

BEKI BULLETIN

Monthly Newsletter of Congregation Beth El – Keser Israel, a Full-Service Synagogue for Greater New Haven Jewry
March 1994 Adar-Nisan 5754

A Message from Rabbi Tilsen—

How Holy?

Two viewpoints are offered by our sages to explain how it is that we are an *Am Qadosh*, a holy nation. According to one viewpoint, held by Yehuda HaLevi, Jews are endowed with a measure of holiness from before birth. Our souls are holy simply by virtue of the fact of our being Jewish. This viewpoint, while popular, is problematic.

A second view, held by sages such as Rashi and Ibn Ezra, sees our holiness in our performance of the mitzvot: "*Asher Qideshanu BiMitzvotav* — Who makes us holy through the mitzvot." We are holy not merely by virtue of birth; rather, we are holy because of how we live. Indeed, our tradition recognizes prophets and holy people among other nations. And certainly there are Jews who live unholy lives.

You don't have to be Jewish to be holy or to do what is pleasing before God—but it helps. It is like being a member of a health club. Being a member of a health club does not mean that one is healthier than the general public, and one can be healthy without being a member of a health club. Being a member can help one be healthier—but only if one works out.

Being born Jewish means being born with a free lifetime membership in a spiritual health club. Those who convert have joined of their own volition, typically evidencing a conscientious commitment to Jewish living. One's spiritual growth is proportional to one's use of that membership. When we perform *mitzvot*, God makes us holy.

Jon-Jay Tilsen

*May you enjoy a
happy and kosher
Pesach!*

In Honor of Passover

Conservative/Masorti Pesah Seder
Sunday 27 March 1994 6:30 PM
at Temple Beth Shalom in Hamden
for more information call 288-7748

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for Maot Hittim may be sent
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on which fund you wish to support.

SELL YOUR HAMETZ

Please authorize Rabbi Tilsen
to sell your hametz this Pesah
by signing a form available
after daily minyanim or during office hours.

If you need a form by mail,
please call the
BEKI office at 389-2108.

Dates and Times to Remember

March

1	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Prayer Book Hebrew
3	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
4	Friday	5:28 PM	Light Candles
		6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service — Choir & Organ
5	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Bat Mitzva Heather Braffman Shabbat Morning Service
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		5:25 PM	Minha & Pirqe Avot Study
		6:15 PM	Maariv & Havdala
6	Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
		10:30 AM	Torah & Mitzvot Class
		7:30 PM	Bookclub - Rabbi M & M Levine's home
9	Monday	7:30 AM	Rashi Study Group
8	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Prayer Book Hebrew
10	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
11	Friday	5:36 PM	Light Candles
		6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service with Organ Men's Club Shabbat
12	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:45 AM	Darshan: David Kuperstock Children's Shabbat Havura
		4:00 PM	BEKI Shabbat Study Group
		5:35 PM	Minha & Pirqe Avot Study
		6:23 PM	Maariv & Havdala
13	Sunday	9:30 AM	Torah Fund Brunch — Women's League
14	Monday	7:30 AM	Rashi Study Group
15	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Special Needs Model Seder
		7:30 PM	Prayer Book Hebrew
17	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
18	Friday	5:44 PM	Light Candles
19	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		5:45 PM	Minha & Pirqe Avot Study
		6:30 PM	Maariv & Havdala
20	Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
		10:30 AM	Torah & Mitzvot Class
21	Monday	7:30 AM	Rashi Study Group
22	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Prayer Book Hebrew
24	Thursday	7:00 AM	Siyyum Bekhorot
		9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
	Thursday Evening:		Bediqat Hamets at Home
25	Friday	5:51 PM	Light Candles
		6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service
26	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		5:45 PM	Minha (only)
		6:45 PM	Passover candle lighting
27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Festival Morning Service
		9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
		5:45 PM	Festival Evening Service
28	Monday	7:30 AM	Rashi Study Group
29	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Prayer Book Hebrew
31	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group

