What’s New in Westville?
Have you wondered what Bloom is on Edgewood Avenue? Or been curious about various storefronts in Westville Village? Bring your questions to the Zoom Schmooze on Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 pm, when our speakers will be Lizzy Donius, Executive Director of the Westville Village Renaissance Alliance, and Alisha Crutchfield-McLean, owner of Bloom, a gathering space and retail shop.

Conversation with the Artist
Join us after Kiddush lunch on Saturday, Feb. 5 for an in-person conversation at 12:30 pm with artist Bruce Oren about his exhibit of sculpture, photography and paintings, “Entropy Warriors,” which is installed in the upstairs and downstairs gallery spaces at BEKI. The snow date is Feb. 12.

New Date Book Schmooze
Author and painter Jennifer Anne Moses will discuss her most recent book, a collection of short stories entitled The Man Who Loved His Wife, on Zoom Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 pm. She has written six prior books, dozens of essays and articles; she currently writes a blog for The Times of Israel.

Evacuating Our Afghan Allies
Thomas Huddleston, who for the past 15 years has been a strategic advisor for the Migration Policy Group, a leading European think tank, will speak on Zoom Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 pm. Now he is donating his expertise to help the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR) recruit and train new volunteers to welcome an Afghan refugee family. Read about JCARR’s work on page 8.

COVID Research
Epidemiologist Dan Weinberger from the Yale School of Public Health will return for another BEKI Zoom Schmooze on March 9 at 7:30 pm. His topic is “COVID-19, Where are we now? Data from the U.S. and Israel.”

Ongoing Classes
Ethnomusicologist Rachel Adelstein will offer two more Zoom sessions in February about the origins and the evolution of the tunes we use in our services, Mondays at 8 pm (details on the February calendar page). Since each session is distinct, you can join at any time. This course is provided with support from the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Fund for Sacred Music.

On Wednesdays Feb. 16 and March 30, you are invited to join Prayer and Liturgy at BEKI, an ongoing exploration with Rabbi Carl Astor. Please note that there is a special Zoom link for this program.

Rabbi’s Installation
The program, to be held in the main sanctuary on Sunday morning March 27, will start with 9 am minyan. See page 4 for more information.
BEKI Bulletin

The newsletter is published monthly by Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel for the benefit of its members. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

To contribute articles or for inquiries regarding membership:
- Call the Synagogue office: 203.389.2108
- Write: 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515-1724
- Email: bulletin@beki.org
- Visit our web page: www.beki.org
- Follow us on social media:
- For advertising information, call the synagogue office.

Deadline for submission of ads or articles is the first of the month preceding publication.

Annual subscription is $36

BEKI Bulletin © 2022 Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel.

Editor
Rachel Bashevkin

Associate Editors
Donna Levine, Donna Kemper

Layout & Design
Bruce Oren

Board of Directors

If you have questions or concerns, please speak with a Board member.

- Yaron Lew (president) president@beki.org
- Michael Hurwitz (vice president) michael.hurwitz@yale.edu
- Rachel Bashevkin (vice president) bulletin@beki.org
- Steve Rudof (treasurer)
- Donna Levine (secretary)
- Murray Akresh
- Harold Birn
- Max DuBoff
- Eric Dunsker
- Mimi Glenn
- Rachel Greenberg
- David Levy
- Jennifer Myer
- Mark Oppenheimer
- Sam Purdy
- Gadiel Robbins
- Tamara Schechter
- Rob Schonberger
- Jay Sokolow
- Evan Wyner
Purim is Coming!

Shalach Manot – Purim Bags


This year, we are unable to deliver. Bags can be picked up after the Megillah readings March 16 and 17 or by arrangement with the office for the next week. After that, bags will be donated, and you will receive a card with your donor list.

Matanot L’Evyonim

Please note that on the Shalach Manot form, you can also arrange matanot l’evyonim, donations to those in need, which will be distributed by Rabbi Woodward at his discretion.

The Fast of Esther

Taanit Esther is observed on Wednesday, March 16, immediately before Purim, from 5:40 am to 7:33 pm.

Megillah Readings

We will read the Book of Esther Wednesday evening March 16, in-person in the Sanctuary/Social Hall (or on Zoom). Minchah will start at 6:30 pm, followed by Maariv and then Megillah reading 7 to 8:30 pm.

