BEKI Team Wins Special Olympics

Following months of preparation, a group of 24 dedicated volunteers from Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, organized by Group Leader Miriam Benson, served at the Yale Golf Course venue of the Special Olympics World Games for ten hours on 4 July.

Volunteering were Stan Saxe, Sarah Beller, Elisa Beller, Ellen Cohen, Shoshana Cohen-Fraade, Rena Miller, Rona Harris, Evelyn Maze, Steve Wizner, Rachel Wizner, Amy Pincus, Stephen Pincus, Laura Yakerson, Jack Yakerson, Adele Tyson, Mimi Kahn, Mikki Ratner, Miriam Benson, Debbie Braun, Beth Weinstein, Rob Leikind, Ellen Jawitz, Ceel Lerner, and Lori Weinstein.

The BEKI Volunteer team provided Food Service, Registration, Support Services, Caddying, Scorekeeper, and Forecaddying. Everyone got a crash course in all the intricacies of golf—its rules, scoring, strokes, and clubs. Perhaps more important, they met Special Athletes, their families, coaches, and other volunteers from around the world.

Despite the hot sun and humidity, all the tasks were carried out with such efficiency and enthusiasm that the Volunteer Coordinator for the Golf Venue, who oversaw 1100 volunteers, made a special request for the BEKI group to return every remaining day of the Games!

Group member Mimi Kahn said, "Many told us how much they liked Connecticut, and how they appreciated our volunteerism. We loved every minute."

Group member Laura Yakerson said, "This was an extremely positive experience. We certainly received more than we gave. The athlete I kept score for was an excellent golfer and a real gentleman. The spirit was cooperative and supportive. Anyone who left town to avoid the Special Olympics World Games really missed out on a wonderful opportunity and a great time."

Rabbi Tilsen Lobbies Washington

Fifty Rabbis from the Rabbinical Assembly, representing 1,200 Conservative/Masorti Movement Rabbis, lobbied Congress and the Administration about social policy issues on 20 June and 21 June. The group met with Judge Abner Mikva, counsel to the President, and David Satterfield of the National Security Council. Judge Mikva warned that Congress would soon take up legislation to amend the Constitution to allow official prayer in schools. Rabbi Alan Silverstein, RA President, indicated the RA’s intention to join with a broad coalition of other religious leaders to oppose amending the constitution.

Much of the lobbying effort focused on Welfare issues. In conversations with Rep. Henry Wachsman (D-CA), Rep. Jerry Nagler (D-NY), Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) and Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), the Rabbis spoke out against the elimination or reduction of social welfare programs envisioned in bills that have already passed in the House of Representatives.

According to Rabbi Tilsen, “The current legislation would cut billions of dollars from

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Security System
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A Message From Rabbi Tilsen

Avodat HaShem

Although the slogan “From each according to their ability” is most often associated with Karl Marx, it comes in fact directly from our Torah. While in principle this ideal should apply to all types of contributions—wisdom, work, wealth—that each family makes toward the good of all, it was most often applied to the readily quantifiable realm of money. For when it came to agricultural leavings for the poor and contributions (tithes) to the Temple, each family’s required minimum contribution was a proportion of its income.

This system of tithes and leavings is akin to the “flat rate” tax. Under the flat rate, each person contributes a fixed percentage of their income. If the rate is 10%, a person earning 100 sheqels would contribute 10 sheqels; a person making 1000 sheqels would contribute 100 sheqels. This is not the same as progressive taxation, under which the person making 1000 sheqels would contribute say, 150 sheqels, representing a higher proportion of their income. While the letter of our law mostly required only a flat-rate (fixed percentage) contribution, our ethical teaching has urged that those with higher incomes ought to give even more.

In our current political climate it is said, “Let the wealthy keep more of their earnings as an incentive for them to produce more.” Remarkably, the opposite theory is applied to the poor: “Take away from the poor in order to boost their incentive to produce more.”

In principle, I support the Connecticut state income tax, in part, because it is one way to make taxation more fair. At the least, those who have higher income will pay about the same percentage of their income to support social services. In contrast, the sales tax places a relatively heavier burden on lower-income citizens; it is ultimately regressive.

At the level of our shul, it has been noted that the dues structure is not progressive; in fact, it is not even flat-rate (fixed percentage). Rather, all pay the same absolute rate (for singles or couples).

Thus, the family earning $30,000 contributes the same dollar amount as the family making $300,000. It is unfortunate that overall those at the lower end of the income scale contribute a significantly higher proportion of their income to the shul than do the more well-off members. While no dues structure can be perfectly fair, it is manifest that the thrust of our ethical tradition demands at least a flat-rate (fixed percentage) system if not a genuinely progressive system.

Support of the Temple as envisioned by our Torah was on the basis of “from each according to their means.” It is for that reason that I applaud the efforts of those BEKI officers and members of the Board of Directors who are working to develop what is by Torah-values a more equitable set of expectations for supporting the shul through a scaled dues structure. This is not an issue that can be quickly and decisively resolved, but the very fact of struggling with it represents an attempt to apply the ideals of Torah practically in our lives and so is to be encouraged as Avodat HaShem, the Service of God.

