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# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

## Sanctuary Rededication

Our celebration of the renovated sanctuary will be on Sunday, Sept. 7, starting with minyan at 9:30 am (note this new time), followed by a ceremony at 10 am, then dessert reception.

## Shabbat Schmooze

Our Shabbat Schmooze on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 12:45 pm will feature Education Director Annie Norman-Schiff, speaking about “Turn It Again: Torah Study as an Infinite Cycle.”

The topics we study stay with us forever, as we return to them at greater depth. While there's no ending to learning, there's also no wrong on-ramp. Torah is expansive and always here for us.



Annie Norman-Schiff

## Book Talk About Conversion

On Sunday, Sept. 14 Kelsey Osgood will discuss her new book *Godstruck: Seven Women's Unexpected Journeys to Religious Conversion*, about her own spiritual journey and conversion to Judaism as well as the experiences of 6 other women who convert to Quakerism, Evangelicalism, Mormonism, Islam, Amish Church, and Catholicism.



Kelsey Osgood

“Each of the women’s stories, while wildly different, share a ba-

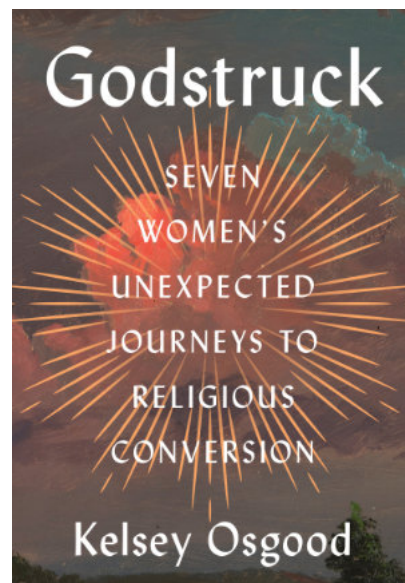
sic quest for meaning and for the Divine. Osgood extrapolates on each of them to share her own conversion to Orthodox Judaism. As a result, the stories are braided like a challah, each individual strand wrapped up with and connected to the others,” according to the Jewish Book Council.

Osgood is also the author of *How to Disappear Completely: On Modern Anorexia*. Her work has appeared online or in print at *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Harper's*, and the *New Yorker*, among other outlets.

A light breakfast will be served at 10:30 am, followed by the talk from 11 am to 12 noon. Books will be available for sale and signing.

## Niggun Circle

Everyone is welcome to join an Elul Niggun Circle in the Chapel at 12:45 pm on Saturday, Sept. 20. A niggun, which is a wordless, melodic Jewish tune, can be a form of personal and communal meditation. The song circle will be led by BEKI High Holy Day service leaders, as we prepare ourselves individually and as a community for the days of awe.



המקום ינחם

*HaMakom Yinachem*

**Sue Driesen**

mother of Naomi Driesen (& Nate Bixby)

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

## BEKI Bulletin

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## Sasha Perry Bat Mitzvah

The bat mitvah of Sasha Perry, child of Anna Van-Cleave and Joshua Perry, will be celebrated on Saturday, Sept. 6, *parashat KiTeitzei*. The congregation is invited to attend. Kid-dush lunch sponsored by Josh and Anna will follow.

Sasha, who is starting 7th grade at Ezra Academy, is a competitive gymnast and a vegetarian, and she enjoys murder mysteries, summer, her friends, her siblings (usually), and her faithful dog, Lolly.



## Another Security Grant Awarded

BEKI has received another \$10,000 security grant from the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven in memory of Arthur and Yvette Eder.

Like last year's grant, this money will help pay for our security guards.

If you have questions about BEKI's security projects, please consult Safety & Security Chair Jay Sokolow.

## Interfaith Day of Service Sept. 21

The annual community day of service on Sunday, Sept. 21, has been relocated because of anticipated construction on the New Haven Green. This year's event will be by the shoreline on the grounds of Saint John Vianney Church, 300 Captain Thomas Blvd., West Haven, noon to 4 pm.

"The day before Rosh Hashanah is not ideal for Jews traveling or preparing for Rosh Hashanah, which starts at sunset on Monday the 22nd," Bruce Barrett, the founder, acknowledges. "We thank our Jewish partners for their understanding."

Lunch (pizza truck and salads) will be provided, free of charge. Participants can then choose the work project of interest, including preparing and serving sandwiches for the hungry, stuffing personal care bags, picking up trash from the shoreline, or painting the annual billboard mural. Some of the projects are great for kids. Staff from local agencies will attend to lead discussions on topics such as food scarcity, gun violence, and the unhoused.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register. Pre-registration is helpful for the organizers.

