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Lower Lobby Renovation

Thanks to a generous contribution from Corey Stone & Sue McDonald, in memory of Corey's parents, Enid M. Weisz Stone & Bayard C. Stone, and the support of another benefactor interested in adjacent related kitchen and accessibility upgrades, the lower lobby has been fully updated to convey the visual themes and level of the upstairs entry lobby, provide additional space for art exhibits, and enhance physical accessibility.

Great thanks are also due to President Yaron Lew, Bob Spear, Jonathan Gordon, Cynthia Rubin, Past-President Harold Birn, among other members, along with Steven Brown of Commercial Cabinet Sales and our facility manager Michael Barone, who provided many hours of highly skilled effort to make this space simply beautiful and elegant. The woodwork matches the upstairs lobby, vestibule and hallway, although it will take a couple of years for the wood color to match perfectly as the finish ages.

The triple doors to the downstairs social hall have been replaced with a set that allows for an extra-wide opening, providing easier ingress and egress for those using wheelchairs and walkers and for anyone in a crowd. These doors match the sanctuary and social hall doors upstairs. The door leading to the elevator hallway was reconfigured to open wider, to better serve those using wheelchairs or moving equipment in the service hallway. Video plugs now allow for our annual use of the room to host Abraham's Tent guests, and more efficient and brighter lighting makes the space more welcoming. Guest and secure wifi signals are new in this area as well, along with additional safety and security equipment.

The space was configured especially to support additional art display, one area of interest of the Weisz and Stone family memorialized in this public space. The quarterly art exhibits have proven particularly popular, and this additional space will allow for expanded visiting artist exhibits as well as the display of BEKI's own collection.

An extended Qiddush to thank our donors and volunteers, and to honor the memory of Corey's parents, was held on 16 November. ✡

Rabbinic Sabbatical

Rabbi Tilsen will be off-duty while on a three-month sabbatical from 1 December 2019 through 29 February 2020.

Where will he go? Who knows. Speculation has centered on Minnesota, the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Florida, California and Israel, and possibly other exotic places such as Boston or Woodbridge. "For some reason, airfare to Minnesota tends to be lower in the winter," Rabbi Tilsen explains.

What will he do? "I have projects that will benefit from sustained attention," Tilsen says, "as well as family interests. My father is approaching his 95th birthday and now is a good time to be with him and his wife in Florida – without reference to the weather."

Who to call? If uncertain, contact Peggy at office@beki.org and she can direct you to the help you need. Please report lifecycle and other urgent matters to jjtilsen@beki.org and office@beki.org . For urgent needs of advice or services, contact Rabbi Carl Astor or Rabbi Richard Eisenberg (BEKI members), or Rabbi Rona Shapiro (B'nai Jacob), or our local hospital chaplains, Jewish funeral directors, Jewish Family Service, and other BEKI members, all of whom are available to help in case you need urgent rabbinic services or information. To contact Rabbi Tilsen during this period, contact office@beki.org and jjtilsen@beki.org .

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Brunch & Authors' Talk

There will be a brunch and authors' talk on Sunday 15 December at 10a. The book is The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham To Zabars and Everything In Between. This book, which will be published 1 October, is written by the hosts of Tablet Magazine's Unorthodox Podcast - Liel Liebovitz, Stephanie Butnick and BEKI's own, Mark Oppenheimer. One or more of the authors will be on hand to discuss and sign copies of the book.

BEKI Gift Shop

The BEKI gift shop, the only Judaica shop in the city of New Haven, now has new leadership, expanded hours, and a growing inventory. The store is stocked with household religious items, Bar- and Bat-Mitzva gifts, books, as well as Israeli-made jewelry, children's toys and books, snacks and sweets. Judaica books by BEKI authors are also available as are reproductions of BEKI artists' work, such as Karen Kassap's "Serenade". For more information about the store hours, email giftshop@beki.org.

Sharing Sacred Spaces

On Shabbat 2 November, members of seven congregations as well as some Yale Divinity Students joined us for Shabbat morning services, qiddush lunch, and Torah study with Prof. Steven Fraade (in the 1:00 pm schmooze time slot).

They visited under the auspices of a program called Sharing Sacred Spaces, which includes New Haven Zen Center, Dixwell Avenue UCC, St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church, St. Mary's Church, Chinmaya Mission, New Haven Society of Friends, and Masjid Al-Islam. Sarah Berry and Rachel Bashevkin represented BEKI during the past year of interfaith visits and discussions. (RB)

BEKI Bulletin – Pre-1993?

