Children’s Havura
LaG BeOmer Kumsitz

Attention, past, present and future participants in the Children’s Shabbat Havurah...LaG BeOmer is almost here! Come join our campfire sing-a-long. Bring picnic blankets, warm coats, musical instruments and drinks or kosher parve or dairy snack—marshmallows will be provided! Gilens-Felton Residence, 162 Cleveland Road (between Alden and Forest) 6:30pm Thursday 18 May. For more information call Janet or Marty at 387-6050.

Violet Ludwig to be Honored by Sisterhood

Sisterhood will be holding its main fund raising program on Thursday, May 25th. This will be the Book of Life Luncheon at which time Vi Ludwig will be recognized as the Woman of Valor for 1995. Mark your calendars today to save the date. Invitations will be in the mail shortly, and we are counting on you to help make this annual event another wonderful success.

Remember the Raffle!!!
The BEKI Raffle Drawing is close at hand.

You may be the Lucky One who will be able to enjoy one year of FREE synagogue membership or $100.00 worth of free food . . .

Send in your $36.00 check and return your raffle ticket stub to BEKI right away.

For more tickets or information call the office.

Oneg Shabbat in Honor of Rob & Rebecca Emert

The Emert Family is moving to New Jersey.

On Friday, May 19th, there will be a special Oneg Shabbat honoring Rob and Rebecca for their outstanding devotion to BEKI.

Please come that evening to wish them well and let them know how much they will be missed.
How to Contact the BEKI Bulletin

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Donations for Rabbi's Tzedaqa Fund

If you are making a donation to the Rabbi’s Tzedaqa Fund, please be sure to make the check out to “Rabbi’s Tzedaqa Fund” and send it to the attention of the Rabbi.

Food Deliveries

If food is being brought into the synagogue for the weekend (Friday night or Saturday morning), it must be delivered by 11:00 AM on Friday. Be sure to notify the office in advance when you wish to make the delivery.

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One evening some time ago, I taped a card over the doorbell near our front door. The card says, “Please Knock Loudly, Do Not Ring Bell” because the doorbell wakes the children.

At 4 AM the next morning, there was a loud knock on the door. I got up to answer it. It was the woman who delivers our newspaper. “What do you want,” I managed to ask in a slurry stupor. The paper carrier replied in all innocence, “The sign says ‘Please Knock Loudly,’ so I knocked loudly.”

Something was amiss in our communication. I mistakenly assumed that anyone would immediately understand the context of the message on the card and act appropriately. Perhaps the newspaper carrier did not have small children, and could not imagine why anyone would put such a sign over their doorbell. So she interpreted the message to be a personal invitation; perhaps she thought we were nice people who wanted to give her a cup of coffee at 4 in the morning.

The miscommunication created by this note is not unusual or hard to understand. In his Dialogue with Phaedrus, Socrates points out the inadequacy inherent in the written word: “[Written words] seem to talk to you as though they were intelligent, but if you ask them anything about what they say, from a desire to be instructed, they go on telling you just the same thing forever.”

The written word cannot respond or elaborate; it cannot convey a tone of sincerity or sarcasm; it cannot see the look on the reader’s face; it cannot convey a smile.

This problem is compounded by innovations in communications. Electronic mail (sent over the internet) cannot yet transmit the emphasis of italics. Faxes are received instantly and may be read before a background conversation that would put its message into context. Even voice mail and answering machines share these deficiencies and what is more convey the speaker’s discomfort and stress in trying not to say something idiotic that will forever be recorded on tape.

Yet, despite the limitations of the written word, we must not forget that the Torah, one of our most important links to God, is itself a written document. How can it be that this communication from God could have been given to us in a form that has so many inherent limitations?

The limitations of the written Torah were recognized at the time of the Revelation at Sinai. For along with the written Torah came the Oral Torah, the Torah she-be’al pe, the lengthy explanation of the written Torah. Indeed, in a few places, the Torah mentions its companion oral document in using phrases like “as I have told you.”

As important as is the Written Torah, it is the Oral Torah that is the unique treasure of our people. Anyone can read the Torah and guess what it means, but someone who has heard the oral explanation from the source has a much fuller ability to understand its meaning. As Socrates put it, “One must be really ignorant if he imagines that written words can do anything more than remind one who knows that which the writing is concerned with.” For this reason, the accurate transmission of this Oral Torah has been a primary objective of our rabbis from generation to generation.

