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Founders' Shabbat

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, our beloved BEKI, came into being thirty-six years ago on 31 March 1968, when two venerable congregations merged into one. This fall, we will celebrate all those who were there at the beginning: the leaders, visionaries and loyal supporters who belonged to either one of the two synagogues at the time of the merger.

The Board of Trustees has designated 30 October 2004 as Founders' Shabbat. Invitations will go out to all the original members for whom we have addresses, and we hope many will come to share their memories with us and take part in the Shabbat service. We will have a special qiddush afterward and will display historic photos and objects that date from the beginnings of BEKI. If you have any such treasures at home or know of some at the shul, please contact me at 789-0188.

Congregation Beth El was founded in 1892 as Bnai Israel, and Temple Keser Israel was founded in 1909. Both were located downtown in the City of New Haven and both were originally Orthodox-affiliated.

Bnai Israel, in the Hill neighborhood, became known as the Rose

Street Shul after its building went up at 10 Rose Street in 1895. When the City of New Haven acquired the Rose Street property in the "Model Cities" urban renewal of 1955, the congregation had to move. By then most of the members lived in the western part of the city, but those who remained in the Hill would not ride on Shabbat, so two locations were needed.

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Administrative Announcements

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Standard Time Resumes:

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Dr. Paula Hyman to Speak at Sisterhood Opening Program

Judaic scholar Dr. Paula Hyman will speak on "Jewish Women in History" at the Sisterhood Opening Program on Monday evening 04 October at 7:45p. All are welcome.

Sisterhood Giftshop is Open

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Tani Cohen-Fraade Receives Horwitz Award



Tani Cohen-Fraade, son of Steven Fraade & Ellen Cohen, was awarded the Tillie Dworski Horwitz & Edward Horwitz youth scholarship for 2004. Tani has served as a tutor in our Benei Mitzva Program and has been a leader among United Synagogue Youth. He has often made the presentations to Benei Mitzva during services welcoming them to the Kadima youth group.

United Synagogue Youth

Jessica Bell, a sophomore at Amity High School, has recently returned from participating in a USY summer program. The following are her reflections on her experiences.

This summer, I had the time of my life on USY on Wheels. In six and a half weeks, my group and I covered 8,390 miles on our bus tour around the country. Together with 47 other teens and 5 counselors from all over North America, I practiced Judaism in the most unlikely places. From meditating

in the Bad Lands of South Dakota, to praying *Minha* at rest stations on the side of the highway, to *davening Shaharit* at the Grand Canyon, I gained a greater appreciation of Jewish spirituality and prayer. Some highlights of the trip were hiking at Yellowstone National Park (where a bison nearly charged us), running around Disney Land for eleven hours, and shopping at the Mall of America. Every day was an adventure on the most amazing (and exhausting) journey I have ever experienced.

I really got to know people well by spending ten hour bus rides with them, chatting, playing cards, and eating peanut butter and jelly. Soon, my bus-mates and I appreciated Shabbat as a time to relax and take a break from the hectic week. Even those Wheelniks who did not come from religious homes joined in the singing and *ruah* at Shabbat services. One memorable Saturday morning, we were so loud in our singing that we were nearly kicked out of the hotel! My experiences and friends from this program will stay with me forever. Anyone who would like to talk to me about USY on Wheels or see my 300 plus photographs is

welcome to call me at 387-7316. I totally recommend this opportunity to see the country in a truly extraordinary way!

Jessica Bell

Kulanu & Saul's Circle

Kulanu and Saul's Circle participants will come together with the members of the Shalom Group of Jewish Family Service in the BEKI sukka on 6 October. We are thrilled to work with Hennie Schwartz from Jewish Family Service on this event. All three groups made decorations for the sukka in prior workshops led by Dr. Lauren Kempton. The participants made the decorations as a thank you to all members of the BEKI congregation.

Saul's Circle participants will be attending a course in the Learning Barn at Fellowship Place once a month through the new year on "How Do We Deal With The News and Politics" led by Dr. Kempton. The purpose of the course is to emphasize "coping skills" in response to news reports that may be upsetting.

