Sukkot is Coming

A complete schedule of services is available in table format at www.beki.org/schedule.html.

Lulav & Etrog

If you feel a sense of loss at the end of the High Holy Days, do not despair: it is time for Sukkot, called the Festival by our ancestors. Lulav & Etrog sets may be ordered from the BEKI Religious School at 389-2108 x13 or lkempton@beki.org. They are used each day of Sukkot except Shabbat, until and including Hoshana Rabba.

Sukka Setup

Put it Up, Take it Down!

UP: The BEKI Moishe Schnitman Memorial Sukka, which again this year will grace our front courtyard is scheduled to be assembled on Wednesday 4 October from 3:00p - 5:30p. Bring ladders, screwdrivers (especially power), work gloves, and hammers.

There is no Sunday between Yom Kippur and the beginning of Sukkot. This is the only chance we will have to erect the Sukka. We may be missing a couple of our regular skilled construction crew, so we ask that everyone (men and women) make every effort to join us for this very important mitzvah and community effort. Decorations will be assembled during this time, as well, and will be put up immediately following the sukkah’s completion.

DOWN: The deconstruction of the Sukka will take place on Sunday 22 October at 9:30a, immediately following the morning minyan service (join us at 9:00a). Bring your ladders, tools and gloves again. Your help is greatly appreciated. For more information about the BEKI Sukka construction, contact David Kuperstock (387-0304, ndk1024@aol.com or Saul Bell (389-1647, sbell1470@aol.com)
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Sukkot Festival Days

Sukkot begins Friday night 6 October 2006. The Minha Afternoon service is at 6:00p. The Festival service begins at 6:10 and concludes by 6:30p. Candle lighting is 6:09p (or earlier).

Festival morning services begin at 9:15a on Shabbat and Sunday. Lulav and etrog are normally used on each day of the Festival, except Shabbat, up to and including Hoshana Rabba. Shabbat Minha services on Sukkot begin at 5:45p, and candle lighting is after 7:08p.

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.

Family Sukka Hop – Sunday 8 October

Family Sukka Hop Sunday 8 October Departs 12:45p from BEKI Sukka

Two routes: Lower Westville and Upper Westville

A light progressive meal and Sukkot activity will take place at each sukka; RSVP to Miriam, 389-6137, by Sunday 1 October; please specify Lower or Upper Westville route

Lower Westville Route

Hop schedule: First stop: Benson-Tilsen Sukka, 281 West Elm St., 1:15-1:45p; depart at 1:45p for Second Stop: Frankel-Kaufman Sukka, 9 Richmond Avenue, 1:55-2:30p; depart at 2:30p for Third Stop: Minsky-Fenick Sukka, 56 McKinley Ave., 2:40-3:15p; depart at 3:15p for Fourth Stop: Grazier-Zerbarini Sukka, 122 West Rock Ave., 3:25 – 4:00p; depart at 4:00p for Fifth Stop: Zax-Weiser Sukka, 428 Yale Ave., 4:10 – 4:45p; depart at 4:45p for Sixth Stop: Lovett-Graff Sukka, 352 West Rock Ave; 4:55 – 5:30p; depart at 5:30p for BEKI;

Pickup at BEKI at 6:15p following minha service in the BEKI Sukka

At the conclusion of mincha: make-your-own sundae on Sunday in the BEKI Sukka! Generously Coordinated by Linden G-Z

Upper Westville Route


Pickup at BEKI at 6:15p following minha service in the BEKI Sukka

At the conclusion of mincha: make-your-own sundae on Sunday in the BEKI Sukka! Generously Coordinated by Linden G-Z

Hol HaMoed Sukkot

“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

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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.

Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Hoshana Rabba (“Great Hosanna”) morning service on Friday 13 October 2006 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 sukka or 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. Weather permitting, the Hoshana Rabba service will be in the sukka.

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”). It begins Friday Night 13 October 2006.

Shabbat Shemini Atseret is marked by reading selections from the Biblical Book of Qohelet (“Ecclesiastes”) during the 9:15a service. 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.

The Yizkor Memorial Service is also 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 Friday night immediately before lighting the Shabbat Festival candles at 5:57p.

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 6:00p and evening services begin at 7:00p on Motse’ei Shabbat (Saturday Night) 14 October 2006. Candle lighting on Saturday night is after 6:56p.

