The BEKI Art Gallery is pleased to present the work of BEKI member and artist Betsy Ratner during November and December 2017. A Shabbat Schmooze with the artist is planned for Saturday 9 December at 1p.

Betsy Ratner’s joy of life is reflected in her colorful mixed media collages. Inspired by her years of teaching gifted and talented students, Betsy turned to her own explorations of mindful, artful abstractions. Further influenced by her participation in collaborative dance, writing, and theater groups, she found new directions in her work by tapping into her own mind. In her energetic collages, gestures made of paint and paper dance across the surface. Ratner further enlivens the work by playfully incorporating small repurposed objects, which she prizes for their color and form as much as symbolic meaning.

As a national award-winning educator, Betsy’s participatory programs assist people in synthesizing mind and body awareness, with the goal of increasing happiness and fulfillment. As a healing artist, author, creative stress relief trainer and coach, she empowers individuals to explore their strengths through the arts. Betsy’s mixed media collages on display at BEKI clearly reflect her philosophy. Betsy’s website is www.betsyratner.com

Israel Study Group Welcomes Ehud Krinis

Ehud Krinis is an activist and speaker for the Villages Group, which has operated since 2002 in two rural areas in the west-bank: the villages of Salem and Deir al-Hattab near Nablus and several much smaller villages (Susiya, Umm Al-Kheir and others) in the South Hebron Hills (Massafar Yatta). At the foundation of the group’s work is the cultivation of personal friendships between Israelis and Palestinians, as a way to counteract the policy of separation promoted by the Israeli government. The main challenge facing the activists of the Villages Group is “to seek and diversify options for personal and communal development, against the background of an oppressive occupation regime that has already lasted for two generations. Meeting this challenge involves deep personal and committed relationships, patiently nurtured over time. In these relationships the Village Group strives for equality and mutuality, in the midst of a brutal and asymmetric reality.”

He will be a guest of BEKI’s Israel Study Group on Thursday 14 December 7:30p – 9p in the library.
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**National “Have a Minyan at Home” Day**

Beth El-Keser Israel will join with other *shuls* in observing “National Have a Minyan at Home” day on Thursday evening 23 November 2017. In marking this occasion, no afternoon and evening service will be held at the *shul* so that participants may have services in their own homes. For this purpose, plenty of *kippot* are available in your suit pockets or auto glove compartments where you have been stuffing them. Years ago, when this program was initiated, opponents cried “fowl” and skeptics predicted it would be a real turkey that would be axed, but the response has been positive, for which we offer thanksgiving.

Minha service can be recited after noon, the evening service after 4:25p.

This is an ideal occasion to enjoy USY pumpkin and apple pies (see notice this issue).

Weekday morning services on Thursday 23 November are on the Federal Holiday schedule, from 9:00a to 9:45a. Friday 24 November services 7a to 7:32a and 6p to 6:50p.

The synagogue office closes at 1:00p on Wednesday 22 November and is closed on Thursday and Friday 23-24 November 2017. BRS and BMP do not meet on 22 November, and BRS does not meet on 26 November.

**Tree of Life**

Miriam Kahn z”l and Mikki Ratner have helped BEKI bring life to our Tree of Life in the lobby entrance. Take a look to your left on your way into the synagogue. For the small price of $118, you can engrave a leaf for a bat- or bar-mitzva, birthday, wedding celebration or honoring or memorializing relatives or friends on our wall. What a beautiful way to honor the special people in your life.

Contact me for your order. Thank you. Marjorie Wiener, 203-387-6278, marjoriewiener@yahoo.com

**Face-to-Face Seniors**

The next meeting of the “Face-to-Face” Senior Group will be on Wednesday 15 November at 10:30a.

Rabbi Murray Levine will review and discuss the book *Wise Aging* by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal. The group will also listen to music by the Barry Sisters.

Coffee proffered. RSVP to Rabbi Levine 203-397-2513 by 13 November.

**Seeking Holocaust Artifacts**

Mimi Glenn is preparing a Holocaust exhibit for SCSU for April 2018, and is seeking artifacts or documents that might be used in a display. Preferred are items that have a personal and local connection. To help, contact Mimi at 203.397.3851.

**Hurricane & Flood Relief**

See USCJ *Disaster Relief Fund* for Puerto Rico, Florida and Texas, and see other recognized agencies. If you are especially interested in helping in Texas, please contact Rabbi Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org.

**Torah Reading**

Noam Benson-Tilsen noam@tilsen.org is coordinating for Sefer Bereishit (through 30 December 2017). Volunteer or reserve dates now; to learn to read Torah, contact Jon-Jay at jjtilsen@beki.org.