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Benei Mitzva in October



Nathan Smernoff, son of Cindy Smernoff and David Smernoff, will lead and participate in services as a bar mitzva on Shabbat Hol Ha-Moed Sukkot, 01-02 October 2004



David Foodim Forbes, son of Robert Forbes & Joanne Foodim, will lead and participate in services on Shabbat Rosh Hodesh, *parashat Noah*, 15-16 October 2004



Andrew Serow, son of Robert & Eileen Serow, will lead and participate in services on Shabbat *parashat Lekh-Lekha*, 22-23 October 2004

Welcome to New Members & Their Families

- Dina Secchiaroli and Guido
- Debra Relave & Arnold Gans
- Lisa Stanger & Gregory Colodner and Sophia
- Rebecca Gratz and Isaac
- Jeremy Jacobson
- Martin Feldman & Cathy Schwartz & Hana

Today Rabba to

- Sheila Gardiner for soliciting numerous *Bulletin* ads
- Herb Etkind for adding signets to our Humashim

BEKI's Contingent at Camp Ramah

Twelve BEKI Kids at Palmer

During the summer, twelve BEKI youth attended camp Ramah in Palmer, Massachusetts, representing one of the largest Connecticut synagogue contingents to the camp. "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 more 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

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Shabbat & Sunday Sukkot

Sukkot begins Wednesday night 29 September. The Mincha Afternoon services begins at 5:45p. The Festival Service begins at 6:00 and concludes by 6:30p. Candle lighting is 6:18p.

Festival morning services begin at 9:15a on Thursday and Friday. *Lulav* and *etrog* are used on the first day and second day, and each day of the Festival, except Shabbat, up to and including Hoshana Rabba. Mincha & Maariv services on Thursday afternoon begins at 5:45p, and candle lighting is *after* 7:15p.

The [*sheheheyanu*](#) blessing is recited by each person at the first use of *lulav* and *etrog* during Sukkot. During the entire festival, meals and other activities take place in the *sukka*. Audio recordings of some of the Sukkot berakhot are available at www.beki.org/audio.html.

Hol HaMoed: What is it all about?

“Hol HaMoed,” also known as the “intermediate” days of the festival, are those days between the first two and last two days of Sukkot (and of Pesah). They have a “semi-holiday” status. The rules against *melakha* (“work”) that apply on Shabbat and Festivals are not fully in force during this period, although we are encouraged to take this time as a holiday and to avoid work as much as possible. Our weekday morning services are enhanced with a brief Torah reading, the recitation of the musical “Hallel” section of Psalms, and a brief Musaf (additional) service. Weekday morning services thus take 60 minutes, instead of our usual 30 to 45 minutes. Afternoon and evening services are the usual length. The *lulav* (branches) and *etrog* (citron) are waved each morning of Hol HaMoed Sukkot (except Shabbat), and one is obliged to dwell (to live is to eat) in a *sukka*. Some morning

and evening services will be held in the BEKI *sukka*. Some people do not wear tefillin during Hol HaMoed.

Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot is marked by reading selections from the Biblical Book of Qohelet (“Ecclesiastes”) during the 9:15a service on Shabbat 02 October. Qohelet, attributed by tradition to King Solomon in his old age, is a “wisdom” book that many see as being out of step with the rest of the Torah. While it includes such well-known passages as “To everything there is a season,” it also contains statements that seem cynical or nihilistic. The Book will be chanted according to its beautiful and ancient melody. In addition, Hallel will be chanted.

Nathan Smernoff, son of Cindy Smernoff and of David Smernoff, will lead and participate in services as a Bar Mitzva during the Shabbat Hol HaMoed service. Following the service, a *qiddush* will be presented in the *sukka* in Nathan’s honor.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Hoshana Rabba (“Great Hosanna”) morning service on Wednesday 06 October 2004 begins at 9:15a and ends by 11:00a. This is one of the most colorful, fun and tactile services of the year, featuring seven circuits around the shul with *lulav* and *etrog* (palm and



citron) and the *hoshana* service in which willow twigs are beaten on the chairs. Special holiday melodies make this an unforgettable spiritual experience. Be sure to come to this “service for all ages.”

Hoshana Rabba is a semi-festival on which work is *not* strictly prohibited as it is on the major festivals. It serves as a “closing ceremony” for the weeklong Sukkot observance in preparation for the concluding festival of Shemini Atseret.

Shemini Atseret & Yizkor Memorial Service

The Festival of Shemini Atseret (“Eighth Day of Assembly”) serves

as a conclusion to the autumn Festival of Sukkot (“Booths”).

The Yizkor Memorial Service is incorporated into the Shemini Atseret liturgy. In the Yizkor service we call upon the memories of our ancestors and loved ones who, while not physically present, are part of our “Assembly.” During that memorial service, individual and communal prayers and remembrances will be offered for all of our departed loved ones. It is also appropriate to light a memorial candle on Wednesday night immediately before lighting the Festival candles at 6:07p.

