

# BEKI

# BULLETIN

Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel, New Haven, Connecticut

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## *Looking Forward to Special Events in December*

### ***Cantor Irv Weinstein Will Be Honored Friday, December 3rd***

**Irving Weinstein** has served as volunteer Cantor at Beth El-Keser Israel for a generation. The original "Mr. Maariv," his voice and figure have become as much a part of the Late Evening Shabbat Services as is *Lekha Dodi* or *Ahavat Olam*. On the holidays, Irv's voice has been a constant in the BEKI choir.

Irv has been reelected President of the West River Senior Center for the past twelve years. He has organized myriad activities, including conducting a choral group that performs around the city. He plans group vacations, bowls weekly, calls Bingo numbers, and visits nursing homes. "It keeps me active," says Irv, on his way to lead yet another group activity.

This month, Irv and his twin sister **Faye Parker** and his twin brother **Harold Weinstein** celebrate their 80th birthday, they should live and be well. It is most appropriate at this time for us to pause to recognize his contribution to the Synagogue community and to offer our simple thanks.

Please join Rabbi Tilsen, the BEKI Choir, Organist **Kevin Mack** and, of course, Cantor Irving Weinstein, in a tribute to Irv Weinstein and a celebration of his and his siblings' birthday during Late Friday Evening Services, 8:00 PM on 3 December at BEKI.

### ***Steve Fraade Will Be Guest Darshan on December 4th***

**Steven Fraade**, who teaches Rabbinics at Yale University, will be lead the Torah Discussion during Shabbat morning services on December 4th. Join us for what is sure to be an enlightening discussion. Services begin at 9:15 AM.

### ***Study Group on Issues in Halakha Will Begin on Sunday, December 5th.***

Can a woman be called to the Torah as a bat-Kohen? Are string beans kosher for Passover? Which mistakes in Torah Reading must be corrected? What

do our sages say about women wearing tallit and tefillin? Must life be prolonged even if suffering is intense?

Join Rabbi Tilsen as we explore these and other questions of Jewish Law in a weekly study group Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM. The group will explore practical issues in Jewish law using classical sources such as the sixteenth-century SHULHAN ARUKH and the modern MISHNA BERURA.

"People want to do what is right," says Rabbi J-J Tilsen, "and they want to understand why our sages ruled as they did—and why we follow certain practices today. The observant community, regardless of movement affiliation, follows the same law, and when practice differs it is for legitimate reasons. These differences are respected by the observant community but can become controversial when the basis for a certain practice is not understood or when 'politics' gets involved."

For more information about the MISHNA BERURA study group contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

### ***Roundtable Discussion on God on December 10th***

Following Late Friday Evening Services and the Oneg Shabbat on December 10th, please join discussants **Leo Hauptman, Sam Kantrowitz, Daryl Kuperstock, and Willa Needler** in exploring our personal beliefs and faith in God.

Services begin at 8:00 PM. The discussion, moderated by Rabbi Tilsen, follows the Oneg Shabbat and will begin at 8:45 PM. All are invited to participate in this most important evening.

### ***Haftara Reading Workshop December 13th***

Learn to recite the *haftara* (prophetic reading) as chanted on shabbat and festivals! A workshop will be held by **Amy Pincus** on Monday night December 13th at 7:30 PM in the BEKI Library. It is suggested that participants bring a tape recorder and a blank tape. For more information call the BEKI office at 389-2108.

# Dates and Times to Remember

## December

3 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service with Choir & Organ Irv Weinstein Recognition Shabbat
4 Shabbat	9:15 AM  10:45 AM 11:00 AM  4:05 PM 4:55 PM	Morning Service—Steve Fraade, Guest Darshan Children's Shabbat Havura Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan Minha & Pirqe Avot Study Maariv & Havdala
5 Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group Topic: How to Correct a Torah Reader
10 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service with Organ Roundtable Discussion on God
11 Shabbat	9:15 AM 10:45 AM 4:05 PM 4:55 PM 6:00 PM	Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura Minha & Pirqe Avot Study Maariv & Havdala Hanuka Party
12 Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group Topic: Can a Woman be called for an Aliyah as Bat- Kohen or Bat-Levi?
13 Monday	7:30 PM	Haftara Chanting Workshop
17 Friday	6:30 PM	Family service Rabbi's topic: Maccabee Quiz Bowl
18 Shabbat	10:45 AM 11:00 AM 4:05 PM 5:00 PM	Children's Shabbat Havura Learners' Minyan Minha & Pirqe Avot Study Maariv & Havdala
19 Sunday	9:30 AM	Men's Club Breakfast
24 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service Rabbi's topic: "Is Judaism the Logical Successor to Christianity?"
25 Shabbat	10:45 AM 4:05 PM 5:00 PM	Children's Shabbat Havura Minha & Pirqe Avot Study Maariv & Havdala
26 Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
31 Friday	6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service