### Volunteers stuffed personal care bags at the 2024 Interfaith Day of Service.





## Bimah Lettering Calligraphy

Our newly renovated sanctuary features original [calligraphy](#) designed by [Jerise Fogel](#). The gleaming metal letters affixed next to the ark were fabricated from her hand-drawn Hebrew lettering. They quote the well-known verse from Psalms: *Hinei mah tov u-mah na'im shevet achim gam yachad*, which can be loosely translated as “How good and pleasant it is when we come together as one.”

Amy Reichert, the ark designer, proposed the phrase based on input from the Sanctuary Redesign Committee and the congregation as a whole. The verse reflects a commitment to being present for one another, to welcoming new voices, to recognizing beauty in diversity — values at the heart of the BEKI community.

Fogel is also a paper-cut artist and a faculty member at Montclair State University. She has studied calligraphy since high school and believes in illuminating meaningful language with artistic design.

## Mazal Tov to

- Margaret Martin for winning both a silver and a bronze medal in freestyle swimming during the June Special Olympics at SCSU.
- Parents Jonathan Gordon and Jonathan Rohner on the birth of Felix Herman Gordon.
- Grandfather David Spitzer—and parents Natalie and Jon Li of Southington—on the birth of twins, Logan and Adelaide.

**Below: Grandchildren Logan and Adelaide**



**Above: a photograph of our bimah lettering, designed by calligrapher Jerise Fogel.**

## New & Returning Members

Alan & Meital Geller, Maya and Eli  
Joshua Pilchik & Jenna Bergmann-Pilchik  
Dan & Meghan Weinberger



# Welcome New Members

We want to introduce you to the people who have joined recently.

Here is the next installment of introductions, written by our members themselves.

Printouts of all of these photos and bios from the bulletin are posted on bulletin boards near the Goodwin Youth Room.

## Alan & Meital Geller, Maya and Eli

Alan grew up in greater New Haven and moved to Israel in 2006 after college. He met Meital though their shared interest in cycling, and they got married at the height of COVID in late March 2020 with 11 people socially distanced!

Recently, we decided to move to Upper Westville as a family with our two children, Maya (age 3), and Eli (age 1). Alan is a self-employed optical engineer; Meital is a biologist project manager. We look forward to joining the BEKI community!



## Jacqueline Elise

I'm so excited to finally be an official BEKI member after formally beginning my conversion journey here in January 2024! Originally from Minnesota, I moved to East Rock in 2022 to begin my MSN program at Yale, which I finished this May. I work as a pediatric psychiatric nurse and, outside of work, I love cooking, reading, and spending time outdoors.

I am traveling quite a lot this summer and fall on a self-imposed sabbatical. Feel free to ask me about my travels — I'd love to share some stories and hear yours! I'm so grateful to have found such a warm and welcoming community in BEKI and look forward to continuing to learn and grow in my Judaism.





# Welcome New Members



## Phil and Anna Conley

We are delighted to be part of such a welcoming congregation. Anna currently serves as an executive at Yale University, and I (Phil) am a business owner. Although I was born Jewish, I did not begin practicing until my early adulthood. Anna, who has a strong religious background, made the decision to convert to Judaism with the guidance and support of Rabbi Woodward. Both Anna and I have been married before, but we thank Hashem for bringing us together several years ago, culminating in our wedding on June 22 of this year. We were fortunate to have been married by Rabbi Woodward, and our intimate family wedding was notably the first to be held in the new sanctuary. Together, we have a wonderful blended family with four children, ranging in age from 23 to 16. Anna and I enjoy traveling, cooking, and hosting friends and family. We look forward to getting to know everyone in the BEKI community and becoming actively involved in its activities and events.

## Rachel & Jeffrey Cohen Elliot, Russell, and Spencer

We are the Cohen family, and we are excited to be joining the BEKI community!

We have been living in the New Haven area since 2019 and currently live in Hamden. Rachel and Jeff grew up on Long Island and met in ninth grade. We came to Connecticut by way of Boston and New York City and have consistently found the Jewish Community to be important parts of our social connections.

The best thing about Rachel and Jeff is most certainly their three wonderful children. Elliot (7) is entering second grade at Ezra, Russell (5) is entering kindergarten at Ezra, and Spencer (3) will be in the 3/4 class at Ezra. Elliot, Russell, and Spencer are fun-loving and look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends at Ezra.

Jeff is a dermatologist at Yale, and Rachel is a dentist practicing at Market Square Dental Associates in Newington and a member of the faculty at the UCONN School of Dental Medicine.