Simhat Torah Celebration

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is the place to be for the evening and morning of Simhat Torah. *Minha* services begin at 6:15p and evening services begin at 6:30p on Thursday 07 October. Candle lighting on Thursday night is *after* 7:06p.

Festival Morning services begin at 9:15a on Friday 08 October. Goodie Bags will be presented by the [Sisterhood](#) to all the deserving children at services Thursday evening and Friday morning. Afternoon *minha* and Shabbat *maariv* services begin at 6:00p and end by 6:40p.

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Also in October BEKI will be the host for a workshop conducted by the staff of *BabagaNewz* for the Religious School teachers from B'nai Jacob and Temple Emanuel as well as our own faculty. BEKI Religious School students have been receiving and enjoying *BabagaNewz* for four years. It is a colorful, engaging monthly Jewish magazine for young people in Jewish Day schools and Religious schools. *BabagaNewz* is a project of the AVI CHAI Foundation.

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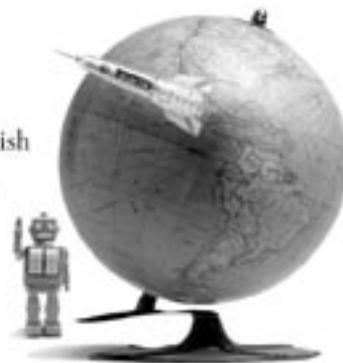
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- Bill Hallo, the William M. Laffan Professor Emeritus of Assyriology and Babylonian Literature at Yale, on being elected a founding Honorary Member of the recently established Internationale Rosenzweig Gesellschaft, at its first meeting in his native city of Kassel, Germany, in March (04). Bill has published widely on Rosenzweig (1886-1929) and is the translator of The Star off Redemption, Franz Rosenzweig's major work
- Ephrem & Miriam Glenn on the birth of a grandson, Scott (Shelomo) Anderson, on 31 August 2004 in New Jersey
- Daniel & Sharon Prober on the engagement of their son Rafi to Bonnie Schreiber of Washington, DC.

*With sorrow we note
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Aaron Bell

father of Morris Bell
&
Raina Sotsky

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The liaison to the program is Joanne Goldblum. You can call or email her with any thoughts about the program and also if you are interested in assisting her with the program. Alan Rosner will be serving as the assistant liaison. Our Social Worker is Felicia Perry, who has twenty children in her caseload. If you feel you would like to be called on for specific types of donations please call or e-mail Joanne and let her know.

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Shabbatot

Darshan – Commentator in October

Rabbi Alan Lovins will serve as darshan on the morning of Founders' Shabbat, *parashat VaYera*, 30 October 2004.



Rabbi Alan Lovins

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 proficient in the Shaharit (morning) and Torah services in a supportive setting. Expertly led by **Steven Fraade**, **Rabbi Alan Lovins** 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 for the services. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background.

Mondays

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 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 7:00a *shaharit* morning service. On Monday 11 October, Columbus Day, the Rashi Study Group will meet following the 9:00a weekday service.

Back by Popular Demand: Hebrew Language Level 1 for Beginners

An introduction to prayerbook Hebrew for beginners is being presented on ten consecutive Monday nights in the Chapel-Library from 6:00p to 7:15p; the series began 13 September. The class is appropriate for students who wish to learn the fundamentals of Biblical, rabbinic, prayerbook or modern Hebrew.

Text: *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way* is provided to registrants. Registration fee: \$40 per person (includes text).

Wednesdays

[Berakhot Talmud Study Group](#)

A Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets weekly on Wednesday mornings from 7:30a to 8:00a during the academic year. The Study Group focuses on the original text and the issues that arise from the Mishna and Gemara, with attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of basic Hebrew or Aramaic is very helpful but not required. The Group is open to all. Due to the Holy Day schedule, this group will not meet next until Wednesday 13 October.



Andy Weinstein

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Torah for the Hungry Mind - Adult Studies

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. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays
Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The "Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group" meets weekly on Thursdays

during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) at a downtown New Haven professional office for Talmud study. The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text. The Group focuses on the issues raised in the Talmud, with less attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is helpful but not required. For location or information, contact Isaiah Cooper at 233.4547 or icooper@snet.net.

