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SOLAR UPDATE

Our congregation is continuing to develop a proposal to invest in a 66-kilowatt solar photovoltaic array to be located on the roof of the social hall and on the remaining space on the classroom wing. The [current photovoltaic array at BEKI](#), installed in September 2006 on part of the classroom wing, is nominally a 10-kilowatt system. The current proposal is driven in part by the new roof sections installed in 2013, which optimize the length of time the array might be in service, and by the likelihood that the new ZREC (renewable energy credit) subsidy agreements will be less generous or eliminated next year and in coming years. We do not expect the after-subsidy cost of new systems to decline substantially in the short term, nor do we expect the price of electricity supplied by the utility to decline in the long term.

Our congregation has won an opportunity to produce our entire demand for electricity from our own rooftop. The local and regional utilities selected BEKI through a lottery of qualified applicants to serve as a site for an extended photovoltaic array, in order to satisfy the utilities' mandate under federal and local regulations to supply a growing proportion of electricity from renewable sources.

The cost to purchase and install a 66-kilowatt array at BEKI is about \$180,000. Net of maintenance and other costs, the array would return at least \$18,000 a year to BEKI in saved electric costs and the utility subsidy to BEKI for the first 15 years, and at least \$10,000 a year in years 16 to 25 or beyond, expressed in current dollars and assuming electric rates do not change substantially in the next 25 years.

This would represent a significant continuing benefit to the synagogue. It would also be one way to implement and express our desire to reduce our consumption of fossil fuels, and could reduce the stress on the local electric grid.

BEKI uses about 90,000 kWh annually, not counting the electricity we produce from our existing small array installed in 2006. A typical house in Connecticut uses about 8,400 kWh per year, so BEKI's use is equivalent to about 11 houses. By comparison, a large hairdryer uses 2,500 watts, so if operated for one hour, 2.5 kWh. A 20-Watt light bulb, if operated for 50 hours, uses 1 kWh. Our large building uses electricity for indoor and outdoor lighting, refrigeration, air-



Security Upgrades

A significant upgrade to our building security system is being installed this month. The project was included in the budget approved by the Board of Directors last spring. The equipment will provide better video monitoring and recording capabilities.

The upgrade includes new and improved cameras at building entrances and internal monitors in sensitive locations. The system enables staff to see who is attempting to enter the building during office hours, as well as alert staff when normally unoccupied areas of the building are occupied.

The recording capabilities will aid authorities in identifying and apprehending anyone who engages in criminal or dangerous activities, in order to benefit our entire community. The system also enables synagogue officers to give real-time internal video monitoring access to authorities should a situation ever arise when that is needed. It better enables those responsible for the building to locate an intruder during a night-time trespass or identify the source of smoke.

We experience a "burglar alarm" several times a year, usually due to wind blowing a door open or a similar user error. In the past twenty years, we have had four or five "break-ins" during the night, mostly resulting in minor building damage. In one case, many cookies were eaten (from the kitchen) and a non-functional window

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Security

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air conditioner was stolen; in another case, the Sisterhood Giftshop window was broken and several small items taken. The new equipment will enable our officers or authorities to “check the building” before entering during an alarm, which could prevent or prepare authorities for a confrontation with an intruder, or save an officer a 2 a.m. visit to apprehend a “Mazal Tov on Your Bar Mitzva” balloon that takes flight.

Recording capability may help identify culprits in property crime against cars or the building. In recent memory, we are aware of one attempted car theft on Harrison Street (about 1994), and one break-in of a vehicle in our parking lot. Our neighboring building (the former Masonic Temple) has been subject to graffiti. Incidents have been rare, but it is a public good to help identify culprits.

