

# BEKI BULLETIN

Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel, a Full-Service Synagogue for Greater New Haven Jewry

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אדר-ניסן תשנ"ה

## **Scholar-In-Residence Shabbat**

**Rabbi Murray Levine** will be our Scholar-In-Residence on Friday 31 March and Shabbat 1 April. Murray will speak at the Men's Club Shabbat on Friday night 31 March at 8:00 PM when he will present "Moses & his Mishpaha—a Socio-drama." On Shabbat Morning 1 April, he will lead a shiur on "The Seder: From its Beginnings Until Today." Following the morning service the entire community is invited to a qiddush-luncheon marking this occasion.

Rabbi Murray Levine is Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth Sholom in Framingham, MA and serves as the Jewish Chaplain at the Hospital of St. Raphael. He was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. He and his wife Rebbetzin Malka are BEKI members and live in Westville.

We thank **Nancy and David Bayer, Judith and Ronald Berman, Joseph Cooper, Peter and Hinda Dretch, John and Rona Kahn, Gerald and Judy Oppenheim, Herbert and Judith Spivak, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Spivak, and Rabbi and Mrs. Murray Levine** for sponsoring the special qiddush-luncheon.

## **Sacred Scroll Dedication**

**Gloria and Morris Cohen** have sponsored a Sacred Scroll cover in memory of Gloria's aunt **Fanny Friedlander**. The Cohens have chosen to sponsor the cover of the scroll of the books of Shir ha-Shirim (Song of Songs), Ruth and Qohelet (Ecclesiastes), all of which tradition ascribes to King Solomon. This scroll is read on Shabbat evenings, Pesah, Shavuot and Sukkot.

During Shabbat-Pesah Morning Services 22 April, we will read from Shir ha-Shirim and formally dedicate the beautiful Scroll Cover.

Artist **Elizabeth Killoran** was commissioned to design the canvas for this scroll. The needlepoint work is by **Nancy Bayer** and the sewing by **Carol Elkies** and

**Trish Loving**, under the direction of Project Coordinator **Rebbetzin Malka Levine**.

If you would like to sponsor one of the eight remaining scroll covers, please contact **Steve Wizner** at 432-4800 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.



*Rabbi Murray Levine and Rebbetzin Malka Levine*

## Administrative Announcements



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Rabbi Tilsen's mail and e-mail are opened *directly and exclusively by the Rabbi himself* and are as secure and confidential as mail and e-mail can be.

### **Office Hours**

Office hours for the synagogue are:

Monday – Thursday 9 AM–3 PM    Friday 9 AM–noon

The BEKI office will be CLOSED on  
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in observance of the seventh day of Pesah,  
and  
Monday 29 May  
in observance of Memorial Day.

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## **Material and Spiritual Emancipation**

A Jewish definition of messiah may be based on a statement of our sages from the Talmud: "The only difference between the world today and the world after the messiah comes is that when the messiah comes we will be free of foreign subjugation."

Given this definition there are no grounds for debate with Christians over the authenticity of their messiah. It was clear to all their leader was not politically the "King of the Jews." As he failed to provide physical, political salvation, in declaring him messiah the early Christians were re-defining messiah as one who brings spiritual salvation. Whether or not their leader brought spiritual salvation is another question; but it is clear that he did not meet the Jewish definition of messiah.

The Christian ideal of a messiah is in many ways a good idea; after all, we certainly need spiritual redemption and salvation as much as we need political salvation. But our sages believed that *we can be spiritually strong only when our material needs are met*. For them this meant the absence of poverty and political oppression. Our sages saw the end of political oppression as a prerequisite to spiritual health, just as God saw the end of our Slavery in Egypt as necessary before we could begin to accept God's mitzvot and our role as God's workers in this world.

The refrain "Let My People Go" rings in our ears from one Pesah to the next, but famous as the line is,

it is not the complete quotation. The complete phrase in the Torah is "shelah et ami veyaaavduni—Let My People Go so that they may serve Me." *So that they may serve Me*.

