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Tevet 5757

## **Posener Oneg Shabbat**



George Posener

A special Oneg Shabbat will be sponsored by George G. Posener after the 8:00 p.m. service on Friday evening 20 December marking George's 85th milestone birthday. Please join us on this happy occasion.

## **Shabbat Mincha & Maariv on Winter Schedule**

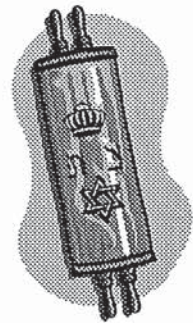
Services Shabbat afternoon begin with Mincha, a brief service with a unique melody. Mincha includes an Amida and a brief Torah reading. During the winter months, Mincha starts about twenty minutes before sunset. After Mincha we study a selection from the Mishna Pirque Avot, early wisdom literature, for about half an hour. We then conclude with the Maariv evening service and the Havdala candle light service. The services together usually take a little under an hour and a half and are held in the intimate setting of the small chapel. Children are welcomed to pray or play quietly in the chapel or to play in the children's room.

## **Learn Haftara with Amy Pincus**

Learn to recite Haftara with trope expert Amy Pincus at two workshops in December. The first workshop, Tuesday 10 December at 7:30 p.m., will introduce the concepts and table of trope. The second workshop, Tuesday 17 December at 7:30 p.m., will be a practicum designed to improve and reinforce the skills learned at the first workshop or elsewhere.

The Haftara is the prophetic scriptural reading that follows the Torah Reading each Shabbat and festival. The system of trope notations is the same as in the Torah but the musical expression is a variation.

If you have never read a Haftara, or if you have not read one since your bar- or bat-mitzva observance, seize this opportunity to learn in the comfort of your own shul. Bring a tape recorder and blank tape to both sessions. Cost is \$5 in advance for two sessions or \$10 at the door for either or both sessions. To register call or write the BEKI office at 389-2108. This workshop is made possible by the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel.



## **Family Hanuka Services & Dinner**

A special Shabbat Hanuka family service will be held on Friday 6 December (note revised date). Services begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner will be at 6:40 p.m. Call 389-2108 now for reservations which are required for the dinner.





### Synagogue Office Hours

Office hours are: Monday -Thursday: 9 am-3 pm and Friday: 9am-noon.

### How to Contact the BEKI Bulletin

Responses to "A Message from Rabbi Tilsen," questions for "Dear Rabbi" and Letters to the Editor can be sent to: Editor, BEKI Bulletin, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515 or by email to [jjtilsen@aol.com](mailto:jjtilsen@aol.com).

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.

### Deadlines for Submitting Material for Publication

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For mid-month flyer mailings, submit your material to the office by the 10th of the month. Deadline for the February mailing is February 10th. Please submit your material ON TIME.

### BEKI Bulletin

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## **Don't Come to Make a Minyan**

So forget about minyan already. "Minyan" in the most common context means the quorum of ten adult Jews needed for public worship. Much effort has been spent in the past few centuries encouraging Jews to come to shul (synagogue) to help make a minyan. Only when a minyan is present is it appropriate to recite certain segments of the liturgy such as qaddish and qedusha and to read Torah. Each community has an obligation to maintain a minyan for each of the three or four daily services, and early sources depict God as being displeased when there is no minyan.

But in promoting the importance of minyan, religious leaders have created somewhat of a bind. Championing the goal of gathering a minyan, as important as it is, can paradoxically become a barrier to public worship and spiritual fulfillment. Emphasizing the importance of minyan can even make it more difficult to get a minyan!

Here's why. There is a fundamental obligation for individual daily prayer, particularly the recitation of the Shema and the Amida. These prayers are direct Biblical and Rabbinic mitzvot (religious imperatives) and are vital to individual spiritual health. This obligation, for men and women alike, can be fulfilled just about anywhere.

Public worship is a subsidiary religious value, less important than the first. As Rabbi Eliezer ben Jacob said, "The Holy One declared to Israel: 'When you pray, pray in the synagogue of your city.'" The sages placed great importance on worshiping communally at the shul regardless of the numerical attendance. The individual fulfills this obligation whether there are two or two hundred others present. It is an obligation to recite the daily prayers, and the ideal place to pray is in the shul.

A third religious value is that of minyan. There is an extra measure of merit and qedusha (holiness) when the group prays as a minyan. That merit accrues to the community, not the individual. And it is important for the community to have a minyan, as that is the only way for the community to fulfill its obligation to hold public Torah readings, among other reasons. This mitzva is for the community, not the individual.

