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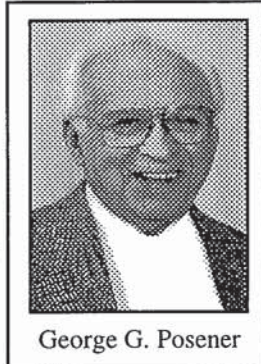
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## ***UHS Shabbat Honors Posener***

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.



George G. Posener

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.

## ***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.

## ***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.

## ***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.

## ***Learn Torah Reading***

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.



## Administrative Announcements

### Synagogue Office Hours

Office hours are: Monday -Thursday: 9 am-3 pm and Friday: 9am-noon.

### 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 August Bulletin is July 1st.

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

### BEKI Bulletin

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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](mailto:jjtilsen@aol.com)

or see our web page created by Phill Simon:  
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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 Aqiva 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

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.*

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## 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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## May-Iyar

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<p>Every Sunday Morning 9:00a Shaharit Service until 9:30a</p> <p>Every Sunday Night Minha-Maariv Service 5:45p-6:15p</p>	<p>Services every Monday through Friday morning 7:00a except as noted.</p> <p>Services every Monday through Thursday afternoon at 5:45p to 6:15p except as noted</p>	<p>Mimi &amp; Mikki want to remind you to do something. Do you remember?</p>	<p>Be part of the Minyan Solution. Come to Shul today.</p>	<p>24 Nisan 1</p>	<p>25 Nisan 2</p> <p>6:00p Early Service</p> <p>7:31p Candle lighting</p> <p>8:00p Late Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Aharei Mot</i> 9:15a Shaharit</p> <p>10:45a CSH Jr. Cong.</p> <p>5:45p Minha</p> <p>8:22p Motse'ei Shabbat</p>
<p>27 Nisan 4</p> <p>2:00p Holocaust Memorial</p>	<p>28 Nisan 5</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group</p>	<p>29 Nisan 6</p>	<p>30 Nisan 7</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh</p>	<p>1 Iyar 8</p> <p>Rosh Hodesh</p>	<p>2 Iyar 9</p> <p>6:00p Early Service</p> <p>7:39p Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:00p Late Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Qedoshim</i> 9:15s Shahrit Darshan: S. Wizner</p> <p>10:45a CSH Jr., Cong. Learner's Minyan</p> <p>5:45p Minha</p> <p>8:31p Motse'ei Shabbat</p>
<p>4 Iyar 11</p>	<p>5 Iyar 12</p> <p>Social Action meeting at Mimi Glenn</p> <p>No Rashi Study Group</p>	<p>6 Iyar 13</p>	<p>7 Iyar 14</p>	<p>8 Iyar 15</p>	<p>9 Iyar 16</p> <p>6:00p Early Service</p> <p>7:46p Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:00p Late Service honoring Nurses</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Emor</i> 9:15a Shahrit</p> <p><b>USH Shabbat honoring George G. Posener</b></p> <p>10:45a CSH &amp; Jr. Cong.</p> <p>5:45 p Minha</p> <p>8:39 p Motse'ei Shabbat</p>
<p>11 Iyar 18</p> <p>9:30a Breakfast Men's Club</p> <p>4:00p LaMaazel at Benson-Tilsens</p>	<p>12 Iyar 19</p> <p>7:45a Rashi Study Group</p>	<p>13 Iyar 20</p>	<p>14 Iyar 21</p>	<p>15 Iyar 22</p>	<p>16 Iyar 23</p> <p>6:00p Early Service</p> <p>7:52p Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:00p Late Service</p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>BeHar</i> 9:15a Shahrit</p> <p><b>Bar Mitzva: Aaron Brotman</b></p> <p>10:45a CSH Jr. Cong. Learner's Minyan</p> <p>5:45 pMinha</p> <p>8:46p Motse'ei Shabbat</p>
<p>18 Iyar 25</p> <p>LaG BeOmer</p>	<p>19 Iyar 26</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>9:00a Morning Service (special time)</p> <p>9:45a Study Group (special time)</p>	<p>20 Iyar 27</p>	<p>21 Iyar 28</p>	<p>22 Iyar 29</p>	<p>23 Iyar 30</p> <p>6:00p Early Service</p> <p>7:58 p Candle Lighting</p> <p>8:00p Late Service</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>BeHuqotai</i> 9:15a Shahrit</p> <p>10:45s CSH Jr. Cong.</p> <p>5:45p Minha</p> <p>8:54p Mptse'ei Shabbat</p>



## Dates and Times to Remember

### 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
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	8:46p	Motse'ei Shabbat
26 Mon	9:00a	Morning Service (special time)
	9:45a	Rashi Study Group
30 Fri	6:00p	Early Service
	7:58p	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

### 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 Tiquon 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
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	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	5:45p	Minha Service
	9:05p	Motse'ei Shabbat
29 Sun	9:30a	Torah Pathways

#### **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.



## Thank You For Your Generous Donations

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 Yehochanan in Westville.

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The Congregation acknowledges a special contribution made by Mordy & Elizabeth Levine in memory of Malka Levine to the Louis Friedman Scholarship Fund. Malka Levine, of blessed memory, was a distinguished Jewish educator and along with her husband Rabbi Murray Levine a beloved member and leader of our Congregation. Her first yahrzeit will be observed on 3 Sivan. This gift is one of a series of gifts made by her family and loved ones in her memory.



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## BEKI Welcomes New Members & Their Families

- Jay Punim
- Barry Etra & Janice Wolf  
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## 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.

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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.

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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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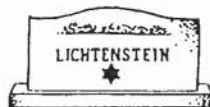
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## ***Social Action Update***

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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