Dues and Beyond

Some of our members, new and old, have already responded to our new dues program. We would like to express gratitude to those who have contributed above and beyond their dues requirements.

As of July 12th, the following members have increased their support of BEKI by becoming a haver (friend), parnas (supporter), or shomer (guardian).

Paul Bass & Family—Haver
Betty & Arthur Levy & Family—Parnas
Tina Rose & Family—Shomer
Kal Watsky & Deborah Fried & Family—Parnas
Howard & Pearl Weinick—Haver
Ronald Zlotoff & Family—Parnas

July-August 1995
Dear Rabbi,

The Jewish Calendar sometimes has an extra month added, and the holidays can come very early or very late. It doesn’t make sense to keep such a confusing and illogical calendar when it is much easier and accurate to follow the civil calendar just like everybody else. It is time to join the 20th century.

Signed,
Calendar Berater Plus

Dear Berater,

The Hebrew Calendar does indeed have its peculiarities, but so does the Gregorian (civil) calendar. For example, February has 28 or 29 days; January has 31 days, making the calculation of interest and other financial or scientific data complex.

Years divisible by four are leap years with an extra day added to February, except for century years unless divisible by 400. Thus, 1896 was a leap year and 1900 wasn’t; 1996 is a leap year and so is 2000. Guess what: There are millions of wristwatches and computer programs that are going to miss the 2000 leap day, probably costing billions of dollars in scheduling havoc.

The Hebrew Calendar, projected out over 50,000 years, proves to be more accurate than the civil calendar system. Whereas the civil calendar is based on the solar year alone, our calendar is based on both the cycles of the moon and the solar cycle. Lunar cycles are readily observable; solar cycles require calculations. Basing the calendar on the lunar cycle is helpful for those concerned with tides, agriculture, astronomy, forensics and scheduling outdoor evening events.

From the point of view of the Hebrew Calendar, the Jewish holidays come right on time. Sukkot, Pesah, Tu BeShevat and Purim are always observed during a full moon. While secular culture tries to supersede nature, our religious culture, expressed in holidays, is in harmony with natural cycles, just as all of our lifestyle and outlook should be.

Dear Rabbi,

My loved one died last year, which was a 13-month Hebrew leap year. Should I say qaddish for 11 or 12 months?

Signed,
Leap Year Mourner

Dear Leap Year Mourner,

Seven of every 19 years on the Hebrew Calendar are “Leap Years” or “Intercalated Years” having an extra (thirteenth) month added to reconcile the discrepancy between the lunar months and solar year.

When a parent or child dies during the year preceding the added leap month, there are three distinct mourning periods of 11 months, 12 months, and one year. Qaddish is said for 11 months; the “year” of mourning is observed for 12 months; and the yahrzeit is observed at the end of 13 months. During a regular, 12-month year, the end of the 12-month period would coincide with the yahrzeit, that is, with the anniversary of the death.

Rabbi Maurice Lamm, in THE JEWISH WAY IN DEATH AND MOURNING (p. 204) writes, “While the Kaddish is recited for 11 months, and other mourning observances are kept for 12 months, yahrzeit is judged not in terms of months, but years” and thus would be observed at the end of 13 months in a 13-month year.

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

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Men's Club News

This year's last congregational breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club was held on May 21st. We had a nice turnout and enjoyed a delicious breakfast thanks, in part, to a donation from Mark Korman's aufrauf.

At this breakfast, we held the drawing for the BEKI Raffle. Steve Fraade and Ellen Cohen won the first prize of one year's free synagogue membership. Milt and Bea Smirnoff won the second prize which was $100 in food certificates. Mazal tov to all the winners!

Although we are officially on hiatus for the summer, the Men's Club is sponsoring the BEKI Softball Team which is organized and led by Robert Johnston.

During the summer, we will also be working on programs for next year and developing a new slate of officers. We need your help. If you have any ideas about programs or want to volunteer your services, please call me at 389-1647.

The Men's Club will be reactivated just before the High Holy Days to arrange for ushering and to prepare the sukkah.

We wish you a comfortable summer and look forward to seeing you next year. —Saul Bell

USY and Kadima

The final event for BEKI Kadimaniks and USYers was a picnic held at the home of the Zanger-Nadis family on June 19th. New Boards were chosen for both groups at the time. Welcome to the former-Kadimaniks who are now USYers and we wish you a wonderful year ahead. Farewell and lehitraot to Ilana Biton and Amy Pincus, the USY and Kadima advisors!

Everyone is looking forward to Encampment on August 21-27 at Camp Kesbet. Send your applications to the Connecticut Valley Region, 1800 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 154, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Questions? Call (203) 563-5531.

USY and Kadima had a ball on their final regional events of the year: USY's cruise on the Connecticut River and Kadima's day at River- →

Sisterhood

Sisterhood is pausing its formal activities for the months of July and August. We hope you all have a pleasant summer and relax!

