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DECEMBER EVENTS

Staying Safe

On Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 pm, we will have a workshop with Michael Shanbrom, our Regional Security Advisor through the Secure Community Network, which is the safety and security organization of the Jewish community in North America.

Michael, who is a retired FBI Special Agent and a former Woodbridge Police Commissioner, has served in this role since October 2021. This workshop, called Countering Active Threat Training, shows how to prepare for an active threat event anywhere—at BEKI, our neighborhoods, workplaces, or supermarkets.

Drawing on his experience in law enforcement, Michael will show best steps to survive an active threat incident: Run, Hide, Fight. The workshop is educational, engaging, not frightening, and appropriate for adults of all ages.

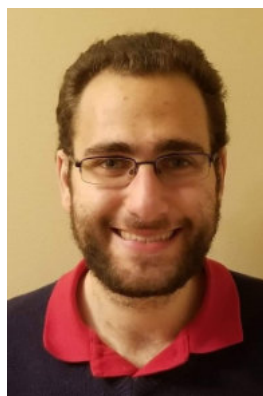
This program, which will be in-person only in the downstairs area that is now being prepared for services during the Sanctuary Redesign, is provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

First Shabbat Downstairs

We plan to close the sanctuary the week of Dec. 18 so that volunteers can remove the pews and do other deconstruction of reusable materials. Starting Saturday, Dec. 23, Shabbat morning services and Shabbat kiddush will take place in the downstairs social hall, using the Congregation Sinai torah ark.



Michael Shanbrom



Max DuBoff

Judith and Hanukkah

Max DuBoff will lead a Shabbat Schmooze on Dec. 9 at 12:45 pm. We'll study excerpts from the Book of Judith, plus Judith's reception by medieval commentators and Jewish feminists. Max is a PhD candidate in Classics and Philosophy at Yale University.

Each Night at 5:45 pm

We'll light the Hanukkah menorah in the chapel every evening (except Shabbat) at 5:45 pm, just before Maariv prayers, starting Thursday, Dec. 7. Join us in person or on [Zoom](#).

Chanting at the Yurt in Woodbridge

Join the BEKI community for an afternoon of expressive Hebrew chanting and Jewish music with Richard Gans at the Yurt, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 3-4:30 pm. The simple words will be familiar, though the tunes may be different. Richard plays harmonium and keyboard and leads chanting and singing. He and his band create an atmosphere of melodic beauty to allow everyone to delve deep into the words and music.

"This unique, cozy gathering place in the woods brings people together in community to share soul-nourishing spiritual music to create an experience at once relaxing and enlivening," BEKI Programming Chair Shoshana Zax explains. Watch for the flyer with ticket details.

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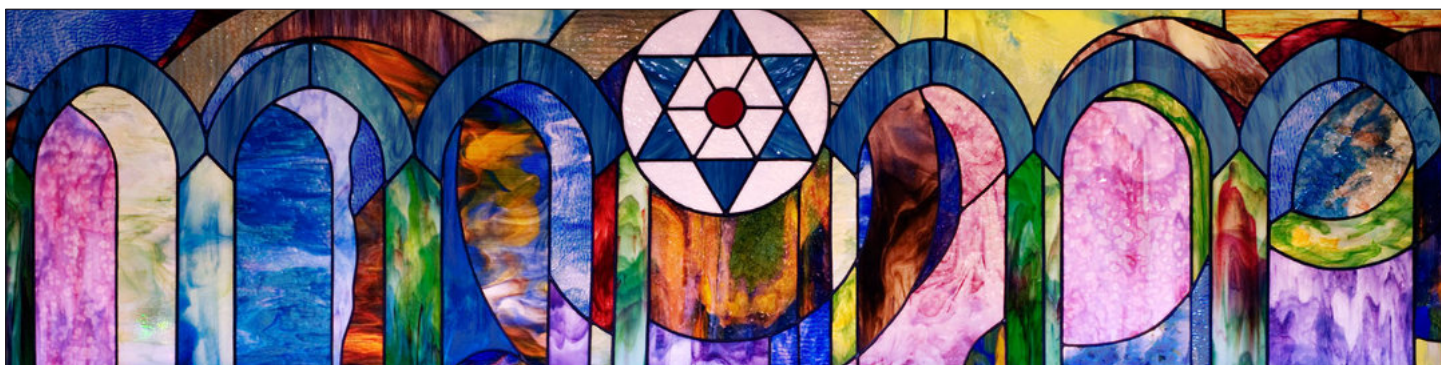
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BEKI STAINED GLASS WINDOW DESIGN BY CYNTHIA BETH RUBIN