**Introducing: The Queen of Sheba**

The *Rashi Study Group* is beginning I Kings 10. Mondays 7:50a–8:30a, Library, beginner to advanced welcome, join now. Knowledge of English, Hebrew, Aramaic, Old French, Greek, Akkadian, Hittite, Jebusite helpful but not required.

**Shabbat Shalom Torah Study**

Study of Torah is considered equal or superior to prayers as a form of “worship.” Join Steven Fraade and other scholars for an hour of study (weekly portion, liturgy, Q&A) every other Shabbat morning 10:45a–11:45a in the office.

**Focus on This**


**Face-to-Face Senior Group**

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**Israel Study Group**

Guest Ehud Krinis, historian of Jewish Medieval intellectual history at BGU, will explore his work with “Villages Group” working to build long-term personal relationships and partnering, Thursday 14 December 2017, 7:30p, BEKI Library.
With sorrow we note the passing of

Martin Knecht,
father of Dina (& Michael) Secchiaroli

Bella Robbins,
mother of Gadiel (& Julie) Robbins

Cynthia Schneider,
mother of Lana (& Martin) Gad

Shirley Bober,
grandmother of Beth Weinstein McDaniel

May the Almighty comfort those who mourn

Mazal Tov to

Emma Sokoloff-Rubin & Sam Purdy on the birth of Miriam in October.

Lauri Lowell on her appointment as Director of Home Haven, a six-neighborhood cooperative New Haven organization to help members stay in their homes, preserve independence, enjoy community and feel secure about services.

Welcome New & Returning Members

• Benjamin Kann & Viviana Benitez and Eliana • Deborah Craig • Caroline Rosenstone • Evan & Stacey Wyner and Jacob, Alex, Ari and Aviva • Beth McDaniel and Geanna • Susan & Alan Dardik • Madeleine Kleinman • Russell & Susan Epstein, and Hannah and Samuel • Sam Purdy & Emma Sokoloff-Rubin and Miriam • Carol Marcus • Robert Snyder & Eileen Schuman

Benei Mitzva

Danielle Callaghan, daughter of Rebecca Gratz & Steve Sitrin, and of Joseph Callaghan, 3-4 November 2017, parashat VaYera

Jalina Secchiaroli, daughter of Dina & Michael Secchiaroli, 10-11 November 2017, parashat Hayei Sara

BEKI's Donated Mahzorim (High Holy Days Prayerbook) to Congregation Tikvah Israel, a 56-member congregation, in Abuja, Nigeria

The BEKI Library has a new section dedicated to Jewish art. Check it out.
Contributions

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• In memory of Rena Miller & Sarah Liner by Howard Miller
• In memory of Sophie Ludwig by Charlie Ludwig
• In memory of Joseph Abramovitz by Joseph & Lynda Alper
• In memory of Minnie Abramovitz by Joseph & Lynda Alper
• In memory of Stella Zusman by Howard Zusman
• In memory of Patricia Levy Zusman by Howard Zusman
• In memory of Benjamin Steinlight by Gila Reinstein
• In memory of Reuben “Rube” Vine by Roberta Vine
• In memory of Cindy Arshell by Mike Moscowitz
• In memory of Abraham Weiss by Suzanne Weinstein

Winter is Coming: The Wall Update
Repair and restoration work on the south wall is underway. We expect minimal disruption to planned events.

Photo by Cynthia Beth Rubin
Shabbatot (Saturdays)

Darshanim

Darshan – *noun, plural dar·sha·nim*. Judaism. a preacher or teacher of Aggada or Halakha in a synagogue.

Rabbi Tilsen has invited the following speakers to serve as guest Darshanim in the coming weeks:

- Danielle Callaghan, bat mitzva, 4 November 2017, *parashat VaYera*
- Jalina Secchiaroli, bat mitzva, 11 November 2017, *parashat Hayei Sara*
- Rabbi Murray Levine, 18 November 2017, *parashat Toldot*
- Rabbi Andrew Hechtman, 2 December 2017, *parashat VaYishlah*

Shabbat Shalom Torah Study

The *Shabbat Shalom Torah Study* meets every other Saturday morning at 10:45a in the office and is an ideal setting for veteran and novice shulgoers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Expertly led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, Rabbi Murray Levine, Nadav Sela, Isaiah Cooper and others, the Shabbat Shalom Torah Study is a nurturing exploration of practice and theory presented in a participatory, non-threatening and multi-generational setting. Many members who take advantage of this unique offering feel a deeper sense of awe born of increased understanding and appreciation of the Torah reading, Haftara (Prophetic reading) and liturgy.