## January

1 Shabbat	10:45 AM 4:10 PM  5:05 PM	Children's Shabbat Havura Minha & Pirqe Avot study session Maariv & Havdala
2 Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura study group
7 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service with Choir & Organ
8 Shabbat	10:45 AM 11:00 AM  4:20 PM	Children's Shabbat Havura Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan Minha & Pirqe Avot study session
9 Sunday	5:12 PM 9:30 AM	Maariv & Havdala Mishna Berura study group
10 Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study group
14 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service with Organ
15 Shabbat	9:15 AM  10:45 AM 4:00 PM	Dr. Boaz Huss guest Darshan Children's Shabbat Havura Shabbat Havura Study Group
16 Sunday	4:25 PM 5:20 PM 8:30 AM 9:30 AM	Minha & Pirqe Avot study Maariv & Havdala Tefillin Workshop Men's Club Breakfast
17 Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study group
21 Friday	6:30 PM	Family Service
22 Shabbat	10:45 AM 11:00 AM  4:30 PM 5:30 PM	Children's Shabbat Havura Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan Minha & Pirqe Avot study Maariv & Havdala
23 Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura study group
24 Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study group
28 Friday	6:00 PM 8:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service Late Evening Service
29 Shabbat	9:15 AM  10:45 AM 4:45 PM 5:35 PM	Dr. Neil Cogan guest Darshan Children's Shabbat Havura Minha & Pirqe Avot study Maariv & Havdala
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31 Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study group

**WATCH FOR YOUR BEKI RAFFLE TICKETS COMING IN THE MAIL SOON!  
WE ARE HOPING EVERYONE WILL BUY AT LEAST ONE TICKET.  
IT'S A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME.**

## A LETTER FROM RABBI TILSEN

### Not By Might

Not by Might, nor by Power, but by My Spirit, says Adonai Seva'ot

These words of the prophet Zekharya, read in the haftara of Shabbat Hanuka, express the essence of the message of Hanuka.

The victory we celebrate is the survival of Jewish culture in the face of foreign cultural hegemony. Remarkably, when the Talmud tells us the meaning of Hanuka, it does not even mention, let alone glorify, the military struggle of the Maccabees. Rather, our sages singled out the miracle of the rededication of the Temple as the symbol of all that is good in Hanuka—namely, the purification of our society from foreign cultural and religious elements and the regaining of some measure of national autonomy.

Some time later, when Israel was again under foreign rule—this time by the Romans—Jews again organized to defend the Temple and all that it stands for. But this time, during the decades before the destruction of the Second Temple, our ancestors organized a creative nonviolence campaign to defend Jewish society. The historians Josephus and Philo both record how our ancestors organized strikes, boycotts, peaceful demonstrations, direct nonviolent confrontations with soldiers, diplomatic maneuvers, and sit-ins. Many of the elements of their struggle closely resemble those of Gandhian Satyagraha. The Jewish nonviolent campaign achieved its immediate goals and helped to preserve Jewish culture and society during a phase of protracted conflict without the cost of armed struggle. In doing so, Israel won the respect of many Romans, bolstering our internal strength.

Today, we too must act to defend and revitalize our culture. Like the Maccabees, we must live according to our own values and traditions without feeling self-conscious or awkward. By playing Jewish music in our homes, learning Hebrew and Jewish dance, studying Torah and supporting Israel, by performing mitzvot — we do more than any army could to promote the well-being of our people and the success of our mission in the world.

We are fortunate that American values validate cultural diversity — to live according to our own ways is now part of the American ideal. By right as Americans we can declare our Jewishness. By living fully as Jews, we get "extra credit" for living the American Way.

When we place our Hanuka lights in our window for all to see, we make a positive statement about our values and identity. "Whoever performs a mitzva," say our sages, "lights a candle of God and revives their spirit." Happy Hanuka,

Jon-Jay Tilsen

## DEAR RABBI

A column of answers, advice and helpful household hints.

Dear Rabbi: Is a one-legged chicken kosher?

Signed,  
*Half-an-appetite.*  
(Beaver Hill, New Haven)

Dear *Half*,

It sounds like you are marching to the beat of a different drumstick. The word tereifa, or tereif, is used to describe meat that is not kosher. Tereif literally means "torn," as in flesh torn from an animal in a way other than kosher slaughter. One of the most basic rules of kashrut is that it is forbidden to eat a limb torn from a live animal.