April

1	Friday	6:00 PM	Shabbat & Festival Service
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service
2	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat & Festival Service
			Shir HaShirim is read.
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		11:00 AM	Learners' Minyan
		5:45 PM	Minha
3	Sunday	9:00 AM	Festival Morning Service
			No Mishna Berura
4	Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study Group
5	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Siddur Comprehension
6	Wednesday		UHS Yom HaShoa Program
7	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
		3:00 PM	Torah & Tea
8	Friday	6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat Service
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service
9	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
			Darshan: <u>Rabbi Alan Lovins</u>
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		11:00 AM	Allison Berman Naming
		5:45 PM	Minha
10	Sunday	9:30 AM	Men's Club Breakfast
			Speaker: TBA
		2:00 PM	Holocaust Memorial in Park
11	Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study Group
12	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Siddur Comprehension
14	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
		3:00 PM	Torah & Tea
15	Friday	6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat
		6:30 PM	Shabbat Dinner
16	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
			Darshan: <u>Rabbi Murray Levine</u>
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		11:00 AM	Learner's Minyan
		5:45 PM	Minha
17	Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
		10:30 AM	Torah & Mitzvot Class
		4:00 PM	LaMaazal place TBA
18	Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study Group
		6:00 PM	Torah Fund Dinner
21	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
		3:00 PM	Torah & Tea
22	Friday	6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service
23	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Bat Mitzva: Beth Weinstein Shabbat Morning Service
			Bat Mitzva: Beth Weinstein
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		5:45 PM	Minha
24	Sunday	9:30 AM	Mishna Berura Study Group
		10:30 AM	Torah & Mitzvot Class
25	Monday	7:45 AM	Rashi Study Group
28	Thursday	9:30 AM	Drama Play Group
		3:00 PM	Torah & Tea
29	Friday	6:00 PM	Qabbalat Shabbat
		8:00 PM	Late Evening Service
30	Shabbat	9:15 AM	Shabbat Morning Service
			Darshan: <u>Nadav Sela</u>
		10:45 AM	Children's Shabbat Havura
		11:00 AM	Learner's Minyan
		5:45 PM	Minha

SACRED SCROLL COVER SPONSORED IN MEMORY OF FANNY FRIEDLANDER

Gloria and Morris Cohen have sponsored a Sacred Scroll cover in memory of Gloria's aunt Fanny Friedlander. The Cohens have chosen to sponsor the cover of the scroll of the books of *Shir ha-Shirim* (Song of Songs), *Ruth* and *Qohelet* (Ecclesiastes), all of which by tradition were written by King Solomon. This scroll is read on Shabbat evenings, Shavuot and Sukkot. If you would like to sponsor one of the eight remaining scroll covers, please contact Steve Wizner at 432-4800 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

LARGE PRINT PRAYERBOOKS HONOR LILLIAN K. LEVINE

A set of Large Print prayerbooks has been sponsored in honor of Lillian K. Levine by J. Paul & Deanie Levine and by all of Lillian's great-grandchildren. These prayerbooks will help meet the religious needs of our community for years to come. This is a wonderful way to honor a woman who has meant so much to the community over the years. May she go from strength to strength.

HEATHER BRAFFMAN BAT MITZVA

Heather Stephanie Braffman, daughter of Kenneth L. and Elaine A. Braffman, will participate in Friday Evening Services on March 4th at 8:00 PM. Heather will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzva and will conduct services on Shabbat morning March 5th at 9:15 AM.

Heather is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Samuel Braffman and Mildred Braffman Spier, of blessed memory. Heather is in the seventh grade at Hamden Hall Country Day School and is a member of the b'nei mitzvah class at the United Hebrew School.

DEAR RABBI

A column of answers, advice and helpful household hints.

Today's letter comes from a homemaker in Hamden:

Dear Rabbi:

I am a God-fearing Jew, and I am very serious about following the mitzvot, and while I am not strict about kashrut during the year, I am meticulous during Pesah. But this year Pesah is going to be impossible because the first seder falls on a Saturday night.

I know it's a mitzva to eat hallot or bread at the seudot of Shabbat, both Friday night and Saturday after services; it is forbidden to eat bread after mid-morning on Saturday, on the eve of the festival; it is forbidden to eat matza on the day before Pesah; biddiqat hametz takes place Thursday night and all hametz must be removed by Friday morning.

