Fiber Art by Rachel Kanter

Using history as a guide, fiber artist Rachel Kanter creates tallitot for women. Inspired by the four cornered robes worn by Hebrew priests in Biblical times, and designed using vintage apron patterns from the 20th century, these tallitot bring everyday motifs of American women’s lives into the realm of the sacred object.

In a related series, Kanter makes “Spiritual Mikvaot,” ritual objects made from fabric for ceremonies marking life-changing events such as healing, relationships and reproduction.

Kanter’s interests lie in the combination of history and tradition with modern ideas about Judaism. While she looks to traditional Jewish rituals and texts to inform her work, she is equally inspired by traditional women’s hand work and crafts. Kanter, who grew up in Syracuse, New York, surrounded by women who were always making things – knitting a sweater, sewing a quilt, beading, weaving – sees her work as connecting her story as a woman with her story as a Jew.

A collection of her art will be exhibited at BEKI from 29 November 2018 to 20 January 2019.

Kanter’s work was featured in “Reinventing Ritual,” a major exhibition at The Jewish Museum in New York City, and has twice been included in the Jerusalem Biennale. Her piece “Fringed Garment” is in the permanent collection of The Jewish Museum. She has also shown her work at the Contemporary Jewish Museum in San Francisco, American Jewish University, Hebrew Union College, the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, and Temple Emanu-El in New York City.

“Rachel is one of the most significant Jewish Feminist artists working today – not in New Jersey, but in the world,” BEKI member Cynthia Beth Rubin noted.

Kanter, who has given workshops at the Jewish Theological Seminary, Brandeis House in New York City, and synagogues, will present an artist’s talk at BEKI on Shabbat 12 January at 12:45p. Sabbath rules are observed.
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Building Updates – Painting

Over the summer, member Robert Spear directed painting of the sanctuary, including the restoration of the bima wall treatments. Thanks to Robert and the Building Committee, Chairperson David Wright, and with consultation with members interested in color and hue, our sanctuary was in “never looked better” condition for High Holy Days this year.

The parking lot was sealed and painted, a required maintenance task, during the summer as well, also thanks to the direction of Bob Spear and the Building Committee. The sealing helps slow the cracking and deterioration of the parking surface. While some people seem to assume the other markings are purely decorative, the lines and especially the handicap designation are meant to suggest where members and guests may – and may not – park and offer other practical advice.

A few other areas were also painted or re-finished, by professional painters and by Michael Barone.

Earlier in the year, a commercial trash hauler backed over a parking lot pole lamp. Thanks to help from member Yaron Lew, the pole and lamp were replaced and are as-good-as or better-than new. Thanks to our hardworking members and staff for maintaining our building.

Parking Problem

Although not entirely new, this year at High Holy Days members and guests reported more difficulties finding handicap and general parking at BEKI. Creating a better plan for this development is a priority for High Holy Days 5780 (October 2019). We are sorry for not adequately anticipating the needs of our community members, and for the hardship and disruption that ensued. – JJT

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 have engraved a leaf for a Bar or Bat-Mitzvah, birthday, wedding celebration or honoring or memorializing relatives or friends. What a beautiful way to honor the special people in your life. Contact Marjorie Wiener, 203-387-6278, marjoriewiener@yahoo.com

Sunday Testing

Sign up for Sunday testing for SATs and ACTs. http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/special-circumstances and http://www.actstudent.org/faq/nonsat.html for more information. Need a letter from the Rabbi so you can take an SAT / ACT / MCAT or other exam on Sunday (and not Shabbat)? Write to jjtilsen@beki.org.

Connecticut Fights Family Separations

“Connecticut Fights Family Separations,” a program discussing US immigration policies, will be held at BEKI on Tuesday 16 October, sponsored by Wepawaug Chapter of Hadassah and BEKI Sisterhood.

With an introduction by Joanne Rudof, BEKI member Joshua Perry, Deputy Director of Connecticut Legal Services, will speak about the experiences of the Salvadoran mother who was reunited in Connecticut with her 14-year-old daughter in July, thanks to the legal team working in their behalf.

Separated from her mother for months under the administration’s zero-tolerance policy towards immigrants at the Southwest border, VFB, as she was referred to in the lawsuit, had been transported to Noank Community Services in Groton, while her mother was taken to detention in Texas. Immigration officials had led the girl away to take a shower, and when she returned, her mother was gone, the lawyers said.

The girl and her mother came to the U.S. seeking asylum after VFB’s stepfather was murdered, her legal team explained. A 9-year-old boy from Guatemala who was also held at Noank had been asleep when his father was taken away.

