



Happenings - This Week and Beyond

This Shabbat

November 28-29 / 9 Kislev
Parashat Vayetzei

Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

Kiddush is sponsored by David Schwartz in honor of the memory of his parents, Rubin & Faye Schwartz.

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

Get Your Hanukkah Gelt Here!
Deadline for orders - November 30

Fair Trade, kosher & wholesale pricing.
Contact [Becky May](#) for more info or to place an order.

Chanukagrams Sign-Up

Deadline: December 5

You will be randomly assigned three BEKI members to send notes to and will also receive three notes yourself. Chanukagrams can be a note, a poem, a Chanukah wish or intention, a blessing, a joke, or a reflection on the holiday. This is open to all ages! [Click here](#) more info and to sign up.

Questions? Email aviva.r.green@gmail.com or laura.glesby@gmail.com. This initiative is intended to bring the BEKI community closer together, but is not an official activity of the synagogue.

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

November 30-December 5 / 10-15 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 1-5

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

Upcoming Events

Sundays, December 7 & 14 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.

Sunday, December 7 from 3-4:30pm
PJ Library Hands-On Chanukah

Join PJ Library, BEKI, B'nai Jacob and songleader Rachel Haymer from Tkiya for an afternoon of music & latkes. Ages 0-7 & their families (siblings welcome!). Free, [RSVP here](#) by December 3.

Saturday December 13 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

BEKI Art Gallery December Exhibit
Celebrating Calligraphy Featuring Works by Jarise Fogel

Are you a Calligrapher? Do you have works featuring calligraphy in your home? The BEKI Art Committee is seeking artwork to supplement our upcoming exhibition “Celebrating Calligraphy”. Please contact art@beki.org.

Yahrzeits

Fri, Nov 28 / 8 Kislev – Sarah Hinda Alperowitz (Alper family), Bentsion Boris Bronstein (former member), Ida Goldstein Fidler (Diane Fidler), Lillian Korman (Bill Shragis), Blanche Koza (Patti Huss), Jacob Ripkin (Jeri Ripkin), David Sagerman (Robert Sagnerman), Mitzi Stuart (Eric Woodward, Lisa Woodward)

Sat, Nov 29 / 9 Kislev – Anna Altman (Bruce Altman, Darcy McGraw), Samson Schechter (Ira Fay), Herb Silver (Ruth Silver)

Sun, Nov 30 / 10 Kislev – Daisy Goodwin (Doug Goodwin, Bettu Goodwin), Dorothy Marcus (Harold Miller)

Mon, Dec 1 / 11 Kislev – Frank (Ephraim) Chesir (Nadav Sela), Harry Goldberg (Eileen Schuman), Ida Ratner (Leah Ratner), Harriet Rosenberg (Helen Rosenberg), Sarah Schnitman (Helene Vanderhoef, Larry Schnitman), Samuel Schwartz (Joan Gelbert)

Tue, Dec 2 / 12 Kislev – Mahmoud Ahmadi (Ramin Ahmadi), Louis Brunswick (Barbara Cushen), Geo Pizer (Arthur Pizer)

Wed, Dec 3 / 13 Kislev – Bernice Auerbach (Hillel Auerbach), Shirley Cohen (James Cohen, Allan Cohen), Edith Guttenberg (Lisa Weiss), Florence Nash (Irwin Nash), Benjamin Spivak (Beth Korman), Herbert Isaac Winer (former member)

Thu, Dec 4 / 14 Kislev – Sossie Duhl (Paul Duhl), Dorothy Fraade (Steven Fraade), Simon David Yakerson (Laura Yakerson)

Fri, Dec 5 / 15 Kislev – Stephen Brody (Doris Brody), Ethel Daly (Rae Shnayer), Margot Hahn (Toni Hahn), Regina Levine (Glenn Levine, Rozzie Rodwin), Morris Sudhalter (Gary Glassman), Berel Weinstein (Natan Weinstein)

Other Happenings

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.

Evening of Israeli Dance at BEKI – Tuesday, December 9

BEKI members who would like to try a beginner class can do so for free.

6-7pm: Beginner class

7-9pm: Open Session (experienced dancers)

BEKI members: \$14; non-members: \$16

All participants need to register with instructor by calling 203-912-4086 or email

IsraeliDanceTeacher@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

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.

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).