This year’s Elm City Kallah speaker is one of the most exciting Jewish teachers around today, Eric Woodward says. “I had the privilege of learning from him as a fellow at Yeshivat Hadar in 2009, and Katharine learned from him at Hadar as a fellow from 2011 to 2013.”

The founder of Yeshivat Hadar, a traditional egalitarian yeshivah, Rabbi Ethan Tucker is known for his ability to transcend the affiliation boundaries of Judaism. “How we think of pluralism, integrity, and community is so crucial in our world today—not only as Jews, but as human beings,” Rabbi Woodward notes. “I’m so excited to get to learn from Rav Eitan at the Elm City Kallah.”

“Navigating the world as a Jew and as a human being—a weekend of learning and exploration” is Rabbi Tucker’s overall topic for the Kallah. He will speak Friday evening, Oct. 29 at Westville Synagogue, will come to BEKI on Saturday, Oct. 30, and will finish the weekend of study on Sunday morning, Oct. 31 at Congregation B’nai Jacob.

At Westville Synagogue, he will speak at 8 pm, after services and dinner, on “Filial Loyalty and Divine Commands: What do we do when parents expect things of us that the Torah forbids?” Reservations are required by Oct. 24 to westvilleshul.org/ElmCityKallah2021 or call 203-389-9513 or 203-589-1100. The charge for dinner is $20 per person, $60 per family.

On Saturday, Rabbi Tucker will speak at 1 pm, after services and kiddush lunch at BEKI, about “Navigating Relationships in a World of Difference: How do we proceed when aspects of our Jewish observance create discomfort with family members and friends?”

At 10 am Sunday, after services and breakfast at Congregation B’nai Jacob, his topic will be “Ethical Norms as the Foundation of Torah: Can basic human ethics be in conflict with the demands of Judaism?” There is no charge for the Saturday or Sunday events.

“One of the things that Rav Eitan does that is so compelling—and that I think is so deeply important—is that he is able to distill the core values at stake in the halakhic process, helping us to appreciate the dynamics and dialectics of Judaism,” Rabbi Woodward explained. “That he does this in a way that is both totally accessible and totally sophisticated is even better.”

A collaboration of the three congregations to bring exceptional Jewish programming to New Haven, Elm City Kallah is in its 5th year. Past Kallah speakers were Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, Rabbi Noam Zion, and Aviva Zornberg.

Elm City Kallah is made possible by a generous grant from the James M. Shure Educational Fund.

BEKI members are encouraged to attend all three sessions in order to make this a real community event.
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Learn about CONECT

The Zoom Schmooze on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at 7:30 pm will be about CONECT: Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut. CONECT is a broad-based organization—multi-racial, multi-faith, urban and suburban—made up of 37 congregations from Hamden to Stamford that organize together on issues of common concern to their families, communities and the greater good. Our featured speaker will be Matt McDermott, Lead Organizer for CONECT. Matt has led CONECT through successful campaigns on issues as varied as immigration rights, health insurance rates, criminal justice reforms, and police accountability. Matt will be joined by Alana Rosenberg from Temple Emanuel in Orange, who has been active with CONECT’s Criminal Justice Reform Team and Clean Slate legislative campaign. Please attend the Schmooze to help us decide whether BEKI will become a member congregation.

Schmooze About Fair Trade

Our Zoom Schmooze on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 pm will be a conversation about Fair Trade with Susan Sklar, the Interfaith Team Manager at Equal Exchange. Started in 1986 as a food co-op, Equal Exchange facilitates the Jewish Fair Trade Project, which assists Jewish institutions and individuals in purchasing kosher and Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate. Their mission is to build long-term trade partnerships that are economically just and environmentally sound. We’ll learn about fair trade and how we might want to adjust our buying habits at home and at BEKI. Susan is the chair of her synagogue’s Social Action Committee and has worked at Equal Exchange for 17 years.

Outdoor Musical Showcase

If you sing and/or play an instrument, come perform for BEKI’s Musical Showcase Oct. 23. All kinds of secular and Jewish music welcome. We’ll be outdoors in the BEKI courtyard with a campfire and plenty of good vibes. Contact Max at duboff.max@gmail.com if you’re interested. Not a performer? Please save the date to attend: Saturday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 pm. In case of rain, the event will move inside the building.
In recent years, BEKI has been awarded five grants for security improvements to the building. Three were federal grants of $50,000 each. Some of this work has already been completed, and the rest should be completed over the next three years.

