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Posener Supports Kadima & USY

George G. Posener has made a significant gift to establish the George G. Posener Kadima & United Synagogue Youth Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel. The fund, managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, will provide annual income to BEKI to support the award-winning Kadima & USY chapters.

George is a long-time supporter of BEKI youth. In addition to establishing the George & Leah Posener Endowment for Jewish Education of BEKI Youth to support the Religious School, George has made generous contributions to the School and other youth programs, and has provided each Religious School student with a Judaic gift each year at the graduation and promotion exercises.



George Posener

In recognition of the importance of these programs in preparing young people to be leaders in the Jewish and civic community, and in appreciation for

the work of Ms. Darryl Rotman Kuperstock and the other parent volunteers who have guided the youth toward excellence, Mr. Posener created the Fund to provide perpetual support to our youth.

Contributions to this Fund may be made directly through the BEKI office, or charged online at www.beki.org/donate.html. For information on endowments and other major gift opportunities, contact BEKI officer Donna Levine at 785-8079 or sdsij@aol.com, Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org, or Jewish Foundation Director David Tein at 387-2424 x304 or dtein@newhavenjewishfoundation.org. Inquiries are confidential.

For information on Kadima and USY at BEKI, contact Darryl Kuperstock at 387-0304 or kuperst@aol.com. For information on the other funds established by George G. Posener, see www.beki.org/endow.html or call Mary Ellen Mack at 389-2108 x14.

Renovation Phase One Completed

A major phase in the renovation of the synagogue building was completed before the Yamim Noraim – High Holy Days as the new central air conditioning plant became operative. The renovation is a \$225,000 project to improve the comfort, efficiency and reliability of the heating and cooling of the building. The central boiler and chiller were replaced, along with major valves regulating the system. Electronic controls were installed to operate the system more efficiently.

During future phases of building renovation, the room and area blowers and distribution pipes will be replaced to further improve the system's performance. Improvement in comfort will be most noticeable only after the completion of those steps. There is some urgency in replacing the circulation pipes as they are beyond their rated lifetime and leaks have already occurred. Additional leaks are inevitable and pose the risk of water damage and system failure.

Hugh Fryer has worked very closely with George Posener, Gila Reinstein, past presidents Stephen Pincus and Brian Karsif, and the officers and staff, along with our architect and engineer, to implement this renovation in the most cost effective and least disruptive manner. This was accomplished in the face of technical challenges and financial constraints. The current installation was done in a way that will be consistent with building renovations and reconfigurations envisioned for the coming years.

The completion of Phase One was paid through the synagogue operating budget and financed through a bank loan. Contributions to a multi-year "Rebuilding Fund" dues supplement were directed to this project.

Completion of this project brings BEKI closer to compliance with Jewish laws requiring conservation of energy and natural resources. Energy efficiency is one of the underlying values incorporated in the Master Plan for Building Renovation at BEKI. The Congregation was named an "Energy Star Congregation" by the United States Department of Environmental Protection in 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, and was awarded a Solomon Schechter Gold Award for Environmental Concern by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism this year.

Calendar Notes

Columbus Day: Morning services will be from 9:00a to 9:45a on Monday 14 October 2002. The Rashi Study Group will meet from 9:45a to 10:30a. KISS will be held from 8:00a to 3:00p. The office will be closed. Afternoon and evening services are at their usual times, 5:45p to 6:15p.

Standard Time Resumes: Clocks are "turned back" one hour on Sunday morning 27 October 2002.

No Parking

Members and visitors to BEKI are advised that parking is prohibited at all times on the East side of Harrison Street as indicated by the "No Parking" signs. Parking is usually available across Harrison Street, and ample parking is available in the BEKI lot at the rear of the building. Many spots have a scenic view of the pond.

