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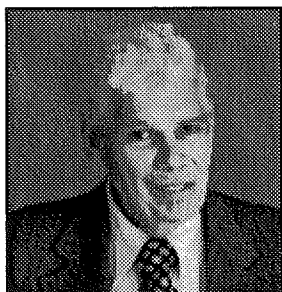
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Tevet 5757

Robert Goodwin Memorial Breakfast



Robert Goodwin

All are welcomed to the Robert Goodwin Memorial

Congregational Breakfast presented by the Men's Club on Sunday 19 January at 9:30 a.m. The breakfast is free and open to all; reservations are not required.

The Robert Goodwin Family established an endowment at the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven to provide an annual 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 leader in the civic and Jewish community, a good-natured man who through his many contacts enjoyed bringing fine speakers to BEKI.

If you would like to find out how you can establish a memorial at BEKI please call BEKI Secretary Todd Strauss at 777-7643 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108. If you would like to help with the breakfast please leave a message for Men's Club President Drew Allison at 389-2108.

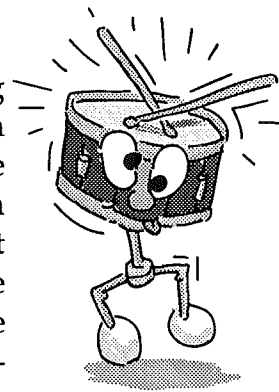
Chews by Choice

The Torah Pathways study and discussion group will examine "Chews by Choice: How & Why of Keeping Kosher" with Rabbi Tilsen on Sunday 12 January from 9:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. The topic "Keeping in Touch: Tefila (prayer)" will be examined on Sunday 26 January, also from 9:40 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. at BEKI.

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. All are welcomed to this open setting.

Song Night

An erev shira "song night" will be held on "Shabbat Shira -- The Sabbath of Song" on Saturday 25 January at 7:30 p.m. Please note the special location to be announced on the mid-January flyer (which you should receive a week before the event). All are welcomed and those who play instruments are invited to bring them and play along. Bring your music, you instrument, your voice and your soul. This evening is sponsored by the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel.



Administrative Announcements

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.

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 April Bulletin is March 1st.

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

BEKI Bulletin

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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 or email: jjtilsen@aol.com

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Dear Rabbi

The following are reprinted from past years of *Dear Rabbi*.

Dear Rabbi: My husband, knock on wood, is in good health. But he likes to plan ahead. He heard recently about a company called "Greetings from Beyond" that for \$25 each will send birthday cards from you to your friends and family after you die. He wants to have a card sent to me and to other family members after he's gone. I think it's a terrible idea. It's not the money--thank God, we are living comfortably. It's just that I think it's completely tactless. It makes me really angry at him. What do you think, Rabbi?

Signed, I could just KILL him.

Dear Kill him,

If it's not the money, then tell him that after he's gone, instead of sending you a card you'd like him to send you expensive jewelry. Or, at least, chocolates.

Why should he send you birthday cards after he's gone, if, like many husbands, he did not remember your birthday while still alive? In any case, "Greetings from Beyond" may not be necessary. If you love him, and he loves you, you should tell each other how you feel now. Don't be angry at him. Show your love, companionship and friendship now. If you have anything to say to each other, say it now. If there is anything you want to do for each other, do it now.

So don't kill your husband -- unless he



forgets to send you a birthday card while he's still alive.

Dear Rabbi: Is a one-legged chicken kosher?

Signed, Half-an-appetite.

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 basic 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 at dinnertime.

Be-teavon -- bon appetite.

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Care is shown through coming together at joyous, difficult and spiritually moving times. Whether it is a bat mitzva, a shiva minyan or High Holy Day services, we are together when our souls are most tender.

Just four years ago Mr. Louis Friedman of blessed memory retired after over forty years of service as Ritual Director. One (of many) beautiful things that was lost with his retirement was one of our special ways of caring. It used to be that when a "regular" participant in a daily minyan was absent, Mr. Friedman would be sure they were called to find out if anything was wrong (and secondarily, to encourage them to come back and help make the minyan). No one could feel taken for granted or forgotten. I would like to see those caring calls restored.

