Robert Goodwin Memorial Endowment

The Robert Goodwin Family has established an endowment at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven to provide an annual lecture or special program at Beth El-Keser Israel as a memorial to Robert Goodwin, of blessed memory.

One of the four Goodwin Brothers and husband of Lilyan Goodwin, Robert Goodwin is remembered as an exceptionally personable man who enjoyed the love and respect of others, in part because of the exemplary way in which he fulfilled the mitzva of treating others with equality and dignity. He was a good-natured man who through his many contacts enjoyed bringing fine speakers to his shul, Beth El-Keser Israel.

To perpetuate his memory, the interest from the Robert Goodwin Fund will be used to provide BEKI with an outstanding lecture each year. In this way Bob Goodwin’s life will be a continuing source of blessing to us all.

If you would like to find out how you can establish a memorial at BEKI please call Steve Wizner at 432-4800 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

Important Notice!
Sisterhood Hanukah Meeting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7:45 PM instead of November 28.

Happy Hanuka

Please note!
Synagogue Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Weekend from November 23rd at noon until November 28th at 8:30 AM
Administrative Announcements

New Security System:
The new security system of the BEKI Synagogue is now in force. To gain admittance to the building, on Harrison St. during office hours, ring the door bell at the front door, next to the driveway.

Office Hours:
Office hours for the synagogue are:
Monday – Thursday 9 AM-3 PM
Friday 9 AM–noon

Food Deliveries:
If food is being brought into the synagogue for the weekend (Friday night or Saturday morning), it must be delivered by 11:00 AM on Friday.

Deadlines:
The publication deadline for the BEKI Bulletin is the 1st of the month for the following month. The deadline for mid-month flyer mailings is the 15th of the month. Late submissions cannot be included, and there will be no phone calls to remind you.

Donations for Rabbi’s Tzedaka Fund:
If you are making a donation to the Rabbi’s Tzedaqa Fund, please be sure to make the check out to “Rabbi’s Tzedaka Fund” and send it to the attention of the Rabbi.

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A Message From Rabbi Tilsen

Why Should I Be Good?

Sometimes we feel like suckers (in Hebrew, “fryers”). We are playing by the rules, doing what is right, while others are not doing so and are getting away with it. I’ve been good: I am always willing to help, I contribute as generously as I can to the shul, I am honest (mostly) on my income taxes, I don’t take advantage of others, I prefer to give rather than receive. But look at that other guy! He doesn’t pay his dues, doesn’t respect others’ marriage commitments, takes whatever he can get away with, and then lives it up and has a great time.

As supporters of Israel we sometimes feel this way, too. So many governments are engaged in brutality, arms exports and the drug trade—including Western governments—and few pay much attention, but whenever Israel does something wrong it is on the front page. Why do we bother trying to be good?

When we try to do what is right and follow the rules, it is easy to become resentful of others who don’t. Precisely because it is our tendency to feel this way, our sages warn us not to. Our doing what is right must not be dependent on what others do. Our commitment to our shul, to our Torah, to living the life that God wants for us — these commitments must be based on our firm faith in God and our desire to do what is right for its own sake. While sadly some do not yet share our commitments, there are in fact others who do act as we do, and sometimes our actions can be a source of strength for them. This strengthening of others is a happy outcome of our good deeds, but it too is not the essential reason for us to act properly.

As it is written in the Mishna: “Do not be like servants who serve their master expecting to receive a reward; be rather like servants who serve their master unconditionally, with no thought of reward. Let the fear of God determine your actions.”

When we kindle our Hanukia, its light shines as a symbol of hope for the triumph of right over might, of holiness over profanity, of decency over depravity. The primary source of our hopefulness must not be others but rather ourselves. We surely can not control others but we must be responsible for our own actions.

Sarah Serkin Bat-mitzva

On Sunday 4 December at 9:30 a.m. Sarah Serkin, daughter of Stuart Serkin and Tamar Edelkind, will read the Torah and lead services as a bat mitzva. Sarah is a student at Ezra Academy and serves as Vice President of BEKI KADIMA. Please note the special time of this service.