Some people have felt that saying mourners qaddish is the main reason for having a minyan. While this may reflect a popular sentiment, it has little basis in rabbinic thinking. The original idea was for mourners to attend the public worship as a public memorial to their loved ones, and the

mourners would lead the service. But as it was impossible for everyone to lead the service, either because they had not mastered the liturgy or because there was more than one mourner present, it became the custom in some places for the mourners to recite qaddish. The qaddish was chosen because it is Aramaic and not Hebrew, which made it more accessible to worshippers in a time when Aramaic was widely spoken. But saying a prayer other than qaddish can equally fulfill the function of honoring one's loved ones by sanctifying God's name in public.

By emphasizing the goal of gathering a minyan, we sometimes defeat our own purpose. Some people come to the mistaken conclusion that having a minyan is of paramount importance, to the point of thinking that services will not take place in the shul if there is no minyan. When people come just for the purpose of making a minyan, then if there are "only" seven others present, they may feel disappointed, or even resentful that they made the effort to come "for nothing." Another person, if there are eleven present, may likewise feel superfluous and even resentful that they made the effort to come "unnecessarily." It's hard to win at that game.

We have also had the experience of people coming to the shul and taking a head count. There are those who will not stay if there is already a minyan; others who will not stay if there is no minyan.

We've seen a number of times where someone comes, sees only seven people and leaves because there is no minyan. Two minutes later, another person comes and does the same. And then another. If they would have stayed, there would have been a minyan.

I attend daily morning and evening services in order to fulfill my obligation of personal prayer in the shul. Helping to "make the minyan" is a secondary but still important reason. Daily prayer helps me center myself spiritually. Better to stop off at shul on the way home from work than at a bar. Better to take a few minutes for God, for oneself, before coming home from a day of stressful work. Better to get up in the morning and go where you will be appreciated and needed. Better to come out to shul once or twice a day or week than to sit home all the time and watch TV. And better to pray at our shul, the shul of Mr. Friedman, Izzy, Abe & Marion, Eddie, Bob and numerous loved ones of blessed memory, the shul that is now filled with the voices of many adults and children who hold a special place in our lives.

So don't come to make a minyan. Come to make a mensch. Just come.



## Dear Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

Why do services start so late sometimes?

Signed, Timely

Dear Timely,

Our morning and festival services at BEKI almost always start promptly, barring unusual circumstances. This is so for several reasons. First, in the case of morning services, the Shema must be said no later than a certain hour, and were we to delay Shabbat or Festival services we would be in danger of missing the deadline. Likewise the afternoon service must be said before dark.

Second, it is considered disrespectful to God to wait. If we were going to meet the President of the country, and the time of our meeting arrived, we would not say to the receptionist, "one of us is late; we're going to wait a few minutes"; the President's honor would not permit us to keep him waiting. It is considered disrespectful to those who did in fact arrive in time to make them wait, especially when some need to go to work or make other commitments.

Sometimes people arrive late for services; that's fine. Everyone understands that sometimes people are delayed for reasons beyond their control, and no one should be embarrassed to arrive late. They will simply have to pray faster to catch up. On Shabbat and Festival mornings most people in most congregations arrive after the beginning of services (although it would be preferable if they came earlier).

Sometimes for afternoon or evening services we wait a few minutes (too long, in the opinion of some) when there is the hope that by waiting a little bit a minyan will form. In fact, the Shulhan Arukh (Code of Law) states clearly that the community should begin its prayers promptly, and not wait for anyone. There is no person -- rabbi, president -- so important that the congregation should wait for him or her.



Dear Rabbi,

We are taking our [infant] daughter to be baptized and would like to know if she can be blessed in the synagogue too. This would mean a lot to her grandparents (my parents). We agreed to raise her in the Catholic Church when we got married there to make my wife's parents happy. Neither of us are very religious but we want to teach her about both religions.

Signed, Holding on to Tradition

Dear Holding,

Catholicism and Judaism, while sharing some values, symbols and scriptures, are distinct and mutually exclusive in central areas of faith and practice. It is not possible to be both at once. It is laudable to respect one's parents' sentiments but it is more important in this instance to be honest about what you are doing, which is raising the child as a Catholic. The child's Jewish relatives will need to deal with that reality and not pretend that the child is "Jewish too." It is nice for everyone to learn about various religions, especially those embraced by relatives, but a child cannot choose a religion; rather, a child is raised and trained in a religion. Instead of going through ritual motions to please grandparents, it might be better for you to look carefully into the beliefs and practices of Catholicism, Judaism or perhaps other related religions and figure out what you really believe. Teaching your child what you actually believe yourself and living according to those beliefs, in my opinion, will be more valuable to you and the child than trying to please parent, priest or rabbi.