The presentation by Attorney Perry, which is free of charge, begins at 7:30p. Reservations to Wepawaug@gmail.com will be appreciated.

Founded in 1912 by Henrietta Szold, Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, has worked to protect children since the 1930’s, when Hadassah’s Youth Aliyah started rescuing thousands of Jewish children from the Holocaust in Europe. As it continues to maintain Youth Aliyah Villages in Israel, Hadassah is keenly aware of the challenges faced by children separated from their parents.
**Pirqe Avot Opening Event**

Meet the new Pirqe Avot Lev Shalem by Rabbi Editor Martin Cohen, editor and translator. Rabbinic Panel Discussion with Rabbi Fred Hyman, Rabbi Rona Shapiro and Rabbi J-J Tilsen, moderated by Mark Oppenheimer and Jay Sokolow, Sunday 4 November 10a. Brunch; RSVP office@beki.org. Series to follow on Shabbatot and Sundays.

**Shabbat Minha – Winter Hours**

Shabbat afternoon service time at BEKI will move to its “winter hours” on 3 November 2018, from 1p-1:30p. The 1p Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon service will continue at that hour through the end of March.

**Fall Back**

Standard Time resumes on Sunday morning 4 November. We turn our clocks “back” an hour, from 2a to 1a, on that morning.

**Youth Scholarships**

(A) Jewish Foundation, for local synagogue schools, scholarships.jewishnewhaven.org/form/religious

(B) Foundation Israel Program scholarships jewishnewhaven.org/scholarships

(C) Barzillai Cheski Youth Israel Scholarship at BEKI (office@beki.org).

**Shorashim Visit to BEKI**

Two speakers from the Israeli organization Shorashim (“Roots”) will visit BEKI on Shabbat 2-3 November. Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger and Shadi Abu Awwad will be with us as part of their US speaking tour. For information about them and their organization, see <https://www.friendsofroots.net/speaking-tours>.

Schlesinger and Awwad will be spending part of that Friday at Yale under the auspices of the Yale Hillel (Slifka Center; they are approved speakers through national Hillel), before spending Shabbat Day with us. At the invitation of Rabbi Tilsen, Rabbi Schlesinger will present a devar Torah during the Shabbat morning service. Following qiddush-lunch, Rabbi Schlesinger and Mr. Abu Awwad will speak about the work of Shorashim and their experiences working together during a Shabbat Schmooze from about 12:45p to 2p.

**Family Photos**

Sign up for your personal or household photo for the BEKI Directory and your own professional photos. 5, 6, 7 November 2018. Free; also prints available for sale. Need help? Write to office@beki.org.

**Feed the Baby**

Volunteer to provide a meal to one of the three BEKI families with newborns at https://www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/625635/ or ask Cyd O how to do it.

**Operation Isaiah Food Drive**

Annual collection of non-perishable, non-expired food for donation to the Jewish Family Service Food Bank. Take a re-usable shopping bag from the lobby stands (or in your own disposable or reusable bag) and return for donation for the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. Through the end of October.

**Torah Torah Torah**

Torah Reading coordinator for Sefer Bereishit (through 22 December) is Noam Benson-Tilsen. Volunteer to read – noam@tilsen.org.

**Columbus House Shelter Dinner**

Sponsors needed. Join a team to cook or serve dinners for or at Columbus House on the 4th Wednesday night each month. Sign up here or contact Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555.

**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 22 November 2018. 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, and 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 22 November are on the Federal Holiday schedule, from 9a – 9:45a. Friday 23 November services are 7a – 7:32a and 6p – 6:50p.

**Gone Phishing**

The synagogue office closes at 1p on Wednesday 21 November and is closed on Thursday and Friday 22-23 November. BRS does not meet on 21 November nor 25 November.
Sisterhood

We thought you might like to know some interesting foods and costumes that are served at a special Seder to welcome the New Year by some Sephardic Jews.

Sepharadic Jews from the lands of the former Ottoman Empire have a custom called the **yehi ratzons**, a series of symbolic appetizers including apples, dates, leeks, spinach, squash, black-eyed peas (which are eaten for prosperity), and a fish head; the foods may differ between communities and be prepared in any number of ways. The symbolic foods represent, based on word play with Aramaic or Hebrew, a hope for the coming year, **yehi ratzon** meaning “may it be (God’s) will.” Tispishti, a walnut cake with sweet syrup, is also served.

Dates (which were a national symbol of Judea in ancient times), symbolize the hope for the end of enmity against the Jews, as the Aramaic word for “date” is similar to Hebrew word for “end.” The fish head symbolizes hope that one may be the head, and not the tail. Instead of dipping their bread in salt as is customary throughout the year, Jews dip their bread in honey or sugar on Rosh Hashana.