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or see our web page: www.beki.org

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BEKI's answer to Saddam: Take a Hike

The talk about a possible war against Iraq in recent months has been the cause of much anxiety for many around the globe. While most recognize the real threat posed by the Iraqi regime, there is a wide range of opinion about what is an effective ethical response. Twentieth-century America used war, cold war, assassination and coup d'état in its repertoire of strategies, whether against Nazi Germany, Communist Russia, populist Iran or uncooperative Grenada. The most frequently used approach, however, has been neglect – hoping the problem will just go away. All of these responses are replete with dangers to safety and decency.

I do not want to trivialize the gravity of the issue. Nevertheless, each of us, even those on opposing sides of the question of what to do about Iraq, can join in a simple symbolic statement that is part of a much-needed global response. I am suggesting that we all take a hike.

Our perceived dependence on Iraqi (and Middle East) oil is a major factor in world policy toward Iraq. Oil as an interest often overshadows the other values we would like to promote – human rights, the sanctity of life, democracy. Was American intervention in Kuwait to uphold the notion of national sovereignty, or was it to protect our oil interests? Is American (such as it is) or world support for “justice for Palestinians” based on genuine concern for the well-being of the Palestinian Arabs, or is it out of concern for the free-flow of oil from the Arab Petroleum States? If we could take oil out of the equation, or lower its importance, it might allow other values to express themselves more forcefully in our government's policy.

I am suggesting, therefore, that each of us, at least symbolically, reduce our consumption of energy, whether oil or its substitutes. That might mean walking to shul on Shabbat – or just as well, during the week. Walking also helps us fulfill the Biblical mitzva of *shemirat ha-guf* (physical fitness). And walking to shul (as opposed to just staying home!) affirms our commitment to Jewish life. Those who drive can save energy by carpooling.

It could mean replacing some of your old light bulbs with super-efficient and economical compact florescent bulbs – the new models are smaller, quieter, cooler and nicer looking than regular old incandescent bulbs. It might mean replacing your old furnace or air conditioner (as BEKI just did). If your refrigerator is more than ten years old, you can save money quickly by purchasing a new efficient model today. (If you need a new air conditioner or refrigerator, call salesperson and BEKI member Jay Brown at Bernie's at 799-3288.)

If you are buying a new car, and you don't need to shlep a lot of kids or drive up unpaved mountain roads, buy a new Honda Civic Hybrid (as Mort & Ruth Silver did) or a Toyota Prius (as Terri Stern and Darryl Kuperstock did). These vehicles seat five and get over 40 miles to the gallon – and are well-engineered and loaded with features. (If you get the Prius, call salesperson and BEKI member Stan Weiner at A-1 Toyota at 389-1521.)

The people who developed and sell these products enable us to fulfill the Biblical mitzva of *bal tashhit* (the prohibition on wasteful consumption and environmental degradation). As we see, you don't have to be Jewish to be Jewish, but it helps.

Hiking to services on Shabbat, or taking any of these other steps, will not single-footedly bring down the Iraqi regime. But altering our lifestyles, even in small ways, helps us learn to change, to take control of our oil binge, to exercise our values. Beyond the political symbolism, conservation reduces environmental degradation and destruction, and can improve our own physical fitness. Walking to synagogue, in particular, is fun, healthful, pleasant and is a “tradition.”

If we are considering sending American soldiers off to war, or are (alternatively) asking our citizens and global neighbors to live under the continuing threat of the Iraqi regime, then the least we can do is sacrifice a small bit of our “convenience,” even if our sacrifice amounts to hardly more than a minimal effort for our own good.

These simple acts express numerous religious values. Most of us can do all or some of them. You can tell your friends that our rabbi and congregation are so religious that we walk to synagogue *even on weekdays*.

A Message from the President

Dear Friends,

With the holidays behind us, I look forward to a busy and exciting year at BEKI.

I am thrilled to be your president and hope to lead the congregation from strength to strength. I thought I'd take this occasion to tell you a little about myself, since I'm relatively new in the community and many of you don't know me personally.

