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HANUKKAH AND MORE

Each Evening at 5:30 *

We'll light the Hanukkah menorah in the BEKI lobby every evening (except Shabbat) at 5:30, starting Sunday, Nov. 28. Join us in person or at tinyurl.com/BEKISchmooze.

Children's Event Dec. 1 *

BEKI is celebrating Hanukkah with PJ Library on Wednesday, the fourth night. The program starts with a Hanukkah read-aloud at 4 pm at Mitchell Library, then comes to BEKI at 5:15 for crafts, lighting the menorah, and a singalong with Josh Perry, ending at 6:15. Every child will receive a Hanukkah goody bag. The community is welcome. RSVP to office@beki.org.

Hanukkah Singalong Dec. 4 *

Join us around the campfire on Saturday, the seventh night, at 7 pm for havdalah, menorah lighting, and an hour of Hanukkah songs. We'll have song sheets with old favorites plus new tunes too. Hot beverages (and sufganiyot) will help keep you warm. In case of rain, we will move inside.

Violin Concert Dec. 11

Violinist Ilana Zaks will return on Saturday, Dec. 11. Join us at 7:30 pm in the BEKI library. Now in her second year in the master's program at the Yale School of Music, Ilana has been described as a "fearless, refreshing and commanding" performer. Please arrive promptly since doors will be locked. In person only.



Ilana Zaks

Chanukah Story Time at Mitchell Library
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Bright Chanukah Lights at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
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Interfaith Family Life Dec. 12

Rabbi Woodward will lead "A Rabbi's Reflections on Christmas and Hanukkah," a conversation for interfaith families on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 11 am. Raised in an interfaith and mixed-race family, he invites participants to bring questions or ideas about how to navigate the winter holidays. This will be a safe space for discussing the joys and difficulties of interfaith family life. In person only.

* Please bring men's winter coats, boots, sweatshirts, sweaters, flannel long-sleeved shirts, scarves, winter hats, mittens, gloves, and (new only) warm socks for the Hanukkah clothing drive to support New Haven's Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK).



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SANCTUARY REDESIGN MEETING

The sanctuary redesign committee is working to create a worship space that is rooted in BEKI tradition, embodies our present community, and speaks to our future. Their mission statement is to design an inspirational sanctuary that is warm, inclusive, accessible, and feasible.

After meeting with four architecture firms, the committee is now selecting an architect and negotiating an agreement for the initial phase of the project, known as conceptual design.

At a congregational meeting on Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 pm, the committee will present the results of the November online survey and will seek additional feedback. Join the meeting at tinyurl.com/BEKIschmooze.

After the meeting, the committee will work with the architect to synthesize that feedback and produce several possible designs. These will be brought back to the congregation for discussion.

By this spring, the committee hopes to produce a design that has the support of the congregation and Board of Directors and is ready to implement.

As part of its work, the committee has reviewed background material, including BEKI's original 1959 building plans; documents from the BEKI 2000 planning and renovations; and work by a more recent committee examining possible changes for the sanctuary. In order to learn from their experiences, the committee is talking with other congregations that have redesigned their sanctuaries.



Congregants gather in BEKI's unadorned sanctuary for the building's dedication ceremony in 1960.

Our synagogue was designed in 1959 for a congregation with a rabbi and cantor, a choir, and a formal, hierarchical style of worship, the committee notes. "We want to create a sanctuary that reflects our 21st-century values of warmth, inclusiveness, and spiritual intimacy, and that enhances our volunteer-led services in which we are all participants, not audience members," they explain.

Their overarching goals involve making our sanctuary more comfortable physically (which includes heating, cooling, ventilation, acoustics, and seating); accessible for all people; more intimate in scale and layout; warmer and more inviting to everyone.

In his charge to the committee, President Yaron Lew outlined several components to investigate: covering the sanctuary's cinder block columns with a more appealing finish; rearranging the seats into a horseshoe shape facing the reader's table; making the bimah accessible for people with mobility challenges; replacing the folding divider between the main sanctuary and the social hall; addressing the sanctuary ceiling.

The committee is also considering other possible elements of a redesign, including windows, floor covering, lighting, the ark (or its doors), and the wood panels flanking the ark.

The co-chairs of the committee are Carole Bass and Rick Saltz. Other members include Lynn Brotman, Jonathan Gordon, Howard Gralla, Marga Hirsch, and Eric Dunsker (Board liaison and House Committee chair).

