Selling of Hametz
During the eight days of Pesach (Passover), it is forbidden for Jews to eat or own edible hametz (any product containing wheat, barley, oats, spelt or rye that has not been specially prepared kosher for Pesach). Ideally, one physically disposes of all hametz by the morning before Pesach. In order to be sure that this has taken place, or to avoid the loss of expensive hametz such as liquor, you can sell your hametz for the period of Pesach. You can appoint Rabbi Woodward to be your representative for the sale by filling out this form and returning it to the office by 5:45 pm on Thursday, April 14: [https://www.beki.org/wp-content/uploads/shtar-A-individual-2.pdf](https://www.beki.org/wp-content/uploads/shtar-A-individual-2.pdf). Pesach ends at 8:25 pm on April 23.

Maot Hittim
It’s a tradition to collect “money for wheat” (donations for the poor for Passover). This year, because of the suffering in Ukraine, and the need for matzah there as well, we are suggesting donations to the Joint Distribution Committee: [https://www.jdc.org/disasters/ukraine-response/](https://www.jdc.org/disasters/ukraine-response/).

Pesach Guidance and Haggadot

For Your Seder Table
The BEKI Gift Shop is selling matzah covers, with three individual sleeves, handmade by our exhibiting fabric artist Suzanne Neusner. You’ll also find a full selection of every-thing else you might need for Passover, including cookbooks, Seder plates, toys, haggadot, and activity books. Just reach out to Karen 203-430-2182 [kekassap@gmail.com](mailto:kekassap@gmail.com), or Harriet 203-675-8607 [hrfriedman@gmail.com](mailto:hrfriedman@gmail.com).

Cleaning for Pesach
How much to clean for Pesach? We suggest the greater of either two hours or twice one’s usual weekly home cleaning time. The purpose is to ensure that no hametz is left behind and to enhance the enjoyment of the festival. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate our freedom, not to re-create our enslavement.

Bedikat Hametz
On the night of Thursday, April 14, it is customary to perform Bedikat Hametz, the final check for leaven before Passover, at home.

Siyum Bechorot
The Fast of the First Born is Friday, April 15. Firstborn may be released from the fast by participating in an in-person or online siyum (associated with our 7 am Friday service).

Service Notes for Pesach
Please see the calendar page of this bulletin, as well as the weekly BEKI Happenings, for up-to-date information about services during Pesach. We will have no evening service on Friday, April 15. Services on the second day, Sunday, April 17 will start at 9:15 am and 5:45 pm. Yuntif services on the seventh day of Pesach, Friday, April 22, will start at 9:15 am and 6 pm. Yizkor will be included at Shabbat Yuntif services on Saturday morning, April 23.
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CONVERSATION WITH THE ARTIST

Join us after Kiddush lunch on Saturday, April 2 for a 12:45 pm in-person conversation about her paintings with Naomi Safran-Hon. Called *Going Home*, her exhibition at BEKI depicts neglected rooms, halls, and passageways. In these pieces, Safran-Hon combines photographs of abandoned homes in Wadi Salib, a neighborhood in her hometown of Haifa, with cement, fabric, lace, and acrylic paint. These structures, which were the homes of Palestinians until the Arab-Israeli War of 1948 and the creation of the State of Israel, stand as ghosts of the past in a neighborhood that has never recovered. While one painting is upstairs, the rest of the Safran-Hon exhibition hangs in the downstairs gallery at BEKI.

Suzanne Neusner’s *Fiber Arts* is on display upstairs. Neusner will speak about her work on BEKI Zoom, Thursday, May 12 at 7:30 pm. Both exhibitions will run through June 4.

Making Pesach More Fun

Join Annie Norman-Schiff, our Youth and Family Programming Director, for a 7:30 pm BEKI Zoom workshop on making Pesach more fun and meaningful for children. In this Wednesday, April 6 program, entitled “Bringing Pesach to Life: A Workshop on Creative Celebrations with Children,” Annie will share ideas for involving kids in Pesach preparation; leading an engaging and memorable Seder; and making the rest of the holiday week feel special. She will also share materials that you can print at home.

