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 Sirotta 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 (Issia) 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.
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Synagogue Office Hours
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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, studenty 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.)

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,

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

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.
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.

Rabin Erev Shira-Song Night

An erev shira "song night" marking the yahrzeit of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will be held at the Benson-Tilson Residence on Saturday 9 November at 7:30 p.m. All are welcomed and those who play instruments are invited to bring them and play along. Special attention will be given to Israeli songs associated with the Prime Minister who was assassinated last year. This evening is sponsored by the Morris & Sara Oppenheim Endowment for Sacred Music at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel.

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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• Get well wishes for Tillie Horwitz from Beatrice & Milton Smirnoff
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• In Memory of Victor Kagan from Murid Kaufman
• In memory of Rana Miller's brother Max Liner from Grace Geisinger
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• Get well wishes to Herbert Etkind by Henry Rothchild
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• Three prayer books inscriptions in memory of my husband Philip Lipkin from Gladys Lipkin
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- In honor of Tillie Horwitz on her 85th birthday from Mikki Ratner
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- In memory of Rena Miller's brother Max 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

HaMagen Yinhem
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- To Mrs. Dora Helprin from Bertha Fleischer
- To George Posner from Mae & Herb Etkind

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- To Hyla Greenberg from Rose & George Feen

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- To Herbert Etkind from Janet & Jay Brown, Vi & Charlie Ludwig, Martin & Regina Faymann

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- To Mrs. Julie Rutter from Sam & Ruth Raflowitz
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- To Mrs. & Mr. Robert Bloisveren from Shirley & Ed Mattler
- To Rena Miller from Rose & George Feen, Vi & Charlie Ludwig, Tess & Herb Galvin, Evelyn & Ernie Fiedler, Barbara Cuschen, Gladys Lipkin, Bertha Fleischer, Martin & Regina Faymann.

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

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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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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.

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 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!

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Rummage sale chairman, 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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