This year’s Elm City Kallah speaker is Rachel Korazim, an educator who has created a global community of learners who study Israeli poetry online.

Korazim will speak at BEKI about the Mizrahi (Sephardic) voice in Israeli literature. Through such poets as Balfour Hakak, Shimon Adaf, and Roni Somek, she will explore the long journey of Jews from Moslem countries from early marginalization to empowerment.

Previously the Academic Director of distance learning programs at The Jewish Agency for Israel, Department of Education, Korazim teaches at Israel’s well known learning centers such as Pardes and the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Born in Israel, she is a graduate of Haifa University with a PhD in Jewish education. With a vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and worldwide, she opens a window into Israeli society through stories, poems, and songs of the best of Israel’s writers. Her website, www.rachelkorazim.com, offers free recordings of hundreds of her lectures, in English or in Hebrew.

Because of her many visits, she is familiar with the Jewish education communities of the U.S., Canada, Latin America and Europe. Since 1990 she has invested much time and energy to help the emerging Jewish schools of Hungary.

Korazim will speak Friday evening, Oct. 28 at Westville Synagogue, will come to BEKI on Saturday, Oct. 29, and will finish the weekend of study on Sunday morning, Oct. 30 at Congregation B’nai Jacob.

At Westville Synagogue, she will speak at 8 pm, between dinner and dessert, on biblical motifs in modern Israeli poetry, specifically the theme of the Akedah (binding of Isaac). Reservations are required by Oct. 18 to www.westvilleshul.org/elmcitykallah2022 or call 203-389-9513 or 203-589-1100. The charge for dinner is $25 per person.

On Saturday, Korazim will speak at 1 pm, after services and kiddush lunch at BEKI. At 10 am Sunday, after services and breakfast at Congregation B’nai Jacob, her topic will be “Three Israeli Songs That Made an Impact,” Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, Shir L’Shalom, and Ayn Li Eretz Aheret.

A collaboration of the three congregations to bring exceptional Jewish programming to New Haven, Elm City Kallah is in its 6th year. Past Kallah speakers were Rabbi Tamar Elad Appelbaum, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, Rabbi Ethan Tucker, 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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High Holy Days

The Holy Days Continue

Building the Sukkah
Roger Colten needs assistance with the first stage of building the BEKI sukkah on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 9:30 am, following morning minyan. Sukkah completion work will be Thursday, Oct. 6 at 3:00 pm. Roger says that the "solemn day of disassembly" will be Sunday, Oct. 23 at 9:30, after minyan. If you can help with any part of the work, please email r_colten@yahoo.com.

Break-Fast
Following the Neilah service on Yom Kippur, members and all who have pre-arranged to join us for the High Holy Days are invited to break the fast communally in the downstairs social hall, thanks to the generous support of the George G. Posener Break-Fast Fund and BEKI.

Kever Avot Services
Rabbi Woodward will lead a brief community memorial service on Sunday, Oct. 2 at the Warner Street cemetery in Hamden at 10 am and at the Farwell Street cemetery in West Haven at 11 am.

Yom Kippur services
Entry again this year will be ticketless for members, with the greeters confirming admission using a list at the doorway.

Guests and visitors are most welcome, but all adults require reservations for most services. Active-duty military, police personnel, and full-time students may enter with valid official ID; however, advance arrangements are required.

Children’s services will be offered on Yom Kippur at 10:45 am (session 1) and noon (session 2). The earlier sessions will be an age-appropriate engaging service (tefilot) for the Holy Day, and the later sessions will offer stories and play-based activities.

Yom Kippur Schedule
Tuesday, Oct. 4
• Mincha 5:45 pm; Kol Nidre 6:10 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 5
• Yom Kippur service 9 am
• Children’s services 10:45 a.m. (session 1) & noon (session 2)
• Study Sessions 2:30 pm & 3:15 pm, led by Rabbi Carl Astor and Tani Cohen-Fraade
• Mincha 5 pm followed by Neilah

Operation Isaiah
BEKI is collecting non-perishable food items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry through Oct. 19. If you don’t want to schlep your bag to BEKI, another option is to provide cash, and BEKI will purchase grocery gift cards for the Pantry. You may send a check to the BEKI office tagged for Operation Isaiah or ask Peggy to bill your BEKI account.

Healing Service
Rabbi Woodward will lead a Kabbalat Shabbat healing service on Friday, Oct. 21 at 6 pm, and the third Friday of each month.