We have many plans for the fall and look forward to serving you! —Adele Tyson

Children's Shabbat Havura

The BEKI Children's Shabbat Havura continues to thrive. Todah Rabah to all the participating parents who take their turn arranging the programs week after week. Our 23 families, with 50 children, donate their time, knowledge, and creative energy. We will continue to meet all through the summer - please come enjoy the meeting in the air-conditioned Claire Goodwin Youth Room!

The meetings have included song, dance, stories, prayers, puppet shows, games, plays, and much more. Many parents have described their pleasure in deepening their own Jewish learning while preparing to present their program - for example, by reading the portion of the week in advance.

We would always like to welcome new families into the Havura. If you know anyone with preschool-age children who might like more information, please let Ellen Cohen (397-9430) or Miriam Benson (389-6137) know.

Todah Rabah to Marty Gilens and Janet Felton for hosting our Annual LaG BeOmer Kumsitz; to Paul Bass and Joe Avni-Singer for playing their guitars; and to Kal Watsky and Debbie Fried for organizing the Tiqun Leil Shavuot Children's Havura Program. —Miriam Benson

side Park. Thanks go to Rachel Ledewitz, Cheryl Rosenbaum, and all who participated.

The Connecticut Valley Region welcomes its new Regional Director of Youth Activities, Sharon Rosenberg. Sharon, who will begin in July, is a recent graduate of University of Michigan. She comes to our Region with a strong Jewish commitment and an active involvement in the leadership of the Seaboard Region of USY.
BEKI Plays Softball

“Although we mainly play for fun, we are very proud that we won our first game!” crowds Robert Johnston, the organizer and first captain of the BEKI softball team.

“It was the bottom of the seventh inning,” he continues, “and we were behind. Amy Pinicus, who played only because we needed a tenth player in the field, got a walk. Her getting on base began the rally that led to our victory in that game. We won 14 to 13. It was a great!”

One of the few “egalitarian” teams, the BEKI Softball Team is looking for additional players. Experience is not a criterion. The important thing is your willingness to play and have a great time with your friends. The team currently counts the following among its players: Carole Bass, Eric Beller, Miriam Benson, Jay Brotman, Lynn Brotman, Robert Johnston, Paulette Lehrer, Rob Leikind, Bennett Lovett-Graff, David Margolis, Amy Pinicus, Steven Pinicus, Tina Rose, Helen Rosenberg, Jody Sargent, Ahud Sela, Steve Selipsky, Stuart Serkin, Michael Stern, Jon-Jay Tilsen, Andy Weinstein, and Ron Zlotoff. Sara Serkin is our scorekeeper, and Esther Serkin helps out when necessary.

Games are played Sunday mornings at the West Rock Fitness Center field. We practice for half an hour before the games, most of which are held at 11:15 AM. The games are played for seven innings and there is a 12-run mercy rule. If you don’t have your own equipment, don’t let that stop you. We can provide you with gloves or mits (except for “southpaws”), bats, and balls. You are also welcome to come and cheer for our team.

Some of the other teams in the Jewish Community Center’s Adult Softball League are from Beth David, Beth Sholom, Or Shalom, and B’nai Jacob.

Future games are scheduled for July 16th, July 23rd (at 8:45), and July 30th. The dates of the playoffs—in which all teams participate—will be announced. (Since this is Tisha B’Av, we are trying to have the date postponed.)

If you are interested in joining, call Andy Weinstein at 288-6739 or 934-7964. —Rita Sela

Seminary on-Line

JTSNet, the online service of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, now has a World Wide Web Home Page. By accessing the Seminary’s Home Page, users can learn about the various programs at the Seminary as well as programs offered by the Jewish Museum, Camp Ramah and other institutions. Information is added to the Home Page on a regular basis. Visitors to the Home Page can learn more about Seminary programs by sending messages to the appropriate staff people at the Seminary without ever leaving the Web.

The World Wide Web has transformed participation on the Internet with its ease of use and graphic interfaces. People with access to the Internet via software like Mosaic, Netscape and Lynx can access the Seminary’s Home Page through the following World Wide Web address (known as an URL): http://www.jtsa.edu

Questions or comments about the Seminary’s Home Page (or any other aspect of JTSNet) should be sent to: Michael I. Starr, Manager of Computer Operations, The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027, Phone: (212) 678-8901, E-Mail: mistarr@jtsa.edu.

Additional Custodial Services

BEKI contracts with Clarence Bromell to provide routine custodial services in the synagogue building. He has been working at BEKI for several years, and we are all witnesses to the superior quality of his work.

To deal with situations that go beyond routine maintenance, the following resolution was passed unanimously by BEKI Board of Directors on May 22, 1995:

“Any additional work to be done by Clarence must be cleared through the BEKI office and the additional hourly rate must be paid by the requestor directly to him. Clarence has the authority to refer all such requests to the BEKI office.”
Canavan Project

The following letter comes from Harold and Linda Saslow, members of the BEKI community.

