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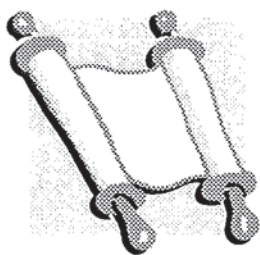
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Evelyn Maze Dedicates Sacred Scroll Cover

Jewish Community leader **Evelyn Maze** has sponsored the specially designed hand-made needlepoint Sacred Scroll Cover for the book of Yehezqel (Ezekiel) in honor of the Prophets. Evelyn Maze is an independent scholar who has a broad knowledge of Jewish texts and is particularly familiar with the history of the age of the prophets.

The Scroll Cover for the book of Yehezqel is one of nine Covers specially created for BEKI's unique set of scrolls. The creation of the covers was directed by **Malka Levine** of blessed memory, and made through the work of **Nancy Bayer, Trish Loving, Linda Schultz, Carol Elkies, Darryl Kuperstock, Mimi Glenn, Sharon Lovett-Graff, Judi Weingarten**, and others. They were designed by artists **Judy Sirota Rosenthal** and **Elizabeth Killoran**.

The scrolls themselves were written over 100 years ago on fine parchment with a quill pen by a talented sofer (scribe) in just the



same manner as a Torah scroll. Last winter the scrolls were painstakingly inspected, cleaned and repaired by a sofer and the wooden parts were repaired. Read on Shabbat mornings as the haftara and on Festivals and Holy Days, these scrolls are second

only to the Torah Scrolls in their sanctity. This fine collection represents an important part of the special heritage of our shul, and thanks the sponsorship of **Evelyn Maze** and the work of the volunteers these scrolls are now adorned by covers fitting their status.

Of the nine Scroll Covers, three now have sponsors: The Scroll of Yehezqel (Ezekiel) by **Evelyn Maze**; the Scroll of Yishaiahu (Isaiah) in honor of **Malka Levine** (z"l) by her friends; and the Scroll of Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs), Ruth and Qohelet (Ecclesiastes) in memory of **Fannie Friedlander** by **Gloria & Morris Cohen**.

If you might like to sponsor one of the remaining Scroll Covers please contact Rabbi Tilsen at 389-2108 or jjtilsen@aol.com.

Sasha Lehrer Bat Mitzva

Sasha Lehrer, daughter of **Paulette Lehrer** and **Alex Lehrer**, will participate in services on Friday 1 November at 8:00 p.m. and will be called to the Torah, recite the Haftara, present a Devar Torah and lead services as a Bat Mitzva during Shabbat morning services on 2 November 1996.

As a Mitzva Project, **Sasha** has organized a

food collection at BEKI for the week before and after her Bat Mitzva observance. The community is invited to bring canned and dried food to a barrel in the BEKI lobby. The food collected will be distributed through the Connecticut Food Bank or other local food charities in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Administrative Announcements

Synagogue Office Hours

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

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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.

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Labor Rights & Jewish Law

The labor strike against Yale University has continued to hold the attention of the BEKI community. Many of our families have been allied with the labor movement and consider support for the workers as a fundamental Jewish value. At the same time, the University as an educational institution, albeit secular, holds a place of special reverence in our tradition. More than that, many BEKI members are associated with the University as members of the faculty, administration, staff, studentry and alumni.

It is worth noting that the rights of workers is in fact well-founded in halakha (Jewish law). Based on laws stated in Torah, Talmud, and law codes, workers explicitly have the right to bargain collectively, set hours of work, receive sick and disability pay, receive fringe benefits, secure a safe workplace, and strike. The community at large through proper authority and lawful individual effort is obligated to ensure these rights. It is prohibited to work as a scab or to take the job of a worker fired for participating in a strike.

The unions and the University are by no account subject to halakha. But inasmuch as halakha expresses our vision of a just society, as Jews we ought to work to insure that these rights, recognized by American society as well, are safeguarded. Even more, as Jews we are bound specifically

by the prohibition against working as "scabs," and by the obligation to extend all of these labor rights to our employees, even in a non-Jewish or mixed American context. (Once again, we see that you don't have to be Jewish to be Jewish, but it helps.)



