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Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund Helps BEKI Kids

The Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel was established by the Dr. Ralph & Irene Friedman Family and supported by students and friends to honor the memory of our beloved teacher by continuing his work of providing Jewish education for children.

Mr. Friedman's tenure as Ritual Director ("Shamash") spanned several generations. Renowned for his wisdom, dedication, erudition, phenomenal memory and deep love for his people and Torah, Mr. Friedman gave the gift of Torah to hundreds of students. While the congregation has been blessed with many gifted rabbis, teachers and leaders over the years, for many Beth El-Keser Israel will always be known as "Mr. Friedman's shul."

During the current school year, the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund supported the education of deserving children whose families needed assistance to enable their studies. Through the quiet generosity of the Friedman family and friends who contributed to the fund last year, tuition help was provided for ten children from five families. One parent, in expressing



Louis Friedman

appreciation for this help, wrote that "our children's education is most important." That one simple sentence so eloquently and forcefully states a lesson that Mr. Friedman taught us through the example of his life's work.

"The dedication of our parents' to their children's education is most praiseworthy," commented Rabbi Tilsen. "Many families that are struggling financially have nonetheless made their children's religious education a priority.

Thanks to the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund, families experiencing financial crisis due to job dislocation, extreme medical expenses or other crises can keep their kids in school."

To support the education of Jewish children through the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at Beth El-Keser Israel, please send your check to "Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund at BEKI," 85 Harrison Street, New Haven CT 06515. If your family might need tuition assistance to attend the United Hebrew School at Beth El-Keser Israel in 1996-1997 you may contact BEKI Treasurer Stephen Wizner or Rabbi Tilsen at the same address.



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BEKI Bulletin

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The Living Tree

The passage from Proverbs 3:18 recited as we replace the Torah in the ark, "eitz hayim hiy," usually translated as "It [the Torah] is a Tree of Life," could also be translated as "It is a Living Tree." How is it that our Torah, our Teaching, our Tradition is alive like a tree?

The Talmud (Menahot 29b) recounts the following:

When Moses went up to receive the Law he found the Holy One sitting affixing ornaments to the letters of the Torah. He said to the Holy One: "Master of the Universe, what's holding you up?" Said the Holy One: "Someday there will be a certain man several generations hence by the name of Rabbi Aqiva who will expound upon each minute detail of halakha (law) based on these ornaments."

Moses said to the Holy One: "Master of the Universe, show him to me." The Holy One said: "Go back behind you." He went back and sat at the end of 18 rows in the back Rabbi Aqiva's academy and did not understand what they were talking about. He was overcome with grief.

Just then they arrived at a certain subject and his disciples asked Aqiva: "Rabbi, whence do you know this?" He said to them: "It is the law from Moses on Sinai." Moses

was then contented.

Here we have Moses, the most direct recipient of the Tradition from God, unable to even understand the complexities that Rabbi Aqiva presents as the teachings of Moses! At first, consternation; then, contentment.

Moses is content because he realizes that he was given something even greater than a long list of laws and specific statutes. Moses was given a process, a system of developing traditions that grow and change as Jewish civilization itself grows and changes. It is the process itself that is sacred and essential to our Tradition even more than the specific content at any one time. It is the process itself that constitutes the tradition.

This is easy to see when we look at one of the mitzvot (imperatives) that God gave to all humanity, as one of the "Noahide" laws. God commanded all societies to establish systems of justice. The content was not specified. It was the system that was crucial. To say that our practices must look exactly as they did 50 or 500 years ago is to fail to understand Tradition.

And so like a Living Tree our Tradition grows. It grows and its appearance changes, but it is still the same Tree, it is still the Tradition. As the Proverb says, "It is a Living Tree to all that grasp it."

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Dear Rabbi,

If you want to observe the rules of shabbat can you watch TV if you use a timer? Or can you record a program on shabbat to watch later?