During the past 3 and a half years, over 120 adults and 81 minor children have formally joined our shul community as new members. While this is a very positive development, it also challenges the very essence of our spiritual community by requiring us to "integrate" so many people, to help them become part of the caring community. The challenge is intensified because a very large proportion of our members are not Connecticut natives and do not have relatives nearby. These are people who need the caring community more than anyone.

It is hard enough to care for people who are out of sight; it is another thing to care for people who are virtually strangers. When a new member has a baby, some will say, "I

won't attend the simhat bat naming ceremony or bris because I don't know them." When a family suffers a loss, a new member may say, "I won't attend the funeral or make a shiva call because I don't know them." When our Members Emeritus are in nursing homes or are homebound, there are few left who would even think to visit them. When the Sisterhood or Men's Club honors a member for a lifetime of devotion or financial contribution, many who are not veteran members feel too timid to attend because they don't know the honoree.

Sure, not everyone is able to attend every one of these events, but so often people are afraid to go because they don't know the person or family well enough. But the fact that they don't know the person or family well is the very reason that their attendance is so much needed. A member who has a baby but might have no family within 1,000 miles needs shul members more than anyone to attend. Believe me, I understand this from personal experience. And that is why it is a mitzva to attend a baby naming ceremony, a bar- or bat-mitzva observance, or (lehavdil) a funeral. It is a mitzva to visit someone who is ill or in a rehabilitation center or nursing home. No invitation is required to such events. Mitzva means (in this context) a Divine moral imperative, a commandment. These mitzvot are essential to our community.

As a caring community we make many efforts to inform the membership of significant lifecycle events. Notice of birth and death is made after each evening and morning service, and is posted on the bulletin board. The fifty families with email who subscribe to "BEKI Alerts" receive notice



Rabbi Tilsen

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A Message From Rabbi Tilsen

within minutes of the message being posted, and certain officers of the shul are notified by mail. The Hesed Committee and the office staff frequently make calls and send food to families during transitions. And the Sisterhood sends cards and offers other support. By and large I am impressed favorably with the degree of care that is shown, but we need to do better.

Two requests: First, call the office or Rabbi Tilsen (389-2108) when someone is ill or hospitalized. Because of hospital confidentiality rules it is difficult to know of hospitalizations unless someone calls the shul. Whenever possible I visit a hospitalized member within two working days

(immediately in case of crisis or emergency). And if you or someone in your family would like a visit, please call to let me know; I welcome such calls. Second, go to every event of a shul member that you can. By definition you are invited (indeed, summoned) for every baby ceremony, benei mitzva, funeral, shiva minyan and the like. You don't need a personal invitation because it is a mitva to attend. Beyond that, I would like to see those of us involved in the BEKI 2000 planning process as well as the Social Action and Hesed Committees (you can still join) develop additional ways to make BEKI an exemplary caring community.

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Having a Baby?

The next meeting of "LaMaazel--the Jewish Spiritual Way of Childbirth" will be on Sunday 19 January 1997 at 4:00 p.m. at the Benson-Tilsen residence in Westville. LaMaazel is a program for expectant parents and others to share their concerns and explore the Jewish approach to pregnancy and birth.

LaMaazel is sponsored by a grant by the Gateways outreach project of the Jewish Theological Seminary and by BEKI. If you would like to attend or know of someone who might like an invitation, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

Mazel Tov

- To Herb & Mae Etkind on the birth of their granddaughter Yaela Henna.
- To Sheila Mondry on completing her conversion through BEKI's School of Judaism. Her Hebrew name is Shalvia bat Avraham Avinu ve-Sara Imenu.
- To Miriam Spectre on completing her conversion through BEKI's School of Judaism. Her Hebrew name is Miriam bat Shimon.
- To Ruth Rosner on her new great granddaughter, and to Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach on their new granddaughter Emanuella Isabel Grody.



Mazel Tov



HaMaqom Yinahem

We note with sorrow the passing of

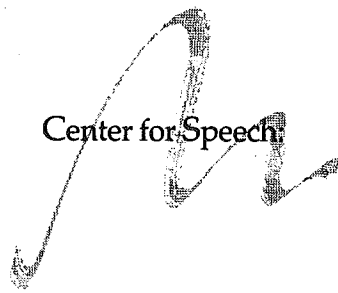
- **Edith Sokoloff Goldstein**
mother of Shirley Frumento
- **Nancy Bisnovich Nissenson**
sister of Estelle Bloom
- **Michael Rudof**
son of Stephen & Joanne Rudof