Rabbi Tilsen

Without "taking sides" in this dispute, we can say that an institution of the University's caliber should be expected to uphold the highest standard for fairness and ethics in negotiating with the unions. Many have expressed reasons for doubting that this has been the case thus far. The unions, too, must continue to carry the great responsibility and burden of upholding the rights of all workers--not just those currently belonging to the unions--and of doing so with a sense of decency and fairness.

The University and others in the service industry can not move their facilities to Mexico or Indonesia. But many manufacturers can, and for that reason alone we need to recognize that insuring labor rights is a global movement. We need to talk about labor rights not just as a civil right but as a human right. For us as Jews living in almost every country on the globe, we might look at Mordecai's charge to Queen Esther: "Who know, perhaps for just such a mission as this you've reached your position."

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Dear Rabbi

Dear Rabbi,

On Rosh HaShana I noticed that the shofar blower did more notes than were in the book, even in places where there were no notes in the book. Why is that?

Signed, Not Taki`ad off, just wondering

Dear Taki`ad,

There are various traditions as to the number of required blasts on Rosh HaShana. Most commonly done are 40, 60, 70 or 100. This year we wanted to do the full 100 because there were no blasts at all on the first day, and ba`al teqi`a - shofar blower Isaiah Cooper is talented and able to do that full count.

Dear Rabbi,

I grew up in a Christian home and we went to church once in a while and I became Jewish as an adult. I have always wondered why Jews pray so loud.

Signed, All my might

Dear Might,

Christianity is a relatively new religion, and its god-figure is a youthful man. In contrast, Judaism is an old religion, and many



Jews seem to think of the Almighty as an old God who doesn't hear very well.

Dear Rabbi,

Why does the High Holy Days prayer book talk about God as "a father [who] pities his children." Why should God pity us?

Signed, Not Pitiful

Dear No Pity,

I would attribute that to a quirk of the translation. It might be more accurate to translate the passage "As a father has compassion for his children," that is, God shows us love even when undeserved, even when we have done wrong, just as a father or mother would for their child. In fact, the root of the word translated as "pity" is r-h-m, which is also the root for "womb," suggesting more than anything maternal love, that love which makes feeding at 2 in the morning an act of kindness and tenderness.

All letters to Dear Rabbi should be addressed to Rabbi J-J Tilsen, care of this newsletter. Due to the volume of mail received, Dear Rabbi cannot answer all inquiries.

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Speakers in November



Sasha Lehrer will present a Devar Torah at the service on Shabbat morning 2 November as a Bat Mitzva (see article this issue).



Jay Sokolow was born and raised in the Bronx and attended the Ramaz School. Jay attended Yale College and returned to New Haven for a residency after completing medical school. Dr. Sokolow lives with his wife Ina Silverman and children Shai and Avital in Westville. Jay has recently participated in retreats at Elat Chayyim Center for Jewish Renewal and is involved with New Haven Jewish Federation, Ezra Academy, the Gan School, and JACS (an organization for Jews in Recovery). His special areas of interest in Torah Study include the Later Prophets, Psalms, the writings of Hasidic masters, and mussar (ethics). He will be our darshan during Shabbat morning services on 9 November.



Matthew Jacobson is an assistant professor of American Studies at Yale. He is author of *Special Sorrows: The Diasporic Imagination Of Irish, Polish, and Jewish Immigrants in the United States* (Harvard University Press, 1995). He will speak on "How the Jews Became 'White'" at the Late Evening Service at 8:00p on 15 November.



Robert Johnston is an assistant professor of history at Yale University, specializing in 20th-century American political history. **Anne** is educational coordinator for the Connecticut Valley Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and is vice-principal of a local Conservative religious school. **Sandy** is in the second grade at Ezra Academy. The Johnstons will speak on "The Jews of Hong Kong" at the Late Evening Service at 8:00p on 22 November.



A special guest will speak during Shabbat morning service on 30 November.

