**UHS Shabbat Honors Posener**

Students, alumni, parents and faculty of our United Hebrew School will join together on Shabbat morning 17 May 1997 for the United Hebrew School Shabbat at BEKI Honoring George G. Posener. Posener, who received BEKI’s Distinguished Service Award in 1995, has included UHS in his philanthropy for many years by sponsoring gifts for graduates and all advancing students of the School. This year George has added to his generosity by creating the George G. & Leah E. Posener Endowment Fund for the Jewish Education of Beth El-Keser Israel Youth to support our United Hebrew School. This Posener Endowment will generate income each year to support the School’s operations. The Endowment will be managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven; only the interest will be used so the Endowment will help support the United Hebrew School in perpetuity. In 1996, Posener established the Posener Family Memorial Fund for Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel in blessed memory of his wife, parents, sisters, brother and two precious sons.

The service begins at 9:15a and ends around noon. Children of the School, alumni, parents and faculty will participate in services and receive a special blessing, A Qiddush, sponsored by UHS Parents and Grandparents, will serve as one expression of appreciation for Mr. Posener and all those who have contributed to the wonderful success of the School.

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**Dinner Tickets On Sale**

BEKI will be hosting a dinner on June 8 in honor of Milt Smirnoff, 1997 recipient of the BEKI Distinguished Service Award. Reservations can be made through the BEKI office. Cost is $30 per person, and reservations must be made by May 23. For this event, a tribute book is being prepared. Stories and pictures are being collected for the tribute book. If you have a story involving Milt, whether short snippet or longer tale, please submit it to the BEKI office or contact Todd Strauss at 777-7643.

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**Holocaust Memorial**

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel once again hosts the Greater New Haven Community Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial Service on Sunday 4 May at 2:00p. The Yom HaShoah memorial service is an important affirmation of our community’s continuity and demonstrates our commitment to making a safer and more just world for ourselves and all humanity.

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**Daily Minyanim**

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 Minyan Captains.

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If you are interested in learning how to read from the Torah Scroll please call Brian Karsif at 387-9268. Brian will be leading a workshop on Trope, the orally transmitted musical notation that accompanies Torah text.
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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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Watch Us Grow

A beautiful tree grows in front of our building. Each spring its gorgeous blossoms complement the plain dignity of our facade's white brick. I thank the people who planted that tree. There are a few dozen members of the Congregation who have been watching it grow since it was planted, over all the years, and many dozens who have watched it grow for the stretch of a few years, along with the countless multitudes who pass by on Whalley Avenue. Thirty-six years ago when it was planted, it was just a little sapling. Over the years it grew and grew and grew. Now it is a medium-sized tree with many branches, standing as a unique and elegant fixture, with its own grace and balance.

Someone who had seen that tree in 1964 when it was just a sapling but had not seen it since would be hard pressed to recognize it; it looks so different. But those who have watched it grow, who have watered it, fed it, trimmed it, admired it, cared for it, know that it is the very same tree.

The obscure union of Orthodox rabbis who announced last month -- it appeared in our papers on April Fool's Day -- that Conservative Judaism is not Judaism but a different religion are like onlookers who saw our graceful sapling and have that image so locked in their minds that they cannot imagine that what they are looking at today is the very same tree after years of growth.

Judaism is a tree that grows, branches out and blooms. It has changed somewhat in appearance. Now we give sermons in English instead of Yiddish, and many wear multi-colored tallitot instead of plain black-striped tallisim or crocheted kippas instead of black cloth yarmulkes. It looks different but it is the same Judaism in a different phase. The clothes worn by Moses were different than those worn by Rabbi Akiva or Maimonides or Solomon Shechter or what we wear today, yet we are still Jews. Even in matters of law and ritual we have continued to grow and change, just as have all previous generations.

As Conservative Jews we adhere to traditional Judaism that teaches (1) respect for conscientiously held beliefs of others; (2) the value of and tolerance for diversity; (3) the unity of the Jewish People. As a welcoming community we have decided that our shul will be open to all Jews, indeed all people, without disqualifying anyone because they are intermarried, gay or lesbian, not Sabbath observing or any other "reason." It is most regrettable that a particular Orthodox union would single out our practice as being "not Judaism" on account of that openness.

