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TISHA BEAV: DON'T BE ALONE

The fast day of Tisha Be'Av ("ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av") will be observed on Motse'ei Shabbat (Saturday night) 13 August and Sunday 14 August 2016. The Mincha afternoon service on Shabbat is at its usual time, 5:45p to 6:20p. The fast begins at sunset, 7:55p; havdala is 8:38p. The Maariv evening service and the reading of Eikha (Lamentations) begin at 9p and conclude at 10p. The evening service also includes communal singing of qinot (dirges) and modern songs fitting the theme and mood. Preview our booklet of [Tisha BeAv Songs, Poems and Dirges \(Qinot\)](#).

The Shaharit (morning) service on Sunday 14 July is from 9:00a to 10:30a. The evening and morning services include the reading of the Biblical Book of Eikha (Lamentations). On Sunday morning, according to the Ashkenazic custom generally followed in our community, *tallit* and *tefillin* are not worn (although *tallit qatan* is worn).

At the Sunday afternoon Mincha service, from 5:45p to 6:30p on Sunday, *tallit* and *tefillin* are worn, with the recitation of their usual *berakhot*, and a brief Torah reading is chanted along with a *haftara*.

The fast is observed from 7:55p Saturday night until 8:55p Sunday night. As a sign of mourning, many refrain from wearing leather shoes and ostentatious clothing, and do not enjoy music, intimate physical relations or entertainment until Monday night (i.e., 24 hours *after* the end of the fast of Tisha



BeAv). The extension of the mourning practices is in part recognition that the Temple burned for two days and some of the early sages believed that the memorial should be observed on the tenth as much as or instead of the ninth. However, this year the fast is observed on the tenth of Av, and not the ninth, because the ninth coincides with Shabbat.

Tisha BeAv commemorates the destruction of the first two Temples and other tragedies that have taken place in our long history. The destruction of the Temples represents the downfall of the independent Jewish govern-

ment, the devastation of Jewish society and tragic loss of life. The downfall of the Bar Kokhba government and the Roman massacre and destruction of Betar occurred in 135 C.E., and is associated with the execution of 100,000 to over a million Jews in Israel and the exile of many others. On Tisha Be'Av in 1290, King Edward I signed an edict expelling the Jews from England. Likewise, the expulsion of Jews from Spain occurred on that date in 1492.

The Talmudic discussion associates the destruction of the Temple, and the collapse of the Commonwealth, with unfounded contempt or excessive contention *among* the Jewish People in Israel, which made Israel vulnerable to foreign hegemony. The problem of unfounded contention continues in our day among the Jewish People. Likewise, as Americans, we experience unfounded hatred among ethnic and political

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Molly Sapadin & Austen Katz on their *qiddushin* (Jewish wedding) under a huppa in July.

BEKI Welcomes New Members and their Families

- Eden Stein and Jerome
- Marisol Sanchez-Moycik and Thomas Moycik and Natalya
- Rachel Forbes & Davi Azoff-Slifstein

המקום ינחם

HaMaqom Yinahem

With sorrow we note the passing of

Hana Rostain, mother of Tanina Rostain (& Richard Schottenfeld)

J. Gordon Miles, father of Rachel Wiseman (& Alan) Gerber

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

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groups, which is associated with violence and oppression.

Don't be alone on Tisha BeAv. Join your community for the reading of Lamentations. This year, a contingent from Temple Or Shalom (Orange), with Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus, will join us for the evening of Tisha BeAv, as an expression of solidarity among the Jewish People and a reminder that we as a community should remember that we are not alone.

The fast is the only full-day fast on the Hebrew calendar besides Yom Kippur. Those with medical conditions that require oral medications or eating are urged to consult their medical and rabbinic authorities.

A *seudat mafseket* (meal before a fast) is traditionally modest, not a feast. Before undertaking any fast, one should eat a nutritious meal of normal proportions. Fresh fruits and vegetables are believed to help maintain hydration. Consult your dietician or medical references for dietary and medical advice. The [New York Times](#) reported in June 2015 that over 1,000 people died while fasting in Karachi, Pakistan, during Ramadan, in part due to a heat wave in which temperatures regularly exceeded 110 degrees, and the social and police enforcement of fasting. On Tisha BeAv, we commemorate the death of our forebears, but we do not seek to re-enact it; it is prohibited to endanger one's life fasting and anyone with doubt about safety or with any risk factors should consult their physician. In keeping with tradition, those who cannot fast should drink or eat modestly, minimally and privately.