Dec. 15 Explore Prayer

On the third Wednesday of the month, which is Dec. 15, you are invited to join Prayer and Liturgy at BEKI, an Ongoing Exploration with Rabbi Carl Astor. Hebrew proficiency is not required, nor is previous participation. The focus is to better understand the language, the historical context, and the spiritual meaning of our prayers and liturgy. The special Zoom link for this program is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83810021641?pwd=ejVqK3pta0c0UHIHRytVbDUyWG1WQT09>.



Carl Astor

Changes to Minyan Times

Morning minyan on Friday, Dec. 24 and also Friday, Dec. 31 will be at 9 o'clock.

Update on Kiddush

Kiddushim have returned to a more familiar, though not entirely normal, state. The four teams are up and running and some teams still have spots for new members (see Ellen Cohen in person or ellen.cohen@snet.net). We are cooking with renewed attention to healthful, tasty food while minimizing waste. We are also paying attention to cost, locally produced and ethically sourced food. We will continue to eat outdoors until the Covid-19 case rate for New Haven County drops sufficiently. In the meantime, dress appropriately. Unless the weather drops below 40F, we will continue kiddush outside; we promise hot soup and warm company.

Learn to Read Torah

BEKI is offering “Learn to Leyn,” a six-week Torah trope course with Cantor Shoshana Lash, starting Jan. 5. 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.

BEKI’s Musical Heritage

Ethnomusicologist Rachel Adelstein, a BEKI member who for years has created engaging presentations about Jewish music, will launch a 6-part Zoom program Jan. 10, focusing on the origins and the evolution of the tunes we use in our services at BEKI. Plan to join her Mondays at 8 pm at tinyurl.com/BEKIschmooze.



Join Rachel Adelstein for a series on ritual music.

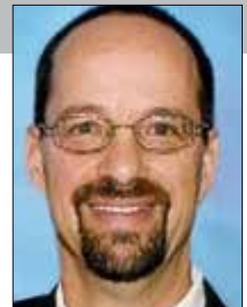
Welcome New Members

Laura Van Metre Baum, Aaron Baum, Mira and Yael Konstanze and Alexander Kunst

Message from President Yaron Lew

As we look back on 2021, please compliment yourself on your resilience and perseverance. Things have not been easy, but we made it through. We should all be thankful that Covid cases are going down, vaccination rates are going up, morale is rising, and life is starting to come back to normal. As we celebrate our

collective comeback, please take the time to thank those who helped you through the hard times—our healthcare workers, our strong and supportive community, our scientific professionals, and everyone around you who provided a shoulder to cry on or an outstretched hand to pull you through.



Yaron Lew

BLUEGRASS AT BEKI

The annual bluegrass concert has returned.

Kol Kahol as well as The Bluegrass Characters Revue will present “A Tribute to Phil Zimmerman and Stacy Phillips” at BEKI on Thursday, Dec. 23.

The annual event was organized by Stacy Phillips, a Grammy Award winning musician, known for both his musicianship and his heimisha stage banter. When Stacy died in June 2018, his band, which had been called Stacy Phillips and His Bluegrass Characters, continued the December tradition, led by Stacy’s longtime friend, collaborator, and bandmate Phil Zimmerman.

Phil, who was a multi-instrumentalist and a leader of musical instruction camps, died in April 2021. This year’s performance by the remaining Characters will be a tribute to both Stacy and Phil.

Also performing is Kol Kahol, formed in 2019, drawing inspiration from bluegrass icons as well as what they call original “Jewgrass” musicians from the ’70s and ’80s, including Stacy Phillips. Kol Kahol’s music is also influenced by contemporary Jewish bands such as the Klezmatics, the Moshav Band, and Nefesh Mountain.

One of the group members, violinist, bassist, and vocalist Sofia Chiarandini, was Stacy’s student. A classical as well as bluegrass violinist, she is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music.

Other members of Kol Kahol are mandolinist and vocal-

ist Ariel Wyner, who serves as a High Holy Day cantor and tours with the Ruta Beggars, Boston’s premier bluegrass band; G Rockwell, a banjoist, guitarist, mandolinist, vocalist and composer, currently studying at the New England Conservatory of Music; and Korey Brodsky, a Boston-

based guitarist and mandolinist.