UHS 4 year olds

The United Hebrew School Kindergarten class is a friendly and fun way for kids to begin Sunday School. The class begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m. or optionally may be extended to 12:30. Kids 4 to 6 years old may attend.

For more information call Abi Gewirtz at 389-2108.

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Dear Rabbi,
I can’t stand it. Whenever I come for food at a Bar Mitzva or Bat Mitzva or Wedding I have to stand in a long line. Can’t you do something about it?
Signed,
Tired of waiting in long lines.

Dear Tired,
Simply tell the people to stand closer together. Then the line will be shorter.

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Dear Rabbi,
May Jews donate bodily organs?
Signed,
Liver Giver

Dear Liver Giver,
Medical ethics are a controversial area in Jewish law. I advocate donating organs when the harvesting is done after proper certification of death (according to Jewish law) and when the organ will be used to help an individual in great need. Normally one is not allowed to tamper with the body of a dead person, but this rule is superseded when doing so will bring life to another.

Dear Rabbi,
Sometimes when there are several people saying mourners kaddish at once they are all saying it at different speeds and it gets confusing. Are they supposed to do it that way? Which one do I say “amen” to, the closest one or all of them?
Signed,
Amen, Amen, Amen.

Dear Amenable,
I strongly recommend that those saying qaddish together say it in unison, so that the congregation may answer “amen” at once. When they are not synchronized, try to listen to one person and answer to them only.

Those who say qaddish at BEKI are asked to slow down so that all who need to may say qaddish in unison.

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.

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Dear Rabbi,

International Cuisine Shabbat Dinner

Following the 6:00 p.m. Qabalat Shabbat service on Friday 9 December
an international cuisine Shabbat Dinner will be served.
Leave the cooking and dishes to us and shmooze with your friends.
Call 389-2108 right away for your reservations.

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When Children Mourn

How do you explain death to children? Should children attend a funeral? How can we help children?

Join Dr. Morris Wessel with Rabbi Tilsen for “When Children Mourn,” a presentation and discussion on understanding and helping children who mourn.

This Mourners’ Workshop will be held on Thursday 8 December at 7:30 PM in the BEKI library.
Ari
by Sarah Levine

A heart-rending recollection of love, loss... and a girl's struggle to accept the unacceptable.

One of my most distinctive memories happened the summer before I entered the fourth grade, when my brother Ari died. Two years before that, my mother had given birth to an unhealthy baby which we named Ari. Although he had only one ear, had cleft lip and palate, his heart was on the wrong side, and more, we all loved him dearly.

Well, one week toward the end of August after we had just gotten home from New Hampshire, my brother got sick with a virus. Normally such a virus wouldn't affect a child as severely as it affected my brother, but unfortunately my brother wasn't normal. For three awful days he was sick. There are a few things that happened during those three days that I remember clearly.

The first happened on the first or second night that he was sick, I can't remember which one. At the time I was only nine, so I didn't even consider that he could be really sick. I thought that my parents were just overreacting. Anyway, I used to like sleeping in my parents' bed. My dad said that if my brother got any sicker he would sleep in my brother's room and I could sleep in my parents' bed. I remember hoping that he would get sicker, so that I could sleep in their bed. I feel so guilty about that, like it's my fault that he died, even though I know that it's not. I never told anyone that, and it makes me cry just thinking that I wanted him to get sicker. Even now as I write this I am crying. He did get sicker, and my dad did sleep in his room so, unfortunately, I got my way.

The second thing that I remember is that we were all sitting in the living room and my brother thought that he felt better and could play. He got off my mother's lap and tried to walk to the toys. He got to the end of the coffee table and just stopped. He couldn't go any further. He started crying and we picked him up and my mother held him again.

The third thing is sort of silly. I remember I was in the den watching MTV and my dad was holding my brother in his lap and they were sitting on the couch. I started dancing in a silly way and my brother started laughing. I think that when I saw how helpless he looked sitting on the couch I realized that he was really sick. It never occurred to me that he could die.