Yom HaShoah April 27

Janet R. Kirchheimer, a Teaching Fellow at Clal-The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, will speak at our Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) program on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 pm. The author of *How to Spot One of Us*, a collection of poems about her family, being the daughter of survivors, and the nature of memory, Janet currently is producing “AFTER: Bringing the Dead Back to Life,” in which contemporary poets perform and discuss the responsibility of art to respond to the Shoah. She will talk about her family, read from her book, and show an excerpt of AFTER.

This program on BEKI Zoom, sponsored by BEKI Sisterhood, will start with our lighting yellow memorial candles. We encourage you to pick up one from BEKI and have it by your screen.
News

Change in Service Times
Since 5 pm was a bit too early for families to gather, on April 1 we will launch First Fridays at Five-Thirty. We promise a service filled with ruach (spirit). Everyone is welcome for this kid-friendly, though not specifically kids’ service.

Evening minyan runs a few minutes longer now that we are again including Minchah.

Learn to Read Torah
By popular demand, BEKI is offering another session of “Learn to Leyn,” a six-week beginners’ Torah trope course with Cantor Shoshana Lash, starting May 18. This will be a free, one hour, in-person class, each Wednesday at 6:10 pm. For more information and to register: cantorSL@yahoo.com.

Pride Shabbat
If you have ideas for BEKI’s Pride celebration on Saturday, June 11, please contact Shoshana Zax, our Programming Chair. If you’d like to participate in the service, please tell Rachel Adelstein, our ritualordinator@beki.org. Tell Rebecca Weiner if you’d like to sponsor the kiddush lunch that day.

Honoring Graduates
We’ll have our Shabbat in honor of graduates on Saturday, June 18. We hope all of our graduates — middle school, high school, college, graduate school — will participate in the service; please contact our ritualordinator@beki.org. We encourage parents of graduates to check in with Rebecca Weiner about co-sponsoring the kiddush lunch that day.

Yom HaShoah
We encourage you to light a yellow candle for Holocaust Remembrance Day on the evening of Wednesday, April 27. You can do that together with the BEKI community on Zoom at the talk by Janet Kirchheimer at 7:30 pm, or on your own. Thanks to Mimi Glenn, special yellow candles will be available, free of charge, in the BEKI lobby, starting Sunday, April 10. Meditation sheets will be available with the candles.

Mimi notes that if you would like to make a donation of $6 per candle, write a check to BEKI Sisterhood. Your donation will support the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven and the New Haven Holocaust Memorial on Whalley Avenue.

Welcome New & Returning Members
• Andrew Auerbach • Shelli Farhadian, Michael Chiorazzi, Eva and Lila • Tema and Coleman Leviter • Bryna Pauker • Jhena Vigrass and Bruce Spierer

Mazal tov
To mother Marjorie Wiener and groom Matthew Wiener on his Dec. 31 wedding to Roxy Kohilakas

With sorrow we note the passing of
Susan Berger, sister of James Berger (and Jennifer Klein)
Pearl Kasowitz, mother of Bryna Pauker
Isobel Kemper, mother of Donna Kemper (and Ron Zlotoff)
Dale Sokolow, stepmother of Jay Sokolow (and Ina Silverman)
Mike Teitelbaum, partner of Susan Jacobson

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn
Sanctuary Update

The Sanctuary Redesign Committee has been actively working with the architect to develop a potential new design. The committee plans to post an image of the draft conceptual design in the BEKI lobby sometime around the end of March. We would love to hear your thoughts. Email sanctuaryredesign@beki.org

Help BEKI Find Free Money!

BEKI qualifies for free money to make our building more energy-efficient! But we need your help to make it work. Specifically, we need to find a corporation that wants to take advantage of a 100 percent state business tax credit through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. BEKI could receive up to $150,000 per year.

The NAA allows companies to invest in energy-conservation work at nonprofit organizations, at zero net cost to the corporations. The hitch: they must be “C corporations.” LLCs (limited liability corporations) and “S corporations” don’t qualify. So please—if you manage, work for, or have a contact at a C corporation in Connecticut, please let Peggy (office@beki.org) or Yaron (president@beki.org) know.

Gifts Support the Redesign

I wanted to share with you some exciting news regarding the sanctuary redesign fundraising efforts. Yesterday, I was contacted by Doug Goodwin, a trustee of the Goodwin-Levine Foundation. He wanted me to know that the family of the late Pat Goodwin and current member Richard Goodwin pledged a $50,000 gift, which is the largest gift the family has ever given to any single institution.