Festival Morning services begin at 9:15a on Sunday 15 October. Goodie Bags will be presented by the Sisterhood to all the deserving children at services evening and morning. Afternoon minha services begin at 5:45p.
Memory and Memories

I believe there is a distinct difference between memory and memories. I have wonderful memories and a quite horrible memory. So let me address memory lapses first. I have no memory for numbers. I do not like numbers so I know very few... my Social Security number and my four work numbers... I still look up my son’s number and he has been in Stratford for three years. Every time I need to remember a number, I write it down in my little blue book and I label it “secret code”.... So I have secret codes for BEKI, two phones and a computer, and secret codes for the Federation where I have an office and a phone. I do not know my cell phone number nor my husband’s. I am only good on the cell phone in Israel where it is my link to my husband Brooks.

My Mom has Alzheimer’s. I have watched her memory fade. Brooks says that the stories she tells over and over – the same stories seconds apart are like a long-playing 78 record. Now I am part of a study on the Children of Alzheimer’s patients for UVM and Quinnipiac. The survey was about ten pages of questions... do you walk to the car and forget where you are going? Do you forget appointments? Perhaps I am really being studied?

Now to memories. I have some amazing memories: my Dad of blessed memory... his tie and shirt, never quite matching... at my college graduation in W. Virginia ... so so proud... my first son... coal-black hair, eyes scrunched tight... my next son... white blond hair... born hollering... more.... The first time I saw Jerusalem... City of silver and gold and Bethlehem and Nazareth... the memories of the bible stories of my childhood... meeting rebels in the post Civil War climate of El Salvador... giving them my Winston 100’s... meeting the Pope, one month post 9/11 as 40,000 pilgrims sang, “God Bless America” to us in respect of our loss... and on the March of the Living... the barracks of Auschwitz... the ash pits at Majdanek and the sea of blue jackets with Mogan Davids, my teens... my wedding... Brooks beaming, my sons in their tuxedos.

Memories we hold close and dear to us, for nurturing and for strength. And in this increasingly numerical world, the memories are softer and to me more important than memory. I believe this anniversary of 9/11, the fifth anniversary, is about memories. To my generation perhaps it is like, “Where were you when John F Kennedy was assassinated?” I believe our children hold the memories of Sept 11th, 2001, in their mind as youngsters, and try to apply that childhood memory to their understanding of the very different world of today. And they must do this embraced in our love and nurture. LK
Children Belong at BEKI

Children Are Seen and Heard at Weekly Shabbat Services

Every Saturday morning, while adults pray together in the main sanctuary or at a learning service, the youngest members of BEKI participate in their own weekly ritual. Designed to meet the spiritual and social needs of preschool children, the Children’s Havura is a very special tradition at BEKI.

The Children’s Havura is a hands-on, volunteer-led Shabbat service specifically aimed at young children. Children and their grown-ups sit in a circle and read from special prayerbooks, or siddurim, with covers lovingly decorated by the kids themselves. The service is replete with many ancient and sacred Hebrew prayers, but it also includes some modern English songs that touch on themes important to the youngest children. For example the verse of one favorite song is “thank you for my friends, thank you for my toys; thank you, God, for taking care of all the girls and boys.” Just before settling down for a discussion of the weekly parasha, the children sing and march around with room with stuffed toy Torah scrolls. Parents attend the Havura with their children, so there are plenty of adults to help make the service meaningful for the little ones.

Parent volunteers take turns leading services and organize a special activity that relates to the weekly Torah portion. This may include teaching a new song, reading a favorite Torah story, or acting out a Bible story, complete with costumes and props. Parents tend to focus on the most accessible lessons from the Torah, and recurring themes include being a good friend and a kind and caring person, the value of tzedakah (charity) and the importance of mitzvot (religious duties). Following the half-hour of songs, stories, prayers and dance, the children have their own qiddush refreshments and then enjoy supervised play until they join the adult worship for the Concluding Service and qiddush.

The Havura, which is most appropriate for children under five years, enjoys strong support from parents and the Synagogue. Currently about 60 children and their parents actively participate in the Havura. Visitors have come from across New England to observe this program as a model for their own synagogues. For older children, there are other age-appropriate services that also meet every Shabbat. Children in kindergarten through second grade attend K-2 Kehila; Junior Congregation is for children in grades 3-6; Cosmic Conversations is designed for students in middle or junior high school. It is not necessary to be a member of the synagogue to participate. However, many Children’s Havura families have joined BEKI because it is such a welcoming community.