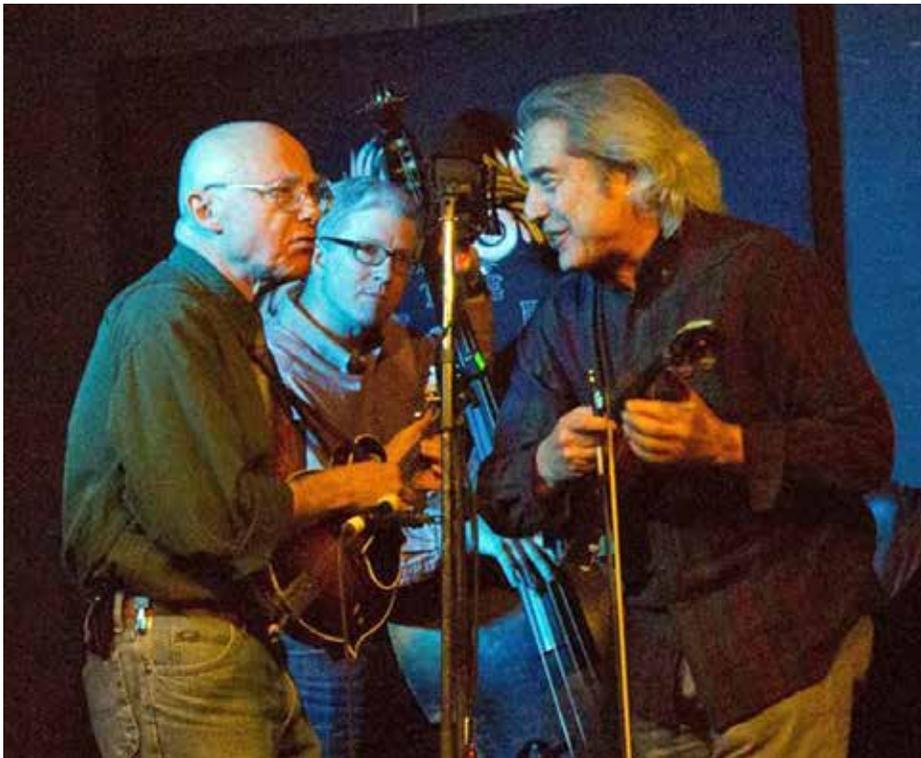
Kol Kahol seeks to push the boundaries of contemporary Jewish music and traditional American Roots music within the context of Jewish prayer. In combining these two musical identities, they offer a unique spiritual experience to those who are wrestling with their own identity, particularly regarding what it means to be an American Jew. They believe

that Jewish liturgical music can expand beyond traditional melodies while maintaining its essence in a traditional prayer structure.

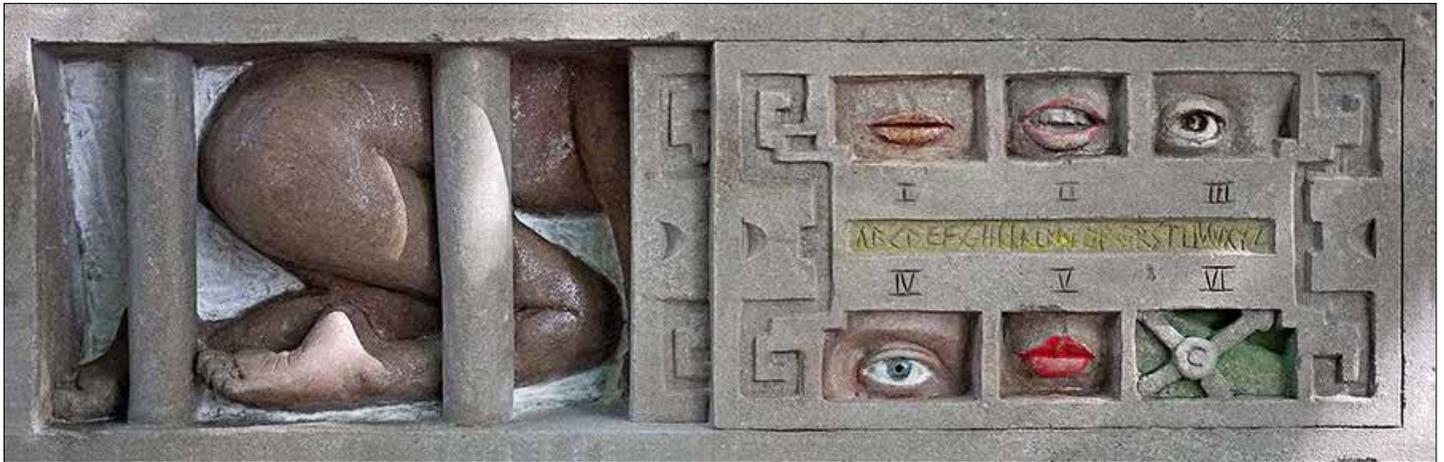
“At heart,” they explain, “we are all bluegrass musicians, and we center ourselves—and thus our new music—in its natural groove and language.”