Tu BeAv

Tu BeAv (15 Av) occurs on Thursday night 18 August and Friday 19 August 2016

From The Jewish Encyclopedia (1906), *s.v.* Ab, Fifteenth Day of:

“Popular festival in Judea during the time of the Second Temple.... According to a tradition preserved in the Mishnah (Ta’anit, iv. 9, 10; Gem. pp. 26, 31), on that day, as well as on the Day of Atonement, the maidens of Jerusalem, rich and poor, without exception, dressed in white, went out to dance in the vineyards with the young men, asking them to make their choice of a partner for life. The fair ones sang: “Young men, turn your eyes to beauty; for woman stands for beauty.” The patricians’ daughters sang: “Young men, turn your eyes to noble parentage; for woman is the preserver of family pride.” Those possessing neither beauty nor noble birth sang: “Grace is beautiful and beauty is vain; but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.” Of the many reasons given in the Talmud for the celebration of this day, that attested by the oldest authority, R. Eliezer ben Hyrcanus of the first century (Megillat Ta’anit, v.) is that it was the great day of wood-offering, when both priests and people brought kindling-wood in large quantities to the altar, for use in the burning of sacrifices during the whole year. ... The actual explanation is given in Meg. Ta’anit, v. and Mishnah, iv. 5, according to which nine families of Judah brought at certain times during the year the wood for the burning of the sacrifices on the altar, in accordance with Neh. x. 34; on the Fifteenth Day of Ab, however, all the people, the priests as well as the Levites, took part in the wood-offering.”

– Kaufmann Kohler



Raising the Roof

New Roof Completed

The replacement of the sanctuary roof and the lobby-office roof was completed in June, thanks to the project management of our member Robert Spear and the support of our members and officers. The other two roof sections, over the school wing and over the social hall, were completed in 2013. The school wing and social hall roofs are the home of the solar array that provides electricity to our building. The new sanctuary roof is also suitable for solar panels, so the potential for additional solar panels exists.

The replacement of these two roof sections was considered “necessary” at this point, and prevented costly and unsightly leak damage to the sanctuary and lobby ceilings, which may have been imminent. The roof replacement cost about \$80,000, part of which has been covered by dedicated contributions. If you would like to contribute specifically toward this “brick and mortar” expense, please designate your contribution to “roof 2016.” Up to \$50,000 in contributions to this project would be very welcome.

The accompanying photo (by Bob Spear) shows the sanctuary roof being constructed, with the social hall solar panels in the background, and the new LED parking lot street light pole just beyond. Bob oversaw the project from beginning to end, insuring quality work at a competitive price. Along with replacing the roofing material, additional thermal insulation was added, two skylights were replaced, and the drains were reconfigured to improve drainage on these flat roofs.

Solar Update

Thanks to the new solar array, BEKI’s June electric bill was less than zero.

This compares to recent prior June bills of \$1,671 and \$1,711 and \$1,806.

The new array, which went on-line in October 2015, along with the array installed in 2006, produce about two-thirds to three-quarters of our electric use. The arrays produce electricity which is converted to match the line voltage, thereby providing electricity to the synagogue most days. When the array produces more electricity than we need, which happens on most sunny days, the excess power is sent to the grid and consumed by our neighbors. This net excess production is recorded on the meter, and is

credited to our account.

We expect that most months our net expense will be positive, but June proved sunny and cool with 15-hours of light per day, so our air-conditioning and refrigeration use was minimal while solar production was maximal. Summer demand will rise, and in the winter the daylight hours are shorter and the array is subject to snow-cover. We expect the array to save us at least \$14,000 a year. In addition to reducing the amount (and cost) of electricity we buy from the utility company, the electric company pays us quarterly for helping it meet its mandate for renewable energy production.

