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Adar I - Adar II 5757

Megilla Madness at BEKI

Join Darth, Buzz, Jean, James, Esther and Mordekhai for BEKI's Megilla Madness on Saturday night 22 March. The Shabbat afternoon service begins at 5:45p, followed by a mini seuda snacktime. The evening service and Megilla Reading begin at 6:35p. The evening service will include a Costume Parade.

Then come again on Sunday morning at 9:00a and do it all again! The morning is sure to be full of surprises.

Shabbat Family Dinner

All are invited to make reservations for a Shabbat Dinner on Friday 21 March following the 6:00p family service. Many single people, couples and children attend the dinner. This is an opportunity to have dinner with old friends or to meet new people. Call 389-2108 today to reserve your place.

BEKI Award

Milton Smirnoff will be the recipient of the BEKI Distinguished Service Award for 1997. Originally a member of Keser Israel, Milt has contributed to synagogue operations in many ways, often unheralded, and has been especially active in synagogue governance and administration. A longstanding member of the BEKI board, Milt was President of BEKI in 1993-94.

The award will be bestowed at a dinner honoring Milt on 8 June 1997. Paulette Lehrer chaired the selection committee. The first Distinguished Service Award went to George Posener in 1995.



KOACH BEKI

College Outreach

For the month of March the holiday of Purim will be celebrated. We will do a college outreach by sending a Mishloah Manot package to the students.

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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.

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To contribute articles or for inquiries regarding membership, donations, or special activities, call the Synagogue office (203) 389-2108, or write to 85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515 or email: jjtilsen@aol.com

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A Message From Rabbi Tilsen

Dancing with All the Girls

My Gramma Esther and Grampa Ed, both of blessed memory, were together in this world as wife and husband for over 70 years. They were truly a devoted and loving couple. One time I asked Gramma Esther why she married Grampa Ed in the first place.

"I married him," she said, "because he used to dance with *all* the girls."

He used to dance with all the girls. Grampa Ed was not overly afraid of rejection, nor did he hold himself to be above anyone so that he could not dance with her. Being willing to dance with someone says to them, "we can share something together for a few moments." Grampa Ed knew that it was important to involve everyone, to make contact with each person, and that in dancing, as in most things in life, everyone fundamentally is equal, whether or not they are great dancers.

It is a great mitzva to include others, to greet them, to welcome them. After a shabbat service sometimes there are shy people and strange people (in either sense), people you've seen often but never met, people who don't look like they have anything to talk about with you. "Why should I go and greet them? Why don't they greet me!" No excuses! Go and say hello. Introduce yourself, or at least reach out a hand and say, "Shabbat Shalom." Your hand may be the only physical human contact that other person will have all week.

Rabbi Yishmael says: "Meet and greet every person cheerfully." Avot 3:16



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Dear Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

What is the ruling of the Conservative movement on niddah (Laws of the Menstruant)? I thought that they had chucked it, but I wasn't sure, nor did I have any understanding of the logic behind the decision.

Please sign me, Niddah little advice.

Dear Niddah,

Conservative-Masorti rabbanim (rabbis) have upheld and taught the laws of Niddah in order to sanctify and honor this awe-inspiring and profound process. In brief, a menstruant woman or one who has given birth is in a special spiritual state for a number of days, and then after a few more days elapse she immerses in a miqva (ritual hot tub or lake) to enter a new state called tahara. Before the tevila (immersion) she is termed "niddah." During this period of niddah others may not have sexual contact with her, and indeed it is recommended that she and her mate sleep in separate beds. Many couples have found that refraining from physical sexual relations during this time actually enhances their emotional relationship, and many woman have found monthly tevila to be spiritually uplifting.

At the same time, the related laws concerning transmitting tum'a, that is, avoiding secondary contact with a niddah, have for the most part been omitted from the



teaching of our Conservative masters. Unless someone comes up with a good reason for reviving them, the laws of tum'a will remain low on our Torah agenda.

Women and men interested in visiting the New Haven Mikvah at 86 Hubinger Street may call 387-2184 for a confidential appointment.

Dear Rabbi,

If women are not supposed to touch a Torah during their period, does the gabbai ask her if she's during her period before giving her an aliya?

Signed, Keeping a Safer Torah.