Look What's New at the JCC

Sandwiches
Salads
Coffee & More!

Game Room
Pool Table · Foosball · Jukebox
Wireless Internet · Ping Pong
Open Daily. Come in and hang!

JCC of Greater New Haven
360 Amity Road, Woodbridge www.jccnh.org
Marcia Landesman of Woodbridge is one of the many parent leaders and regular attendees. “I’ve been attending the Children’s Havura with my two children for over a year now, and from the first Shabbat I was blown away by the warm and welcoming atmosphere. That first Saturday, everyone was so friendly and inviting. Though it was clear that everyone else was a ‘regular,’ my children and I were included and we caught on to the service very quickly. I never thought I’d be a regular Shabbat attendee, but my kids adore being part of a Havura and BEKI has helped me reclaim the peacefulness of Shabbat by creating a space that is welcoming to and stimulating for children.”

Sara Labowe Stoll of Woodbridge explains her commitment to the Children’s Havura. “We lead the Children’s Havura because it keeps us returning to shul on a regular basis. It keeps us religiously active, socially connected and participating in what we believe is good and important to our lives and the lives of our children.” Her three-year-old son, Jaden, says “Mommy, I want to go to shul this Shabbos and play in the kiddie room!”

Rob Schonberger of New Haven was attracted to BEKI because it is a family-oriented shul. “The Children’s Havura has a down-to-earth lay-led feeling to it, but thanks to the skilled facilitation of Miriam Benson, it also has a robust resource file-cabinet and logistical support to make it consistently strong. Beyond that, BEKI welcomes families with small children by offering a child-friendly qiddush including high chairs. Our daughter looks forward to shul each week, as do I.”

If you are interested in learning more about the BEKI Children’s Shabbat Havura or any of the other three youth Shabbat programs, come any Shabbat (Saturday) morning at 10:45a and see for yourself. Or contact Miriam Benson at mirbenson@aol.com, who along with Education Director Dr. Lauren Kempton (lkempton@beki.org) coordinates the program.
Welcome to New Members & Their Families

Eric & Emily Dunsker and Alex
Perry Goodman & Berengere Gay
Rebecca Weiner & Mike Rastelli and Sarah
Adam & Iris Gafni-Kane and Arnon
Daniel Goldstein & Grace Jenq and Benjamin and Mia
Gila & Barry Fischman and Allison and Jonathan
Al & Marge Barnett
Yair & Stephanie Listokin and Ami Jonathan & Rachel Dranoff

Mazal tov to

Belle Greenberg on the birth of her grandchildren Stella Justin Greenberg and Aviv Jacob Tesar

Nadav & Rita Sela on the birth of their grandson to Rebecca & Amitai Sela in New Jersey


Upcoming Benei Mitzva Observances

• Lauren Buckman, daughter of Kenneth & Linda Buckman, granddaughter of Ivan & Rita Sachs, niece of Mark & Ilene Sachs, 03-04 November 2006, parashat Lekh-lekha

• Matt Lebow, son of Bruce & Laurie Lebow, 17-18 November 2006

With Sorrow We Note the Passing of

Esther Spector

Morton Greenblatt, father of Ruthie Greenblatt

Abraham Fish, brother of Leonard (& Inge) Fish

Madeline Carloni, mother of Jim Carloni

Marcel Mordecai Gutman, father of Mimi (& Ephrem) Glenn

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Need a Letter for Employer or School?

Shul members occasionally need letters to employers or principals explaining the nature of the Jewish holiday observance. Despite the high level of understanding in our community, there is still a need for education and information. It is important that our children be in shul for all of Yomtov.

If you would like such a letter for Yom Kippur or Sukkot, contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 x10 or jjtilsen@beki.org.

MERCAZ – The Zionist Organization of the Conservative Movement

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Is Hazak a Geezer Pleaser?

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) bills “Hazak” as “USCJ’s organization for mature Jews….Hazak is designed to address the needs of seniors in full-service congregations where programming priorities are often largely targeted to the younger congregant.” Is this something that we need or want at BEKI?

