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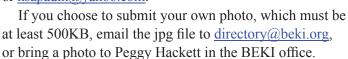
New BEKI Directory

Our last Member Directory dates back to 2018. With all the new faces at BEKI, an updated directory is long past due.

To help us all get acquainted, we want to include a picture and contact information for all members. This 2023 directory, which we plan to publish in October, will be sent to members as a pdf file and also available to members via a passcode at our website.

If you wish, you will be able to print it yourself or buy a copy from the BEKI office for \$10.

Bruce Oren will take family photos for the directory on Sundays from noon to 8 pm in July, August, and September at BEKI, entirely free of charge. We'll set up a little photo studio at BEKI just for this project, and he'll also email you the digital photos for your personal use. The photoshoot is by appointment only; book yours with Helene Sapadin at 203.685.2487 or hsapadin@yahoo.com.



So that we can update our addresses and phone numbers, Peggy will send each of us the information that she has on file; just send her any corrections by September 1.



Bruce Oren



Helene Sapadin

Newcomers Group

Are you new to the BEKI community? Have you recently moved to the area? Come share your personal Jew-





demic years.



Tema Leviter

ish Journey and learn how others found their way to becoming mem-

bers of our shared BEKI community. While this social group is being organized by new members who followed their children and grandchildren to the New Haven area, it is open to all newcomers and to everyone, in fact, who may feel "in a new place" as we emerge from these pan-

If you're interested, contact Alisa Levine at alisa.z.levine@gmail.com or Tema Leviter at trleviter@gmail.com.

Meet Our New Members

Now that BEKI has grown to over 300 member units, we want to introduce you to the people who have

joined in the last year. On page 3, you will find the second installment of introductions, written by our members themselves.

If you are a new member and have not replied to the query questions, please send your responses to bulletin@beki.org so that we can include them in the August issue.



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Introducing Our Newest Members



Zane Carey and Zachary Dillon

We are Zane (he/him) and Zach (he/him) and our 11 year old cat named Rasva. We recently got married on May 28! We live in Stratford but love coming to BEKI for community and Shabbat services.

We are interested in finding others interested in DnD and hiking in the area. We are trying to complete the Sky's the Limit Hiking Challenge this year!

Patsy Foisie

I moved to New Haven in March 2022, and I live in Beaver Hills. I moved here to be close to my daughter and son-in-law, Annie and David Norman-Schiff, and we were joined by little Eve Shaina Norman-Schiff on August 7,

2022. What joy! BEKI is a very warm and welcoming synagogue, and I am already comfortable being part of it. My daughter Annie is the Education Director here.

My favorite parts of being Jewish are the feelings of community and her-



itage. I converted to Judaism in 1982 in Seattle, and Ju-

daism is one of the centers of my life. I make a mean charoset!

I am a quilter, and I'd enjoy meeting new friends interested in fiber art. In addition, I would love to have an opera buddy!

Shelli Farhardian & Michael Chiorazzi, Eva, Lila, and Joseph

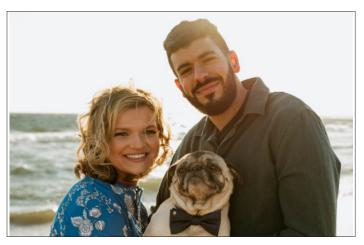


Our family joined BEKI after meeting Morah Ina and learning about the wonderful BEKI religious school, which our daughters have now been attending for the last year and a half. Michael and Shelli both grew up in Northern New Jersey. Shelli was raised in a large Iranian Jewish family, attending Orthodox Jewish day schools, and Michael grew up in a loving Polish-Italian Catholic home. Favorite parts of being Jewish: we love incorporating Iranian, Polish, and Italian foods into our holiday traditions, and our kids love learning Israeli folk songs! We live in Hamden with our three kids: Eva (8), Lila (6), and Joseph (3), where they are into the town baseball/softball scene, and where we spend a lot of time tending to our garden.

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Katie Grant & Jake Brownstein

We live right outside New Haven in Woodbridge. Our favorite part of Judaism is the amazing sense of community and togetherness. It is a blessing to connect with people whether it be in your town or around the world who share the same values and perspectives as you.

We are big lovers of music. Music has been the soundtrack to our lives, and we find many of the same qualities we value in Judaism also in music.

We are very appreciative to be welcomed by such an amazing community and give our deepest gratitude to Rabbi Woodward as well as the rest of the congregation for your love and support.