A child-friendly Megillah reading, costume parade and light supper prior to the evening service will start at 5:30 pm. BEKI Religious School children will attend with their classes. We hope all other BEKI children (with their adults) will attend also. See details on page 7.

Thursday morning March 17, the service will begin earlier than usual, at 7:30 am, to read the Megillah again, both in-person and on Zoom.

Entrance to Zoom services is moderated. If your extended family or friends wish to attend, please notify our technical hosts via bekitefilla@gmail.com.

Megillah Text


Wear A Costume!

Even if you’re at home for the Megillah Reading, we encourage both adults and children to wear costumes. If you come to BEKI, remember to include a KN-95 mask as part of your getup.

Return of the Purim Seudah

If pandemic conditions allow, we will have a mini-Seudah (Feast) at 5 pm on Thursday, March 17, followed by minyan at 5:45 pm. Watch for updates in Happenings.
Installation on March 27
A tradition for rabbis in their first year with a congregation, the installation of Rabbi Woodward on Sunday morning March 27 will feature remarks by Rabbi Woodward as well as Rabbi Ravid Tilles, Director of Jewish Life and Learning at Schechter Boston. Formerly the spiritual leader at the Merrick (NY) Jewish Centre, Rabbi Tilles was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, where he also received a Certificate in Pastoral Care.

If public health guidelines allow, the event will be followed by a festive brunch. You should receive an e-invitation around the time this bulletin arrives. Please reply to help the Installation Committee plan the event.

Congregants are encouraged to contribute messages to Rabbi Woodward for inclusion in a tribute book being prepared for the occasion. If you have questions, please contact Rachel Light or Shoshana Zax, Installation Committee co-chairs.

Changes in Service Times
First Fridays at Five, holding our Kabbalat Shabbat services at the kid-friendly time of 5 pm, will start Friday, Feb. 4 and then Friday, March 4. See details on page 7.

Morning minyan on Monday, Feb. 21 will start at 9 am because of the public holiday.

New Doors on Harrison Street Entrance
Thanks to a grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder, the entrance under the stained-glass windows on Harrison Street is now a trio of secure doors with electronic controls and a keypad.

L Rosenthal B’Mitzvah
The b’mitzvah of L Rosenthal, child of Diane Purvin and Seth Rosenthal, will be celebrated on Saturday, March 5, parashat Pekudei. The congregation is invited to attend. The Kiddush lunch to follow will be sponsored by the family, who request that all attendees wear high-quality masks when not eating. L is currently a 7th grader at ATLAS Middle School, where they work on projects in creative and performing arts. L’s other hobbies include watching YouTube, playing piano, watching TV and movies, and playing video games such as Just Dance.

Annual Appeal Update
We are pleased to report that we exceeded our budgeted goal (as well as the 2020 collection) for the BEKI 2021 Annual Appeal. These donations provide the funds needed to cover BEKI’s operating budget. Together, our community remains in strong fiscal health. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Message from President Yaron Lew
Adapted from his Dec. 17 email to the congregation

Only Fair Trade Chocolate

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the Board adopted a resolution that all chocolate served at BEKI will carry certification that it has been screened against child slavery.

This resolution reflects our continued commitment to Tikun Olam and ethically-sourced products. We are progressing towards Ethical Kashrut, which goes beyond the laws of Kashrut and affirms our tremendous concern for our impact on our planet and humanity.

Stop & Shop offers its own fair trade chocolate chips and cocoa powder… and who can forget the fair-trade Hanukkah gelt we enjoyed recently? Thanks to the tireless efforts of some of our members, fair trade chocolate is becoming more mainstream in our area, and more places are considering adding it to their offerings.
Sanctuary Redesign

Sanctuary Update

“The Sanctuary was constructed from all the good which had been sifted out from every single Jew.”

So taught Rabbi Nachman of Breslov, as quoted in the booklet Azamra. Such is the mission of BEKI’s sanctuary redesign project: to construct a design for our main worship space that incorporates and reflects “all the good” dwelling within our congregation — past, present and future.

“Our current sanctuary is familiar,” says synagogue Vice President Rachel Bashevkin, “but if we look at it objectively, its design no longer matches us. We’re not crumbling like the seats; instead, we’re vibrant and growing. Our services are not performances by a cantor on the bimah; they are led by a bounty of volunteers. We don’t line up in neat rows; we debate and discuss issues. It’s lovely to imagine that BEKI’s sanctuary could reflect who we are today as a congregation.”