Our grandniece, Alyssa Anne Mushin, was recently diagnosed with a rare, genetic, brain disease called Canavan Disease. This is a type of leukodystrophy that destroys the myelin in the brain. It is degenerative and fatal in early to late childhood. Affected children have very limited ability to move their hands, to play, or even to feed themselves. These children will never sit, crawl, walk, or even say a single word. Loss of sight is also common.

This brain disorder occurs primarily in people of Jewish descent whose families came from Poland, Russia, or Lithuania. Without prenatal screening or prior history, our nephew and his wife (Mark and Eileen Mushin) had no way of knowing that our family were carriers of the disease. Both parents must carry this recessive gene for a child to be affected. It is very important for the entire Jewish community to know about this disease and become aware of the importance of proper screening. There is now a test to determine if someone is a carrier.

Until this past year, there have been absolutely no tests for Canavan Disease. However, there is now a slight ray of hope because of advances in the field of genetics and gene therapy. Dr. Rueben Matalon of the Miami Research Institute discovered the gene for Canavan Disease. A study is being conducted at Yale by Dr. Matthew During to determine if a “bad” gene can be replaced with a “good” gene. Studies like this must be continued because they may also lead to potential cures for Tay Sachs disease, Gaucher’s disease, and other disorders that occur among Jews.

This new project is the leading edge of medical technology, but the research cannot continue or move more swiftly without proper funding. Funding must be raised—time is of the essence! Severe, irreversible neurological damage occurs between one and two years of age; Alyssa is presently 15 months old. We pray that Alyssa will be well enough to participate in one of the first human test trials.

We ask that you can find it in your hearts to make a donation for this very important project.

Please send your tax deductible contributions to: Dr. Matthew During, Canavan Project, P.O. Box 208039, New Haven, CT 06520-8039. Please make checks payable to: Yale University Canavan Project.

P.S. There is one other case in Connecticut, 10-month-old Lindsay Karlin of New Fairfield. Both Alyssa and Lindsay need all our help.

Thank you. Harold and Linda Saslow
May 21, 1995

HAMAQOM YINAHEM
המַמְּלַכֶּה יִנְעַהְמֵךְ
We note with sorrow the passing of:

Charles Gurland
Alfred Beller father of Eric Beller
Besse Dworski Satosky sister of Tillie Horwitz
Barbara Saxe sister-in-law of Stanley Saxe
Mendel Rosner husband of Ruth Rosner
and father of Sara-Ann Auerbach
Dear Rabbi Tilsen,

I am pleased to write you regarding the current condition of my Kashrut supervision of the Westville Kosher Meat Market. As you likely know, because Rabbi Albert Feldman stopped supervising Westville Kosher Meat Market, there were concerns about the trustworthiness of the Kashrut status in the store. Toward that end, I have made a number of changes to enhance and improve that situation and I would like to share them with you.

To begin with, there is a working “Mashgiach Temidi” in the store from 9 AM to 6 PM every day (Friday and Sunday hours are, of course, different). His name is Mr. Shaul Stern, and he comes from Monsey, NY each day. While I recognize that Mr. Stern does not open and close the store, for the time being, I have a key to the store and can check at will. Meats arrive between 12 noon and 4 PM.

Regarding the source for meats sold in the store, the following changes have been made: All beef used in the store are from Agriprocessors, Inc. (Rubashkin Meats) and are O-U GLATT arriving soaked and salted. The deli sold is from two sources—roast beef, corned beef and pastrami are available from Rubashkin and are O-U GLATT as well as from Shofar GLATT under the supervision of the Vaad of Long Island. The salami, bologna and tongue are Shofar GLATT under the supervision of the Vaad of Long Island. Veal is from Bierig Bros. (Vineland) and is O-U GLATT and the lamb is from Yankee Sheperds Co-op, Reading, Vermont, under the supervision of Rabbi Zvi Ashkenazi and is GLATT. Both are kasherized and “deveined” under Mr. Stern’s Supervision.

At present all food products prepared at the Westville Kosher Meat Market are still to be considered “Fleishig” and packaged goods all have kosher markings and it is up to the consumer to decide which supervisions they wish to accept.

I welcome you to visit the store and hope that you will feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions. I hope that you will appreciate and value the improvements and changes that the ownership has made in response to the request for stricter standards of Kashrut and supervision. In so much as Westville Kosher Meat Market is the only glatt kosher butcher store in Connecticut, I would ask you to support the store and our efforts by announcing these new developments in your community and encouraging your Congregants and members to support this endeavor.

Too many times in the past, efforts to provide a higher standard of Kashrut have failed in Connecticut due to apathy and lack of support.

With best Torah wishes, I remain...
Sincerely,
Rabbi Jesse M. Fink

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To Gail & Steven Korman  
on the marriage of their son  
Mark to Lauren Ariker.

To Bennett Lovett-Graff  
on completing his Doctorate in English  
from the City University of New York.

