



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

February 6-7 / 27 Shevat
Parashat Yitro

Friday, February 6

4:56pm - Candle Lighting (home ritual)
5pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 7

Kiddush is sponsored by Shoshana Lash in honor of her 75th birthday and Harold Miller on the 70th anniversary of his bar mitzvah.

9:15am - Shabbat Service
11am - Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation
12pm - Kiddush
5:58pm - 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, February 8 at 10am

9to5: The Story of a Movement with speakers Helene Sapadin & Susan Voigt

9to5: The Story of a Movement is a documentary about the real life 1970s Boston office workers who formed the 9to5 organization to fight for better promotion opportunities and an end to sexual harassment, inspiring the hit song and movie 9

to 5. [Click here](#) to RSVP. Snow date Sunday, February 22.

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Talmud Study Group with Rabbi Woodward

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

February 8-13 / 21-26 Shevat

Morning Services

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

Afternoon and Evening Services

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

Office Hours February 9-13

Rabbi will be off February 12 through February 18

Mon – 9am-4pm
Tue – by email & phone only
Wed – 9am-4pm
Thurs – 9am-4pm
Fri – 9am-3pm

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 14 at 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.” Please join us for a collective song circle. All are welcome. Want to know more? Contact shoshanazax@gmail.com

Saturday, February 21 at 12:45pm
Shabbat Schmooze – Hagbah Workshop

In this session, you'll learn the proper stance, grip, and technique to safely and respectfully raise the Torah, revealing its text to the congregation as a powerful symbol of Torah's accessibility to all. No need to be a bodybuilder--just bring curiosity, readiness, and a willingness to grow.

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Continuing Through February
The Art Gallery exhibit “Celebrating Calligraphy”

Works by Jerise Fogel are available for purchase, as well as assorted works in the lower gallery. Contact art@beki.org or ask in the BEKI office. Prices for Jerise's pieces are [listed here](#).

Sunday, March 8 at 4:30pm
Elm City Winds (New Date!) Annual Concert at BEKI

Elm City Winds has delighted audiences at BEKI for years. The much-loved woodwind quintet will enchant us once again with a variety of classical and popular music as well as introductions to the pieces, giving historical and musical context to the works they have

chosen especially for us. They are a unique group featuring artists from a range of occupations who come together in the name of music and social good. Free admission - donations will be requested to support World Central Kitchen, a nonprofit by Chef José Andrés which provides meals to communities during crises and disasters. Concert will be held indoors.

Yahrzeits

Fri, Feb 6 / 19 Shevat – Jean Berger (Jim Berger), Rose Friedman (Harriet Friedman), Cynthia Gimbel Baybick (Betsy Ratner), Leonard Woolfson (Roni Woolfson), Nat Dial (Robert Sagerman), Sean Bowler (Adena Herskovitz)

Sat, Feb 7 / 20 Shevat – Alan Lemkin (Ed Lemkin), Maureen Bennett (Bill Ruth), Philip Abraham Waxman (Cynthia Rubin), Benjamin Wiener (Marjorie Wiener, Matt Wiener, Jason Wiener), Evelyn Podoloff Levine (Nancy Koppel)

Sun, Feb 8 / 21 Shevat – Sam Miller (Howard Miller, Ina Miller, Richard Miller), Paltiel Sela (Nadav Sela), Alexander Ammerman (Susan Aaronson), Harriet Kantrowitz (Richard Kantrowitz, Sherry Kent), Martin Faymann (Bea Brodie), Morris E. Oppenheim (Judith Oppenheim, Anita Malina, Joyce Bohnen)

Mon, Feb 9 / 22 Shevat – Maurice "Moe" Miller (Robert Miller, Pat Glazer, Sandy Balayan), Annie Cohen (Ted Maltin), Morris Baer (Maryanne Baer-Hines), Samuel Kantrowitz (Richard Kantrowitz, Sherry Kent), Moses Ray (Dennis Rader), Harry A. Jacobson (Susan Jacobson)

Tue, Feb 10 / 23 Shevat – Sally Abramovitz (Ed Abramovitz, Anna Abramovitz), David H. Levine (Richard Levine), William Morton Miller (Harold Miller)

Wed, Feb 11 / 24 Shevat – Rose Scharfstein (Deborah Chernoff), Mary Belle Rogan Arthur (Marilyn Katz), Nancy Gimbel (Betsy Ratner), Louis Ginzberg (Alvin Greenberg), Morris Altschuler (Roberta Atteson)

Thu, Feb 12 / 25 Shevat – Ethel Lerner Segan Prete (Alan Segan), Edith Brody (Lawrence Shapiro, Jacquelin Shulman), Morris Buckman (Ken Buckman), Charles B. Fraade (Steven Fraade), Magdolna Toth (Alexander Kuntz)

Fri, Feb 13 / 26 Shevat – Harriet H. Salowitz (Samuel Salowitz, Barbara Getzewich, Lynn Lemay), Arline Levine (Rachel Bashevkin), Edith Levy (Paula Rudnick), Natalie Robbins (Teddy Deitch)

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.

2026 Judith Ann Schiff Women's History Film Series

Presented by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven

1/31/26 - Made in L.A., 7pm at Temple Beth Sholom

2/1/26 - When We Fight, 2:30pm at Buley Library, SCSU

2/7/26 - 9to5: The Story of a Movement, 2pm at The New Haven Museum

2/8/26 - 9to5: The Story of a Movement, 10am at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel (BEKI)

2/21/26 - Norma Rae, 7:30pm at Whitney Center

For more information or to register, [click here](#).

JFS Food Pantry Collection

We are still collection food and cash 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 weinerh@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](#).