Linking Past, Present & Future

As a leading institution in the Greater New Haven region, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel affords ideal opportunities to demonstrate one's own commitment or to honor or memorialize a loved one with an unparalleled combination of sanctity, meaning and permanence. The Congregation is in its second century and is now preparing to enter the next millennium in a position of spiritual strength and fiscal fortitude. While providing for its members' religious and communal needs, the Congregation also serves as a center for the larger community, hosting the Holocaust memorial, adult education programs, weddings and benei mitzva observances, and provides a "home" for unaffiliated Jews and non-Jews who come in search of a community of meaning. A name memorialized at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel will be remembered by the community for generations and by God eternally. Some of BEKI's endowment funds are invested with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, which offers a legally binding guarantee that the endowment will be used for the intended purpose and managed responsibly. If you are interested in a named endowment at the Congregation, please contact BEKI Secretary Todd Strauss at 777-7643 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2109.



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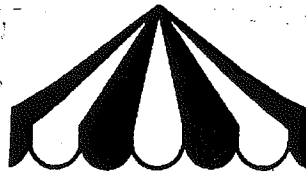
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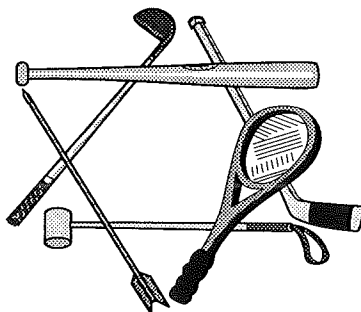
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January/Shevat

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5	27 Tevet 6 7:45a Rashi Study Group	7	29 Tevet 8	1 Shevat 9 Rosh Hodesh	2 Shevat 10 4:23p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	3 Shevat 11 <i>Va'era</i> 9:15a Shaharit 10:45a Havura 10:45a Jr. Cong 4:25p Minha 4:50p Pirqe Avot Study 5:15p Maariv & Havdala
4 Shevat 12 9:40a Torah Pathways "Chews by Choice"	5 Shevat 13 7:45a Rashi Study Group	14	7 Shevat 15	16	9 Shevat 17 4:31p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	9:15a Shaharit 18 Bat Mitzva: Chava Cogan 10:45a Havura 10:45a Jr.Cong 10:45a Learner's Min. 4:35p Minha 4:55 Pirqe Avot 5:25p Maariv & Havdala
11 Shevat 19 9:00a Service 9:30a Robert Goodwin Memorial Congregation at Breakfast by Men's Club 4:00p LaMaazel at Benson- Tilsens	12 Shevat 20 7:00a Daily Morning Service 7:45a Rashi Study Group Office Closed MLK Day	21	22	15 Shevat 23 Tu BeShevat	16 Shevat 24 4:39p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	9:15a Shaharit 25 Shabbat Shira 10:45a Havura, Jr.Cong 4:40p Minha 5:00p Pirqe Avot Study Group 5:30p Maariv & Havdala 7:30p Erev Shira SongNite
18 Shevat 26 9:40a Torah Pathways: "Keeping in Touch: Tefila"	19 Shevat 27 7:45a Rashi Study Group	28	29	30	23 Shevat 31 4:48 Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	

Dates and Times to Remember

January Events

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

27 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
31 Fri	4:48p 6:00p	Candle Lighting Early Service Only

February Events

01 Sha	9:15a 10:45a 10:45a 10:45a	Shabbat Morning Service Darshan: Robert Forbes Children's Shabbat Havura Junior Congregation Learners' Minyan
	4:50p 5:20p 5:40p	Minha Afternoon Service Pirque Avot Study Period Maariv & Havdala
03 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
07 Fri	4:57p 6:00p	Candle Lighting Early Service Only
08 Sha	9:15a 10:45a 10:45a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura Junior Congregation
	5:00p 5:30p 5:50p	Minha Afternoon Service Pirque Avot Study Period Maariv & Havdala
09 Sun	9:40a	Torah Pathways: "A Place to Call Home"
10 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
14 Fri	5:05p 6:00p	Candle Lighting Early Service Only
15 Sha	9:15a 10:45a 10:45a 10:45a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura Junior Congregation Learners' Minyan
	5:10p 5:30p 5:55p	Minha Afternoon Service Pirque Avot Study Period Maariv & Havdala
16 Sun	9:30a	Congregational Breakfast by Men's Club
17 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
21 Fri	5:14p 6:00p	Candle Lighting Early Service Only
22 Sha	9:15a 10:45a 10:45a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura Junior Congregation
	5:15p 5:45p 6:05p	Minha Afternoon Service Pirque Avot Study Period Maariv & Havdala
23 Sun	9:40a	Torah Pathways: "Learn Hebrew in One Lesson"
24 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
28 Fri	5:22p 6:00p	Candle Lighting Early Shabbat Service