Zoe Lubitz & David Kohn

We moved to East Rock in 2020 from NYC and are really happy to be part of the BEKI community. We both love Jewish food traditions and hosting gatherings for Jew-

ish holidays. David is originally from Cleveland, where he grew up attending Park Synagogue, and Zoe grew up in NYC, attending Shaaray Tefila in Manhattan. We are always excited to connect with other foodies, pickleball players, and gardeners. David is also an avid potter and spends lots of his time at Creative Arts



Workshop where he's a studio potter.

Jennifer Mellon and Van Smith



My son Van and I joined BEKI in December and feel lucky to be part of such a wonderful community. I grew up Conservative and went to Jewish day school through sixth grade. Van just finished his first year of BINA and loved baking challah with his classmates and even more so eating it. Our favorite parts of being Jewish are celebrating the holidays, cooking and eating Jewish food, ritual, fellowship, and the commitment to Tikkun Olam.

Sharon Naveh & David Staum and Gidon & Gavriel



The first thing you need to know about the Staums is that they LOVE Purim! Sharon Naveh Staum has been an avid costumer for years, having created costumes for Purim, Renaissance Faires, and dance troupes, and David Staum has been her willing model for years. Once their twins, Gidon and Gavriel, were born, it became clear that family themed costumes were the next step. Beyond Purim, the Staums, who live in Westville, enjoy being members at both BEKI and Westville Synagogue. Gidon and Gavriel love BINA and Shabbat morning children's groups at BEKI.

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Bruce Spierer & Jhena Vigrass

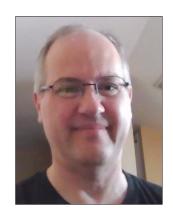
After spending two years living in East Rock while Jhena finished her graduate program, we were successfully recruited to join the Westville community, where we've been living for the past year.

We both grew up in the Conservative movement but had minimal involvement in Jewish community. Eventually the charms of the Brooklyn/Crown Heights young Jewish community, the "Earth-based Judaism" movement, and communal singing convinced us to spend a year studying at Pardes, a non-denominational Yeshiva in Jerusalem.

Bruce would love to share his interests in composting, hiking, foraging, and Dungeons and Dragons. Jhena would love to share her interests in music, nature, and all things electricity/clean energy.

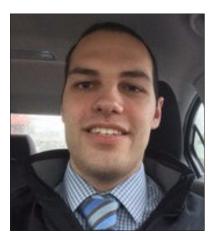
David Spitzer

I recently moved to North Haven, from Minnesota, to be closer to my adult children. I really look forward to the opportunity to participate in services and the larger community. Also, I am looking for a (relatively noncompetitive) racquetball partner.



David Wise

I appreciate our Connecticut beaches. A New York Mets fan, I went to games at Shea Stadium, though never



to Citi Field. I'm also a fan of the Hartford Athletic soccer team. Why soccer? I remember kicking a ball around in my hometown of Waterbury with my grandfather, who in the 1930s played soccer in Sosnowiec, Poland. I'm also the proud owner of \$0 of college debt.

News

Jennifer Mellon is New JCARR Liaison

In the fall, JCARR, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, expects to take in a refugee family, which will be our 9th family to resettle. New volunteers will be needed to prepare an apartment, take family members to appointments, and support them in other ways.

Please reach out to our new BEKI liaison to JCARR. Jennifer Mellon, at jnmellon@hotmail.com if you can to assist with this resettlement work. See Jennifer's introduction on page 4 of this bulletin.

We thank Madeleine Kleinman for her years of work in this role.

Welcome New Members

Zane Carey & Zachary Dillon David Spitzer David Wise

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 dietary preferences or address is provided at the platform called Lotsa Helping Hands. Just log in and choose your password. If you have questions, consult rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com.

Currently, we are providing meals to both the Leapman and Baum families.

Prize Code in this Bulletin

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 be one of this issue's prize winners. Jay Sokolow, Rachel Adelstein, Marsha Beller, Zane Carey, and Rhoda Lemkin were the June winners.

Blueberries for the Security Bollard

By Becky May

Baruchim Habaim (Welcome!) to our latest BEKI (landscaping) members: two native, lowbush blueberries installed in the new planters at the corner (Hebrew: pe'ah) of Whalley and Harrison Streets by none other than our own...wait for it...Sarah Berry! (to whom we owe thanks for much of the current plantings and maintenance).

The blueberry bush's location was chosen with a nod to

the Jewish agricultural law of Pe'ah which means 'corner' and refers to the commandment in Leviticus 19:9-10: "When you [plural] reap the harvest of your land, you [singular] shall not reap all the way to the corner of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest." (translation by Sefaria.org)

We hope both BEKI members and passersby, whether in need or want of some fresh sustenance. will avail themselves of this delicious, nutritious. native fruit. We don't even have to wait 3 years

because they are not technically subject to the Jewish agricultural laws (described below) and are not under the youth program whose plantings sometimes follow the laws for educational purposes.

