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon at the same hour that candles were lit the night before, and ends about 85 minutes later. Set in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel, the service and study period are intimate, participatory and sometimes intense and uplifting.

*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 RSG began in January 1994 with the first verse of Genesis and is currently reading the final chapters of Deuteronomy. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the 7 a.m. *shoharim* service. Most participants attend the service before the Study Group. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

*Wednesdays*

### **Word for the Day**

The Wednesday morning service (shoharim) features a 90-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. The Word for the Day often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion. The Wednesday service normally begins at 7 a.m. and ends at 7:31 a.m.. (The service ends later on Hol HaMoed Sukkot and Pesah, Hanuka and Rosh Hodesh.)

### **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.

*Thursdays*

### **Mini Morning Learning Service**

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shoharim service is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. (or to 9 a.m. if a quorum is present) on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 o’clock.

### **Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group**

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30 to 1:30). 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 Sanhedrin Study Group meets in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.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.” Nadav Sela’s most recent Devar Torah on Shabbat Nahamu is available at <http://beki.org/dt/selanadavnahamu5770.pdf>.

## Youth on Board

We welcome new teen representative Tsvi Benson-Tilsen to the position of teen representative to the BEKI Board of Directors. Tsvi is a senior at Hopkins School, and is currently president of BEKI/BJ USY. Daniel Ben-Chitrit, an Amity High School senior and also a current USY officer, will serve on the Board as an alternate. The position of teen representative to the Board was established seven years ago to provide a communications channel between teens and adults at BEKI. The teen representative brings Board ideas to the teens for their opinions and input, and then carries the teen perspective, ideas, and opinions back to the BEKI board. Typically, the teen representative is an active member of our youth group, USY, and a regular attendee at BEKI on Shabbat mornings. It is rare for teens to have a chance to hold a lay leadership position -- the BEKI Board is pleased to offer this opportunity. In the past, teens have also held positions on BEKI committees, such as Social Action Tikkun Olam.

## BEKI-BJ Kadima 2010 Calender

A Synagogue Youth Group for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Nov 7 - **Kadima @ CT Sportsplex** (Regional Event)

Nov 14 - **Hanuka Ceramic Painting @ Fired Up!**

Dec 4 - **Saturday Game Night**

Dec 12 - **CoCo Keys Water Resort** (Regional Event)

Dec 19 - **Ice Skating**

Coming in 2011: Snow Tubing (Regional Event); Deli Box Brownie Making; *Bowling at Amity Lanes*; Pot-Luck Shabbat Dinner; Learn to Knit - at Knit New Haven; *Mini Shabbaton & Night Outing*; and Chocolate Seder.



**Kadima Advisor  
Sarah Oren**

## Sisterhood

### Sisterhood Dues

Please join a group of women dedicated to enhancing our synagogue. Our most recent project was to remodel the upstairs Social Hall Kitchen. Your new ideas and suggestions for future projects and meetings are welcome.

Our gift shop has many new items for Hanuka and general gift giving. Open on Sunday morning, Nov. 21, as Hanuka starts on Dec. 1. Ten percent off on purchases of \$50 and up.

Be sure to see the new pages in our "Book of Life" in the main lobby. This is our major fundraising project and your loved ones names on it can be very meaningful. Thank you to all who supported our "Book of Life" project this year.

Adele Tyson & Mimi Glenn  
Co-Presidents

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- Herbert Sachs to the Sachs Family from The Hesed Committee, Mikki Ratner, Adele Tyson

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- Fred Gillman on his birthday from Hyla Greenberg
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### Card for Own Use:

- Rabbi Murray Levine

### HaMaqom Yinahem

*With sorrow we note the passing of*

**Herbert Altman,**

father of Bruce Altman (& Darcy McGraw)

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mother of Mark (& Renee) Kohn

**Esther Prober,**

mother of Daniel (& Sharon) Prober

**Ethel Rosenbluh,**

mother of Kathy Rosenbluh (& Michael Stern)

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*



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**Zach Strassburger and Kate Jenkins**

### Welcome New Members

Sigal & Michael Lerner and Daniel Zach Strassburger & Kate Jenkins

### Mazal Tov to

Zach Strassburger & Kate Jenkins on their Qiddushin (marriage under a huppa) in October. Rabbi Tilsen

served as mesader qidushin (officiant).

Shannon Finan & David Fulop on their Qiddushin (marriage under a huppa) in October at BEKI. Rabbi Tilsen served as mesader qidushin (officiant).

Cyd Fremmer & Mark Oppenheimer on the simhat bat of their daughter

Klara James at BEKI in October.

Mark Oppenheimer on winning the major Dallas Institute for Humanities and Culture's 2010 Hiett Prize "for the promise his writings show in the humanities and for their relevance to contemporary culture."