The other two projects were made possible through grants from the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater New Haven. We received $10,000 in 2020 to replace two emergency exits from the sanctuary—from behind the bimah out to Harrison Street. We now have new steel doors and new cement ramps at those exits to help mobility-impaired people evacuate the building.

The most recent grant, also for $10,000, provided by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder, will allow us to replace the trio of entrance doors under the stained-glass windows on Harrison Street. The new doors will be heavy gauge metal with bullet resistant glass. To keep the appearance consistent, they will be designed to look like the doors at the entrance from the parking lot.

If you have questions about BEKI’s security upgrades, please consult President Yaron Lew or Safety and Security Chair Jay Sokolow.

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**Aviva Robbins Bat Mitzvah**

The bat mitzvah of Aviva Robbins, daughter of Gadiel and Julie Robbins, will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 9, parashat Noach. The congregation is invited to attend. Kiddush lunch sponsored by Gadiel and Julie will follow. Aviva, an 8th grader at Edgewood School, is interested in marine biology and Greek mythology. Aviva also loves musical theatre and being involved in Shakespeare productions.

**Welcome New Members**

- Richard and Nancy Levine
- Michael Schaffer, Tricia Napor, Zachary and Miles
- Tani Cohen-Fraade, Abby Fraade and Razi

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**New Grant Enhances Security**

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**New Grant Enhances Security**
I’d like to tell you a story about two old men and the gift they gave me.

Mendel was born in 1924 and grew up in the Romanian side of the Transylvania region in a town called Hunyad. His family was Orthodox, and they spoke both Romanian and German. Mendel spent his youth devising various schemes for escaping his studies at the Heder to play in the nearby forest with his friends. In 1942, Mendel was rounded up with the rest of the Jewish population in the area, put into a cattle cart and shipped to Auschwitz. His parents and young brother were sent to the gas chambers, and Mendel was sent to the Dachau labor camp. He worked in the nearby brick factory and survived the brutal conditions at the camp until, in October of 1944, he was sent to Warsaw to clear the ruins of the Warsaw Ghetto after the uprising. Mendel was part of a group of Jewish prisoners who were forced to clear the ruins by hand. When he left Warsaw and was shipped to Bergen-Belsen, he took only one thing with him—a massive hernia, which he suffered with for the rest of his life.

Eli was born in 1911 and grew up in Montreal, Canada. He was the son of an immigrant couple from Warsaw, Poland. As a teen, he was a good hockey player, and in 1931 he achieved his dream of playing goalie for the Montreal Canadiens. Sadly, in his second season with the Canadiens, an opposing player skated over Eli’s thumb, slicing it in half. Since he was no longer able to hold a hockey stick, his career ended. He worked some odd jobs and eventually became a writer for the Montreal Star, where he followed the developments in Europe from afar. With a burning desire to do something to help, he volunteered for the Canadian army in 1942 and was shipped to Europe as the lowest ranked infantry soldier in his platoon.

Eli had the misfortune of participating in some of the most brutal battles of World War II. In the invasion of Corsica, he practically drowned when he jumped off of the landing ship and fell into a bomb crater at sea. When he came to, he realized that the battle was over, and his platoon had suffered massive casualties. Only because he was the last one still able to stand up and fight, Eli was promoted to officer. In 1944 Eli was flown to the Netherlands with his Canadian troops to take part in the Battle of Arnhem, which was memorialized in the book and movie A Bridge Too Far. The allied forces suffered major casualties during the ten-day battle, but Eli survived. His fellow officers joked that he was so short that the bullets flew right over his head. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and led the Canadian troops south into Germany, ending the war deep in German territory.

Let’s jump forty years forward. In the middle of the 1980s, when Liora and I were getting serious about our relationship, I brought my father to meet Liora’s parents. Her parents were a little suspicious of the family of this random
Chocolate
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kibbutznik their daughter fell in love with, and the reception was fairly cool.