Introducing Our Newest Members

Now that BEKI has grown to 323 member units, we want to introduce you to the people who have joined recently. Here is the next installment of introductions, written by our members themselves.

Ben Cherry & Rachel Katz Mark and Lilah



Ben and Rachel are so happy for our family to join the BEKI congregation. We are both physicians affiliated with Yale and outside of work enjoy music (playing and singing), cooking, and spending time with our kiddos. Our son Mark is four, and his favorite things

are super heroes and Legos. Our daughter Lilah Bea was born in August and enjoys soft blankets and social smiles. We look forward to meeting our fellow congregants at shul.

Ezra Homonoff

Ezra recently moved to New Haven to work as a school psychologist in a K-8 school. A graduate of Muhlenberg College and Lehigh University, Ezra is excited to begin their next stage of life with the BEKI congregation. When they're not busy working with students,



Ezra loves writing, drawing, crocheting, and making and playing music. They also enjoy video games and animated shows and movies. They'd like to thank the congregation for the warm welcome thus far!



Ruth Kantorovitz, Benny and Ari Lerman

I am visiting New Haven this year with my son, Benny (10). Occasionally my college-kid, Ari, visits for Shabbat and joins us at BEKI.

I grew up in Israel and came to the U.S. for my PhD. Twenty years later, I am still in the U.S., now living in Urbana, IL.

I want to thank BEKI for their warm welcome and help in settling into my Westville apartment. That sense of community is what I love about BEKI! I enjoy taking walks in the neighborhood and assembling IKEA furniture. Benny likes science, nature and endless Minecraft.

Can You Provide a Meal?

BEKI has a long tradition of providing meals to families who have welcomed a child. You can prepare and deliver the dinner or arrange delivery from a restaurant.

Anything you need to know about preferences or address is provided at the platform called Lotsa Helping Hands. Just [log in](#) and choose your password. When the calendar is set up for meals, you'll receive an email with a link.

If you have questions, consult Rachel Greenberg at rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com.

Currently, we are providing meals to the Vigrass/Spierer family, and we are expecting to feed several more families in the months ahead.

Help Cover Costs of Security

For those who made a pledge or donation to our Annual Appeal, thank you.

Right now, your support is vital to help cover the cost of a newly hired security guard during our religious school hours. Please consider increasing your donation this year.

BEKI members received your Annual Appeal email around October 11. If you want Peggy to re-send it to you, just ask. You may donate through the [website](#), email office@BEKI.org or call 203-389-2108 X114.

If you have any questions, Murray Akresh, BEKI Income Development Chair, will be happy to answer them.

Are you a BEKI artist?

Are you an exhibiting artist or a trained professional in the visual arts? If so, the BEKI Art Committee would like to hear from you. We are planning upcoming activities with opportunities for participation by BEKI artists. On Jan. 7 we will be holding community wide "Tree Drawing" workshops, and would welcome additional volunteer artist teachers. We also anticipate future exhibition opportunities. Write to art@beki.org and tell us about yourself, or point us to a website.



Rachel Greenberg



Murray Akresh



Shoshana Chaya, child of Jhena Vigrass and Bruce Spierer, had her naming ceremony on Oct. 29 at BEKI.