On the day before he died, August twenty-eighth (the date on which my other brother was born two years later), we took Ari to the doctor again. He told us to take Ari to the emergency room. We went there and I remember my brother wearing a blue hospital gown with balloons on it.

At the time it was just me and my mom. At about five o'clock my dad came and took me home. Then he went back to the hospital. My parents and my brother got home a few hours later.

That night I slept in my parents' bed again. The next morning at about nine o'clock my parents rushed my brother to the emergency room. I told them that I would see them later. I never even saw my brother that day. Little did I know that I would never see him again.

When my parents got home I was playing shoe store in my room and my grandmother was watching me and my sister. I heard my parents get home and I ran outside to meet them. Ari wasn't with them. I remember asking where he was. My dad said that he had wanted to wait until we were all inside to tell us, he told me anyway. Ari had died, asking that he couldn't be dead and that he really was.

The rest of the week was a blur. I remember sitting shiva for seven days and crying a lot.

I think that after everyone had left was the hardest part for me. When people had been there I was busy and couldn't think much about my brother. After everyone had left I had to deal with it myself. There was no one to take up my time. This was when I realized that he was gone, that I would never see him again.

Editor's Note: Sarah wrote this story several years ago at age 12. She now has two siblings, Ilana age 9 and Joshua age 6.
Shabbat Darshanim & Speakers in December

Neil Cogan is the Dean of the Quinnipiac Law School, a Westville resident and BEKI member. In addition to leading Torah Discussions, Neil consults on and helps lead BEKI’s Youth Services. Neil will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 3 December.

Stephen Pincus is the Robert M. Cover Fellow in Public Interest Law at the Yale Law School and advocates for people who are HIV-positive. He is a Westville resident and a BEKI member. Stephen will speak about “AIDS Law” on Friday Night 2 December at 8:00 p.m.

Pamela Tamarkin Reis is an independent scholar living in Branford. She has published several articles in academic journals of iconoclastic biblical interpretation based on literary analysis. On Shabbat morning 24 December she will discuss “Bridegroom of Blood: A New Reading” based on her article in Judaism, vol. 40, no. 3. Pam will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 24 December.

Michael Stern is a medical researcher and a frequent Ba’al Qore at BEKI. He is a Westville resident and BEKI member. Michael will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 31 December.

Kalman Watsky is a medical doctor and a frequent leader of the Children’s Shabbat Havura. He is a Woodbridge resident and a BEKI member. Kal will be the Story Teller at the Qabalat Shabbat Service on Friday 9 December at 6:00 p.m.

Steven Wolfson is Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine and a resident of New Haven. He is a cardiologist who has written extensively in medical journals and has written on broader issues of medical care and public policy. Steven will speak about “Health Care Reform” on Friday 16 December at 8:00 p.m.

Interfaith Couples Workshop

A workshop/encounter group on interfaith marriage and partnership will be held Wednesday 7 December 1994 in a private home. Interfaith couples face unique sides of universal challenges: dealing with in-laws, holiday celebrations, learning to respect the integrity of each other’s beliefs, our own changing religious identities, acceptance in the Shul, and raising children in an interfaith setting.

The goal in meeting is to share experiences, to identify common problems and possible solutions. If you are interested in attending, or know a couple who might like an invitation, call Robert Lettick at 735-7911 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 for information or to RSVP.

BEKI Cemetery Association Announces...

The Board of Directors of the Beth El – Keser Israel and the Keser Israel Cemetery Association announce that, as of January, 1995, there will be an increase in the cost of purchasing a plot.

In view of increased costs of maintenance and planned improvements, the charge per plot for members will increase from $350.00 to $425.00; and for non-members from $500.00 to $600.00. These charges are equal to or less than charges at other local synagogue-affiliated cemeteries.

Members are encouraged to take advantage of this early announcement to save the additional cost. Please call the synagogue office for information about the cemeteries or to arrange a visit for site selection.
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Thank you to *Rachel Wizner* for generously sponsoring our Yiddish Class and to *Shifra Zemkov* for teaching us!