What am I supposed to do?

Signed,

Preparing for a crumby holiday.

Dear Crumby,

Gads, that's one gonzo whopper of a halakhic quandary. For the first time since 1981 and the final time this century, the first seder of Pesah occurs on Motzei Shabbat (Saturday night, 26 March). As you have pointed out, this makes it difficult to meet all the halakhic desiderata of Erev Pesah.

Here's what to do: Use egg matza on Friday night and Shabbat day. Egg matza counts as lehem (bread); it is unleavened so you need not worry about hametz; and it does not count as matza for a seder because it has added ingredients. (Don't use egg matza for the seder in any event. Use only plain matza — preferably shemura matza.)

While not a perfect solution, it is perhaps the way to come closest to meeting all of the rules for Shabbat and Pesah.

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.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

In cooperation with the Connecticut Valley Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, our Sisterhood is collecting eye glasses for "New Eyes for the Needy." **Violet Ludwig** is Chairwoman of the project. During the next two months, please bring eye glasses that you no longer use to the synagogue office. They should be in an envelope marked: Sisterhood, Attention: Violet Ludwig.

Helen Ross and Rhoda "Dodi" Lemkin are our BOOK OF LIFE Chairwomen this year, and they are busy planning an exciting and wonderful day. More details soon!

Sisterhood has made a generous donation towards a new computer for the Rabbi's study, and we have purchased a new coffee urn.

Donations were made to Sisterhood by **Ruth Abeshouse** in memory of her late husband **Jordan, Ida Karas, Mikki Ratner, Mimi Kahn, and Dorothy Shure.** **Mae and Herb Etkind** have given a generous donation to be used toward new window treatments for the entry way. Watch for a new look here soon.

Don't forget to call **Rose Feen** (387-8743) if you need a Torah Fund card sent for any occasion.

Barbara Cushen & Belle Goldberg
Co-Presidents

MEN'S CLUB NEWS

We have been so busy digging out of the snow and ice from the recent series of winter storms that we forgot to write our monthly news column! I hope this makes the publication deadline.

We regret that we were unable to schedule a breakfast in January between snow storms. We look forward, at this writing,, to good weather for our annual joint breakfast with Sisterhood on February 20th. We will report next month on the talk by our guest **Miriam Benson.**

In March, we will celebrate our annual Men's Club Shabbat on Friday night March 11th. Members of the Men's Club will participate in the service which will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat which we will sponsor.

Shortly, we will begin distribution of the Yom HaShoah Yellow Candles to be used on the evening of April 7 (erev Yom HaShoah) to memorialize the six million victims of the Holocaust. These candles are provided by the Men's Club and are not for sale, but we suggest a donation directly to the Camp Ramah Scholarship fund.

Shalom,

Saul Bell
President

DO YOUR OWN THINK

A Menu for the Hungry Mind

Torah Learning Opportunities
for Adults in March:

Hebrew Literacy Classes
Prayer Book Reading and
Comprehension Classes
Rashi Study Group
Mishna Berura Study Group
Men's Club Speakers
Friday Night Speakers
Shabbat Shalom Learner's Minyan
Pirque Avot Study
BEKI Reading Group
BEKI Shabbat Study Group
Death & Mourning Workshops
Interfaith Couples Group
LaMaazel — The Jewish Spiritual
Way of Childbirth
Do-It-Yourself Ritual Workshops
Point of Grammar
Guard Your Tongue
Weekly Torah Discussion

BEKI COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Do you want to volunteer your time or ideas to a special synagogue function? Contact these committee chairs. They welcome your help.

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Kiddush Cups, Candlesticks,
and other things to make
your seder table festive!*

LEARN THE TROPE

If you would like to learn the taamim (trope) for Ruth, Song of Songs, or Ecclesiastes, or for other books of the Torah, please call leave a message for Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

MAZAL TOV TO

Nancy & Lewis Berman
on the birth of their daughter
Ariella Malka (Allison Michelle)
on Leil Shabbat Shemot 31 December 1993.

Kathy Rosenbluh & Michael Stern
on the birth of their daughter
Miriam
on 4 January 1994.