AA Meeting

The *Here We Are* Group of AA meets at BEKI every Thursday night at 8:00p. The weekly Meeting has been held at BEKI since

May 1997. Open to any person who can benefit from a recovery program, the meeting is held according to standard AA procedure. It is currently engaged in a 12 & 12 Study – Discussion. 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 sokolow@snet.net

Every Day
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I would like to report on an important part of my responsibility at BEKI, namely Kulanu and Saul's Circle. Thanks to the strong foundation established by Rabbi Tilsen and Anne Johnston, both programs continue to grow and expand...



Kulanu services the community at Chapel Haven as well as adults in Greater New Haven with special needs due to developmental issues. Some Kulanu participants attend Chapel Haven's day programs, and some are called "graduates." The graduates continue to meet twice weekly with counselors in a group called the Community Day Program. I often work with Olivia Woods and Rick Castellani, either on specific programming or on social justice and social action. This fall we will be delivering toiletries for the homeless to Parish House and sending supplies to school children in Iraq.

Now when a new community member moves to Chapel Haven and is Jewish, they come to BEKI to meet with myself and the Rabbi. Due to this outreach we proudly have new members of the BEKI community, including a Torah reader and adult Benei Torah students. We will also begin lighting Shabbat candles with the Chapel Haven Jewish community. Chapel Haven is rich with both professional and support staff. Many of our Saul's Circle participants are based at Fellowship

Place. This past six months as a member of the Steering Committee for the Center of Excellence designation by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, I have learned a great deal more about this unique place. Fellowship Place is member-run. This year there were four hundred member led events. Fellowship Place is open 365 days a year and meals can be purchased for a nominal fee. The Learning Barn provides weekly seminars and the Artist Cooperative is thriving.

Whenever I arrive at Fellowship Place, whether in the courtyard or the many buildings, I am greeted by "She's the Jewish Lady." How

can they tell? My headcovering... my necklace of Jerusalem or my name in Hebrew, or my bumper stickers? No, I am the Jewish Lady because I go to Fellowship Place regularly and present Jewish programming, on the holidays and other topics. But as importantly and thanks to you, the BEKI congregation, I am able to continue this outreach work. It is part of my job. Those of us who teach feel a special calling; this is truly God's work. As we were reminded for Rosh Ha-Shana, God is the source of goodness and works within all our souls. So I thank you as a Congregation for allowing me to do this important work.

-LK

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Founders' Shabbat

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The larger Westville Neighborhood contingent acquired what had been the Benton School property at the corner of Whalley Avenue and Harrison Street and renovated a house that stood there to serve as a temporary synagogue. The membership decided to adopt mixed-seating, with the rabbi's blessing, and a rift developed between the Hill and Westville branches, leading to a bitter legal fight.

Despite the legal problems, construction went forward on Harrison Street, and the new B'nai Israel Synagogue was dedicated in June 1960. One outcome of the legal settlement was that the Westville Neighborhood branch had to relinquish its name to the Hill contingent, and the members took on the name Congregation Beth El.

BEKI's other half, Keser Israel, was established in 1909 on Foote

Street, but in 1945 joined the Conservative movement. Keser Israel expanded into the former Plymouth Church at the corner of Chapel Street and Sherman Avenue in 1951.

Both congregations had their troubles, and for years discussed merging. Beth El's growth was steady, but the building, school wing (1964) and staff created a financial burden. Keser Israel was losing a lot of younger families as people moved to the suburbs. The leaders of both synagogues showed wisdom and foresight, made compromises, wrestled with their differences, and worked out agreements and thanks to their hard work and dedication, BEKI was created in 1968.

We will salute all our original members on 30 October. Please come!



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 2005 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 2005. (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 2004, 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."

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!

Parking & 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. It is also prohibited to obstruct the residential driveways on either side: "No operator shall stop, stand, or leave any horse or other animal or vehicle, in any of the following places... (d) In front of and so as to obstruct a driveway..." (New Haven Code of General Ordinances §29-35).

Parking is usually available across Harrison Street, and ample parking is available in the BEKI lot east of the building.

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).

Food Certificates Fundraiser

With the Sukkot Holy Days upon us, you will probably be doing a large amount of food shopping. Your food purchases can produce significant income for BEKI if you use food certificates that are available for Stop & Shop, Shop-Rite, and Westville Kosher Meat Market. Certificates can be ordered from Gloria Cohen, at 203-389-2070 morris.cohen@yale.edu or purchased at the synagogue office. It does not add anything to *your* food bills, but it can help BEKI pay *its* bills. GC

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 389-2108 x14. Prepayment reserves a space and a plaque.

October 2004

16 Tishrei 5765 - 16 Heshvan 5765

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday														
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