Signed, Turned On by a Timer

Dear Turned On,

The most specific halakhic (legal) objection to watching TV on shabbat is that it violates the prohibitions against using electricity and the secondary prohibitions against using complex devices that are liable to require adjustment or repair. While there are observant Jewish scholars who do permit the use of electricity on shabbat, and their legal opinion is not without precedent or rational basis, the majority of the observant community has adopted the position that turning electric devices on or off (or adjusting them) on shabbat is not permitted. But that position does not prohibit enjoying a device that was set up before shabbat, such as a light left on, a refrigerator, or your TV on a timer (or a TV left on the whole time).

There is a concern that watching a TV left on or set on a timer will lead one to forget and adjust the channel or volume, which would be prohibited. One watching TV in this way should take some precaution such as putting the remote control away (assuming you can find it in the first place) or covering the control knobs. Many in the more "liberal" observant world follow this practice, along with otherwise frummer yidden (more strictly observant Jews) who are addicted to the tube.

A broader objection to TV on shabbat is that it is simply not in keeping with the spirit of shabbat, which bars certain activities in order to make "space" for special activities such as studying sacred texts, singing, visiting friends, eating and sleeping. You might want to seriously evaluate what kind of atmosphere you have or wish to create for yourself or your family on shabbat and estimate what place TV should have in your day. Each person or family will arrive at an answer most suitable to them.

Recording programs broadcast on shabbat for viewing later is an increasingly common practice among mainstream observant Jews.

Is there something good on that I'm missing?

Dear Rabbi,

Does a tallis have to have stripes? How about a tallis for girls?

Signed, Black and White

Dear Schwartz & Weiss,

By definition a tallit must have at least four corners and tsitsit (special fringes) on each corner. It should not mix linen with wool, and it must be of certain minimum dimensions. Black stripes are a fashion statement. They have been part of the Jewish toga, based on archeological evidence and early paintings, for at least 2000 years. Women's togas for some reason often had L-shaped stripes; this fashion is preserved in certain church garments. The stripes would be equally optional for girls or women wearing a tallit, although I'm not sure what the fashion statement would be.

The spotlight is on

Harold's
for discriminating
men's formal wear.

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Dear Rabbi,

Some time ago you wrote that it is okay for women to wear a tallit and tefillin. But doesn't the Bible have a rule against women wearing men's clothes, or is it the other way around? I have nothing against it but I was just wondering.

Signed, A Woman in Women's Clothing

Dear Woman,

The Torah verse (Deut. 22:5) says that "A male's apparel may not be on a woman, and a male shall not wear a women's dress...." Targum Yonatan (Pseudo-Jonathan) to that verse, an early translation into Aramaic, renders the verse as "a cloak with tzitzit and tefillin shall not be worn by a woman because they are a man's apparel." This source, however, had no authority whatsoever in the development of halakha (law). This source's reading is not reflected in any of the talmudic or later legal sources that discuss either that verse or women's wearing of tallit and tefillin until it is revived in the 17th century. Given the compelling

case presented in my earlier writing, which notes that the sages in the Talmud did not object (and some actively approved) of women wearing tefillin, it is clear that they did not consider the tallit and tefillin to be specifically male apparel even though they were most commonly worn by men. Even more, the minority of sages who did object to women wearing tallit or tefillin did not base their objections on this Biblical verse, so even they did not define these items as "men's wear." What is a "man's" garment and what is a "women's" garment seems to be totally subjective and dependent on ever-changing fashions.

So Yonatan and possibly you might define tallit and tefillin as men's wear, but our sages did not. Perhaps they liked the look of women in leather straps.

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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Please make a note of the following additional important dates:

- 4/26/96 Sisterhood Sabbath
- 4/30/96 Sisterhood Torah Supper
- 5/19/96 Conn. Valley Branch Spring Conference at B'nai Jacob, Woodbridge
- 5/21/96 Sisterhood Book of Life Luncheon

Sisterhood extends a very warm welcome to the new members of our beloved Synagogue and their families. We hope the ladies will join and participate in our Sisterhood and help us in all our endeavors for B.E.K.I.