To Elisa T. Beller,  
daughter of  
Eric I.B. & Marsha R.B. Beller,  
on being named a Qualifier for the  
USA Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO) contest,  
a distinction awarded to  
only 140 high school students nationwide.  
In addition, at the Hopkins School,  
Elisa won both the Edgar M. Babbitt Middle School Mathematics Prize and  
the Julia B. Thomas Middle School History Prize,  
which recognize exceptional achievement  
in math and history, respectively, among all Hopkins ninth and tenth graders.

To Max Rosenkrantz  
on granddaughter Allison's bat mitzva.

To Judi Weingarden  
on being appointed Principal of the  
United Hebrew School.

To Paul Bass  
on winning first-place awards  
in general reporting, feature-writing,  
op-ed column and opinion column,  
second-place awards  
for investigative reporting,  
and an honorable mention  
for in-depth reporting from the  
Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists.

To Martin & Regina Faymann  
on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

To Amy Pincus  
on accepting the position of  
Assistant Director of the  
Department of Jewish Education at the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven.

To Charlie Ludwig  
on being honored by a  
"Mayoral Proclamation of the  
City of New Haven Celebrating the 50th Reunion of  
Irving Rohinsky and Charles Ludwig."

Charlie and Irv, childhood friends, vowed during  
their youth to meet every five years at the New Haven Green.  
This year, when they met the tenth time marking  
over fifty years of friendship,  
they were met by His Honor Mayor John DeStefano and a mounted police guard to wish  
them a mazal tov from the whole city.

Refua Shelema  
Wishing a Speedy Recovery to  
Regina Faymann  
Simon Konoff  
Marion Goldstein  
Malka Levine  
Dan Michael  
Richard Weinstein

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Membership Brunch
August 20th

A Summer Brunch for new and prospective members of BEKI will be held on Sunday, August 20th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the home of Miriam Benson and Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Carol Elkies, Membership Chair, is planning the event. It is a wonderful way for people who are new to BEKI or who are interested in joining to get to know some of our families. Children are welcome.

Come with your ideas and energy. Hear about the exciting developments at BEKI.

Tell Carol about anyone you know who might be interested in joining our community. Please call Carol by August 12th (932-6887) to let her know if you would like to attend.

Late Evening Services

Mark your calendar: Late Evening Services will resume on Friday 18 August at 8:00 PM.

On Friday 18 August, we will celebrate the installation of BEKI’s Board of Directors and Officers for the new year 5756. The following week, 25 August, Rabbi Tilsen will speak on “Hate Radio.”

Services begin at 8:00 PM and are followed by an Oneg Shabbat presented by BEKI Sisterhood. Plan to come every week for an inspiring and stimulating program of prayer and discussion with Cantor Irving Weinstein, Music Director Kevin Mack and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Make a Commitment

We need you for the minyan!
If you can make a commitment to attend a weekday service on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, please call the office.

Tisha be-Av

Tisha be-Av, a day of national mourning, will be observed on Saturday Night 5 August beginning at 9:00 pm at BEKI.

This traditional service will include the weekday maariv and the reading of the Biblical Book of Eikha (Lamentations) by candlelight. The morning service is Sunday at 9:00 am.

Tisha be-Av commemorates the destruction of the First and Second Commonwealths as represented by the Temple as well as various calamities in our long national memory.

Speakers & Darshanim

David Kuperstock is Vice-President of American Skandia Life Assurance Company and frequently serves as gabbai and Hazan for special services. He will lead the Torah Discussion during Shabbat morning services on 15 July.

Kathy Rosenbluh is a computer professional and an active participant in the BEKI community. She will lead the Torah Discussion during Shabbat morning services on 22 July.

Robert P. Forbes, who teaches American History at Yale, will be our darshan on Shabbat morning 12 August during the 9:15 AM service. Robert is a BEKI member who lives with his wife Joanne Foodim and their children Rachel and David in Beaver Hills.

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Spotlight on...

Violet Ludwig

I was born on Sherman Parkway. We only lived there a short time. My father died when I was only 2 and a half. I don’t really remember him.

We belonged to the Rose Street shul at that point. My uncle was president for many years. I remember them taking me when I was maybe 3 or 4 years old. I remember walking. Rose Street no longer exists.

We sat up in the women’s section, of course. My aunt and my cousins and my mother and my sisters. As you went into the shul, we sat in the left-hand front corner, overlooking the bima. I was a pretty good child; I wasn’t noisy or anything. Of course little children get a little nudgy, which of course I did, especially on Rosh Hoshanah. We used to go in the morning. We didn’t get out until 2 o’clock. My uncle used to sit in the middle and bang on his book and say “Zoll Zein Shah!” which means Please Be Quiet.

Rose Street was primarily a very elderly congregation. I enjoyed going. We led a very quiet life. My mother was very poor. She was left with four children and no money. We were oftentimes hungry. It was a nice break in our otherwise quiet routine. We didn’t get to go to new places.

She was a very good mother. I don’t know to this day how she managed.