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These are new members who joined during October. If you know of area residents who might like to become part of the BEKI community, please invite them to services or programs and forward their names to Membership Committee care of the BEKI office.

Breakfast at BEKI

A congregational breakfast will be presented by the Men's Club on Sunday 17 November at 9:30 a.m., following the 9:00 a.m. morning service. All are welcomed; no reservations are required and the breakfast is free.

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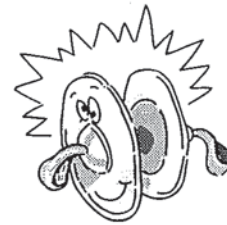
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Rabin Erev Shira-Song Night



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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 28 November. In marking this occasion no afternoon-evening service will be held at the shul to allow participants to 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. Those needing prayer books may call the shul for help. Last year, when this program was initiated, skeptics had predicted it would be a real turkey, but despite their predictions the program has proven successful, for which we offer thanksgiving.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Daily Shaharit Morning Services: Sun. 9:00a Monday thru Friday 7:00a except as noted	Daily Evening Ma'ariv Services: Sun thru Thu 5:45p except as noted	Call the BEKI Sisterhood Giftshop TODAY for all your Hanuka needs	<input type="checkbox"/> Call Mimi & Mikki or Myra for your grocery certificates! We deliver!		19 Heshvan 1 4:29p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Friday Service 8:00p Late Friday Service Bat Mitzva: Sasha Lehrer	2 VaYera 9:15a Shaharit Bat Mitzva: Sasha Lehrer 4:30p Minha Afternoon Service 4:50 Pirqe Avot Study Period 5:20p Maariv & Havdala
21 Heshvan 3 9:00a Rummage Sale by Sisterhood to 3:00p	22 Heshvan 4 7:45a Rashi Study Group 9:00a Rummage Sale by Sisterhood to 1:00p	23 Heshvan 5 Election Day	24 Heshvan 6	25 Heshvan 7	26 Heshvan 8 4:22p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Friday Service 8:00p Late Friday Service	9 <i>Hayei Sara</i> 9:15a Shaharit Darshan: Jay Sokolow 10:45 CSH Jr Cong & Leamer's Minyan 4:20p Minha 4:40p Pirqe Avot; 5:10p Maariv 7:30p Erev Shira Rabin Song Night at Benson-Tilsens
28 Heshvan 10	29 Heshvan 11 Rosh Hodesh 7:45a Rashi Study Group 6:00p Sisterhood Paid Up Supper	1 Kislev 12 Rosh Hodesh	2 Kislev 13	3 Kislev 14	4 Kislev 15 4:14p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service 8:00p Late Service Speaker: Matthew Jacobson	16 <i>Toldot</i> 9:15a Shaharit 10:45a Havura & Jr Cong 4:15p Minha 4:40p Pirqe Avot Study 5:05 Ma'ariv
6 Kislev 17 9:30a Congregational Breakfast Sponsored by Men's Club	7 Kislev 18 7:45a Rashi Study Group	8 Kislev 19  Call the BEKI Sisterhood Giftshop for all your Hanuka needs!	9 Kislev 20	10 Kislev 21	11 Kislev 22 4:09p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Friday Service 8:00p Late Friday Service Speakers: Johnston Family	23 VaYetse 9:15a Shabbat Morning Service 10:45a Havura Jr Cong. Learner Min. 4:10p Minha 4:30p Avot Study 5:00p Maariv & Havdala
13 Kislev 24	14 Kislev 25 7:45a Rashi Study Group	15 Kislev 26	16 Kislev 27	17 Kislev 28 No Evening Service	18 Kislev 29 4:15p Candle Lighting 6:00p Early Service Only	30 VaYishlah 9:15a Shaharit Darshan: Special Guest 10:45a Havura & Jr Cong 4:05p Minha 4:25p Pirqe Avot Study 5:00p Maariv & Havdala