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	6:00 pm	Late Evening Service	8:00 pm	"Introducing: BEKI 2000"
02 Shab	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation	10:45 am	Learners' Minyan
	10:45 am	Minha Afternoon Service	5:30 pm	Pirque Avot Study
	5:50 pm	Maariv & Havdala	6:15 pm	PURIM BALL
	8:30 pm	UHS		
03 Sun	9:30 am	Rashi Study Group		
04 Mon	7:45 am	Fast of Esther		
	6:30 pm	Purim Megila Reading		
		Sale of Hametz Begins		
05 Tue	7:00 am	Purim Megila Reading		
06 Wed	4:15 pm	UHS		
08 Fri	5:32 pm	Candle Lighting		
	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat		
	8:00 pm	Late Evening Service		
09 Shab	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service		
	10:45 am	Morty Levine Aufrauf		
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura		
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation		
	10:45 am	Jr. Jr. Congregation		
	5:35 pm	Minha Afternoon Service		
	5:55 pm	Pirque Avot Study		
	6:22 pm	Maariv & Havdala		
10 Sun	9:30 am	UHS		
	9:40 am	Torah Reading Workshop with Shimi Cohen-Anisfeld		
11 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group		
13 Wed	4:15 pm	UHS		
15 Fri	5:40 pm	Candle Lighting		
	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat Early Serv.		
	8:00 pm	Men's Club Shabbat		
16 Shab	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service		
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura		
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation		
	10:45 am	Learners' Minyan		
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service		
	6:00 pm	Pirque Avot Study		
	6:30 pm	Maariv & Havdala		
17 Sun	9:30 am	UHS		
	9:40 am	Torah Reading Workshop with Rabbi Miles Cohen		
18 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group		
20 Wed	4:15 pm	UHS		
22 Fri	5:48 pm	Candle Lighting		
	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat		
	6:30 pm	Dinner by RESVP		
23 Shab	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service		
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura		
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation		
	10:45 am	Jr. Jr. Congregation		
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service		
24 Sun	9:30 am	UHS		
	9:40 am	Torah Reading Workshop with Rabbi Tilsen		
25 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group		
27 Wed	4:15 pm	UHS		
29 Fri	5:55 pm	Candle Lighting		
	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat Early Serv.		
	8:00 pm	Late Evening Service		
30 Shab	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service		
	10:45 am	Bar Mitzva: Hillel Cogan		
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura		
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation		
	10:45 am	Learners' Minyan		
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service		
31 Sun	9:30 am	UHS		

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01 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group
03 Wed	7:00 am	Morning Service
	7:30 am	Siyyum Bekhorot-Firstborn Last Chance to sell Hametz
	8:30 am	Men's Club Miqva No Evening Service
04 Thu	9:15 am	Festival Morning Service
	6:00 pm	Festival Evening Service Second Seder by RSVP
05 Fri	9:15 am	Festival Morning Service
	6:00 pm	Shabbat Evening Service
06 Sat	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation
	10:45 am	Jr. Jr. Congregation
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service
08 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group
10 Wed	9:15 am	Festival Morning Service
11 Thu	9:15 am	Festival Morning & Yizkor
12 Fri	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat Service
	8:00 pm	Late Evening Service
13 Sat	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service
		Dedication of Scroll Honoring Malka Levine
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation
	10:45 am	Learners' Minyan
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service
14 Sun	9:30 am	UHS

