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## **BEKI Launches Web Page**

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel can now be visited on the World Wide Web by millions of users around the globe 24-hours a day. The BEKI Page can be viewed by connecting to <http://www.uscj.org/ctvly/newhavcb> through any internet access provider such as America Online or CompuServe.

Computer & graphics professional Phillip Simon created the Page and designed a stunning color logo for BEKI. Phil's tremendous volunteer effort will help bring our message and our mission to others with clarity, convenience and style.

The Page includes descriptions of programs such as the Children's Shabbat Havura, endowments such as the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music, messages from Rabbi Tilsen, directions to the shul and much more.

To offer comments and suggestions for the BEKI Web Page contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 or [jjtilsen@aol.com](mailto:jjtilsen@aol.com).

## **Ludwigs Receive Israel Bonds Award**

Charlie & Violet Ludwig will receive a special award from Israel Bonds at the

annual meeting at 5:45p on 29 May 1996 at B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. Nominated by the BEKI Board of Directors, the Ludwigs were chosen for their many years of dedicated support for Israel through their work at the Synagogue and for Israel Bonds. To attend the Bonds program call 387-1991.



Charlie and Violet Ludwig

## **Carol Elkies Awarded Leadership Recognition**

Carol Elkies has been designated as a recipient of the prestigious Leadership Award from as an exemplary Jewish leader who promotes the values and tenets of Conservative Judaism. The award was to be presented at the Regional Board meeting of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism at 10:00a on 28 April 1996 at Temple Beth Sholom in Hamden.

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### Synagogue Office Hours

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### 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 June Bulletin is May 1st.

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

### BEKI Bulletin

The newsletter is published monthly by Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel for the benefit of its members. Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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. For information about advertising, call the synagogue office. Deadline for submission of ads or articles is the 1st of the month preceding publication. Annual subscription is \$36.00.

### BEKI Bulletin

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**Jews by Choice:** Seven adults are currently studying in BEKI's "School of Judaism" with the thought of formally converting to Judaism. Our School of Judaism also provides a framework for Jews who wish to rediscover or deepen their knowledge and understanding. The School of Judaism respects the religious and intellectual integrity of all participants, encouraging an open and honest exploration of what it means to be Jewish.

**Chews by Choice:** This spring four BEKI families have chosen to make their homes kosher. For each of them this step deepens their relationship to God, Torah and the Jewish People. Goodbye Big Mac. Catch the wave!


**Dues by Choice:** Forty BEKI families offered "More than Dues" contributions with their annual dues last year to enable the shul to meet its financial goals. We hope that this new year twenty more families will join them in showing leadership in this way. Typically

synagogues receive 40-60% of their operating budgets from dues, relying on freewill offerings, endowment income and fundraisers for the balance.


**Hues by Choice:** In addition to standard black- or blue-and-white tallitot (tallises), a wide selection of beautiful colorful tallitot are available in stock and by catalog special order from BEKI's Sisterhood Giftshop. This is a three-in-one mitzva opportunity: (1) Le-hitatf be-tsitsit, wrapping oneself in a tallit; (2) hidur mitzva, performing a mitzva in an aesthetically pleasing way; (3) supporting the shul. Call for an appointment.

**Pews by Choice:** Our main sanctuary has 364 fixed seats. In order to create a sense of intimacy, 182 seats are roped off on Shabbat and festival mornings. Sitting closer helps us hear and see better and facilitates the give-and-take of our Torah discussions. Seating is available on a first-come basis, so remember to arrive early to get the seats in the back.

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Dear Rabbi,

My birthday happens to fall on the day before Pesah, the Fast of the Firstborn. Does the simha of my birthday override the fast, or do I have to get up early and come to shul for the siyyum to avoid the fast?

Signed, Birthday Boy

Dear Birthday Boy,

Happy Birthday. Our tradition has paid little attention to birthdays. None of my grandparents really knew their birthday; my grandmother celebrated her birthday at the end of February, while her twin brother's was in April. In most places and times there was simply no reason and no mechanism to accurately record birthdates. They did not need records for Social Security eligibility or to claim their kids as a tax deduction. On the other hand, we do observe the anniversary of deaths, called *yahrzeit* ("year's time", i.e. anniversary) in Yiddish.