# Welcome New Members

## Joshua Pilchik and Jenna Bergmann-Pilchik

We moved to New Haven in 2019 and live downtown. Josh grew up in the Conservative movement and was very active in USY. Jenna was raised in both Reform and Orthodox synagogues. We both grew up in the suburbs of Philly but met at Columbia/Barnard Hillel, when Josh was a sophomore at List College studying Psychology at Columbia and Jewish Ethics at JTS, and Jenna was a junior at Barnard double majoring in Latin and Biology. We got married in October 2021 and adopted our dog, Lana, in May 2023.

Josh is now starting his career as a clinical psychologist, and Jenna is in her 7th year of the MD/PhD program at Yale. Her clinical interest is OB/GYN, and her research is in early embryonic development. We are expecting our first child in September. In our spare time, we enjoy board games and family time. Josh's hobbies also include tennis and cooking. Jenna's hobbies include reading and pottery. We're so excited to officially join the BEKI community and look forward to getting to know everyone.



## Can You Provide a Meal?

BEKI has a long tradition of providing meals to families who have welcomed a child. You can prepare and deliver the dinner or arrange delivery from a restaurant. Anything you need to know about preferences or address is provided at the platform called Lotsa Helping Hands. Just [log in](#) and choose your password. If you have questions, consult [rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com).

**In one of our security bollards, petunias surround a heather plant that blossomed in the spring—all planted by BEKI volunteer gardeners.**





### Selichot

Join us on Saturday, Sept. 13, after Shabbat ends. At 9 pm, Rabbi Woodward will lead a spiritual reflection program, followed by the Selichot Service at 10 pm.

### Buy a Lulav & Etrog

We encourage you to order a lulav/etrog set through the BEKI office. The price is \$40, and the order deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 17.

### Operation Isaiah

As in previous years, BEKI will collect non-perishable food items for the Jewish Family Services Food Pantry. Bags will be distributed at Rosh Hashanah to fill and return. 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. The drive will extend through Sukkot.

### Rosh Hashanah Services

**Monday, Sept. 22**

Erev Rosh Hashanah Minchah at 6:30 pm then Maariv

**Tuesday, Sept. 23**

Rosh Hashanah Day 1  
service 9 am

**Wed., Sept. 24**

Rosh Hashanah Day 2  
service 9 am

### Casting Off Sins

BEKI's popular Tashlich, a brief ceremony suitable for all ages, will be Tuesday, Sept. 23 at 5 pm (note later time) at the Whitney Museum Covered Bridge and a Westville spot we haven't used in a few years: the bridge at the **West River Playground on Blake St.** The site is handicap accessible, located below BEKI on the other side of Valley St. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us.

Minchah at BEKI will follow.

### Kever Avot Services

Rabbi Woodward will lead a brief community memorial service on Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Warner Street cemetery in Hamden at 12:15 pm and at the Farwell Street cemetery in West Haven at 12:45 pm (note later times this year).

### Yom Kippur Services

**Wed., Oct. 1**

Erev Yom Kippur services:

Minchah 6:15 pm, Kol Nidre 6:30 pm

**Thurs., Oct. 2**

Yom Kippur service 9:00 am

Study Session I at 3 pm

Study Session II at 3:45 pm

Minchah 4:45 pm

Neilah 6 pm

Maariv 7:12 pm

Havdalah and Break the Fast 7:20 pm

### Break the Fast

Following Havdalah, 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.



Sascha van Creveld provided this Indonesian Batik on cotton, purchased in 1989, for the High Holy Day "A Sense of Place" exhibition. She notes that her father was born in Indonesia when it was still a Dutch colony.



## Labor Day Schedule

Services Monday, Sept. 1 will be 9 am and 5:45 pm

## Ice Cream Party

On Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 6:45 pm, everyone is invited for an *ESER* (awesome) ice cream party and minyan celebration. This will be the last week of 6:45 pm Wednesday minyan before we shift back to 5:45 pm on Sept. 10.

## Thursday Minyan at 6:45 pm

Beginning on Sept. 11, Thursday minyan will shift to a 6:45 pm start time and will feature children's quiet activities, bedtime biscuits, and "PJs optional" for those under age 7. To make it easy to remember: both Thursday am & pm services begin later: 8:15 am and 6:45 pm.

If you would like more information, or better yet, would like to become involved in growing our *ESER* minyan initiative, please contact Alisa Levine.

## Sunday Minyan at 9:30 am

Beginning on Sept. 7, Sunday minyan will shift to a 9:30 am start time. This minyan will be led by Rabbi Woodward and (eventually) his Sunday morning bnai mitzvah class.

## Maariv Returns

Starting after Rosh HaShanah, on Thursday, Sept. 25, BEKI's 5:45 pm daily service will include both minchah and maariv prayers.