Teachers of communication skills suggest simple listening techniques to improve communication between husband and wife, parent and child, student and teacher, worker and colleague: Repeat what you have heard to the speaker; when something is ambiguous, surprising or disturbing, ask for clarification; don’t interrupt; understand in context; be patient.

During the Torah Discussions at our Late Friday Evening Services and Shabbat Morning Services we engage in a dialog with the speaker. In addition to enriching the teaching, this discussion serves to clarify what the speaker said. This is part of the dynamic of effective communication. For this reason in-person oral learning is inherently superior to book-learning.

To enhance the communication value of the BEKI Bulletin, readers are invited to submit their opinions, responses and questions on any matters of concern. Please address your letter to the Bulletin Editor at the shul address or via the internet at jjtilsen@aol.com. Unless otherwise requested by the writers, letters may be printed in the Bulletin at the discretion of the editors. Let your voice be heard.

And if all else fails, Knock Loudly.
Dear Rabbi,

I learned in Hebrew School that it is against Jewish law to harm your own body. So why isn’t smoking against Jewish law?

Signed, Second Hand Cough

Dear Second Hand,

In recent years there have been a number of teshuvot (responsa) by Rabbis in the Conservative and Orthodox movements arguing that habitual smoking is in fact prohibited by Jewish law on precisely the basis you mention.

Many sages have been reluctant to officially establish this position as a prohibition in their communities because doing so would serve mostly to make smokers guilty of a sin rather than preventing the ‘sin of smoking,’ inasmuch as most habitual smokers are addicted.

But if it helps smokers quit or deters anyone from starting, let it be known that smoking is contrary to the Torah principle of maintaining one’s bodily health. Of course, Cheeze Whizzes aren’t so great for you either. . . .

Kashrut Advisory

"Modern food technology has become so complex and ingredient changes (often not labeled) have become so common that the kosher consumer should not trust non-supervised products.

"Now that the food industry can provide a full range of acceptable products to the kosher consumer (and appropriate supervision is available), there is no need to play ‘guess and worry’ about the kosher status of any food. If you are concerned, limit your purchases to labeled foods."

—Dr. Joe M. Regenstein, Department of Poultry and Avian Sciences and Institute of Food Science, Cornell University, and Dr. Carrie E. Regenstein, Cornell Computer Services, Cornell University, writing in 1989. The Regenstein are Conservative Jews.

Avoid the K

There are dozens of legitimate and reputable kashrut supervision agencies in the United States, each with their own unique symbol certifying their supervision. But the plain letter K is not a registered trademark and may indicate any of the following:

1. A local rabbi supervises the product;
2. Someone supervised the product five years ago but not now;
3. Some rabbi once ate the product;
4. The plant owner has a daughter named Kay and wanted her name on the label.

The plain letter K is not a sufficient basis on which to assume a food is kosher. A recent statement issued by the Law Committee of the Rabbinical Assembly warns Conservative Jews against eating “plain K” food items. Unless we have written evidence that the K on a given product represents current legitimate rabbinic supervision, plain K products may not be served at Beth El-Keser Israel.

Dear Rabbi,

When I was little, my mamma would give me the chicken’s pupik to eat. When I got older I learned that a pupik is a bellybutton. I know that chickens don’t have bellybuttons. So what was I eating?

Signed, Too Late to Regurgitate.

Dear Regurgitate,

On a mensch, a pupik is a navel; on a chicken it is a gizzard. Chickens don’t have navels, and menschen don’t have gizzards.

This is the topic of that famous Yiddish song “Oyfn Pupik-chick.”

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

For our annual Men's Club Shabbat on Friday evening March 31st, we were singularly fortunate to have as Scholar-in-Residence and special speaker Rabbi Murray Levine, Rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom in Framingham, MA. Rabbi Levine, who holds the degrees of Doctor of Divinity and Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America and Doctor of Ministry from Boston University, has served in pulpits in New Jersey, Brooklyn, New York, and Framingham, MA. He and Rebbetzen Malka now live in Westville and are valued members of our congregation.

The services were well attended and many friends and relatives of Rabbi Murray and Rebbetzin Malka were present. After Adon Olom, the congregation gathered in an intimate circle in the rear of the sanctuary and Rabbi Levine presented a sociodrama he called “Moses and His Mishpaha.”