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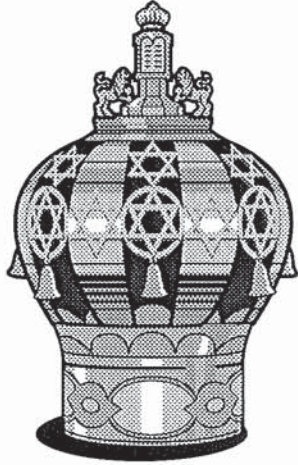
*All letters to Dear Rabbi should be addressed to Rabbi J-J Tilsen, care of this newsletter. Due to the volume of mail received, Dear Rabbi cannot answer all inquiries.*



## Speakers in November

### Moving Up

Aliyot (Torah Honors) are assigned by a member of the Ritual Committee at each service, usually on an ad hoc basis. If you would like an aliya at a service please inform the aliya usher or gabbai as soon as possible. Please understand that aliya ushers and gabbaim may be unaware that you are observing a yahrzeit or that you may wish to have an aliya, or may not know when you were last offered this honor. Both speaking and non-speaking honors are available. It is appropriate to offer a token of tzedaka to the shul in the week after receiving an aliya.



### Speakers in December

• Steven Fraade, Vice-President of the shul, will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 7 December. Services begin at 9:15 a.m.; Learners' Minyan, Junior Congregation and Children's Shabbat Havura begin at 10:45 a.m.



Steven Fraade

• Ruth Fagen, noted Jewish educator and Talmud Scholar, will be the darshanit on Shabbat morning 14 December. Services begin at 9:15 a.m.; Junior Congregation and Children's Shabbat Havura begin at 10:45 a.m.

### Friday Night Rotation

Call Steven Fraade or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 if you would like to be added to list for daveners, Qiddush reciters or to make a commitment for regular attendance for the Qabbalat Shabbat Early Friday Evening Service.

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- **Esther Kabakoff**  
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- **Edward Mattler**  
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- **Dorothy Shure**  
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mother of James Shure
- **Jacob Sokoloff**  
brother of Edith Goldstein

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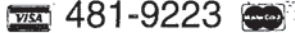


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BEKI Events

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
20 Kislev 1	2	22 Kislev 3 10:00a CT Valley Women's League hosted by Sisterhood	23 Kislev 4 <b>RSVP due for Shabbat-Hanuka Dinner</b>  <i>Note revised date</i>	24 Kislev 5 Evening First Candle of Hanuka	25 Kislev 6 4:02p Light Hanuka Candle 4:04p Light Shabbat Candles 6:00p Family Shabbat Service 6:40p Shabbat Dinner by RSVP	VaYeshev 7 9:15a Shaharit Darshan: Steven Fraade 10:45a Havura & Learner's Minyan 4:05p Minha 4:25p Pirqe Avot 4:55p Maariv & Havdala
27 Kislev 8	28 Kislev 9 7:45a Rashi Study Group	29 Kislev 10 7:30p Intro to Haftara (1) with Amy Pincus	11	12	3 Tevet 13 4:04p Light Shabbat Candles 6:00p Early Service 8:00p Late Service	Miqets 14 9:15a Shaharit Darshanit: Ruth Fagan 10:45a Havura 10:45a Jr Cong 4:05p Minha 4:25p Pirqe Avot Study 5:00p Maariv & Havdala
5 Tevet 15 9:40a Torah Pathways "Shabbat for the Rest of Us"	6 Tevet 16 7:45a Rashi Study Goup	7 Tevet 17 7:30p Haftara Practicum (2) with Amy Pincus	18	19	10 Tevet 20 4:06p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Eve. Service 8:00p Special Late Service	VaYigash 21 9:15a Shaharit 10:45a Havura 10:45a Learner's Minyan 4:10p Minha 4:30p Pirqe Avot Study 5:00p Maariv & Havdala
12 Tevet 22 9:45a Congregational Breakfast by Men's Club	13 Tevet 23 7:45a Rashi Study Group	24	15 Tevet 25 7:00a Daily Morning Service	26	17 Tevet 27 4:10p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	VaYehi 28 9:15a Shaharit 10:45a Havura 10:45a Jr. Cong. 4:15p Minha 4:35p Pirqe Avot Study 5:03p Maariv & Havdala
29	20 Tevet 30 7:45a Rashi Study Group	31	Make your commitment to attend a daily service.  Fulfill your personal obligation & help make a minyan.	Daily Morning Shaharit Service: Sun 9:00a Mon-Fri 7:00a Shabbat 9:15a unless otherwise noted	Daily Evening Ma'ariv Services: Sun-Thu 5:45p; unless otherwise noted	Buy your grocery certificates from Mimi Mikki & Myra and help your shul! It's easy and it's free.



