For the 24th year, our community will be treated to festive, flavorful and fantastic boxed kosher deli lunches and dinners, thanks to the efforts of the BEKI/BJ Joint Youth Commission. The event, DELI BOXES, is our only annual fundraiser for the joint youth programs of the two synagogues, and will take place this year on Sunday, Feb. 1 – Superbowl Sunday (as usual).

**Buy Deli Boxes**

You don’t need to be watching the Superbowl game to enjoy a delicious deli meal prepared with love. Give yourself a break, have a party, fress – and support our award-winning youth programs.

Again this year, the choices are abundant, including: pastrami, corned beef, roast beef, portobello mushroom with roasted red peppers, turkey, tuna salad, egg salad and salami – and our most recent addition, a green salad (either plain or topped with turkey, egg or tuna).

**Added Bonus**

Golden Tickets will be randomly included in three Deli Boxes. Each Golden Ticket will entitle the winner to four free movie tickets.

The funds that are raised are used to provide subsidies to enable more of our youth to participate in a broad range of chapter, regional and international activities, and to supplement the program activities of both USY and Kadima at BEKI and B’nai Jacob.

The Youth Commission would like to encourage you to volunteer to help out at BEKI on Thursday evening Jan. 29 and Sunday morning, Feb. 1 as the “Deli Boxes Machine” rolls into action. We need all the help we can get to make sure the program is a success.

Order forms are available in this bulletin, in your mid-month mailing (paper or email), on the BEKI website [www.beki.org/delibox.pdf](http://www.beki.org/delibox.pdf), in the literature rack in the synagogue lobby, and by email request to kuperst@gmail.com. **Deadline for orders is Monday, Jan. 26.**

Please send orders with your advance payment to: Darryl Kuperstock, 2 Debby Lane, Woodbridge, CT 06525, or send your order by email to Darryl at kuperst@gmail.com. (Please note that all emailed orders are commitments for full payment at pick-up on Feb. 1).

If you are interested in providing additional support for our youth (with funding or volunteer participation), please contact the BEKI Youth Commission Chairperson: Rena Cheskis-Gold (203) 397-1497)

Thanks for your support.
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The BEKI/B'nai Jacob Joint Youth Commission sponsors the 24th Annual
Super Deli Boxes

Sunday, February 1, 2015!!!

PICK-UP FROM 11:45 – 1:30pm

On SuperBowl Sunday, don't worry about the food.

LET US PREPARE THE MEAL FOR YOU!

You don’t have to be watching the big game – watch a movie, play bridge, have a party or just relax and enjoy the break! Invite some friends over!

All profits benefit youth programs at both BEKI and B’nai Jacob

Only $13 each!!! - Each Deli box contains:
1 delicious Deli Sandwich on freshly baked rye bread (see choices of sandwiches below) OR Fresh Garden Salad (no bread), 1 container of freshly made coleslaw, 1 beverage, 1 bag of potato chips, 1 scrumptious pareve brownie, 1 large barrel pickle, 1 piece of fresh fruit, condiments, napkin, flatware - all food certified KOSHER and prepared under supervision

AND AGAIN THIS YEAR – FIND A “GOLDEN TICKET”

3 random boxes will contain a Golden Ticket, which can be exchanged for 4 movie tickets! Good for the whole family or a night out with friends!

All order forms MUST be received by MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

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Name_________________________ Phone________________________ Email________________________

Please indicate the NUMBER of boxes you would like of each type:

____ Corned Beef  ____ Pastrami  ____ Salami  ____ Turkey Breast  ____ Roast Beef
____ Tuna Salad  ____ Egg Salad (vegetarian)  ____ Portobello & Peppers (vegan/served on hard roll)
____ Garden Salad (no bread) – specify 1 only: ___plain ___w/turkey ___ w/hb egg

Total # of Boxes ________ x $13 = $_________

Beverage (CHOOSE 1 PER BOX) ____Coke ____Diet Coke ____Sprite ____Apple Juice ____Spring Water

