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of our children. The Shabbat

activities and Sunday class-

room experiences will now

be partners in imparting the

values and traditions of Juda-

EXPANDING YOUTH EDUCATION

Changes are coming to youth education. One new development is Teen Kesher, a new educational program for 7th to 12th graders. Another is the hiring of Annie Norman-Schiff—previously our Youth and Family Programming Director and a Religious School teacher—as Education Director.

When Principal Ina Silverman announced her retirement, an Education Visioning Committee set to work. Their school plan will interweave Wednesday/Sunday classroom instruction

with Shabbat/holiday family programming. Teen Kesher will expand activities beyond the current b'nai mitzvah training and Kadima/USY youth groups to include electives for each cohort (7-8th graders, 9-10th graders, 11-12th graders), taught by Rabbi Woodward and members of the congregation.

"I hope that the conversations that this transition has prompted will help us find new ways to make education at BEKI even more integrated into the life of the shul," Sam Purdy, co-chair of the Visioning Committee, said. "I'm looking forward to the first family retreat, a Class Shabbat, and other special experiences that build connection and learning."

"We are so excited to welcome Annie as our first-ever Education Director," Rachel Light, his co-chair said. "Annie has wonderfully fresh ideas for how to integrate religious school with



PHOTO BY GARY HOCHMAN

Annie Norman-Schiff dressed as a giraffe for a Purim presentation.

ism to our next generation."

"Throughout the process of hiring," Rabbi Woodward said, "the search committee found her to express passion, creativity, and an excitement to plan for the

future. Annie's teaching skills, curriculum envisioning, and eagerness to work

with children from birth through teenage years inspired us."

"I am thrilled to take on the role of Education Director at such an exciting time for the BEKI community," Annie said. "It is an incredible opportunity to build on BEKI's successful existing programs, with more opportunities to connect our kids and teens and deepen their understanding of Jewish life and values."

Annie studied classics as an undergraduate at Stanford University and Judaic Studies as a graduate student at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and at Yale University. An experienced teacher of children and teens in settings from religious schools to summer camps to youth groups, she worked at Jewish nonprofit organizations in New York through a fellowship with the Lynn and Charles Schusterman Foundation.

Making a Minyan and Torah Reading

To make sure we have a minyan consistently, please, if you can, make a weekly commitment to one or more service times. Let Max DuBoff duboff.max@gmail.com, Rachel Wiseman Gerber wisemangerber@gmail.com, or one of the minyan captains know about your availability.

We're also looking to expand BEKI's pool of Torah readers, both for Shabbat and weekdays. Please let Rachel Adelstein (<u>ritualcoordinator@beki.org</u>) know if you want to read a segment of any length, including if you want to but don't yet know how. Help is available.

Thanks to everyone who helps make BEKI services strong.

Join BEKI on Facebook

Everyone is encouraged to join the <u>BEKI Facebook</u> group. You'll enjoy the humor, community information, and links to cultural opportunities. You'll want to choose the private group with the stained-glass window image. Just ask to join. (The BEKI page with the hamsa is the public-facing page, which has few postings).

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SANCTUARY REDESIGN FUNDRAISING



By the BEKI Sanctuary Fundraising Committee (Murray Akresh, Mark Oppenheimer, Jessey Palumbo, John Wareck, John Weiser)

As you know, BEKI is in the midst of a major effort to redesign our sanctuary. Fundraising for the sanctuary redesign is in full swing. Our goal is to raise the \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 needed to successfully complete this major renewal of our sanctuary. As of mid-June, pledges and donations already exceed \$500,000, and we are optimistic that we will reach our goal. We need your help to get there.

Our plan is to update BEKI's sanctuary to reflect a worship space that reflects our 21st-century values: warmth, inclusiveness, spiritual intimacy, and true egalitarianism. The redesign builds on priorities expressed in our congregational survey: accessibility; a different seating layout; improved acoustics; better climate control and air quality; more natural light; and a warm atmosphere that fosters a sense of community, participatory prayer and singing, and a spiritual experience. We hope you have seen the preliminary conceptual design sketches in the lobby or on the website.

We are asking that you join the members of the Fund-

raising Committee and the BEKI Board, all of whom have already pledged to support the redesign.