The bushes join our pair of apple trees in the front lawn (in background in photo) that were planted three years ago by the then BEKI Religious School 4th grade class.

This year, that cohort is becoming bnei mitzvah simultaneous with their apples becoming eligible for harvest under Jewish agricultural law, which states: "When you enter the land and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten." (Leviticus 19:23) This is considered

binding only in the land of Israel and, in modern times, not even universally there.

As of early June, there were 5 apples on one of the trees (one for each of the students who helped plant and a spare?), which are protected from deer and other eager apple aficionados by a bit of temporary fencing. But more on that later as that story unfolds...

Meantime, as Robert Frost once said in his poem enti-

tled "Blueberries," "It's a nice way to live / Just taking what Nature is willing to give"

Latest Security Grant

Thanks to a Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven 2023 Security Grant in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder, BEKI will continue our security upgrades.

This grant will provide \$10,000 for improved exterior lighting at our doorways and hideaway lockdown window shades for interior doors.



Sarah Berry shows the blueberry bushes that she planted at the corner of Harrison and Whalley.

If you have questions about BEKI's security projects, please consult Safety & Security Chair Jay Sokolow. Prizecode 578320237

Mazal Tov to

- Della & Michael Leapman—and big siblings Charlie and Simone—on the birth of Celeste
- Laura Van Metre & Aaron Baum—and big siblings Mira and Yael—on the birth of Joseph Rafael "Yossi" and Peter Noah
- BINA teacher Zane Carey on his marriage May 28 to Zach Dillon
- BEKI college graduates Sophia Bruce, Talia Weintraub, and Ari Wyner

Welcoming New Babies at BEKI

By Annie Norman-Schiff, Education Director

BEKI has been lucky enough to welcome many new babies to our community in the past year. Our youngest members include:

- Geffen (parents Sarah Silverman and Elan Weinstock)
- Roslyn "Rosie" (parents Ali and Herb Rosen)
- Eve (parents Annie and David Norman-Schiff)
- Ori (parents Julie Leviter and Dan Wiznia)
- James (parents Mary and Dan Korey)
- Pablo (parents Jane Coffee and Carlos Eyzaguirre)
- Jonah (parents Coretta and Naftali Caplan)
- Celeste (parents Della and Michael Leapman)
- Joseph "Yossi" and Peter (parents Laura Van Metre and Aaron Baum)

BEKI, and our larger Jewish community, have many ways to help welcome new babies and support their families. See page 5 for information about providing meals.

Children's Havura

Children's Havura is BEKI's Shabbat morning service for our youngest children, from babies through preschoolers. The service meets at 11 am on Shabbat morning, in the Claire Goodwin Youth Room or, when the weather is nice, in the courtyard. Parent volunteers lead the service each week.

During this recent "baby boom," we have had many families with babies joining us for songs, prayers, stories, and the company of other young families. Children's Havura parent Elan Weinstock reflected that "[Geffen] has been coming to BEKI every Shabbat for over a year and her family has gotten so much joy out of seeing her grow up from baby to toddler within such a warm and loving community."

Shalom Baby and Shalom Baby Café

Shalom Baby is a project of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven's Women's Philanthropy, to welcome Jewish babies and their families to the Jewish community in the Greater New Haven area. Shalom Baby provides a welcome bag with gifts and information about community resources to every Jewish family in the area welcoming a child through birth or adoption. If you know someone who should receive a Shalom Baby bag, contact Kayla Bisbee at kbisbee@jewishnewhaven.org.

Shalom Baby also hosts Shalom Baby Café at the JCC, on Friday mornings from 11 am to noon. This is a weekly meetup for families raising Jewish babies and toddlers, from birth to two. It features Shabbat-themed music and stories, coffee, snacks, company and conversation. You might see a BEKI baby at Shalom Baby Café!

BINA Registration Due by August 2

Please submit your religious school <u>enrollment form</u> by Wednesday, August 2. This is the due date for new students as well as returning ones. BINA is open to non-member families as well.

Through the generosity of a donor, the Jewish Foundation provides needs-based scholarship assistance for New Haven area families to attend synagogue school. The deadline for scholarship applications is Monday, October 2.



Annie Norman-Schiff and Eve received their Shalom Baby bag at the JCC.

Exhibit by Anna Broell Bresnick

Anna Broell Bresnick, known to many BEKI members as a passionate teacher who for 29 years served as the Educational Center for the Arts (ECA) Visual Arts Department Chair, is exhibiting in our Art Gallery this summer.

