



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

January 30-31 / 13 Shevat
Parashat Beshalach

Friday, January 30

4:47pm - Candle Lighting (home ritual)
5pm - Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 31 – Naomi Rivers Bat Mitzvah

Kiddush is sponsored by Jane & Patrick Rivers in honor of Naomi's Bat Mitzvah.

9:15am - Shabbat Service
11am - Children's Havura, K-2 Kehila, Junior Congregation
12pm – Kiddush
5:51pm - 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 1 at 11am

Talmud Study Group with Rabbi Woodward

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

February 1-6 / 14-19 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 2-6

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 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.

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, 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)

Sat, Jan 31 / 13 Shevat – Ruth Brown (Lauren Brown), Maurice Savin (Ronald Savin)

Sun, Feb 1 / 14 Shevat – Sidney Yaffe (Cliff Yaffe, David Yaffe), Evelyn (Chava) Aronow Chesir (Nadav Sela), Bernard Miller (Eve Wattenberg), Albert Purvin (Diane Purvin), Elliot Glassman (Gary Glassman), Max Haves (Maeera Haves Mougin)

Mon, Feb 2 / 15 Shevat – Justine Auerbach (Andrew Auerbach), Leizer Shupakevitz (Rachel Wizner)

Tue, Feb 3 / 16 Shevat – Abraham Goldman (Martin Shore), Marjorie Golden Weiss Simson (Marshall Weiss)

Wed, Feb 4 / 17 Shevat – Betsy Cohen (Ellen Cohen), Thelma Chernikoff (Janet Chernikoff), Lea Nordlicht-Shed (Judy Hoberman)

Thu, Feb 5 / 18 Shevat – Leonard Fish (Gary Fish), Marvin Pizer (Harold Pizer), Wilbur Witten (Marvin Witten), Esther Kuperstock (David Kuperstock), Rose Rogoff (Shari Silkoff)

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)

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 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).