In it, he skillfully used people from the audience as impromptu actors to bring out the inner feelings of Moses’ family and the Hebrew community toward this great man during the years before and during the Exodus from Egypt. Afterward everyone enjoyed a special Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Men's Club and prepared by Sisterhood.

We thank Irving Weinstein, our Hazan, and Kevin Mack, our organist, for a very enjoyable service and all the members of Men's Club who participated: Jay Brotman, Lenny Fish, Sam Kantrowitz, Charlie Ludwig, George Posener, and Stan Saxe. We are especially grateful to Adele Tyson and the members of Sisterhood who set out a truly beautiful Oneg Shabbat table.

The next congregation breakfast sponsored by Men's Club will be on May 21st. At that time the raffle drawing will be held. First prize is a free one-year synagogue membership. Remember you can’t win if you don’t buy a ticket.

Shalom,

Saul Bell
Men's Club President

Spring Rummage and Tag Sale

Mark this date on your calendar, our sale is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 7th & 8th. Only clean and wearable spring and summer clothing, please—no winter clothing!! There's always a demand for costume jewelry, housewares, pictures, toys, small furniture, lamps, small appliances in working condition, dishes, etc.

You can start bringing in your merchandise now. Remember our rummage sales are big fund raisers for Sisterhood.

BEKI Kadima

BEKI Kadima is having another successful year under the fantastic leadership of our Co-Presidents, Shoshana Cohen-Fraade and Lynn Zanger-Nadis. The Kadimaniks have enjoyed an array of social events including movies and treasure hunts, religious programs including a sukkah party and Tu b'Shvat seder, and social action events including the preparation of Thanksgiving food baskets for the poor and serving dinner at the Young Israel Kosher Kitchen at Yale.

Moreover, under the leadership of our Fundraising Vice President, Jaron Friedman, we had great success with our extensive involvement with this year’s Purim carnival done in conjunction with BEKI USY, the United Hebrew School, and the Westville Synagogue. We extend lots of thanks and a hardy yasher koach to Jaron!

The members of BEKI Kadima have a genuine understanding of community responsibility and in that spirit decided to allocate a large portion of their profit from the carnival to the BEKI Building Fund Campaign.

If you are in sixth, seventh, or eighth grade and would like to get involved, please call BEKI Kadima Advisor, Amy Pincus at 397-8816.
**Speakers & Darshanim in May**

**Anne Johnston** will be the Darshanit on Shabbat Morning 6 May. Anne teaches ESL and Special Education at Beecher Road School. An educator and community activist, she frequently serves as parent leader of the Junior Congregation. A native of Portland Oregon who has lived in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, Anne says she is “exceedingly happy to be in New Haven, in large part because of BEKI.” She lives in Westville with her husband Robert and son Sandy.

**Stephen Wizner** will be the Darshan on Shabbat Morning 13 May. Stephen is the Treasurer of BEKI. Stephen directs and teaches at the Yale Law Clinic. He lives in Westville with his wife Rachel.

**Susan Feldman** will speak on “The Politics of Meaning, Jewish Values and Innercity Work” at the Late Evening Service, Friday 19 May at 8:00 PM. Susan is a community activist who works in New Haven.

**Roger Vann** will speak at the Late Evening Service, Friday 26 May at 8:00 PM. Roger is the President of the New Haven chapter of the NAACP, a radio talk-show host and community activist. He lives and works in New Haven.

**Rabbi Lee I. A. Levine** will be the Darshan on Shabbat Morning 27 May. Lee is a Professor of Jewish History and Archaeology at Hebrew University and is visiting at the Department of Jewish History at Yale University. He is a leader of the Masorti/Conservative Movement in Israel. During his visit, he and his wife Myra are living in New Haven and are active at BEKI.

**Shabbat Services for Everyone**

BEKI offers several attractive services each Shabbat morning. Preschoolers may attend the Children’s Shabbat Havura with a parent or grandparent at 10:45 AM every Shabbat. Elementary school aged children may attend the Junior Congregation every second week at 10:45 AM while their parent or grandparent is in the main service.

Adults and young adults may attend the Shabbat Shalom Learners’ Minyan every second week at 10:45 AM. All may attend the main service which begins at 9:15 AM in the large sanctuary.