Back issues of the BEKI Bulletin from 1993 to today are available at https://www.beki.org/calendar-events/news-happenings-and-beki-bulletins/ . If you have print copies of the BEKI Bulletin (AKA The Scroll: Bulletin of Beth El-Keser Israel; or the Beth El Notes or Keser Israel from before November 1993, please share with our office or Rabbi Tilsen.

Opportunities to Volunteer

• A rotation schedule for Shabbat and Festival Service Leaders, Greeters and Children's Program Leaders covering the period January–June 2020 is being prepared and will be finalized around Thanksgiving. To join the service leaders' team, learn the procedures, or request a specific date for the next period, contact Rabbi Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org.

• Leaders for Qabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat Maariv, Pesuqei deZimra, Shaharit, Haftara, Musaf, and Minha are scheduled in the above manner. Torah readers are organized on a per-book basis by a team of coordinators; to volunteer to read in Bereishit (Genesis), contact Noam Benson-Tilsen at noam@tilsen.org.

• To volunteer for daily services, which are organized ad hoc, contact Rabbi Tilsen or Ritual Committee Chairperson Rachel Gerber.

• To lead children's programs, contact Mark Oppenheimer or Steve Werlin kids@beki.org.

• To volunteer to serve as a greeter on Friday Nights, or on Shabbat or Festival Mornings, contact Rachel Gerber or office@beki.org. Greeters and all service leaders needed.

• Help Make Qiddush: Qiddush Committee prep teams need reinforcements. Whether you appreciate BEKI's weekly Shabbat lunch for its delicious food, its role in supporting community, or both, please consider joining a Thursday afternoon or evening qiddush team on either a monthly or more occasional basis. Contact Ellen Cohen ellen.cohen@snet.net 203-397-9430

• Mini-Qiddush: Due to the Qiddish Committee's regularly-scheduled prep day coinciding with Thanksgiving, a mini-Qiddush of wine, grape juice, cookies and fruit will be served following Shabbat morning services on 30 November. A full Qiddush lunch will not be served on that day. Contact Ellen Cohen ellen.cohen@snet.net if you are interested in sponsoring.

• JCARR: Two families need winter clothes for children, books and art supplies; one adult is seeking sewing/mending jobs; Vintage Fashion Show benefit on 8 December. Info Madeleine madk117@gmail.com .

• Columbus House Shelter Dinners: The next Columbus House dinner will be prepped on Tuesday 26 November and served 27 November (erev Thanksgiving). Sign up to help with dinners in Nov to Jan HERE. Info Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555.

• Hesed: To be notified of opportunities to help your fellow congregants, follow the link below to join the BEKI Hesed Committee via lotsahelpinghands. https://my.lotsahelpinghands.com/community/beki-hesed-committee/home

Solar Update

In the spring of 2015, a project was undertaken to purchase and install a 40,000 Watt grid-tied array on the roof of the classroom wing and the roof of the social hall. The installation went on-line 8 October 2015. The array comprises 141 LG PV panels (model LG270S1C-B3) and matching Enphase micro inverters (model M215), using a Unirac RM ballasted mounting system. Special care was taken to protect the new roof on which the array is placed and to comply with roof warranty conditions. The project qualified for a zREC contract with the local utility. The project budget was $140,000 and included all system components, labor, roof inspections, engineering studies, permits and other related expenses. Sun-Wind Solutions (Fairfield) provided the system and services. The array reduces the building's carbon emissions by about 30 metric tons per year, according to the EPA model.

Four years (1461 days) later, we can report the system has produced 180,600 kiloWatt hours to provide for BEKI's own needs. During the same four-year period, the smaller array installed in 2006 produced about 40,000 kWh. Combined, the solar arrays provided 220,000 kWh or 55,000 kWh per year, representing roughly 70% of BEKI's usage. BEKI's usage has varied over the years, increasing due to more activities and more refrigeration, but moderated by more efficient lighting and appliances. BEKI's net electric bill in the fiscal through June 2018 was about $5,400, and the following year $9,500, compared to over $20,000 a year in 2014-2015 prior to the installation of the larger array.