Sukkah Hop
You are invited to hop ’till you drop at our annual Sukkah Hop. The Hop will be on the first day of Sukkot, Monday, October 10, which is a public holiday. The first sukkah visit will be at 12:30 pm, right after festival services at BEKI, with the last ending

Marga Hirsch cleans trash from a riverbank at the West River Playground during the “Riverse” Tashlich on Sept. 11.

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around 3:30 pm. We’ll depart from the BEKI courtyard and process from sukkah to sukkah through the lower Westville neighborhood, with each host family sharing their sukkah and some refreshments with our community. The rain date is Saturday, October 15. Pick up the detailed Sukkah Hop schedule and map that day at BEKI.

BEKI Apizza

Our annual pizza party in the sukkah will be Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 6:15 pm, after evening minyan and religious school. Join us in the BEKI courtyard sukkah for vegetarian pizza prepared by BEKI chefs. Reservations are due to the office by Oct. 6: $10/adults, $5/child under 12, $30/household. If you request them, non-dairy and gluten free pies will be available. Email shoshanazax@gmail.com if you can help. In case of rain, the event will move inside.

Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah festivities will be Monday, October 17. The daily minchah service will start at 6 pm, with torah processions, singing and dancing at 6:30 pm.

Fall Holiday Service Schedule

Sunday, Oct. 9
• Erev Sukkot Minchah & Maariv 5:45 pm

Monday, Oct. 10
• First Day Sukkot Service 9:15 am, followed by Sukkah Hop
• Minchah & Maariv 5:45 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 11
• Second Day Sukkot Service 9:15 am
• Minchah 5:45 pm

Sunday, Oct. 16
• Hoshanah Rabbah Shacharit 9:15 am
• Minchah & Erev Shmini Atzeret 5:45 pm

Monday, Oct. 17
• Shmini Atzeret Service 9:15, including Yizkor
• Minchah 6 pm, Erev Simchat Torah festivities 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 18
• Simchat Torah Service 9:15 am
• Minchah 5:45 pm

Prayer and Liturgy

On the third Wednesday of the month, which is Oct. 19, you are invited to Prayer and Liturgy at BEKI, an Ongoing Exploration with Rabbi Carl Astor, now resuming after a summer break. The focus of the group, which meets at 7:30 pm, is to better understand the language, the historical context, and the spiritual meaning of our prayers and liturgy. The special Zoom link for this program is here.

Steven Fraade, Ellen Cohen and other BEKI members embark on an Edgewood Park nature walk led by Bruce Spierer on Sept. 11.
Rachel Anderson B’Mitzvah
The b’mitzvah of Rachel Anderson, child of Sherin Stahl and George Anderson, will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 22, parashat Beresheet. The congregation is invited to attend. Kiddush lunch sponsored by Sherin and George will follow. Rachel, who is an 8th grader at Amity Middle School in Bethany, is interested in classical guitar and drawing. Rachel also loves painting and reading.

We Need Kitchen Supervisors
We are training additional people to serve as the BEKI kitchen supervisor, which is a paid position (about $24/hour) for small events at BEKI—for example a weekday lunch for extended family after a funeral.

We also need supervisors for small in-house events, such as a dinner for the families of a class at BINA, our religious school.

Are you interested? Taking the training does not obligate you to do this work. The training, conducted by Rebecca Weiner, will include how to work the BEKI ovens, burners, chiller, dishwasher, air handlers, and all kitchen electronics; cleanup procedures; overseeing caterers; and of course BEKI’s kashrut policy.

Consult Rebecca for details: weinerrh@gmail.com

Annual Appeal
In the past, BEKI’s Annual Appeal began in late summer, exactly at the time we were asked to pay our membership dues. We realized that was not good timing. Therefore, again this year, we will launch the Appeal after the holy days. At BEKI, you can trust that there will be no solicitation for contributions during High Holy Day services.

This year, you will receive Annual Appeal information by email. There will be no Annual Appeal materials sent by letter, except to those members who have asked to receive materials by mail. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

Mazal Tov to
Eitan Minsky-Fenick, son of Ada Fenick and Yair Minsky, and Elizabeth Frieden on their engagement.

Welcome New Members
• Coretta Caplan
• Jacob Robins
• Zoe Lubitz & David Kohn
• Daniel & Stephanie Jacoby, Benjamin, David, and Asher

Can You Provide a Meal?
BEKI uses the platform Lotsa Helping Hands to support families with new babies. You can prepare and deliver the dinner or arrange delivery from a restaurant.