Some greet each other with the Ladino expression **Anyada Buena Dulse i Alegre** (“May you have a good, sweet and happy New Year”) or a Hebrew greeting, **Tizke vetihyeve-ta’arikh yamim** (“May you merit and live and increase your days”).

Ashkenazi Jews celebrate Rosh Hashana (“the Birthday of the World”), which is a time of discovery, introspection and new beginnings.

Wishes for a sweet new year are expressed in foods such as apples dipped in honey, Tzimmes, (sweet stew usually of meat, carrots, sweet potatoes and prunes), honey cake, and round halla which symbolizes long life and eternity.

The board of BEKI Sisterhood wishes you and your family a Happy and Healthy New Year. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Hanuka

As we celebrate Hanuka on December Sunday Eve 2 December 2018, we think of many fun facts about the holiday. We would like to share some of them.

1) The Hebrew word Hanuka means dedication, and the holiday is colloquially called the festival of Lights. You have seen the word spelled a variety of ways, from Hanukkah to Hannuka to Chanukah. Because the word is transliterated from Hebrew, there’s not an exact English equivalent for the sounds made by the Hebrew characters. You could spell it kahnoocca and you wouldn’t be wrong, but people would be confused.

2) Because the holiday is based on the Hebrew calendar, there’s no set Gregorian dates for Hanuka. While it always starts on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, that date can correspond to anywhere from November to late December; sometimes Hanuka coincides with Thanksgiving. The next time this will occur is 2070.

3) At Hanuka, kids play with dreidels (sevivon in Hebrew), which are small spinning tops. Folklore suggests that before the Maccabees revolted, Jews weren’t legally allowed to read the Torah, so they would study the holy text while pretending to gamble with spinning dreidels. Each of the four sides of a dreidel has a Hebrew character: Nun, Gimel, Hay, or Shin. The four letters are said to stand for the phrase “Nes Gadol Haya Sham,” meaning “A great miracle happened there.” In Israel they say, “A great miracle happened here” – which refers to the miraculous, long standing oil.

4) Special food is served on all the holidays that we observe. On Hanuka we like to fry the food we serve to commemorate the finding of the one small jar of oil, which lasted for eight days, until more oil was able to be prepared for the menorah in the Temple.

Some of the foods are latkes (potato pancakes or levivot), sufganiyot (jelly doughnuts), kugel (potato casserole), and chocolate coins (gelt), which are used to play the dreidel game.

Gift Shop

The BEKI gift store has many Hanuka item to purchase for all your needs. Varied assorted Menorot, candles, toys, gold candy coins, dreidels (large and small), serving dishes, and more.

The store is open Sundays 11a -12:30p, Wednesdays 3p - 6:15p and by appointment. Mimi, Adele and Peggy will be happy to accommodate you. 203-397 3851 or 203 389-2108.

Once again we are collecting new or slightly used women’s and men’s winter coats, hats, gloves, and scarves. The coat rack is in a room near the upstairs kitchen. We think it will be a cold winter this year. They will be most appreciated.
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THANKSGIVING PIES

Pumpkin and Apple
Profits to Tzedakah!

Kosher pareve pies, with cage-free eggs and organic pumpkin, frozen for you to bake. Prepared by BEKI Youth Groups (Kadima, grades 5-8, and USY, grades 9-12) and others. All profits to tzedakah, and you can order pies for the JFS Food Pantry.

Wednesday, November 7th is the deadline to order
Tuesday, November 20th from 5 to 8 PM at BEKI is Pie Pickup

Early pickups (November 14th through 19th) and late orders (8th through 16th) have a charge per order (not per pie). Contact Gilah Benson-Tilsen at kadimabeki@gmail.com to arrange. Allow 1 week after order before early pickup. Pies donated to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry will be delivered by volunteers. Thank you so much for participating in our tzedakah project!

Make checks payable to BEKI Youth, “Pies” in memo line. Send check and order to Gilah Benson-Tilsen, USY/Kadima Coordinator at BEKI, 85 Harrison St., New Haven, CT 06515.

Keep for your reference:
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To order, remove and enclose this form and your check.

