



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

December 19-20 / 30 Kislev
Parashat Miketz

Friday, December 19

4:06pm - Candle Lighting (home ritual)
5pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 20

Kiddush is sponsored by Shayna Schor & Jon Cohen marking the first yahrzeit of Jon's mother, Miriam

9:15am - Shabbat Service
11am - Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation
12pm - Kiddush
5:11pm - 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).

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

December 21-26 / 1-6 Tevet

Rosh Hodesh – Saturday, December 20 & Sunday, December 21

Morning Services

Sun – 9:30am
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri - 7am
Thurs - 9am (federal holiday)

Afternoon and Evening Services

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

Office Hours December 22-26

Rabbi will be off December 23-January 7
(excluding Shabbat)

Mon – 9am-4pm
Tue – by email & phone only
Wed – 9am-4pm
Thurs – Closed
Fri – Closed

Upcoming Events

Sundays, January 4, 11 & 25 at 11am

Talmud Study Group with Rabbi Woodward

Whether you have never studied Talmud before, or whether you have studied it a lot, you'll find this class to be accessible and inspiring. We are starting with a story near the end of what is known as Chapter 2 of Tractate Shabbat, a story that involves drama, mysticism, and revolution against the Romans. This is a great place to begin to, or return to, Talmud study.

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 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)

Sat, Dec 20 / 30 Kislev – Pearl Rubin (Cynthia Rubin)

Sun, Dec 21 / 1 Tevet – Al Barnett (Caroline Barnett, David Barnett)
Frank Trager

Mon, Dec 22 / 2 Tevet – Yitzchak Isaac Cheskis (Rena Cheskis-Gold), Sally Grossman (Max DuBoff), Marion Silver (Eric Silver), Freda Barson Virshup (Richard Virshup)

Tue, Dec 23 / 3 Tevet – Naomi Rena Chernoff (Debra Chernoff), Hans George Hirsch (Marga Hirsch), Alvin Schottenfeld (Richard Schottenfeld), Helen Silverman (Marc Silverman)

Wed, Dec 24 / 4 Tevet – Peter Cooper (Isaiah Cooper), Ida Krevolin (Diane Krevolin), Robert Oakes (Karel Koenig), Anna Podnos (Rena Cheskis-Gold), Barbara Rader (Dennis Rader, Michael Rader), Aaron Young (Judi Aprile, Irene Friedman, Grayce Bernstein)

Thu, Dec 25 / 5 Tevet – Helen Bokhour (Roya Hakakian), Rose Cohen (Steven Spellman), Sidney Sheiman (Judy Eisenberg), Susanne Pelly Spitzer (David Spitzer), Sheldon Wolpin (Ellen Wolpin)

Fri, Dec 26 / 6 Tevet – Renee Hartman (David B. Hartman), Murray E. Kahn (Richard Kahn), Skippy Marx (Bill Shragis), Max Rubenstein (Allan Rubenstein), Bayla Chesir Schnaidman (Nadav Sela), Ethel Siegel (Lou Siegel), Stanley Watsky (Kal Watsky)

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.

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).