I was born and brought up in New Jersey and went to public school and three-times-a-week Hebrew school. The most powerful influence on my Jewish identity was Camp Ramah, where I was a camper and then counselor for 10 summers. My mom taught Hebrew school, and Jewish culture, Zionism and Yiddishkeit were all very important in our home. I was a bookish kid who wrote poetry, studied dance, supported liberal causes, and did very well in school.

I went to Barnard College (B.A., 1966) and then came to New Haven for the first time as a graduate student in the English Department at Yale. Six years—and many anti-war protests — later, I earned my Ph.D. and launched into a career of college teaching at Northeastern in Boston. By then I was married and had Ezra, the first of my three sons. After a while, we moved to Providence, Rhode Island, where we were active in a havura at Temple

EmanuEl and I taught at Rhode Island College. The kids went to the JCC and the Providence Hebrew Day School (Orthodox).

We moved to Port Jefferson, Long Island in 1984, and I changed careers and went into journalism. The boys went into public school. We all had culture shock. We joined North Shore Jewish Center and were involved in changing it to an egalitarian congregation. In the process, I learned to read Torah and Haftara. Less happily, my marriage fell apart. I changed jobs again and began to work at SUNY Stony Brook in public relations.

When a job opened at Yale seven years ago, I jumped at the opportunity to come back to New England, where I had been so happy. I now work in the Office of Public Affairs at Yale as assistant director of Public Affairs. It's a great job, but very demanding. I have a wonderful townhouse with a garden and a loving cat. My sons are grown men. Ezra, now 30, is a lawyer; David, 26, is studying for a Ph.D. in economics at UC Berkeley; and Gabriel, 22, is going for a master's degree in computer science at MIT. They come to visit, and I'm sure many of you have seen one or more of them at BEKI. That brings me to the present day. What happens next? I hope good things for us all....

Gila Reinstein

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A Message from Education Director Dr. Lauren Kempton

As the summer ended, I was searching for ways to enhance our Religious School curriculum. Since 1986, I have been associated with the Ghetto Fighter's House Museum and Study Center in Nahariya, Israel. The center trains teachers and provides excellent teaching materials. My contact is Alanna Bernhardt who is in the United States this year matching American teachers with Israeli teachers in an e-learning study of Night. The project description that follows comes from her and also the Wexner Heritage Foundation. The description started: "In these very difficult hours, as violence overcomes so much that we value and teach to our children, I want to urge you to look forward to Succot and join together in a beautiful old/new ritual that will link us to the children of Israel and help sustain and uplift our collective dreams of peace." At BEKI Religious School we participated in this project during September.

The inspiration for this project is Janus Korzcak, a great teacher and pediatrician who ran an orphanage in the Warsaw Ghetto. Dr. Korzcak was the Dr. Spock of pre-war Europe, dispensing childrearing information on his weekly radio show. In 1938, he was in Palestine for Sukkot, and found himself in an open field in the Galilee. As he felt the power of the wind blowing, he remarked, "the wind is a gift that the kite gives to the child."

Several years ago, Yad Layeled, the Children's Memorial of the Ghetto Fighter's Museum began an annual kite-flying event at Kibbutz Ein Harod during Hol HaMoed Sukkot. This unique connection between the kites and Sukkot actually occurs on Shemini Atzeret, when we add the verse,

"*Mashiv haruah u'morid hagashem*" into the Amida prayer. These words, "Who causes the wind to blow and the rain to fall" are the reminder of the powerful forces of nature.

Last summer some American teachers were inspired by the kite story during their study at Kibbutz Lohamei Haghetat. The Columbus Day School began a new custom of creating kites and bearing to the heavens soaring prayers for peace. So in September the BEKI Religious School parents and students created their kites and flew them, sending their hopes and dreams of peace, in Hebrew and English, upwards. Then we wrapped up the kites and messages to be delivered to Ein Harod and re flown by Israeli children as a direct link to our memory of Janus Korzcak and as a symbol of our joint prayers for peace.