Welcome New & Returning Members

Nancy Levene & Kathryn Lofton

Introducing New Staff

You probably know Amer Hassoon, who has been working at BEKI on Saturdays. We now have also hired his wife, Fatima Alyasari. Born and raised in Iraq, where Amer worked for the U.S. military, they and their children were settled in New Haven by IRIS in 2012—with help from some BEKI members! BEKI parents know Fatima since she has provided childcare at BEKI and more recently at the JCC. Fatima will work full time at BEKI, while Amer will continue to assist a couple of days each week. We thank Michael Barone for his years of service.

Prize this month is a mug

Within an article in this bulletin, there's a Prize Code. If you are one of the first five people to find it and email it to bulletin@beki.org, you will win a BEKI coffee mug. November winners were Zane Carey and Emilie Egger.

JCARR Welcomes Family 9

The Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement [JCARR] welcomed our 9th family on Nov. 1. Mom, Dad, daughters 17, 15, 7, and sons 13 and 7 months are settled into an apartment, but each day we recognize household items that they require. Please go to this [site](#), which is updated regularly, to see what needs have been posted.

Here's the heart-warming story of their arrival: Chris George and program staff from IRIS joined the welcoming group. Nancy Kline, who heads our Welcome Task Force, was there, supplied with car seats, jackets, water, backpacks, and snacks.

Our favorite interpreter, Mohhamed E., helped with introductions and translated the family's questions and our brief presentation about how things work in their new apartment—the heat and electricity, the toilet and the shower. We showed them the “refrigerator poster” with photos and contact information for JCARR leaders in English and Arabic; we showed them the warm meal that was lovingly prepared for them by JCARR's Family 2. (Mom has become a very successful caterer in the 7 years they have lived here!)



Interpreter Mohhamed E

Other families that JCARR has assisted over our eight years are now helping newly arrived families. “Dad” in Family 7 is coordinating volunteer drivers for our new family. With seven family members, there will be a lot of doctor appointments and trips to learn about grocery and clothes shopping.

JCARR is a partnership of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven and six New Haven-area synagogues: Congregation Beth-El-Keser Israel (BEKI), Congregation B'nai Jacob, Congregation Mishkan Israel, Congregation Or Shalom, Temple Beth David, and Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven, who all have a history of individually sponsoring refugee families, dating back to the 1980s.

If you are willing to drive the new family, or volunteer in other ways, please email BEKI's liaison to JCARR, Jennifer Mellon, at jnmellon@hotmail.com.

Note: We generally refer to our families by number rather than name to protect their privacy as well as the relatives they left behind.



Operation Isaiah for JFS Pantry

Thanks to everyone who donated! Lynn Brotman reports that she delivered 632 pounds of non-perishable food items, which is equivalent to 527 meals, plus \$650 in grocery gift cards to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry.

Their pantry is open to *all* members of the community—Jewish and non-Jewish alike—who are experiencing “food insecurity,”

that is, they are without regular access to a sufficient amount of nutritious food and often do not know where they'll get their next meal.



Hanukkah Clothing Drive

From Dec. 7 to 15, we are collecting men's and women's winter gear—coats, sweatshirts, sweaters, flannel shirts, scarves, winter hats, mittens, gloves, and (new only) warm socks for DESK (Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen).

Please fill the donation boxes in the lobby with brand new or gently-used items that are *clean* and in *good condition*.



Teens Make Thanksgiving Pies

By ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

On Nov. 5, BEKI USY returned to the kitchen for their annual event making Thanksgiving pies. The teens assembled and froze kosher pareve pies, some pumpkin and some apple. This year, eighteen teenagers joined in, to make almost 100 pies for community members' Thanksgiving tables, plus additional pies to be donated for those in need.

A big thank you to Chaya Manning, who organized the project for the first time this year; to adult volunteers Eva Shragis, Christopher Sewell, Mira Lebowitz, Zane Carey, and Zachary Dillon; and to every teen who participated.



Itamar Lebowitz, Shai Hurwitz, Mick Lebowitz, and Joel Grutzendler helped make the Thanksgiving pies.