Entitled Four Stops Along an Artistic Path, her show reflects the different stages in her work, beginning with a focus on sculptures, followed by a transition to drawing. It includes pieces from the series "Vertical Landscapes," based on distinct places in the former Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia and in Romania. Also included are pieces from a series inspired by exploring Venice and the island of Murano, known for its glass factories.

Birds are a frequent subject of her work because, she explains, they are "the only (other) animal that can freely transverse the boundaries of land, water and air." "Waldszenen," which features bird-focused drawings, is in-



Anna Broell Bresnick, At The Lake, 2012; graphite, spray paint, acrylic, collage on museum board, 40"x32"

spired by the darker side of Schumann's composition of the same name.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, Bresnick immigrated to Connecticut as a teen. As an adult, she lived for periods in Vienna and Rome. Extensive travels greatly inform her work.

She spent four years as the director/curator of the John Slade Ely House, received two Artist in Residence Grants from the International Festival for the Arts in New Haven, and curated many independent exhibitions. As a member of "55 Mercer Street," one of



Anna Broell Bresnick, From The Boca Kotorska, 1985; wood, acrylic, oil, 75"x33"x12"

the most respected artist-run galleries in Manhattan, she was part of the 1980s wave of independent artists fighting for a more open culture through alternative spaces. She brought that spirit home as part of the team that founded "Artists Working in New Haven," a 1980s series of artist-run exhibits in downtown storefronts.

Bresnick has exhibited throughout the U.S. and internationally, including in Berlin, Rome, and Vienna. Her work has been reviewed in the *New York Times*, *Art in America*, *Art New England*, and many regional newspapers. In addition to her extensive artistic, curatorial, and teaching résumé, she has collaborated with dancers and musicians in the creation of installations for performances, including large sculptural structures, floor drawings and videos.

Tisha Be-Av Services

Tisha Be-Av, the Fast of the 9th Day of Av, occurs this year on Wednesday night, July 26 and Thursday, July 27. On Wednesday, we will have the normal 7 am but no 5:45 pm service. The fast begins at 8:15 pm, which is when our maariv & Megillat Eichah (the Book of Lamentations) will begin, in person only. The evening will also include the traditional kinnot (dirges).

A new component of Erev Tisha Be-Av for this year will be climate grief programming. Bruce Spierer, Program Manager for Climate Action at Adamah, and Rabbi Ora Nitkin-Kaner, the founder of Exploring Apocalypse, will offer a presentation at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, which will be continued after maariv and Eichah for those who are interested.

On Thursday, the morning service will be at 8:15 am with Torah reading and the book of Eichah (in person and on Zoom). No weekly parashah discussion that day. Thursday evening, minchah will be at 5:45 pm (in person and on Zoom). The fast ends Thursday at 8:53 pm.

Weekly Class

Join Rabbi Woodward for a discussion of the week's Torah portion on Thursdays 9-9:45 am in the library, following 8:15 am Shacharit.

Yizkor Book Sponsorship Available

As always, BEKI's Yizkor Memorial Book will have a sponsor page memorializing the life of a member of BEKI's extended family. As of early June, sponsorship of this year's book is still available. If you have questions, please contact Shoshana Lash at 203-732-0275 or CantorSL@yahoo.com.

Forms for renewals and new listings will be sent via *email* from <u>vizkorbook@beki.org</u> beginning August 1 and will be due back no later than Friday, August 18. Members without email addresses will receive their forms by snail mail.

Supporting Daily Services

To make sure we have a minyan consistently, please use Minyan Maker. Up top, you choose which weekday service you are planning to attend (morning or afternoon). Then find your name below and choose "I'll be there." If your name does not appear on the list, scroll to the bottom and use "Guest Member."

Sign up for Torah Reading

If you are able to read an aliyah of Torah or a Haftorah, make your selection via our online spread sheet. Questions? Consult Rachel Adelstein at ritualcoordinator@beki.org.

RABBI'S RITUAL CORNER



Each month in this space, I'll brief you on — or expand on — halakhic issues around the synagogue.

When We Say Minchah and Maariv

Right now, in the midst of summer, the days are pretty long. Fast forward to the winter, and the days are short. Depending on the amount of daylight in a day and the time of sunrise and sunset, we have different opportunities and obligations for prayers.

First, you have to understand "halakhic hours." Take the total daylight hours, divide them into twelve units, and each of these units is a "halakhic hour." The midpoint of these is halakhic noon.