Why is this? Midrash notes that there are three verses that command us to rejoice on Sukkot: "And you shall rejoice in your feast" (Deut. 16:14); "And you shall be altogether joyful" (Deut. 16:15); "And you shall rejoice before Adonai your God seven days" (Lev. 23:40). But for Passover there is not even one command to rejoice. This is because in the

season of Passover, judgment is being passed on field crops, and no one knows whether the year will bring forth crops or not. During Sukkot we celebrate the harvest that was.

When a baby is born, we never know what we're going to get. But after death we know what we had and can remember the person for who they were and what they did.

Our sages tended to be lenient about the Fast of the Firstborn. A *brit milah* or *siyyum* (celebration of concluding the study of Talmud) were enough of a pretext to have a feast overriding the fast. It is a case of competing mitzvot, and the mitza of having a feast outranked that of having a fast. There is no mitzva whatsoever saying you need to celebrate the anniversary of a birth. Of course, there's no law against celebrating, either.

There is one Jewish boy whose birthday is celebrated as a national holiday in these United States. But sorry, birthday boy, your special day does not quite outrank the Fast of the Firstborn.

*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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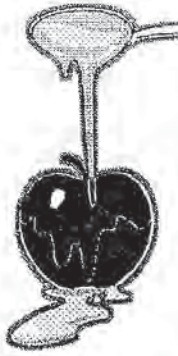
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## Sweeter than Honey

BEKI's annual Tiqun Leil Shavuot-Sweeter than Honey Late Night Adult Study will be on Thursday Night 23 May. The Festival of Shavuot commemorates the giving of the Torah by God at Sinai. In anticipation of the festival, we have been counting the days since Pesah, until the count of 49 days (seven weeks) is completed. In a reenactment our ancestors' preparation and excitement on the eve of receiving the Torah, there will be a night of adult study following the 8:00p Festival Services. Among the presenters will be naturalist Louise Feldman on "Torah Treks," Bible commentator Pamela Tamarkin Reis presenting "Spoiled Child: A Fresh Look at Jephthah's Daughter," Talmud Renewal scholar Liz Shanks and others.



## Israel Bonds

State of Israel 4th Zero Coupon Bonds may be a useful way to begin saving for your child's college education or other goals. The bond matures at \$6,000 on 31 January 1996 with a purchase price and effective yield to maturity that is determined quarterly. For information call 203-387-1991.

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To Bertha Fleischer for her grandson Micah Bleich's winning first place in the city-wide New Haven Science Fair for biological studies, and first place in the Connecticut State Science Fair for biological studies. Micah also won the Connecticut Water Works Association & American Water Works Association Award for a project promoting safe drinking water. Micah's parents are Philip & Linda Bleich. May great things continue to flow from his bright young mind.



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## BEKI 2000 Update



The BEKI 2000 committee has been meeting furiously over the past months to help organize our long range goals for the Synagogue. At this time, we have presented most of the goals and issues to the General Board and have received enthusiastic approval for the process. The General Board has contributed a great deal to the process and the committee wishes to thank them for their support. All of the discussion and review of the remaining goals will be completed at a board retreat scheduled in the month of May.

Once completed, we can then enter into phase two of the project which involves setting up various subcommittees to evaluate and make recommendations concerning all aspects of synagogue life. This will be the point in which we will be asking all of you, our members, to help participate in the process. The more involvement from our membership we can get, the better this will be in order to insure the future of our wonderful shul for ALL of us.

The members of BEKI 2000 committee are :  
Rob Leikind and *Tina Rose* (co-chairs), Jay Brotman, Ken Buckman, Pat Goodwin, Paulette Lehrer, Rabbi Murray Levine, Sidney Levine, Charles Ludwig, Lester Margolis, Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen and John Weiser. Please contact any of us if you have questions or a particular area of interest that would help this project. We will be contacting you soon.  
Tina Rose

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## May Speakers & Darshanim

Liz Shanks is completing her doctoral dissertation at Yale University on the oral practices of the Mishna that produced the Talmud. She teaches locally and recently taught the siddur workshop at BEKI. Liz lives in New Haven as does her fiance Drew Allison. She will be the darshanit on Shabbat morning 4 May during the 9:15a service. She will also teach during the Tiqun Leil Shavuot Night of Adult Studies which begins at 8:00p Thursday 23 May.