Thank you to the Minyan fund for a generous contribution to the Talmud Torah Meyuhad-Special Education Hebrew School.

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**Darryl Rotman Kuperstock**

would like to thank the Saturday Morning Minyan for the wonderful qiddush and for the gift of a lovely handcrafted "yad" (torah reading pointer).

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**Refua Shelema**

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Wishing a Speedy Return Home to George Feen

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**Mazal Tov**

מזל טוב

To *Paul & Polly Rieser* on the birth of their daughter *Emily Isadora*

To *Sara Oppenheim* on her milestone birthday

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**BEKI Welcomes New Members and Their Families**

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**HAMAQOM YINAHEM**

המقام ינוח אתכם

We note with sorrow the passing of:

Evelyn Cohen, mother of Joy and Burton Cohen

Samuel Lebowsky, cousin of Mimi Kahn

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Sisterhood Gift Shop

There are always last minute Chanukah gifts needed. Stop in at the BEKI Sisterhood Gift Shop - browse and buy. The Gift Shop will be open on Wednesday, Nov. 16 & 30, from 5 pm. - 6:30 pm. and Sunday, Nov. 20, from 10 am. - 12:30 pm. For special orders or questions call Adele Tyson 389-9599 and leave a message on her machine.

Half Price Special on Coupon Books

We are now having a half price special on The Kosher Club coupon books. These were originally $20 and are now only $10. The expiration has been extended to August 1, 1995. There are coupons for restaurants, wines, deli products and general household foods. Call the synagogue office today (389-2108) to reserve your book.

Sponsor a Qiddush

Do you have something to celebrate—a birthday, anniversary, baby-naming? Do you want to honor or remember someone? Consider sponsoring a Shabbat Qiddush.
Contact Steve Wizner at 432-4800.

Sponsor a Kid

Additional funds are always needed to support our youth programs.
To learn how you can help, call Steve Wizner at 432-4800.

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Please remember Beth El-Keser Israel in your will. You may be able to reduce the tax burden on your estate and simultaneously link your name with Beth El-Keser Israel through an endowment.
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<td><strong>Join the BEKI Supporters</strong> - buy Food Certificates for Stop &amp; Shop, Shop Rite, Waldbaums &amp; Westville Kosher Meat Market. Call Mimi 387-8195, Mikki 387-7882, or the shul office 389-2108. Don't Shop Without Them!!</td>
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Community Volunteer Opportunities

**American Cancer Society** - Volunteer drivers needed to drive patients to their treatments. Call 389-5324 to volunteer.

**Visiting Nurse Association** - 2 clerical volunteers needed. Call 495-7467 ext. 2140.

**2nd Annual Homeless Congress** - Sunday, Nov. 6th, 8 am - 6 pm., at Yale Law School, 127 Wall St. Come and see what you can do to help.

**Ezra Academy’s Purim Gala** - March 4th, will honor Sydney Perry & Shelley Kreiger. Call 389-5500 for tickets and information.

**Midnight Run** - Volunteers are needed to help drive and deliver needed items. Donations are also needed now that the colder weather is here. Call 469-9743 or 469-4604 to help.

**Volunteers needed to tutor** - can you help a Russian immigrant family to learn the ways of America? Call Caryl Kligfeld at 387-2424 ext. 317 to volunteer.

**Rachel’s Table** - volunteers are needed to drive on weekday mornings. Call 387-2424 ext. 325.

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**Hesed Committee**

The world rests on three things: Torah (study), Avoda (worship), and Gemilut Hasadim (social action). Hesed (acts of kindness) are mitzvot that can repair our world and are an essential part of our shul’s mission. To join the Hesed Committee, please contact Jaye Sela or Roger Hess.

**Talmud Torah Meyuhad**

The Talmud Torah Meyuhad—Special Education Hebrew School, a project of the United Hebrew School, is New Haven’s first and only supplemental religious school for children with special learning needs. BEKI is proud to support and be home for this important program.

While the program is expected to become nearly self-sufficient, an additional $4,000 is needed this year for start-up costs. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please contact UHS Treasurer Natan Weinstein or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.