Spotlight on a BINA Teacher: Sharon Naveh

Sharon Naveh (3rd-4th Grade) is a new teacher this year at BINA, and we are so lucky that she has joined us! Morah Sharon is a gifted and experienced teacher of Hebrew and Judaics. She is particularly known for teaching "Ivrit B'Ivrit"—speaking only in Hebrew while teaching Hebrew, immersing our students in the language and making it come alive for them.



Sharon Naveh in her Purim Costume

In the past, Sharon has taught Hebrew and Judaic subjects to students of all ages, including elementary, middle school, high school, undergraduate, and graduate students.

She holds masters degrees in Hebrew Literature from the Jewish Theological Seminary and in English from Villanova University. Since moving to New Haven, she has delivered adult education lectures in her area of specialty, Medieval Hebrew Literature, at Westville Synagogue and the JCC.

Sharon lives in Westville with her husband, David Staum, and her sons Gidon and Gavriel, who are second grade students at BINA. 578412

Hanukkah Celebrations for Teens and Tweens

Saturday, December 2, 6-7:30 PM

USY Hanukkah Party and Game Night

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Get excited for Hanukkah with a party and game night, featuring great company, great snacks, and tabletop games that are a little more complicated than dreidel.

Saturday, December 9, 5:30-7 PM

Kadima Hanukkah Party

4th-8th graders are invited to BEKI for candle lighting, fun crafts, a dreidel tournament, and more. Consult Annie Norman-Schiff for details about either event.

Sisterhood Hanukkah Book & Gift Sale Sunday, Dec. 3

Join us on Dec. 3 for our annual Sisterhood Giftshop Hanukkah Book and Gift Sale, from 9 am to 1 pm, including an author talk with artist Joel Silverstein from 11 am to noon. Bagels will be served.

Silverstein, a Brooklyn born artist, has just published *The Brighton Beach Bible*, an autobiographical narrative based on the Exodus story. His unique graphic novel style paintings depict Brighton Beach and Coney Island,



"Guilty Hands" by Joel Silverstein

the famed recreational New York shoreline, from the 1970s to 2010s.

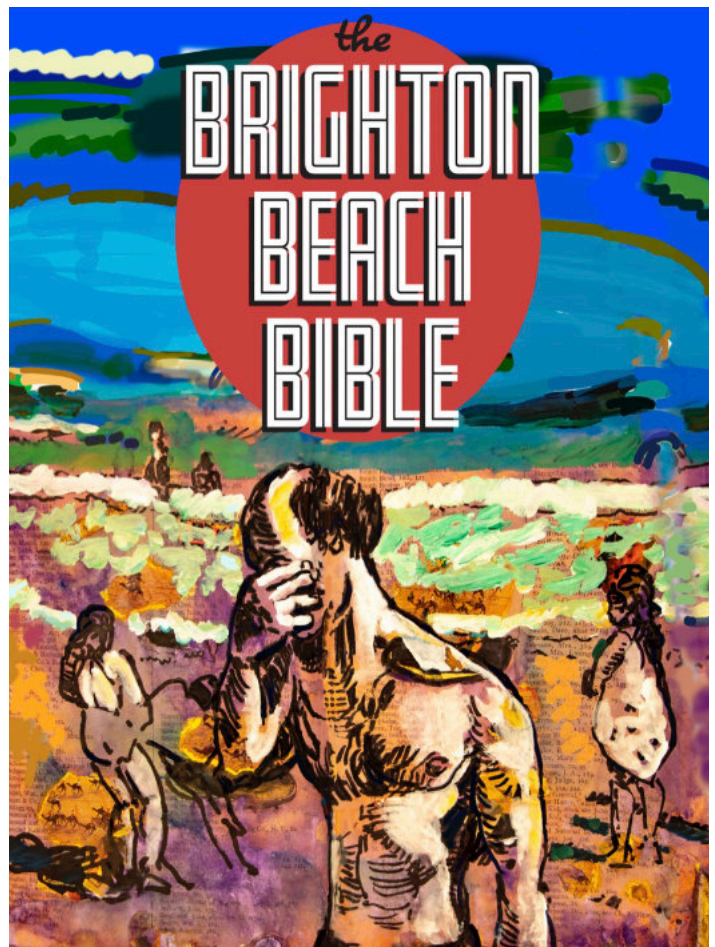
For your shopping needs for Hanukkah, which arrives Dec. 7, we have menorahs for every style and need, including travel menorahs, new Michael Aram hanukiyot, and beautiful Israeli made candles. We have gifts for family and friends, including new jewelry by Emily Rosenfeld.