At BEKI we justifiably pride ourselves in the degree to which we have emphasized the spiritual well-being of our community. Over the years this community has not squandered its resources building a diamond-studded edifice at the expense of our education, worship or social action. This emphasis on the spiritual is laudable.

Yet given the condition of our building and our level of under-endowment I am often saddened to see so many spiritually and religiously hungry people who want to support the goals of the shul have so much of their precious time and energy eaten up by the material concerns of shul administration. Care of the building and fundraising seem to be a treadmill. Would that our Board and active volunteers be free to focus on our spiritual mission of Torah, Avodah and Gemilut Hasadim.

It is with this in mind that we ask BEKI members and supporters to envision our shul with a well-maintained renovated building and an adequate endowment that would allow us to focus on our spiritual mission. God freed you from slavery in Egypt so that you could do God's work in the world. Help us bring that work forward by investing in the spiritual continuity of Beth El-Keser Israel.

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### **Selling Hametz**

Rabbi Tilsen has graciously agreed to act as a broker for selling unwanted hametz before Passover. As we are forbidden to possess hametz during Pesah, all are urged to dispose of their hametz one way or another.

Rabbi Tilsen will be available to accept the Power of Attorney for this purpose each weekday morning and evening following services from Purim until the Friday of the Fast of the First Born (erev Pesah). May you *not* have a hametz-crumby holiday.

### **Fast of First Born**

The Fast of the First Born is Friday 14 April beginning at dawn. But firstborn who attend the morning service at 7:00 a.m. may conclude their fast by partaking of the seudat mitzva celebrating a siyyum, the conclusion of a study project.

Services and siyyum will end by 8:15 a.m. All may attend.

That time will also be the last available opportunity to authorize Rabbi Tilsen to sell your hametz.

Dear Rabbi,

My sister (Jewish) is married to a non-Jew. If their marriage is not recognized by Jewish law, then is it adultery if she has an affair?

Signed, C. in CT

Dear C.,

While not sanctified by qidushin ("Jewish Marriage") nor accorded the rights and responsibilities associated with the status of a Jewish marriage, the relationship between your sister and her husband is in some ways recognized by halakha (law) and musar (ethics). Any sexual relations with a man outside of her marriage would be a most grievous sin.

Dear Rabbi,

I was once told that we cover the halla on the Shabbat table during qiddush so that the halla does not become embarrassed. How can a halla become embarrassed?

Signed, White Bread

Dear *White Bread*,

I have never heard of an embarrassed halla, but I have heard of being "beet red."

We cover the halla because one is actually allowed to recite the qiddush over the halla instead of wine. Wine is preferred by tradition but is not mandatory. When reciting qiddush it must be clear over what we are saying it, so we cover up the halla and we raise the qiddush cup to make clear which food we are using.

In addition, covering the halla protects it from dust, dirt and spilled wine until hamotzi.

Dear Rabbi,

Do Jews believe that people go to Hell?

Signed, Damned if I know

Dear *If I Know*,

Rabbinic tradition teaches of a place called "Gehinnom," usually translated as "Hell," and used in the curse "Go to."

Gehinnom is from the two Hebrew words *gei* and *Hinnom*. "Gei" means "valley." "Hinnom" was a man's name. *Gei-Hinnom* is the "Valley of Hinnom." It is a geographic point that can be located on a map.

Gehinnom is mentioned in the Torah. A typical reference is from the Prophet Jeremiah: "And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart" (7:31).

Gehinnom is the place where sweet little children were burned to death as an offering to an alien god.

Gehinnom is a valley in Israel. It is a battlefield to which fathers send their sons to die. It is a gas chamber in Poland. It is a valley in Rwanda. There are many human souls in Gehinnom. But it is not where people go after they die.

*All letters to Dear Rabbi should be addressed to Rabbi J-J van Tilsen, care of this newsletter. Due to the volume of mail received, Dear Rabbi cannot answer all inquiries.*

## **Kashrut Advisory**

All foods (including salads and bagels) prepared in-store at the Westville Kosher Meat Market are to be considered Meat. They should not be served with dairy foods. The Westville Kosher Meat Market is currently under the supervision of Rabbi Jesse Fink.