Please note that unlike many other congregations, BEKI does not require members to annually pay into a Building Fund to finance these types of major building renovations. Given that BEKI has no Building Fund, we hope that you will make a pledge that is at least ten times your Annual Appeal donation or at least two-to-three times your annual BEKI dues.

We prefer that pledge payments be made by Dec. 31, 2022. However, if it will allow you to increase the amount of your pledge, we are accepting payment over a period not to exceed five years.

If you are over age $70\frac{1}{2}$ or have appreciated securities, you may be able to take advantage of existing tax laws. We would be happy to provide additional information.

Please contact Peggy in the BEKI office to make your pledge and indicate your payment period. Email her at office@BEKI.org or call 203-389-2108 ext. 114. If you want to talk to someone about the redesign or your pledge, please contact anyone on the Sanctuary Fundraising Committee.

Thank you very much for your generosity!

75 Years of Songs and Stories

Cantor Matt Austerklein will discuss the Cantors' Assembly 75th Anniversary Journal, which he edited, on Wednesday, July 6 at 7:30 pm on Zoom. The journal, which is due to be published in August, features biographies, reflections on current questions facing the cantorate, and a section of scholarly articles. He will be in discussion with BEKI member Rachel Adelstein, an ethnomusicologist who contributed to the journal.

Prayer and Liturgy

On the third Wednesday of the month, which is July 20, you are invited to Prayer and Liturgy at BEKI, an ongoing exploration with Rabbi Carl Astor. The focus is to better understand the language, the historical context, and the meaning of our prayers and liturgy. Please note that there is a special Zoom link for this program.







Rachel Adelstein



Carl Astor

August Courtyard Concert

Elm City Winds will return to the BEKI Courtyard on Sunday, Aug. 28. Composed of Jennifer Silva, flute; Caesar Storlazzi, oboe; Laura Caruthers, clarinet; Adrienne Gallagher, bassoon; and Emily Fine, French horn, this woodwind quintet performs both classical and popular music.







Memorial for Shula Chernoff

Shulamith "Shula" Chernoff, a beloved BEKI member who died last spring, will be remembered at a memorial celebration on Sunday, July 31 at noon at BEKI. Her children invite the community to attend. The program will include time for anyone who would like to a share a memory of Shula.

Lunch will follow. If you plan to stay for the luncheon, please email deborahchernoff@att.net by Friday, July 15 so that she knows how much food to order.

After a lifetime of teaching and mentoring early childhood educators at SCSU, Shula retired and began a new career as a poet. She published two books of poetry and was working on a third at the time of her death.



Alexander Shragis & Emily Cohen



Geffen and Odette the Cat

Mazal Tov to

- Eva Shragis and Bill Shragis on the wedding of Alexander Shragis to Emily Cohen.
 - Sarah Silverman and Elan Weinstock on the birth of Geffen.

Welcome New Members

Debbie Margolis

Friday evening July 1

Since it's a First Friday, we'll have a kid-friendly though not specifically kids' service. Everyone is welcome. First Friday services meet at 6 pm now, just like every other Friday.

Monday, July 4

Morning minyan on July 4 will start at 9 am because of the public holiday.

Yizkor Book Notice via Email

This year, for the second time, communications regarding BEKI's Yizkor Memorial Book will be sent via email not snail mail—for members who have email addresses listed with BEKI. Using email greatly reduces the amount of paper required and reduces BEKI's expenses for the project.

So around mid-August, even if you're away on vacation, you can watch for your email from yizkorbook@beki. org and respond with your changes and payment. Now won't that be easy?

If you have any questions, contact Shoshana Lash at CantorSL@yahoo.com.

המקום ינחם

HaMakom Yinachem With sorrow we note the passing of

Toby Bessie Bell,

mother of congregant Morris Bell (& Raina Sotsky)

Pablo Eyzaguirre,

father of congregant Carlos Eyzaguirre (& Jane Coffee) and former husband of congregant Susie Voigt

Belle K. Greenberg

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Leave a Place in Better Shape

I'd like to start by reminding all of you what I said when I assumed the presidency three years ago. I shared with you that one of our members asked me what would be my agenda as president. I answered that I don't have an agenda; my goal is to simply not screw it up. Three years later, I feel that I at least accomplished that lofty goal.