Sisterhood members will receive 10% off all purchases on Dec. 3.

We are open every day by appointment, except Shabbat. You can usually drop in around maariv, but it's best to text or call first:

Karen 203.430.2182
or Harriet
203.675.8607.

**The Giftshop has
bracelets by Emily
Rosenfeld.**



Artist Joel Silverstein will discuss this new book and sign copies at BEKI on Sunday, Dec. 3

Sisterhood News

BY MIMI GLENN, SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT

I have a new heroine: 85 year old Yocheved Lifshitz. She lived in Kibbutz Nir Oz by the Gaza border and is one of two elderly captives who were released by Hamas after 16 days in Gaza.

For over a decade, she and her husband were a beacon of hope, assisting in the transport of sick Palestinians from Gaza for treatment in Israeli hospitals.

As I write this, her husband is still in captivity. When she was released by her captor, she shook his hand, said "Shalom" (peace), and moved everyone in the world.

Why am I telling you this story? To ask you to please become a new or renewing Sisterhood member this year. Women's League is working in Israel to help Israeli citizens with food, clothing, education and much more. Your membership of \$25 will help them to do so.

FOCUS ON THE LIGHT THE MENORAH SHEDS

BY RABBI ERIC WOODWARD

As we face a dramatic and horrifying upsurge in anti-semitism and anti-Jewish violence, it's worth thinking about how we face this topic as Jews.

Whether we call it antisemitism or Jew-hatred or persecution, we Jews have for millennia dealt with the question of how to practice our religion at a time when we might suffer for that practice. Jewish practice has long involved risk.

And so the question we face right now: in a world where it sometimes might feel dangerous to be Jewish, how do I make sense of my individual practice?

And my answer is: you should be safe, but not scared, which means that you should take the precautions that you need to take, but after taking those precautions, you should throw away the fear that led to them.

Think about Hanukkah. We light our menorah carefully, with an awareness of fire risk, but we don't worry overmuch about it. Instead, we focus on the light it sheds. Likewise, now, we should practice our religion safely, with an awareness of the risks, but we should focus mostly on the light that we shed.

Many times in our life, though, we manage to continue feeling the emotional response to a scary situation even after we have dealt with it. A child wakes you up after a nightmare, and they are safe, but they are still feeling the frightening emotions. We have to be able to remind people that they are safe, and calm people who are worried.

This means that we have to go about our normal lives, safely. We still have all of the normal things at the synagogue, but we have armed guards for religious school and for

services. We're safe. And we want to make sure we help calm people's nerves.

What can you do to calm the nerves of people around you? What can you do to calm your own nerves? Recently, when my wife and I ask each other how we are doing, we sardonically reply to each other, "I'm thriving!" It's some dark humor to help us accommodate our emotions to a hard situation.

Find ways to calm your nerves and those of others. Make safety choices, and then trust them. Don't eat yourself alive with fear and worry. Instead—and this is the best response to antisemites—be a proud and happy Jew, full of joy for what it means to be in relationship with God, Torah, and Israel.

And when you light your menorah this Hanukkah, do so proudly, full of joy and bravery.

Adapted from an email message from Nov. 8, 2023



Asher and Miriam Purdy are looking forward to Hanukkah.

Saluting BEKI's Legacy Donors

Thank you for creating a brighter future at BEKI! We'll celebrate our legacy donors on Saturday, Feb. 24.

