



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

December 12-13 / 23 Kislev
Parashat Vayeshev

Friday, December 12

4:04pm - Candle Lighting (home ritual)
5pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 13

Kiddush is sponsored by a group of BEKI members in honor of Fatima Alyasari and Amer Hassoon, our custodians, with appreciation for everything they and their family do for BEKI.

9:15am - Shabbat Service
11am - Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation
12pm – Kiddush
12:45pm - Shabbat Niggun Circle - Niggun is a wordless, melodic Jewish song or tune that is often sung by groups. It can be a form of personal and communal meditation which can "awaken and excite the soul."
5:09pm – Havdalah

[Sign up here](#) to lead a service or read Torah and Haftarah on Shabbat. Reach out with any questions to Sylva Kroeber (sylva.kroeber@gmail.com).

Events this Week

Sunday, December 14 at 11am
Talmud Study Group with Rabbi Woodward

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Daily Services (in-person and via [Zoom](#))

December 14-19 / 24-29 Kislev

Morning Services

Sun – 9:30am
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri - 7am
Thurs - 8:15am

Afternoon and Evening Services

Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs - 5:45pm

Office Hours December 12-19

The office is closed this week.

Upcoming Events

Sundays, January 4, 11 & 25 at 11am
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Saturday, January 10 at 7:30pm
Concert by Reynhartsik

A Yiddish folk duo with musicians Yoshie Fruchter and Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz.

January 24 at 12:45pm

Shabbat Schmooze

Artist talk with Calligrapher Jeris Fogel

Yahrzeits

Fri, Dec 12 / 22 Kislev – Esther Yehudis Cuker (Ina Silverman), Louis H. Liner (Richard Miller, Howard Miller, Ina Miller), Roberta Meyers (Nancy Meyers), Pearl Rakita (Tema Leviter), Maxwell Robbins (Teddy Deitch), Ruth Roberts (Linda Bazarsky, Gary Roberts)

Sat, Dec 13 / 23 Kislev – Janet L. Brown (Jay Brown), Joseph Skornik (Diane Krevolin), Stanley Wallace Weitzner (Gloria Cohen)

Sun, Dec 14 / 24 Kislev – Harold Chernikoff (Janet Chernikoff), Harry Cooper (Willa Needler), Daphna David (Nadav Sela), Sarah Franzman (Larry Franzman), Robert Goodwin (Rick Goodwin, Stacey Goodwin-Podell, Betty Goodwin), Yetta Gray (Toby Ignal), Shepard "Shep" Salowitz (Barbara Getzewich, Samuel Salowitz, Lynn Lemay) Robert H. Silverman (Ina Silverman)

Mon, Dec 15 / 25 Kislev – Anne L. Abrams (Rick Goodwin), Johanna Bloomberg (Sherry Rothman), Elaine Beverly Sands (Arthur Sands), Esther Yakerson (Laura Yakerson)

Tue, Dec 16 / 26 Kislev – Selma Engel (Alida Engel), Morris Feldman (Lois K. Feldman), Isadore J. Frankel (Debra Levine), Samuel Adam Margolis (David Margolis, Amy Margolis), Fred M. Shure (Gary Gross), Rabbi Samuel Simson (Joan Weiss)

Wed, Dec 17 / 27 Kislev – Kate Herschderfer (Sherman Herschderfer), Carl Hoberman (Judith Hoberman), Cathy Schwartz (Marty Feldman), Efrim Tovia (Chaim Tovia)

Thu, Dec 18 / 28 Kislev – Joseph Lemkin (Ed Lemkin), Seymour Spierer (Mitchell Spierer, Bruce Spierer), Lila Zlotoff (Ron Zlotoff)

Fri, Dec 19 / 29 Kislev – Peter Altman (Bruce Altman), Daniel Cantor (Lowell Cantor), Sol Laufer (Rachel Hechtman), Deborah Mendelson (Myra Harris, Susan Jameson), Adolph Weisberg (Joan Gelbert)

Other Happenings

Kiddush Sponsorships

Kiddush sponsorship is a great way to honor an occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or yahrzeit, or just to contribute to our community kiddush tradition in a meaningful way. For details or to sign up to sponsor or co-sponsor a kiddush, contact abbyfraade@gmail.com.

JFS Food Pantry Collection

We have collected 82 pounds of food and \$393 in cash to date for the Barry J. Vine Food Pantry at Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven. Please continue your generosity, food will be brought every week to the pantry.

Energy Audit Challenge to help you, the environment & BEKI

BEKI's Green Team is taking the [IREJN](#) Green Congregations Challenge! If 25% of BEKI members sign up for a FREE or LOW-COST energy audit via EnergizeCT by 3/1/26, IREJN will grant \$1000 to BEKI. Audits available once every 6 years for homeowners, renters, and landlords, and provide many free weatherization services + subsidies/rebates (up to 100%) for products/services that save \$\$\$ on utilities & help save the planet. Win-win-win! When you sign up (at EnergizeCT.com, or directly with our recent schmooze presenters at NE-smartenergy.com), please use reference code BEKI25 so BEKI gets credit toward the challenge grant. Thanks! Need help signing

up? Feel free to contact BEKI member
Rebecca Weiner at weinerrh@gmail.com

Meals and Hospitality WhatsApp Group

Need a Shabbos/yontif meal (or know someone who needs one)? Have room at your table? Want to get together with people but not sure where to start? [Join the WhatsApp Group](#) for all things hospitality!

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. Questions? Consult rachel.d.greenberg@gmail.com. Please log in at [Lotsa Helping Hands](#).

Advertise Your Business in the Bulletin

Each month, the BEKI bulletin reaches over 700 households, most of them in the New Haven area. Check with [Peggy](#) in the BEKI office about our variety of ad rates starting at just \$180 for a year.

Need a Notary?

Contact Peggy Hackett to set up a time to swing by the BEKI Office (office@beki.org or 203-389-2108 x114).