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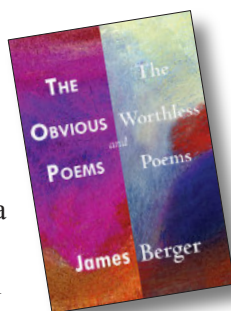
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# MAY EVENTS

## James Berger Poetry

Poet and Professor James Berger will read from and discuss his third book of poetry, *The Obvious Poems and The Worthless Poems*, on Saturday May 6, at 12:45 pm after Kiddush lunch. Jim, who is a Senior Lecturer in English and American Studies at Yale, published this latest book in November 2022.



"Berger's brisk work," writes Rachel Blau DuPlessis, "takes soundings in the systems visibly failing all around us, and he puts his findings in message-poems and bulletins to frame the necessity for transforming all this — but how? is the stark question."

## Lunch and Learn



Join us for a lunch and learn on Saturday, May 13 in celebration of Jay Sokolow and Ina Silverman's 65th birthdays, sponsored by Avital "Tali" Silverman and Shai Sokolow Silverman. At 12:45 pm Shai will be teaching about Kibud Av V'aim (Honoring thy father and mother).

## Lag BaOmer Kumsitz

Monday evening May 8 is Lag BaOmer, the 33rd day of the Omer. The folk-custom is to sing around a campfire at a "kumsitz," meaning "come" and "sit." We will gather at 7:30 pm in the BEKI courtyard. We'll sing niggunim — which have no words — as well as traditional American songs and Jewish songs from our song sheets. The sheets and recordings of all songs are at the BEKI [website](#), thanks to songleader Max DuBoff. Come to sing and to roast a marshmallow for your s'mores.



Max DuBoff

In case of rain, check the BEKI website or email [president@beki.org](mailto:president@beki.org) for an update. If necessary, we will delay the kumsitz until the next evening.

## Jewish Short Stories

Rabbi Carl Astor, currently serving as the rabbi of Kol HaNeshama in Sarasota, has arranged for all BEKI members to [register](#) as "members" for free access to an online class he is teaching on Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

"This class began with two familiar stories from the Bible, then a number of midrashic tales from the rabbinic period," he said. "After that, we will discuss stories from Reb Nahman of Breslav. I have some wonderful Yiddish stories (translated), some American-Jewish stories (Malamud, Roth), and finally modern Israeli authors (Agnon, Keret, and Amos Oz)." Each week, he sends the story to be discussed. Kol HaNeshama will provide the Zoom link to everyone who registers.



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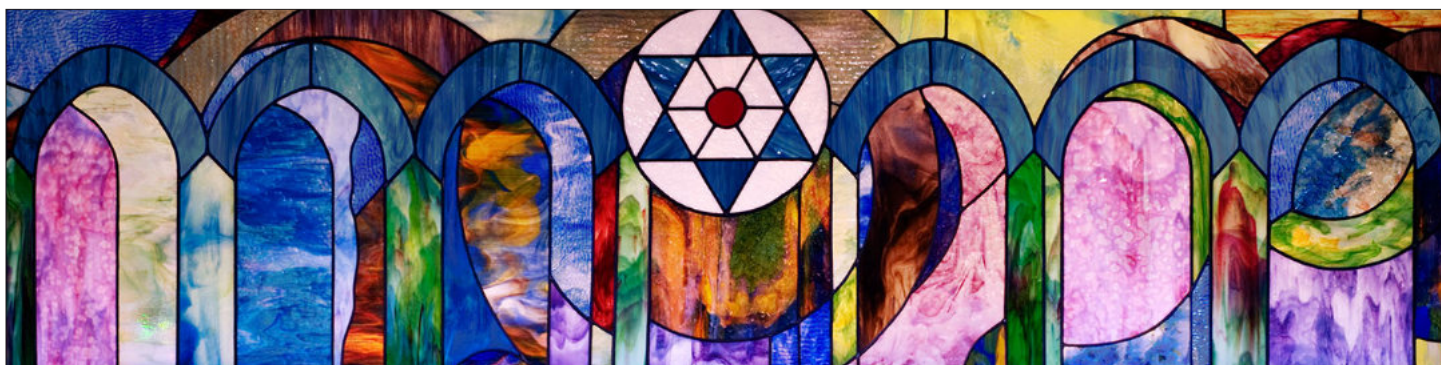
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## Annual Meeting

BEKI's annual meeting will be in person on WEDNESDAY, June 14 (not on Zoom or livestream). We encourage you to attend the 5:45 pm service, followed by a light supper at 6:15 pm. The meeting will begin at 6:45 pm and end by 8 pm.

The slate of officers and board members will be presented; the past year will be reviewed; endowment and membership

figures will be shared. We'll pause in memoriam as we remember those whom we lost during the past year.