If you would like to leave a donation to BEKI in your will (or we have inadvertently omitted your name from this list), please contact Donna Levine at sdsij@aol.com or 203-668-6473. She will be happy to assist you in your planning for BEKI's future.



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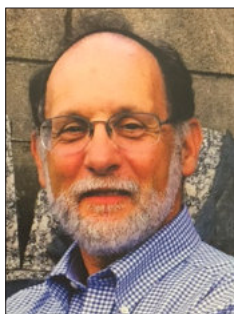
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Rabbi Carl Astor

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Rachel Adelstein

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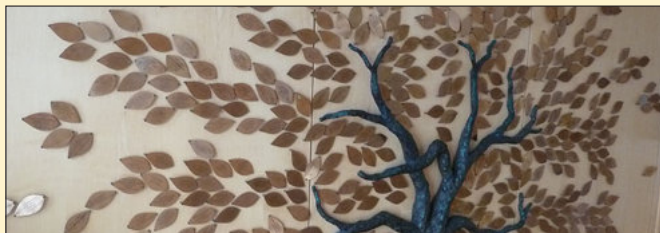
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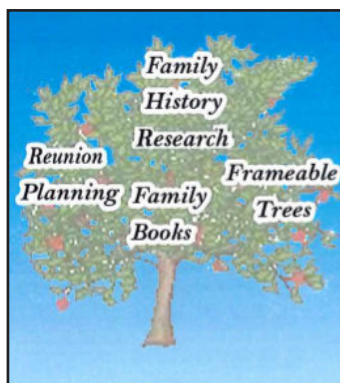
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"We joined BEKI in time for the baby-naming of our eldest daughter over 16 years ago, and it has been our Jewish home—and, really, a home in so many more ways—ever since. We are proud to leave something in our will for BEKI (it was also much easier to do the paperwork than I had thought). When we're gone, the shul will be here for our children." —Mark

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WE AMENDED OUR BY-LAWS

We have two models of community in Judaism — the minyan and the kahal. The minyan is made up of ten adult Jews who constitute a prayer quorum. The kahal is made up of all people in the Jewish community — many of whom are not constituting the minyan, perhaps because they are children, or perhaps because they are a ger toshav — a “resident alien,” a non-Jewish person who is a part of the kahal, but not of the minyan.

At BEKI, we have recently decided to amend our membership by-laws to formally allow non-Jewish constituents of the kahal to be “members” at BEKI. This has been the practice at BEKI for some time, but it has been inconsistently applied over the years.

This is an important and good by-law clarification, and its text is as such:

"Membership may be open to any person who is a Jew according to Jewish law and the spouse/domestic partner of any such person. Said persons shall abide by these By-Laws and the rules and regulations of this organization, as the same may be promulgated from time to time by the Board of Directors. Upon the end of a marriage/domestic partnership, a non-Jewish spouse/domestic partner may be eligible to continue an existing membership. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, a member in good standing shall enjoy the benefits of membership, Congregational activities and, to the extent permissible under Jewish Law, as determined by the Rabbi, ritual activities. Officers, members of the Board of Directors, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, and all members of the Ritual Committee must be Jewish members of this organization."

What you see above is by-law language — it's not meant to inspire. But the change is actually inspiring. We have many non-Jews in BEKI who are a part of our community, and they deserve the honor of being formally considered as such. What's more, we have



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many non-Jews who share in the obligations of our community — the obligations of teaching Torah to children, of throwing in one's lot, safety-wise, with the Jewish people, of shlepping and cooking and role-modeling how to be a mensch — and this policy gives formal language to what we already know, which is that they are valued members of our community.

That's why, practically, there won't be a lot that changes with this. It's providing by-laws context for a change we are already living. But it represents something important — that we recognize that our kahal, our community, is large and full of diversity and strength.

A minyan and a kahal are different things — but they support each other. The kahal helps the minyan to thrive, to have a home, to be in a community; the minyan helps the kahal to have a purpose, a direction, a telos.