Because the array was paid for by directed contributions from our members and supporters, the entire savings on our utility bill represent reduced cost in operating the synagogue. While the budget has been close to “balanced” in recent years, these savings helps reduce our “structural deficit” by 5% to 10%, which is an indicator of improved management as well as of real dollar savings.

The size of the array was limited by (then) available space on the newer roofs, which are now covered to capacity with solar panels, and was limited by our ability to garner contributions to cover the cost. While there is some “economy of scale” within the range of possible expansion, there is also a diminishing return once 100% of electric use is met by the building’s own production. As it turns out, we replaced the “most expensive” power bought from the electric company with our own solar-generated electricity, so the project design did well in maximizing return-on-the-donated-dollar. While the system was “free” for BEKI in that it was paid for by donors, as a matter of good management and stewardship it was essential that the economic return be justified.

As utility prices change, and as technology improves and other considerations develop, we will consider possible system expansion in future years. Prospects for such a project do not seem favorable in the near-term.

Technical information about the array is available at beki.org under “[Our Community / Ecology](#).”

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members. The community seeks to comply with the Biblical law of *bal tashhit*, which prohibits destruction of the natural environment and wasting of resources. Stewardship of community resources and responsible management are also central values. Under present circumstances, installation of this array enables us to better comply with the rule against environmental destruction and at the same time exercise responsible financial management – this thanks to the generous support of our members and friends, and the efforts of Yaron Lew and the officers in executing this plan. Special thanks go to the Batsheva Labowe-Stoll Fund, the Borick Family, Carol Cohen & Marc Weitzman, Gloria Cohen, Lloyd & Kai Yang Friedman, Jay & Marjorie Hirshfield, Donna Kemper & Ronald Zlotoff, Sid & Donna Levine, Mark & Linda Malkin, Stanley Rosenbaum, Rebecca Weiner & Mike Rastelli, two anonymous supporters, and several additional members and supporters for funding



PHOTO BY BOB SPEAR

A roofer applies the new sanctuary roof. Behind him are the solar panels atop the social hall.

this project. In addition to the leadership of Yaron Lew, the project also enjoyed the assistance of Bob Spear, David Wright, Andy Hirshfield and others.

While most of the cost of the array has been covered by our supporters named above, additional support is welcomed. No contribution is too large or too small. ☆

Uncle Shemuel Wants You

The Shaharit (morning) service is held at BEKI every Sunday morning at 9a and every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 7a, and every Thursday morning at 8:15a, in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel. Minha (afternoon) and Maariv (evening) services are held at 5:45p Sunday through Thursday. The only schedule exceptions are for federal and Jewish holidays.

These daily services provide the opportunity to fulfill numerous mitzvot (religious imperatives) such as daily recitation of the Shema and Amida prayers, Torah study, Tzedaqa (charity), *nihum avelim* (comforting mourners), and attendance at the House of Study. In addition, the services provide a structure for personal spiritual development and fulfillment as well as an opportunity to improve one's facility in the Hebrew language.

Sometimes there are services for which attendance is one or two short of the *minyan* (quorum) needed to recite certain communal prayers – you could be that “tenth” person. And if you just want to come regardless of what anyone else is doing, then just come. While only legally adult Jews are counted toward the quorum, all are encouraged to attend both for their own sake and for the sake of adding to the spiritual strength of the Congregation.

For a complete schedule of BEKI services, see www.beki.org under “Worship.”

Information on the Counter

Literature may be placed in the literature rack, on the lobby table and on the Community Bulletin Board by permission only. To request permission for placement on this counter or on the Community Bulletin Board, please contact Synagogue Administra-

tor Peggy Hackett at 389-2108 ext. 14 (beki@snet.net). After office hours, you may leave one copy of your submission, with your phone number, under Peggy's door, or you may fax it to Peggy at (203) 389-5899 (24-hours).

The lobby display areas are reserved for BEKI programs and activities. We receive frequent requests to promote activities of a host of worthy and important communal agencies and institutions. It would not be possible to place them all in our lobby. Posters and flyers for these institutions are found on the Community Bulletin Board.