Liz Shanks

Stephen Wizner serves as BEKI's Treasurer and directs the Law Clinic at Yale University. He lives with his wife Rachel in New Haven. Steve will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 11 May during the 9:15a service.



Stephen Wizner

Anne Johnston works as the Head Teacher at an area Hebrew school and teaches special education at an area public school. She co-leads BEKI's Junior Congregation. Anne will be the darshanit on Shabbat morning 18 May during the Ezra Academy Shabbat beginning at 9:15a.



Anne Johnston

## Men's Club Miqva Experience

BEKI Jewish men are invited to gather at the New Haven Mikvah at 86 Hubinger Street in New Haven (just a few blocks from BEKI) at 8:00a (until about 8:30a) on the morning of 23 May for individual private immersion in the purifying waters of the miqva. We seek holiness and purity as we prepare to receive the Torah. The cost is \$5 (payable to Mikvah Society of New Haven); bring your own towel. For more information call Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 or Men's Club Miqva Maven Paul Bass at 397-3046.

## Ari Nathan Levine Library Acquisitions

Eight more books have arrived, donated by Rabbi Murray and Malka Levine in Memory of Sol and Frieda Eisenberg.

- "The Jewish Kids Catalog"
- "Passover As I Remember It" by Fluek
- "Kindergarten Carousel"
- "While Standing on One Foot" by Zeitlin
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## Dates and Times to Remember

### May Events

01 Wed	4:15p UHS
	7:30p Making Shabbat 3
03 Fri	6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat
	7:32p Candle Lighting
	8:00p Late Evening Service
04 Sha	9:15a Shabbat Morning Service
	Darshanit: Liz Shanks
	10:45a Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a Junior Congregation
	5:45p Minha Afternoon Service
	8:24p motze'ei Shabbat
05 Sun	9:30a UHS
	9:30a BEKI2000 Board Retreat
06 Mon	No Rashi Study
08 Wed	4:15p UHS
	7:30p Making Shabbat 4
10 Fri	6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat
	7:40p Candle Lighting
11 Sha	9:15a Shabbat Morning Service
	Darshan: Stephen Wizner
	10:45a Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a Junior Congregation
	10:45a Learners' Minyan
	5:45p Minha Afternoon Service
	8:32p motze'ei Shabbat
12 Sun	9:30p UHS
13 Mon	No Rashi
15 Wed	4:15p UHS
	7:30p Making Shabbat 5
17 Fri	6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat
	7:48p Candle Lighting
	8:00p Late Evening Service
18 Sha	9:15a Shabbat Morning Service
	Ezra Academy Shabbat

	Darshanit: Anne Johnston
	10:45a Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a Junior Congregation
	5:45p Minha Afternoon Service
	8:40p motze'ei Shabbat
19 Sun	9:30a Breakfast by Men's Club
	9:30a UHS Graduation & Promotion at Sinai
20 Mon	7:45a Rashi Study Group
21 Tue	12:05p Book of Life Luncheon
22 Wed	7:30p Making Shabbat 6
23 Thu	8:00a Men's Miqva
	7:52p Candle Lighting
	8:00p Festival Evening Service
	8:20p Tiqun Leil Shavuot
	Sweeter than Honey
	Night of Adult Study
24 Fri	6:00p Shabbat Festival Service
	7:53p Candle Lighting
	9:15a Festival Morning Service
25 Sha	9:15a Shabbat Morning Service
	Book of Ruth
	Yizkor Memorial Service
	10:45a Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a Junior Congregation
	10:45a Learners' Minyan
	5:45p Minha Afternoon Service
	8:46p motze'ei Shabbat
26 Sun	9:40a Torah Pathways
27 Mon	9:00a Weekday Morning Service
	9:45a Rashi Study Group
29 Wed	7:30p Making Shabbat 7
31 Fri	6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat
	7:59p Candle Lighting
	8:00p Late Evening Service