May we each find strength in our community, and direction in our prayer.



Gabor Peterdi, A Genesis, 1966; from A Genesis, a suite of 15 etchings, half of which are on display in the BEKI Beit Midrash.

December 2023

18 Kislev 5784 - 19 Tevet 5784

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Mark Your Calendar

Jan 7 Tree Drawing workshops
Jan 24 Erev Tu Bishvat
March 9 Aaron Robbins b'mitzvah
March 23 Erev Purim
April 22 First Seder

<div>1</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 4:05pm Candle Lighting 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>18 Kislev</div>						
<div>2</div> <div>BINA Shabbat 9:15am Shabbat Service (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation 6-7:30pm USY Hanukkah Party & Game Night</div> <div>19 Kislev</div>						
<div>3</div> <div>9am BINA 9am In-person/Zoom Service 9am-1pm Sisterhood Giftshop Hanukkah Gift/Book Fair 10am Talmud Study 11am Joel Silverstein Booktalk 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>20 Kislev</div>	<div>4</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>21 Kislev</div>	<div>5</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>22 Kislev</div>	<div>6</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 7pm Countering Active Threat Training (in-person only)</div> <div>23 Kislev</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Erev Hanukkah Hanukkah Warm Clothing Drive Begins 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>24 Kislev</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Hanukkah I 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4:04pm Candle Lighting 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>25 Kislev</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Hanukkah II 9:15am Shabbat Service 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Learning about Hanukkah 5:30-7pm Kadima Hanukkah Party</div> <div>26 Kislev</div>
<div>10</div> <div>Hanukkah III 9am BINA 9am In-person/Zoom Service 10am Talmud Study 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>27 Kislev</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Hanukkah IV 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>28 Kislev</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Hanukkah V 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>29 Kislev</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>1 Tevet</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Hanukkah VII 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm BEKI Menorah Lighting 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>2 Tevet</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Hanukkah VIII Hanukkah Warm Clothing Drive Ends 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4:05pm Candle Lighting 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>3 Tevet</div>	<div>16</div> <div>9:15am Shabbat Service (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation</div> <div>4 Tevet</div>
<div>17</div> <div>9am BINA 9am In-person/Zoom Service 10am Talmud Study 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>5 Tevet</div>	<div>18</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (on-line)</div> <div>6 Tevet</div>	<div>19</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>7 Tevet</div>	<div>20</div> <div>7am In-person/Zoom Service No BINA 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 7:30pm Prayer & Liturgy w/Rabbi Carl Astor (online)</div> <div>8 Tevet</div>	<div>21</div> <div>8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>9 Tevet</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Fast of Tevet 10 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4:08pm Candle Lighting 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>10 Tevet</div>	<div>23</div> <div>9:15am Shabbat Service (Downstairs, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation</div> <div>11 Tevet</div>
<div>24</div> <div>Rabbi Off No BINA 9am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>12 Tevet</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Rabbi Off Office Closed 9am In-person/Zoom Service (Federal Holiday Service Time) 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>13 Tevet</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Rabbi Off 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>14 Tevet</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Rabbi Off 7am In-person/Zoom Service No BINA 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>15 Tevet</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Rabbi Off 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>16 Tevet</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Rabbi Off 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4:12pm Candle Lighting 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat</div> <div>17 Tevet</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Rabbi Off 9:15am Shabbat Service (Downstairs, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation</div> <div>18 Tevet</div>
<div>31</div> <div>Rabbi Off No BINA 9am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service</div> <div>19 Tevet</div>						

Service Times

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

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Services

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

Sunday 9 am	Wednesday 7 am
Sunday 5:45 pm	Wednesday 5:45 pm
Monday 7 am	Thursday 8:15 am
Monday 5:45 pm	Thursday 5:45 pm
Tuesday 7 am	Friday 7 am
Tuesday 5:45 pm	Friday 6 pm
	Saturday 9:15 am

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