Dear Safer,

A Torah Scroll does not receive the property of tum'a ("ritual impurity") but does impart it. This means that a niddah (menstruant woman) who touches the Torah Scroll does not have any effect on it with respect to its state of purity. This also means that any man or woman who touches the scroll is placed in the state of tum'a. That is one reason we avoid direct contact with the Scroll. But I wouldn't make tum'a-ch of an issue of it.

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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Finding One's Place (BEKI's Interfaith Discussion Group)

By Tracy Thomas

A small group of BEKI members and friends gathered 21 November, for the first meeting of Finding One's Place, a discussion group devoted to interfaith families that have chosen to keep a Jewish home. The first meeting took place at the home of Diane Dumigan, a longtime synagogue member now serving as the vice president for member services.

During the evening's introductions, Dumigan said she and her Scottish-born husband George had spent years finding their way to an accommodation of their differing backgrounds. The couple has two grown daughters.

The name of the discussion group, Finding One's Place, refers to the search interfaith families face in finding their place in Judaism, Dumigan said.

Along with the Dumigans, seven other couples were represented that night. Their experiences ranged from a newly-engaged couple to couples with babies, and couples married almost three decades.

For the first hour of the meeting, people introduced themselves and related their experiences. Many people said the major events in their lives-including marriage, the birth of children, the death of parents - forced them to reevaluate their spiritual commitments.

Because the meeting was just a few weeks before Christmas, several people mentioned the so-called "December Dilemma," dealing with both Christmas and Hanukkah under one roof.

Again, there was a range of responses from celebrating only Hanukkah to celebrating Christmas with Christian family members. Some group members had not fully decided how the holidays were to be observed. One woman said she found it very painful to give up Christmas because to her the holiday is a celebration of the family.


During the second half of the evening, the conversation turned away from religious differences and focused on ethnic differences. The often unspoken expectations that different ethnic groups bring to issues like child-rearing, for instance, can further complicate the lives of interfaith families.

An example from my own life: I'm the first born daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter in a WASP family from upstate New York. While I was growing up my mother often told me she would give me a "hope chest," but not for the traditional hope that I would one day marry. "In the hopes" she always said, "that you will one day be self-supporting."

Contrast this to my husband's experience as the oldest son in a Conservative Jewish family on Long Island. Through four years of college and five years of graduate school in Massachusetts and California, my husband heard one plea from his mother: "Come home: Go to Hofstra."

As the evening concluded, it was apparent that interfaith families face issues that evolve over the course of years. And as the challenges evolve, so do our responses.

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Be part of the Minyan Solution by attending daily morning and evening services and by bringing others. If you would like to make a commitment to attend a daily morning service or would like to help in other ways, please call the Morning Minyan Captains: Sunday, Drew Allison, 389-9503; Monday, Morris Cohen, 389-2070; Tuesday, Lois Feldman, 933-2787; Wednesday, Betty Levy, 387-0136; Thursday, Rabbi Murray Levine, 3997-2513; Friday, Ellen Cohen, 397-9430. For evening minyan please speak with Rabbi Tilsen, 389-2108.



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Letters

Dear Rabbi Tilsen,

I wish to thank you and Adele Tyson, President of Sisterhood, and her able assistants for making my 85th Birthday Oneg Shabbat an outstanding success.



George G. Posener and Rabbi Tilsen

The turn-out for the occasion simply amazed me. The table arrangement, flowers and delicious food assortment was beautiful. The service you rendered was most befitting the occasion and enjoyed by all.

At this time, I want to also extend my heartfelt thanks to all those members and friends who made donations in my honor, sent me birthday card greetings, made phone calls and wrote "mazal tov" letters.

May the Good Lord bless each and every one with good health, and much happiness for the New Year!

Most Sincerely,
George G. Posener

Dear fellow BEKI members,

I am deeply grateful for the many cheering telephone calls, cards and other get-well messages I received while recovering from my recent accident. I thank most sincerely all of you who stopped by with warm wishes and hot chicken soup; and especially Sisterhood and Men's Club for the wonderfully restorative shabbat dinners they provided.

Saul Bell

Dear fellow BEKI members,

I wish to thank all who expressed their deepest sympathy on the loss of my father Max Garsen. Your kind thoughts and deep concerns helped me through a very difficult period of my life.