When young people meet in Israel, the first question they ask is, “Where did you serve in the army?” Conversely, when old people meet, every conversation starts with “Where were you during the war?” Everyone knows what war, and the answer puts you in a specific category. So naturally, after short pleasantries, Liora’s father asked my father, “Where were you during the war?”

My father, who was always a humble man, said merely “I was in Europe.” “What camp?” her father asked. “I was not in the camps,” my father said, “I was fighting with the Canadian army.” I saw a twitch in Liora’s father’s face and had a sense that something was up. “And where did you end the war?” he asked. “I had the unenviable experience of liberating two German concentration camps at the end of the war,” my father said, and, again, I saw the other man twitch. “Really, which ones?” he asked. “Neuengamme and Bergen-Belsen,” my father answered. To which Liora’s father replied, “My name is Mendel Lazar, and I was liberated from Bergen-Belsen. You must be that short Canadian Jewish officer who led us all in Birkat Hagomel. You might not remember me, but I remember you very well. You have these blue eyes that I remember. And I was very angry with you that day.”

My father was astounded. He said, “My name is Eli Lev, and I wish I knew what I could have possibly done wrong on the day of your liberation.” “You gave me chocolate,” Mendel said. “I remember it, because it had a maple leaf stamped on the wrapper.” “I’m sorry,” my father said, “but we had no other food to give you.” “You don’t understand” Mendel said. “Chocolate was the most amazing luxury I could dream about. When I shoved it all in my mouth, it tasted like heaven, but ten seconds later I realized that my entire mouth was full of cavities. The pain I had from that chocolate was one of the worst pains of my life. Because of you, I could never eat chocolate again.”

What followed was a box of tissues as the men hugged each other, then a parade of some of the best Hungarian food Liora’s mother made — Chicken Paprikash, Tultut Caposta, Rakot Crumpli, followed by Silvash Gombotz, Makosh and Diosh cakes and much more. I looked at Liora’s mother and said, “I guess I should be thankful that these two old men crossed paths so many years ago because, thanks to them, I have my future bride.”

So why am I telling you this story? Here are two reasons. First, my father volunteered out of a desire to make the world a better place, though he didn’t see the results of his deeds until years later. There’s a Hebrew proverb שלח לחמך על פני המים כי בבוא הימים תמצאנו which loosely translates to: Send bread down the river; you don’t know who will find it and what good it will do, but one day you’ll find the results. I encourage all of you to find a cause you believe in and volunteer. It doesn’t have to be at BEKI, although we all know how many volunteers we need to run this place. It can be on the local level, the state level or the national level. Whatever you volunteer to do will certainly benefit our community and future generations.

Second, just as Liora’s parents welcomed my father, I would like to welcome and embrace all of you. It was lonely standing on this bimah last year with hardly anyone in the sanctuary. I am so happy to see so many of our congregants here this evening. It feels much more like the BEKI we all love. On behalf of the entire Board, I wish you a Shanah Tovah.
Youth Activities

A BUSY FALL FOR KIDS AND TEENS

BY ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF,
YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMMING DIRECTOR

School is back in session, the leaves are dropping, and BEKI children and teens are having a busy fall!

BEKI Kadima (4th-8th graders) got into the Rosh Hashanah spirit with their second annual Reverse Tashlich River Cleanup on Aug. 29. Instead of throwing breadcrumbs into a river, they took things out of it, cleaning litter from the banks of the West River near the West Rock Playground. Kadimaniks filled several large garbage bags, separating trash from recycling and handling broken glass with great care. This creative group made the hard work fun, and left our local environment cleaner and healthier in the new year.

BEKI partnered with PJ Library of Greater New Haven for A Day at the Farm, with Rosh Hashanah crafts, activities, and apple picking, on Sept. 5. PJ Library is a program that mails free Jewish books to children ages 0-12, supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. This event gave BEKI families, alongside many unaffiliated families, the chance to learn about Rosh Hashanah with Annie and Rabbi Eric. Annie led the blessing for apples and honey, while young helpers dipped a giant cardboard apple slice in a giant cardboard honey pot. Rabbi Eric taught the sounds of the shofar and led shofar blowing. Children made Rosh Hashanah cards for family and friends, and then spread out to pick apples in the orchards at Silverman’s Farm. This successful event introduced many new families to BEKI and the warm community we offer for children.