## Dates and Times to Remember

### December Events

- 03 Tue 10:00a CV Women's League hosted by Sisterhood
- 04 Wed 2:00p RSVP Due for Shabbat Dinner  
Note Revised Date
- 05 Thu evening First Candle of Hanuka
- 06 Fri 4:02p Light Hanuka Candles  
4:04p Light Shabbat Candles  
6:00p Family Shabbat Service  
6:40p Shabbat Dinner by RSVP
- 07 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
Darshan: Steven Fraade  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
4:05p Minha Afternoon Service  
4:25p Pirque Avot Study Period  
4:55p Maariv & Havdala
- 09 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 10 Tue 7:30p Intro to Haftara (1)  
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4:25p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:00p Maariv & Havdala
- 15 Sun 9:40a Torah Pathways: "Shabbat for the Rest of Us"
- 16 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 17 Tue 7:30p Haftara Practicum (2)  
with Amy Pincus
- 20 Fri 4:06p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Evening Service  
8:00p Special Late Service
- 21 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
4:10p Minha Afternoon Service  
4:30p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:00p Maariv & Havdala
- 22 Sun 9:45a Congregational Breakfast
- 23 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 25 Dec 7:00a Daily morning service
- 27 Fri 4:10p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Service Only
- 28 Sat 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
4:15p Minha Afternoon Service

- 4:35p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:03p Maariv & Havdala  
30 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group

### January Events

- 01 Wed 9:00a Daily Morning Service
- 03 Fri 4:16p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Service Only
- 04 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
4:20p Minha Afternoon Service  
4:45p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:10p Maariv & Havdala
- 06 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 10 Fri 4:23p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Service Only
- 11 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
4:25p Minha Afternoon Service  
4:50p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:15p Maariv & Havdala
- 12 Sun 9:40a Torah Pathways: "Chews by Choice"
- 13 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 17 Fri 4:31p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Service Only
- 18 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
Darshan: Rabbi Alan Lovins  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
4:35p Minha Afternoon Service  
4:55p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:25p Maariv & Havdala
- 19 Sun 9:30a Congregational Breakfast by Men's Club  
4:00p LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens
- 20 Mon 7:00a Daily Morning Service  
7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 24 Fri 4:39p Candle Lighting  
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- 25 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
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10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
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5:00p Pirque Avot Study Period  
5:30p Maariv & Havdala
- 26 Sun 9:40a Torah Pathways: "Keeping in Touch: Tefila"
- 27 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group
- 31 Fri 4:48p Candle Lighting  
6:00p Early Service Only



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- Grandparents and Great-Grandparents Harriet & Moe Brown, Ashna & Bernie Pincus, Sophie Levine, Molly & Charlie Pincus, Dr. Marvin Brown, and Jules Savlov, in honor of the naming of Sarah Beatrice Pincus, daughter of Amy & Stephen Pincus.
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### **Synagogue Fund**

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- In memory of Dorothy Shure from Pat Goodwin
- In memory of Edward Mattler from Pat Goodwin
- In honor of birth of daughter to Amy & Stephen Pincus from Pat Goodwin
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- Get well wishes to Ida Evans from Millie & Sandy Lidsky
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- In memory of Esther Kabakoff from Doris & David Sagerman
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- In memory of Dorothy Shure from Beatrice & Milton Smirnoff
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### **Murray E. Kahn Fund**

- In honor of Arnold & Ceil Lerner's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Mimi Kahn
- In memory of Dorothy Shure from Mimi Kahn
- In memory of sister and aunt Ethel Siegel from Mimi Kahn

### **Posener Family Memorial Fund**

- Yale School of Med. & Univ. of Cincinnati honoring George for establishing Fellowship from Betty Zelen
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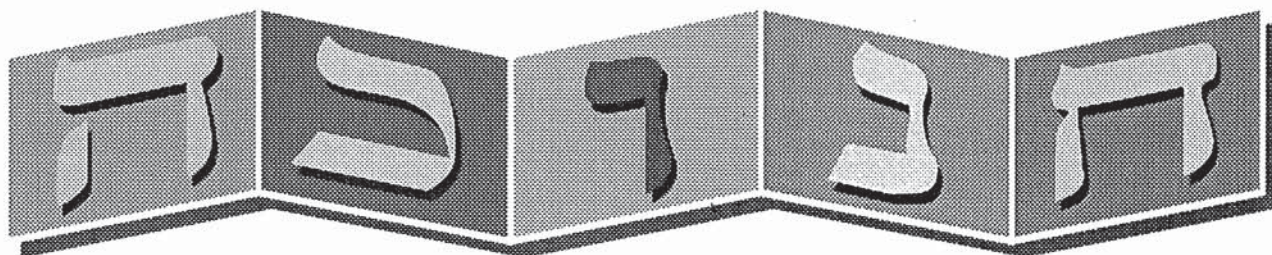
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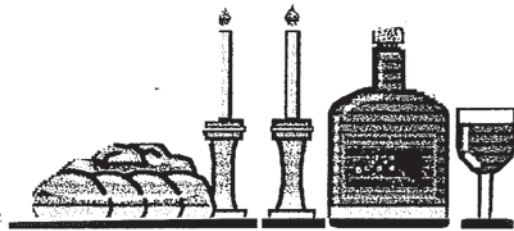