	2:00 pm	Holocaust Memorial at Plaza or if rain at BEKI
15 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group
17 Wed	4:15 pm	UHS
19 Fri	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:00 pm	Late Evening Service
20 Sat	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura
	5:45 pm	Minha Afternoon Service
21 Sun	9:30 am	Shul Breakfast by Men's Club
	TBA	Jewish Genealogy Program
22 Mon	7:45 am	Rashi Study Group
26 Fri	6:00 pm	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:00 pm	Late Evening Service
		Sisterhood Service
27 Sat	9:15 am	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Eric I.B. Beller
	10:45 am	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45 am	Junior Congregation
	10:45 am	Learners' Minyan
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28 Sun	9:30 pm	UHS
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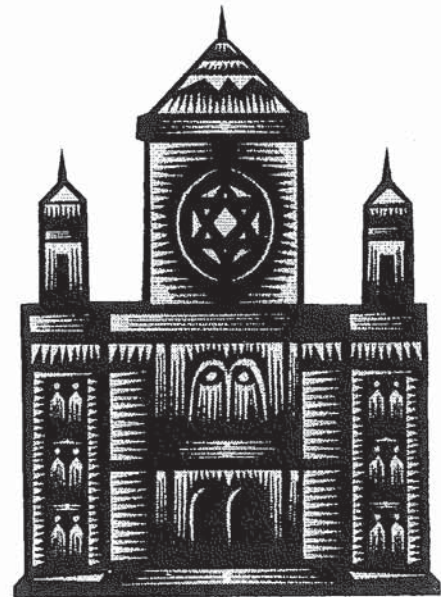
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11 Nisan 31 9:30a UHS					10 Adar 1 Candles 5:24p 6:00p Early Service 8:00p Late Service "Introducing: BEKI 2000"	11 Adar 2 9:15a Shabbat 10:45a Children's Havura, Jr. Cong., Lrn's Minyan. 5:30p Minha 5:50p Pirqe Avot 6:15p Maariv 8:30 Purim Ball
12 Adar 3 9:30a UHS Carnival	13 Adar 4 7:45a Rashi Study Group Fast of Esther 6:30p Purim Megila Reading Sale of Hametz Begins	14 Adar 5 7:00a Purim Megila Reading	15 Adar 6 4:15p UHS	16 Adar 7	17 Adar 8 Candles 5:32p 6:00 Qabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Late Evening Service	18 Adar 9 9:15a Shabbat Morty Levine Aufrauf 10:45a Children's Havura, Jr. Cong., Jr. Jr. Cong. 5:35p Minha 5:55p Pirq Avot 6:22p Maariv
19 Adar 10 9:30a UHS 9:40a Torah Reading Workshop v ith Shimi Cohen-Anisfeld	20 Adar 11 7:45a Rashi Study Group	21 Adar 12	22 Adar 13 4:15p UHS	23 Adar 14	24 Adar 15 Candles 5:40p 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat 8:00p Men's Club Shabbat	25 Adar 16 9:15a Shabbat 10:45a Children's Havura, Jr. Cong. Lrn's Minyan. 5:45p Minha 6:00p Pirqe Avot 6:30p Maariv
26 Adar 17 9:30a UHS 9:40a Torah Reading Workshop with Rabbi Miles Cohen	27 Adar 18 7:45a Rashi Study Group	28 Adar 19	29 Adar 20 2:00p RSVP due for Shabbat Dinner 4:15p UHS	1 Nisan 21	2 Nisan 22 Candles 5:48p 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat 6:30p Shabbat Dinner by RSVP	3 Nisan 23 9:15a Shabbat 10:45a Children's Havura, Jr. Cong. Jr. Jr. Cong. 5:45p Minha
4 Nisan 24 9:30a UHS 9:40a Torah Reading Workshop with Rabbi Tilsen	5 Nisan 25 7:45a Rashi Study Group	6 Nisan 26	7 Nisan 27 4:15p UHS	8 Nisan 28	9 Nisan 29 Candles 5:55p 6:00p Early Service 8:00p Late Service	10 Nisan 30 9:15a Shabbat Bar Mitzva: Hillel Cogan 10:45a Children's Havura, Jr. Cong., Lrn's Minyan. 5:45p Minha