**Shannon Finan and David Fulop wedding seuda at BEKI**

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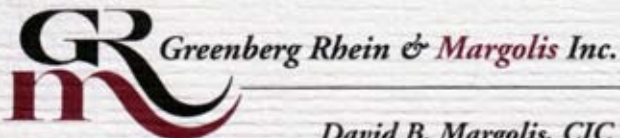


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## Hesed Fund

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- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Sara Mag
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by the Stanger Colodner family
- To Muriel Banquer & family with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Steve & Rachel Wizner
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Irma Miller
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Evelyn R. Benson
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Fred & Bernice Gillman
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Gila Reinstein
- To Muriel Banquer & family with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Shirley Stephson
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Janet Perkes
- To Muriel Banquer & family with sympathy on the passing of

- Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Joan & Alan Gelbert
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Joy Kaufman, Stewart Frankel & Ari
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Rhoda Zahler & Al Samuel
- To Cyd & Mark Oppenheimer in honor of the birth of their daughter Klara James by the Palumbo family
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by the Palumbo family
- To Muriel Banquer with sympathy on the passing of Earl "Dinny" Banquer by Belle Greenberg
- Cohen by Clifford & Donna Cohen
- In memory of Harriet, David & Larry Kroop by Clifford & Donna Cohen
- In memory of Beth Margolis by Marilyn Margolis
- In memory of her beloved mother Florence Supowitz by Barbara & Alvin Greenberg
- In memory of her sister Myra Brunswick by Barbara Cushen
- In memory of Irving Rudof by Stephen & Joanne Rudof
- In memory of Michael Harold Rudof by Stephen & Joanne Rudof
- In memory of Samuel F. Meadow by Arnold & Micheline Meadow
- In memory of Regina Faymann by Beatrice & Gordon Brodie
- In memory of Morris Lerner by Claire Proctor
- In memory of Harry Proctor by Claire Proctor
- In memory of Herman Goldstein by Shirley Goldstein Frumento & Frank Frumento
- In memory of Jacob Sokoloff by Shirley Goldstein Frumento & Frank Frumento
- In memory of Morris Chain by Marty & Shirley Shepro
- In memory of Esther Kabakoff by Marvin Kabakoff
- In memory of Carol Tendler by Elayne & Morton Dimenstein
- In memory of Milton Rosell by Elayne & Morton Dimenstein
- In memory of Barbara Lidsky Belcher by Mildred Lidsky
- In memory of Diana Friedman Opton by Charles & Sami Shalman
- In memory of Mollie Zelkovitz by Helen Z. Kaplan
- In memory of Bessie Brownstein by Patricia Pitt
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- In memory of Jacob Cohen by Ted Maltin
- In memory of Ruth Maltin by Ted Maltin
- In memory of Gertrude Maltin by Ted Maltin
- In memory of Sheila Gardiner by Rose & Harold Wexler
- In memory of her mother Beatrice by Holly Chepow
- In memory of Rose Nabatoff by A. David Nabatoff
- In memory of Benjamin Zipper by A. David Nabatoff

## The Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund

- In memory of Harold Ratner by Betsy Ratner
- In memory of Nora Gimbel by Betsy Ratner
- To Alan Lovins & family in honor of their beautiful cantorial sharing at Rosh Hashana by Betsy Ratner

## The Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund

- To Karen Kaplowitz Cohen and Allan Cohen in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary from Judy Resnick, Debra Levine & Shirley Mattler

## Yahrzeit Fund (\$5 minimum) to support synagogue operations

- In memory of Arthur Friedman by Claire & Bud Volain
- In memory of Ellen Schwartz by David Schwartz
- In memory of Rena Miller by Howard Miller
- In memory of Albert Reifler by Michael Reifler
- In memory of George Feen by Hildy Feen
- In memory of Solmie Kaufman by Lewis Kaufman
- In memory of Sarah Feldman by Lois K. Feldman
- In memory of Sylvia Feldman by Lois K. Feldman
- In memory of Samuel Laginsky by Gertrude Gollinger
- In memory of Sylvia Feldman by Sara & Steven Salomon
- In memory of Evelyn & Henry



George G. Posener

# SAVE THE DATE!

## December 18th

Plan to join us in a wonderful celebration of George Posener's *100th birthday* at a festive kiddush following Shabbat morning services



### Buying Groceries?

Use gift cards for Stop & Shop, Westville Kosher Market and other local outlets, available at face value – no additional cost to you – and BEKI receives a significant commission. Available from Gloria Cohen and from Office.

### Torah Readers Wanted

If you would like to read from the Book of Genesis (through 18 December 2010), contact Rabbi Eric Silver at [eric.silver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eric.silver@sbcglobal.net). If you would like to learn how to read Torah, contact Darryl Kuperstock at [kuperst@aol.com](mailto:kuperst@aol.com). If you would like to read from the Book of Shemot in 2010-11, contact Carole Bass; if you would like to read from VaYiqra, contact Jon-Jay Tilsen at [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org).