## Tefilah Team

BEKI's Tefilah Team meets every Thursday at 7 pm for an hour to practice melodies for the upcoming Shabbat Shacharit. On Shabbat morning, the Team sings together with the leader, fostering an uplifting prayer atmosphere. This inspiring community effort enhances everyone's Shabbat experience.

## Tefilah Leaders Cohort

This group meets monthly and aims to bring together prayer leaders in the community for the purpose of helping each other reflect and develop as daveners. For more information, please reach out to Elan Weinstock or Sylva Kroeber.

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## Torah Reading

We encourage all people who know how to leyn to join our rotation of Torah readers. We always need more people to help out on Shabbat morning. Torah reading is scheduled monthly based on individual availability.

If you'd like to be included in the rotation, please email [sarahsilverman24@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsilverman24@gmail.com).

## Talmud Study

Sunday Talmud class with Rabbi Woodward begins again on Sundays Sept. 21 and 28, now at 11 am, in the library.

## Interested in Converting to Judaism?

Join the New Haven area Zoom-based Introduction to Judaism course. Taught by a variety of local rabbis, this is a course for anyone interested in exploring conversion to Judaism. Talk to Rabbi Woodward if you are interested.

BY ANNIE NORMAN-SCHIFF, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

### BINA First Day - Sanctuary Rededication

The first day of BINA is Sunday, Sept. 7. We are excited to welcome back our students! This is also the day of BEKI's Sanctuary Rededication. It will be a busy day of meeting new teachers and classmates, as well as celebrating our new sanctuary space.

BINA has a new schedule this year, with Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 rather than 9 am. From 9 to 9:30, we will offer optional activities for students and parents to enjoy together. On the first day of school, this activity will be a chance to explore the new sanctuary.

**9 am: New Sanctuary Open House**

Optional parent and student activity: explore the new sanctuary

#### **9:30 am: BINA Begins**

K-1st grade students go directly to their classroom

2nd-6th grade students have their first tefilah (prayer service) in the new sanctuary

#### **10 am: BINA Classroom Time**

2nd-6th grade students go to their new classrooms

Parents are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the Rededication Ceremony, followed by a dessert reception

#### **Noon: BINA Dismissal**

### High Holy Day Children's Schedule

BEKI offers a rich and meaningful experience for children during these most important days of the year.

Each day of the holy days will feature services for three age groups—the same groups that meet every Shabbat morning.

**Children's Havura** is for children from birth to age 4. **K-2 Kehila** welcomes kindergartners through 2nd graders. **Junior Congregation** is for the oldest kids, 3rd-6th graders.

Each age group will gather for **tefilah** (prayers) in a first session at 11 am. After a snack break at noon, everyone will return to their groups for a creative **activity** at 12:30 pm.

We are so grateful for the volunteers, both parents and other community members, who lead our High Holy Day programming for children!

#### **Tuesday, Sept 23** RoshHashanah Day1

11:00 am (Session 1, Tefilah)

Noon (Snack)

12:30 pm (Session 2, Activity)

#### **Wednesday, Sept 24** RoshHashanah Day2

11:00 am (Session 1, Tefilah)

Noon (Snack)

12:30 pm (Session 2, Activity)

#### **Thursday, Oct 2** Yom Kippur

11:00 am (Session 1, Tefilah)

Noon (Snack)

12:30 pm (Session 2, Activity)

# BINA a religious school for grades K to 6 @BEKI

### 3 Weekly Shabbat Programs:

- Children's Havura, birth through age 5;
- K-2 Kehila, kindergarten through second grade;
- Junior Congregation

### Youth Programs:

- Teen Keshet: A learning program for 7th to 12th graders
- Kadima: Youth group for 4th-8th grade
- USY: youth group for 7th-12th grade

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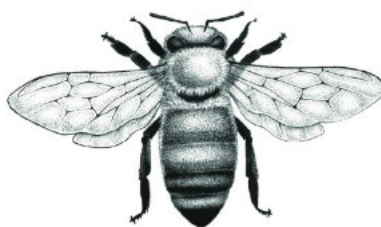
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BEKI Sisterhood is looking forward to a happy, healthy and busy 5786.

We will sponsor a bees and honey event for BINA—and other BEKI families—on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10 am to noon, led by a speaker from the Honey Bee Program of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station.

Our paid-up membership dinner will be Monday, Oct. 27, after the chagim. Please reply to your invitation.

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The Gift Shop will help sweeten your start of 5786 with a honey of a gift bag. Inside, you will find honey products from Stonewall Apiary and an assortment of items to help beautify your Rosh Hashanah, all for a nominal price.

