

**The Bluegrass Characters will provide a concert of fabulous bluegrass music at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI) on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM.**

**BEKI is located at:  
85 Harrison Street (corner of Whalley Ave.)  
New Haven, CT 06515**

The Bluegrass Characters were brought together in 2011 by the legendary Grammy award-winning fiddler and Dobroist **Stacy Phillips**, and they continue to champion Stacy's mission of bringing authentic vintage Bluegrass music to northern urban audiences. The Bluegrass Characters deliver straight-ahead traditional mountain-style Bluegrass with soaring vocals and hard-driving instrumentals, following the recipe laid down by Bill Monroe, Flatt & Scruggs, The Stanley Brothers, and other pioneers of the genre. ***It is a fine time to celebrate life on Earth with THE BLUEGRASS CHARACTERS.***



As **Stacy** always said "***The Bluegrass Characters start on time!! The performance is FREE, but The Bluegrass Characters will pass the hat for tips.***"  
***Suggested per person tip for the musicians: from \$20.00 to \$20,000.00.***

**BEKI will be offering a simple \$15.00 dinner for this event if you order and pay for your dinner on or before Thursday, December 19, 2019. No exceptions will be made. **Contact Isaiah Cooper at [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.net) to obtain the form for ordering dinner for this event.****

**BEKI will also again offer an assortment of whiskey, bourbon, wine (Kosher), beer, soft drinks and cookies and desserts *in exchange for cash donations (to cover the costs for these items).***

**Suggested donations are as follows:**

cookies/desserts & non-alcoholic beverages	\$3.00
wine or beer	\$4.00
whiskey or bourbon	\$6.00

*Of course, larger donations will be accepted!*

***No other food will be allowed at BEKI (because of the rules of Kashrut).***

***The Bluegrass Characters*** will include:

***Betsy Rome*** will sing her little heart out and strum her flat top guitar,

***Phil Zimmerman*** will have the responsibility of mandolinist,

***Rick Brodsky*** will provide the band with bass & severely needed professional counseling,

***Jerry Oland*** will return to make happy pinging on his banjo, and

***Sofia Chiarandini***, one of Stacy's favorite students, will be on fiddle.

If you plan to attend this shindig, **please RSVP via e-mail** with the subject "***Bluegrass Characters***" to [icooper@cooperlaw.net](mailto:icooper@cooperlaw.net).