Indeed, by making such a statement those rabbis put themselves, not us, at the margin of the Jewish People, in an act of self excommunication. I am confident that as the tree of Judaism continues to grow their branch too will change and grow to become a beautiful limb that contributes to the strength of the entire tree.

Eitz hayim hiy -- It is a Living Tree to those who grasp it. -- Proverbs 3:18
Dear Rabbi,

Who is this group of Orthodox rabbis who are saying Conservative and Reform Judaism are a different religion?
Signed, Not a Doubt

Dear Not a Doubt,
I don’t know. I’ve never heard of them before.

Dear Rabbi,
Why do some people stand up during services while most people are sitting? Are they trying to prove that they are more religious?
Signed, Won’t stand for it

Dear Won’t stand,
There are several reasons why some people stand. Their backs or tushies might be tired. They may have shpeilkas. They may be in a different place in their prayers than the congregation, that is, they might be reciting the amida or another standing prayer which others may have already completed. Some people incorrectly think that since they stood for certain prayers in the synagogue that they grew up in they must still stand for them in another synagogue, not realizing that the principle of following the local custom takes precedence, in this case, over the value of preserving the ways that they were taught in their own family. One should not worry at all if someone else is standing when others are not, nor should one attach any particular meaning to it or be bothered by 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.
Interest in Joining Rotations

If you would like to read a haftara, lead a shabbat evening, morning or afternoon service or readTorah and have not done so at BEKI, or if you would like to learn to do so, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 <jjtilsen@aol.com>.

Memorial Plaque History Project

The shul has “inherited” several hundred old memorial plaques of historical interest to New Haven Jewry and BEKI. If you are a budding (or blooming) historian interested in cataloging these plaques, please contact Board Secretary Todd Strauss at 777-7643 <todd.strauss@yale.edu> or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 <jjtilsen@aol.com>.

Special Projects Wish list

Our Synagogue has several needs that are beyond our conservative budget. Among the priority items identified by the Officers, Staff and Rabbi are improvements to the Sanctuary sound system and radon abatement in the school building (each in the $2,500 to $6,000 range). The Congregation also has many needs for annual sponsorships, named endowments and Building Fund debt retirement. If you are in a position to fund any of these or if you would like more information please contact BEKI Secretary of the Board Todd Strauss <todd.strauss@yale.edu> or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 <jjtilsen@aol.com>.

Correction:

In the April 1997 issue of the BEKI Bulletin the photo credit was incorrectly given for the front page photos. The photo of Mr. Friedman of blessed memory was taken by Dr. Alan Gelbert.
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Congregation Beth El-Keser
Israel thanks these members who have shown their level of commitment to the synagogue and its mission by voluntarily contributing beyond their regular dues through the "More than Dues" program in 5757 (1996-1997).
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**May Events**

02 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
7:31p Candle Lighting  
8:00p Late Service  

03 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
8:22p Motse'ei Shabbat  

04 Sun 2:00p Holocaust Memorial  

05 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  

09 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
7:39p Candle Lighting  
8:00p Late Service  

10 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service Darshan: Stephen Wizner  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
8:31p Motse'ei Shabbat  

12 Mon 7:45a NO Rashi Study Group  

16 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
7:46p Candle Lighting  
8:00p Late Service Honoring Nurses  

17 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service UHS Shabbat  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
8:39p Motse'ei Shabbat  

18 Sun 9:30a Breakfast by Men's Club Speaker: Mark Sklar  
4:00p LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens  

19 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  

23 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
7:52p Candle Lighting  
8:00p Late Service Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman  

24 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Shabbat Shalom Learners' Minyan  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
8:46p Motse'ei Shabbat  

26 Mon 9:00a Morning Service (special time)  
9:45a Rashi Study Group  

30 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
7:56p Candle Lighting  
8:00p Late Service  

31 Sha 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
8:54p Motse'ei Shabbat  

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**June Events**

01 Sun 9:30a UHS Graduation at Westville  
02 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  
03 Tue 12:00 Tree of Life Luncheon honoring Helen Ross  

06 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
8:00p Late Service  
8:03p Candle Lighting  