Late Friday Services Resume 7 March 1997

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- Stephen & Amy Pincus in honor of & in gratitude to Rabbi Murray Levine for officiating at the naming of Sarah.
- Todd Strauss & Tracey Thomas in celebration of the birth of daughter Carolyn.
- Tad & Lori Weinstein with wishes of refua shelema for Justin.

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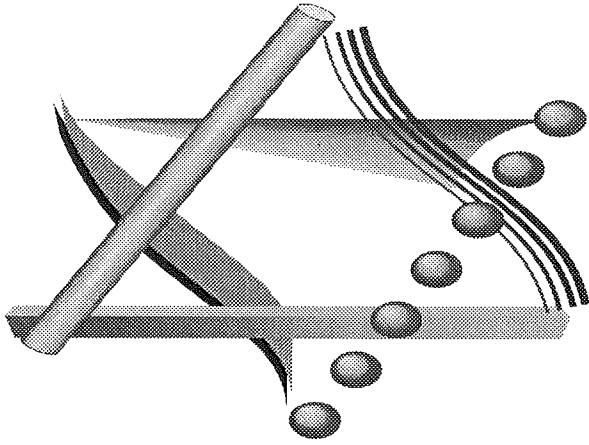
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SYMPATHY

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Social Action at BEKI

We are now collecting non-perishable canned and boxed food, new and used infant and children toys, and children books in good condition. Please bring them to the lobby of BEKI Synagogue for the next few months. The books will be used by children at Casa Otonal in New Haven. Toys will be distributed to the Children's Closet at Yale New Haven Hospital and Crossroads in New Haven and the canned food will be brought to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry.

The Social Action Committee would very much like to be in the forefront of both the secular and Jewish Community of New Haven and its surrounding.

If you are interested in this committee please call Charles Ludwig 389-0349 or Mimi Glenn 397-3851. We will have an initial meeting and then most of the information will be conveyed by phone so your evenings will be free for your other endeavors.

BEKI-USY

BEKI-USY has joined forces with the USY chapter of B'nai Jacob. Our new name is B-BUSY. We would like to thank everybody who supported our chapter in our recent fund-raiser, pumpkin and apple pies. I hope they were good. Don't forget to order your Deli Boxes for the Super Bowl. If you have any questions, or know somebody who would like to join our chapter, please feel free to contact me, Esther Serkin at 776-2919. Thank you.

Sisterhood News

BEKI sisterhood did itself proud when it hosted the 3 December 1996 meeting of the Connecticut Valley Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The meeting which centered around Jewish Women domestic violence was very interesting. A fabulous luncheon was prepared by Chyla Telesnick and Linda Buckman. Those attending agreed it was an enjoyable day.

At this time, Sisterhood president, Adele Tyson, wishes all BEKI congregants and their families a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Rewarding 1997. Plans for the New Year are now being formulated.

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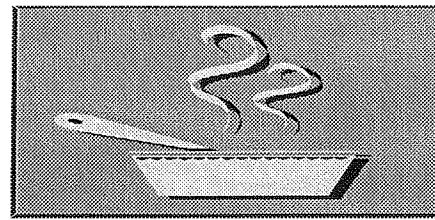


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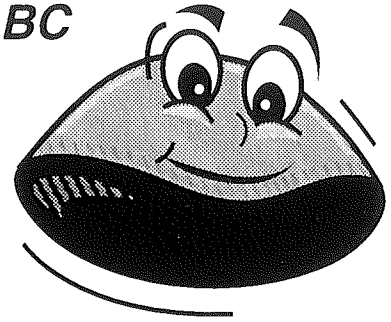
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camp, explores the natural world and considers the implications of Torah and the Jewish tradition for today's environmental debates. The documentary was produced by the Jewish Theological Seminary of American and the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life in cooperation with ABC Television.



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