Interest in Hazak at BEKI has so far been muted. While some efforts have been made to address the “needs of seniors” at BEKI, we could not claim to have a wealth of programs or services specifically for seniors. Instead, our approach has been to take some measures to insure seniors are able to enjoy programs meant to be of general interest.

One refrain of BEKI enthusiasts is that they enjoy the “diversity” of the membership. Upon examination, we find that “age diversity” is at or near the top of their list. Specifically, many young people (we’re a Jewish organization, so “young” means under 75) – even people in their twenties – say they actually want to be with older members. At the same time, some older members often enjoy being with young adults and children. Diversity is experienced positively.

But there are times when we do better in less diverse groups. We have several concurrent Shabbat morning services or programs to address the particular interests or needs of participants, including youth in several age groupings and adults learning the order of the service. We believe that three-year-olds can benefit from programs that are designed for their developmental level. A toddler may be enraptured watching TV’s “Blue’s Clues,” but adults find it torturous or mind-numbing. One size does not fit all. But most often, we hear that people want to be together with “everyone” at least some of the time.

Our congregation is “membership-driven.” That means we do not have offices filled with staff planning programs for our members. Instead, most of what happens at BEKI comes about through the initiative of our active members, sometimes with the assistance of our capable staff. If BEKI is to develop additional programs designed especially for the interests and needs of seniors, it will be up to some of our members to make it happen.

Before we knock ourselves out patting ourselves on the back, we should realize that our efforts to provide for the particular needs of our membership “segments” deserve only a “fair” but not “excellent” rating. We offer programs to address specific needs and interests, including outreach to adults with developmental disabilities or mental illness, as well as classes for people with varied backgrounds. We have tried to make our building more accessible by creating a new entry and handicapped washrooms. But we still have a lot of work to do to make everyone truly feel welcome, and for each of us to learn to respect and welcome others who are different, one way or another. While trying to address the needs of specific groups, we are focusing on the greatest challenge: To create a broad, diverse, respectful, learning, caring, and worshiping community.

You stand this day, all of you, before the Lord your God—your tribal heads, your elders and your officials, all the men of Israel, your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to water drawer (Deut. 29:9-10).
Mitzva in the Midst

It has been nearly a year since our successful Shabbaton with Danny Siegel. We would like to hear from you; what have you done to make a difference in the past year? Remember, every act is important, no matter the degree of involvement, no matter the size of the task or project.

Please contact Dr. Jennifer Botwick, Social Action chair, with your experiences and stories about your mitzva happenings. After all responses are collected, they will be shared with our terrific congregation. Contact: drjbotwicknd@yahoo.com or leave information in the SATO mailbox at BEKI; attention Dr. Botwick.

Looking forward to hearing from you!
Dr. Jennifer Botwick

Also, please note that our winter coat drive is in progress. Please bring your gently used winter coats and jackets to the marked bins in our lobby. Thank you.

High Thanks

Sincere thanks to those members of the BEKI community who worked together to make this year’s High Holy Days celebration so special. From helping with mailings, cleaning silver, shopping, landscaping, preparing the breakfast, greeting and ushering, assigning honors to leading our services and study groups, chanting from the Torah, and engaging our youth in phenomenal programming (and everything in between) - your efforts to enhance this community are so greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Darryl Rotman Kuperstock, Jay Brown, Sherry Rothman, Lauren Kempton and Saul Bell
BEKI High Holy Days Committee

Mmmmmm, PIE! Triple Mitzva!

Please be sure to check your mail for the flyer and order form for this year’s annual BEKI/BJ USY Thanksgiving Pumpkin & Apple Pie Sale. As always, in addition to supporting the activities of our youth by ordering delicious ready-to-bake pareve pies for your holiday table and home, plan to order additional pies for donation to the CT Food Bank for distribution over the Thanksgiving holiday to those in need. All proceeds are donated to tzedaka through the USY Social Action - Tikkun Olam Fund. Thanks for your support. More info in next month’s Bulletin.