ADDITIONAL DONATION TO BEKI/BJ Youth Programs  $________

Total amount of payment due to BEKI/BJ Youth Commission  $________

I’LL PICK-UP MY ORDER AT ____BEKI ____BJ
With sorrow we note the passing of

**Blanche Sapadin**, mother of Helene Sapadin

**Eunice Silverman**, aunt of Ina Silverman (& Jay Sokolow)
and of Abraham (& Debbie) Silverman

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

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**Mazal Tov to**

**Jennifer Klein** on receiving the 2014 Hans Sigrist Prize for her contribution to the field of “Women and Precarity: Historical Perspectives,” in the realm of history and social development of social security in the United States and the history of care work. She was awarded the prize in December in Bern, Switzerland.

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*BEKI Religious School students light chanukiah in December.*
Contributions

Rabbi’s Tzedqa Fund
(minimum $25)
- Lou & Lisa Petrillo marking the yahrzeit of Stanley Watsky
- Lou & Lisa Petrillo marking the yahrzeit of Jacob Pepper
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- To Renee & Mark Kohn with sympathy on the passing of Miriam Mermelstein by Leon Cummings

Qiddush Fund
- To Martin Gad in honor of his birthday by Margie & Jay Hirshfield

The Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund
- In memory of their mother Miriam L. Kahn by Richard & Michael Kahn
- In memory of Harold Ratner by Mikki Ratner

In-Kind Donations
- A new computer and monitors for the rabbi’s office by Eric Dunsker

Yahrzeit Fund ($5 minimum)
to support synagogue operations
- In memory of Rosalyn Olin Porte by Margaret Olin
- In memory of Lester Kenneth Olin by Margaret Olin
- In memory of Ned Hart Porte by Margaret Olin
- In memory of Samuel Flamer by Mickey & Bud Chorney
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- In memory of Benjamin Brodner by Richard & Leatrice Brodner
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Synagogue Fund (minimum $10) to support synagogue operations
- To Judi & Nathan Janette in honor of Shira’s marriage by David & Darryl Kuperstock
Youth

BEKI-BJ USY

The USYers had a busy November. The teens baked 263 apple and pumpkin pies, over a hundred of which were donated to families in need at Jewish Family Services of New Haven. The rest of the pies were enjoyed by BEKI and B’nai Jacob members. All of the proceeds raised by the teens will be donated to a tsedaqa organization.

In December, during one of their biweekly lounge nights, the teens held an event at Sports Center and wrote cards to Israelis in national service. In January, all 8th graders are invited to attend USY events. If you would like more information about USY or upcoming events, please contact Jacques Ben-Avie, BEKI BJ Chapter president, at jacquesbenavie@gmail.com.
Darshanim

Darshanim – noun, plural dar·sha·nim. Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggada or Halakha in a synagogue.

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

Rabbi Joshua Ratner, Shabbat morning Jan. 3, parashat VaYehi.

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

Upcoming Torah Study dates are Jan. 10 and Jan. 24.

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 o’clock shaharit morning service. On Monday Jan. 19 (MLK Day), morning services are 9 to 9:45, followed by RSG until 10:30. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

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 each others’ 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.

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Dear Rabbi,

There is a can – an urn – in the ark in the Daily Chapel – a small can… Don’t tell me… is it… Aunt Bertha?

Signed, Just Ashing the Question

Dear Dying to Know,

There is a metal canister in the ark containing a desiccant to help control the humidity. Beyond that, the only remains are those of a sheep, in the form of a shofar and a sacred parchment. Human remains, in whatever condition, should be treated most honorably through internment in a Jewish cemetery.

Signed, Covered Order

Dear Rabbi,

The Torah scrolls in the sanctuary are still wearing the white covers from High Holy Days. Is this “Christmas all year”?

Signed, Covered Order

Dear Ho Ho Ho,

The project to replace the Torah covers is progressing, and in the interim the best covers we have are the old High Holy Days set. The covers are being produced with a great deal of deliberation and care, and that may only enhance your sense of anticipation.

Signed, Covered Order

Adult Studies

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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.

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 Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets in BEKI’s Rosenkrantz Family Library. For information, contact Isaiah Cooper at his law office icooper@cooperlaw.net.  

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?

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