

High Holy Days

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for

BEKI Kids

5779 – 2018



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEKI?

CHILDREN/YOUTH

A LOT!!! A very special part of BEKI is the community's commitment to family and children's education – the programming we provide for the younger members of our congregation. As on every Shabbat, age-appropriate inspired services and activities are abundant. All programs are led by talented and experienced members of the congregation and are designed to engage the children in the life of the synagogue community. On each day of the High Holy Days there will be two (2) program sessions separated by a snack on Rosh HaShana, and by a light lunch (for children only) on Yom Kippur. Each of the earlier sessions (beginning at 10:30 am) will be an age-appropriate engaging service (*tefilot*) for the Holy Day, and the later sessions (beginning at noon each day) will immerse the children in a range of fun activities.



Rabbi Tilsen always makes sure to pay a special visit to each of the programs, and in addition to their attendance at the *Shofar* service in the main sanctuary, the children are treated to a special additional sounding of the *shofar* in their respective programs!

On the evenings of Yom Kippur (i.e., during the Kol Nidre and Evening service and the following evening during the Ne'ila service), there will be supervised play/activities for our youth ages 4 through 12.

Children are our greatest joy and always welcome at BEKI, especially during our services. However, at all times, all children must be either in the sanctuary with their adults or in one of our supervised programs. Allowing them to roam freely throughout the building is unsafe for them and others.

SAFETY NOTE:

- Please make sure that your children know that running is not permitted in the halls. This is dangerous for them and for unsuspecting adults who find themselves in the path of oncoming dynamos. We appreciate (and insist on) YOU taking responsibility for your child's behavior while at BEKI.
- To ensure the safety and well-being of ALL children who are participating, and to make sure that proper supervision, programming and refreshments are provided, PLEASE inform us of any known allergies or unusual circumstances that might impact the care of your child.

The following programs for our children occur simultaneously throughout the building on both Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur:

**CHILDREN'S HAVURA
(pre-school)**
Claire Goodwin Youth Room

Designed to address the spiritual and social needs of pre-school children, activities include songs, stories, prayers and dance which both celebrate and teach. The children will also have a light snack and enjoy supervised play. At least one parent's active participation is expected with their child for this program.

**K-2 KEHILA
(Grades Kindergarten –2)**
Lower Level Classrooms

K-2 Kehila is a "junior Junior" Congregation for children in grades Kindergarten through 2nd and is run cooperatively by talented and dedicated parents. Although children usually attend on their own, parents are welcome. K-2 is an opportunity to learn even more, and to begin, through song, stories and prayers, to become familiar with the themes of the High Holy Days.

**JUNIOR CONGREGATION
(Grades 3-6)**
George Posener Daily Chapel/Library

Our Junior Congregation addresses the spiritual, educational and social needs of children in grades 3-6, and is usually attended without parents. The program is led cooperatively by a group of talented and dedicated parents and educators, often with assistance of active teens of our community as role models and mentors. High Holy Days themes and readings (e.g., the meaning of the Binding of Isaac), as well as traditional liturgy, discussion, biblio-drama, and songs, are all an integral part of the programming.

WHAT:	ROSH HASHANA CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS – <i>all ages</i>
WHEN:	Monday and Tuesday, September 10 and 11
WHERE:	All program locations posted in lobby
TIMES:	First Session: 10:30 – 12 noon (includes snack) Second Session: 12 noon – 1:00 pm (includes snack)

WHAT:	YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS – <i>all ages</i>
WHEN:	Wednesday, September 19
WHERE:	All program locations posted in lobby
TIMES:	First Session: 10:30 – 12 noon Light Lunch: 12 noon Second Session: 12 noon – 1:30 pm

CHILDREN'S SUPERVISED PLAY
(Ages 4 thru 12 only)
Location TBD

On Yom Kippur, during the *Kol Nidre* and *Minha/Ne'ila* services only, BEKI provides a supervised environment in which children can read, engage in Jewish board games, icebreaker circle games, listen to stories, etc. Two separate spaces will be provided to allow for different age/comfort/activity levels. As these opportunities are provided for children late in the day and evening, they are not content-heavy programs, but take place in a comfortable, relaxed synagogue setting. **Please note: Although we do hire additional help to supervise these activities, this is not babysitting.** You are responsible for your child's behavior. **Parent volunteers are needed to help with this effort.**

Final locations at BEKI for all children's programs will be posted in the lobby.

Our High Holy Days Child/Youth Programs are conducted through the very generous support of Rabbi Murray Levine, in memory of his beloved wife Malka Levine.

WHAT:	YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN'S SUPERVISED PLAY <i>(for ages 4 thru 12 – no exceptions)</i>
WHEN:	Tuesday evening, September 18 (during <i>Kol Nidre</i>) 6:15 –9:00 pm Wednesday afternoon/evening, September 19 (during <i>Minha</i> and <i>Ne'ila</i>) 4:45 – 9:00 pm
WHERE:	All program locations posted in lobby

NOTE FOR NURSING MOTHERS: If you seek privacy, a quiet and comfortable nursing room (designed for this purpose) is located just off the main lobby near the top of the stairs in the nursing/handicap restroom suite.

Changing tables are found in *all* synagogue restrooms.

For more information, to volunteer to lead or assist in leading a program, or any special concerns about our High Holy Days Children's Programs, please contact our Children's Program Coordinators:

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