BEKI USY (9th-12th graders) is starting the year strong, with our largest-ever chapter board of seven teens. Their kickoff event, a Bonfire Night in the yard of board member Aviva Wyner, was held Sunday, Sept. 12.

USY teens are excited to return to many traditions that were not possible last year, including their community-favorite Thanksgiving Pie Sale to raise money for the JFS food kitchen. Next month, the teens will be back in the kitchen, preparing Kosher Pareve apple and pumpkin pies, which you can buy frozen to bake at home. Everyone preparing pies, regardless of vaccination status, will wear masks and gloves while cooking.

The deadline to order pies is Friday, Nov. 5, and pies can be picked up at BEKI on Sunday, Nov. 21 or Tuesday, Nov. 23. For more information, see the Thanksgiving Pie order form in the September mid-month mailing or find it at https://www.beki.org/wp-content/uploads/BEKI-Pie-Flyer-2021.pdf.

Joel Grutzendler, right, and other Kadima kids clean litter near the West River.

Mordecai and Sammy Abraham make Rosh Hashanah cards at the PJ Library Day at the Farm.
Social Action – Tikun Olam

JCARR UPDATE

On Aug. 24 our newest refugee family (#6) received a very emotional welcome. After years of separation, they were greeted by JCARR Family #2. There was much hugging, kissing and crying. The grandmother met her newest grandson, who was born in the U.S. last year. A heartfelt, emotional reunion was had by all.

JCARR, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, quickly went into resettlement mode, setting up the apartment, having the new arrivals tested for Covid, getting them vaccinated and registered with all the agencies that the government requires for new refugees. JCARR volunteers will be working to provide “cultural orientation” (the how, where and who) of living in a new society. This effort takes time and many volunteers. Contact Madeleine Kleinman, our BEKI liaison to JCARR, at madk117@gmail.com for more information.

Ritual Matters

Friday Night Changes

Starting Oct. 1, as sunset comes earlier, the Friday night service will be exclusively in person—not available on Zoom—and we will not continue the monthly outdoor service.

Ritual Committee Discussions

The Committee has recently taken up matters of gender and egalitarianism, and is assembling a task force to make recommendations to the broader committee on how BEKI can best express our egalitarian values.

In the near future, the committee will discuss ways to enhance our tefillah. Please get in touch with Max DuBoff at duboff.max@gmail.com or Rachel Wiseman Gerber at wisemanegerber@gmail.com with any thoughts on ritual matters at BEKI. All perspectives are appreciated.

Making a Minyan & Torah Reading

Throughout the pandemic, including now, the Ritual Committee has been hard at work to make BEKI services as vibrant as possible. Restarting minyanim has been a core project, though much work to augment minyan attendance and practices continues.

To make sure we have a minyan consistently, please, if you can, make a weekly commitment to one or more service times. Let Rachel, Max, 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 Eva Shragis (ritualcoordinator@beki.org) 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.

Food Drive

The next drive-by food collection will be held Sunday, Oct. 17 from 10 to 11 am in the BEKI parking lot. Call 203.671.4705 to arrange for Rob Lettick to be in the parking lot to receive your donation. Donations will support the Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service. If you have questions, please write to Rob at robolettick@aol.com

Taped Shabbat Services Online

For anyone not able to attend our in-person Shabbat morning services, a selection of Psukei d’Zimrah, Shacharit, Torah, and Musaf services—led by volunteers and filmed by Jennifer Myer in the BEKI sanctuary—is posted at www.beki.org/shabbat-service-videos.

• Psukei d’Zimrah led by Jennifer Botwick
• Psukei d’Zimrah led by Rabbi Carl Astor
• Shacharit led by Rabbi Carl Astor
• Shacharit led by Max DuBoff
• Torah Service led by Rachel Adelstein
• Musaf led by Isaiah Cooper
**Ancestors Exhibit Opens**

The Ancestors have come to BEKI. Forty-six members of the BEKI community shared pictures of their relatives to create an installation of over 90 images in both the upper and lower gallery areas of BEKI.