Thanks, Guys: Men’s Club Cleans Up

For many years, BEKI was blessed with an official “Men’s Club” whose members performed many tasks on behalf of the congregation. Although the official designation may have changed, we still have many men (and women) who carry on the volunteer tradition – putting up the Sukka, preparing Sunday breakfasts, ushering on the Holy Days. We thank Lenny Fish, Saul Bell and the rest of the official members of the Club for spending the last of their treasury on a much needed synagogue project, the industrial-strength cleaning of our kitchen. The Men’s Club scrambled thousands of eggs over the years, and still managed to leave the kitchen spotless. I suppose some would say this marks the true spirit of egalitarianism so evident here at BEKI. Thanks, guys! DL et al.

USCJ Honors Sherry Rothman

BEKI member Sherry Rothman will be honored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) at a “Celebration of Conservative Judaism” on 22 October. She will receive the Synagogue Leadership Award at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Valley Region of
the USCJ, to be held this year at Congregation Beth El in Fairfield. This award recognizes Sherry’s outstanding contributions as an executive officer and as an energetic and effective volunteer, leading by example and motivating many other people to give their time, energy, and resources to the synagogue. Sherry has been the Board liaison to the BEKI Religious School, has lined up parent-leaders for the children’s High Holiday programs, found sponsors for Shabbat qiddushim, helped organize (and co-sponsor) the Spring Fling auction, and much more. BEKI members are welcome to attend the brunch. Tickets are $36. To attend, please email benson@uscj.org.

In addition to her volunteer work, Sherry teaches special education in Bridgeport. She is married to Dr. Steve Rothman, and they have four wonderful children: Danielle, Michael, Dayna and Mara.

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.

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.

Standard Time Resumes:

Clocks are “turned back” one hour on Sunday morning 29 October 2006. Please note that the convention for changing from Standard to Daylight Saving Time may be altered next year.
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| Rosh Hodesh I | Rosh Hodesh II | No Religious School | No Religious School | Hoshanah Rabbah | 5:47pm Candle Lighting | 10:45am Children’s Programs |
| 9:00am Religious School | 10:00am Sukkah Take Down | 7:45am Rashi Study Group | 10:00am Food & the Environment presented by Becky May | 9:15am Children’s Programs | 5:45pm Minha | 10:45am Children’s Programs |
| 10:00am Blood Drive | 7:30pm General Board Meeting | | | 12:30pm Talmud Study Group (off-site) | 5:45pm Minha | Qiddush: TBA |
| 10:00am General Board Meeting | | | | 2:00pm Writing Group | 6:15pm Festival Maariv | |

| 29     | 30     | 31     |
| 9:00am Religious School | 10:00am-3:00pm Blood Drive | |
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### Service Times

**Sundays:**
- 7a Shaharit
- 5:45p Minha-Maariv

**Mondays:**
- 7a Shaharit
- 5:45p Minha-Maariv

**Wednesdays:**
- 7a Shaharit
- 5:45p Minha-Maariv

**Thursdays:**
- 8:15a Shaharit
- 5:45p Minha-Maariv

### Beki Events
**Shabbatot**

**Darshanim in October**

A special guest will serve as darshan on Shabbat Bereishit 21 October 2006.

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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 Library Chapel, 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.

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**Sundays**

**MAKOM Beit HaMidrash at BEKI: “Introduction to Talmud” & “Talmud Berakhot, Chapter II” with Moshe Meiri**

**Beginning & Intermediate Sections**

Serious youth are invited to dive into the “sea of Talmud” on Sunday mornings with Moshe Meiri. Two sections will be offered; one for beginning students, and another for continuing students. Students are expected to have studied some Mishna and be able to read Hebrew. An acquaintance with Rashi’s commentaries is helpful. The text, the El - Am edition, will be supplied. This text is vocalized for easy reading and is accompanied by an English commentary and translation. The classes meet Sunday mornings from about 10:00a to 11:00a and 11:05a to noon. Students wishing to enroll should speak with Arnold Carmel at MAKOM. The classes are open only to students in grades 8-12.

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This is an honors program class and will be taught in an academic Jewish Studies style. Disciplined attendance is expected. Moshe may be reached at moshe@snet.net.

**MAKOM Beit HaMidrash at BEKI: “The Genesis Chronicles” with Margolit Kern**

Margolit Kern will be teaching Miqra (Scripture) for youth at two challenging levels on Sunday mornings. The classes are part of the MAKOM honors program at BEKI for students in grades 8-12. The classes meet Sunday mornings from about 10:00a to 11:00a and 11:05a to 12:25p. Students wishing to enroll should speak with Arnold Carmel at MAKOM. This is an honors program class and will be taught in an academic Jewish Studies style. Disciplined attendance is expected.

