Oppenheim Music Endowment Established

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is proud to celebrate the establishment of the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Fund for Sacred Music at Beth El-Keser Israel. Endowed by Sara Oppenheim to perpetuate the knowledge of Jewish Sacred Music, a goal which she shared with her husband Morris Oppenheim of blessed memory and instilled in their children and grandchildren, the Fund will assure the continuity of this essential component of our heritage from one generation to the next. In addition to Sara Oppenheim's initial gift, generous additions have been made by her children Anita & Michael Malina, Joyce & Michael Bohnen.

Morris Oppenheim is remembered with love and respect by the BEKI community. His voice enriched our choir for many years and his beneficence helped the shul go from strength to strength. The Endowment will fund continuing educational programs, such as workshops on haftara trope, shabbat and daily nusah (sacred melody), High Holy Day music workshops and other activities to perpetuate the knowledge of traditional melodies. In this way his name will always be for a blessing.

The establishment of the Oppenheim Endowment will be dedicated on "Shabbat Shira," the Sabbath of Song, coinciding with the observance of Morris's yahrzeit. On Friday 2 February the Late Evening Service will honor the Oppenheim Family and will feature the music of Cantor Irving Weinstein and Music Director Kevin Mack. On Shabbat Morning 3 February the Song of Moses will be read from the Torah and the Song of Debora will be read as the haftara. Amy Pincus and Rabbi Tilsen will teach about sacred music through their presentation "Name that Tune." A Qiddush honoring the Oppenheim Family will follow the service. On Saturday evening an informal "Erev Shira-Song Night" will be held at the Benson-Tilsen residence beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Morris & Sara Oppenheim Fund for Sacred Music at Beth El-Keser Israel will allow BEKI to continue serving the spiritual needs of the Greater New Haven Jewish Community for generations to come. This Endowment for the benefit of Beth El-Keser Israel is managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Only the interest from the Endowment will be used so the programs will be funded in perpetuity. For information on endowment opportunities at Beth El-Keser Israel please call BEKI Treasurer Steve Wizner at 203-432-4800, Rabbi Tilsen at 203-389-2108, or Jewish Foundation Executive Director Deborah Kaplan Polivy at 203-387-2424 ext. 304.
Administrative Announcements

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

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For the BEKI Bulletin, submit your material by the 1st of the month for the following month. Deadline for the April Bulletin is March 1st.
For mid-month flyer mailings, submit your material to the office by the 15th of the month. Deadline for the March mailing is February 15th. Please submit your material ON TIME.

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Do you feel the way we do? You'd like to say Shabbat Shalom, but you just don't know the names of the people sitting in front of you. You see them every week, you smile, you nod, but...BEKI Membership Committee to the rescue!

On 10 February 1996 the BEKI Membership Committee will sponsor a "Getting-To-Know-You-Shabbat." Be on the look out for a flyer reminder, and name tags to be worn to shul on this day. Look forward to seeing you, whoever you are.

Carol Elkies, Membership Chairperson

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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To contribute articles or for inquiries regarding membership, donations, or special activities, call the Synagogue office (203) 389-2108, or write to 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515.

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Mitzva Indigestion:
Is it possible to do too much of a mitzva?

Halakha (Torah law) specifies minimums for some mitzvot (commandments). A person should give at least 10% of their wealth annually for tzedaqa (charity); leave at least 1/60th of their crops unpicked ("pe'a") for the poor to collect; drink at least 4 cups of wine or grape juice at the seder; recite the Shema at least twice a day. But does halakha specify maximums?

Indeed it does. One should not give so much tzedaqa as to impoverish one's self or drink so much wine at the seder as to become inebriated. And while not a matter of law, there is a Midrash that has God complaining that someone was a nudge because he prayed too much.

Our shul community is ardent in providing mitzva-opportunities to its members. Members are constantly called and called upon to help make a minyan, read Torah on Shabbat, set up the oneg Shabbat or kiddush, contribute money, or in other words, give give give. It is no surpise that from time to time active members experience "burn-out" or what we might call "mitzva indigestion."

For many dedicated and caring BEKI members it is hard to say "no" to an invitation to do a mitzva. And so, for the benefit of the many new members who might not yet know what to expect, and for those already suffering mitzva indigestion, I want suggest the following perspective.