The prayers known as "minchah" are said at 30 halakhic minutes after noon (this time is called "minchah gedolah"), ideally only as early as "minchah ketanah" (2.5 halakhic hours before sunset), and as late as "plag haminchah," 1.25 hours before sunset.

The prayers known as "maariv" or "arvit" should be said from sunset onward, and as early, if need be, as plag haminchah.

The upshot of all this is that, since we keep our 5:45 pm minyan time consistent throughout the year, in the winter, it is often too late to pray minchah, and in the summer, it is often too early to pray maariv.

That's why, through Labor Day, will will not say the maariv prayers at synagogue when minyan is at 5:45 pm or 6 pm (on Fridays). Instead, we will say minchah, and read the yahrzeit list for both days — the outgoing day and the incoming day. On Friday afternoons, we will say minchah and Kabbalat Shabbat, but we will end after Lechah Dodi, before Psalm 92.

The point of this change is not only to make us more aligned with the halakhah; the point is also to have our religious practices be responsive to the natural world around us, as has been the intention of our sages. Remembering that astronomical movement determines our obligations puts us in orbit with the world around us, and reminds us that the world exists independently of us.

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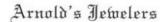
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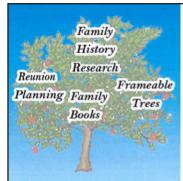
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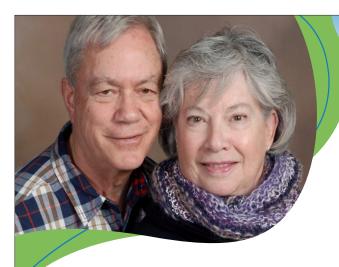
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WHAT IS THE FAST GOD DESIRES?

struggle with the summer holidays commemorating the destruction of the Temple.

There are things about them that I love. Personally, I find the talk about sacrifices and the Temple service to be very powerful. There's a concreteness, a realness, to all of it.

Judaism is a physical religion, and the idea of the sacri-

fices — that there was a physical place of smells and sights and tastes that was our spiritual center — is something that can serve to keep us away from an overly cognitive approach.

The text of Eichah is beautiful, and the teachings about how we got to this point are profound.

So what's the problem? Shouldn't I love these holidays?



Eric Woodward

The truth is, I liked them more when I felt more comfortable about our society's health. They felt like a corrective away from an over white-washed approach.

Now, however, I spend enough time worrying about our society and our world, that it feels like we have a little bit of Eichah every day. Every school shooting, every anti-Semitic or racist tweet, every moment of causeless hatred and violence — these aren't just one day a year, but they happen all the time.

The upshot of that is that it's hard for me to feel pulled toward a period of specific commemoration of these events, because I think we live with them too much.

Fasting is a spiritual technique of these holidays that is there to bring us to a deeper sense of connection to ourselves, our world, and God. It's not something we do often — although, in writing this, it feels like there could be room to fast after school shootings (may we never encounter this).

But generally, we know that the way to address these problems in our world is to make us attentive to ourselves — to practice introspection (what inside of me is causing me to act out) and to practice self-compassion (how can I care for myself as a person who has been wounded). To make us attentive to God — what are God's demands of justice for the world, and how can I practice God's love for the world? And to make us attentive to the world around us — who is calling out for justice and care, and what is calling out for repair?

This Tisha Be-Av, in addition to your fast, I want you to ask the questions above, and to try to answer them. In other words, if you're often feeling that the world is broken and needs work (or that you are broken and need work), see Tisha Be-Av as a chance to reinvigorate yourself for that work. See it as an entry point to the High Holy Day season — as a chance to begin your work for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Fast, but more importantly, take the chance to do some real introspection and thought.

May this summer bring blessing in whatever way we need it,

Rabbi Woodward

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המקום ינחם

HaMakom Yinachem
With sorrow we note the passing of

BEKI member Caroline Rosenstone Rabbi Gerald Chirnomas,

father of Debbie Chirnomas (& Mike Hurwitz)

Margaret Mazzoccoli, sister of Paige (& Andy) Weinstein

Yitzchak Staum, father of David Staum (& Sharon Naveh)

Marilyn Zax, mother of Shoshana Zax (& John Weiser)

Deborah Silverman, mother of Susan (& Alan) Dardik

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

July 2023 12 Tammuz 5783 - 13 Av 5783

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Wednesdays

7 am Shaharit

5:45pm Maariv

Thursdays

8:15am Shaharit

5:45pm Maariv

Fridays

7 am Shaharit

6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturdays

9:15am Shaharit

Sundays

9am Shaharit

5:45pm Maariv

Mondays

7am Shaharit

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7am Shaharit

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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
Wednesday 7 am	Saturday 9:15 am

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