Most of the cost of the arrays was provided by dedicated and generous benefactors. For that reason, most of the savings in utility bills represents a bottom-line savings for the BEKI community. Beyond the economic value, the arrays represent part of our efforts to be responsible civic citizens, which includes taking into account the ecological impact of our energy use and our effect on energy security for our neighbors.

BEKI has enough available roof space, and consistently uses more than enough electricity, to economically add another 30 kW to our capacity. Presently there is no plan or proposal for more solar, but the possibility exists. Other areas of energy efficiency are being examined in the 2020 Planning Process initiated by the Board this year and are being prioritized due to reliability and equipment cost factors. Due to Connecticut's highest-in-nation electric rates and our high demand charge, solar is particularly economical for BEKI, and demand-management or backup equipment such as Tesla's "Powerwall" products may be economical for BEKI earlier than in much of the rest of the country.

Kol Nidre Greetings

Read BEKI President Yaron Lew's Kol Nidre speech at beki.org "Learning / Members' Divrei Torah"

Giftshop@BEKI

Sisterhood Store offers a diversity of Judaica items, open Sundays and Wednesdays during Religious School hours, Tuesdays around services and any time by appointment Giftshop@beki.org .

Book Talk & Brunch

Authors' talk on Sunday 15 December 10a on The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia: From Abraham To Zabars and Everything In Between by Liel Liebovitz, Stephanie Butnick, Mark Oppenheimer.

BEKI at the JHSGNH

Come see selected treasures of BEKI and its predecessor congregations. The Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven has fifteen boxes of documents from BEKI's past, along with scrap books and memorabilia. Meet the curator and staff, learn about BEKI's history, and enjoy a bagel. Sunday 24 November 2019, 10a-11:30a, at the JHS of GNH, Ethnic Heritage Center, 270 Fitch St at the SCSU Campus. Got Announcements?

Ask President Yaron Lew to include your BEKI event in live Shabbat morning announcements by writing to announcements@beki.org . "This Week at BEKI" listings may be up to 50 words.

Hanuka

The eight-day festival of lights, Hanuka, begins Sunday night 22 December. Candles or lamps should be lit around "rush hour" in the evening. (On Friday night, light hanuka lamps before Shabbat candles.) Candles and menorot (lamps) are available at the Sisterhood Giftshop and wherever fine Judaica is sold. Audio recordings of the Hanuka blessings are at beki.org under "Resources / Audio Files."

Torah Reading Coordinator

Noam Benson-Tilsen is coordinating the Torah Readings for Bereishit (through 11 January); contact him at noam@tilsen.org .

Donate

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Everyone pitches in to help organize donations to the annual Food Drive during the High Holy Days.

Taping and floating wallboard for the lower lobby renovation.

Taking a turn at blowing the shofar.

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Questions? Contact Rachel at 203-887-1182 or wisemangerber@gmail.com.

November 6, 2019 - January 1, 2010

BEKI Art Gallery presents

Paintings about the Binding of Isaac
and more

Thursday
December 5
6 pm - 8 pm
Reception for Artist
Gallery Talk @ 7 pm

Richard McBee

Akeidah Verbs

and Others

Richard McBee discusses his paintings during the Dec. 5 reception at BEKI

Paintings about the Binding of Isaac

"Akeidah Verbs and Others," paintings by Richard McBee, will be on exhibition from 3 November 2019 through 11 January 2020. "Akeida Verbs" is a series of 30 paintings that attempt to plumb the mystery of Abraham, Sarah and Isaac's terrifying final encounter with their God.

"By isolating almost every verb or significant action in Genesis Chapter 22 and related passages," McBee explains, "I hope to uncover and begin to make sense of this story's narrative streams in 30 crucial scenes. Slowing down and concentrating on individual words and moments provide a fractured cinematic experience unlike any previous artwork I have done on this subject over the last 40 years."

In contrast, "Urban Akeida Diptych" focuses on the Angel of Death as he first comes for the soul of Isaac and, thwarted, is forced to turn his icy gaze to the matriarch Sarah. "The result," McBee says, "is the final act of this tragic family."

McBee is a painter of Biblical subject matter and a writer on Jewish Art. From 2000 until 2014, he wrote about the Jewish Arts for the Jewish Press, and he continues to exhibit paintings, lecture and curate Jewish art exhibitions. He is a founding member of the Jewish Art Salon. His website richardmcbee.com exhibits over 300 of his artworks and 250 of his Jewish Art reviews.