We hope to see you there.

## Welcome New Members



**Toni Davis and  
Leslie Brisman**

Toni Davis and Leslie Brisman

Patricia "Patsy" Foisie

Anna and Clifford Merin

## HaMakom Yinachem

Shirley Colten, mother of Roger Colten (and Sarah Berry)

**May the Almighty comfort those who mourn**

## Thanks to Kiddush Teams

We're grateful for every Thursday that a team prepares our Shabbat lunch. Apologies to anyone whose name we omitted.

**Coordinators:** Ellen Cohen and Rebecca Weiner

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## Tikkun Olam

### New Liaisons Needed

As Max DuBoff steps away from the role (so he can focus on his doctoral dissertation!), we need a new Columbus House liaison. In that role, Max organized a monthly food delivery and coordinated a holiday dinner sponsored by local synagogues. An additional option for the liaison is registering BEKI to resume cooking and/or serving a monthly meal at Columbus House. Max will happily train you; introduce you to Sheree DiMario, the excel-

lent Volunteer Coordinator at Columbus House; and support you during the transition. If you are interested, please email [duboff.max@gmail.com](mailto:duboff.max@gmail.com).

We also need a new liaison to JCARR, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. The job can be just keeping BEKI informed of current JCARR projects and needs, or enhanced with direct interaction with refugee family members. For more information, contact current liaison Madeleine Kleinman at [madk117@gmail.com](mailto:madk117@gmail.com).

## Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Arriving the night of Thursday, May 25 and lasting for two days, the holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah. BEKI's tradition is a late night of study—with breaks for creamy

(dairy and non-dairy) desserts! No background knowledge required, just an interest in Jewish learning. We'll start that Thursday at 8:15 pm with Maariv. Watch for the flyer with information about the teachers and topics.

## Shavuot Services

Morning services on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, will begin at 9:15 am and will be followed both days by a mini-kiddush. Saturday's service will include Yizkor prayers.

# RABBI'S RITUAL CORNER



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

## Don't Let the Omer Get You Down

I want to talk about the Omer a bit, and to announce some ritual decisions regarding BEKI that might affect you.

There is an Omer custom dating to the Middle Ages in which Jews do not get married or get haircuts/shave beards during the part of the Omer that lasts from the second day of Pesach until Lag BaOmer (the 33rd day of the Omer). This is to express a relationship to Talmud Yevamot 63b, which tells us that twelve thousand pairs of Rabbi Akiva's students died between Pesach and Shavuot.

Because growing an "Omer beard" for those who grow beards is a very visible way of showing one's participation in this, there is some popularization of the sense that there are mourning restrictions during this time. But where there is popularization around a minhag, there is also often confusion and needless stringency.

First, regarding the length of the prohibition: the mourning only lasts until the 33rd day of the Omer. After that, the mourning restrictions are entirely lifted. I believe this is a change in BEKI's practice. To clarify, we are fully permitted to listen to music, marry, and celebrate in all ways, from the 33rd day of the Omer until Shavuot. Additionally, one can shave, marry, or celebrate on Rosh Chodesh Iyar — and when that falls on Saturday, one can do those celebratory things on the Friday. Likewise, as a modern practice, we can shave, marry, and celebrate on Yom Ha'atzmaut, which is before Lag BaOmer.

Second, around haircuts and shaving of beards: The Peninei Halakhah, commenting on the Shulchan Aruch, says that shaving and haircutting are only prohibited in their enjoyable sense — but if one is doing so because their mustache gets in the way of eating, or they are getting a headache from too much hair, they can shave or get a haircut. What this means is that, if you need to shave or get a haircut for some purpose, you can. The

prohibition on shaving is a mourning-derived prohibition, so only refers to facial beards.

Third, regarding fun: The Mishnah Berurah tells us that if you happen to experience a situation that brings on the shehecheyanu, you should say it without shame: this is not a period without joy.

Fourth, regarding music: There is tremendous modern disagreement about whether playing or listening to music is prohibited. The strict side derives from the Magen Avraham (17th century Poland), who says that an engagement party is permitted, but not with dancing; the reasoning of the strict side says that, if dancing is prohibited, then music must be prohibited, because dancing requires music. The lenient side says: the Magen Avraham here is adding a specific stringency to a specific situation, and did not intend to create a new prohibition that takes on its own life. The lenient side will end up only prohibiting live, dance music.

Whenever you make a Jewish communal calendar, the month of May becomes extremely hard to plan. Between Pesach, and then, in May, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Shavuot, you end up having only a couple of available weekends for a simchah. This dramatically affects Jewish communal events, institutional galas, and Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, and I believe that these events are deeply valuable, and we should employ Omer leniencies in order to hold them publicly. The Omer prohibitions are fairly late customs, ones that we observe for good reasons, but which are not legal absolutes, and should exist among other values.