From time to time, items have “gone missing” from the coatroom. Most often this is the result of a member or visitor taking a look-alike item by mistake. Sometimes such items are eventually returned with an apology, and sometimes we see an item similar to the one missing left in the coatroom. Suggestion: Put your name on your coat or other item, and a busi-

ness card in your tallit bag. We also suspect that items have been stolen occasionally from the coatroom or other areas. Suggestion: Do not leave valuable items unattended, and report suspicious behavior to a Greeter, staff member or officer.

Part of the security at BEKI derives from the fact that everyone is known, and visitors are greeted immediately in a friendly and welcoming manner. If you see someone you don’t know, introduce yourself and make a new friend. Some of our members attend infrequently, and most of our members have usual routines and favored sets of activities, so don’t assume that a person you don’t know is not already a member – you could be meeting a morning Minyanaire who happens to come once to an evening service.

Please be sure to put a name tag on backpacks, diaper bags and other items that you may bring with you. Items left unattended may be removed or destroyed without warning due to security concerns.

Religious School faculty and staff are drilled in fire and security procedures, including evacuation and lock-down protocols. Fortunately, our building is located one block from a New Haven fire station, and is a favored location for police parking. New Haven police sometimes do paperwork

or other investigation in patrol cars, and they have to park somewhere, and the New Haven police have been very responsive to our security concerns.

The sanctuary is secured separately from the remainder of the building. That means that an intruder alarm is armed in the sanctuary during the day when the room is not in use. If the sanctuary door is locked, please do not enter without a staff member or a person who can deactivate the alarm – otherwise you will set off the alarm.

Procedures, protocols and equipment are according to advice from consultants at USCJ, ADL, local police and other agencies. An ongoing “Security Committee” at BEKI reviews our plans and equipment and conducts drills. For information, or to help or fund this, please contact Jay Sokolow (% office@beki.org).

Our building has up-to-date fire and smoke sensors, even though we don’t usually have fires -- in fact we have not had an event more serious than “burnt toast” in anyone’s memory. Nevertheless, we maintain an alarm system not only because it is required by law, but because we believe safety is paramount. The same attitude applies to the enhanced security equipment installed this month – we hope we never really need to use it, but it is good that it is there. 

Solar

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conditioning and heat circulation systems, and office equipment. Just the “emergency exit” signs alone use 500 kWh per year. Our electric bill from UI, without this new project, is expected to be about \$23,000 in 2015.

The Congregation recently completed a major fundraising program, BEKI-120, as well as a significant building renovation, the “Windows 2014” project. Instead of launching a broad-based or “fair share” campaign, we are inviting members and supporters who are especially motivated or inspired by the Solar 2015 project to make this happen. Of the \$180,000 goal, over \$66,000 has been offered by seven donors as of late-January, and a provision has been made for short-term financing, so that we are able to accept payments of pledges for the project at least through 2018. The fund-raising

phase for this project will need to be substantially completed by the end of February 2015.

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel seeks to be a model urban institution and to promote good citizenship among its members. The community seeks to comply with the Biblical law of *בל תשחית* *bal tashhit*, which prohibits destruction of the natural environment and wasting of resources. The congregation aims to put the *conserve* into Conservative Judaism. Implementing the Solar 2015 project to its full extent is one way the Congregation can come closer to these ideals.

If you are interested in learning more about this proposal, or might like to participate in planning and execution of fundraising or installation, or would like to be asked to be a major donor should the plan be adopted, please contact Vice President Yaron Lew aronl@aol.com, Rabbi Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org or President Andy Hirshfield president@beki.org. 

המקום ינחם

HaMaqom Yinahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Rebecca Genn, daughter of Nancy Genn

Marvin Sachs, brother of Ivan (& Rita) Sachs

Elizabeth Mohr, mother of Judy Hayward

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Upcoming Benei Mitzva Observances

Rafi Gottlieb, son of Miriam Feinstein and of Andres Gottlieb, March 20-21, Shabbat HaGadol, Rosh Hodesh Nisan, *parashat VaYiqra*.

Benjamin Goldstein, son of Daniel Goldstein & Grace Jenq, April 24-25, *parashiyot Tazria - Metsora*.