Sometimes flyers and posters that are inappropriate for display at BEKI have been found placed without permission. *Flyers and posters placed without permission are immediately discarded.* Your cooperation in maintaining a fair and respectful policy is appreciated.

Kadima-USY

This spring, Kadima had a delicious Shabbat dinner potluck, got to the trampoline park for some energetic fun, and we can't wait for several upcoming events. On 11 June we played games at BEKI after *qiddush*, we climbed West Rock after Shavuot services, and we welcomed the fourth grade with our end-of-the-year pool party on 22 June. We also had a special leadership meeting on 26 June, open to all incoming 7th and 8th graders..

USY also enjoyed a Shabbat potluck, paintball with our West Hartford friends, Spring convention in Massachusetts, Israel Fest, and is still gearing up for our final event of the year. We will be doing a hike and cookout at Kevin Dardik's house to start our summer off with a bang. The event is open to youth coming into grades 8-12 so be sure to bring along your friends.

Don't forget USY encampment on 22-28 August. It is open to 6-12 graders and is sure to be the most amazing experience to cap off your summer. This year it will be at Camp Ramah in Palmer MA. Catch the early bird special by registering at www.tinyurl.com/hanefesh1617 now.

Contact Laina Pauker to RSVP for upcoming events at bekibjusy@gmail.com or bekibjkadima@gmail.com.

Youth Newz

Maya Lew and Jon Hayward, BEKI-BJ USY Officers, are Co- Recipients of the 2016 Tillie Dworski Horwitz and Edward Horwitz Youth Fund Award at BEKI.

Submitted by Rena Cheskis-Gold, BEKI Youth Commission.

BEKI is fortunate to have several benefactors to its youth. Long-time BEKI member Tillie Dworski Horwitz established an endowment to be distributed to one or two teen children of BEKI members each year who show qualities in leadership, citizenship, and scholarship. The monetary award is to be used for attendance at a Jewish youth conference or event, Israel trip, or Jewish summer camp. The award is granted by a committee; there is no application for this award.

This year, the co-award goes to Maya Lew, who is recent graduate of Wilbur Cross High School, and daughter of BEKI members Yaron and Liora Lew. Maya's family is among the leadership community at BEKI, and her sisters were leaders in USY before her. Maya has served in several capacities on the BEKI-BJ USY board, including 2015-2016 president. May utilized her award to attend USY Fall convention, a regional USY teen experience, of which she was chair.

Jon Hayward is also a 2015-16 recipient. Jon attended

Ezra Academy, and is recent graduate of Wilbur Cross High School. He is a son of Judy Hayward. Jon is an active member of the BEKI Youth Gabbai team, a USY officer, and the co-chair of USY Spring convention, a regional USY teen experience. Jon used his award to attend Spring convention.

Maya and Jon, we thank you for your commitment to our synagogue and to our USY chapter. As Youth Commissioner of BEKI, I applaud you for your many leadership activities, and know that others will follow in your footsteps.

Here are Maya and Jon's stories about USY and the activities that they were able to attend with the aid of their Tillie Dworski Horwitz and Edward Horwitz Youth Fund Award.

Wilbur Cross High School is not the hub of Jewish life in New Haven. Among my grade of roughly 300 students, I can muster up a toddler's handful of Jews, of which only three are actually practicing.

It took me a while to become involved in USY, mostly because none of my friends at school were a part of it. After a fair amount of begging, bartering, and berating by my parents and past Hebrew School classmates, I decided to give it a try. Gradually, I began to attend more and more events and started immersing myself in the politics and culture of USY. Despite my newfound dedication, USY is still foreign to my friends at school.

When discussing USY among my school friends, I almost exclusively refer to it as my "Jewth group," which is always followed by a good laugh. If I can't go somewhere because it interferes with an event, I'll always explain that I have "some Jew thing" and shrug it off.

"Hey, Maya," my friends will often yell across a hallway, "can you hang out this weekend or are you busy giving shelter dogs bark mitzvahs?"

This is how my friends see USY. To them, it's just another line on my college application, another way to scrape together graduation-required community service hours. It's easy to forget why I even participate in this youth group when it is constantly devalued by my peers.