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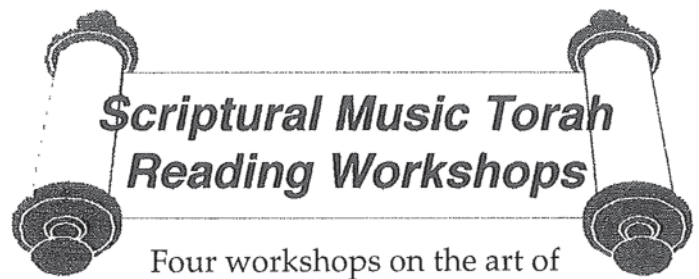
Women's Head Covering

In order to uphold ancient tradition, to bring our practice more in line with the standards of the Conservative Movement and to better realize our ideal of egalitarian Judaism, the Ritual Committee with the support of Rabbi Tilsen has asked that women who participate in services as shalihat tsibbur (prayer leader), Torah reader or Haftara reader, or having an aliya wear a head covering of her choice. Women who wear wigs would also be asked to have a recognizable head cover as not everyone will know that they are wearing a wig (just as men who wear hairpieces still wear a hat or kippa). The gabbaim will try to keep an extra head covering at the shulhan (reader's table).

Last Call for 1996 Dues Gift

Over forty BEKI family and individual members responded to the call to support the mission of the shul by making an additional contribution along with their basic dues.

This giving opportunity was created in part to meet the shul's operating expenses by encouraging those who are able to carry a larger share of this responsibility, from each according to their ability. As spring approaches, the books for 1996 will soon be closed. This is a last call to include your name in the list of those who have shown leadership by making additional dues gift for the 1995-1996/5756 year. For more information on the enhanced levels of giving please call Myra at 389-2108.



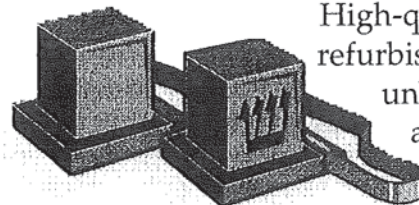
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Four workshops on the art of Scriptural Music (Trope) will be offered during March. Sponsored by the **Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music**, the workshops are sure to fascinate the uninitiated and the experienced Torah reader alike.

The workshops will be taught by Shimi Cohen-Anisfeld, a post-doctoral associate at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and expert Ba'al Qorei-Torah Reader, who will present "How Trope Relates to Meaning"; Rabbi Miles Cohen, one of the world's foremost experts on Torah Trope, who will present "Chironomy: The System of Hand Signals for Torah Readers"; Darryl Kuperstock, a gabbait and frequent Ba'alat Qorei-Torah Reader at BEKI's Shabbat services, who will teach "Torah Trope for Beginners: How to become a Torah Reader"; and Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen, who will present "Masoretic Notes, Uncommon Forms & Correcting a Torah Reader."

The workshops will be held on Sundays in March. Some of the times listed in the Events Calendar in this issue are tentative. See your mid-February mailing or call 389-2108 for more details.

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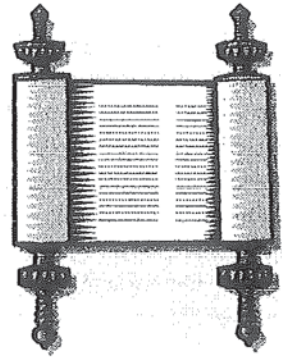


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Torah Pathways

Torah Pathways is a discussion and study group for adults seeking wholeness and holiness through Judaism. It is an open non-judgemental forum for those exploring their relationship with traditional egalitarian Judaism as part of their spiritual journey. For meeting times check the events calendar in this issue.



Friday Night Rotation

Call Steven Fraade or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 if you would like to be added to list for daveners, Qiddush reciters or to make a commitment for regular attendance for the Qabbalat Shabbat Early Friday Evening Service.

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