A reception for the artist will be held in the BEKI Art Gallery on Thursday 5 December from 6p to 8p, with a presentation by the artist at 7p.

Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דַּרְשָׁנִים

Darshanim

Darshan – *noun, plural* dar·sha·*nim*. Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggada or Halakha in a synagogue.

Rabbi Tilsen has invited the following speakers to serve as guest Darshanim in the coming weeks:

Ina Silverman, 9 November 2019, parashat Lekh Lekha

Special Guest, 7 December 2019, parashat VaYetsei

Rabbi Andrew Hechtman, 14 December 2019, parashat VaYishlah

Rabbi Carl Astor, 21 December 2019, parashat VaYeshev

Steven Fraade, 28 December 2019, Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Hanuka, parashat Miqetz

Special Guest, 4 January 2020, parashat VaYigash

Maytal Saltiel, 11 January 2020, parashat VaYehi

Nanette Stahl, 18 January 2020, parashat Shemot

Special Guest, 25 January 2020, parashat VaEra

Ina Silverman

Andrew Hechtman

Carl Astor

Steven Fraade

Alan Lovins

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The Shabbat Shalom Torah Study meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a to 11:45a in the office and is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Expertly led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Nadav Sela, Isaiah Cooper and others, the Shabbat Shalom Torah Study is a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multigenerational setting. Many members who take advantage of this unique offering feel a deeper sense of awe born of increased understanding and appreciation of the Torah reading, Haftara (Prophetic reading) and liturgy.

The program often focuses on the scriptural readings, but also addresses the prayer liturgy and other topics related to the liturgical calendar, scriptural readings or current issues of concern.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background. It is suitable for mature youths along with adults.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: I Kings

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) is reading First Kings. It is possible to join the study group for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. Rashi purported to explain the peshat of the text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Visitors and new participants are welcome. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG meets immediately following the 7:00a shaharit morning service. RSG is meeting in November, and will be on break December-February and will resume 2 March 2020. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Wednesdays

Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) features a 180-second "Hebrew word of the Week" to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots, and are made with a limited set of verb or noun forms. By learning a few dozen roots and a small set of word-forms, it is possible to roughly translate Hebrew words isolated from any context, something less often possible in English. The Word of the Week often relates to the weekly scriptural readings or current events. Word of the Week will be on winter break from December through February and will resume in March.

Rabbis' Study Group

The Rabbis' Study Group is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis, initiated and taught by Rabbi Murray Levine from 2004 to 2018. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own talmud torah (Torah study) in a "safe" setting and with oppor-

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המקום ינחם

HaMaqom Yinahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Sylvia Zeid

Barbara Wamback,
sister of Helen Rosenberg (& Keith Richter),
aunt of Eva (& Frank) Schultz

Eileen S. Rogoff

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Mazal Tov to

David & Darryl Kuperstock on the birth of a grandchild, Rosie Mae Beck, and to parents Aliza Kuperstock & Scott Beck, in October

Marsha Beller on the birth of a grandchild, and to parents Sarah Beller & Scott Rechler and brother Jacob; and on his entering the covenant through brit mila

David & Sharon Bender on the birth of a grandchild, Summer, and to parents Nina & Kevin

Daniel & Diane Krevolin on the birth of a grandchild Henry Walter, and to parents David & Leah, in November

Upcoming Benei Mitzva

Teya Klein-Berger and Hannah Klein-Berger, children of James Berger & Jennifer Klein, 13-14 March 2020, *parashat Ki Tisa*

Adult Studies

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Eric Silver

tunities to learn from each other's experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library during the school year. The Rabbis' Group continues under the direction of Rabbi Eric Silver, and is studying Sota. The group is on winter break and will resume 4 March 2020. For more information, contact J-J Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org .

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. The supplementary features will resume on Thursday 5 March 2020. Shaharit service is from 8:15a to 9:15a on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7:00a.

Berakhot Talmud Study Group

A weekly study of the Talmud Bavli Berakhot is on winter break and will resume on Thursday morning 4 March 2020 in the Beit Midrash, 10a–11a, with Rabbi Tilsen.