Arrowhead Mills Whole Wheat, Multigrain, and Rye Bread mixes are OU-Dairy.

Kellogg's Low Fat Granola is Dairy.

Trix Fudge n' Fruity Pops are OU-Dairy.

## **Festival Maariv**

In planning your holidays, please note that the festival maariv services last 20 minutes.

No minha or maariv service will be held at shul the Friday night of the first seder, 14 April. Those wishing to attend these services are invited to the home of Rabbi Tilsen, 281 West Elm Street, at 6:45 PM.

### **Men's Club News**

The annual joint breakfast of Sisterhood and Men's Club on Sunday morning February 19 was a huge success. More than 50 congregants and friends enjoyed an ample breakfast that was followed by a multimedia travelogue produced by **Alan Gelbert**.

This was the first showing of the new slide program he made by synchronizing his strikingly beautiful photographs of London and the English countryside with excellent background music and sound. Narration was by Nala Trebleg, a reverse-English version of Alan Gelbert. Once again we are most grateful that he has used a congregation function for the first showing of another of his outstanding productions.

The Men's Club again this year is making available Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles. They will be distributed at synagogue functions and they can be obtained from the office and Gift Shop. They are not for sale but we suggest a contribution to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund of the Men's Club.

Remember to observe Yom HaShoah by lighting this special yahrzeit candle at sundown Wednesday, April 26.

Shalom,  
**Saul Bell**  
Men's Club President

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### **Amazing Facts About BEKI**

36% of BEKI members are not married; 64% are married.

During the "Blizzard of '95" on 4 February 1995, over 36 people attended the Shabbat morning services. As the roads were impassable they came on skis, sleds and snowshoes.

Eight BEKI members served as teachers during the recent "Taste of Honey" program of adult education.

Twenty-six BEKI members are 80 years old or more; may they live and be well.

Enrollment in the United Hebrew School surged 36% this year.

### **Spring Rummage and Tag Sale**

Mark this date on your calendar, our sale is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 7th & 8th.

Only clean and wearable spring and summer clothing, please—no winter clothing!! There's always a demand for costume jewelry, housewares, pictures, toys, small furniture, lamps, small appliances in working condition, dishes, etc.

You can start bringing in your merchandise now. Remember our rummage sales are big fund raisers for Sisterhood.

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**Happy Passover**

**Mail in your Raffle Stubs  
(with your check).**

You might win a year's free membership!  
Everyone is a winner when BEKI benefits.

### ***Darshanim in April***

**Rabbi Murray Levine** will speak on Shabbat Morning 1 April (see "Scholar-in-Residence" article this issue).

**Steve Fraade**, who teaches Rabbinics at Yale University and who leads the Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan, will be our darshan on Shabbat-Pesah Morning 15 April.

**Neil Cogan**, Dean of Quinnipiac Law School, will be our darshan on Shabbat Morning 29 April.

### ***Security & Decorative Lighting in Front of BEKI***

To improve security and safety, lights have been added to the Harrison Street entry in front of the lobby and library.

These 20-watt high-efficiency bulbs will fulfill the original lighting plan of the building and contribute to security and safety with minimal operating or maintenance costs. The lampposts have also been retrofitted with high-efficiency bulbs so there will be no net increase in kilowatt demand or electric usage for this improvement.

### ***Shul Dinner***

Join your friends and neighbors for a friendly tasty Shabbat dinner on Friday 28 April following the 6:00 PM service.

Bring a friend, bring the family to this fun and simple evening. To RSVP (required) call 389-2108.

After Passover, take a break! Leave the cooking to us!

### ***Yom HaShoah 1995***

*Light a Yellow Candle  
to commemorate 50 years of freedom and the  
continuing fight against bias and hatred*

Fifty years ago, Nazi concentration camps were liberated, and the Holocaust that claimed six million Jewish lives came to an end. To ensure that the six million did not die in vain and that the Holocaust never happens again, BEKI Men's Club will join Jews throughout North America by participating in the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candle Program, a program of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.