Here is where I remember the importance of USY: the basement of a foreign synagogue, so full it's probably a fire hazard. There's so many teens here, seated and circled, a smatter of a hundred different zip codes. Our heads are all bent together, nested in the bend of someone else's shoulder. We complete each other's negative space. Close and singing: this is where I remember why I do what I do.

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It's Ruah time, post-dinner singing, at a convention and our voices overlap into something distinct and beautiful. We sing melodies no one could copy into the worn benches on our laps.

I haven't seen these kids for months and yet we sprawl on each other, clicked together like cogs. My fellow USYers know what I take in my coffee, which book I have dog-eared to death, which pair of socks I have tread to the thread—and we don't even have homeroom together.

My dedication to USY, despite the thoughts of my school friends, just proves the extent of its impact on me. I have huddled on a lake shore watching the sunrise during Shahrut, with twenty other pairs of feet dimpling the sand as we step back and forth in the conclusion of the Amida. I have learned to approach the girl hunched at the corner of the dance floor and rope her into a dancing throng of other teens. None of us can dance but we know how to laugh and that makes it all okay.

Most importantly, though, I have learned to lead – fundraisers, conventions, prayer services – and, hopefully, in my time this has brought another hesitant Jewish teenager like myself to embrace the amazing experience that is USY.

Maya Lew

USY President 2016-17

Over the past year, I've met some of the most interesting, socially conscientious and intellectually active teens through USY. This experience has brought my Jewish identity into a new perspective and allowed me to reach out beyond myself, developing my skills as a leader. The entire year culminated several weekends ago when I led and coordinated our final convention for the year, Spring Convention. This three-day-long experience was physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausting, but through it all I felt the same enthusiasm that I first saw when I joined USY last year. Spring Convention was like a crash course in leadership. Through the support of the Tillie Horwitz fund, I was able to not only participate, but to serve as a Chair of the entire convention. It never had dawned upon me how much it takes to manage nearly 200 teenagers for three days straight until I was actually doing it.

USY has driven me to reach outside of myself and bring my enthusiasm and passion for Social Action/Tikun Olam to others. It has given me the chance to implement and practice leadership skills in my capacity as a Hane-

fresh RGB (Regional General Board) Israel Affairs VP and Chapter Communications VP. From chapter meetings in the dead of winter, to Shabbos dinners at our USY President's house, to speaking in front of more than 200 people, USY has given me an amazing year. I'll leave you with something I wrote on the way home from Spring Convention at about midnight, addressing my fellow USYers:

"I wanted to take the chance to thank you all. The past year has been, without a single doubt or hesitation in my mind, the greatest of my life. From staying up until 4a talking philosophy, politics, economics, religion, international relations, and probably about anything else you can care to name two nights ago, to serving as our honorary tour guide five months ago. From sitting at the base of the Washington Monument at 1a to transforming multiple hotel rooms into saunas. For all the clothes I've lost at conventions, and for all the friends I've gained for life. Thank you for an amazing spring convention, and a mind-blowingly awesome year. I love you all."

Jon Hayward

USY VP Israel Affairs 2016-17

Jon Hayward attends AIPAC

Our youth programs balance many aspects of Judaism, including religious activities, tikkun olam, and Israel affairs. But the program is also flexible enough to address unique interests of our members. VP Israel Affairs Jon Hayward had a strong interest in Israeli politics, and the Youth Commission responded by sending Jon as our emissary to AIPAC. After the convention, Jon served as darshan one Shabbat at BEKI. In addition, he wrote this article.

Submitted by Rena Cheskis-Gold, BEKI Youth Commission

AIPAC. How do I describe AIPAC's 2016 Policy Conference? I talked Russian with American defense analysts, met a Russian ex-Soviet official, shook hands with an Israeli Ambassador (Michael Oren), discussed the Caucuses with an Azerbaijani Ambassador, met with a sub-committee head for the Oslo Accords, and heard Israel's Isaac Herzog speak. I'm proud to say that I was one of over 18,700 people to join this year's Policy Conference, and advocate across party lines for a stronger Israeli-American partnership. For the past 53 years, AIPAC has stood as the largest and most bipartisan issue group. The group was founded in 1963 as an effort to advocate for a better bi-national alliance. When Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948,

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the United States was the first country to extend recognition in the international sphere. As a paragon of democratic and liberal values, the United States has maintained both economic and military support for the country ever since 1948.