Anything you need to know—how many people to feed; vegetarian, kashrut or allergy specifications; address and time for delivery—is provided. Just log in and choose your password. When a new baby arrives in our community, you’ll re-
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Receive an email with a link to Lotsa Helping Hands. If you have questions, consult rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com.

Minyan Maker

BEKI uses a web app called Minyan Maker to gather each weekday minyan. You can access this website from your computer or mobile phone; no download required. Go to http://minyanmaker.org/app/9133/BethEL. There are two steps. Up top, you choose which weekday service you are planning to attend (morning or afternoon). Then find your name below and choose "I'll be there" or "Available if needed." These two very simple steps are tremendously helpful to ritual committee volunteers trying to gather a minyan.

If you don't see your name, please send an email to bekitefilla@gmail.com, and your name will be added.

Z’mirah Chorale

BEKI member Rhoda Zahler Samuel invites anyone who likes to sing and loves Jewish choral music to join the Connecticut Z’mirah Chorale. The group, founded in 2006 and directed by Kevin Mack, meets Sundays 7-9 pm at the Whitney Center, starting Oct. 2.

The chorale’s mission is to preserve and share all types of Jewish vocal music from complex modern compositions and classical Reform settings of liturgy to Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and Israeli folk songs, as well as meaningful pieces by non-Jewish composers.

For more information, consult Rhoda at rhodasamuel1@gmail.com

Tree of Life Awaits Your Leaf

The Tree of Life at the entrance to BEKI is a collection of golden leaves that honor people and moments in our lives. For $118 you can add a leaf. Contact Marjorie Wiener at 203.387.6278 or marjoriewiener@yahoo.com

E-Statements

Due to rising costs and BEKI’s efforts to be more earth-friendly, we are transitioning to e-statements and e-yahrzeits. If you prefer to receive them by paper, please contact the BEKI office at 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.

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).
**Youth Education and Events**

**Teen Kesher Starts This Fall**

Teen Kesher for 11th & 12th graders started in September. The programs for 7th & 8th graders and for 9th & 10th graders start on Thursdays this month.

The topics for 7th and 8th graders are:
- **Fall - Judaism and Fandom** with Rabbi Eric
- **Winter - Jews in Togas: The Talmud** with Annie
- **Spring - Interfaith New Haven** with Rabbi Eric

9th and 10th graders will explore what Judaism has to say about relevant big issues: changing life stages, making tough choices, caring for yourself, and more.

11th and 12th graders will discuss big questions in the larger world: antisemitism, Israel, and Jewish identity in the world beyond New Haven.

To register for Teen Kesher or for more information, contact Rabbi Woodward at [rabbi@beki.org](mailto:rabbi@beki.org). The calendar of meeting dates is at the website: [https://www.beki.org/youth/teen-kesher/](https://www.beki.org/youth/teen-kesher/)

**USY Thanksgiving Pies**

BEKI teens will be back in the kitchen this fall. Their annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale raises money for tzedakah, provides pies to the Connecticut Food Bank, and supplies all of us with tasty pies for Thanksgiving. Order your Kosher Pareve apple or pumpkin pies, which are made in the BEKI kitchen, then frozen for us to bake at home.

The deadline to order pies is Friday, Nov. 4, and pies can be picked up at BEKI on Sunday, Nov. 20 or Tuesday, Nov. 22. 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-2022-Final.pdf](https://www.beki.org/wp-content/uploads/BEKI-Pie-Flyer-2022-Final.pdf)

**USYers prepare pumpkin pies in BEKI’s kitchen last year.**
Columbus House

Although other programs with Columbus House, which is a homeless shelter, are on hold during this pandemic, BEKI continues to provide food each month. In August, their staff requested fresh fruit, so Max DuBoff delivered, and Columbus House snapped a photo for their Facebook page.

JCARR Update

Mazal tov to Jean Silk, the coordinator of JCARR, Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, who was honored in September with the Robert Eisner Community Service Award, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

For more information about JCARR and how you can help, contact Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com

Greetings from Sisterhood

By Mimi Glenn, President

This is the year to become a Sisterhood member. We are looking for new energy and new ideas to make Sisterhood meaningful and relevant to all women in our congregation.

For 75 years BEKI Sisterhood has been a partner in promoting the goals of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. A portion ($15) of the dues ($25) collected is forwarded to Women's League, which supports students of the Jewish Theological Seminary and other Conservative movement seminaries.

Women's League is dedicated to the creation of a vibrant North American Jewish community such as ours, that nurtures the individual, family, and community with the values of Jewish tradition. Please contact Mimi Glenn for more information 203.397.3851.