As the years pass, the memories of those who fell victim to the ultimate hate crime must not diminish. That's why we are encouraging your family and every family in Beth El-Keser Israel to light just one Yellow Candle on the night of April 26, the 27th day of Nisan. When each family lights a Yellow Candle, it will increase the awareness of the Holocaust and perpetrate our commitment to our people.

The memory is important because the number of Holocaust survivors is diminishing in number with each passing day. As we lose this precious link, those who deny the Holocaust ever happened gain strength. Sadly, 20% of all high school students have no knowledge of the Holocaust. They are ripe for the revisionist history we wish to avoid.

Yom HaShoah candles are a highly visible symbol for keeping the flame alive. Their color recalls the badges Jews were forced to wear in Nazi-occupied Europe, but their flame inspires hope that we can yet make our world a tolerant place to live.

You can obtain your Yom HaShoah candle from the BEKI office or Gift Shop. There is no charge for these candles but it is suggested that a donation be made to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund thru the BEKI Men's Club.

## Dates and Times to Remember

### April

- 1 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshan: Rabbi Murray Levine  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Learners Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 3 Monday 7:30 AM Rashi Study Group  
6:00 PM Sisterhood Dinner
- 5 Wed 7:30 PM Beyond Alef-Bet: Hebrew with Ellen Jawitz
- 6 Thurs 6:00 PM Special Needs Model Seder
- 7 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat  
8:00 PM Late Evening Service
- 8 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Junior Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 10 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
- 12 Wed 7:30 PM Beyond Alef-Bet: Hebrew with Ellen Jawitz
- 14 Friday 7:00 AM Siyyum Bekhorot  
6:45 PM Minha/Maariv at Rabbi's House
- 15 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshan: Steve Fraade  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Learners Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 16 Sunday 9:00 AM Festival Morning Service
- 17 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
- 19 Wed 7:30 PM Beyond Alef-Bet: Hebrew with Ellen Jawitz
- 20 Thurs 5:45 PM Minha  
6:00 PM Festival Maariv
- 21 Friday 6:00 PM Minha & Festival Maariv
- 22 Shabbat 9:45 AM Morning Service  
Yizkor Memorial Service  
Sacred Scroll Cover Dedication  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Junior Minyan
- 23 Sunday 2:00 PM Holocaust Memorial Service
- 24 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
- 25 Tuesday 2:00 PM Registration due for Shabbat Dinner
- 26 Wed 7:30 PM Beyond Alef-Bet: Hebrew with Ellen Jawitz
- 28 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat  
6:40 PM Dinner by Reservation
- 29 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshan: Neil Cogan  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Learners Minyan

### May

- 1 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
- 3 Wed 7:30 PM Beyond Alef-Bet: Hebrew with Ellen Jawitz






- 4 Thurs 7:30 PM Mourners' Wkshp—Rabbi Tilsen
- 5 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat ONLY
- 6 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshanit: Anne Johnston  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Junior Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 7 Sunday 9:00 AM Rummage Sale to 2:00 PM  
12:30 PM Is'l Indep. Day (at B'nai Jacob)
- 8 Monday 7:30 AM Rashi on Vacation  
9:00 AM Rummage Sale to 1:00 PM
- 12 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat ONLY
- 13 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshan: Steve Wizner  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Learners' Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 15 Monday 7:45 AM Rashi Study Group
- 18 Thurs TBA Children's Havura LaG BeOmer
- 19 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat  
8:00 PM Late Evening Service  
Speaker: Susan Feldman
- 20 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Mark Korman Aufrauf  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Junior Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 21 Sunday 9:30 AM United Hebrew Sch. Graduation  
9:30 AM Men's Club Raffle Drawing—Bkfst
- 25 Thurs TBA Book of Life Luncheon
- 26 Friday 6:00 PM Qabbalat Shabbat  
8:00 PM Late Evening Service  
Speaker: Roger Vann
- 27 Shabbat 9:15 AM Morning Service  
Darshan: Rabbi Lee Levine  
10:45 AM Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45 AM Learners' Minyan  
5:45 PM Minha
- 29 Monday 9:00 AM Morning Service (Holiday Time)  
9:45 AM Rashi Study Group

