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.

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 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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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 Tsedaqa 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 didn’t 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) or Rabbi Tilsen at (203) 389-2108 x10 (jjtilsen@beki.org). You can also contact Jewish Foundation Director Lisa Stanger at (203) 387-2424 x382 (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 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.

Shabbat Afternoon Study Break

Each Shabbat afternoon from November through March, a 30-minute study break is held between the Shabbat Minha and Motse’ei Shabbat and Havdala services, featuring popular texts. The minha 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. shaharit service. Most participants attend the service before the Study Group. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Wednesdays

Word for the Day

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) 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. Shaharit 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 icoopera@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 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.

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A Synagogue Youth Group for 5th through 8th graders
Nov 7 - Kadima @ CT Sportsplex (Regional Event)
Nov 14 - Hanuka Ceramic Painting @ Fired Up!
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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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The Torah Fund Campaign of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism supports The Jewish Theological Seminary. BEKI Sisterhood, over many years, has contributed thousands of dollars to assure it as a Jewish institution with a world-class faculty, library and a diverse student body. By purchasing cards for any occasion you are helping to keep this great center of Jewish learning at its best. What better way to acknowledge a birthday, anniversary, Bar or Bat Mitzvah or to honor the memory of a dear friend or relative.

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*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

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

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

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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 for a complete schedule. Come once or come often.

Reserve Your Date
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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 jjtlsen@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 mirbenson@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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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 by Nov. 3

QUESTIONS? Contact USYers Maya Levine-Ritterman at Rittervine@gmail.com or Shayna Weinstein at wolfstar2125@yahoo.com or Youth Commission member – Darryl Kuperstock at (203) 387-0304 or 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!

THANK YOU!
Keep for your reference:
ORDER: _____Pumpkin_____Apple_____For donation
PICK-UP AT: _____BEKI____BJ on Nov. 23

Please tear off and enclose this FORM and your check when ordering pies
Retain top half as a reminder of your order!

TOTAL ORDER:

_____Pumpkin Pies @ $9.50 each = $________
_____Apple Pies @ $9.50 each = $________
_____Pies for donation @ $9.50 each = $________
_____Total Pies Ordered = $________ Enclosed

Name: ___________________ Home Phone: _______________ Email: ___________________
I will pick up my pies at _____B’nai Jacob _____BEKI on Tuesday, Nov. 23
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 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.
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Sheqolarships

Your extra Israeli currency (New Israeli Sheqels) can be used for scholarships for BEKI youth studying in Israel. Deposit currency in the “foreign currency and tokens” pushke (charity box) in the beit midrash; or if you want a receipt (in U.S. dollars at current published exchange rate) please send or deliver to office. Save yourself and our students the cost of currency exchange and encourage them in their studies.