Tina Rose

Speakers in March

Paul Bass, associate editor of the New Haven Advocate, will speak at the Late Friday Evening Shabbat Service at 8:00p on 7 March.

Dr. Jay Sokolow will be the darshan on Shabbat Morning 8 March during the 9:15a service.

Rabbi Murray Levine, Jewish chaplain for patients at the Hospital of St. Raphael in New Haven and Rabbi emeritus of Temple Beth Sholom of Framingham Massachusetts, will be the darshan on Shabbat Morning 22 March during the 9:15a service.

Buzz Lightyear, intergalactic explorer and defender of peace, will speak at the Early Late Service on Saturday night 22 March at 6:30p.

Robert Leikind, Director of the Connecticut Region of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), will speak at the Late Friday Evening Shabbat Service at 8:00p on 28 March.



Robert Leikind

Linking Past, Present & Future

As a leading institution in the Greater New Haven region, Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel affords ideal opportunities to demonstrate one's own commitment and to honor or memorialize a loved one with an unparalleled combination of sanctity, meaning and permanence. The Congregation is in its second century and is now preparing to enter the next millennium in a position of spiritual strength and fiscal fortitude. While providing for its members' religious and communal needs, the Congregation also serves as a center for the larger community, hosting the Holocaust memorial, adult education programs, weddings and benei mitzva observances, and provides a "home" for unaffiliated Jews and non-Jews who come in search of a community of meaning. A name memorialized at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel will be remembered by the community for generations and by God eternally. Some of BEKI's endowment funds are invested with the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven, which offers a legally binding guarantee that the endowment will be used for the intended purpose and managed responsibly. If you are interested in a named endowment at the Congregation, please contact BEKI Secretary Todd Strauss at 777-7643 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2109.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
21 Adar II 30 This is end of March 9:00a-9:30a Morning Service 9:40a Torah Pathwaays 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	22 Adar II 31 This is end of March 7:00a Morning Shaharit Service 7:45a Rashi Study Group 5:45p Minha 6:00p Torah Fund Dinner		CSH = Children's Shabbat Havura JC = Junior Congregation SSLM = Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan			<i>Ki Tisa</i> 1 9:15a Morning 10:45a CSH, JC, SSLM 5:20p Minha 5:50p Pirqe Avot Study 6:11p Maariv & Havdala
23 Adar I 2 9:00a-9:30a Morning Shaharit Service 9:40a Torah Pathways 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	24 Adar II 3 7:00a-7:45a Morning Shaharit Service 7:45a Rashi Study Group 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	25 Adar I 4 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	26 Adar I 5 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services 8:00p Siddur Hebrew at instructors'	27 Adar I 6 7:00a-7:45a Morning Shaharit Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	28 Adar I 7 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit 5:30p Candle Lighting 6:00p-6:40p Early Service 8:00p Late Service Speaker: Paul Bass	Shabbat Sheqalim-VaYaqhel 8 9:15a Morning Darshan: Jay Sokolow 10:45a CSH, JC 5:30p Minha 5:55p Avot 6:20p Maariv & Havdala
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7 Adar II 16 9:00a-9:30a Shaharit Service 9:30a Breakfast by Men's Club 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	8 Adar II 17 7:00a-7:45a Morning Shaharit Service 7:45a Rashi Study 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	9 Adar II 18 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	10 Adar II 19 7:00a Shaharit 2:00p Dinner RSVP due 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv 8:00p Siddur Hebrew at instructors'	11 Adar II 20 7:00a-7:45a Shaharit Service -- Taanit Fast of Esther 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	12 Adar II 21 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:46p Candle Lighting 6:00p Family Service & Dinner	Zakhor 22 9:15a Shaharit Darshan: R' Murray Levine 10:45a CSH, JC 5:45p Minha 6:15p Avot 6:35p Purim Megilla Reading & Maariv
14 Adar II 23 9:00a Purim Megilla Reading 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	15 Adar II 24 7:00a-7:45a Morning Shaharit Service 7:45a Rashi Study 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	16 Adar II 25 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Morning Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	17 Adar II 26 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv 8:00p Siddur Hebrew at instructors'	18 Adar II 27 7:00a-7:45a Morning Shaharit Service 5:45p-6:10p Minha-Maariv Services	19 Adar II 28 7:00a-7:30a Shaharit 5:54p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service 8:00p Late Service Speaker: Robert Leikind	<i>Parah/Tsav</i> 29 9:15a Morning Service 10:45a CSH, JC, SSLM 5:45p Minha