The program often focuses on the scriptural readings, but also addresses the prayer liturgy and other topics related to the liturgical calendar, scriptural readings or current issues of concern.

Everyone is welcome to participate regardless of religious status or background. It is suitable for mature youths along with adults.

Mondays

Rashi Study Group: I Kings

Each Monday morning from 7:47a to 8:30a adults meet in the Library Chapel to read Rashi’s commentary on the TaNaKh (Hebrew Bible). The Rashi Study Group (RSG) is reading First Kings. It is possible to join the study group for a single meeting or to begin at any time. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. Rashi purported to explain the *peshat* of the text, i.e., the meaning in its historical, literary and linguistic context. Visitors and new participants are welcome. Hebrew and English texts are available. The RSG usually meets immediately following the 7:00a *shaharit* morning service, but will meet at 9:47a-10:30a on 25 December and 1 January, following the 9a civil holiday schedule. With Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Wednesdays

Hebrew Word of the Week

The Wednesday morning service (shaharit) features a 180-second “Hebrew word of the Week” to promote the learning of Hebrew. The Hebrew language is highly structured. Most words are based on three-letter roots, and are made with a limited set of verb or noun forms. By learning a few dozen roots and a small set of word-forms, it is possible to roughly translate Hebrew words isolated from any context, something less often possible in English. The Word of the Week often relates to the weekly scriptural readings or current events.

Rabbis’ Study Group

*Wednesdays with Murray* is a weekly study group exclusively for rabbis and clergy, facilitated by Rabbi Murray Levine. The Wednesday study group affords local rabbis an opportunity to pursue their own *talmud torah* (Torah study) in a “safe” setting and with opportunities to learn from each other’s experience and insight. The study group meets Wednesday mornings in the Rosenkrantz Family Library during the school year. In 5778, the rabbis are reviewing selected sugiyot in B. Shabbat. For more information, call Rabbi Murray Levine at 203.397.2513.

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Thursdays

Mini Morning Learning Service

The Thursday morning services are supplemented with commentary and teaching relating to the history, themes, choreography and language of the daily morning service. Shaharit service is from 8:15a to 9:15a on Thursdays; on other weekdays, the service begins at 7:00a. On Thanksgiving Day, 23 November, the morning service is 9a–9:45a.

Berakhot Talmud Study Group

A weekly study of the Talmud Bavli Berakhot meets in the Beit Midrash on Thursday mornings 10a–11a with Rabbi Tilsen.

The Talmud, a hypertext extended outline of discussion organized around the Mishna and based on an oral text, has no beginning or end. One can begin study at any point; now is the best time. No prior knowledge is required, but basic facility in English is helpful; students with all backgrounds are welcome, beginner to advanced. The Berakhot Talmud Study Group meets each Thursday but not on Thanksgiving, 23 November 2017, and not on 28 December 2017 (Fast of Tevet) and not on 4 January 2018.
We celebrated National Mix It Up Day in October to foster greater respect and understanding among our students.

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A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

THE BANNER

Some people are deeply grateful to the United States for allowing their entry (or that of their ancestors) as immigrants or refugees. In some eras entry was open simply because the government was not sufficiently organized to keep them out, but there was a time when immigrants were actually welcomed. Immigrants enjoyed the possibility of safety and prosperity in America. America was the only port, or the best port, in the storm. For some immigrants and American-born citizens, the flag of the United States represents all that is good and all of the positive aspirations of this country. Reverence for the flag may emerge either from the same place as loyalty to the local sports franchise, or from a deep appreciation and commitment to ideals.

Others see national flags as symbols of oppression. Nationalism is often used to divide people, to enable exploitation. To some, the flag is a symbol of the worst in America: its original sins of genocide, succession, and slavery; its imperialism and militarism, the brutal enforcement of American corporate interests around the globe. The Stars and Stripes is associated with foreign military adventures that are disastrous to the locals. From their end, this flag is a symbol of death, destruction and exploitation.

In America and in other (usually lesser-democratic) countries, the national flag can be used as a (pardon the expression) political football. Who can wave it more vigorously, who can wrap themselves up more gloriously? For others, who can burn it brighter or desecrate it most contemptuously? And the most important question of all: Are American Flag underwear and cheerleader uniforms in style this season?

Symbols resonate variously among us. All of these associations may be valid, in some measure, and experienced differently by each of us.