Enjoy your spring — don't let the Omer get you down. (Ramban says that the Omer should be observed as a celebratory time, not with mourning, and should be like Chol Hamoed, and Rambam doesn't know of the mourning customs). And don't observe it past Lag BaOmer (May 8 at sundown).

# BIG IDEAS AND BIG OPINIONS

By ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Teen Keshet is BEKI's learning program for teenagers, new this year. Our group of 7th-9th graders meets every other Thursday for conversation, Jewish learning, and really good snacks. The group switches off between studying with Rabbi Eric and with Education Director Annie Norman-Schiff. The teens choose topics that interest them, and their teachers give exposure to more than one perspective—a little more pop culture and modern texts with Rabbi Eric, and a little more Talmud with Annie.

Recently, Teen Keshet dug deeply into their interest in the supernatural. They talked about experiences in their own lives that might be considered supernatural, and what

they ultimately believe. They also learned about times in Jewish history when most people believed in creatures like demons, and dug into stories about demons from the Talmud.

Before Pesach, Teen Keshet learned how the rabbis of the Talmud associated demons with even numbers—and how this made the four cups of wine at the seder potentially very dangerous! It was interesting to take something very familiar, like the seder, and see from a very different angle.

The final meetings of the year for Teen Keshet are on May 4, May 18, and June 1, all at 6 PM in the BEKI library. New 7th-9th graders can join any session. For more information, contact Annie at [anormanschiff@beki.org](mailto:anormanschiff@beki.org).



Three of the participants in Teen Keshet are, from left, Aviva Robbins, Klara Oppenheimer, and Sam Werlin.

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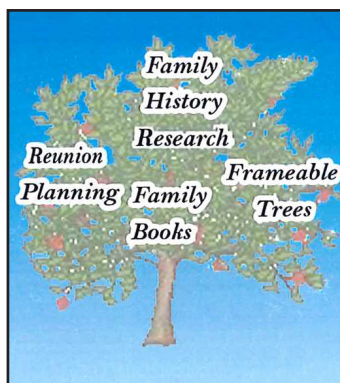
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# CHANGE IN DAILY TEFILOT

One of the highlights of my spiritual life is going to regular shacharit services in the mornings at BEKI. Watching the sun rise across the parking lot, appreciating the gradual greening of the trees' foliage, being out at a time when it's still quiet – it's beautiful.

We often call our prayer services “minyan,” which literally means “counting.” Although counting to ten is important – Jewish law requires a quorum of ten adult Jews to say certain prayers – it can sometimes obscure that what we are there for is not “minyan,” but is the worship itself – saying the tefilot, reciting the Shema, and gathering together with others.



Eric Woodward

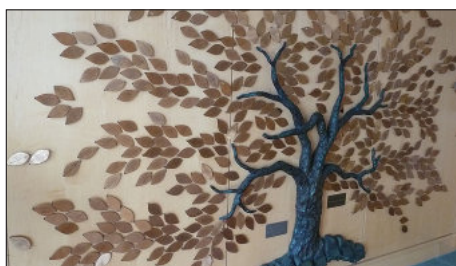
For more than 12 years, Rachel Wiseman Gerber has worked tirelessly to encourage attendance of minyanim and to support mourners and yahrzeit observers. Her work has included building strong and trusting relationships with BEKI members as well as bringing in new members who were in need of support from a daily service, often being in touch with some of the most emotionally vulnerable people in our community. She has done this with determination, kindness, respect, and by invoking the best inclinations in people. Indeed, Rachel's work has been successful not only because of the energy and work she puts into it, but because of the kindness and care that she brings to that work.

Rachel is moving away from the role this summer, and a minyan task force of the ritual committee (myself, Russell Epstein, Karen Kassap, and Becky May) is working hard to envision the future. We have not made decisions with the ritual committee yet, but our feeling is solidifying that Rachel's shoes are perhaps too big to fill. In truth, no one can do what she has done. It is becoming increasingly

clear to us that the future of our daily minyan/tefilot will lie in changing the culture around these services, so that people feel personally impelled to attend. Rather than having their attendance instigated by the outreach of a super-volunteer, we will ask people to take responsibility for the minyan attendance themselves.

My sense is that we must do three things to create reliable minyanim: first, to empower people's sense of responsibility and obligation around minyan, which means allowing ourselves to sometimes fail to achieve a minyan; we ourselves must bear the burden of responsibility in order to truly celebrate success. Second, and this might seem counterintuitive, to remind people that, although achieving minyan (ten adult Jews) is the optimal goal of services, it is not the only reason to attend; it is still spiritually worthwhile to attend even if we do not make ten. The idea that it is not worth attending a service if we don't get to ten actually impedes the likelihood of getting to ten and teaches us bad habits. It also does not capture, experientially, that tefilah is meaningful even without ten, and that remembering our yahrzeit relatives is still meaningful even without kaddish (which requires ten adults to say). Third, we must examine and think about what will make services more appealing, accessible, and engaging to more people. What would make you come? What impedes you from coming?