This week we also received a donation for the sanctuary redesign from a family who moved away from the area. In their note they wrote, “The president’s email was so moving, we wanted to contribute even though we don’t live in CT anymore.” May we receive many more such heartwarming messages accompanied by generous donations!

Yaron Lew
Youth Activities

Summer Opportunities for Kids

BY ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF, YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

There are so many opportunities for kids, from tykes to teens, to have an amazing summer of adventure and growth. There are scholarship opportunities at Jewish day camps, overnight camps, and Israel trips, plus a Shakespeare drama camp hosted right here at BEKI. For high school seniors, our community offers a number of college scholarships with deadlines coming up soon.

Day Camp Scholarship

BEKI is again hosting the Elm Shakespeare Players Camp in our downstairs space. BEKI families may sign up at https://www.elmshakespeare.org/players-camp/. As a benefit of our partnership with the Camp, two full scholarships will be provided for BEKI youth. The program runs weekdays July 11-22 and July 25-Aug. 5, 9am-3pm, with an aftercare program. If you are interested, email Peggy at the BEKI office.

Jewish Camp Scholarships

The website “One Happy Camper” helps families explore a variety of traditional and specialty Jewish day and overnight camps: https://jewishcamp.org/one-happy-camper/find-a-camp/. Some camps offer need-based financial assistance, and parents are encouraged to inquire about the level of assistance available. In addition, the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven offers needs-blind incentive grants of up to $1,000 for first time campers as well as needs-based scholarships for campers. More information is at: https://jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships/one-happy-camper

Scholarships for Israel Trips

USY Summer Experience trips to Israel are a transformative experience. USY is offering a number of EPIC Israel trips this summer that still have spots left. All participants in EPIC Israel programs are eligible for a RootOne Voucher subsidy of $3,000, a gift of the Marcus Foundation. After the voucher, a USY Israel trip, including airfare, can cost as a more affordable $3,850. Find more information at https://www.usy.org/summer/trips-in-israel-europe/.

College Scholarships

Three different college scholarship programs, one of them needs-blind, are available through the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Deadlines for all three are May 13. Details at: https://jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships

Thanks to Deli Box Volunteers

We thank all the volunteers who helped make this year’s Super Deli Boxes a success. Everyone who participated by volunteering their time, shopping, baking, ordering sandwiches, preparing boxes, or making donations, was an integral part of raising funds to support the BEKI Youth Commission. We plan to use the funds to help students finance local chapter, regional, and international trips. It is only possible through your generous contributions! Kol hakavod!

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Tikkun Olam

Compassion is a Verb

BY JENNIFER BOTWICK,
NEW CHAIR OF THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE

Like Rabbi Eric, I believe in foot action for Tikkun Olam. Just as we pray (and play) on our feet, our call to repair the world can take place with our physical actions, as well as financial, moral, religious and spiritual actions.

As I oversee the transition of this important programming, I want to give deep thanks to the many and varied projects under the wonderful leadership of Steve Werlin and Darryl Kuperstock with help from terrific BEKI members. These projects include: Operation Isaiah, Abraham’s Tent, partnership with Columbus House, blood drives, clothing drives, JCARR, and fair trade chocolate. Details on each program are available on request.

With COVID-19 less of a threat to activities in person, many of these programs will resume, and there will be new programming; that’s where YOU come in.

I’d like to inspire each of you, no matter your age or ability. Years ago, when I co-chaired Tikkun Olam with Joanne Goldblum and Laina Pauker, we used to say, “If you think you’re too small to be effective, you’ve never been in bed with a mosquito.” True then, as it is now! I’m introducing two new columns:

Doing Good, Seeing the Good

Please submit (by email, snail mail or a note left in my box at BEKI) places, spaces and occasions when you witnessed someone doing good, with a brief summary. These will be shared regularly, with the evidence-based science of mirror neurons. The more we witness and hear of someone doing good, it increases our release of dopamine and our probability of wanting to do good.

WonderFULL

This column, inspired by a d’var torah given by Rabbi Eric, will be similar to Doing Good, but with the lens of sharing your moments of awe and wonder. Submit your places and space and occasions of awe, wonder, and the sense of wow.

Of course, I would love to have people help with our many and varied projects, old and new. Please contact tikkunolam@beki.org.