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**It's not too late** to make a pledge or donation to the **Sanctuary Redesign**, or to increase the amount that you have already given.

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8 Elul 5785 - 8 Tishri 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Office Closed 9am In-person/Zoom Service (federal holiday) 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  8 Elul	<b>2</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  9 Elul	<b>3</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 6:45pm ESER Ice Cream Party  10 Elul	<b>4</b> 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  11 Elul	<b>5</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:59pm Candle Lighting  12 Elul	<b>6</b> Sasha Perry Bat Mitzvah 9:15am Shabbat Service 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation  13 Elul
<b>7</b> 9:30am First Day of BINA 9:30am In-person/Zoom Service 10am Sanctuary Rededication Ceremony 11am Dessert Reception 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  14 Elul	<b>8</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 7:30pm Board of Directors Meeting  15 Elul	<b>9</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  16 Elul	<b>10</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4pm BINA 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  17 Elul	<b>11</b> 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 6:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  18 Elul	<b>12</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:47pm Candle Lighting  19 Elul	<b>13</b> Selihot 9:15am Shabbat Service 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Cong. 12:45pm Shabbat Schmooze w/Annie Norman-Schiff 9pm Spiritual Reflection Selichot Program w/Rabbi Woodward 10pm Selichot Service  20 Elul
<b>14</b> 9:30am BINA 9:30am In-person/Zoom Service 10:30am Book Talk w/author Kelsey Osgood 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  21 Elul	<b>15</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  22 Elul	<b>16</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  23 Elul	<b>17</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 4pm Bina 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  24 Elul	<b>18</b> 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 6:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  25 Elul	<b>19</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:35pm Candle Lighting  26 Elul	<b>20</b> 9:15am Shabbat Service 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation 12:45pm Elul Niggun Circle  27 Elul
<b>21</b> 9:30am BINA 9:30am In-person/Zoom Service 11am Talmud Study Group 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  28 Elul	<b>22</b> Erev Rosh Hashanah 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6:30pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Minchah & Maariv 6:30pm Candle Lighting  29 Elul	<b>23</b> Rosh Hashanah I Office Closed 9am Rosh Hashanah Shacharit 10:30am Sermon & Shofar 5pm Tashlich/West River Bridge & Playground 5:45pm Minchah at BEKI 7:28pm Candle Lighting  1 Tishri	<b>24</b> Rosh Hashanah II Office Closed 9am Rosh Hashanah Shacharit 10:30am Sermon & Shofar No Afternoon/Evening service  2 Tishri	<b>25</b> Fast of Gedaliah 8:15am In-person/Zoom Service 6:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  3 Tishri	<b>26</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:23pm Candle Lighting  4 Tishri	<b>27</b> 9:15am Shabbat Service 11am Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Jr. Congregation  5 Tishri
<b>28</b> 9:30am BINA 9:30am In-person/Zoom Service 11am Talmud Study Group 12:15pm Kever Avot/Warner St 12:45pm Kever Avot/Farwell St 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  6 Tishri	<b>29</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service 7:30pm Executive Board Meeting (off-site)  7 Tishri	<b>30</b> 7am In-person/Zoom Service 5:45pm In-person/Zoom Service  8 Tishri	<b>Mark Your Calendar</b>  <i>Oct 1 Kol Nidre</i> <i>Oct 2 Yom Kippur</i> <i>Oct 6 Erev Sukkot</i> <i>Oct 12 BEKI Apizza</i> <i>Oct 14 Shmini Atzeret</i> <i>Oct 15 Simchat Torah</i> <i>Oct 26 Elm City Winds</i>			

## Service Times

Sundays	Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays
9:30 am Shaharit 5:45 pm Minchah/Maariv	7am Shaharit 5:45 pm Minchah/Maariv	7am Shaharit 5:45 pm Minchah/Maariv	7 am Shaharit 6:45/5:45 pm Min/Maariv	8:15am Shaharit 5:45/6:45 pm Min/Maariv	7 am Shaharit 6 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:15am Shaharit



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### 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](mailto:office@beki.org) to arrange pickup.

### 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: <b>30</b> am	Wednesday 7 am
Sunday 5:45 pm	Wednesday <b>6/5:45 pm</b>
Monday 7 am	Thursday 8:15 am
Monday 5:45 pm	Thursday <b>5/6:45 pm</b>
Tuesday 7 am	Friday 7 am
Tuesday 5:45 pm	Friday <b>6 pm</b>
	Saturday 9:15 am

For the latest information on services, check [Happenings](#) or email [bekitefilla@gmail.com](mailto:bekitefilla@gmail.com)