

# BEKI BULLETIN

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## **Shul Breakfast**

Join friends and neighbors for an intimate and heimish Sunday Breakfast beginning at 9:30a on 23 June, immediately following the 9:00a morning service. The breakfast is free and open to all; reservations are not required.



## **Family Service & Dinner**

A Shabbat service for families and people of all ages will be held on Friday 14 June at 6:00p followed by a catered dinner at 6:40p. Call 389-2108 now for dinner reservations.

## **Adult Education Gift**

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel has received an anonymous challenge gift of \$6,000 to establish an endowment to support our Adult Education programs. The benefactor is a BEKI family who values and supports the teaching of Torah at all levels that takes place on a daily basis. Wishing to encourage others to join in their support of the synagogue, the benefactor has provided us with an example of selfless giving. The endowment will be administered by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven. Only the interest of the gift will be used so this support of our programs will continue in perpetuity.

Those who would like to answer this challenge or who might like to establish endowments for other purposes are invited to contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2109 or Treasurer Stephen Wizner at 432-4800.

## **Taste of Mishna and Talmud**

Talmud Scholar Ruth Fagen will present "A Taste of Mishna & Talmud" on Sunday 30 June from 10:30a to noon in the BEKI Library. For those with or without knowledge of Hebrew who would like to get an idea of what these texts are all about, this introduction by Ruth Fagen is sure to provide insight and excitement. Ruth's teaching will be part of the Torah Pathways series open to all without reservation.

Torah Pathways is a discussion and study group for adults seeking to deepen their understanding of what it means to be Jewish. It is an open non-judgemental forum for those exploring their relationship with traditional egalitarian Judaism as part of their spiritual journey. Torah Pathways meets twice monthly. This month Torah Pathways will meet on Sunday 9 June from 9:45a to 11:00a and Sunday 30 June at the special time of 10:30a to noon. All are welcomed.

## **Rashi Study Group**

Each Monday morning from 7:45a to 8:30a a small group of adults meets in the Rabbi's Study to read Rashi's commentary to the



Torah. The study proceeds line by line; since its inception in January 1994 the group has covered about 35 chapters of Torah. It is possible to join the study for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. For more information, don't call; just come once and find out what it is about.

## 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](mailto:jjtilsen@aol.com).

*Rabbi Tilsen's mail and e-mail are opened directly and exclusively by the Rabbi himself and are as secure and confidential as mail and e-mail can be.*

### Deadlines for Submitting Material for Publication

For the BEKI Bulletin, submit your material by the 1st of the month for the following month. Deadline for the July Bulletin is June 1st.

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

### BEKI Bulletin

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## A Time to Act

The Torah portion Shelah Lekha which we read this month tells the story of the twelve spies sent by Moshe across the Jordan River to Israel to scout out the land for the planned conquest. All twelve spies report a beautiful land flowing with milk and honey. But ten of them say that "We are not able to go up" because of the many challenges the land holds. Only two, Joshua and Caleb, say that "We should go up at once."

Through the visioning and planning process of the BEKI 2000 work groups, a picture of a beautiful, financially sound and spiritually vibrant shul has begun to crystallize, along with a plan to achieve this vision. The question before us is, can we actually do it?

The good news is that we probably can. Conversations with a number of shul members who are people of means indicate that there are already supporters willing to provide the financial backing to make this

vision a reality. But before they are willing make this investment in our future, they must be satisfied that their gifts will be used responsibly. And some backers will offer their support only when they are assured others will give as well.

Also promising is the palpable sense of enthusiasm among some of these members. There is a genuine willingness to give the support needed to allow this congregation to achieve its great potential. There is a renewed sense of optimism and confidence as this past year showed great improvement in the shul's fiscal condition.

When the ten spies gave their pessimistic report, the people were too frightened to proceed. Shortly after, they realized their mistake, and begged Moshe to let them go up to Israel. But it was too late, as the moment for action had passed. Forty years passed before the next opportunity arose, and Joshua lead us into the Promised Land.



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Dear Rabbi,

If I cook vegetables in a meat pot, can I serve the leftovers at a dairy meal? The vegetables have no meat in them.

Signed, Preferred Pareve

Dear Pareve,

Rabbi Moshe Isserles (ReMA), representing Ashkenazic practice, states in his gloss on the Shulhan Arukh, Yore De`a, 89:3, that...if there is no meat in the food but it is cooked in a meat pot, it is permitted to eat cheese after it, and it is not the practice to be stringent about it...."

If you wish to serve vegetables cooked in a meat pot at a dairy meal, you should serve the vegetables on a separate plate, that is, not on the same plate as actual dairy products. Of course, the easiest solution may be to try to cook all vegetables in pareve utensils, thus avoiding possible confusion or mixing when you later serve the leftovers.