Building a successful culture of minyan here is long-term cultural change; it is not something that can be addressed with a technical solution. That cultural change will require experimentation – which means that our changes will occasionally fail. That cultural change will require bravery – which means we want your emotional support and confidence. And that cultural change will require work and time – which means we want you to come to services. Join us.



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## 10 Iyar 5783 - 11 Sivan 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service 7pm General Board Meeting (online)  10 Iyar/25 L'Omer	<b>2</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  11 Iyar/26 L'Omer	<b>3</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  12 Iyar/27 L'Omer	<b>4</b> 8:15am In-person & Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service 6pm Teen Keshet Grades 7-9  13 Iyar/28 L'Omer	<b>5</b> <b>Pesach Sheini</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 6pm First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat 7:36pm Candle Lighting  14 Iyar/29 L'Omer	<b>6</b> 9:15am Shabbat Service (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Poetry reading & book talk w/Jim Berger  15 Iyar/30 L'Omer
<b>7</b> 9am BINA 9am In-person & Zoom Service 10am Talmud Class (in-person) 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  16 Iyar/31 L'Omer	<b>8</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service 7-7:30pm General Board Meeting (on-line) 7:30pm Lag Ba'Omer Kumsitz  17 Iyar/32 L'Omer	<b>9</b> <b>Lag B'Omer</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service Lag Ba'Omer Kumsitz rain date  18 Iyar/33 L'Omer	<b>10</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  19 Iyar/34 L'Omer	<b>11</b> 8:15am In-person & Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  20 Iyar/35 L'Omer	<b>12</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:42pm Candle Lighting  21 Iyar/36 L'Omer	<b>13</b> 9:15am Shabbat Service (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Shabbat Schmooze with Shai Sokolow Silverman "Honor Your Father & Your Mother"  22 Iyar/37 L'Omer
<b>14</b> No BINA 9am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  23 Iyar/38 L'Omer	<b>15</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  24 Iyar/39 L'Omer	<b>16</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  25 Iyar/40 L'Omer	<b>17</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  26 Iyar/41 L'Omer	<b>18</b> 8:15am In-person & Zoom Service 9am Torah Study 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service Teen Keshet Grades 7-9  27 Iyar/42 L'Omer	<b>19</b> <b>Yom Yerushalayim</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49pm Candle Lighting  28 Iyar/43 L'Omer	<b>20</b> 9:15am Shabbat Service (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation  29 Iyar/44 L'Omer
<b>21</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh</b> 9am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  1 Sivan/45 L'Omer	<b>22</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (online)  2 Sivan/46 L'Omer	<b>23</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  3 Sivan/47 L'Omer	<b>24</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  4 Sivan/48 L'Omer	<b>25</b> <b>Erev Shavuot</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service No Mincha 7:54pm Candle Lighting 8:15pm Maariv (in-person) 8:30pm Tikkun Leyl Shavuot Adult Learning  5 Sivan/49 L'Omer	<b>26</b> <b>Shavuot</b> Office Closed 9:15am Shavuot Day I (Sanctuary, in-person) 7:55pm Candle Lighting  6 Sivan	<b>27</b> <b>Shavuot II (Yizkor)</b> 9:15am Shavuot Day II (Sanctuary, in-person) 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation  7 Sivan
<b>28</b> 9am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  8 Sivan	<b>29</b> Office Closed 9am In-person & Zoom Service (Federal Holiday Service Time) 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  9 Sivan	<b>30</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  10 Sivan	<b>31</b> 7am In-person & Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person & Zoom Service  11 Sivan	<div> <b>Mark Your Calendar</b>  <b>June 3</b> Samuel Aaron Werlin b'mitzvah  <b>June 10</b> Graduates' Shabbat  <b>June 14</b> BEKI Annual Meeting  <b>June 17</b> Pride Shabbat </div> <div> <b>Donate Online</b>  Fast and easy at  <a href="http://www.beki.org/give">www.beki.org/give</a> </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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### Join BEKI on Facebook

Everyone is encouraged to join the [BEKI Facebook 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).

### E-Statements

Due to rising costs and BEKI's efforts to be more Earth-friendly, we have transitioned to e-statements and e-yahrzeits. If you prefer to receive them by paper, please contact the BEKI office at [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org) or 203-389-2108 x114. The BEKI Green Team supports BEKI's movement toward paperless communications and hopes the community will also.

### 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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