Dates and Times to Remember

November 1996 Events

01 Fri	4:29p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Friday Service
	8:00p	Late Friday Service
		Bat Mitzva Sasha Lehrer
02 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Bat Mitzva Sasha Lehrer
	4:30p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:50p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:20p	Maariv & Havdala
03 Sun	9:00a	Rummage Sale by Sisterhood to 3p
04 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
	9:00a	Rummage Sale by Sisterhood to 1p
05 Tue		Election Day
08 Fri	4:22p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Friday Service
	8:00p	Late Friday Service
09 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Jay Sokolow
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	4:20p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:40p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:10p	Maariv & Havdala
	7:30p	Erev Shira Song Night at Benson-Tilsens
11 Mon	7:00a	Morning Service
	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
	6:00p	Sisterhood Paid Up Supper
15 Fri	4:14p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Friday Service
	8:00p	Late Friday Service
		Speaker: Matthew Jacobson
16 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	4:15p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:40p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:05p	Maariv & Havdala
17 Sun	9:30a	Congregational Breakfast
18 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
Nov 21	7:30p	Interfaith Couples at Dumigans
22 Fri	4:09p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Friday Service
	8:00p	Late Friday Service
		Speakers: Johnston Family
23 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	4:10p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:30p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:00p	Maariv & Havdala
25 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
28 Thu	5:45p	NO Evening Service
29 Fri	4:05p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Service Only
30 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service

		Darshan: Special Guest
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	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	4:05p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:25p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:00p	Maariv & Havdala

December 1996 Events

05 Thu	evening	First Candle of Hanuka
06 Fri	4:02p	Light Hanuka Candles
	4:04p	Light Shabbat Candles
	6:00p	Early Evening Service
	8:00p	Late Evening Service
07 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshan: Steven Fraade
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	4:05p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:25p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	4:55p	Maariv & Havdala
09 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
10 Tue	7:30p	Intro to Haftara (1) with Amy Pincus
18 Wed	2:00p	Reservations due for Fri Dinner
13 Fri	4:04p	Light Shabbat Candles
	6:00p	Family Service
	6:40p	Dinner by RSVP
14 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
		Darshanit: Ruth Fagen
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	4:05p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:25p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:00p	Maariv & Havdala
16 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group
17 Tue	7:30p	Haftara Practicum (2) with Amy Pincus
20 Fri	4:06p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Evening Service
	8:00p	Special Late Service
21 Sha	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	10:45a	Learners' Minyan
	4:10p	Minha Afternoon Service
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27 Fri	4:10p	Candle Lighting
	6:00p	Early Service Only
28 Sat	9:15a	Shabbat Morning Service
	10:45a	Children's Shabbat Havura
	10:45a	Junior Congregation
	4:15p	Minha Afternoon Service
	4:35p	Pirque Avot Study Period
	5:03p	Maariv & Havdala
30 Mon	7:45a	Rashi Study Group

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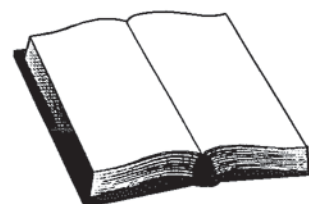
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- In memory of Etki Weintraub from Anna Goldberg
- In memory of Bernice Rappaport from Claire & Bud Volain
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- In memory of Rena Miller's brother Max Liner from Joan & Alan Gelbert
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- In appreciation by Simon Konoff of Rabbi's visit
- In Memeory of Victor Kagan from Muriel Katman
- In memory of Rena Miller's brother Max Liner from Grace Geisinger
- In memory of my brother Max Liner from Rena & Sam Miller
- Get well wishes to Herbert Etkind by Henry Rothchild
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- In honor of Paul Goodwin Receiving the Jewish Federation's Endowment Achievement Award
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- In memory of Rena Miller's brother Mx Liner from Tillie Horwitz
- In memory of Arnold, Harold & Marvin Schwartz's mother Eva Schwartz from Aunt Tillie Horwitz & Family
- Get well wishes to Tillie Horwitz from Grace Geisinger
- In memory of Mimi Kahn's brother Morris Lubov from Tillie Horwitz

HaMaqom Yinahem

We note with Sorrow the Passing of

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- To Mrs. Carol Mitnick from Ruth & Sam Raflowitz
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Mazal Tov

- To Irving & Elma Guttenberg on the birth of a granddaughter Rabbi Murray Levine on the birth of a grandson

Letters

Dear Jon-Jay, Miriam, and Cong. BEKI:

I'm writing while we drive Ami from Afula to Lod to fly to the U.S. to work. ... We are settling in to our apartment, Afula life, and learning Hebrew and how to get along in this new community and culture.