JCARR Update

Although JCARR knew we would receive an Afghan family, we did not know when or how many people would be in the family. JCARR had to prepare for all contingencies—the most difficult being getting the “right” size apartment. We’re happy to report that Family 7 is here and was moved into their apartment Feb. 16.

Unfortunately, the father, Mohammed, was unable to come to the U.S. and is now in Dubai. JCARR is working to secure documents for him to come to the U.S. and be reunited with his family. His wife, Shokoria, their three children, and a nephew are here. Please contact Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com for information on how you can help.

Donate Your Hametz

BEKI will hold a drive-by food collection in the BEKI parking lot from 10 to 11 am on Sunday, April 10. Donations will support Jewish Family Service and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK). We encourage you to give away unopened, non-perishable hametz before Pesach. Call 203.671.4705 to arrange for Rob Lettick to be in the parking lot to receive your donation. If you have questions, please write to Rob at robolettick@aol.com.

Jewish Community Alliance
For Refugee Resettlement
**FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE FOR PESACH**

Although we were not aware of the contradiction, at our annual Festival of Freedom, many of us have been eating chocolate produced by child slavery. As we have been learning at BEKI, much of the world’s cocoa is produced under conditions that use child labor and/or slavery.

However, you can trust that all chocolate at BEKI, including each mini-kiddush during Pesach, is carefully checked for fair trade logos from certifiers who screen for child slavery, such as Fair Trade, UTZ, or Rainforest Alliance.

Since it’s harder to find fair trade chocolate with a kosher l’Pesach hechsher, Becky May is arranging a bulk order for our home consumption, just as she did for Hanukkah gelt. She can provide you with: semi sweet or bittersweet (70 percent cocoa) chocolate chips $4 per 10 ounce bag; a variety of flavors of 2.8 ounce chocolate bars for $2.50/bar; or dark chocolate minis at $2.50/dozen — all pareve and ordered at bulk prices from Equal Exchange. To see the full selection: https://shop.equalexchange.coop/pages/search-results-page?q=kosher+for+passover+chocolate&page=1&rb_collections=Kosher+for+Passover+Chocolate

Orders received by Monday, April 4 will be available for pickup Sunday, April 10, 9 am-12 pm, or 5:45-6:15 pm (evening minyan), or during all subsequent office hours leading up to the holiday.

Add to your total a $1 shipping fee per household (which will be donated to BEKI if we qualify for free shipping). Place your order or arrange special needs pickups with Becky at bseashoremay@aol.com. Checks should be payable to BEKI, with “Pesach chocolate” in the memo line.

Although Equal Exchange does *not* offer chocolate covered matzah or chocolate covered nuts, those are easy to make with this fair trade chocolate. Just melt the chocolate, spoon in or dip in what you want to coat, and let your treats cool on parchment paper.

If you would like a list of kosher fair trade chocolate for shopping during the rest of the year, it’s constantly updated at the BEKI website: https://www.beki.org/resources/food

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**Tree of Life Awaits Your Leaf**

The Tree of Life at the entrance to BEKI is a collection of golden leaves that honor people and moments in our lives. For $118 you can add a leaf. Contact Marjorie Wiener at 203.387.6278 or marjoriawiener@yahoo.com
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• Roger Colten, Sarah Berry & family
• Joanne Foodim & Rob Forbes
• David & Darryl Kuperstock
• Joy Kaufman & Stewart Frankel
• Steve & Rachel Wizner
• Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla
• Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow (to BEKI Religious School)
• Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade

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• Sam Miller by Richard & Vicky Miller
• Abraham Goldman by Martin Shore
• Mae Weinstein Goldberg by Dan Goldberg
• Sam Miller by Howard Miller

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—Harold

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Scott Walstedter
Visioning BEKI Education

Who were some of your greatest teachers? What do you remember from them?

I remember Ms. Otto, my third-grade teacher, who inspired me to love writing. I remember as well Mr. Mastin, my fifth-grade history teacher, and Señor James Hinton, my Spanish teacher throughout elementary school. Teachers inspire us and move us – they help shape us into people.

That’s one of the goals of education in Judaism as well. Talmud Torah is not a practice of quantitative acquisition of information – it’s about forming our sense of self through our tradition.