Jon-Jay Tilsen

The Talmud, based on an oral text, has no beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time. No prior knowledge is required, but basic facility in English is helpful; students with all backgrounds are welcome, beginner to advanced. ✡

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- Daniel & Diane Krevolin in appreciation
- Rabbi George & Sue Driesen in appreciation
- Lou & Lisa Petrillo with thanks to God for the birth of grandson Louis G.

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- Paulette Lehrer Bobrow & Sam Bobrow
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- Eva Shragis & Christopher Sewell
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- Qiddush Teams honor the BEKI High Holiday volunteers
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- Rachel & Alan Gerber
- Anonymous

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- To Malachi Light in honor of his Bar Mitzva by Rachel Bashevkin & Eric Dunsker
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- To the Oren family in memory of Ralph Oren by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To the Kuperstock family in honor of Dina & Aaron's wedding by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To Malachi Light in honor of his Bar Mitzva by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To Eli Ratner in honor of his Bar Mitzva by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To the Saltiel & Shetler family in honor of Lena's birth by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Ruth Silver
- To Ivan & Cyndi Alvarez with sympathy on the passing of Joshua Alvarez by Joanne Foodim & Rob Forbes
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- To Ivan & Cyndi Alvarez with sympathy on the passing of Joshua Alvarez by Karel Koenig
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- To Eva & Frank Schultz with sympathy on the passing of S. Jack Landau by Joanne Foodim & Rob Forbes
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- To Ivan & Cyndi Alvarez with sympathy on the passing of Joshua Alvarez by Julie Cohen
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- To Rita & Nadav Sela in honor of their grandson Jonah becoming a bar mitzvah
- To Barbara & Len Stern in honor of the birth of their first grandchild by Donna Kemper & Ron Zlotoff
- To Amy Schwartz, David Levy & Ezra in honor of the birth of baby Isaac Jacob by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To Rabbi Rick & Judy Eisenberg in honor of the birth of their grandchild by Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
- To Gloria Cohen in honor of the birth of her great-grandson Cooper Morris by Ellen Cohen & Steve Fraade
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- To Ron Buckman, MD with thanks for performing the Brit Milah for their grandson Jackson Marshall Halbert by Rabbi Rick & Judy Eisenberg
- To the BEKI community in appreciation for the kindness and support during our Neilah medical incident, with special thanks to Drs. Roy Herbst, Navid Hafez, Jay Sokolow & Joe Avni-Singer by Rhoda Zahler Samuel & Al Samuel
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- To Darryl & David Kuperstock in honor of the birth of their first grandchild by Harriet Friedman, Charles Bruce & family
- To Marsha Beller & family in honor of the birth of a baby boy to her daughter Sarah by Rachel Bashevkin & Eric Dunsker

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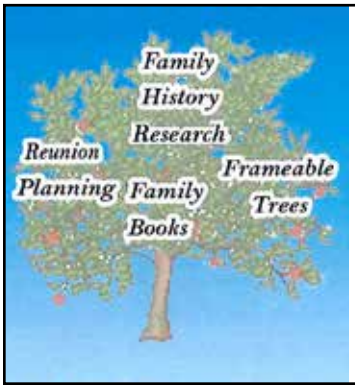