### Shabbat and Pesah

	begins at candle lighting:	ends:
7 April	7:04	7:54
14 April	7:12	—
15 April	after 8:02*	8:03
20 April	7:18	—
21 April	7:19	8:10
28 April	7:27	8:18

\*Candles for the second day of Pesah should be lit only after Shabbat has ended.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Please Note:</b> The BEKI Office will be closed the following for Pesach: <b>Thursday, April 20th at noon &amp; Friday, April 21st</b></p>	<p><b>Service Times:</b> Sunday 9:00 am. Mon. - Fri. 7:00 am. Sat. - Thur. 5:45 pm.</p>	<p><b>TAKE TIME OUT FOR GOD AND FOR YOURSELF - ATTEND WEEKDAY MINYAN.</b></p>				
<p>2 Nisan</p>	<p>3 Nisan 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group 6:00 pm. Sisterhood Torah Fund Dinner <b>3</b></p>	<p>4 Nisan</p>	<p>5 Nisan 7:30 pm. Beyond Alef-Bet Class <b>5</b></p>	<p>6 Nisan</p>	<p>7 Nisan Services 6 &amp; 8 pm.  7:04 pm. <b>7</b></p>	<p>8 Nisan Metzora Shabbat ha-Gadol Services 9:15 am. CSH &amp; Jr. Cong. 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. <b>8</b></p>
<p>9 Nisan</p>	<p>10 Nisan 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group <b>10</b></p>	<p>11 Nisan</p>	<p>12 Nisan 7:30 pm. Beyond Alef-Bet Class <b>12</b></p>	<p>13 Nisan</p>	<p>14 Nisan 6:45 pm. Mincha &amp; Maariv Service at the Tilsen home.  7:12 pm. <b>14</b></p>	<p>15 Nisan Mishchu 1 Pesach. Services 9:15 am. Darshan: Steve Fraade. CSH &amp; SSLM 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. <b>15</b></p>
<p>16 Nisan 2 Pesach. No United Hebrew School <b>16</b></p>	<p>17 Nisan 1 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group <b>17</b></p>	<p>18 Nisan 2 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. <b>18</b></p>	<p>19 Nisan 3 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. No United Hebrew School 7:30 pm. Beyond Alef-Bet Class <b>19</b></p>	<p>20 Nisan 4 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. 5:45 pm. Mincha 6:00 pm. Festival Maariv  7:18 pm. <b>20</b></p>	<p>21 Nisan 7 Pesach. 6:00 pm. Mincha &amp; Festival Maariv Serv.  7:19 pm. <b>21</b></p>	<p>22 Nisan 8 Pesach. Services 9:15 am. Yizkor Memorial Serv. CSH &amp; Jr. Cong. 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. <b>22</b></p>
<p>23 Nisan 2:00 pm. Holocaust Memorial Service - in case of rain - at BEKI <b>23</b></p>	<p>24 Nisan 7:45 am. Rashi Study Group <b>24</b></p>	<p>25 Nisan Reservations for Shabbat Dinner must be into the BEKI office. <b>25</b></p>	<p>26 Nisan Light Yom HaShoah Candle at sundown. 7:30 pm. Beyond Alef-Bet Class <b>26</b></p>	<p>27 Nisan Yom HaShoah <b>27</b></p>	<p>28 Nisan 6:00 pm. Qabbalat Shabbat Service 6:30 pm. Shabbat Dinner  7:27 pm. <b>28</b></p>	<p>29 Nisan Acharei Mot Services 9:15 am. Darshan: Neil Cogan CSH &amp; SSLM 10:45 am. Mincha 5:45 pm. <b>29</b></p>
<p>30 Nisan Rosh-Chodesh. <b>30</b></p>	<p>TIME TO STOCK UP ON YOUR GIFT FOOD CERTIFICATES. EVERYONE WILL BE DOING EXTRA SHOPPING IN PREPARATION OF PASSOVER - USE CERTIFICATES EVERYTIME YOU SHOP. AVAILABLE FOR STOP &amp; SHOP, SHOP RITE, WALDBAUM'S AND WESTVILLE KOSHER MEAT.</p>					<p>CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE BY CALLING: MIMI 387-8105 MIKKI 387-7882 OR THE BEKI OFFICE 389-2108</p>



