

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEKI?



**A LOT!!!** A very special part of BEKI is the community's commitment to family and children's education. As on every Shabbat, age-appropriate inspired services and activities are abundant. Children's programs are led by experienced BEKI members and are designed to engage the children in synagogue life.

On each day of the High Holy Days there will be two sessions separated by a snack for the children. 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 be especially play-based. In addition, the children are treated to a special additional sounding of the shofar!

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, all children must be either in the sanctuary with their adults or in one of our supervised programs.*

*It is not allowed for children to be "dropped off" at the synagogue without their adult on the premises at all times.*

### TWO SAFETY NOTES:

- Please inform us of any food allergies.
- 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. Please take responsibility for your child's behavior while at BEKI.

## HIGH HOLY DAYS Programs for Children/Youth

The following programs for our children occur simultaneously throughout the building on both days of 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 K –2)**

Lower Level Classrooms

K-2 Kehila is a "junior junior" Congregation, run cooperatively by talented and dedicated parents. Children usually attend on their own, but 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 and liturgy of the High Holy Days.

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## 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. 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  
– *all ages*

**WHEN:** Mon. and Tues., 9/30 and 10/1

**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  
– *all ages*

**WHEN:** Wed., 10/9

**WHERE:** All program locations posted in lobby

**TIMES:** First Session: 10:30 – 12 noon  
Snack: 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, play games, etc. These are not content-heavy programs, but a comfortable opportunity for children who don't want to participate in the religious service to spend time together. Although there will be adult supervision, you are responsible for your child's behavior; parents should check in on their children.

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  
(for ages 4 thru 12 – no exceptions)

**WHEN:** Tues. evening, 10/8 (during *Kol Nidre*)  
5:45 – 9:00 pm  
Wed. afternoon/evening, 10/9 (during *Minha* and *Ne'ila*)  
4:30 – 9:00 pm

**WHERE:** All program locations posted in lobby

**NOTE FOR NURSING MOTHERS AND ALL GUARDIANS:** A quiet and comfortable nursing room (designed for this purpose) is located just off the main lobby. For those who desire, it is located just off the main lobby. Changing tables are found in *all* restrooms.

*ALL adults (members and non-members) will be asked to present a "ticket" at the door. Your cooperation with policies and procedures is required and greatly appreciated.*

**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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