As our sages taught us, our duty as human beings should be to always leave a place for future generations in better shape than we found it. I'd like to believe that BEKI today is in better shape than it was three years ago. We are a vibrant and thriving community that's caring and considerate towards each other. We are enthusiastically invested in making our place—our environment and the world—a better place.

Many of my friends in Israel are still baffled by the fact that I ended up as a synagogue president. They cannot reconcile how a secular kibbutznik could become the leader of a religious institution. My standard response to all of them is that when you live in a

community, you cannot just *take* all the time. There comes a time when you also have to *give*. And my way of giving is to do something that will help the entire community by doing what I know best—be a leader.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage all of you—paraphrasing President John F. Kennedyz—to ask not what BEKI can do for you; ask what you can do for BEKI. Our strength is our volunteers and lay leaders.

I would like to thank all of you for supporting me in the past three years, through personal tragedy, global pandemic, spiritual leadership transition and many issues large and



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Yaron Lew speaks at the Rabbi's Installation March 27.

small. I appreciate both the sage advice I received and the criticism. Trust me, I learned from both.

I'd like to thank the board for their serious work and considerations of all matters large and small. I'd like to single out my predecessor, Harold Birn, for always being there to lend me his unbiased opinion. And I'd like to thank the countless volunteers who work tirelessly every day at BEKI to keep the place running.

I cannot say that every day as your president was a joy, but I can say that as a whole, this is one of the most rewarding things I've done in my life, and for that I will be forever thankful to all of you.



An Israeli landscape watercolor by Mordecai Avniel.

Israeli Landscape Exhibit

Starting July 1, the upstairs gallery will feature the work of Mordecai Avniel (1900-1989), who devoted most of his long life to expressing his love for the Israeli landscape in paintings.

One of the founders of the Bezalel Academy of Art and Design in Jerusalem, Avniel emigrated from Parychy (currently Belarus) in 1921. Relocating to Haifa in 1935, he founded a law firm but also maintained an active art career from his studio on Mount Carmel. Later, Avniel joined the Artists' Colony in Safed and worked in a home studio there.

Avniel's style evolved over the years from detailed, realistic images executed in a variety of media—such as woodcuts, copper and stone—to a more abstract, landscaped-based style after he adopted watercolor as his primary medium in the early 1950s.

"I do not see my landscapes optically," he said. "They

are a fusion of colors blended harmoniously—abstract at times, and at other times expressions of my inner feelings."

His work captures the magic of the land. "Only after years did I find self-expression in my landscape, in the light, the atmosphere and the sun of Israel," he said. "My motif is always the non-static landscape with all its contrasts: the rays of dawn, the stillness of the day's heat, the evening's twilight, radiance and dimness, wind and rain, a night's storm."

This retrospective exhibition coincides with the second yahrzeit of his granddaughter, Liora Lew, who inherited many of his paintings. Avniel's work will be displayed through mid-September, when the Ancestors exhibition will be installed.

The downstairs exhibition by Naomi Safran-Han will remain through July 24.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

By Jennifer Botwick, Tikkun Olam Chair

We will be having a TO meeting in the coming weeks, so please let me know good, better, best times so the date and time can accommodate the most folks. TO wants you! Please reply to tikkunolam@beki.org

If you are interested in helping our BEKI and local New Haven communities, please review examples below of some upcoming projects you may wish to help with. Due to the impact of COVID, some of them may continue to be on hold or modified somehow. Many thanks!

*Dignity Grows: Addressing the need for female hygiene projects, TBD.

Columbus House: We continue to need shoppers, drivers and delivery people for bulk food purchases.

DESK: Volunteers needed at the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (when this program resumes).

JCARR: Volunteers needed with the resettlement of our refugee families.

*Fair Trade Chocolate initiative: Continued work with Becky May to educate our community about fair trade chocolate.

Operation Isaiah: Our annual High Holy Day food drive. *Pack a Backpack: Purchasing and filling backpacks



Private sewing lessons were a great success for the mother of JCARR Family 5.

with school supplies (for school age children).

Chapel on the Green: Collection & distribution of winter care kits for Chapel on the Green.

* These are newer programs.