Thus Americans are uniquely positioned as far as Israeli policy. Our grandfathers founded the state, and our fathers ensured the security of the state. It is our duty and calling to build peace throughout the entire region, including with Israel's direct neighbor, the Palestinian Authority. Over the past several months, I've committed myself to the study and labor of peace, hoping to prove that peace is possible. While at this year's policy conference, I had the great opportunity to meet with Dr. Shmuel Brenner, a veteran of the Oslo Accords negotiations, and current director of the Arava Center for Sustainable Development, an academic research group that works on joint environmental projects with Israel and neighboring states. I also had the great chance to meet Bassam Aramin, the Public Relations Director for The Parents Circle Families Forum, an organization that works to create dialogues between the bereaved parents

of Palestinians and Israelis. Both men spoke of the need for a new grassroots initiative for peace.

What we need is an effort of young people, coming together and demanding a peaceful solution to a fundamentally political conflict. To use Bill Clinton's adage, the region has a surplus of good politics but a lack of good policy. Efforts to bring about a resolution to one of the most damaging conflicts – to both the Palestinian and Israeli nations – are stymied by domestic politics. A new way is needed, one that comes from the bottom up.

Jon Hayward

USY VP Israel Affairs 2016-17

Ramah Record

The 22 BEKI members at Camp Ramah as campers or staff this summer matches last year's record. This figure updates the report presented at the Annual Meeting. This is the largest CT contingent and largest per-capita synagogue contingent. To help support BEKI kids at our affiliated summer camp, send check or payment payable to "Cong BEKI" with memo "Noam-Camp." Jewish summer camping is highly correlated with positive and active Jewish identity.



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- To Michael & Caryl Kligfeld with sympathy on the passing of Adina Kligfeld Mocha by Linda Schultz & Howard Gralla

BEKI Religious School

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Shabbatot (Saturdays)

דַּרְשָׁנִים

Darshanim

Darshan – *noun, plural dar-sha-nim.* Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggadah or Halakha in a synagogue.

Rabbi Tilsen has invited the following speakers to serve as guest Darshanim in the coming weeks:

David Walstedter, bar mitzva, 23 July, parashat Balaq

Alan Lovins, 30 July, parashat Pinhas

Nanette Stahl, 20 August, Shabbat Nahamu, parashat VaEthanam

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The *Shabbat Shalom Torah Study* meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in the office and is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shul-goers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Expertly led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Rabbi Murray Levine, Nadav Sela, Isaiah Cooper and others, the Shabbat Shalom Torah Study is a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multi-generational setting. Many members who take advantage of this unique offering feel a deeper sense of awe born of increased understanding and appreciation of the Torah reading, Haftara (Prophetic reading) and liturgy.

The program often focuses on the scriptural readings, but also addresses the prayer liturgy and other topics related to the liturgical calendar, scriptural readings or current issues of concern.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background. It is suitable for mature, or at least well-behaved, youth along with adults.



Alan Lovins



Nanette Stahl



Steven Fraade



Nadav Sela



Isaiah Cooper

Hebrew with Will

Hebrew with Will meets every other Saturday morning from 10:45a – 11:45a in the office (on the weeks that Shabbat Shalom Torah Study does not meet). Practice Hebrew listening, speaking, and Alef-Bet recognition. Modern Hebrew; suitable for those interested in Biblical and Prayer Book study as well. Free; all welcome. Does not meet on 16 and 30 July. With Will Auriemme.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: Shemuel

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi's commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) is reading Shemuel Bet (Second Samuel), called "second" as it is the second volume of a single continuous narrative split in two for convenience. Characters in the narrative include the Prophet Samuel, King Saul and King David, Mikhal, Batsheva, and more. It is possible to join the study group for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. Rashi purported to explain the *peshat* of the text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Visitors and new participants are welcome. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG meets immediately following the 7:00a *shaharit* morning service. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Wednesdays

Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (*shaharit*) features a 180-second "Hebrew word of the Week" to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots, and are made with a limited set of verb or noun forms. By learning a few dozen roots and a small set of word-forms, it is possible to roughly translate Hebrew words isolated from any context, something less often possible in English. The Word of the Week often relates to the weekly scriptural readings, enhancing personal study and public Torah discussion.