### Want More News?

To get periodic updates, forms and news from BEKI (besides weekly “This Week at BEKI” and LifeCycle “BEKI Alerts”), subscribe to “Updates” by sending a blank email message to [subscribe-updates@beki.org](mailto:subscribe-updates@beki.org). To unsubscribe, send a blank email message to [unsubscribe-updates@beki.org](mailto:unsubscribe-updates@beki.org).

### Then and Now...

- Number of Members: 22
- Annual dues: \$10
- Funds on hand: \$8.40  
– *President's Report*, Temple Keser Israel, April 1938
- Number of Members: 265
- Annual dues: \$1,290
- Funds on hand: \$8.40  
– *Office Report*, BEKI, Oct. 2010

### 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, Nov. 25. 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 the response has been positive, for which we offer thanksgiving.

This is an ideal occasion to enjoy USY pumpkin and apple pies (see order form on Page 13).

## Guests for Thanksgiving?

If you can host BEKI members or would like to be hosted by BEKI members on Thanksgiving, call Linden at (203) 915-5226. Many of our members do not have local family or may be new in town and welcome an opportunity to share this American holiday with fellow members.

## Great Time To Invest in Real Estate

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 (203) 389-2108 x57 or [cemetery@beki.org](mailto:cemetery@beki.org) and arrange a meeting with a Cemetery Association officer. 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 service (9 to 9:30) provides 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 service (7 to 7:50) includes a brief Torah service, and is followed by the [Rashi Study Group](#) (7:50 to 8:30, ending promptly). Tuesday morning service (7 to 7:30) is attended by a unique mix of people. Wednesday morning (7 to 7:30) features a continuing group of friends and the feature "Word for the Day," a great way to build your Hebrew vocabulary. Thursday mornings (8:15 to 9) are ideal for people who either may not wish to rise earlier or who take children to school, and include a brief Torah service when there is a minyan present, otherwise a brief commentary on the liturgy. Friday mornings (7 to 7:30) 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 (203) 389-2108 x14 or see [www.beki.org/schedule.html](http://www.beki.org/schedule.html) for a complete schedule. Come once or come often.

## Reserve Your Date

Bar- and bat-mitzva celebrants for 2011 to 2015 who do not have a written confirmation of a date reservation may wish to reserve a date by contacting Peggy (203) 389-2108 x14. Dates are available on a first-come basis to members. Your early reservation maximizes your chance to reserve your choice of dates.

## Memorial Plaques Available

The Memorial plaques displayed at BEKI serve as a reminder and memorial to departed loved ones. Plaques are available for \$360 by calling Peggy at (203) 389-2108 x14. Prepayment reserves a space and a plaque.

## Tree Of Life Leaves

Please purchase a leaf to the Tree of Life in the Synagogue entrance. Inscribing a leaf on our magnificent tree is a thoughtful and meaningful way to commemorate either a joyous event or memorialize loved ones, and contribute to the life and strength of our synagogue.

Mikki Ratner can assist you with the wording (203) 387-7882.

## Want to Lead Services or Read Haftara?

The calendar is now open to request specific dates to lead Shabbat and Festival services, recite haftara, and serve as greeter from Jan. 1 to June 25, 2011. Please send email to Jon-Jay at [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org) or call (203) 389-2108 x10 with your requested dates, or to be added or dropped from the rotation schedule. For participation and leadership of Children's Programs, contact Miriam Benson at [mirben-son@aol.com](mailto:mirben-son@aol.com) (203) 389-6137. If you would like to learn to lead services or to read Torah, contact Jon-Jay.

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### DONATE PIES!!!

In addition to the pies you order for yourself, you can support BEKI/BJ USY *and* do a *mitzvah* at the same time by ordering pies to be delivered to the **Connecticut Food Bank** as part of our social action program. Your generosity is whole-heartedly appreciated.

**BE SURE TO ORDER IMMEDIATELY – Email orders to Matt at [mattwien13@gmail.com](mailto:mattwien13@gmail.com) by Nov. 3**

QUESTIONS? Contact USYers *Maya Levine-Ritterman* at [Rittervine@gmail.com](mailto:Rittervine@gmail.com) or *Shayna Weinstein* at [wolfstar2125@yahoo.com](mailto:wolfstar2125@yahoo.com) or Youth Commission member – *Darryl Kuperstock* at (203) 387-0304 or [kuperst@aol.com](mailto:kuperst@aol.com)

Pies will be available for **PICK-UP** at *both*  
Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel - BEKI (85 Harrison Street, New Haven) **and**  
Congregation B'nai Jacob (75 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge)  
Tuesday, Nov. 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. **ONLY!**



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I will pick up my pies at \_\_\_B'nai Jacob \_\_\_BEKI on **Tuesday, Nov. 23**

# Calendar Notes

## Veterans Day Service

Thursday, Nov. 11, 8:15 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

## Pre-Thanksgiving Program

We are planning a pre-Thanksgiving Program with the Church of St. Aeden for Sunday, Nov. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Aeden's Church Gym on Fountain Street (end of Harrison). Look for details in "This Week at BEKI" and your November mid-month mailing. If you would like to help organize the event or help on the day of the event, contact Mimi Glenn at (203) 397-3851.