I have always believed in the power of stories. For our students the teachings of this kite-flying story and activity will be with them for a long time. Through stories we come to understand the mysteries of life and the simple external truths that link one generation to another. We all inherit stories and are often changed by the stories we hear or tell. The power of storytelling resides in its ability to serve as a vehicle for reflection and action. We have added an important story to our collection and will add more to this story in months to come.

Lauren Kempton



Dr. Lauren Kempton

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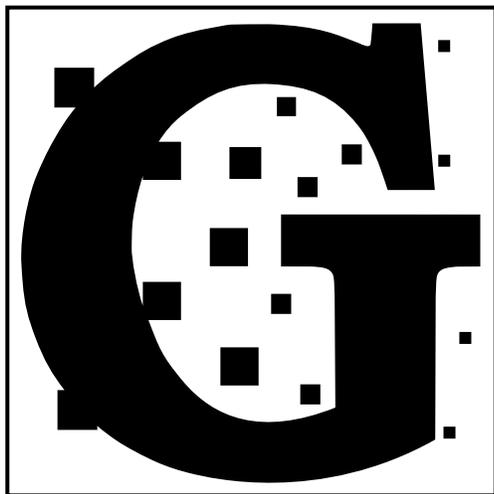
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BEKI Religious School

BEKI Religious School kicked off on 25 August for students in Grades Three through Seven. The K-2 students joined their fellow students after the High Holidays. We are delighted to have three new teachers: Lisa Stern, a Yale Graduate student as our Hebrew specialist; Shoshana Janer, mother of David and Sarah, new Fourth Grade students as our Hebrew and Judaics teacher on Wednesdays and our Advanced Hebrew teacher on Sundays; and Mindy Schultz as our Grade Two teacher. We have grown in numbers and are thrilled that we were able to establish a separate class for Grade Two and Grade Four. We have added four new students to our Talmud Torah Meyuhad class. We have the services of Anne Johnston and Pamela Howard through the auspices of the Department of Jewish Education.

We also are delighted to have two young Emisaries from Israel to assist us in our teaching and learning about Israel.

Lauren Kempton



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Record Contingent Attends Camp Ramah

Sixteen BEKI Kids at Palmer

During the summer, sixteen BEKI youth attended camp Ramah in Palmer, Massachusetts, representing one of the largest synagogue contingents to the camp. Campers included Zachary Bell, Benjamin Bell, Jochai Ben-Avie, Yedidya Ben-Avie, Gilah Benson-Tilsen, Tsvi Benson-Tilsen, Jonah Cooper, Joanna Etra, David Forbes, Rachel Forbes, Alexandra Katz, Hannah Katz, Josh Levine, Maxwell Pauker, and Matthew Prober. Joshua Prober attended as a staff member.

"The sense of community built during the summer will last a lifetime," commented Rabbi Tilsen. "I urge parents to consider sending their children to fine Jewish summer camps, such as Ramah." For information on Camp Ramah, contact the National Ramah Commission, 1-212-678-8881 or ramah@jtsa.edu. For information on other Jewish camps, contact The Foundation for Jewish Camping at 1-212-792-6222 or info@jewishcamping.org. If you would like to help send a student to summer camp, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org. BEKI children could use up to \$30,000 in camp scholarships per year. Currently none are available.

Kulanu and Saul's Circle

Participants in Kulanu and Saul's Circle were involved in two activities for the High Holidays. On 8 September they participated in a Rosh Hashanah service led by Dr. Lauren Kempton. On 15 September Sara Mag hosted a Yom Kippur Service at Fellowship Place. Participants in Kulanu and Saul's Circle enjoyed participating in the observance of Simhat Torah at BEKI. Anne Johnston hosted a Sukkot Service on 29 September joined by the members of the Shalom Group of Jewish Family Services. Anne Johnston will also begin teaching a Hebrew class in October at the Learning Barn at Fellowship Place. *LK*