Matthew Silverman, son of Debbie & Abe Silverman, nephew of Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow, May 8-9, *parashat Emor*.

Ari Gad, son of Martin & Lana Gad, May 29-30, *parashat Naso*.

Sisterhood



Tu BeShevat

The 15th day of Shevat is the New Year of the Trees, the beginning of the season when trees begin to bud in Israel. Tu BeShevat is a day of judgment concerning earth's vegetation.

We commemorate this day by eating seven types of fruits and grain mentioned in the Torah: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

A newly in-season fruit is customarily eaten on this day for the season's first time. The blessing "She-hehyanu" is recited in addition to the usual blessing "ha-etz" said over the fruit.

The Torah states: "For a human is the tree of the field." Just as a healthy tree bears fruits, so should we strive to produce fruits in our life. These "fruits" are the good deeds and mitzvot that bring spiritual nourishment to those

around us. In addition to our common mitzvot and responsibilities, we each have a special role to play in making the world a beautiful garden.

We also plant trees in Israel on Tu BeShevat. Jewish National Fund sells tree certificates for this purpose. If you wish to purchase certificates in honor of someone or in memory, please contact Mimi Glenn (203) 397-3851. They cost \$18.



Mimi Glenn

Thank you note from Marrakesh

On October 10, 2014 Marrakech had its 7th Annual Ball. The theme was Red Carpet Hollywood and we had 240 people attend. Everyone enjoyed a great meal and were able to dance the night away. It was an incredible success, in part thanks to the generous donation of suits and gowns by members of the BEKI Congregation. Many of the individuals who attended the ball do not have the means to purchase new gowns and suits so your donation helped make this event even more special for all that attended.

– Jay Korman

Abraham's Tent

Once again Sisterhood is donating their time and money to help make hosting of Abraham's Tent in March a great success.

Membership

Sisterhood would like to thank all the BEKI members who became Sisterhood members this year.

Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund (minimum \$25)

- Evelyn Benson honoring Robert S. Tilsen at his milestone birthday
- Alan Lovins & Trish Loving in memory of Blanche Sapadin
- Evelyn Benson in appreciation of aliya laTorah
- Lou & Lisa Petrillo marking the *yahrzeit* of Jacob Pepper
- Albert Friedman in appreciation of aliya laTorah
- Monica Starr & Andy Hirshfield family in honor of Elijah Freiman's bar mitzva celebration
- Monica Starr & Andy Hirshfield family with condolences on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi
- Bruce Altman & Darcy McGraw in loving memory of Anna Altman
- Trish Loving & Alan Lovins with condolences on the passing of Marvin Sachs
- Sascha van Creveld honoring friends at BEKI on Purim
- Albert Friedman, Harriet & Charlie Bruce & Family with condolences to Ivan & Rita Sachs on the passing of brother Marvin Sachs

Qiddush Sponsors (minimum \$280)

- The Auerbach Family
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- Martin Gad, Elizabeth Karpf, Brian Karsif, Andy Hirshfield, Grace Jenq, Roz Ben-Chitrit, Dan Weintraub, Bob Oakes, Karel Koenig, Linda Buckman, Ada Fenick, Yair Minsky, Jonathan Freiman, Rachel Light Becky May & C.J. May
- David Wright

Chai Fund (minimum \$18) to support synagogue operations

- To BEKI in memory of Paul Goodwin by Rick Goodwin, Rachel Lampert & Jessie Claire Goodwin

- To BEKI in honor of Jessie Claire Goodwin's Bat Mitzva by Rick Goodwin & Rachel Lampert
- To Tamar Edelkind in honor of the birth of her granddaughter by Harriet and Richard Kantrowitz & Sherry Kent
- To Ivan Alvarez & Cyndi Wooding in honor of Caleb's adoption by Cathie & Ron Miller
- To Jessie Claire Goodwin in honor of her Bat Mitzva by Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel
- To Richard & Dianne Fidler with sympathy on the passing of Ida Fidler by Sue & Richard Jameson
- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Amy Marx, Rob Schonberger, Sophie, Jacob & Esther
- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Mark & Cyd Oppenheimer
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- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Joanne Foodim & Rob Forbes
- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Dan & Sharon Prober
- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya

Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Corinne Blackmer & Pilar Stewart

- **Synagogue Fund** (minimum \$10) to support synagogue operations
- To Ramin Ahmadi, Roya Hakakian & family with sympathy on the passing of Mahmoud Ahmadi by Mimi & Efi Glenn

In-Kind Donations

- Two new monitors and a graphics card for the office computer by Eric Dunsker

Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund

- To Gloria Frankel with sympathy on the passing of Joseph Frankel by Shirley Mattler
- To Gloria Frankel with sympathy on the passing of Joseph Frankel by Judith Resnick
- In memory of Ida & Isadore Frankel by Shirley Mattler
- In memory of Esther Mattler Black by Shirley Mattler
- In memory of Jacob Mattler by Shirley Mattler
- In memory of David Black by Shirley Mattler

Yahrzeit Fund (\$5

minimum) to support synagogue operations

- In memory of Amy Aaland by Jonathan Freiman, Gabriel Freiman, Elijah Freiman & Caleb Freiman
- In memory of Ida Kantrowitz by Harriet & Richard Kantrowitz & Sherry Kent
- In memory of Deborah Mendelson by Myra Harris
- In memory of Sasha Snyder by Irwin & Zeldia Snyder
- In memory of Morris Feldman by Lois K. Feldman
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- In memory of Samuel Adam Margolis by Amy Margolis
- In memory of her sister Elsie Klein Morris by Margaret Bograd

BEKI-BJ USY and Kadima

BEKI-BJ USY and Kadima are gearing up for the winter season. Kadima is a program for Jewish middle schoolers, from 5th through 8th grade, regardless of synagogue affiliation. At the end of 2014, Kadima members visited the Yale Leitner Planetarium and learned about winter constellations. Be on the lookout for winter-themed events this season, including snow tubing or ice skating. With March comes Purim, and Kadimaniks will have opportunities to celebrate the holiday together. Event dates will be set in January - please contact Stefan Kostolitz, Kadima Youth Group advisor, at bekibjkadima@gmail.com for more information or to join the e-mail list.

USY is a youth leadership program for Jewish young adults (8th - 12th grade). USY continues to hold biweekly Lounge Nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, now at B'nai Jacob. Lounge Nights are casual social meetings in which the teens participate in a themed activity and meet other young adults. USY is now inviting all 8th graders to join and participate in events this spring! For more information about USY, please contact Eli Azoff-Slifstein, USY Membership Chair, at eam273@gmail.com & Stefan Kostolitz, USY Youth Group advisor, at bekibjusy@gmail.com.

SATO Pageant and Overnight

USY HaNefesh Region SATO Pageant & Overnight is being held Feb. 7-8 in Manchester.

Recyclable crafts

BEKI-BJ Kadima: TuBeShevat recyclable craft event is Sunday Feb. 8.

Snow Tubing

BEKI-BJ Kadima Snow Tubing at Powder Ridge will be Sunday Feb. 22.

Food Collection

My Bar Mitzvah service project is to collect non-perishable foods for the food pantries in New Haven. I volunteer at a soup kitchen in New Haven. I see all these people who have to eat from this soup kitchen because they don't have enough money to feed themselves a meal. They go to a soup kitchen every night so they won't get hungry, which made me realize how many hungry people there are. I want to help these people even more than I do when I serve them the meal. You can help these people too. All you need to give are non-perishable foods so I can bring them to Connecticut's food banks. Thank you for helping hungry people. This food drive will be going on from now until March 15.