At a well-attended Zoom meeting in December, congregants learned about the possible scope of the project; met the architect, Michael Goldblum; and heard about results of November’s congregational survey and how they align with BEKI’s values of accessibility, inclusion, egalitarianism, participation, and environmental sustainability.

The congregation heard from Rabbi Woodward about how the sanctuary redesign embodies his vision for BEKI’s future. Synagogue President Yaron Lew spoke about the wisdom of investing in the sanctuary rather than simply spending money to repair what we have, and addressed possible funding mechanisms. A separate group of volunteers will spearhead fundraising for the project.

Priorities for the congregation and the Sanctuary Redesign Committee include:

- Seats that are more accessible and comfortable, in a layout that fosters our lay-led approach to services
- Improved climate control and air quality
- An accessible bimah and ark
- Better acoustics
- More natural light
- Increased energy efficiency

“What could be more important for us than to ensure that all members of our community can approach and access the Torah scrolls at the heart of our sanctuary?” asks Rob Schonberger, a member of BEKI’s Executive Board. “The redesign will also enable us to install HVAC and windows to improve both comfort and efficiency. Energy-efficient windows would be a responsible green complement to the solar panels on our roof.”

The redesign committee is currently examining alternative seating layouts, getting congregational feedback on those, and bringing in a mechanical engineer to evaluate the sanctuary’s HVAC needs. (The sanctuary has no ductwork, just four wall vents at the front of the room, and no ability to bring in fresh air from outside.) Future steps include considering possibilities for the bimah and ark, windows, lighting, and walls.

The committee plans to present two or three proposed conceptual designs in March, coinciding with Rabbi Woodward’s installation ceremony. The group will gather congregational feedback, which may lead to revised proposals.

If you have questions or comments about the redesign, please contact the committee at sanctuaryredesign@beki.org.
Suzanne Neusner and Naomi Safran-Hon

BEKI will host simultaneous shows by two women artists whose use of materials plays a defining role in their art: Suzanne Neusner’s Fiber Arts in the upstairs gallery space and Naomi Safran-Hon’s Going Home downstairs.

Suzanne Neusner
For over 35 years, Suzanne Neusner has focused on abstract imagery through a variety of weaving and quilting techniques. Her work includes references to landscapes, abstractions, and playful reinventions of traditional Jewish themes such as matzoh covers.

Neusner uses color and form to highlight contrast and texture, often in whimsical themes and nonconforming shapes. For inspiration, the Rhinebeck, New York, resident draws from her natural surroundings in the Hudson Valley as well as from her prior explorations in other media.

A graduate of the Tyler School of Fine Arts at Temple University in Philadelphia, Neusner also studied at the atelier of William Hayter in Paris and the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, where she lived for several years. Many of her creations have appeared as covers for books from publishers including Penguin, Routledge, Global Publications, McGill-Queen’s University Press, and Valentine Mitchell Publishers.

Naomi Safran-Hon
The paintings in Naomi Safran-Hon’s exhibition Going Home depict neglected rooms, halls, and passageways with traces of their former inhabitants and the external forces that brought about their desolation. Through creating these paintings, the artist reflects on a complicated relationship to her homeland, Israel.

The gallery space at BEKI, Safran-Hon hopes, will draw these questions of home and belonging into a Jewish context, evoking the role of the congregation as a spiritual home, and of the synagogue building as a symbolic home in our tradition, as well as the political and ethnic ideas behind the making of a Jewish collective Home.

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. Through the process of making her work, Safran-Hon reconstructs these buildings and asks us to reconsider our ideas of home and belonging.


Both exhibitions will run through June 4.
Youth Activities

New Opportunities for Kids and Families

BY ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF,
YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

Here at BEKI, we are always finding new ways for kids and families to connect. Here are some programs you can join in February and March:

**Online Havdalah**

When children’s programs moved online for the month of January, we began gathering on Saturday nights. Kid-Friendly Online Havdalah continues in February. Families can bring their own candles to the screen, if they like, and sing the blessings along with Rabbi Eric. Online Havdalah also includes a chance to share and reflect about our week, and to listen to a story with Annie. All ages are welcome, and adults can stay on for an optional schmooze. The link is [www.tinyurl.com/BEKISchmooze](http://www.tinyurl.com/BEKISchmooze).