The program will run from 7:30 to around 9:30 pm. The doors to BEKI will open when the downstairs social hall is ready for seating, around 7 pm. No food or beverages will be served this year, and none should be brought into BEKI. Masks are required for all audience members.

There is no charge for admission, but the musicians will pass the hat.



Late musicians, Phil Zimmerman, left, and Stacy Phillips, right, enjoyed picking bluegrass together.



My Ancestors Were Slaves in Egypt
Indiana limestone

SCULPTURE FILLS BEKI'S GALLERY

The next art exhibition will be works by Bruce Oren, who is a painter, photographer, draughtsman and designer, but primarily a stone sculptor working in marble, limestone, granite and soapstone.

Entitled “Entropy Warriors,” this exhibition of sculpture, photography and paintings will be on display from Dec. 4 to Feb. 26.

Bruce studied fine art at the University of Maryland. For nearly thirty years, he kept a day job as photo editor and informational graphics reporter at the *Houston Chronicle*.

He is a direct carver of stone. He begins carving without preconception, maquette or plan, letting the stone initially dictate its progress. After the stone is roughly carved, “the rock reveals its forms hidden inside,” he explains. “It’s nothing cosmic. It’s like seeing shapes in clouds—a natural

variation of gestalt closure.”

Some of his work plays on one’s mind seeing figurative images in random or abstract shapes. He has compiled a book, *Pareidolia*, that challenges readers to see figurative form in abstract images.

Judaism informs his art, “Just as it informs nearly everything I do to some degree,” he explains. “We are, after all, just ridiculous collections of our combined experience.”

A New Haven resident and BEKI member, Bruce serves as this bulletin’s (volunteer) layout and design editor. His other projects at BEKI include creating the new interior for our *aron hakodesh*, designing the hamsa logo and building new shelves in the rabbi’s office.

Join us in the gallery after kiddush lunch on Saturday, Jan. 8 for a conversation with the artist, starting at 12:45 pm.



On the Sixth Day
Carrara marble



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marble

BEKI YOUTH GIVE BACK

BY ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF,
YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

The teens of BEKI USY incorporate giving back into many of the things they do. This is not just a job for our Social Action/Tikkun Olam Chair, sophomore Daniel Manning. It is a focus and a responsibility for everyone.

On Nov. 7, BEKI USY met at the JCC to volunteer with Dignity Grows, a project that provides people in need with essential items that are not frequently donated: toiletries and hygiene products. Ten teens helped pack reusable tote bags with a month's worth of toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and more. Afterwards, they shared a sandwich lunch and went outside to play foursquare and the Israeli game gaga.

The next week, BEKI USY jumped into its largest tzedakah project of the year: baking Thanksgiving pies. After a hiatus last year due to COVID, the teens were finally back in the kitchen. In one marathon Sunday afternoon, they assembled over 100 Kosher pareve pies, both apple and pumpkin, and froze them for future baking. A majority of these pies were purchased by members of the BEKI community for their Thanksgiving feasts. The rest were sponsored as direct donations to local families in need.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased pies, both for themselves and for others. The project was once again a great success.

Hanukkah Parties

Hanukkah comes early this year, but BEKI kids are prepared to party. We are holding two Hanukkah parties, one for families with young children, and a second party for our Kadima and USY youth groups.

Families with Young Children

Hanukkah Story Time and Lights

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 4-6:15 pm

This party, co-sponsored by PJ Library, has two parts:

- 4-5 pm: Story Time at Mitchell Library
- 5:15-6:15 pm: Crafts, Candle Lighting, and more at BEKI



Zohar and Asher Rosenberg, Ella May, and Miles Katz sort the many tote bags they packed for Dignity Grows

For Middle and High Schoolers

USY and Kadima Hanukkah Party

Sunday, Dec. 5, 4-6 pm

Jewish tweens and teens are invited to BEKI for this Hanukkah bash, a joint party for our Kadima (4th-8th grade) and USY (9th-12th grade) youth groups. We will be frying latkes; holding a dreidel tournament; and making cards for people who need their days brightened.