– Rafi Gottlieb

Kadima members visit the Yale Leitner Planetarium



Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דַּרְשָׁנִים

Darshanim

Darshan – noun, plural dar-sha-nim. Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggadah or Halakha in a synagogue.

Rabbi Tilsen has invited the following speakers to serve as guest Darshanim in the coming weeks:

Shula Chernoff, Feb. 14, Shabbat *Sheqalim*.

David Kuperstock, March 7, *parashat Ki Tisa*.

Bill Hallo, March 14, Shabbat *Para Rafi* Gottlieb, bar mitva, March 21, Shabbat *HaHodesh* & Rosh Hodesh.

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The *Shabbat Shalom Torah Study* meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45 to 11:45 in the office and is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Led by renowned scholar and popular teacher **Steven Fraade**, with **Rabbi Alan Lovins**, **Rabbi Murray Levine**, **Nadav Sela**, **Isaiah Cooper**, **Rabbi Eric Silver**, **Jay Sokolow** and others, the Shabbat Shalom Torah Study 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 Torah reading, Haftara (Prophetic reading) and liturgy.

The program often focuses on the scriptural readings, but also addresses the prayer liturgy and other topics related to the liturgical calendar, scriptural readings or current issues of concern. Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background. It is suitable for mature,



Shula Chernoff



David Kuperstock



Steven Fraade



Alan Lovins



Nadav Sela

or at least well-behaved, youth along with adults.

For meeting dates, see a weekly calendar. Next dates are Feb. 7 & 21 and March 7 & 21.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: Shemuel

Each Monday morning from 7:45 to 8:30 adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi’s commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) has begun the Book of Shemuel (Samuel). Characters in the narrative include the Prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David, Mikhal, Batsheva, and more. 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. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG meets immediately following the 7:00a *shaharit* morning service. On Monday Feb. 16 (Presidents Day), morning services are 9 to 9:45, followed by RSG until 10:30. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.



Jon-Jay Tilsen

Wednesdays

Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (*shaharit*) features a 180-second “Hebrew word of the Week” to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots, and are made with a limited set of verb or noun forms. By learning a few dozen roots and a small set of word-forms, it is possible to roughly translate Hebrew words isolated from any context, something less often possible in English. The Word of the Week often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion.

Rabbis’ Study Group

Wednesdays with Murray is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis and other clergy, 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



Murray Levine

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each other's experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at (203) 397-2513.

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shaharit service is from 8:15 to 9:15 on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7 a.m.

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets on Thursdays during the lunch hour (noon to 1). The Group has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud text; for others, it is a continuation of a long journey. The Group focuses on the

issues raised in the Talmud, with less attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is helpful but not required.

The Talmud, based on an oral text, has no beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time. The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office icooper@cooperlaw.net.



Isaiah Cooper

Every Day

Divrei Torah on the Web

Commentaries on various weekly Torah portions and related topics by BEKI members and guests are available at <http://beki.org/hungry.html>. Recently added is [Parashat BeMidbar Devar Torah](#) by David Kuperstock, May 24, 2014.

Want Hebrew?

Contact Will Auriemme perfectexodus@gmail.com. ☆

BEKI PURIM SEUDA (Festive Meal)

WHEN: Thurs. March 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. WHERE: In the BEKI Downstairs Social Hall
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Volunteers! Help! Call: Jennifer Myer, Food Committee Chair, jennifermymrmd@hotmail.com; Mark Oppenheimer, Membership Chair, 203-387-1317 -- Meet and Greet Committee; Liora Lew, Decorations Committee Chair, 203-389-1048; Nicole Korda, Face Painting Committee; kordapt@gmail.com; Rabbi Tilsen, Purim Spiel Committee, jjtilsen@beki.org; Isaiah Cooper, Helene Sapadin & Alice Kosowsky, Sing-a-long Committee, 203-287-1390; Miriam Benson, 203-389-6137 for Set-Up, Registration Table, or Clean-Up

Registration form & check due in BEKI office by March 1. Your prompt registration will help a lot.