BEKI Sisterhood wishes all our congregants a Shanah Tovah Umetukah.

Gift Shop for the New Year

Did you forget about the BEKI Giftshop? You still have time to make amends before Yom Kippur. We are fully stocked with all your Yom Kippur needs. We have a full selection of shofarot—real ram's horn, plastic and plush—plus local honey. New to our store this year are embroidered shofar bags, white and cream kippot, small dishes that do double duty serving salt or honey, delicately embroidered cross-body bags to wear and "not carry" on the holidays.

Get ready for Sukkot and Simchat Torah. For children, we have wonderful plush lulav and etrog, and plush torahs that open with the Hebrew alphabet, and books for every age group.

For adults, we have gifts for all occasions.

We are open every day except Shabbat by appointment. Or drop in after most minyanim. Karen Kassap 203.430.2182. Harriet Friedman 203.675.8607. Giftshop@beki.org
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To Susan Jacobson with sympathy on the passing of Stuart Jacobson by
• David & Darryl Kuperstock
• Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
• Donna Kemper & Ron Zlotoff
To Steven Bloom with sympathy on the passing of Rosalie Bloom by
• Diane Krevolin
To Andy & Paige Weinstein in honor of the birth of their first grandchild, Lily Alexandria, by
• David & Darryl Kuperstock
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• Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
To Rob Hoffnung & Marsha Beller with sympathy on the passing of Daniel Hoffnung by
• Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade
To Marge Wiener with sympathy on the passing of Frances Wiener by

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 (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.

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• Edith Hershman Basset Alper by the Alper family
• Dorothy Seigle Mattler by Debra Levine & Judith Resnick
• Zelda Frankel Katz by Debra Levine & Judith Resnick
• Louis Blatt by Marilyn Margolis
• Norman Rosenberg by Lilian Rosenberg
• Her mother Edith Ignal by Toby & Alan Ignal
• Sol Kaufman by Lewis & Minna Kaufman
• Sarah Feldman by Lois K. Feldman
• Sylvia Fleischner by Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach
• Philip Auerbach by Hillel & Sara-Ann Auerbach
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We celebrated National Mix It Up Day in October to foster greater respect and understanding among our students.
The transition from Yom Kippur to Sukkot is one of the most theologically significant moments in the Jewish calendar for me.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we say that God writes our deeds in a “book of remembrance,” and that God seals the fate of all. And then, just a handful of days later during Sukkot, we read the book of Ecclesiastes, which tells us that all of us, good or bad, wise or foolish, share the same fate, and that our deeds are forgotten. Basically, after Yom Kippur, we get the exact opposite theology.

I think one thing that this transition teaches is that there is not one clear, official Jewish theology. Rather, there are numerous Jewish ways of thinking about God and religion, and they are often totally at odds with each other. Sukkot is a holiday of great chutzpah to show up right after Yom Kippur and basically laugh at it!

But there’s more going on. I think that the theology of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — of God sitting in judgement (or forgiveness) of us — is one that we can only stand for a few days of the year, at the most. It’s too weighty; it’s too much of a burden. We are made to love and to express warmth, and that requires a theology of Sukkot.

Sukkot is a core part of our High Holy Day practice. If you end the holidays with Yom Kippur, you never achieve the Jewish ecstatic release of the holidays of Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. These holidays—moments of celebration and joy—are there to bring us back to normal, to remind us that we are good enough.

This Yom Kippur, bring a sense of Sukkot into your life. Feel a sense of joy and forgiveness — a sense of love and connection. That’s part of Yom Kippur, too, a holiday that is sometimes seen as deeply joyous. Allow yourself to feel a sense of peace and forgiveness, to hold your heart close, and to extend mercy all around you.

And then celebrate on Sukkot, and be only happy.
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### Mark Your Calendar

- **Nov. 5**  Natalya Moycik b’mitzvah
- **Nov. 12** Klara Oppenheimer b’mitzvah
- **Dec. 4**  Violin & guitar concert
- **Dec. 14** BINA Hanukkah party
- **Dec. 18** Hanukkah singalong
Services

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

- Sunday 9 am
- Sunday 5:45 pm
- Monday 7 am
- Monday 5:45 pm
- Tuesday 7 am
- Tuesday 5:45 pm
- Wednesday 5:45 pm
- Thursday 8:15 am
- Thursday 5:45 pm
- Friday 7 am
- Friday 6 pm
- Saturday 9:15 am

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

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