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**Mondays**

**Rashi Study Group**

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a 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. The Rashi Study Group has met weekly since 1994 and is currently reading the book of Numbers. Visitors and new participants are welcome. The Rashi Study Group meets immediately following the
7:00a shaharit morning service. (The RSG will meet at 9:45a on Monday 9 October following the 9:00a Columbus Day service.)

**Thursdays**

**Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group**

The “Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group,” hosted by Isaiah Cooper, meets weekly on Thursdays during the lunch hour (12:30p to 1:30p) with Rabbi Tilsen 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@cooperlaw.net.

**Writing Group**

The Writing Group meets each Thursday in the Chapel Library from 2:00p to 4:00p. Interested writers gather to share the short pieces that they have written: memoirs, poetry, children’s stories and short stories. The goal of the group is to encourage writing, critique of written pieces, and publishing. Each week the participants bring a piece of their writing. The writer then has a “Read-Aloud” and the group provides feedback. This community aims to generate writing and provide support and feedback for published pieces. For more information please contact Ruth Silver at bergida@yahoo.com or Dr. Lauren Kempton at 389-2108 x13 or lkempton@beki.org

**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 contact Jay at (203) 387-6019 or sokolow@snet.net.
Contributions

Rabbi’s Tzedaqa Fund (Minimum $25)
- Irma Hamburger

Qiddush Sponsors (Minimum $250)
- David & Joanne Goldblum
- John Weiser & Shoshana Zax
- Mimi Glenn
- Jay Sokolow & Ina Silverman
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- Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
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Hesed Committee
- To Lenny & Inge Fish with sympathy on the passing of Abe Fish by Sid & Donna Levine

Harold Ratner Memorial Fund
- To Lenny & Inge Fish with sympathy on the passing of Abe Fish by Mikki Ratner

Ari Nathan Levine Children’s Library
- To Ruthie Greenblatt with sympathy on the passing of Morton Greenblatt by Sid & Donna Levine
- In memory of Ari Levine on his yahrzeit by Donna, Sid, Sarah, Ilana & Joshua Levine

Chai Fund (minimum $18) to support synagogue operations
- To Sheila Gardiner and family with sympathy on the passing of Henry Rothchild by Mort & Elayne Dimenstein
- To Sheila Gardiner and family with sympathy on the passing of Henry Rothchild by Jay Brown
- To Lester Margolis in honor of his 80th birthday by Milton & Beatrice Smirnoff
- In honor of Jay Sokolow & Ina Silverman by the Mogil family
- To Emma Golub in honor of her Bat Mitzva by Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
- To Kaili Janette in honor of her Bat Mitzva by Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
- To Yael Grazier-Zerbarini in honor of her Bat Mitzva by Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
- To Jonathan & Rachel Granoff in honor of their wedding by Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
- To the BEKI congregation with thanks for a great visit and alliance by Daniel Bryan from L.A.
- To the BEKI Renovation fund in memory of Natalie Edison by M.R.K.
- To Ruthie Greenblatt with sympathy on the passing of Morton Greenblatt by Paula Hyman & Stanley Rosenbaum
- To Sheila Gardiner with sympathy on the passing of Henry Rothchild by The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven
- To Ruthie Greenblatt with sympathy on the passing of Morton Greenblatt by Rob Forbes & Joanne Foodim
- To Ruthie Greenblatt with sympathy on the passing of Morton Greenblatt by Mort & Elayne Dimenstein
- To Ruthie Greenblatt with sympathy on the passing of Morton Greenblatt by Janice & Robert Lettick

Tsvi Benson-Tilsen Solar Project
- Marty Gold & Rena Cheskis-Gold
- M.R.K

Synagogue Fund (minimum $10) to support synagogue operations
- To Sheila Gardiner and family with sympathy on the passing of Henry Rothchild by Jack & Rissa Mendlestein
- To Sheila Gardiner and family with sympathy on the passing of Henry Rothchild by Violet & Charles Ludwig
- To Mr. & Mrs. Leon Medvedow with sympathy on the passing of Estelle Krobick Leventhal by Violet & Charles Ludwig
- To Sylvia Dworski in memory of Rose Dworski by Tillie Horwitz
- To Lenny & Inge Fish with sympathy on the passing of Abe Fish by Doris & David Sagerman
Yahrzeit Fund ($5 minimum) to support synagogue operations

