



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

January 23-24 / 6 Shevat
Parashat Bo

Friday, January 23

4:38pm - Candle Lighting (home ritual)
5pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 24

Kiddush is sponsored by Cynthia Rubin in honor of this week's artist talk "Celebrating Calligraphy".

9:15am - Shabbat Service
11am - Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation
12pm - Kiddush
12:45pm - Artist talk with Calligraphers Jeris Fogel and Tani Cohen-Fraade
5:42pm - 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, January 25 at 11am

Talmud Study Group with Rabbi Woodward

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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.

Monday, January 26 at 7:30pm

Executive Board Meeting (off-site)

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

January 25-30 / 7-12 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 January 26-30

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

Upcoming Events

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.

Sundays, February 1, 8, & 22 at 11am

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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.

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, Jan 23 / 5 Shevat – Ida Akresh (Murray Akresh), Marilyn Blatt Margolis (Arnie Margolis, Howard Blatt, Bruce Margolis), Maximilian Michel Martin (Andres Martin), Ruth Olmer (Cynthia Howes), Bernice Oren (Bruce Oren)

Sat, Jan 24 / 6 Shevat – Evelyn Kahn (Richard Kahn), Aryeh Leo Motzkin (Sharon Hasbani), Haie-Bertha Naiman (Leo Glazman), Rita Moscowitz (Mike Moscowitz), George Brunswick (Barbara Cushen, David Wright), Jack Nankin (Sheldon Nankin), Frances Saltz (Rick Saltz)

Sun, Jan 25 / 7 Shevat – Nina Auerbach (Andrew Auerbach), Paul Bell (Bell family), Pearl Kasowitz (Bryna Pauker), Benjamin Yankeloff (Shirley Halprin), Motya Vysochek (Julie Cohen)

Mon, Jan 26 / 8 Shevat – Ida Buckman (Ken Buckman), Esther Siegelbaum (Rissa Mendlestein)

Tue, Jan 27 / 9 Shevat – Marjorie Jacobs (Allie Jacobs), Charles Seashore (Becky May), Nathan Chorney (Bud Chorney), Arthur Silver (Ruth Silver), Esther Heller (Ed Lemkin), Ida Ammerman (Susan Aaronson), Dale Sokolow (Jay Sokolow), Dorothy Dena Greenwald (Roberta Vine)

Wed, Jan 28 / 10 Shevat – Yakira Fraade (Abby Fraade, Tani Cohen-Fraade, Ellen Cohen, Steven Fraade), Gitta Levine (Diane Hoberman), Forest London (Sharon Bender), Florence Lome (Joan Gelbert)

Thu, Jan 29 / 11 Shevat – Louis Rochlin (Kranie Baker), Ida Frankel (Debra Levine), Bernice Margolis (David Margolis), Gertrude Slopak (David Schwartz), Eva Bass (Paul Bass)

Fri, Jan 30 / 12 Shevat – Robert Reiss (Katie Hereld), Arthur M. Katz (Ronnie Rabin), Samuel Ganter (Martin Ganter), Doris Cohen (Carol Weitzman), Joanne Landau Carlson (Helen Rosenberg, Jennifer Botwick), William Ries (Jennifer Botwick), Ben Siegel (Lou Siegel), Mildred Kassap (Karen Kassap), Rebecca Rader (Dennis Rader), Harriett Kroop (Cliff Cohen)

Other Happenings

Monday, January 26 at 4:30pm

The Yellow Light Program

Chapel Haven Schleifer Center is honored to join with the [Yellow Light Program](#) to present Flick the Light. All are invited to join us on campus as we light up yellow to honor the victims of the Holocaust and to shine a spotlight on the lessons of this atrocity.

Register here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/cf3uxdv>

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 Shalom

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 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).