## Shabbat for the Rest of Us



The Torah Pathways study and discussion group will examine "Shabbat for the Rest of Us" with Rabbi Tilsen on Sunday 15 December from 9:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. Torah Pathways serves as part of a basic Judaism course. Special attention is placed on issues of concern to those considering conversion or in interfaith relationships, as well as questions of concern to Jews and others who have questions about the meaning of Judaism in today's world.



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*The following is reprinted from the February 1994 BEKI Bulletin.*

Avoid the K. There are dozens of legitimate and reputable kashrut supervision agencies in the United States, each with their own unique symbol certifying their supervision. But the plain letter K is not a

registered trademark and may indicate any of the following: 1. A local rabbi supervises the product; 2.

Someone supervised the product five years ago but not now; 3. Some rabbi once ate the product; 4. The plant owner has a daughter named Kay and wanted her name on the label. Unless

we have written evidence that the K represents current legitimate rabbinic supervision, plain K products may not be used in Beth El-Keser Israel.



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## The New Math of Supermarket Shopping

"Migdal" Kosher Cheddar Stick (8oz., yellow) was selling for \$3.29 at Stop N Shop the other day.

That used to be good news for BEKI.

Now it's even better news for BEKI.

Until recently, if you bought that stick of cheese with BEKI Stop N Shop gift certificate, Stop N Shop would donate 3 percent of the price to the synagogue, or, in this case, about a dime. Now Stop N Shop has joined the other supermarkets participating in BEKI's supermarket gift certificate program by giving 5 percent of all receipts from gift certificates back to the shul. Under the program, BEKI members buy the certificates in advance, then use them like cash when purchasing groceries. So now, if you buy that stick of cheese at that price, BEKI gets more like 16 or 17 cents (but who's quibbling over pennies?)

It adds up. Last year, thanks to Mikki Ratner and Mimi Kahn, the two-woman personal-delivery team responsible for distributing supermarket certificates to BEKI

members (yes, they drive these certificates to your door), BEKI earned \$7,000 from the program. Since BEKI shoppers using the certificates go to Stop N Shop a lot more than to the other supermarkets in the program, that means we'll earn even more this year. Especially if people listen to Mikki's and Mimi's suggestions.

"Get a name. Tell a friend," they say. Ask your friend or neighbor to shop with BEKI coupons. If everyone does that, we'll double the amount taken in.

"Think what that can do to accomplish the goals of BEKI 2000," Mikki & Mimi say. "On every \$20, we make a dollar."

And remember to call them at 387-7882 (Mikki) or 387-8105 (Mimi) to order your own coupons to bring to supermarket. It's the easiest, most painless, cost-free way to contribute financially to BEKI.

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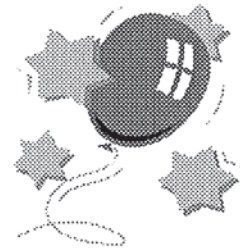
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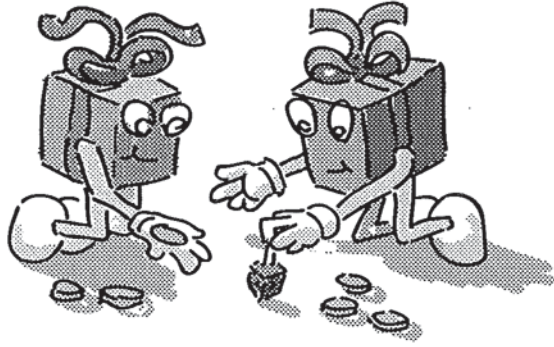
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Reminder – Hanukkah is very early this year: The first candle is on December 5th. The Gift Shop is fully stocked with candles, candy, beautiful menorahs, mezuzahs, gifts for adult and children for all occasions. Call Adele Tyson (389-9599) for a convenient social appointment.

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