In fact, this rule is so fundamental to human decency that God commanded all people, not just Jews, to not eat a limb torn from a live animal. By extension, an animal that is missing a body part for any reason may not be made kosher.

But as to whether *your* chicken is kosher, it depends on *when* it lost its leg: if the chicken had one leg when alive, it can never be kosher; but if you had a kosher chicken in your refrigerator and you ate one of the legs for lunch, the one-legged chicken is still kosher for dinner.

Be-te'avon — bon appetite.

*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.*

### Problems in School During Holidays?

If you or your child encounter antisemitic or inappropriate behavior in public school during the December holiday season, please report such incidents to Rabbi Tilsen. Reporting all incidents helps to identify problem schools or teachers and helps us constructively address those problems.

### PARENT-TODDLER PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS

Registration for the Winter Session  
of the BEKI  
Parent-Toddler Program  
is now opened.

For information call  
the Synagogue office at 389-2108.

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## **CONDOLENCES**

We note with sorrow the passing of:

**Patricia Loving**  
Mother of Trish Loving

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## *Todah Rabah*

In addition, we'd like to mention to some of our members who have made contributions in time and effort as well as special gifts.

### **Sounds Great**

We express our appreciation to **Beatrice Smirnoff** and **Bernice Margolis** for purchasing a new sound mixer and microphone for our Sanctuary. This gift enhances the quality of our services and programs.

### **Opening New Doors**

You may have noticed that several doors of the Synagogue building have been repaired in the past few weeks. The mitzva of *bedeq ha-bayit* (repairing the Synagogue) is particularly essential as our building begins its thirty-fourth year of active use. Special thanks to **George Posener** for supervising this essential project.

### **Planning and Planting for Spring**

Thanks to the members of **Kadima** for clearing and planting the BEKI front yard, and thanks to Master Gardener **George Posener** for contributing his green thumbs to this project. Come spring we anticipate beautiful new growth. Your efforts are much appreciated.

### MAZAL TOV

To **Irving Weinstein** on his 80th Birthday.  
To **George Feen** on his 80th Birthday.  
To **Rob Leikind** for passing the Connecticut Bar.  
To **Lisa Guttenberg**, daughter of **Irving and Elma Guttenberg**, on passing the Connecticut Bar.  
To **Jeremy Matican** on being awarded Boy Scouts Eagle rank.

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO

**Gail Korman**

## Men's Club News

We are happy to report that at long last the sukkah has been painted, dismantled and the panels put away for another year. Every occasion since Simchat Torah when willing hands were available for the job the weather made it impossible. Finally, between downpours, **Lenny Stein** swiftly and efficiently applied the Cuprinol stain. Then, on a bright, crisp and sunny Sunday morning after the minyan, five of us (and two young assistants) took down the sukkah, carted the 18 panels to the storage shed and disposed of the sukkah. My hearty thanks go to **Ken Braffman, Jay Brotman (and young Aaron), Gary Elkies (and young Megan) and Sid Levine** for excellent teamwork and a fine performance.

Bills for Men's Club dues have been mailed out. We urge that when you make your response you add a contribution to our Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund. Each year a number of our children attend Camp Ramah, the camping arm of the Conservative movement. The Men's Club supports this program by being ready to award needed scholarships.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 19th. The guest speaker will be Barry Herman. Details will be in our usual flier. Everyone is invited to stay for breakfast after the 9 am. minyan.

Shalom,  
Saul Bell, President

## KASHRUT KORNER

### Buy Hekhshered Wines

Nowadays exceptionally fine Israeli, American, Italian, and other table wines are produced under supervision. (You can use your stock of Manischewitz Concord as pancake syrup.) Since non-kosher materials are now routinely used as finishing agents in commercial wines, wines without supervision should be avoided when possible. Only wines with a *hekhsher* may be served at Beth El-Keser Israel.

## Reviving Our Library

Some of our members are trying to reactivate the BEKI library and make it a useful resource for the Synagogue community. In that effort, we can use volunteer service from those willing to contribute their time. Monetary gifts for library purposes are, of course, welcome. Monetary donations can be made for memorials, celebrations of simchas, or tokens of honor for an individual.

We also welcome donations of good books of Jewish interest which are no longer needed but are still in clean, usable condition. However, since our library space is limited, we must be selective about new acquisitions. Therefore, please do not bring donated books to the Synagogue without prior acceptance. Those willing to donate their time can call **Morris Cohen** (home during evenings: 389-2070; office during work hours: 432-4024). Lists of books offered for donation to the library can be sent to **Morris Cohen** at 84 McKinley Ave., New Haven 06515.