During the period of the High Holy Days, when our awareness of the continuum of time and place mixes with our spiritual searching, it is especially moving to be greeted by the ancestors. Each image is accompanied by a brief heart-felt description written by the BEKI member who remembers the ancestor.

The overall exhibition, a mix of reproductions and original prints, reflects the cultural diversity of our current membership. While many photographs show families with little girls sitting with big bows in their hair, or Eastern European Jewish men in the dress of years ago, we also have cowboys on horses, a girl in Mexican dress, and proud soldiers. Among the most moving stories are photographs of Holocaust survivors reuniting, and photographs of intact families where the accompanying text tells us that only part of the family survived.

The exhibition continues through the end of October, with a possible extension in these unpredictable times. Plans are underway for a second edition of the exhibition next year, so watch for instructions on how to participate.
Although we do not celebrate a Seder in the month of Cheshvan, we do have at least one question to answer: Why join BEKI Sisterhood this year? Here are some answers:

- We plan to have some programs to bring us together, either on Zoom or in person.
- Women’s League fosters women’s community and offers opportunities galore for personal growth.
- You will benefit from a vast array of materials that are on the website.
- Support of the Torah Fund ensures that another generation of Jewish educators will be here for us, for our children, and for grandchildren.

Please answer the call when you receive your membership flyer by joining Sisterhood.

**Why Join Sisterhood this year?**

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**Sisterhood**

**Why JOIN SISTERHOOD THIS YEAR?**

**By Mimi Glenn, President of Sisterhood**

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Fall is a time for change. This year it begins right at the start of Sukkot, the weather and changing seasons reminding us that life involves change and transformation as well.

At least, I hope the weather changes. Global warming has shaken up our cultural memory of seasons; we have warmth at surprising times now. New England fall and spring were what originally attracted me to the area in college; even over the last 20 years, it is noticeable that they are different.

What can we do, as Jews, as Americans, as human beings, to save this planet from an impending climate catastrophe? What can we do to better protect the environment?

As a rabbi, I don’t have these answers. What I do have, though, is the ability to share both the Jewish moral urgency of asking these questions, and the communal position to lift them up on our spiritual agenda.

The fall is the beginning of the Jewish year— it’s the time when we begin to live the promises of change and teshuvah that we have made. What other promises that you made on the High Holy Days can you begin to act on now? How can you recenter your life around the priorities that you prayed about on Yom Kippur?

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With this writing of fall, I want to share one of my favorite poems about the fall – John Keats’ “On Autumn.”

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss’d cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o’er-brimm’d their clammy cells.
Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half- reap’d furrow sound asleep,
Drows’d with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Sparest the next swath and all its twined flowers:
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.
Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river sallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricketts sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

Eric Woodward

In each bulletin (for the near future) I’m trying to share a little about myself. I’ll tell you about literature or a movie that has meant something to me (explicitly Jewish books are excluded); sometimes share a recipe with you; and to teach a little Torah.

On Autumn
### October 2021

**25 Tishri 5782 - 25 Heshvan 5782**

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#### Mark Your Calendar
- Nov 5 USY Pie Orders due
- Nov 21 BEKI author book launch
- Nov 21 & 23 Pie pick-up times
- Nov 28 First Night Hanukkah

### Service Times

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BEKI Services for October

All services are also available on Zoom except Friday night and Saturday morning.

- Sunday 9 am (outdoors, weather permitting)
- Sunday 5:45 pm
- Monday 7 am
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- Thursday 5:45 pm
- Thursday 8:15 am
- Friday 7 am
- Friday 6 pm
- Saturday 9:15 am

For the latest information on services, check Happenings or email bekitefilla@gmail.com

Easy Fundraiser
The Stop & Shop gift cards sold by the BEKI office are debit cards for groceries or gasoline. This is an ongoing fundraiser that costs you nothing. Contact Peggy office@beki.org to arrange pickup.

Save a Tree and Save a Stamp
Contact the BEKI office if you would like to receive your monthly yahrzeit notices and/or monthly statements via email rather than snail mail; office@beki.org or 203-389-2108 x114