07 Sha 9:15a Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
5:45p Minha Service  
8:58p Motse'ei Shabbat  

08 Sun 9:30a Torah Pathways  
6:00p Distinguished Service Award Dinner Honoring Milton Smirnoff  

09 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  
10 Tue 9:00a Men's Club Miqva  
8:06p Candle Lighting  
8:15p Minha & Festival Maariv  
8:45p Sweeter Than Honey Tishuv Erev Shavuot Adult Study  

11 Wed 9:15a Festival Morning Service  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
* Candle lighting AFTER 9:01p  

12 Thu 9:15a Festival Morning Service  
Yizkor Memorial Service  
5:45p Afternoon Service  
9:01p Festival Ends  

13 Fri 6:00p Early Service ONLY  
8:07p Candle Lighting  

14 Sat 9:15a Morning Service  
Ezra Academy Shabbat  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
5:45p Minha Afternoon Service  
9:02p Motse'ei Shabbat  

16 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  
7:30p General Membership Annual Meeting  

20 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
8:00p Late Service  
8:10p Candle Lighting  

21 Sha 9:15a Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
10:45a Learners' Minyan  
5:45p Minha Service  
9:05p Motse'ei Shabbat  

23 Mon 7:45a Rashi Study Group  
27 Fri 6:00p Early Service  
8:00p Late Service  
8:10p Candle Lighting  

28 Sat 9:15a Morning Service  
10:45a Children's Shabbat Havura  
10:45a Junior Congregation  
5:45p Minha Service  
9:05p Motse'ei Shabbat  

29 Sun 9:30a Torah Pathways  

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**Memorial Day 9:00a service**

Note that morning services on Monday 26 May, Memorial Day, will begin at 9:00a in recognition of the federal holiday. The Rashi Study Group will meet at 9:45a until 10:30a.
A special generous contribution has been made by Sybil V. Richards-Massaquoi. Sybil has been an active member of the Congregation since relocating to New Haven in 1994. She lives with her husband Hans and children Shadaria and Yehocheanan in Westville.

Rabbi’s Tzedaka Fund (minimum $25)
- Ronald Zlotoff & Donna Kemper marking Alisa & Daniel’s aliyah and Daniel’s haftara
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- Mimi & Ephram Glenn for food for needy
- Rose & George Feen in appreciation
- Alan & Joan Gelbert in appreciation of mishloah manot at Purim
- Morris & Gloria Coher for selling of Hametz

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- In honor of George Posener’s milestone birthday by Inge & Lenny Fish
- Get well wishes to Marvin Pizer by Henry Rothchild & Sheila Gardner
- In honor of Milt Smirnoff’s 75th birthday by Ruth & Samuel Teitelman
- In memory of Ida Harrison by Nick Lefakatis
- In appreciation of the Ludwig’s thoughtfulness by Henry Rothchild
- In memory of Harry Shopsin by Joan & Alan Gelbert
- Wishing a speedy recovery to Mae Etkind by Beatrice & Milton Smirnoff
- In memory of sister Helen by Robert & Abraham Silverman
- In memory of Doreen Testa’s mother by Beatrice & Milton Smirnoff
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- In memory of Bessie Pear by Tillie Horwitz & Dworski sisters
- In memory of Ida Harrison by Tillie Horwitz & Rose Dworski
- In memory of Louis Goodwin by Tillie Horwitz

Prayer Book Fund
- A prayer book has been inscribed in memory of Ida Harrison by Lois Feldman
- A bible has been inscribed in loving memory of daughter Donna Wright by Barbara Cusen
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- To Harriet & Joel Barstein from Barbara Cusen, Helen & Richy Ross, Lenny & Inge Fish, Rose & George Feen, Violet & Charlie Ludwig, Bertha Fleischner, Belle & Jordan Goldberg, Jane & Jay Brown, Grace Geisnger, Sylvia Zeid, Gladys Lipkin
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- To Barstein Family from Martin & Regina Faymann, Rena & Sam Miller, Eunice & Louis Rogoff
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- To Naomi Rottman from Ruth & Morris Olmer
- To Jeffrey & Howard Macarz & family from Rena & Sam Miller
- To Merriam family from Shirley Mattler
- To Helen Whitten from Shirley Mattler
- To Mrs. Ellen Berman from Ruth & Abe Berman
- To Bauman Family from Sam & Ruth Reflowitz
- To Falman Family from Shirley Mattler
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- To Reva & Joe Fleischman & family from Barbara Cusen
- To Howard Arotsky & family from Inge, Lenny, & Gary Fish

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**BEKI Welcomes New Members & Their Families**

- Jay Punim
- Barry Etra & Janice Wolf
  and Dana & Joanna

**Nurses Shabbat**

Jewish nurses will be honored during the 8:00p Late Friday Service on 16 May in recognition of International Nurses Week.

**Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman**

Aaron Brotman, son of Jay and Lynn Brotman, will lead services and be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzva on Friday night 16 May during the 8:00p service and Shabbat morning during the 9:15a service. Aaron is a student at Ezra Academy.

**Speakers & Darshanim**

Stephen Wizner will be the darshan on Shabbat morning 10 May during the 9:15a service.

**Men's Club News**

Greetings from the Men's Club. Our Congregational Breakfast this month will be on Sunday 18 May at 9:45a, speaker to be announced. This year Yom HaShoah will be on Sunday 4 May. We still have candles available from the Yellow Candle Drive so let me know @389-9503 if you need them. They will also be available at the city-wide Yom HaShoah memorial service which will be at BEKI again this year. Last year's service was a very moving and well attended community event. Please make every effort to attend.

Drew Allison

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BEKI Sisterhood News

Sisterhood, busy as always for the benefit of our beloved BEKI, is now making plans for the annual Book of Life Luncheon on 3 June. Longtime active synagogue and Sisterhood member, Helen Ross, will be the Woman of Valor. SAVE THE DATE! Details about Book of Life inscriptions etc. will be forthcoming.

Spring Conference will take place on 14 May at Emanuel Synagogue, West Hartford. BEKI Sisterhood’s Honoree will be our recording secretary, Mary Ellen Mack. SAVE THE DATE! This is a great day. Let president Adele Tyson know if you would like to attend to honor Mary Ellen.

Although Torah Fund Supper, because of the unusual spring snowstorm, had to be postponed from 31 March to 1 April, we had a good turnout, a wonderful meal by Chyla Talesnick and Linda Buckman, and an enjoyable musical program.

Because of the same storm, Torah Is Life Day was postponed from 1 April at Beth Hillel, Bloomfield, to 1 May. Those who had planned to attend, please confirm to Rose Feen if you will still attend. Others are welcome.

Don’t forget the Sisterhood Gift Shop when you need a gift for any occasion. There is a wide assortment of beautiful items for all ages. For information and appointments call president Adele Tyson (389-9599).

HaMaqom Yinahem

We Mourn the Passing of
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LaMaazel

The next meeting of "LaMaazel--the Jewish Spiritual Way of Childbirth" will be on Sunday 18 May 1997 at 4:00 p.m. at the Benson-Tilsen residence in Westville. LaMaazel is a program for expectant parents and others to share their concerns and explore the Jewish approach to pregnancy and birth.

LaMaazel is sponsored by a grant by the Gateways outreach project of the Jewish Theological Seminary and by BEKI. If you would like to attend or know of someone who might like an invitation, please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108. If you would like to bring an older child along who will need supervision be sure to let us know as babysitting will be provided.

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Social Action Update

By the time you read this our Purim packages were mailed to BEKI college students. The committee had fun assembling them and we hope that all those who received them enjoyed the many goodies.

The next exciting project will be getting two rooms ready for the "Wardrobe Closet" to be opened on 12 May 1997. The closet will be available to women who will be going back into the work force. The career clothes as well as the clothes racks and mirrors are donated by women attorneys in the greater New Haven area through New Haven County Bar Association.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff the room once a month for two and a half hours during the day; time and date will be posted at BEKI.

We would also like to offer the clients who will take advantage of the "Wardrobe Closet" new makeup, pantyhose and jewelry. If you can supply any of these items or are interested in joining this project, please call Mimi Glenn 397-3851 or Charles Ludwig 389-0349.

Hot off the press.... New Haven Board of Education is sponsoring a read aloud day on Thursday 8 May 1997 from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Books will be supplied and you may read to graders from Head Start through 5th grade. You may choose the grade and school. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Mimi Glenn 397-3851.

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzva

If you are an adult interested in preparing for and celebrating "adult bar/bat mitzva" please contact Joanne Foodim at 782-9101 or Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 <jjtilsen@aol.com>. Plans are being considered for a 36-hour program to begin possibly this autumn.

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