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01 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service UHS Shabbat Darshanit: Dr. Paula Hyman
	10:45a	Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	8:58p	motze'ei Shabbat
02 Sun	9:00a	Sisterhood Rummage Sale to 3:00p
03 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
	9:00a	Sisterhood Rummage Sale to 1:00p
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
	10:45a	Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
10 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
12 Wed	7:45p	BEKI Annual Meeting
14 Fri	6:00p	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:07p	Candle Lighting
	8:00p	Late Evening Service
15 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Aufrauf: Robert Sachs

	10:45a	Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	9:02p	motze'ei Shabbat
17 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
21 Fri	6:00p	Qabbalat Shabbat
	8:00p	Late Evening Service
	8:10p	Candle Lighting
22 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service Bat Mitzva: Elizabeth Kinsley
	10:45a	Child'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
	10:45a	Child's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Afternoon Service
	9:05p	motze'ei Shabbat

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			12 Iyar 1 4:15p UHS 7:30p Making Shabbat 3	13 Iyar 2	14 Iyar 3 6:00p Qabbalat Candles 7:32p 8:00p Late Evening Service	15 Iyar 4 9:15a Shabbat Darshanit: Liz Shanks 10:45a Children's Havura 10:45a Jr Cong 5:45p Minha 8:24p motze'ei Shabbat
16 Iyar 5 9:30a UHS	17 Iyar 6 No Rashi Study	18 Iyar 7	19 Iyar 8 4:15p UHS 7:30p Making Shabbat 4	20 Iyar 9	21 Iyar 10 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat Candles 7:40p	22 Iyar 11 9:15a Shabbat Darshan: S. Wizner 10:45a Child's Havura 10:45a Jr Cong 10:45a Lrn's Minyan 5:45p Minha 8:32p motze'ei Shabbat
23 Iyar 12 9:30p UHS	24 Iyar 13 No Rashi	25 Iyar 14	26 Iyar 15 4:15p UHS 7:30p Making Shabbat 5	27 Iyar 16	28 Iyar 17 6:00p Qabbalat Shabbat Candles 7:48p 8:00p Late Evening Service Torah Forum: "Finding a Mate"	29 Iyar 18 9:15a Shabbat Ezra Acdmy. Shabbat Darshanit: Anne Johnston 10:45a Child's Havura 10:45a Jr Cong 5:45p Minha 8:40 motze'ei Shabbat
1 Sivan 19 9:30a Breakfast by Men's Club  9:30a UHS Graduation & Promotion at Sinai	2 Sivan 20 7:45a Rashi Study Group	3 Sivan 21 12:05p Book of Life Luncheon	4 Sivan 22 7:30p Making Shabbat 6	5 Sivan 23 8:00a Men's Miqva Candles 7:52p 8:00p Festival Evening Serv. 8:20p Tiqun Leil Shavuot Sweeter than Honey Night of Adult Study	6 Sivan 24 9:15a Festival Morning Service  6:00p Shabbat Festival Service Candles 7:53p	7 Sivan 25 9:15a Shabbat Book of Ruth Yizkor Memri 10:45a Child's Havura 10:45a Jr Cong 10:45a Lrn's Minyan 5:45p Minha 8:46p motze'ie Shabbat
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B.E.K.I. Sisterhood had a busy April with the Seder for People with special needs and the annual Torah Fund Supper.

Also, a group of Sisterhood members attended "Torah Is Lif Day" at Beth El Synagogue in Fairfield where we received an award for meeting our commitment to the Jewish Theological Seminary for 1994-95.

On May 19th, Conn. Valley Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism will hold it's Spring Conference at Cong. B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge. Please let Adele Tyson (389-9599), Sisterhood President, know if you would like to attend.

On May 21st, B.E.K.I. Sisterhood's annual Book of Life luncheon will take place. Our Woman of Valor will be Grace Geisinger. Make reservations early for this outstanding event. Decide on your inscriptions. Additional info. will follow. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Mark your calendar! A most meaningful celebration is scheduled for **WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 5:45 P.M.** at B'nai Jacob

Synagogue - the State of Israel Bonds "Jerusalem 3000" celebration honoring our own Violet and Charles Ludwig with other area synagogue honorees. A gala evening of dinner, Klezmer music & dancing is planned. Make your reservations - call the synagogue office or the Israel Bonds office at 387-1991. Let's make this a night of solidarity - a real happening!

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