At BEKI you will be offered more mitzva opportunities than you can possibly accept. You will have to choose which calls you can answer. So please do not feel guilty that you can not do everything, and please do not feel annoyed that you are constantly asked. Those in charge of organizing dinners, services and fundraising show that they care about you by being sure to offer you the chance to participate, and they sometimes do so knowing that not everyone will be able to answer the call. It's like going to a great mitzva-feast. Eat! Eat! You will find performing most of the mitzvot to be fulfilling. Some people like to eat a lot of the same thing; others like to try a taste of many different dishes. Whatever your style, please be careful not to get mitzva indigestion.
Dear Rabbi,

On the yahrzeit boards in the synagogue lobby there are orange lights and white lights. I can't figure out what it means. They are not correlated to cohen or levi, male or female. I give up. Why are some lights red and others white?

Signed, Seeking Enlightenment

Dear Enlightened,

We used to use orange bulbs but they stopped making them so now we use white bulbs. Thus the orange bulbs indicate that the bulb has been there for at least six or seven years and has not yet burned out. Now you know!

Dear Rabbi,

My neighbors put up a Christmas tree in their living room. I could see it clearly through the window. But they're Jewish! Should I say something to them?

Signed, Concerned Neighbor

Dear Concerned,

Christmas trees are originally a Jewish symbol. Centuries ago in Europe, before the advent of the Christmas tree, Jews put up trees on our festival of Shavuot (in mid-summer) and decorated them with the medieval equivalent of tinsel. Only later was a similar practice adopted among Christians. So you see, you don't have to be Jewish to be Jewish, but it helps.

As for your neighbors, invite them to your home every Friday night for a shabbat dinner with fresh halla. Have them over for a Tu BeShevat seder, the Jewish environmental holiday in February. Then bring them to the Megila reading and Purim extravaganza. Invite them to your seder, not one night but two. Bring them to an Israel Independence Day celebration at the JCC and the Holocaust Memorial observance at BEKI. Stay up all night with them at BEKI's Sweeter than Honey-Tiqun Leil Shavuot Adult Study Night, and stay to hear the Book of Ruth in the morning. Share Rosh HaShana with them, including festive meals both nights. Bring them to shul for Kol Nidre and all day of Yom Kippur, then take them with you to a break fast. Then get them to help you set up and decorate your sukka and let them shake your lulav and etrog each day. Give them a Torah to hold as they dance late into the night on Simhat Torah. Have them over for Hanuka candle lighting, play dreidel with them, and stuff them to the gizzard with latkes and sufganiyot. Believe me, by December they'll be too exhausted to put up a tree.

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.
Speakers in February

Daniel Zlotoff
As part of his Bar Mitzva celebration, Daniel Zlotoff will present a commentary on the Torah reading on Shabbat morning 17 February.

Lisa Marcus
Lisa Marcus is a Clinical Psychologist and a BEKI member who lives in Westville with her husband Ken and children Sara & Katie. She also serves as a consultant for BEKI's School of Judaism. Lisa will speak on "Searching for a Path to a Jewish Identity" at the Late Friday Evening Service of 9 February 1996 at 8:00 p.m.

Amy Pincus
Assistant Director of the Department of Jewish Education of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven (or ADDJEFGNH for short) Amy Pincus will join with Rabbi Tilsen in "Name that Tune" on the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Sabbath of Song, Shabbat morning 3 February during the 9:15 a.m. service. Amy, known for her vocal abilities and mastery of nusah (sacred music), frequently teaches in BEKI's Torah for the Hungry Mind Adult Education program. Ms Pincus is a BEKI member who lives with her husband Stephen in Westville.

Jewish Genealogy Program
A special program in Jewish Genealogy will be held at BEKI sometime after the Breakfast on Sunday 18 February.

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Daniel Zlotoff
Bar Mitzva

Join with the BEKI community in the Bar Mitzva observance for Daniel Zlotoff on Shabbat morning 17 February beginning at 9:15 a.m. Daniel will lead the Torah Service, read from the Torah, chant the Haftara, present a Torah commentary and serve as shahiah tsibur (prayer leader) for the Musaf service. Daniel has shown his commitment to study not only by preparing to read from the Torah on the day of his Bar Mitzva celebration, but also by planning to read on two subsequent shabbatos as well. Daniel is the son of Ronald Zlotoff & Donna Kemper, and of Beverly Zerwitz Zlotoff of blessed memory. He is the grandchild of Bob & Lila Zlotoff, Sydney & Isobel Kemper, and Irving & Miriam Zerwitz.