Rabbis' Study Group

Wednesdays with Murray is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own *talmud torah* (Torah study) in a "safe" setting and with opportunities to learn from each other's experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday

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Adult Studies

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mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library, but is on summer recess. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at 203.397-2513.

Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shaharit service is from 8:15a to 9:15a on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7:00a.

Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group

The *Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group* meets on Thursdays from 1p to 2p and has met weekly since 1999. For some participants, this is their first direct experience with Talmud



Murray Levine

text; for others, it is a continuation of a long journey. The Group focuses on the issues raised in the Talmud, with less attention to the technical aspects of the text. Knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is helpful but not required.

The Talmud, based on an oral text, has no beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time. The Sanhedrin Talmud Study Group meets in BEKI's Rosenkrantz Family Library. The group will meet in June and July, and then will be on recess until after the festivals. With Rabbi Tilsen.



Jon-Jay Tilsen

Every Day

Divrei Torah on the Web

A [collection of Divrei Torah](#) (Torah commentaries) and essays by members and Rabbi Tilsen are posted on BEKI's website under "Learning." Recently, Noam Benson-Tilsen's bar mitzva devar Torah was added, at www.beki.org/noam-devar-torah.



Art

Rosalyn Muskovitz Art Exhibit at BEKI

The BEKI Art Gallery will feature the paintings of local artist, Rosalyn Muskovitz, who is the Emeritus Professor of Art and Design at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI, during the months of July and August.

Muskovitz's long and varied career in and contribution to the arts have included that of a guest lecturer, a curator, and an internationally-exhibited artist. Her art, for which she has received many awards, is represented in many private, university and museum collections.

She has exhibited widely, including at The Detroit Institute of Art, Boston

Museum of Fine Arts, the Universidad de Salamanca, Spain, and the Instituto de Estudios, Barcelona, with solo exhibitions in Muskegon and Grand Rapids, MI, and Chagrin Falls, OH. She has curated many shows in Michigan and Vermont and been a guest lecturer, most recently at the Whitney Center Art Gallery in Hamden, CT.

Muskovitz explains: "My lifelong interest in movement and space, which began with my love of dance, is depicted in my prints, many of which were inspired by the works of Georgia O'Keeffe and Franz Kline. Having experimented with all forms of printmak-

ing, from early woodcuts and etchings, stone lithography, silk screen and digital, I find myself currently coming full circle back to using these skills to produce a series of mono prints.

"Paralleling this interest in my work is a love of other cultures, fueled by travel in South America, Europe, the Caribbean, among others. This travel has added much texture, color and feeling to my work and continues to inspire me."

Muskovitz will be at BEKI to discuss her exhibit on Shabbat 9 July at 12:45p.

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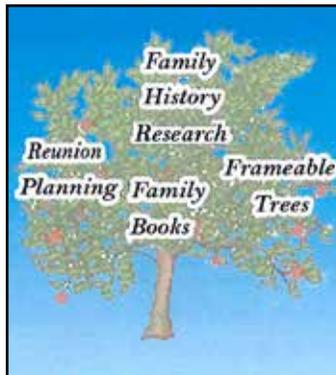
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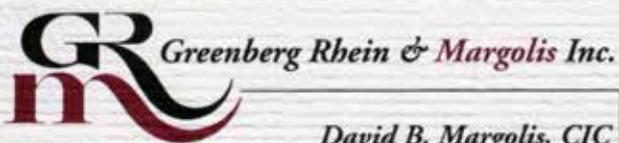
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Service Times

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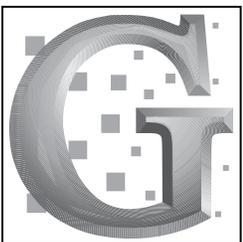
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