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## HAMAQOM YINAHM המקום ינחם אתכם

We note with sorrow  
the passing of:

**Shoshana Sela**  
mother of

**Nadav Sela & Ami Sela**

**Morris Rotman**  
grandfather of  
**Darryl Kuperstock**

**Charles Kaplowitz**  
brother of  
**Lillian levine**

**Donald Dodge**  
father of  
**Mannette Dodge Cogan**

**Frank Marcus**  
father of  
**Rabbi Ivan Marcus**

*Nadav Sela and Ami Sela  
and their families  
wish to thank  
all the members of the  
BEKI community  
for their warm and thoughtful  
expressions of sympathy.*

## Mazal Tov

מזל טוב

To **Mae & Herb Etkind**  
on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

To **Goldie & Eli Kasimer**  
on the birth of their new granddaughter,  
Emma Rose (Zamira) Kasimer.

## Notes from the BEKI Board

United Synagogue is increasing the synagogue's dues by 2.6% per membership. This increase will not be passed along to BEKI's members.

Fund raising is a matter of great concern. To address this concern, a meeting was held in February with a fund raising consultant to discuss long-term planning and fund raising. A small committee has been formed to develop a plan of action based on this information.

Speaking of fund-raising, the returns on the raffle solicitation have been less than we would like. The deadline is in May, and the selection will take place at the Men's Club Breakfast on May 21st. Everyone is strongly encouraged to participate.

Office space in the school wing is available for rent. Anyone who is interested—or who knows someone who might be interested—should contact Myra at 389-2108.

The Rosh HaShana committee has contracted with **Alan Lovins** to be our cantor for the high holidays.

Repair work on the roof and exterior walls is

scheduled for early May. The bricks have already been ordered.

Meanwhile, the building fund has received a pledge from BEKI Sisterhood for \$5,000, and additional contributions have been received from **Joseph and Ravit Avni-Singer, Marvin Missan, George and Rose Feen, Kenneth Marcus, Grace Geisinger, Martin Gilens and Janet Felton, Sara Oppenheim, Adele Tyson,** and **Morris and Gloria Cohen.**

The nominating committee is in the process of confirming nominations for the Board of Directors. Elections will be held in June.

The Board wishes all members of BEKI and their families a happy, healthy, and kosher Pesah.—R.E.

## United Synagogue Convention

The United Synagogue is holding a convention November 2-6 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. For information, call 212-533-7800, ext. 2611.

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**Community Passover Second Seder**—Saturday evening, April 15—to be hosted by Congregation Or Shalom in Orange. The evening begins at with 6:00 services and will be followed by a full course traditional kosher Passover dinner. The cost is \$25 per adult and \$15 per child 10 & under. All reservations must be in to Or Shalom by April 5th.

**Statewide Singles Passover Dance**—Sunday, April 9, from 7:30 - 11:30 PM. This will be held at the JCC on Amity Rd. The evening will feature hors d'oeuvres and dessert, music by the T.N.T. Dance Band, and an open bar. The cost is \$12 for JCC members and \$17 for non-members. For more information call 387-2522 ext. 204.

**Concord Resort Hotel**—Have fun and raise money for BEKI. If you and a group of your friends were planning to get away for a few days or over a weekend, consider going to the Concord Hotel in

New York. They will donate 10% of the total group room and board rate back to the synagogue. While at the Concord, you can enjoy delicious food, sensational entertainment, activities for the entire family, and much more.

**The Feast of Freedom—Passover Haggadah**—The BEKI Gift Shop will be selling this easy-to-use Haggadah with its classic text for today's Jew. It also has a running commentary which involves family members and guests of all ages. Think about new Haggadahs as you plan this year's Passover Seders.

**Yom HaAtzmaut—Israel Independence Day**—Sunday 7 May 12:30 PM at Bnai Jacob. Join the Conservative-Masorti Community of Greater New Haven for a Yom HaAtzmaut-Israel Independence Day celebration. Food, sports, games, song, dance and more for people of all ages. Co-sponsored by BEKI.

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