Dorothy Shure
on the birth of her great grandchild.

Marilyn & Ronald Savin
on the birth of their grandchild.

Wilbur Witten
on his milestone birthday.

Paul "Pat" Goodwin
on his milestone birthday.

APRIL READING GROUP TO DISCUSS EXODUS & REVOLUTION

Join us for the second meeting of the BEKI Reading Group on Sunday evening 10 April at 7:30 PM at the home of **Morris and Gloria Cohen** at 84 McKinley Avenue in New Haven. Please RSVP to the Cohens at 389-2070 by 3 April. The selection, Exodus and Revolution by Michael Walzer, is available in paperback from local booksellers including Barnes and Nobles, 109 Boston Post Road in Orange for \$14.00 (ISBN 0465021638). Please read the book prior to the meeting.

LAMAAZEL TO MEET IN APRIL

The next meeting of "LaMaazel — the Jewish Spiritual way of childbearing and childrearing" will be held on Sunday 17 April at 4:00 PM at a private residence in Westville. If you know of someone who might like an invitation, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

MARCH READING GROUP TO DISCUSS SCHINDLER'S LIST

Please join us for the first meeting of the BEKI Reading Group. The meeting will take place Sunday evening March 6 at 7:30 PM at the home of **Rabbi Murray and Malka Levine** at 35 Knollwood Drive in New Haven. Please RSVP to their home at 397-2513 by February 28. The first selection is Schindler's List by Thomas Keneally, available in paperback at Barnes and Nobles, 109 Boston Post Road, Orange for \$10.80 and at other local booksellers. A Holocaust survivor who was on Schindler's list may be present to share her experience. To enhance the discussion, please read the book prior to the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

BEKI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Kalman Watsky & Deborah Fried
& Benjamin & Rebecca

YOU CAN HELP BEKI

Let us Know

The members of BEKI Synagogue care about you. We want to be able to share in your simhot, assist you when you are ill, and comfort you when you have lost a loved one. Please take a few minutes to have someone phone the synagogue to inform us as to what is happening. We want to be there for you!

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Abraham Bettigole
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To Mrs. Anthony Tarini & family by Eunice & Louis Rogoff.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Everyone is invited to attend the 2nd Annual Party Planning Showcase sponsored by Central CT Women's ORT. The event will be on Sunday, March 6, 1994 from 11 - 4 at the Marriott Hotel in Trumbull. Listen to live bands and D.J.'s, taste kosher culinary treats, view beautiful and creative displays of party decorations, photographers and videographers. See what's exciting in the world of entertainment, party favors, and special occasion fashions. This day is a must for anyone planning a wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Sweet Sixteen, private or corporate event. All of this is FREE! Don't Miss Out!

BEKI has been informed that there is a GALA trip and tour including four days in Greece, and ten days in Israel. The trip's leader will be Joey Russell, who has a reputation for fantastic trips. Members of BEKI who have travelled on tours with Joey have always returned with raves. The tour departs on April 6 (after Passover). All meals, (except one), all tips, charter transportation Connecticut - JFK and return, and more. BEKI will earn \$50.00 for each BEKI passenger. Call Joey at 874-4121 for more information.

Get Up and Get Out with the JCC. The following trips are scheduled from the JCC: "The Merry Widow" - New England Lyric Operetta Palace Theater, Stamford, CT - Sunday, March 20; "Teibele and Her Demon" - Jewish Repertory Theater Playhouse 91, New York - Wednesday, April 13; "Family Secrets" - Westside Theater, New York - Wednesday, April 27; "Broken Glass" - Long Wharf Theater, New Haven - Thursday, March 24. Call the JCC (387-2JCC) for more information and prices.