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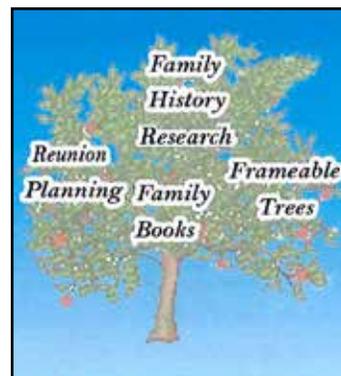
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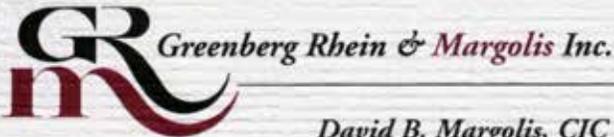


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12 Shevat 5775 - 9 Adar 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 9:00am Religious School 11:45am-1:00pm Super Deli Box Pick-Up</p> <p style="text-align: center;">12 Shevat</p>	<p>2 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">13 Shevat</p>	<p>3 7:30pm Israeli Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14 Shevat</p>	<p>4 <i>Tu B'Shevat</i> 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">15 Shevat</p>	<p>5 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 1:00pm Tai Chi for Seniors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 Shevat</p>	<p>6 4:56pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">17 Shevat</p>	<p>7 <i>Yitro</i> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Herbst & TBA 12:45pm Shabbat Shmooze "Abraham's Tent - What's It All About?" 5:00pm Minha-Maariv</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18 Shevat</p>
<p>8 9:00am Religious School 1:00pm Kadima Tu B'Shevat Recyclable Craft Event (reservations required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">19 Shevat</p>	<p>9 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 10:30am "Energy in America" with Prof. Daniel Prober (reservations required) 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20 Shevat</p>	<p>10 7:30pm Israeli Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">21 Shevat</p>	<p>11 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 7:00pm Social Action/Tikkun Olam Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22 Shevat</p>	<p>12 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 1:00pm Tai Chi for Seniors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 Shevat</p>	<p>13 5:05pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">24 Shevat</p>	<p>14 <i>Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Exodus II Kings</i> Darshanit: Shula Chernoff 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Chernoff 5:05pm Minha-Maariv</p> <p style="text-align: center;">25 Shevat</p>
<p>15 No Religious School 9:45am Kashrut review session (for kiddush team leaders)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">26 Shevat</p>	<p>16 Office Closed/Presidents' Day 9:00am Shaharit 9:45am Rashi Study Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">27 Shevat</p>	<p>17 7:30pm Israeli Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">28 Shevat</p>	<p>18 12:00pm Rabbi's Study Group No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 Shevat</p>	<p>19 <i>Rosh Hodesh I Numbers</i> 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 1:00pm Tai Chi for Seniors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30 Shevat</p>	<p>20 <i>Rosh Hodesh II Numbers</i> 5:14pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1 Adar</p>	<p>21 <i>Terumah</i> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 5:15pm Minha-Maariv</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Adar</p>
<p>22 No Religious School 2:00pm Kadima Snow Tubing (off- site/reservations required)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 Adar</p>	<p>23 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 Adar</p>	<p>24 No Israeli Dancing</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5 Adar</p>	<p>25 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6 Adar</p>	<p>26 12:00pm Talmud Study Group 1:00pm Tai Chi for Seniors</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7 Adar</p>	<p>27 5:22pm Candle Lighting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 Adar</p>	<p>28 <i>Tetzaveh Shabbat Zakhor Deuteronomy I Samuel</i> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Glenn & Jacobson 5:25pm Minha-Maariv</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9 Adar</p>

Service Times

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



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Torah Reading

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Greetings

If you would like to serve as a greeter on Shabbat mornings or Friday nights, please contact Jon-Jay at jjtilsen@beki.org.