## Choir and Organ

This season, the BEKI Volunteer Choir is scheduled to participate in Late Friday Evening services on the first Friday of each month. The organ will accompany the Cantor on the first and second Friday of each month. Your comment on this arrangement is most welcomed.

## Shabbat Haftara and Shahrut Volunteers

A rotation of haftara readers and shabbat shahrut daveners will begin in February. If you would like to sign up for one or more haftarot or would like to lead the shahrut service, please leave a message for Rabbi Tilsen during weekdays at 389-2108.

## Children's Shabbat Havura Meets Weekly

The spiritual needs of young children are often misunderstood or ignored. Helping them develop their own relationship with God is central to our mission as a religious community. The Children's Shabbat *Havura* is a way to do that.

The Children's Shabbat Havura meets every Shabbat morning from 10:45 to 11:15 in the Goodwin Youth Room at BEKI.

Designed to address the spiritual and social needs of children ages eighteen months to six years, the *Havura* meets concurrently with Junior Congregation for older children, a Learners' Minyan for adults, and the main Sabbath service. Following the half-hour of songs, stories, prayers and dance, the children have their own qiddush refreshments and then enjoy supervised play until they join the adult worship for the Concluding Service.

Thirty children from 22 families take part in the *Havura*, and parents from each family have volunteered to support the program. **Miriam Benson** and **Ellen Cohen** coordinate the *Havura*. It's informal, it's friendly, and it's spiritual. For more information call the BEKI office weekdays at 389-2108.

## Endowment Opportunity

Beth El-Keser Israel is soliciting an endowment to maintain and repair our sacred Torah Scrolls. Through normal active use and the passage of time, a Torah Scroll needs occasional repair and maintenance. This maintenance, which must be done every year, could be funded in perpetuity by an endowment of \$10,000. Only the interest from the endowment will be used. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one.

For more information on this or other endowment opportunities, please contact **Steve Wizner**, Treasurer, or Rabbi Tilsen.

**Humash Mit Rashi Begins  
Monday, January 10th**

Begin your day with Torah study! We will begin a weekly study of Rashi's commentary on the Torah beginning Monday, January 10th at 7:45 AM following the morning minyan.

Rashi is the most famous Torah commentator in history, and his commentary is not to be missed. Knowledge of Hebrew is helpful but not required.

Note to those on vacation: Although we will begin our study with Genesis, Rashi's commentary has no beginning and no end. So feel free to join the Rashi Group in progress when you come back from vacation.

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**HANUKA PARTY**

**DECEMBER 11TH  
6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM**

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**JOIN  
THE FUN AND  
CELEBRATE THE  
HOLIDAY  
TOGETHER!**

**Sisterhood News**

Our recent paid-up membership supper was a wonderful evening. We enjoyed a delicious supper cooked to perfection by **Rena Miller** and her committee. Special thanks to **Helen Ross** for helping at the door. We all enjoyed being entertained by Yale Student **Angela Warnick** playing the guitar. Thank you to all women who paid their dues and attended this lovely evening. If you haven't joined our Sisterhood yet, dues are \$18.00 and can be sent into the office. You will receive the National Women's League magazine, support the Jewish Theological Seminary, and, of course, our own BEKI.

Our Fall rummage sale took place on Sunday, November 14th. Many, many thanks to **Mimi Kahn** and **Mikki Ratner**, our long-standing chairwomen of this event, for all their hard work in making this such a successful fundraising event for us. To everyone who donated items for the sale and to everyone who helped us set up and sell, Thank You.

We need new ideas for programming: What would you like Sisterhood to sponsor? Please call Barbara or Belle. We can always use new ideas and new members of BEKI can contribute a lot. We welcome your assistance and suggestions.

Support the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Send a Torah Fund Card for any occasion: birthday, anniversary, new baby, in memory, etc. Just call **Rose Feen** at 387-8743, and she will send it out for you immediately.

Happy Chanukah,  
**Barbara Cushen & Belle Goldberg**  
Co-Presidents

**Pirke Avot on  
Shabbat Afternoon**

Join us every Shabbat afternoon following mincha service during fall and winter for a twenty-minute Pirke Avot break. Study and discuss this early collection of wise sayings of our sages. "If not now, when?"