With sorrow we note the passing of

Dorold Jean Makowsky, mother of Bob (& Julie) Makowsky

Welcome to New Members & Their Families

- Rabbi Lina & Linden Grazier-Zerbarini, Sarah, Liora, Yael
- Oleg & Angela Dinovetskiy, Nathan and Simona
- Andres & Rebecca Martin, Max, Ariela, Gabriela
- Baruch & Corinne Levine
- Stacey & Eitan Battat, Yoni, Sivan, Nadav
- Alex Thaler
- Julie & Bob Makowsky, Talia, Noah David Wright

Mazal tov to

- Paula Hyman, on being presented by Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion with a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, and on presenting the Graduation Address in Los Angeles
- Alexander & Lillian Heisler on the *nisuin* (Jewish marriage) of their daughter Diane Heisler to Steven Wechsler. The Huppa is scheduled for 13 October, with Rabbi Tilsen to serve as *mesader qiddushin* (officiant)
- George G. Posener, on being honored by Ezra Academy at a special event on Sunday 27 October
- Ivan & Rita Sachs on the birth of their grandson Samuel Jacob Sachs to Greg & Lisa Sachs, and to uncles and aunts Mark & Ilene Sachs and Ken & Linda Buckman

Benei Mitzva in October

Maxwell Pauker, son of Seth & Bryna Pauker, will lead and participate in services as a bar mitzva on Shabbat 4-5 October 2002. Max is a graduate of the Benei Mitzva Program and a student at Ezra Academy.

Joshua Levine, son of Sid & Donna Levine, will lead and participate in services as a bar mitzva on Shabbat 11-12 October 2002. Josh is a graduate of the Benei Mitzva Program and of the BEKI Religious School.

Annie Bass, daughter of Paul & Carole Bass, will lead and participate in services as a bat mitzva on Shabbat 25-26 October 2002. Annie is a student at Ezra Academy.



Annie Bass



Joshua Levine



Maxwell Pauker

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Habitat

BEKI has joined Habitat for Humanity's "Covenant of Faith." We are volunteering to work with other local congregations in rebuilding two houses on Rosette Street in New Haven. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old to work at the site. BEKI volunteers will work on Sundays 6 October, 10 November, and 8 December from 11:00a to 4:00p. If you make financial contributions to Habitat, please designate them as "Covenant Build/BEKI." For planning purposes, Habitat must know how many volunteers are coming at least one week in advance. For information or to volunteer, contact Elisabeth Youngerman at 248-5832 or jongot@aol.com.

Cook & Care Walkathon: Food Fun and Entertainment Sunday 6 October 2002

Join the three mile walkathon sponsored by the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries, Inc. The walkathon begins at 2:00p, with registration beginning at 1:00p at Edgerton Park in New Haven. Donations will support the Community Soup Kitchen at Christ Church on Broadway, the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers and FISH of Greater New Haven. More information is available at 776-9526. BEKI is a member of the [Interfaith Cooperative Ministries](#) and our participation in one expression of our commitment to [Tiqun Olam – Social Action](#).

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Daily Services

Daily services at BEKI provide an opportunity to learn, pray, reflect, transition and center one's own spiritual life. Services provide a context for fulfilling the mitzva (religious obligation) of daily worship. Services are held every weekday morning and evening. See the calendar for a schedule. During this month, there will be a special need for more participants on Tuesday mornings (7:00a), Thursday mornings (8:15a) and Sunday nights (5:45p).

Service Schedules and Candle Lighting Times

Information on service times at BEKI and other Conservative synagogues as well as candle lighting times for the upcoming months can be found at BEKI's website, www.beki.org, under the headings "Service Times" and "Candle Lighting." Our website contains a wealth of information on BEKI, Torah, Judaism and related topics. Explore!

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Advanced Cooking

A six-week class on Advanced Cooking will be taught by Michael Reis. Class will meet on Tuesday 22 October to Tuesday 17 December. For information, contact Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x33 or lkempton@beki.org.

Storytelling

A six-week class on Storytelling will be presented. Class will meet on Tuesday 22 October to Tuesday 17 December. For information, contact Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x33 or lkempton@beki.org.