- Feb 5: 6 pm
- Feb 12: 6:10 pm
- Feb 19: 6:15 pm
- Feb 26: 6:30 pm

**New Approach to Kabbalat Shabbat**

On the first Friday of the month, Kabbalat Shabbat services will happen at 5 pm, a more kid-friendly time. Organizer and BEKI parent Laura Van Metre says that these services will be filled with *ruach* (spirit). Everyone is welcome, and it will be kid-friendly, though not specifically a kids’ service. Join us at 5 pm on Friday, Feb. 4 and Friday, March 4.

**Megillah Reading and Costume Parade**

Kids will get a chance to celebrate Purim in a new way this year, with a Children’s Megillah Reading and Costume Parade on Wednesday, March 16. Here is the schedule for kids’ festivities:

- 5:30-6:15 pm: Children’s Megillah Reading (indoors)
- 6:15-7 pm: Children’s Costume Parade and light dinner (outdoors)

Kids who attend BRS will come directly from their classes to this Megillah Reading at 5:30, and parents and children of all ages will join us. We will tell the Purim story in a fun and engaging way, then move outdoors for a Costume Parade. We will also offer light, outdoor grab-and-go food for kids, if weather and COVID protocols allow. Kids and their adults can join the larger service at 7 pm for more Megillah fun.

Do you have questions or ideas about BEKI children’s programs, or do you want to get involved? Contact Annie at anormanschiff@beki.org.

---

**Super Bowl Deli Boxes**

Sisterhood

**GIFT SHOP NEWS**

Got the winter doldrums? Brighten up your winter with a flowering bulb. The Gift Shop is selling pre-chilled tulips and assorted spring mix bulbs. Simply sit them atop a bowl of gravel and add some water. Then watch them bloom. No bowl? No gravel? No worries. Stick a few toothpicks into the bulb and set them atop a glass or an empty jar and watch them grow. You can even put them in some loose soil in a pot. Need help? Harriet and Karen are here with more hacks.

Once you’ve got some color back in your house, you can start planning for Purim. Yes, we have books, masks and groggers. If you’re surprised to learn that Purim is arriving so soon, buy a beautiful Jewish calendar, now on sale for 20 percent off.

As always, we have the largest selection in Connecticut of Jewish themed children’s books. We have beautiful Judaica that enhance your celebrations and also make lovely gifts.

We are always open by appointment (except Shabbat). Contact us by email at giftshop@beki.org or text Karen 203-430-2182 or Harriet 203-675-8607. Please identify yourself in the text.

---

**Pre-chilled Tulips & other Bulbs**

Ready for you to “force” for inside beauty... Or plant outdoors.

---

**Tikun Olam**

**JCARR Update**

JCARR’s Family 6, who arrived at the end of August, are working to become independent, but volunteers continue to provide support, especially with finding employment, English as a second language, and transportation to and from appointments.

The asylum-seeking family that arrived a year and a half ago is still waiting to learn if the government will grant them refugee status. They have become self-sufficient and are happy to report that they are expecting a new baby in March.

Since JCARR is expecting to resettle an Afghan refugee family within the next two months, the focus is finding housing for the family. Not knowing the family size or exactly when they will arrive makes finding housing very difficult. JCARR is looking for temporary housing such as an in-law apartment, “snow bird” vacated home, or other residence. If you know someone who can provide temporary housing, please contact Barbara Klein bkleinman5987@aol.com or Jean Silk jsilk@jewishnewhaven.org

With the arrival of an Afghan family, JCARR is looking for volunteers who can support its work in resettling this new refugee family. Please contact Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com for information on how you can help.