**Dear BEKI Members:**

*This year we are running into an unexpected expense. Unfortunately, due to the lack of volunteers for various responsible concerns of the synagogue, we have had to hire outside workers. If you are able to volunteer your time and/or services to help cut down our expenses, please call the synagogue office at 389-2108.*

**LaMaazel Meeting a  
Success—More Planned**

The first meeting of "LaMaazel—the Jewish Spiritual Way of Childbearing and Rearing" was held on November 21st at the home of **Miriam Benson** and **Rabbi J-J Tilsen**. Several expectant families participated. Along with Rabbi Tilsen and Miriam, Paulette Lehrer, a mohelet certified by the Connecticut Valley Rabbinical Assembly, and Jennifer Botwick, a certified childbirth educator and prenatal yoga instructor, were present for guidance and consultation.

During the meeting, expectant parents shared experiences and concerns and learned more about the Jewish approach to childbirth. Topics of discussion included prayer at childbirth, choosing a name, *brit milah*, *simhat bat*, and communal resources for parents of young children.

Coffee, tea, pickles and ice cream were served.

If you or someone you know might be interested in coming to the next meeting of LaMaazel, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

# BETH EL - KESER ISRAEL \* \* \* \* DECEMBER 1993

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>21 Kislev 5754</p> <p>9:30 am. - Mishna Berera Study Group "How to Correct a Torah Reader"</p>	<p>22 Kislev 5754</p>	<p>23 Kislev 5754</p>	<p>24 Kislev 5754</p>	<p>25 Kislev 5754</p> <p>1 Chanukkah.</p>	<p>26 Kislev 5754</p> <p>2 Chanukkah.</p> <p>Services 6 &amp; 8 pm. Round table Discussion on God</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  4:06 pm.</p>	<p>27 Kislev 5754</p> <p>Mi-Ketz 3 Chanukkah. Services 9:15 am. Mincha 4:05 pm. Maariv 4:54 pm. Hanukah Party at 6:00 pm.</p>
<p>28 Kislev 5754</p> <p>4 Chanukkah. 9:30 am. - Mishna Berera Study Group "Can Women be called for aliyot as bat-Kohen or bat-Levi?"</p>	<p>29 Kislev 5754</p> <p>5 Chanukkah. 7:30 pm. - Haftorah Chanting Workshop</p>	<p>30 Kislev 5754</p> <p>6 Chanukkah. Rosh-Chodesh.</p>	<p>1 Tevet 5754</p> <p>7 Chanukkah. Rosh-Chodesh.</p>	<p>2 Tevet 5754</p> <p>8 Chanukkah.</p>	<p>3 Tevet 5754</p> <p>Services 6:30 pm. Family Service - Rabbi's Topic: "Maccabee Quiz Bowl"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  4:07 pm.</p>	<p>4 Tevet 5754</p> <p>Va-Yiggash Services 9:15 am. Children's Shabbat Havura 10:45 am. Learner's Minyan 11 Mincha 4:05 pm. Maariv 4:56 pm.</p>
<p>5 Tevet 5754</p> <p>9:30 am. - Men's Club Breakfast Guest Speaker Barry Herman</p>	<p>6 Tevet 5754</p> <p>7:45 pm. - Meeting of the Board of Directors</p>	<p>7 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>8 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>9 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>10 Tevet 5754</p> <p>Asera be'Tevet. Fast-Day.</p> <p>Services 6 &amp; 8 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  4:11 pm.</p>	<p>11 Tevet 5754</p> <p>Va-Yechi Services 9:15 am. Children's Shabbat Havura 10:45 am.</p> <p>Mincha 4:05 pm. Maariv 5:04 pm.</p>
<p>12 Tevet 5754</p> <p>9:30 am. - Mishna Berera Study Group</p>	<p>13 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>14 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>15 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>16 Tevet 5754</p>	<p>17 Tevet 5754</p> <p>Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:00 pm.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  4:15 pm.</p>	<p><b>Service Times</b> Sunday 9:00 am. Mon. thru Fri. 7:00 am. Sun. thru Thur. 5:45 pm.</p>





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Sunday Morning	9:00 AM
Sunday Evening	5:45 PM
Mon-Fri Morning	7:00 AM
Mon-Thurs Evening	5:45 PM

### Shabbat

begins at candle lighting:	ends:
Dec. 3—19 Kislev 4:06	4:54
Dec. 10—26 Kislev 4:06	4:54
Dec. 17—3 Tevet 4:07	4:56
Dec. 24—10 Tevet 4:11	4:59
Dec. 31—17 Tevet 4:15	5:04

### Shabbat Services

Friday night	see calendar
Morning	9:00 AM.-12:00
Afternoon/Evening	see calendar

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