Dear Rabbi,

I heard that it's a mitzva to eat meat on Sabbath and Festivals. Then how can you be a vegetarian? Must Jewish vegetarians eat meat on the holidays?

Signed, Meaty Question

Dear Meaty,

There is a Talmudic saying "'ein simha 'ela be-basar, there is no joy except with flesh," which has been taken as an instruction to eat meat on joyous days such as shabbat and holidays. In previous generations most Jews could afford to eat meat or fish only occasionally and so it was done on Shabbat and Yom Tov in celebration of the specialness of those days.

The Baal Shem Tov taught that the word "basar," which means flesh, refers not to eating meat but to enjoying the flesh of one's mate. Indeed, this "oneg shabbat" is a specific commandment. Moreover, cultural circumstances have changed and in our day eating meat is no longer viewed as a special sign of joy but rather is either commonplace or avoided altogether.

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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## Benot Mitzva in June

### Jessica Stern



Jessica Stern, daughter of Barbara & Leonard Stern, will be called to the Torah, recite the Haftara, present a Devar Torah and lead services as a Bat Mitzva during Shabbat morning services on 8 June 1996. Jessica is the granddaughter of Stanley & Patricia Moldawsky of Livingston, New Jersey, and Sidney & Ruth Stern of Woodmere, New York. She is a student at West Hills Middle Magnet School in New Haven where she is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She enjoys dancing and is currently enrolled at the New Haven Ballet; she is also involved in a dance ensemble.

### Elisabeth Hoberman Kinsley



Elisabeth Hoberman Kinsley, daughter of Judy Hoberman & Dominic Kinsley, will be called to the Torah, recite the Haftara, present a Devar Torah and lead services as a Bat Mitzva during Shabbat morning services on 22 June 1996. Liz is the granddaughter of Sylvia & Carl Hoberman and Mary & Dick Kinsley. She is completed seventh grade at West Hills Middle School and is graduated from the United Hebrew School. Her interests include singing, art, Broadway theatre and friendships.

UHS Shabbat features noted Jewish Educator Dr. Paula Hyman will present a Devar Torah during the United Hebrew School (UHS) Shabbat on Saturday morning 1 June. Dr. Hyman teaches Jewish History at Yale University and is an activist for Jewish Education locally and internationally. She lives with her husband Stanley Rosenbaum in Westville.

The UHS Shabbat will honor UHS faculty, parents and students. During this past academic year, BEKI member Judith Weingarten served as Principal; Carol Elkie, Brian Karsif, Betsy Rosenberg, Terri Stern, and Lori Weinstein served on the faculty; Steven Fraade, Barbara Stern, Terri Stern,

Natan Weinstein, Shoshana Zax, and Rabbi Tilsen served on the School's Board of Directors. Terri Stern has been appointed to succeed Judith Weingarten as Principal as the Weingarten family will be relocating to the Hartford area.

The School has experienced continued growth, both in quality of the program and number of students. Through the help of the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund the school has become open to all children regardless of their parents' ability to pay.

### Sisterhood News

The "Book of Life" luncheon, which this year honored Grace Geisinger as Sisterhood's "Woman of Valor," was a great success. Rabbi Tilsen dedicated the new "Book of Life."

During April, Sisterhood president Adele Tyson, who is a co-president of the Auxiliary of the Jewish Home for the Aged, was sent by them as a delegate to a 5 day convention in San Francisco.

Sisterhood's annual Spring Rummage Sale, under the able direction of co-chairs Mimi Kahn and Mikki Ratner, takes place on 2 & 3 June. Bring in clean, usable spring clothing and other items; the co-chairs can use help. Offer your services.

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### **Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale**

Time to take stock and get rid of things you're not using and contribute them to our sale. It is slated for Sunday and Monday, 2 & 3 June. Sunday, the sale will be held from 9:00a to 1:00p.

Please do not send winter clothing. All clothing must be clean and wearable. There's always a need for houseware, glassware, costume jewelry, handbags, pictures, toys, small appliances (in working condition), lamps, small furniture, and the like.

One section is devoted to new merchandise - if you have any gifts, include it, we can sell it!!

Set up will be Thursday evening 29 May at 7:30p We need help - can we count on you? It is most important that you bring your rummage in before 30 May. The day of the sale we can not accept it. Your help and cooperation will be appreciated.