The children join the main service for the concluding prayers and everyone enjoys the qiddush in the Social Hall.

Parents and grandparents are asked to be sure that their children are either in Junior Congregation or with them in the Children’s Havura or main service. Shabbat Shalom!

**Mourners’ Workshop with Rabbi Tilsen**

This meeting of the Mourners’ Workshop will focus on ways to help mourners through their period of mourning, and on what happens to a soul after death. The Mourners’ workshop will meet in the Rabbi’s study on Thursday 25 May at 7:30 PM. All are welcomed.

**Sefirat HaOmer**

The period between Pesah and Shavuot is called “sefira” (counting) as we count the days until the Shavuot festival. This is a period of sadness over tragedies in our history and trepidation at the uncertainties of life.

During sefira weddings do not take place, one does not have their hair cut, and events with music and dancing are not held. This observance is suspended on LaG beOmer (the thirty-third day) and on Israel Independence Day.
### Dates and Times to Remember

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**Service Times:**
Sunday 9:00 am
Mon - Fri 7:00 am
Sat - Thu 5:45 pm

**Take time out for God and for yourself Attend Weekday Minyan.**
Refua Shelema
רפאות שלמה
Wishing a Speedy Recovery to
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Quotables

"Should the free world fail here, all of us will rue the day, but for the Jew there will be particular mourning. At stake for him in Vietnam is nothing less than his ancient faith and belief, his beloved Israel and his very national identity. There, but for the All Mighty—and the US and allied freedom fighters—goes all." —(the late) Rabbi Meir Kahane, The Jewish Stake in Vietnam, 1967.

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Mazal Tov
מזל טוב
To Violet Ludwig
on receiving a coveted Award from Hadassah.

To Milton & Beatrice Smirnoff
on the Bat Mitzva of their granddaughter
Rachel Smirnoff.

To Beth Weinstein
for appearing in the Who's Who of High School Students.

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On April 8th, Sam Kantrowitz sponsored Shabbat morning Qiddush in honor of the 64th anniversary of the Yahrzeit of his father Philip Kantrowitz.

If you have something to commemorate—a birthday, anniversary, new baby, promotion, or yahrzeit—consider sponsoring a Shabbat Qiddush. You don't even need a special reason. Call Steve Wizner at 432-4800 for details.

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The following people have added their contributions to the BEKI Building Fund in March.

Harriet and Samuel Kantrowitz
BEKI Kadima
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These policies were instituted to ensure that standards of kashrut, cleanliness, and fairness are maintained for the benefit of everyone. In addition, clearing all activities through the office before publicizing them, will prevent any scheduling conflicts which cause friction and confusion.

Food preparation may be carried out only for group-sponsored activities by Sisterhood, Men’s Club, Kadima, and USY. The youth groups may use the kitchen only under the supervision of their advisor or other authorized adult. Any group planning to use the kitchen must obtain prior clearance from the office.

A more detailed explanation of these policies will be published in the June newsletter.

Please be advised that these policies, which will be enforced by the BEKI office, will not be by-passed at any time. No individuals will be allowed kitchen use unless cleared by the office.

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Simon Konoff marking the yahrzeit of his brother David Konoff.
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Henry Rothchild for Maot Hittim.
Esther & Bernie Spector in memory of Mollye Rosenberg Tessel.

We acknowledge a special contribution in memory of Millie & Leonard Stein by their children Ronni Landau, Karen Schiff and Gary Stein. Their contribution will support the Children’s Shabbat Havura, the Talmud Torah Meyuhad, and meet other special needs of the community.

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During the month of May four dialogues will be held in the New Haven area on various aspects of Judaism. All programs meet from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

2 May: “The Sexy Side of Judaism” at B’nai Jacob with Rabbis Herbert Brockman, Stuart Snyder and Michael Whitman.

9 May: “A Look at Afterlife” at Temple Emanuel, Orange, with Rabbis Sheyah Hecht, Doug Sagal and Ben Scolnic.

16 May: “How We Understand Death and Dying” at Beth David, Cheshire, with Rabbis Rick Eisenberg, Hesch Sommer and Michael Whitman.

23 May: “The Role of Women in Jewish Life” at Beth Tikvah, Madison, with Rabbis Gerry Brieger and Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Yom HaAtzmaut
Israel Independence Day

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