Conservative Judaism--What is It?

Everything you wanted to know about Conservative Judaism: its origins, history, halakha (Torah law), founders and philosophy. BEKI will offer a three-part series taught jointly by Rabbi Murray Levine and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen on three Wednesday evenings, 7, 14 and 21 February, at 7:30 pm in the BEKI library. To register call the BEKI office at 389-2108.

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**Library Additions**

We are pleased to announce the addition of the following books to the Ari Nathan Levine Children's Library at BEKI presented by Rabbi Murray & Malka Levine in honor of their parents Sol and Frieda Eisenberg of blessed memory. The books are available on a non-lending basis in the Goodwin Youth Room.

- **Classical Bible Stories for Jewish Children**
  by Kolatch
- **The Diamond Tree**
  by Schwartz and Rush
- **Grandma's Latkes**
  by Drucker
- **Great Miracle Happened There**
  by Ruskin
- **Honi's Circle of Trees**
  by Phyllis Gershator
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- **Jewish Holiday ABC**
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  by Fran Manushkin
- **Miniature Wooden Shabbat Shalom Set**
- **Papa's Latkes**
  by Zalben
- **Shabbat Can Be**
  by Zwerin
- **Shrewd Todie & Lyzer the Mizer**
  by Isaac Bashevis Singer
- **The Tattooed Torah**
  by Marvel Ginsburg
- **The Wise Shoemaker**
  by Syd Lieberman
- **Thank You God**
  by Groner and Wikler

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**Letters**

**Dear Rabbi Tilsen,**

The High Holidays were very special for me at BEKI. I loved being part of your congregation, which seems to have some pretty remarkable people in it. I loved singing with my father. Thank you for making me feel so welcome; I really felt part of something warm and holy.

Sincerely,

Rachel Lovins

**Dear Miriam Benson & Jon-Jay,**

In the midst of Yamim Noraim [High Holy Days], I, a stranger to you, called and asked a favor of you, and you came through with flying colors. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate it.

I have served congregations for some thirty years, so I am familiar with the hectic hours of frantic last-minute arrangements before major services. We would not have blamed you in the slightest had you not found time to help out. But you did. God bless you!

Our daughter Adina Miller entered graduate studies in early modern Jewish history and women's studies and religion at Yale this fall. She was home with us for Rosh ha-Shanah but felt it made no sense to rush home for Yom ha-Kippurim.

At virtually the last minute, you found a seat in your sanctuary, and a Yale faculty member in her area of studies, Steven Fraade & Ellen Cohen, made it possible for her to enjoy a vegetarian seudah mafseket and break-the-fast, and a near-by home where she could rest during the day, if the fast left her too weak to walk all the way to her apartment and back. Steve Fraade took the trouble to provide all this warmth and nurturing to a stranger despite his being on leave for this semester.

According to our tradition, Sarah & Abraham distinguished themselves through their hospitality, and thereby founded the Jewish People. Judging by your sterling performance at the onset of 5756, our patriarchs and patriarchs must be very proud of you and of the congregation whom you guide and for whom you set examples.

May your household and your community be blessed.

Sincerely,

(Rabbi) Clifford Miller, Associate Rabbi,
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Torah Pathways is a discussion and study group for adults seeking wholeness and holiness through Judaism. It is an open non-judgemental forum for those exploring their relationship with traditional egalitarian Judaism as part of their spiritual journey. For meeting times check the events calendar in this issue.

Who are the New Members?
Sixty-one adults and children, representing twenty-two households, have joined BEKI in the past six months. Eleven of the households are in the City of New Haven, three in Naugatuck, two in Hamden, and one each in Ansonia, Branford, Derby, North Branford, Seymour and Woodbridge. This is very much in keeping with the situation before this influx of new members. Figures from last year indicated that half of all BEKI members lived in the City of New Haven and half lived in 26 other towns and cities.

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