Mimi Kahn & Mikki Ratner  
Co-Chairpersons

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*BEKI Events*  
June Sivan-Tammuz

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 Tammuz 10:30a Torah Pathways: Ruth Fagen (special time)						9:15a UHS Shabbat Darshanit: Paula Hyman 10:45a CSH 10:45a Jr Cong 5:45p Minha 8:58p motze'ei Shbt
15 Sivan 9:00a Sisterhood Rummage Sale to 3:00p	16 Sivan 7:45a Rashi Study Group 9:00a Sisterhood Rummage Sale to 1:00p	17 Sivan	18 Sivan	19 Sivan	20 Sivan 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Late Evening Serv. <b>Candles 8:04p</b>	21 Sivan 9:15a Bat Mizvah: Jessica Stern 10:45a CSH 10:45a Learner's Min Serv. 5:45p Minha 9:00p Motze'ei Shbt
22 Sivan 9:45a Torah Pathways	23 Sivan 7:45a Rashi Study Group	24 Sivan	25 Sivan 2:00p RSVP due for Dinner  7:45p BEKI Annual Meeting	26 Sivan	27 Sivan 6:00p Family Shabbat & Dinner by RSVP  <b>Candles 8:07p</b>	28 Sivan 9:15a Aufrauf: Robert Sachs 10:45a CSH 10:45a Jr Cong 5:45p Minha 9:02p motze'ei Shbt
29 Sivan	30 Sivan Rosh Hodesh  7:45a Rashi Study Group	1 Tammuz Rosh Hodesh	2 Tammuz	3 Tammuz	4 Tammuz 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Late Evening Serv. <b>Candles 8:10p</b>	5 Tammuz 9:15a Bat Mitzvah: E. Hoberman Kinsley 10:45a CSH 10:45a JrCon 10:45a SSLM 5:45 Minha 9:05p motz.
6 Tammuz 9:30a Sunday Breakfast by Men's Club	7 Tammuz 7:45a Rashi Study Group	8 Tammuz	9 Tammuz	10 Tammuz	11 Tammuz 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Late Evening Serv. <b>Candles 8:10p</b>	12 Tammuz 9:15a Shah't 10:45a CSH 10:45a Jr. Cong. 5:45p Minha  9:05p Motze'ei Shabbat

## Dates and Times to Remember

### June Events

01	Sha 9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service UHS Shabbat Darshanit: Dr. Paula Hyman Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Minha Afternoon Service
	5:45p	motze'ei Shabbat
02 Sun	9:00a to 3:00p	Sisterhood Rummage Sale
03 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
	9:00a to 1p	Sisterhood Rummage Sale
07 Fri	6:00p	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:00p	Late Evening Service
	8:04p	Candle Lighting
08 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzva: Jessica Stern Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
09 Sun	9:45a	Torah Pathways Study
10 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
12 Wed	2:00p	RSVP due for Shabbat Dinner
	7:45p	BEKI Annual Meeting
14 Fri	6:00p	Qabbalat Shabbat Family Service
	6:30p	Shabbat Dinner by RSVP
	8:07p	Candle Lighting
15 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Aufrauf: Robert Sachs Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Minha Afternoon Service
	5:45p	motze'ei Shabbat
	9:02p	Rashi Study Group
17 Mon	7:45a	Qabbalat Shabbat
21 Fri	6:00p	Late Evening Service
	8:00p	Candle Lighting
	8:10p	Shabbat Morning Service
22 Sha	9:15a	Bat Mitzva: Elisabeth Hoberman Kinsley Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	9:05p	motze'ei Shabbat
23 Sun	9:30a	Sunday Breakfast by Men's Club
24 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
28 Fri	6:00p	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:00p	Late Evening Service
	8:10p	Candle Lighting
29 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Minha Afternoon Service
	5:45p	motze'ei Shabbat
	9:05p	Torah Pathways with Ruth Fagen
30 Sun	10:30a	

### July Events

01 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
05 Fri	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service

	8:00p	Late Shabbat Service
	8:09p	Candle Lighting
06 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha
	9:03p	Motze'ei Shabbat
08 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
12 Fri	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service
	8:07p	Candle Lighting
13 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Darshan: Alan Lovins Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Minha
	5:45p	Motze'ei Shabbat
	8:59	Early Shabbat Service
19 Fri	6:00p	Candle Lighting
	8:02p	Shabbat Morning Service
20 Sha	9:15a	Darshanit: Kathy Rosenbluh Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha
	8:54p	Motze'ei Shabbat
24 Wed	8:00p	Tisha Be'av Minha/Maariv Service Reading of Eikha-Lamentations
25 Thu	7:00a	Tisha Be'av Morning
	5:45p	Tisha Be'av Afternoon
26 Fri	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service
	8:00p	Late Shabbat Service
	7:57p	Candle Lighting
27 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Minha
	5:45p	Motze'ei Shabbat
	8:47p	Torah Pathways
28 Sun	9:45a	Rashi Study Group
29 Mon	7:45a	



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- To Max Rosenkrantz from Rose & George Feen
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- To Mae Etkind from Rose & George Feen
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- To Carol Gordon from Hyla Greenberg
- To Mrs. Claudine Laitman & Family from Lori, Natan, Beth & Justin Weinstein
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- To Mrs. Lorraine Jacobsen from Lori, Natan, Beth & Justin Weinstein
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