Dates and Times to Remember

March Events

01 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:20p	Minha Afternoon Service
	5:50p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	6:11p	Maariv & Havdala
02 Sun	9:40a	Torah Pathways
03 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
05 Wed	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Beg. at Rabbi Levine's
	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Adv. at Ellen's
07 Fri	5:30p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service
	8:00p	Late Shabbat Service
08 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Shabbat Sheqalim
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:30p	Minha Afternoon Service
	5:55p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	6:20p	Maariv & Havdala
10 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
12 Wed	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Beg. at Rabbi Levine's
	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Adv. at Ellen's
14 Fri	5:38p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service
	8:00p	Late Shabbat Service
15 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:40p	Minha Afternoon Service
	6:00p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	6:28p	Maariv & Havdala
	8:30p	Purim Masquerade Dance
16 Sun	9:30a	Congregational Breakfast
17 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
19 Wed	2:00p	Dinner RSVP due
	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Beg. at Rabbi Levine's
	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Adv. at Ellen's
21 Fri	5:46p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Shabbat Family Service
	6:40p	Shabbat Dinner by RSVP
22 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Rabbi Murray Levine
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	6:15p	Mini Seuda Snacktime
	6:35p	Purim Megilla Reading & Maariv
23 Sun	9:00a	Purim Megilla Reading
24 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
26 Wed	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Beg. at Rabbi Levine's
	8:00p	Siddur Hebrew Adv. at Ellen's
28 Fri	5:54p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Shabbat Service
	8:00p	Late Shabbat Service
		Guest Speaker: ADL
29 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	6:43p	Motse'ei Shabbat

30 Sun	9:40a	Torah Pathways
31 Mon	6:00p?	Torah Fund Dinner

April Events

04 Fri	6:00p	Early Service
	7:01p	Candle Lighting
	8:00p	Late Service
05 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Drew Allison
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	7:51p	Motse'ei Shabbat
06 Sun	9:00a	Rummage to 3:00p
07 Mon	7:45a	NO Rashi
	9:00a	Rummage to 1:00p
11 Fri	6:00p	Early Service
	7:09p	Candle Lighting
	8:00p	Late Service
12 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Marc Schwartz
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:00p	Motse'ei Shabbat
13 Sun	9:30a	Breakfast by Men's Club
	4:00p	LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens
14 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
18 Fri	6:00p	Early Service
	7:16p	Candle Lighting
	8:00p	Late Service
19 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Shabbat HaGadol
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:07p	Motse'ei Shabbat
21 Mon	7:00a	Siyyum Bekhorot/Firstborn
	5:45p	NO evening service at BEKI
	7:18p	Festival Candle Lighting
22 Tue	9:15a	Festival Morning Service
		NO evening service at BEKI
		Light Candles AFTER 8:12p
23 Wed	9:15a	Festival Morning Service
	5:45p	Minha afternoon Service
25 Fri	6:00p	Early Service Only
	7:24p	Candle Lighting
26 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Shir HaShirim: Song of Songs
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:15p	Motse'ei Shabbat
27 Sun	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	6:00p	Festival Maariv Service (20 minutes)
		Light Candles
28 Mon	7:26p	Festival Morning Service (NO Rashi Study)
	9:15a	Afternoon Service
	5:45p	Festival Evening Service (20 minutes)
	6:00p	Light Candles AFTER 8:18p
29 Tue	9:15a	Festival Morning Service
		Yizkor Memorial Service
	8:30p	Festival Ends

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Torah Fund

Rose Feen, Chairman 387-8743

Two important dates to remember: Annual Torah Fund Supper - March 31st at 6:00 P.M.

Annual "Torah is Life Day" on April 1, 1997 at Beth Hillel in Bloomfield.

Mark the dates! Details will be forthcoming.