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Reading about Violet Ludwig can tire you out.

We read about her recently in the Jewish Ledger. She and her husband, Charlie, were receiving the Couple of the Year Award from the New Haven Hadassah chapter. The Ledger listed some of the organizations Violet has volunteered for over and offices she has held over her 66 years.

The Jewish Home for the Aged Auxiliary. The Jewish Historical Society. Jewish Family Services. Ladies Program Committee of the Printing House Craftsmen (of which Charlie, a printer, has been an active member).

Hadassah: coordinator of the certificate chairman (that means she stays up past midnight mailing certificates to people donors have chosen to honor), donor treasurer, president of the local Junior Hadassah chapter, president of the Connecticut region, national vice-president, Young Judea leader.

And, of course, BEKI, since its founding: president of the Sisterhood, recording secretary, member of the Board of Directors.

That’s part of her volunteer roster. She also continues to work as a part-time editor for publications at the Yale School of Music. She works for the same boss she had for 36 years at a now-defunct New Haven-based publication called Keyboard, an educational magazine about music.

We read about Violet Ludwig recently because she also won the Woman of Valor award from the BEKI Sisterhood.

But what’s most striking about Violet is that people don’t usually read about her. She may work so hard that she barely sleeps. But it’s mostly quiet work. The real work of organizations. Work that doesn’t pay large dividends in money, or recognition, or power. Work that enables a community to stay together, to thrive, to serve.

For those of us who are younger than Violet, it’s daunting to look at that kind of essential work, performed as tirelessly as Violet performs it. No kvetching. No glory. You can’t help wondering: What has driven Violet to play such a role at BEKI, and in the Jewish community at large?

Violet, a warm, down-to-earth, methodical woman who turns 67 this fall, agreed to reflect on that question one recent evening inside the three-family home she and Charlie own in the Edgewood neighborhood.

She talked enthusiastically about their remarkable collection of salt-and-pepper shakers from around the world. She talked about her 1958 Magnavox, certainly one of the only ones of its kind hooked up to cable and, as far as Violet is concerned, still running just fine.

She was happy to talk about her equally unusual decades of service, too, although they didn’t seem to strike her as unusual. She didn’t have a sound-bite answer to the question about what has driven her. Instead, the answer emerged as a series of themes running through her life. She described a Jewish life in which there have existed no boundaries dividing religion, community, social relations, service, and hard work.

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I worked since I was in junior high school. Keyboard magazine was looking for a couple of girls to do some work after school. So my business teacher sent me and sent another girl.
They got to that point when they needed somebody on a permanent basis. My boss's wife asked me. I just assumed it was because I lived a half block away and my girlfriend lived across town. Many years later she told me she picked me because she thought I could do a better job, which was very nice to hear.

I earned a quarter an hour at Keyboard. I brought home four dollars a week, out of which 10 cents was social security. So I got $3.90 a week. I used to keep 90 cents for my school supplies and an occasional soda, if I was lucky enough to splurge. The three dollars I gave to my mother.

I started out doing office work, recording the subscriptions, bookkeeping. My boss's first wife taught me proofreading. She died suddenly and unexpectedly. I was thrust into the job of taking over a lot of her work. I didn't really feel prepared, but I managed. I must have been 28.

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When Rose Street was knocked down, we met for a couple of years in the old Jewish Center on Chapel Street. I remember very vividly one time Theodore Bikel came to davven at our shul. He was in town for the Sound of Music. It must have been the late '50s sometime.

At Rose Street we were B'nai Israel. When we were forced to abandon the street, we were split. It was very unevenly divided. A small group of people wanted to be Orthodox. They stayed downtown and met in a room in one of the schools right downtown. They got a very good portion of the money. They got a big parking lot at the corner of Howard and Davenport. They eventually merged with Westville Synagogue. There were only 8 or 9 of them left at the time.

I don't think I went to shul regularly until my mother died in '67. Then I started going to say kaddish all the time. I've been going every week ever since. I have a crazy schedule; I'm going all the time. I don't sleep very much. At the end of the week it's a chance to unwind and relax. I see friends. It's pleasant to talk to them. And I enjoy the service.

In 1967 Keser Israel merged with us. At that point we had over 600 families. It was a very nice combination. Most of our active membership now in Sisterhood was from Keser Israel. There aren't too many of us from Rose Street.

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The girl who sat in front of me in high school was Jewish. One day she said, "We're having a meeting at the Center. Would you like to come?" I said OK. I met Charlie there. I didn't really see him that much, except occasionally.

Then after school—I pleaded with my sister. She was president of Junior Hadassah. I was always kind of quiet. But I was old for my age. I pleaded with Millie to let me join Junior Hadassah the last year of high school, which was a no-no. She said all right. I really felt more comfortable. The other [younger] kids seemed a little babyish to me.

Millie was the most sensible person I think I've ever known. If I needed to know what dress to wear to a function, she always knew what was right. If I needed to know what kind of gift to bring to somebody, she always had a suggestion. She just seemed to be like a guidance person. She was always there for me whenever I needed help.