---

**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 marjoriewiener@yahoo.com
Contributions

Rabbi’s Tzedakah Fund
• David Golden in appreciation of carrying the Sefer Torah

Kiddush Fund
• Harold Birn
• The Rastelli-Weiner family
• Anonymous
• Tamara Schechter & Jessica Bod
• Nanette Stahl

Chai/Synagogue Fund to support synagogue operations
To Aviva Robbins in honor of her Bat Mitzvah by:
• The May family
To Caroline & David Barnett with sympathy on the passing of Al Barnett by:
• Steve & Rachel Wizner
• The Rastelli-Weiner family
• David & Darry Kuperstock
• Karel Koenig
• Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow (to BEKI Religious School)
• Joanne Foodim & Rob Forbes
• Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
• The Lettick family
To Charlie Ludwig in honor of his birthday by:
• The Lettick family
To Sid Levine with wishes for a speedy recovery by:
• The Lettick family
To Howard Gralla in honor of his milestone birthday by:
• Jeanette & Dan Oren
With sympathy on the passing of Baruch Levine by:
• The Freiman-Light family
To David Levick & Daryn David with sympathy on the passing of Arlyse Levick by:
• Mark & Cyd Oppenheimer
• Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow (to BEKI Religious School)
To BEKI in appreciation by:
• Mindy Portnoy (to the Rabbi Andrew Klein Fund)

Yahrzeit Fund to support synagogue operations
In memory of:
• Susan Birn by Harold & Stephanie Birn
• Bernice Margolis by David B. Margolis
• Ida Cameiner Levine by David B. Margolis
• Sydney Weinstein by Dan Goldberg
• Her blessed family by Janet Chernikoff
• Irving Weinstein by Elaine Weinstein
• Shirley Cohen by James & Susan Cohen
• Sarah & Michael Franzman by Lawrence & Susan Franzman
• Samuel Shelnitz by David & Barbara Shelnitz
• Phyllis Rogoff by Jonathan Eagan
• Reuben Gralla by Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla
• Eleanor Hepler by Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla
• Jacob J. Cohen by Lewis & Renee Cohen
• Ida Barnett by Al Barnett
• Helen & Moe Miller by Sandy & John Balayan
• Rose & Norman Alderman by Sonny, Bernie & Lynn Alderman
• Diane Lee Kaufman by Lewis & Minna Kaufman
• George Weiss by Suzanne Weinstein
• Jacob Mattler & Esther Mattler-Black by Shirley Mattler (to the Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund)
• Harry Worobow by Holly Chepow
• Deborah Mendelson by Myra & Andrew Harris
• Rose B. Olmer by Zane Olmer
• Louis & Mildred Israel by Robert Sagerman
• Mary Sagerman by Robert Sagerman
• Grace Cohen Geisinger by Carol Jean Cohen
• Murray E. Kahn by Richard E. Kahn (to the Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund)
• Benjamin Spivak by Sheila Mushin
• Sophie Abelson by Gitti Cohen
• Her mother Esther Heller by Rhoda & Edward Lemkin
• His brother Alan Lemkin by Edward & Rhoda Lemkin
• Gertrude Slopak by David Schwartz
• Her dear grandmother Rose Friedman

by Harriet Friedman, Charles Bruce & family
• Ida Frankel by Shirley Mattler (to the Frankel-Mattler Memorial Fund)
• Sidney Yaffe by David Yaffe
• Wilbur Witten by Marvin & Susan Witten
• Morris Baer by Irving Baer
• Morris Oppenheim by Anita & Michel Malina
• Marjorie Golden Weiss Simson by Marshall & Joan Weiss
• Haie-Bertha Naiman by Polina Naiman
• Anne Schnitman by Edward & Helene Schnitman Vanderhoef
• Morris Altschuler by Roberta Atteson
• Ida Akresh by Murray & Barbara Akresh

HaMakom Yinahem
With sorrow we note the passing of


Daniel Krevolin, husband of Diane

Arlyse Levick, mother of congregants Jeff Levick & Daryn David, grandmother of Simone and Rafael

Baruch Levine, husband of Corinne z”l.

Bea Smirnoff, wife of BEKI past-president Milt Smirnoff z”l

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn
There’s a Yom Kippur reading in our High Holy Day machzor that often moves me. It’s an extract from a speech in Saul Ansky’s play, *The Dybbuk*, in which Rabbi Azriel of Miropolye explains the significance of Yom Kippur:

“The world of God is great and holy. Of all the lands of the world, the Land of Israel was set aside to be holy for us; and in the Land of Israel, the holiest city is Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, the holiest place was the Holy Temple; and the holiest site in the Temple was the Holy of Holies.”

Something at the core of Judaism is that there is a spiritual geography to our world. A synagogue is not simply a building; it’s a location that represents holiness, that represents a home of God, and that expresses our religious values. The architecture of a synagogue, its design and expression, is meant to express and enhance our connection to God.

