SERVICES FOR APRIL

Friday Evening  April 7  8:15 P.M.
SABBATH SERVICE HONORING
60th ANNIVERSARY OF HADASSAH

Saturday Morning  April 8  9:30 A.M.
TALMUD TORAH

Friday Evening  April 14  8:15 P.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Betsy Tanenbaum
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Tanenbaum

Saturday Morning  April 15  10:00 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of Steven Arrick
Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Arrick

Friday Evening  April 21  8:15 P.M.
ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday Morning  April 22  10:00 A.M.
Bar Mitzvah of David Hirshfield
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Hirshfield

Friday Evening  April 28  8:15 P.M.
“ASK THE RABBI EVENING”

Saturday Morning  April 29  9:30 A.M.
TALMUD TORAH

BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL YOUTH TO SPONSOR ARBAAH KOLOTE CONCERT

On Saturday night, May 6 at 9:00 P.M. our U.S.Y. will present a concert featuring the Arbaah Kolote (Voices Four). This musical ensemble combines Hebrew liturgy and rock music to provide a new awareness of Jewish identity to young and old. The group has appeared throughout the United States and Canada, and have to their credit two albums and a number of television performances.

Tickets will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis, $2.00 for students and $3.00 for adults. For tickets, write Beth El-Keser Israel U.S.Y., 85 Harrison St., New Haven, Conn. 06515, or call the Concert Co-chairmen, Andrew Weinstein (387-1443) or Gayle Spear (488-9940)

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday evening, April 21, our congregation will celebrate Israel Independence Day as part of our Friday evening Shabbat observance. In addition to a special service of thanksgiving for the occasion, our guest speaker will be Mr. Raman Lurie, political cartoonist and advisor to Mrs. Golda Meir. Mr. Lurie will be returning from Israel just prior to being with us, and will have many interesting things to share with us. Following services we will have a gala Oneg Shabbat featuring Israeli singing and dancing for the entire congregation. We hope you will be with us.
A MESSAGE FROM RABBI LIBMAN

During the month of April, two dates commemorate the two most significant events that have happened to our people during our lifetime. On April 11th we observe Yom Hashoah in remembrance of the tragic martyrdom of six million of our people and on April 19th we celebrate Yom Haatzmant, Israel Independence Day.

Yom Hashoah will be observed as a community activity on Monday eve, April 10th at 7:30 P.M. at Congregation B'nai Jacob under the auspices of the New Haven Jewish Community Council. We shall be celebrating Yom Haatzmant at Beth El-Keser Israel at Shabbat eve services on April 21st with a gala Oneg Shabbat ("Simhat Torah-style"). In addition our school and youth departments are participating in the Yom Haatzmant Parade in New York City on May 14th. I hope our congregational families will get caught up in the spirit that many of our young people have and participate with us. Let's celebrate together!!!

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A special thanks to Ezra Academy for the excellent "Additions to the Haggadah" each member of our congregation received in the mail. I hope you enjoyed it at your Seder as much as we did at ours.

Incidentally, I would like to see large numbers of our congregation become "Friends of Ezra." May I call to your attention the wonderful bargain you will get by becoming a patron. A Chaim Gross original lithograph is indeed a rare treasure. Besides, the idea of receiving a lithograph is secondary to performing the important mitzvah of supporting a unique form of Jewish education right here in our own community!!

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It's usual to hear about young people only when they've been in trouble or do something spectacular. I want to salute the increasing number of teenagers and pre-teens in our congregation who are attending Shabbat services, participating in our school and youth programs and volunteering to do various activities around the Synagogue because they are being themselves and are getting "turned on." Let's encourage them and support their zeal.

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Will you be counted among those who stood up for our Russian brethren in their time of need? Have you made your UJA Pledge?

It's still not too late to consider Camp Ramah, a Pilgrimage to Israel or other Jewish camps for your children or for that matter Ezra Academy. Please feel free to call me at 389-2108 to talk about them.

TORAH READING AT BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL

In addition to Charles Friedman, Dr. Jay Hirshfield, Leon Rosoff, Cy Swartz and David Wright who read from the Torah in March as previously reported in the Scroll, we are proud to congratulate Stuart Katz who read maftir from the Torah on Saturday, March 25, on the occasion of his twelfth birthday. On April 21st David Hirshfield, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jay Hirshfield, will read the entire Torah portion with the exception of one aliya which his father will read when called to the Torah. This is a first for our congregation and we are very proud of David and his father. We hope other parents and children will feel so motivated.

Cantor Fisher will welcome additional students to his Sunday morning class in Torah and Haftarah reading as well as any inquiries.

"ASK THE RABBI EVENING," APRIL 28th

At Services on Friday evening, April 28th, Rabbi Libman has consented to answer questions from worshippers in attendance. If you have questions about Judaism that you wish discussed or want to understand some of our Rabbi's views, you are cordially invited to worship with us. We look forward to a stimulating evening.