I became very active in Junior Hadassah. I used to go to national conventions. Eventually I became president, then regional president, then national vice-president one year.

We used to do fund-raising for Israel. We used to put on shows. We had great fun! We used to have dances; it was also a social group. It was a nice way to meet young Jewish men.

I know what happened. We had that hot-dog roast. Every girl had to invite somebody. I figured I better invite somebody I'd be comfortable with. I invited Charlie. He came. That was the start of it. He asked me out the next week to some dance down at Woodmont. We just started to go together.

I just feel if the work is important I should just try to do what I can. If I believe in something, I want to do what I can to help people.

I'm a strong believer in God, that he's up there watching over us. I'm just lucky that I married somebody that shares my interest. We have a kosher home; we both believe in that.

I do a lot of praying. I know when I'm under a lot of stress, I pray for help. I pray for things to happen that I would like to have happen. I always pray for good health. I pray for friends that are sick, people who have passed away that I feel very strongly about.

Service is a very important part of my life. It's just a part that comes naturally.

—Paul Bass

"SpotLight" is an occasional feature of the BEKI Bulletin intended to help members become acquainted with each other. If you would like to aid in this project please contact a member of the Editorial Committee at 389-2108.
Yizkor Memorial Book

We are once again preparing the annual Yizkor Memorial Book which will be used each time Yizkor is recited. As soon as possible, please send in your form listing the names you wish to have inscribed. For more information, please call the BEKI office at 389-2108.

Can We Talk?

Not Joan Rivers—Mimi and Mikki asking you: “Why aren’t you buying food certificates? Why aren’t you participating in this fabulous fund raiser? It costs you nothing extra, and you have to shop anyway!”

It’s easy, it’s painless, and once you start shopping this way you’ll feel so good knowing you helped BEKI earn much needed funds.

This is how it works: We purchase food certificates from the stores at a discount. You purchase them at full price and use them like cash. BEKI gets to keep the percentage of the discount. It’s a small percentage, but this past year it added up to $7,500!

Imagine how much we could raise if everyone participated!!

We all know how difficult and time-consuming it is to have fund-raisers. This one is easy. It is very profitable for our synagogue—if we all do our parts.

We have coupons for Stop and Shop, Shop Rite, Waldbaums’ and Westville Kosher Meat Market.

Call us. We’ll talk. We’ll see that you get the certificates. All you have to do is write the check and shop.

Mimi Kahn—387-8105
Mikki Ratner—387-7882
BEKI Office—389-2108

A Call to Mr. Friedman’s Students

A memorial service is being planned for this autumn for Rev. Louis Friedman. If you would like to be invited, please contact to call or write the Louis Friedman Memorial Committee, BEKI, 85 Harrison Street, New Haven CT 06515, 389-2108.

If you know of other students or friends of Mr. Friedman who would like to attend this service please call or write to the committee so that we can send them invitations.

Thank You

Dear Rabbi Tilsen and Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel,

A couple of weeks ago, I decided to look for a morning minyan with whom I could daven while wearing tefillin. It was a search that I began with some trepidation. The ink on my conversion document was still wet, my knowledge of Hebrew hovered at level aleph, and I was ... a woman. Furthermore, I was not a young woman from whom “unorthodox” behavior is generally expected, but rather a middle-aged woman whose image was more resonant with Home Beautiful than Mother Jones. I was unsure if the Conservative community of which I considered myself a part would sanction my use of tefillin.

Fortunately my desire to put on tefillin was stronger than my fear of condemnation. I made inquiries about Conservative congregations in the New Haven area and I was referred to Beth El-Keser Israel. A week ago I davened with tefillin for the first time and it was (and continues to be) an incredibly powerful experience. Although I am unlikely to remain in the New Haven area after I finish my studies at Yale this summer, I am grateful for the opportunity to daven at BEKI this spring.

Thank you for your warmth and acceptance.
Shalom, Nancy Freund, Norwalk, CT

Raffle Winners

The BEKI raffle was held on May 19th at the Men’s Club Breakfast. Steven Fraade and Ellen Cohen won the first prize of one year’s free membership at BEKI. Milton and Bea Smirnoff won the second prize which consisted of food certificates. Thanks to all who supported the raffle!
JFS Thanks BEKI for Model Seder

Dear Rabbi Tilsen,

On behalf of Jewish Family Service and all of the participants in our jointly sponsored Model Passover Seder, I want to express my thanks to the Sisterhood members of BEKI for their gift of themselves and their time to our group. We all felt welcome due to their friendly, warm manner.

I also want to thank you for your continuing involvement and support. As in the past, your easy manner helped the group feel comfortable and welcome.

As you know, this seder, and other programs which afford people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to celebrate their Jewish heritage with friends, enables them to become less isolated within the community.