That’s why I was excited when Yaron approached me about the plan to redesign the sanctuary at BEKI. Because it’s a chance to actually model our sanctuary on our relationship with the divine, and with each other, and to ensure that the architecture to support our community is there for generations to come.

One of the big changes to traditional Jewish life brought on by America was that synagogues adopted the architecture of Protestant churches. There’s a front and a back, a hierarchy. There’s a tall platform from which the rabbi teaches and from which the Torah is read to a silently listening congregation. Prayers are offered from the front of the room, allowing the community to be passive.

That’s not what BEKI is. We’re a community that believes deeply in empowerment. We’re a community that values the voices of all, in our congregation’s rich diversity, and seeks to have them all resonate. We’re a community where many read Torah in the midst of the congregation.

That’s not what Judaism ought to be, either. We require ten people — equals — for minyan, and the Torah is brought out for all to see.

*B’rov am hadrat hamelech* – amongst the multitude of the people is the splendor of God, we read. We could design our spiritual place to express our values, to express that at BEKI, and in our vision of a redeemed world, there is no “front” or “back,” but rather there are bonds of equality and love between all that connect us to each other and to God through those connections.

Research in the past decades on prayer and singing has shown that building singing communities requires spaces where voices can join as one — that is, spaces that are only as big as they need to be, but no bigger. The work of Joey Weisenberg at Hadar’s Rising Song Institute makes clear that building a singing community requires a reorganization of space, in which chairs can be moved, in which people can be brought closer together, and in which voices can be heard.

What would it look like if these goals motivated the construction of our sanctuary? What if the space modeled our religious priorities and also well-documented insights about what spaces are conducive to singing? It’s certainly a big project. One of my teachers, Rabbi Sid Schwarz, says of synagogue life: “Anything can happen. But nothing has to happen.” This means that it’s easy to be in a position of stasis – it is easy to change nothing. It would be easy to sit with “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” But then we’d only be passing this challenge on to future generations.

Better that we should pass on a gift to future generations. Instead of burdening them with a building that seems increasingly out of sync with our values and with what we know works in the Jewish world, let us open our hearts to give a gift to the future. Let the future generations — ten, twenty, forty, sixty years from now — say, “Wow. BEKI of 2022 decided to invest in us and in the future. They were visionaries.” Because anything can happen. We have the will and the energy to do this now. We have the vision and the work of a smart and talented community. “If not now, when?” is too often used in the Jewish world, but frankly, it’s applicable here.

The future in which we need this redesign is not far off. It’s already here, in many ways. The question is just whether we will ride out to face it bravely, or let it happen without us.

I know we can do the former. Nothing has to happen, but anything can happen. The chance to be our best self, our authentic Jewish self, and to have this redound to the benefit and future of our community, is a great one. Will it cost us financially in the near term? Yes. Will it pay dividends in the future? Ken Yehi Ratzon.
THE TOWERS

Your #1 Choice in Senior Living!

For information or to schedule a tour call Rebecca Goodman-Olshansky
(203) 772-1816, ext. 250 rebecca@towerone.org

ROBERT E. SHURE, INC.

FUNERAL HOME

Dedicated to the Dignity and Respect of Tradition

543 George Street, New Haven, CT 06511

Robert E. Shure 203-562-8244 James M. Shure
Founder shurefuneralhome.com President

Visit us at www.beki.org Follow us on social media  BEKI Bulletin February/March 2022 11
Follow us on social media                Visit us at www.beki.org
BEKI Bulletin February/March 2022

BEKI Bulletin February/March 2022
12

A. Joseph Avni-Singer, M.D., FAAP
Shari Storeygard, M.D., FAAP
Shannon Martinello, M.D., FAAP
Miranda Bik-Yin Ip, M.D., FAAP
Namita Wijesekera, M.D., FAAP

Ravit Avni-Singer, MSW, LCSW
Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychotherapy
Parent Consultation
1 Bradley Road, Suite 906
Woodbridge, CT 06525
(203) 389-9174
By Appointment

Many Generations
Kim Formica
Genealogist
PO Box 1248
Orange, CT 06477
tel. 203/376.8551
kimformica@optonline.net

NOLAN’S
HAMDEN MONUMENT COMPANY
LICHTENSTEIN COMPANY
323 Washington Ave. Hamden CT 06518
(203) 288-8486
(203) 287-1593
CT toll free only (800) 852-8865
Fax (203) 287-1593
John Nolan
Michael Nolan
nolansmonuments@att.net

Advertise Your Business in the Bulletin
Would you like your ad here in the coming year? Each month, the BEKI bulletin reaches over 700 households, most of them in the New Haven area. Check with Peggy in the BEKI office about our variety of ad rates.