I started Ulpan. Russian speakers predominate (I'm the only English speaker) and the class grows daily. Learning how life was for them before moving here is fascinating, plus the things and family they had to leave behind, the lack of knowledge of zemirot and basic rituals among many classmates is also something that makes me think of the importance of our own move here: the benefits to our children, pride in our knowledge of Judaism and Israeli heritage, the stories of the Tanakh coming alive, keeping the language alive for future generations.

Masada and Timnah are making friends, and are slowly learning more and more Hebrew....

We wish all of you a Healthy & Happy New Year. ...

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How Old the News?

Readers are reminded that the publication deadline for this, the November issue of the BEKI Bulletin, was 1 October. That means that news, new members, contributions and other happenings from October could not be included in this issue but will be reported in our next issue.

How Old the News (2)?

The average age of new adult BEKI members who joined in 1995 was 39. The average age of those who have joined in 1996 (as of 1 October) is 43. But we think that in most ways all of our members are above average!



What is the Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund?

The Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund is maintained to support families in need, provide educational

materials for adults and children, and meet special needs of the shul and community. Recent beneficiaries of the Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund include three recently orphaned children now staying in a Jewish foster home whose parents were killed in a murder/suicide, a drug-abuse prevention program run by the New Haven Police Association, the BEKI Children's Shabbat Havura, Rachel's Table and the New Haven Eruv. Contributions are tax-deductible and may be directed to the attention of Rabbi Tilsen. All gifts are appreciated and donations of \$25 or more are noted in the BEKI Bulletin.

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Who are we?

Among BEKI's adult membership, about 36% are single and 64% married. Fifteen families have one partner who is not Jewish. Sixteen adult members are converts. Among the adult males, there are eight Kohanim and ten Leviim on record.

About 50% of the membership lives in New Haven, and about 50% lives in Ansonia, Bethany, Boca Raton, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Meriden, Milford, North Branford, Northford, North Haven, Orange, Naugatuck, Seymour, Stratford, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge.

There are about one-hundred sixteen minor children of BEKI members. In the past year, nine babies were born to BEKI members. It has been estimated that one-fifth to one-quarter of adult BEKI members were born in Connecticut.

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BEKI Sisterhood News

SAVE THE DATE - November 11, 1996! For Sisterhood's Paidup Membership Supper! A flier will be forthcoming! Please mark your calendars that Sisterhood's annual fall rummage sale will take place on Sunday, Nov. 3, 9a.m. - 3 p.m., and Monday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring in items for the sale Mondays thru Thursdays, 9a.m. -3p.m. Clean winter clothing is needed.



Rummage sale chairmen, **Mimi Kahn** and **Mikki Ratner**, can use lots of help; offer your services. Be aware that Hannukah is very early this year. (The first candle is December 5th) **Adele Tyson** and **Harriet Barstein** have fully stocked the gift shop with many new items suitable for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, birthdays, showers, weddings, etc., etc. Call Adele Tyson (389-9599) for a convenient appointment. We thank **Dr. Deborah Fried** for her very generous monetary donation to Sisterhood.

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Interfaith couples face unique challenges; dealing with in-laws, holiday celebrations, learning to respect the integrity of each others beliefs, acceptance in the synagogue community and raising children in an interfaith setting. Our goal in meeting is to share our experience, to identify common problems and possible solutions. We hope that all interfaith couples will join us for dessert. The meeting will be held at the home of Diane and George Dumigan, 182 Newton Road, Woodbridge on Thursday 21 November 1996 at 7:30 PM.

All interfaith couples or those newly converted to Judaism are welcome to join us.

Please RSVP by Monday 18 November 1996; our home phone number is 393-1815.



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