Judaic Crafts

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Rashi Study Group

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a adults meet in the [Rosenkrantz Family Library](#) to read Rashi's commentary on the Torah. It is possible to participate for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. Rashi purported to explain the peshat of the Biblical text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Visitors and new participants are welcome. The Rashi Study Group has been meeting weekly since 1994.

AA Meeting

A Thursday night AA meeting is held 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 call Jay at (203) 387-6019 or email Jay at drjays.nai@rcn.com.



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Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan

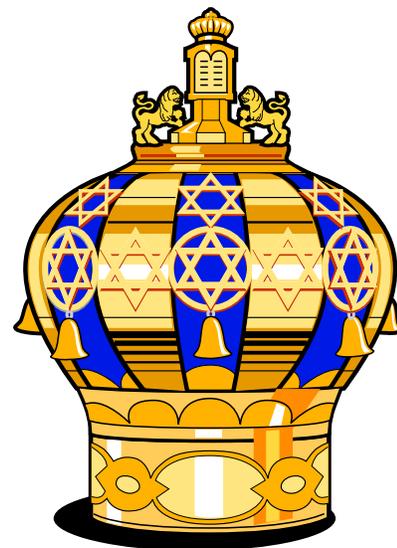
The "Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan," which meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library, is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to become more comfortable and expert in the *Shaharit* (morning) and Torah services in a supportive setting. Lead by **Steven Fraade** and **Rabbi Alan Lovins**, the Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan has helped many feel a deeper sense of awe born of greater understanding while increasing the level of comfort through nurturing step-by-step practice in a non-threatening multi-generational setting. The SSLM meets on the 5th & 19th of this month (October). Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group" meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour at a downtown New Haven professional office for Talmud study. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For many 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. For information contact Marc Schwartz at 562-9873 or mschwartzmd@hotmail.com.

Women's League Study Group

The Sisterhood is hosting a Women's League for Conservative Judaism Study Group on six consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning 2 October. The Study Group, featuring the teaching of Rabbi Richard Eisenberg of [Congregation B'nai Jacob](#), will meet in BEKI's [Rosenkrantz Family Library](#) from 7:00p to 8:00p. For information, contact Shirley Morrison at 860-288-3877.



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Magevet to Sing at New Members' Shabbat

On the morning and afternoon of Saturday 19 October 2002, Shabbat Lekh-Lekha, BEKI will host Magevet, Yale's acclaimed Jewish a cappella singing group. The Yale students will perform parts of the morning service to special melodies, present a musical "Devar Torah," teach songs at our various Shabbat morning children's and youth services, and teach and lead *zemirot* (songs) during a special qiddush luncheon following the morning services. This Shabbat is "New Members' Shabbat," at which we will joyfully welcome new and prospective members who have joined our community in recent months. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars and plan to join us for this wonderful occasion of Shabbat celebration through song.

This Shabbat program is supported by the [Morris & Sara Oppenheim Fund](#) for Sacred Music at BEKI. For more information about Magevet, visit their website at www.magevet.com.

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BEKI Youth Eligible for Free Israel Trip

KOACH, the College Outreach Department of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, invites students ages 18-26 to participate in the KOACH Birthright Israel 2003 program. Students who have never been to Israel on a peer educational program are invited to apply for this free 10-day travel and study mission, scheduled for January 2003. (A required deposit of \$250 is refundable following the return from Israel. Covered expenses do not include travel to and from New York from other American cities.)

This is a marvelous opportunity to experience Israel through the prism of ancient and contemporary texts, walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and have first-hand experience with the Masorti Movement. The trip will observe Kashrut and Shabbat and the group will *daven* (pray) regularly.

Registration will take place on-line now through mid-October 2002, on the KOACH website, www.koach.org. For questions and more information, check the KOACH website or contact Rabbi Elyse Winick at winick@uscj.org or 781-784-8434.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth," commented Rabbi Tilsen. "My cousin went on the Birthright Israel 2000 program and thought it was tremendous. I encourage any eligible BEKI youth to go."