• In memory of her father Louis Blatt by Marilyn Margolis
• In memory of Albert Pliskin by Diana Klatskin
• In memory of Louis Rosenkrantz by Max Rosenkrantz
• In memory of Gertrude Cheifetz by Robert Shaye
• In memory of Oscar Stein by Marian Stein
• In memory of Leonard & Mildred Stein by Marian Stein
• In memory of Harry F. Meadow by Arnold Meadow
• In memory of Louis Henken by Gladys Lipkin
• In memory of Arnold Lerner by Celia Lerner
• In memory of Rose Pergament by Deanna Tulin
• In memory of Geraldine Linda Lappie by Steven Hershman
• In memory of Louis Epstein by Kranie & Earl Baker
• In memory of Irving Kaufman by Florence Kaufman
• In memory of Fannie Gurian by Earl & Muriel Banquer
• In memory of Rose Kresel by Audrey Levine
• In memory of his father Albert B. Reifler by Michael & Sara Reifler
• In loving memory of his father Max Silverman by Robert Silverman
• In memory of Isaac Greenberg by Irving Greenberg
• In memory of Marilyn Shure Savin by Ronald Savin
• In memory of Sylvia Fleischner by Hillel & Sara-Ann Auerbach
• In memory of Philip Auerbach by Hillel & Sara-Ann Auerbach
• In memory of Nathan Rosenkrantz by Max Rosenkrantz

• In memory of Renee Abend by Doris & David Sagerman
• In memory of Joseph Sagerman by Doris & David Sagerman
• In memory of Hannah Zarnes by Doris & David Sagerman
• In memory of Harry S. Fleischner by Dr. Robert Fleischner
• In memory of Irv Zerwitz by the Zlotoff Family

• In memory of Fannie Meadow by Arnold Meadow
• In memory of Joseph Abramowitz by Edith Alper
• In memory of Stella Zusman by Howard & Patricia Zusman
Yom Kippur

In preparation for the full-day fast of Yom Kippur, it is suggested that caffeine users reduce their intake to avoid withdrawal symptoms on the Holy Day. Some people avoid wearing leather shoes on Yom Kippur, so do not be surprised to see canvas sneakers or other non-leather shoes in use. Some also follow the custom of wearing a *kittel* (white robe) or other white garments on Yom Kippur.

On the afternoon before Yom Kippur, Sunday 1 October 2006, the Minha service begins at 6:00p. Candle Lighting is 6:17p (or earlier). The Kol Nidre and Maariv Evening services begin promptly at 6:15p and end by 8:30p. Shaharit Morning services begin at 9:00a; the Yizkor Memorial service begins after 11:00a. The Minha Afternoon services begin at 4:45p. The service ends with Havdala and the sounding of the Shofar at 7:18p.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a Break-Fast in the Lower Level Social Hall presented by George G. Posener as a loving memorial to his dear departed family members, whose *yahrzeits* we observe during this season.

**The George G. Posener Family Memorial Yom Kippur Break-Fast Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel in blessed memory of his wife, parents, sisters, brother and two precious sons** was established by George G. Posener in 2001 to create a lasting memorial at the time of the *yahrzeits* of his family members. Proceeds from this endowment provide for a special and meaningful community gathering at the end of Yom Kippur.

Tickets are required for adult entrance to most services. Among other reasons, this is to ensure the safety and security of the Congregation. Full-time students and military personnel on active duty may enter upon presentation of proper identification. Every person in the building must be identified before entry.

Some of the ushers serving during the Holy Days may be new members. Veteran members who do not recognize the ushers are urged to introduce themselves, as our ushers wish to meet as many members and visitors as they can.

Babysitting is available by prior arrangement for infants during most of the Holy Day services, and for older children during hours when the Children’s Programs are not meeting. Walk-in service is not available. To reserve babysitting service, please call 389-2108 x13.
Sisterhood Giftshop

is open Sundays
10:30a to 12:10p
During October, November & December

Torah Fund for October 2006

The Torah Fund Campaign of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism supports The Jewish Theological Seminary. Founded in 1886 as a rabbinical school, The J.T.S. is the academic and spiritual center of Conservative Judaism worldwide. The Seminary trains tomorrow’s religious, educational, academic and lay leaders for the Jewish community.