JCARR Update

JCARR has been busy with Family 6, who arrived at the end of August. Learning English through enrollment in ESL classes at New Haven Adult Education and home tutoring is ongoing. The most immediate need is securing employment for Ahmed, who is a young man in his 30s.

JCARR has been updated regarding Afghan refugees. The role that JCARR will play in this refugee crisis will depend on how many committed volunteers are available to provide the services needed to resettle a refugee family. Contact Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com for more information on how you can help.

Hanukkah Clothing Drive

During the week of Hanukkah, please fill the donation boxes in the lobby with brand new or gently-used items that are *clean* and in *good condition*, to be distributed by the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK). We are collecting winter gear for men: winter coats, boots, sweatshirts, sweaters, flannel long-sleeved shirts, scarves, winter hats, mittens, gloves, and (new only) warm socks.



The children of JCARR Family 5 dress for their first day of school.



DESK's new Downtown Drop-in & Resource Center is located at 266 State Street.

LET'S GROW OUR MEMBERSHIP

BY MIMI GLENN, PRESIDENT OF SISTERHOOD

Thank you to all our BEKI *chaverot* (friends) who joined Sisterhood this fall. We now have almost 60 members. *Kol hakavod*. However, I would be thrilled if all our chaverot would join and make it 100 percent membership.

Sisterhood supports our beloved congregation, but I also feel very strongly that we should support the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Torah Fund. The campaign was launched in 1942, the year I was born in Israel. It provides scholarships to two U.S. seminaries—The Jewish Theological Seminary and Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies—as well as institutions in Israel, Argentina, and Germany.

Please become a member and help us continue this wonderful organization. Who knows? Perhaps someone you know might attend one of these programs, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you gave them a chance to do so.

The Sisterhood Board wishes you and your family a Happy Hanukkah.

Sisterhood Store News

Since Hanukkah continues until Monday, Dec. 6, you still have time to head into the Sisterhood shop for some amazing Hanukkah treats—visual and otherwise—to celebrate. We have beautiful candles, menorahs for all ages, jewelry for your doorpost or your wrist/finger/neck/ears. And books! We are open Sunday 9ish to noon-ish, Tuesdays for morning and evening minyans, Wednesday in conjunction with Hebrew School ... and basically, whenever you want. Send an email Giftshop@BEKI.org and Harriet and Karen will be there.

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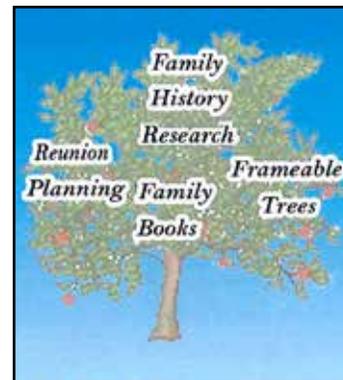
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HOPE AND THE VOICES OF CHILDREN



Eric Woodward

There's a teaching—appearing in the Talmud and in the Zohar—that never fails to move me. “The world is maintained only by virtue of the breath and voices of children studying in the beit midrash” (Shabbat 119a and elsewhere).

I'm writing this column as children ages 5-11 are beginning to receive COVID vaccination shots. And I feel real, tangible hope.

I feel hope that the voices of children might again resound in many Jewish and non-Jewish spaces. I feel hope that the air they breathe will be devoid of COVID pathogens. I feel hope that a world that has felt far from us can return.

But it won't return exactly as it was. We have all changed during the pandemic, and our institutions have changed, too. We've learned the value of Zoom meetings for committees: It is easier not to leave one's house in the evening. We've learned the value of being physically present for Shabbat: It is good to be around others.

Some things we have forgotten, too. Many of us have gotten out of the habit of attending minyan, and we need help there. It's too easy for a tragedy of the commons to occur, where everyone thinks that someone else is tak-

ing care of minyan and then none of them attends.

But that's, honestly, a hiccup. We have grown in our appreciation of each other and our lives. We've grown in appreciation of what it means to have a functional society for all—and in our willingness to demand and fight for it. We've grown in our appreciation of health.

The other day, I gave a blessing to children at BEKI Religious School who had received the vaccine. They were beaming, and we'll do more of this, too, with God's help, in coming months.

Let the joy of these children—let the hope they symbolized—lift up and maintain our world. And let us do the work to make that world right for them.