Facebook Digest Available
Everyone is encouraged to join the BEKI Facebook group. You’ll enjoy the humor, community information, and links to cultural opportunities. For members who do not have a Facebook account but want to see the posts, just email bulletin@beki.org to request the weekly Facebook digest, sent as one email each Friday.

Donate Online
Fast and easy at www.beki.org/give

Donate Online
Fast and easy at www.beki.org/give
What will your Jewish Legacy be?

The Birn Family created a legacy for their synagogue, Congregation BEKI

“The synagogues of my youth do not exist anymore. I made a legacy commitment to BEKI to make sure that our family and future generations never have to say that. The BEKI community has supported us spiritually, intellectually, educationally and socially - it is our privilege to be able to support it back now and in the future.”—Harold Birn

For more information about Create A Jewish Legacy, contact Lisa Stanger,
(203) 387-2424 x382, lstanger@jewishnewhaven.org

Hamden Hall Country Day School
Educating students in PreSchool through Grade 12.
We celebrated National Mix It Up Day in October to foster greater respect and understanding among our students.
www.hamdenhall.org  203.752.2610
1108 Whitney Ave., Hamden, CT 06517

Coachworks of West Haven
1058 Orange Avenue • West Haven, CT 06516
Tel: 203.932.1200  Fax: 203.932.1222
Scott Walstedter

Visit us at www.beki.org Follow us on social media BEKI Bulletin February/March 2022
# BEKI Bulletin February/March 2022

**February 2022**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Shevat</td>
<td>1 Adar I</td>
<td>2 Adar I</td>
<td>3 Adar I</td>
<td>4 Adar I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Shevat</td>
<td>1 Adar I</td>
<td>2 Adar I</td>
<td>3 Adar I</td>
<td>4 Adar I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Shevat</td>
<td>1 Adar I</td>
<td>2 Adar I</td>
<td>3 Adar I</td>
<td>4 Adar I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>30 Shevat</td>
<td>1 Adar I</td>
<td>2 Adar I</td>
<td>3 Adar I</td>
<td>4 Adar I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1 Adar I</td>
<td>2 Adar I</td>
<td>3 Adar I</td>
<td>4 Adar I</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Rosh Hodesh**
- 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
- 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

**Rosh Hodesh II**
- 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
- 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

**Purim Katan I**
- 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
- 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

**Purim Katan II**
- 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service
- 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

**No Religious School**
- 9:00am In-person & Zoom Service
- 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service

**Service Times**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sundays</th>
<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Tuesdays</th>
<th>Wednesdays</th>
<th>Thursdays</th>
<th>Fridays</th>
<th>Saturdays</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>8:15 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>9:15 am Shaharit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (5 pm on First Friday)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## March 2022

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>25 Adar II</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>24 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>3 Adar II</td>
<td>9:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>9:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>9:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10</td>
<td>12 Adar II</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13</td>
<td>14 Adar II</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>15 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20</td>
<td>21 Adar II</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>22 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>27</td>
<td>23 Adar II</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>7:00am In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>24 Adar II</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td>5:45pm In-person &amp; Zoom Service</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Service Times

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sundays</th>
<th>Mondays</th>
<th>Tuesdays</th>
<th>Wednesdays</th>
<th>Thursdays</th>
<th>Fridays</th>
<th>Saturdays</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>8:15 am Shaharit</td>
<td>7 am Shaharit</td>
<td>9:15 am Shaharit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>5:45 pm Maariv</td>
<td>6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat (5 pm on First Friday)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
This is a combined February/March issue of The Bulletin. Our next Bulletin will be the April edition.

**Services**

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

- **Sunday 9 am**
- **Sunday 5:45 pm**
- **Monday 7 am**
- **Monday 5:45 pm**
- **Tuesday 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

**Be Happy! It’s Adar!**

Purim arrives Wednesday, March 16. See page 3 for details about Purim festivities.

**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