As we prepare for Morah Ina Silverman’s retirement from formal work at BEKI, I want to let you know what we are doing to further education in our community.

We have launched an Education Visioning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to examine education for people at BEKI ages zero to 18, and to envision what that education should be.

Chaired by Sam Purdy and Rachel Light, the committee includes myself, Rachel Bashevkin, Rachel Greenberg, Lana Gad, Julie Katz, Steve Werlin, and Ellen Cohen. You’ll note that this is a diverse committee – voices are a mix of people with students at BRS, people who have teens, people who have long-time experience at BEKI, and people with pre-BRS children.

This committee is here to help develop a vision for the school and a sense of what kind of environment and goals we should have for young people here. How should learning at BRS connect to our young family and teen programming? What should that be like? How can we broaden our understanding of education and think of ways to engage informal education?

I grew up in a family of educators, so these questions are normal to me. But they are ones that I alone cannot answer. A vision for education at BEKI must be larger than the rabbi – it must be something that is our vision.

Some of you have written to me or others on the committee with your ideas. That is great! We love hearing this information, and I can say that it has all been echoed in the committee meetings. Feel encouraged to reach out to any of us.

I’ll end with this, though, a general statement of my view of education at BEKI and where it needs to go. I would like us to have an approach to education that ties together our young family programming, our religious-school age programming, and our teen programming, and that lifts it up in our synagogue. Synagogues are wonderful locations for informal learning – they are multigenerational and multiple-intelligence focused, and young people can find diverse ways of finding themselves in the Jewish story we tell.

May this spring bring us health and joy, learning and growth,

Rabbi Woodward

Making a Minyan and Torah Reading

To make sure we have a minyan consistently, please, if you can, make a weekly commitment to one or more service times. Let Max DuBoff duboff.max@gmail.com, Rachel Wiseman Gerber wise-mangerber@gmail.com, or one of the minyan captains know about your availability.

We’re also looking to expand BEKI’s pool of Torah readers, both for Shabbat and weekdays. Please let Rachel Adelstein ritualcoordinator@beki.org know if you want to read a segment of any length, including if you want to but don’t yet know how. Help is available.

Thanks to everyone who helps make BEKI services strong.

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### Other Events

- **3 Nisan**
  - 9:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - USY Afternoon Social Event (More Info TBA)
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **4 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - Pesach Chocolate Orders Due
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **5 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - No Religious School
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **6 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:30pm Bringing Pesach to Life: A Workshop on Creative Celebrations with Children on Zoom with Annie Norman-Schiff

- **7 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
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- **8 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person)
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **9 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person)
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **10 Nisan**
  - 9:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - Pesach Chocolate Pick-Up
  - 10:00am Drive-By Food Drive
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **12 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - No Religious School
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **14 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - No Religious School
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **15 Nisan**
  - Eve Passover
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 10:38am Last Time for Eating Hametz | 11:45am End Time for Eating Hametz | 7:14pm Candle Lighting

- **16 Nisan**
  - Passover I
  - 9:15am Festival Service (in-person)
  - 11am Children’s Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation
  - 8:16pm Candle Lighting

- **17 Nisan**
  - Easter Passover 
  - First Day of Omer
  - No Religious School
  - 9:15am Festival Service (in-person)
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

- **18 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:00pm General Board Meeting

- **19 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:30pm Prayer & Liturgy at BEKI with Rabbi Carl Kirchheimer (via a special Zoom link)

- **20 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person)

- **21 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:21pm Candle Lighting

- **22 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:20pm Candle Lighting

- **23 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:14pm Candle Lighting

- **24 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting

- **25 Nisan**
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  - 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting

- **26 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person)

- **27 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:20pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person)

- **28 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:29pm Candle Lighting

- **29 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
  - 7:14pm Candle Lighting

- **30 Nisan**
  - 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
  - 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service
Services

All services are also available on Zoom except Friday night and Saturday morning.

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Easy Fundraiser

The Stop & Shop gift cards sold by the BEKI office are debit cards for groceries or gasoline. This is an ongoing fundraiser that costs you nothing. Contact Peggy [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) to arrange pickup.

Save a Tree and Save a Stamp

Contact the BEKI office if you would like to receive your monthly yahrzeit notices and/or monthly statements via email rather than snail mail; [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or 203-389-2108 x114