## Thanksgiving

Services Thursday morning, Nov. 25, 9 o'clock to 9:45; afternoon service (home ritual) after 12:05 p.m.; evening service (home ritual) after 4:10 p.m.; no afternoon or evening service at BEKI this day.

## Hanuka

The first night of Hanuka is Wednesday, Dec. 1. Audio recordings of the blessings are available at [www.beki.org](http://www.beki.org) under "Audio Library." Candles are available from the Sisterhood Giftshop or BRS office.

## 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. All other services at BEKI remain at their usual times.

Following Shemini Atseret, we began including the

phrase "mashiv ha-ruah u-morid ha-gashem" ("You cause the wind to blow and the rain to fall") in all recitations of the *amida*. Beginning Saturday night, Dec. 4, in the Maariv service, we use the phrase "ve-ten tal u-matar li-verakha" ("give winter dew and rain in proportion") in each daily *amida*. The date Dec. 4 is based on the agricultural cycle in Bavel (Iraq) calculated according to the uncorrected Julian calendar.



## Fall Back

On Sunday morning, Nov. 7 the United States resumes Standard Time. So at 01:59:59.9 Sunday, turn your clock back to 01:00.00.0 and enjoy the extra hour.

## Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Junk

BEKI accepts the donation of drivable automobiles and trucks. 100 percent of proceeds go to BEKI (unlike most car donation schemes where the charity gets pennies on the dollar). For information on donating a vehicle, contact Peggy at (203) 389-2108 x14 [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org). Thank you to those who have donated so far, and thanks to Al Barnett for managing this program.



# November 2010

## 24 Heshvan 5771 - 23 Kislev 5771

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:45am Rashi Study Group  24 Heshvan	2  25 Heshvan	3 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 26 Heshvan	4 12:30pm Talmud Study Group  27 Heshvan	5 5:25pm Candle Lighting  28 Heshvan	6 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Fulop 5:25pm Minha-Maariv 29 Heshvan
7 Rosh Hodesh I Daylight Savings Time Ends 9:00am Religious School 1:00pm Pomegranate Guild 2:00pm Pie Baking  30 Heshvan	8 Rosh Hodesh II 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)  1 Kislev	9  2 Kislev	10 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 9:30am CVRA-MERCAZ meeting 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 3 Kislev	11 Office Closed/Veteran's Day 8:15am Shaharit 12:30pm Talmud Study Group 4 Kislev	12 4:18pm Candle Lighting  5 Kislev	13 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Sela 4:15pm Minha-Maariv 6 Kislev
14 9:00am Religious School  7 Kislev	15 Office Closed/Staff Vacation 7:45am Rashi Study Group 8 Kislev	16 Office Closed/Staff Vacation 9 Kislev	17 Office Closed/Staff Vacation 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 4:30pm Benei Mitzva Program w/Ina 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 10 Kislev	18 Office Closed/Staff Vacation 12:30pm Talmud Study Group 11 Kislev	19 Office Closed/Staff Vacation 4:12pm Candle Lighting 12 Kislev	20 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Learner's Minyan Qiddush: Marx-Schonberger & Bobrow 12:30pm 20's/30's Havura Shabbat Lunch (off-site/reservations required) 4:15pm Minha-Maariv 13 Kislev
21 9:00am Religious School & Parent-Teacher Conferences 10:00am JFS Walk-A-Thon 6:30pm Westville Interfaith Coalition Thanksgiving Program @ St. Aedan - St. Brendan 14 Kislev	22 7:45am Rashi Study Group 7:30pm General Board Meeting 15 Kislev	23  16 Kislev	24 8:30am Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 17 Kislev	25 Office Closed/Thanksgiving Day 9:00am Shaharit No Afternoon/Evening Service 18 Kislev	26 Office Closed 4:08pm Candle Lighting 19 Kislev	27 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 4:10pm Minha-Maariv 20 Kislev
28 No Religious School 21 Kislev	29 7:45am Rashi Study Group 22 Kislev	30  23 Kislev				

### Service Times

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	8:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv	7 a.m. Shaharit 6 p.m. Minha-Maariv	9:15 a.m. Shaharit 5:45 p.m. Minha-Maariv



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