ARE YOUR PAYMENTS CURRENT?

April 1st is an important day in the fiscal life of our Congregation. On this day, the final quarterly installment of dues and Building Fund obligations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, comes due.

In view of the Synagogue's desperate need to meet its obligations, we once again urge all Synagogue families to make immediate payment of current and/or past due obligations on their dues, Building Fund, school fees, etc.
PETITIONING FOR SOVIET JEWRY

On Sunday, April 16, 1972, Jewish youth from the greater New Haven area will meet at Beth El-Keser Israel to petition for Soviet Jewry. Following opening remarks by Senator Joseph Lieberman, the youth will canvass the Westville area for signatures.

U.S.Y. SPRING KINNUS

A Spring Kinnus will be held on April 28 to 30 at Grand Lake Lodge. High school students who engage in supervised Jewish study are eligible. If interested please contact Richard Robbins (389-4463) as soon as possible.

ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

In New York City on May 14 an Israel Independence Day Parade will be held. This is open to 7th graders and up-younger and older family members may attend as spectators. There will be a chartered bus for $3.50. Deadline is April 10 – Contact Groovy or Rabbi Lovins.

KADIMA NEWS

We are planning a trip to New York on a Sunday in May and a Shabbat luncheon prepared by Kadima members. We are proud to report that members of our chapter are now editors of the Regional Kadima newspaper.

KADIMA KINNUS KATAN

We will host Kadima chapters from West Hartford, Hamden, Meriden and Bloomfield the weekend of April 21-23. The “K.K.” is open to all 6th, 7th and 8th graders even if they aren’t in our religious school.

Theme: “ISRAEL SINCE THE SIX-DAY WAR”
Deadline: APRIL 10. Contact Groovy for applications or information.

RESERVE THE DATE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MONDAY EVENING - MAY 1 AT 8:00 P.M.
MR. AND MRS. CLUB

On Sunday evening April 9th the Mr. and Mrs. Club will have Family Night at the synagogue. There will be a Fried Chicken dinner with all the trimmings followed by the Harrison Street Players in their latest show, "THE S.S. GESUNDheit." Watch your mail for a flyer with all the particulars. Be sure to save the date for an enjoyable evening.

Acknowledgement

A contribution has been made to the Andrew Klein Fund by the Mr. and Mrs. Club in memory of Aaron Ignal, a dedicated member of the congregation and the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

SISTERHOOD

The signs of spring are around us and pretty soon our Tree Of Life will once again burst forth leaves.

Our Annual Sisterhood Tree of Life Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 12:30 P.M.

The plans for the afternoon are quite exciting!! So, mark your calendar for Tuesday afternoon, May 16.

BROTHERHOOD

ANNUAL LAG B’OMER PICNIC

Sunday – April 30 – 12 Noon

At Camp Cedarcrest.

Fun – Food – Games

PURIM CARNIVAL

We wish to thank all those members who volunteered to man the booths of our recent Purim Carnival. A special note of thanks to the Sisterhood for their efforts in the kitchen. It was a very enjoyable evening—good food and fun galore. The proceeds realized were used to purchase a stereo record player for our Hebrew School.

REMINDER

There is no greater blessing in Judaism than to memorialize a Yahrzeit or to celebrate some joyous event such as births, weddings, anniversaries or Bar and Bat Mitzvahs than by contributing to our various funds. In each instance, contributions are acknowledged. So remember these suggestions when next you seek a noble expression of love and respect.

For more information, please call the Synagogue office.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

In our Lobby, just outside our beautiful Sanctuary, there are Memorial Tablets upon which our departed loved ones are everlastingly remembered in beauty and dignity. If you are interested in having your loved ones remembered in this way, call Mr. Myerson, or Mr. Jack Geisinger at the Synagogue Office.

OUR LIBRARY

The loss of books is one of the recognized problems of library existence. It makes for obvious difficulties when trying to expand a collection.

We urgently request that all members who have used the Synagogue Library please check their shelves for books that they meant to return. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

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Monday thru Friday
Mornings
Evenings
Sunday Morning

7:00 A.M. and 7:45 A.M.
5:45 P.M.
9:00 A.M.

SHABBAT, APRIL 7, 8
Candle Lighting
Torah Reading
Leviticus 9:1-11:47
Haftarah: II Samuel 6:1-7:17
Minha
6:10 P.M.

SHABBAT, APRIL 21, 22
Candle Lighting
Torah Reading
Leviticus 16:1-20:27
Haftarah: Amos 9:7-15
Minha
6:30 P.M.

SHABBAT, APRIL 14, 15
Candle Lighting
ROSH HODES IYAR
Torah Reading
Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24
Minha
6:20 P.M.

SHABBAT, APRIL 28, 29
Candle Lighting
Leviticus 21:1-24:23
Haftarah: Ezekiel 44:15-31
Minha
6:35 P.M.

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