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A very special thank you goes to **Darryl and David Kuperstock, Eunice and Louis Rogoff, Ellen Cohen, the BEKI Sisterhood, and our custodian Clarence**, for all their help and work to make the last Shabbat Supper such a beautiful success.
—Janet Brown

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Service Times: Sunday 9:00 am. Monday thru Friday 7:00 am. Sunday thru Thursday 5:45 pm. </div>		18 Adar 7:30 pm. - Prayer Book Hebrew <div style="text-align: right;">1</div>	19 Adar 4:15 pm - U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">2</div>	20 Adar 9:30 am. - 10:30 am. Parent-Toddler Program <div style="text-align: right;">3</div>	21 Adar Services 6 & 8 pm. with Volunteer Choir & Organ Heather Braffman Bat Mitzva 5:28 pm. <div style="text-align: right;">4</div>	22 Adar Heather Braffman Bat Mitzva Services 9:15 am. Learners' Minyan 11:00 am. Mincha 5:25 pm. <div style="text-align: right;">5</div>
23 Adar 9:30 am. - U.H.S. 9:30 am. - Mishna Berura Study Group 7:30 pm. Book Club at Rabbi Levine's <div style="text-align: right;">6</div>	24 Adar 7:30 am. - Rashi Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">7</div>	25 Adar 7:30 pm. - Prayer Book Hebrew <div style="text-align: right;">8</div>	26 Adar 4:15 pm - U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">9</div>	27 Adar 9:30 am. - 10:30 am. Parent-Toddler Program <div style="text-align: right;">10</div>	28 Adar Services 6 & 8 pm. with Organ Men's Club Shabbat <div style="text-align: right;">11</div>	29 Adar Pekudei / Ha-Chodesh Services 9:15 am. 4:00 pm. - BEKI Shabbat Study Group Mincha - 5:35 <div style="text-align: right;">12</div>
1 Nisan Rosh-Chodesh. 9:30 am. - U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">13</div>	2 Nisan 7:30 am. - Rashi Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">14</div>	3 Nisan 7:30 pm. - Prayer Book Hebrew <div style="text-align: right;">15</div>	4 Nisan 4:15 pm - U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">16</div>	5 Nisan 9:30 am. - 10:30 am. Parent-Toddler Program <div style="text-align: right;">17</div>	6 Nisan Services 6:00 pm. 5:44 pm. <div style="text-align: right;">18</div>	7 Nisan Va-Yikra Services 9:15 am. Learners' Minyan 11:00 am. Mincha - 5:45 <div style="text-align: right;">19</div>
8 Nisan 9:30 am. - U.H.S. 9:30 am. - Mishna Berura Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">20</div>	9 Nisan 7:30 am. - Rashi Study Group <div style="text-align: right;">21</div>	10 Nisan 7:30 pm. - Prayer Book Hebrew <div style="text-align: right;">22</div>	11 Nisan 4:15 pm - U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">23</div>	12 Nisan 7:00 am. - Siyyum Bekhorot 9:30 am. - 10:30 am. Parent-Toddler Program <div style="text-align: right;">24</div>	13 Nisan Services 6:00 pm. 5:51 pm. <div style="text-align: right;">25</div>	14 Nisan Tzav Shabbat ha-Gadol Services 9:15 am. Mincha only 5:45 pm. First Seder <div style="text-align: right;">26</div>
15 Nisan 1 Pesach. No U.H.S. 9:00 AM Festival Service Second Seder <div style="text-align: right;">27</div>	16 Nisan 2 Pesach. 9:15 AM Festival Service <div style="text-align: right;">28</div>	17 Nisan 1 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. 7:30 pm. - Prayer Book Hebrew <div style="text-align: right;">29</div>	18 Nisan 2 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. No U.H.S. <div style="text-align: right;">30</div>	19 Nisan 3 Chol ha-Moed Pesach. 9:30 am. - 10:30 am. Parent-Toddler <div style="text-align: right;">31</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> Children's Shabbat Havura every Shabbat at 10:45 am. in the Claire Goodwin Youth </div>	

TIMES TO REMEMBER

Daily Minyan

Sunday Morning	9:00 AM
Sunday Evening	5:45 PM
Mon-Fri Morning	7:00 AM
Mon-Thurs Evenings	5:45 PM

Shabbat

begins at candle lighting:	ends:
March 4—21 Adar	5:24 6:15
March 11—28 Adar	5:33 6:23
March 18—6 Nisan	5:41 6:30
March 25—13 Nisan	5:48 6:45

Shabbat Services

Friday night	see calendar
Morning	9:15 AM.-12:00
Afternoon/Evening	see calendar

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