Fair Trade Chocolate

If you're providing food at BEKI, remember that as part of our commitment to sustainability and ethics, we only allow fair-trade chocolate to be served in the building. Please remind your caterer and remember as you shop! If you'd like to see some fair-trade chocolate options, a list is here: https://www.beki.org/resources/food. Look for the Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance, or UTZ symbols.















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Need a good summer read? Check out our books.

Let There Be Light, Liana Finck's new book, which is a New York Times Editors' Choice, is an "irreverent yet profound" (Publishers Weekly) retelling of the Book of Genesis, starring a female God, from the acclaimed New Yorker cartoonist.

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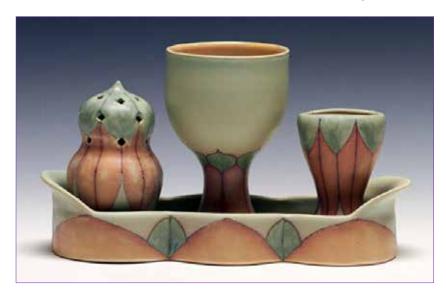
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beautiful hand-made matzah covers by the fabric artist Suzanne Neusner. How about some new jewelry to wear to the wedding?

And it is never too early to start shopping for Rosh Hashanah. We have shofarot, tallitot, honey spoons and jars. If you don't see what you want, let us know and we will get it for you.

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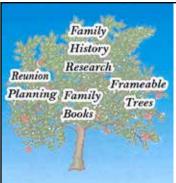
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Where do you need to be brave this summer?

arly this summer, we read parshat Shelakh Lekha. It's this wonderful Torah portion about the first reconnaissance missions of the Israelites into the Land. Moshe is tasked with sending in 12 spies, or scouts, me'raglim, to see the land. They see it, and come back with a famous report — that it is indeed a wonderful land, but that there is



Eric Woodward

no way they can conquer it. There is despair among the Israelites, and it's a catastrophe.

This was a tremendous failure of nerve. A failure of faith. The Israelites see the good land that God has promised them, and at that moment, they back down. This is the moment that God says: I will curse this generation to die in the desert. They failed.

Because what the Israelites were supposed to do here was instead to act with confidence, with what is called "Bitachon." Bitachon is a wonderful word. In Hebrew, we have the word Emunah, which means faith, and that is a

very big word, a very intimidating word. But we also have the word Bitachon, confidence, which is a much smaller word that kind of means the same thing. If Emunah says, "Take a leap of faith and jump in," Bitachon says, "Put one foot in front of the other and trust."

I think this text is enjoining us to have Bitachon because sometimes we can only move forward with trepidation, one foot in front of the other.

And in fact, sometimes we don't even have feet to do this. We have mobility challenges. We have illnesses. Bitachon is the word saying: You might not be ready to do this thing. You might be asked to walk forward, but you might have a broken foot. Or you might have a broken heart. Or you might have a broken faith. But God is asking you to pray with your feet. To take one step forward, one more step forward toward God.

This summer, many of us might feel a need for faith. I'm not sure we can jump to faith. But we can engage in Bitachon — the tentative placing of one foot in front of the next that, though tentative, is still an act of confidence.

Let this be for you a summer of Bitachon.



Rabbi Woodward's family (wife Katharine Baker; parents Michael and Lisa Woodward, who are moving to Woodbridge this summer), seated behind Rabbi Ravid Tilles at the March 27 Installation.

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Mark Your Calendar						7:00am In-person & Zoom Service	9:15am Shabbat Servio (Sanctuary, in-person)
Aug. 7 Tisha BeAv						6:00pm First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat (in-	11:00am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr.
Sept. 3 Shai Hurwitz b'mitzvah						person)	Congregation
Sept. 26/27 Rosh HaShanah						8:10pm Candle Lighting	
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3 9:00am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service	4 Office Closed/Independence Day 9:00am In-person & Zoom Service (Federal Holiday Time) 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service	5 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service		6 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service 7:30pm "Cantors Assemble, 75 Anniv. of Song & Stories" w/Cantor Matt Austerklein & Rachel Adelstein via Zoom	7 8:15am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service	8 7:00am In-person & Zoom Service 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat (in-person) 8:09pm Candle Lighting	9 9:15am Shabbat Servic (Sanctuary, in-person) 11:00am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation
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