I hope that we will be able to continue our collaboration on future projects for Jewish persons with developmental disabilities. I enjoyed meeting all of you and want to add my personal thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Reid, M.S.
Jewish Family Service of New Haven

United Hebrew School Registration Opens

Registration is open for the United Hebrew School. UHS boasts an excellent faculty and administration, a high teacher-student ratio, and a tremendously positive review by students and parents from recent years.

The School is pleased to announce that Ms Judith Weingarden, a BEKI member, will serve as principal. Call 389-2108 for information and enrollment, or 468-9994 to speak with Judi Weingarden directly.

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effective programs that have substantially helped people in real need. The money will be diverted to fund tax cuts for the wealthy. This is contrary to the Jewish ethical vision.” While anecdotes depicting welfare abuse abound, “the fact is that 95% of welfare recipients are genuinely needy and are helped by these programs. We should be spending more, not less, on welfare,” said Rabbi Tilsen. “If you don’t pay for prenatal care now, you end up spending more later. If you don’t pay for job training or food stamps now, you end up spending more on prisons later. If you don’t keep the commitment to Medicare now, you will pay for it in the world to come.”

“There is a religious obligation to enable people to become self-sufficient and to care for those who can not care for themselves,” says Rabbi Tilsen.

Under current legislation, three million children will lose their Medicaid benefits, and millions of impoverished seniors will see their out-of-pocket medical expenses increase $500 per year.

Much of the debate in Congress on social services, prayer in the schools, and immigration policy is being framed in religious language—the language of the Religious Right. The Conservative Rabbis went to Washington “to represent the voice of the Religious Center and Religious Left,” according to a delegation spokesperson.

Rabbi Tilsen argues, “While as religious people we support prayer, we stridently oppose a Constitutional amendment to allow or mandate organized prayer in public schools. The effect of a moment of silence or committee-produced prayer would be to make a mockery of prayer and to impose someone else’s religion on us. When I was in public school, I had plenty of free moments for personal prayer. But whenever there was prayer from the front of the classroom or assembly, it was always Christian prayer. As important as prayer is in principle, we must recognize the intent and unavoidable result of organized prayer in the public schools: to have Christian prayer taught to Jewish and other non-Christian schoolchildren. It has not, cannot and will not work any other way.”

The rabbis opposed the “Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act” which aims to eliminate regulations protecting the environment. “There are plenty of ways to create jobs and enhance wages without poisoning ourselves to death,” says Rabbi Tilsen. “As Jews we have a religious obligation to protect our lives and those of future generations from the toxins and ecosystem destruction that certain business elements would impose on us. They would profit while others die. That is not acceptable.”

According to Rabbi Tilsen, “There are several Biblical Laws involved in protecting the environment. ‘Bal Tashhit’ forbids us from destroying life or physical features unless there is a specific overriding constructive purpose. Jewish law forbids us from endangering the lives of others—and scientists can predict with some certainty the relationship between increased pollution and increased illness and death. Even two thousand years ago, as recorded in the Mishna (code of Jewish law), it was forbidden to open a leather processing factory unless it was downwind, downstream of the population and its emissions were controlled. Environmental regulation is part of Jewish tradition.”

The delegation advocated stricter gun control and a ban on assault rifles. “Although our tradition despises hunting, we can tolerate gun ownership for that purpose,” says Rabbi Tilsen, “but no one other than law enforcement agencies should have assault rifles. Just listen to the name: ‘Assault.’”

The Connecticut delegation comprised Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, Rabbi Richard Plavin of Manchester, and Rabbi Diane Cohen of Colchester. Rabbi Richard Eisenberg of Woodbridge serves on the RA Social Action Committee which organized the event. The Rabbinical Assembly is the association of Conservative/Masorti Rabbis, representing 43% of affiliated American Jews.

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Highlights of Membership Meeting  
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Finance: The '94-'95 figures have revealed another deficit and a favorable discussion was held concerning the dues increase with opportunity for voluntary dues contributions.

United Hebrew School had the highest enrollment this year with 52% of the students being from BEKI. In addition a new program for special education was instituted.

House & Maintenance: George Posener presented a detailed description of all the repairs now in progress and planned at BEKI. He also asked for more help in terms of manpower to do some of the work around the synagogue. If anyone has the talent or inclination please call him or the BEKI office.

Ways & Means Committee: Mimi and Mikki were delighted to present a check to the synagogue which covered the initial loan for the shopping certificate program and a great deal more! Excellent work! Anyone who hasn’t started buying certificates please look into a convenient arrangement now (call the office or Mimi or Mikki).

Sisterhood had a wonderful year and contributed to both the building and synagogue funds.

Men’s Club reported the highest membership this year, but they ask for more participation from the newer and/or younger members. The Camp Ramah scholarship Fund was able to make three awards this year.

A motion was made to accept the proposed slate for the ’95-'96 board of directors and passed unanimously. The three vice presidents are to divide the work of the presidency. New titles and roles will be developed by the executive board.

Good and Welfare:
A request was made for more volunteers at the evening minyan.
A hearty congratulations to Milton Smirnoff for all the selfless and dedicated work he has done for the synagogue during his presidency.

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