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Artist Talk 5 December 2019
Darshan: Rabbi Andrew Hechtman 14 Dec. 2019
Authors' Talk: Newish Jewish Encyclopedia 15 Dec.
Darshan: Rabbi Carl Astor 21 December 2019
Hanuka First Night 22 December 2019
Rosh Hodesh Tevet 27-29 December 2019
Darshan: Steven Fraade 28 December 2019
Hanuka Last Night-Day 29-30 December 2019
Fast of Tevet 7 January 2020
Darshanit: Maytal Saltiel 11 January 2020
Darshanit: Nanette Stahl 18 January 2020
Rosh Hodesh Shevat 27 January 2020
Darshanit: Corinne Blackmer 1 February 2020
Darshanit: Shula Chernoff 8 February 2020
Tu BeShevat 9 February 2020
Abraham's Tent at BEKI 10-17 February 2020
Darshan(it): 15 February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5:28pm Candle Lighting 3 Heshvan	2 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Anonymous 1:00pm Minha 4 Heshvan
3 9:00am Religious School 5 Heshvan	4 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 6 Heshvan	5 7:00pm Israeli Dance 7 Heshvan	6 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 8 Heshvan	7 9 Heshvan	8 4:20pm Candle Lighting 10 Heshvan	9 10:45am Children's Programs Darshanit: Ina Silverman 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: IHO BEKI Veterans 12:45pm Shabbat Schmooze: BEKI Police Outpost 1:00pm Minha 11 Heshvan
10 No Religious School 12 Heshvan	11 Office Closed/Veterans Day 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:00pm General Board Meeting 13 Heshvan	12 7:00pm Israeli Dance 14 Heshvan	13 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 15 Heshvan	14 16 Heshvan	15 4:14pm Candle Lighting 17 Heshvan	16 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha 18 Heshvan
17 9:00am Religious School 10:00am Sisterhood Gift Shop Book Fair 10:00am Police Outpost at BEKI discussion 19 Heshvan	18 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 20 Heshvan	19 7:00pm Israeli Dance 21 Heshvan	20 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 22 Heshvan	21 23 Heshvan	22 4:09pm Candle Lighting 24 Heshvan	23 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha 25 Heshvan
24 9:00am Religious School 26 Heshvan	25 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 27 Heshvan	26 28 Heshvan	27 No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 29 Heshvan	28 **Rosh Hodesh I** Office Closed/Thanksgiving 9:00am Shaharit No afternoon/evening service 30 Heshvan	29 **Rosh Hodesh II** Office Closed 4:05pm Candle Lighting 1 Kislev	30 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha 2 Kislev

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Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	8:15 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	9:15 a.m. Shaharit
5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	6 p.m. Qabbalat Shabbat	1 p.m. Minha

December 2019

3 Kislev 5780 - 3 Tevet 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 9:00am No Religious School 3 Kislev	2 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 10:00am Yoga Hour 4 Kislev	3 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 7:00pm Israeli Dance 5 Kislev	4 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 6 Kislev	5 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 6:00pm Artist Reception & Talk with Richard McBee 7 Kislev	6 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:04pm Candle Lighting 8 Kislev	7 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Iron Chef Challenge 1:00pm Minha 9 Kislev
8 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 9:00am Religious School 10 Kislev	9 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 10:00am Yoga Hour 11 Kislev	10 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 7:00pm Israeli Dance 12 Kislev	11 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 13 Kislev	12 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 14 Kislev	13 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:04pm Candle Lighting 15 Kislev	14 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Darshan: Rabbi Andy Hechtman 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha 16 Kislev
15 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 9:00am Religious School 10:00am Authors Talk & Brunch "The Newish Jewish Encyclopedia" 17 Kislev	16 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 10:00am Yoga Hour 7:00pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site) 18 Kislev	17 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 7:00pm Israeli Dance 19 Kislev	18 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 20 Kislev	19 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 21 Kislev	20 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 4:07pm Candle Lighting 22 Kislev	21 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Darshan: Rabbi Carl Astor 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Koenig 1:00pm Minha 23 Kislev
22 **Erev Hanukkah** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 9:00am Religious School/Latke Party 24 Kislev	23 **Hanukkah I** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical 10:00am Yoga Hour 25 Kislev	24 **Hanukkah II** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closes at 1:00pm 7:00pm Israeli Dance 7:00pm Columbus House Dinner Prep (in-home) 26 Kislev	25 **Hanukkah III** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closed 9:00am Shaharit No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 4:45pm Columbus House Dinner (with BJ & Westville) 27 Kislev	26 **Hanukkah IV** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closed 28 Kislev	27 **Hanukkah V** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closed 4:09pm Hanukah Candles 4:11pm Candle Lighting 29 Kislev	28 **Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VI** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Darshan: Steven Fraade 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha 30 Kislev
29 **Rosh Hodesh - Hanukkah VII** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical No Religious School 1 Tevet	30 **Hanukkah VIII** Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closed 2 Tevet	31 Rabbi Tilsen on Sabbatical Office Closed 3 Tevet				

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Shabbat Sheqalim – Sabbath of Coins 22 February 2020
Rosh Hodesh Adar 24-26 February 2020
Shabbat Zakhor – Sabbath of Remembering 7 March 2020
Adopt DST 8 March 2020
Ta`anit Esther 9 March 2020
Purim Night 9 March 2020
Purim Day 10 March 2020
Shushan Purim 11 March 2020
Benot Mitzva: Teya Klein-Berger & Hannah Klein-Berger 13-14 March 2020
Shabbat Para – Sabbath of the Cow 14 March 2020

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