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Men's Club



By now you should have received your order form for the Yom Hashoah memorial yellow candles. We are recommending a donation of \$4.00 for each candle; the proceeds are going to the Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund to help the light of Judaism shine more brightly for one of our younger congregants. Yom Hashoah is a fairly new addition to the calendar, especially by Jewish standards, and there is still no set liturgy or ritual observance connected to this important day. Not ordinary yarzeit candles, these twenty-four candles are distinguished by their yellow color chosen to memorialize the yellow stars Jews were forced to wear in the ghettos and in the camps. The Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs has had a special bracha prepared to accompany the lighting of the candles which will help you create a small ceremony in your home, to share with children and friends.

Please order your candles soon, as the deadline for our order to the Federation is near the end of this month.

We will be receiving the candles here at BEKI, and will need volunteers to unpack, sort and deliver the candles. If you are interested in helping, or if you have not received an order form and would like to order, please call Drew Allison at 389-9503.

Sisterhood News

BEKI Sisterhood President Adele Tyson states that if anyone needs a quantity of yarmulkes and/or talaimen, for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or any other occasion, don't forget that they are available through Sisterhood's well stocked gift shop. The shop has a wonderful assortment of items and gifts for all occasions. Call Adele at 389-9599 for information and appointments.

Please mark your calendar for the following events coming up: Annual Torah Fund Supper at BEKI on 31 March and the Annual "Torah is Life Day" on 1 April at Beth Hillel in Bloomfield. Sisterhood's Spring Rummage on 6 & 7 April. Good condition, clean, spring and summer clothing only. Also jewelry, books, household goods and small appliances in working condition.

Many thanks to Elsie & Philip Morris, Estelle Handelman, George Posener and Todd Strauss for their recent donations to Sisterhood.

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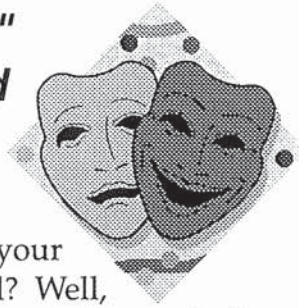
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Looking for something better?

Why not get some real entertainment?

Join the United Hebrew School at a "Family Cabaret" of Broadway tunes, traditional Jewish and Yiddish songs, and light opera. The show features Paul Elkin and friends. Paul is a renowned performer and voice teacher. He has appeared in numerous Broadway productions including "Sugar Babies," "Whoopee," and "Woman of the Year." He also appeared in the movie "Annie."

The cabaret is a high energy show, ideal for all ages, and it has drawn rave reviews.

The performance is at the Westville Synagogue which is located at 74 West Prospect St. in New Haven (right off Whalley Avenue and less than a mile from BEKI).

Tickets are only \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. All proceeds benefit the non-profit United Hebrew School which provides Jewish education and Hebrew teaching for the children of Beth El Keser Israel (BEKI) and Beth Hamedrosh HaGadol (Westville Synagogue). Baby sitting is available with advance registration.

For tickets call, Carl Goldfield (BEKI's "ticketmaster" and the proud father of two United Hebrew School students) at 782-2064 (home) or 787-9222 (work), or call the Westville Synagogue at 389-9513.

It's the Law

Join Rabbi Tilsen on Sunday morning 02 March at 9:40a for "It's the Law: The Scope and Process of Halakha," an 80-minute discussion for anyone interested in learning what "halakha" is all about. The discussion is part of Torah Pathways, a series for adults in interfaith families, preparing for "adult bar/bat mitzva," considering conversion, or just studying.

Then on Sunday 30 March at 9:40a join Rabbi Tilsen for "The 13-month year: Understanding the Hebrew Calendar." Find out all or more than you ever wanted to know about the inner workings of Jewish time: Why do the holidays come late or early? Why are there two months of Adar? When is my birthday? All are welcomed. Advance registration not required. For more information call Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

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Social Action

We are happy to report that the Social Action Committee is off and running. In the next few weeks members of the Social Action Committee will approach you and try to interest you in the few projects that we wish to do for the general and synagogue community.

Please say yes and we will let you know which projects we will be going ahead with.

If you wish to come to the next social

action committee meeting, please call Mimi or Charlie and we will let you know when and where the next meeting will be. Mimi Glenn 397-3851, Charles Ludwig 389-0349

We wish to make this project one that will interest all the members both young families and seniors.

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\$6,000 range. The Congregation also has many needs for annual sponsorships, named endowments and Building Fund debt retirement. If you would like to fund any of these or if you would like more information please contact BEKI Secretary of the Board Todd Strauss or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108.

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