The same holds for other nations’ banners, including the “Blue and White” flag of the State of Israel. What had been the flag of the “Jewish People” is now identified more specifically as the official emblem of the State of Israel.

The American and Israeli flags have been a prominent part of the sparsely-decorated sanctuary at BEKI for generations. What is the meaning of the flags in the sanctuary? Are we celebrating our identities and freedoms, or are we reflecting the truism that the less free and democratic the country, the more the picture of the king is displayed and the more flag is waved; or the less security in identity, the louder the proclamation of allegiance.

Jews answer to a “Higher Authority.” Higher than Pharaoh, higher than Achashverosh, higher than Caesar or the Czar, higher than Yertle the Turtle and higher than the kosher supervisor of Hebrew National Hotdogs. While adherence to civil law and good citizenship in general are required and honored by Jewish law and tradition, the single essential lesson of our Torah is that no melekh evyon, no earthly ruler or state, can supersede the Torah. There are core rules of human decency that are not subject to vote, and there are rules we will not violate even under threat.

The principle of Jewish law, dina de-malkhuta dina, “the law of the local government is in force,” is applied broadly to matters of civil and commercial law and custom, insofar as they do not conflict with essential elements of halakha. Even the Biblical prohibition against withholding wages from a day laborer is superseded (or defined) by local rules that allow weekly pay, as long as local rules are fundamentally fair. We are required to pray for the welfare of the de facto government, whether that be the Czar (“May God bless and keep the Czar…”), the Queen of England, or the three branches of the United States government.

Does the presence of national flags in our sanctuary signal the subservience of the represented governments to the Torah in the sacred ark? Why not a flag of the United Nations signaling its subservience? Do the flags symbolize our next highest authorities or values besides the Torah and the Covenant, and if so, should we not also fly the flag of peace, or an Earth flag? Or do the flags represent the people, the “nation,” as distinct from the “government”?

Around the year 1997, both flags at BEKI were lowered from the bima to the floor level. Was that a demotion, or did it represent a “popularization,” bringing the flags closer to the people, as we did with the reader’s table (the locus of the Torah reading), making it more accessible? The flags are nothing more and nothing less than symbolic speech, but what are they saying, and what are we hearing?

My position of halakha (Jewish law) is that these symbols are permitted, and not required. It has always been up to the sensibilities of the congregation members as to how to decorate the building. However, should a law or Constitutional amendment be enacted that makes flag burning or desecration a crime, or that requires display of the flag in our facility, I would deem such display prohibited by halakha, since such a rule would make the national flag into a fetish or an idol. That is not to approve or disapprove of symbolic use or abuse of the flag, but rather a considered position of Jewish law, which requires us to avoid any semblance of idolatry.

See also Nonviolent Resistance of the Jews to Roman Occupation in Israel 26–41 C.E.
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Youth Scholarships
(A) Jewish Foundation, for local synagogue schools, scholarships.jewishnewhaven.org/form/religious; (B) Foundation Israel Program scholarships jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships (C) Barzillai Cheskis Youth Israel Scholarship at BEKI (office@beki.org).

JCARR
Help refugee families adjust to New Haven. Contact Gilah Benson-Tilsen JCARR.BEKI@gmail.com

Torah Sparks
Brief commentary on weekly parasha from the Conservative Yeshiva (Jerusalem).

Got Announcements?
Ask President Harold Birn to include your BEKI event in live Shabbat morning announcements by writing to announcements@beki.org.

Mark Your Calendar
- 20s–30s Havura Shabbat Dinner 3 November 2017
- Bat Mitzva: Danielle Callaghan 4 November 2017
- Resume Standard Time 5 November 2017
- Election Day Connecticut 7 November 2017
- Bat Mitzva: Jalina Secchiaroli 11 November 2017
- Face-to-Face Seniors: 15 November 2017
- Darshan: Rabbi Murray Levine 18 November 2017
- Rosh Hodesh Kislev 19 November 2017
- Darshan: Rabbi Andrew Hechtman 2 December 2017
- Artist Talk: Betsy Ratner 9 December 2017
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- Israel Study Group: Guest Ehud Krinis 14 Dec. 2017
- Rosh Hodesh Tevet 18-19 December 2017
- Last Day Hanuka 20 December 2017
- 10 Tevet minor fast day 28 December 2017
- Rosh Hodesh Shevat 17 January 2018
- Shabbat Shira 27 January 2018
- Tu BeShevat 31 January 2018
- Rosh Hodesh Adar 15-16 February 2018