Sisterhoods across the U.S., Canada and beyond support The J.T.S. by purchasing cards for all occasions and by donations. A donation of $180 entitles the giver to our beautiful pin and the knowledge that your gift has helped a great institution and its students: our future rabbis, cantors, academic and lay leaders.

To donate or send cards and save a trip to the store call Barbara – 407-0314 – and for just $4.00 your card is sent right out.

Barbara Cushen
Torah Fund Chairman

Thank you to BEKI Sisterhood Benefactors as of September 1, 2006. They are Violet Ludwig, Mimi Glenn, Ruthie Greenblatt, Margot Roten and Barbara Cushen.

Thanks to the following who purchased cards over the past few months.

Mazel Tov to:
• Shoshana Nemoy on her 65th birthday from Hyla Greenberg
• Carol Tendler on her birthday from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Jimmy Tendler on his birthday from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Marcie Dimenstein on her birthday from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Phyllis Rosell on her new job from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Nancy & Olivia Newman on “Peter Pan” from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Herbie Lagin on his birthday from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein

Get Well to:
• Michele Cleinman from Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe
• Marilyn Gerber from Harriet & Noel Barstein
• Sylvia Lupkin from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Grace Geisinger from Charlie & Violet Ludwig
• George Posener from Charlie & Violet Ludwig
• Ruby Ketaineck from Helen Miller
• Jack Saxe from Stanley Saxe & Barbara Cushen
• Pricella Kerson from Adele Tyson

In Memory of:
• Lorraine Cushen from Barbara Cushen
• Ada Tapper from Harriet & Noel Barstein
• Shirley Presant from Harriet & Noel Barstein
• Irving Geltman from Anna Goldberg
• Arnold Horowitz from Anna Goldberg, Stanley Saxe & Barbara Cushen
• Irma Berman from Helen Miller
• Peter Myers from Louis Petrillo
• Estelle Leventhal from Stanley Saxe & Barbara Cushen
• Moses Berliner from David Wright
• Abe Fish from Helen Miller, Adel Tyson, Barbara Cushen & Stanley Saxe, David Wright, Grace Geisinger
• Henry Rothchild from Grace Geisinger
• Sylvia Lupkin’s brother from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Stacy Lagin’s and Alan Lagin’s mother from Elayne & Mort Dimenstein
• Morton Greenblatt from Sylvia Zeid, Adele Tyson, Barbara Cushen, Stanley Saxe, the BEKI Hesed Committee, David Wright, Mikki Ratner
The expanded lobby and coatroom was completed in September. For all worship services and special programs, please enter the building through either the new Sachs Family entrance from the parking lot or the triple-door lobby entry from Harrison Street. All exits may be used without triggering an alarm; however, the exits along the driveway and the single-door exit to Harrison Street in the classroom wing involves an electric switch, which may be of concern to some visitors on Shabbat. The new doors do not involve electronics when used manually.

For entrance during office hours, please enter only through the new Sachs Family entrance on the eastern side of the building from the parking area.

The memorial boards have been restored and are mounted in the social hall. Spaces are limited; please reserve your plaques by contacting Peggy in the office (389-2108 x14 or office@beki.org).

Throughout the renovated areas, including the memorial boards, higher efficiency lighting was implemented. In addition, illuminated exit signs in other areas have been retrofitted with higher efficiency bulbs. This lighting is in better compliance with the mitzva of bal tashhit (the prohibition against destroying the natural environment), and should make the areas more comfortable by reducing excess heat. The new lighting will also be substantially less expensive to operate. For information on high-efficiency lighting available to consumers and subsidized by United Illuminating, see www.energyfederation.org/smartliving. For a broader selection, see www.energyfederation.org.

During October, some of the details of the finish will be completed in the lobby area. Artwork, original dedication plaques, mezuzot and other items will be mounted. Construction of the new Claire Goodwin Youth Room should be reaching its conclusion (work was well under way when this issue went to press). Once the new CGYR is passes inspection, work will begin on the new George G. Posener Daily Chapel.

For information on the renovations project, please contact John Weiser at 389-0931.