Rabbi Woodward blesses children at BEKI Religious School who received the COVID vaccine.

December 2021

27 Kislev 5782 - 27 Tevet 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mark Your Calendar</p> <p>Jan 8 Artist conversation with Bruce Oren</p> <p>Jan 16 Tu Bishvat online Seder</p> <p>Jan 26 Book talk by Jennifer Anne Moses</p> <p>Mar 27 Installation of Rabbi Woodward</p> <p>Apr 15 First Seder</p> <p>June 4 Erev Shavuot</p> <p>June 20 Annual Meeting</p>			<p>1 Hanukkah III</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4-6:15pm PJ Library Story Time, crafts & singalong 5:30pm Lighting of the Menorah 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>27 Kislev</p>	<p>2 Hanukkah IV</p> <p>8:15am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:30pm Lighting of the Menorah 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>28 Kislev</p>	<p>3 Hanukkah V</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4:04pm Candle Lighting (home event) 6:00pm Chapel Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person only)</p> <p>29 Kislev</p>	<p>4 Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI</p> <p>Entropy Warriors Exhibit by Bruce Oren Opens 9:15am Shabbat Service - Sanctuary (in-person only) 10:45am Childrens's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation 7:00pm Hanukkah Singalong (in-person)</p> <p>30 Kislev</p>
<p>5 Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII</p> <p>9:00am Courtyard or Chapel & Zoom Service 4:00pm Kadima/USY Hanukkah Party 5:30pm Lighting of the Menorah 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>1 Tevet</p>	<p>6 Hanukkah VIII</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>2 Tevet</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>3 Tevet</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>4 Tevet</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:15am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>5 Tevet</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4:04pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Chapel Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person only)</p> <p>6 Tevet</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15am Shabbat Service - Sanctuary (in-person only) 10:45am Childrens's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation 7:30pm Violin Concert with Ilana Zaks</p> <p>7 Tevet</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Courtyard or Chapel & Zoom Service 11:00am Growing Up In An Interfaith Family: Reflections on Christmas & Hanukkah with Rabbi Eric Woodward (in-person) 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>8 Tevet</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service 7:00pm General Board Meeting</p> <p>9 Tevet</p>	<p>14 Fast of Tevet 10</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4:00pm No Religious School 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>10 Tevet</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service 7:30pm Prayer & Liturgy at BEKI with Rabbi Carl Astor (special Zoom link)</p> <p>11 Tevet</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:15am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service 7:30pm Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary Redesign via Zoom</p> <p>12 Tevet</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4:06pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Chapel Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person only)</p> <p>13 Tevet</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15am Shabbat Service - Sanctuary (in-person only) 10:45am Childrens's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation</p> <p>14 Tevet</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Courtyard or Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>15 Tevet</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>16 Tevet</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>17 Tevet</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>18 Tevet</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Office Closed 8:15am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service 7:30pm The Bluegrass Characters & Kol Kahol Concert</p> <p>19 Tevet</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed 9:00am Chapel & Zoom Service (Federal Holiday Service Time) 4:09pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Chapel Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person only)</p> <p>20 Tevet</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:15am Shabbat Service - Sanctuary (in-person only) 10:45am Childrens's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation</p> <p>21 Tevet</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Courtyard or Chapel & Zoom Service 9:00am No Religious School 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>22 Tevet</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>23 Tevet</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 4:00pm No Religious School 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>24 Tevet</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office Closed 7:00am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>25 Tevet</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Office Closed 8:15am Chapel & Zoom Service 5:45pm Chapel & Zoom Service</p> <p>26 Tevet</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed 9:00am Chapel & Zoom Service (Federal Holiday Service Time) 4:14pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Chapel Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person only)</p> <p>27 Tevet</p>	

Service Times

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Maariv	7 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Maariv	7 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Maariv	7 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Maariv	8:15 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Maariv	7 am Shaharit 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:15 am Shaharit



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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 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 or 203-389-2108 x114

BEKI Services for December

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

- Sunday 9 am (outdoors, weather permitting)
- Sunday 5:45 pm
- Monday 7 am
- Monday 5:45 pm
- Tuesday 7 am
- Tuesday 5:45 pm
- Wednesday 7 am
- Wednesday 5:45 pm
- Thursday 8:15 am
- Thursday 5:45 pm
- Friday 7 am
- Friday 6 pm
- Saturday 9:15 am

For the latest information on services, check Happenings or email bekitefilla@gmail.com