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___ Apple pies ($10 each) $_______
___ Pies for donation ($10 each) $_______
___ Early pickup, 11/12 – 11/20 ($4) $_______
___ Late order, 11/8 - 11/16 ($4) $_______
TOTAL $_______

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BRS
BEKI Religious School is pleased to share with parents of pre-bat/bar mitzva children information about the PJ Library, now serving children from six months to twelve years old:

PJ Library and PJ Our Way are part of The Harold Grinspoon Foundation - a national Jewish engagement program that mails free Jewish children’s literature to families raising Jewish children on a monthly basis. Sign up at www.pjlibrary.org for 6 months to 8 year olds, and at www.pjourway.org for 8½ year olds to 12 year olds. Sign up your child or grandchild – the older group now has the opportunity to choose one of four exciting chapter books each month online. Email Stacey Battat at pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org or call 203-387-2424, ext 317 with questions and to receive notice of upcoming local free programs.
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:

- Kian Ahmadi, bar mitzva, 7 October, parashat Bereishit
- Elia Ahmadi, bar mitzva, 7 October, parashat Bereishit
- Rabbi Alan Lovins, 13 October, parashat Noah
- Daniel Manning, bar mitzva, 27 October, parashat VeYera
- Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger, 3 November, parashat Hayei Sara
- Ina Silverman, Principal, 17 November, parashat VaYetsi
- Rabbi Carl Astor, 1 December, parashat VaYeshev

**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 shul-goers alike to explore the scriptural readings and liturgy of the day in a supportive setting. Expertly led by Steven Fraade, with Rabbi Alan Lovins, 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 7:45a 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 meets immediately following the 7:00a shaharit morning service. 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, initiated and taught by Rabbi Murray Levine from 2004 to 2018. 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. The Rabbis’ Group will resume in October, with Rabbi Eric Silver. For more information, contact J-J Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org.

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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.

**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, 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 Thursdays in October, November and December (except 15 and 22 November, 19 and 26 December).

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**LifeCycle**

**Mazal Tov**

- Cyd & Mark Oppenheimer on the birth of David Walter, and his entrance into the covenant through brit mila on the eighth day
- Gavriel & Livia Savit-Woods on the birth of Lilja Meital
- Rachel & Jason Greenberg on the birth of Lia Madeleine
- Liz Kinsley & David Skidmore, and grandparents Dominic Kinsley & Judith Hoberman, on the birth of Ida Bell
- Rabbi Andrew & Rachel Hechtman on the birth of grandchild
- Rabbi Eric & MJ Silver on the qiddushin (Jewish marriage) under a huppa of their son

**Welcome New & Returning Members**

Gavriel & Livia Savit-Woods and Lilja Meital
Mark Kirschner
Howard & DawnMarie Portoff
Louis & Raye Parsitsky

**Benei Mitzva**

- Elia Ahmadi and Kian Ahmadi, children of Ramin Ahmadi & Roya Hakakian, 5-6 October 2018, parashat Bereishit
- Noah Logue, son of Michael & Elona Logue, 5-6 October 2018, parashat Bereishit, off-site (Vermont)
- Daniel Manning, son of Chaya & Edward Manning, 26-27 October 2018, parashat VaYera.

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**Amazon Commission**

Buying items from Amazon? Use this link or the link on BEKI’s home page beki.org (bottom) so BEKI will receive a commission (about 4%) on the sale at no cost to you. Bookmark our link. (Other Amazon programs such as Smiles provide only 0.5% so use our link instead.) See instructions and explanation under “Resources.” The August 2018 commission was $108.88.
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- To Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade in honor of the marriage of their son Tani Cohen-Fraade to Abby Weiss by Rachel Bashevkin & Eric Dunsker
- To Ellen Cohen & Steven Fraade in honor of the marriage of their son Tani Cohen-Fraade to Abby Weiss by Helen Rosenberg & Keith Richter
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- In memory of Sylvia Fleischner by Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach
- In memory of Dorothy Rutkin by Cindy Smernoff
- In memory of Carl Gesund by Hans & Irmgard Gesund
- In memory of Mildred Brody by Joel Brody & Debra Canner
- In memory of Fruma Winer Ginsburgh by Herbert Winer
- In memory of Joseph Naclerio by Sandy Naclerio
- In memory of Morris Meiner by Marc Silverman
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- In memory of Elayne Dimenstein by Marcie Dimenstein
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- In memory of Sol Kaufman by Lewis & Minna Kaufman
- In memory of Irving Kaufman by Ann Cassarino
- In memory of Philip Cohen by James Cohen
- In memory of Avraham Ben Shalom by Tikva Shapiro
- In memory of Beth Margolis by Marilyn Margolis
- In memory of David Natkin by Yvette Natkin
- In memory of Sylvia Feldman by Lois K. Feldman
- In memory of Sarah Feldman by Lois K. Feldman

Synagogue Fund (minimum $10) to support synagogue operations
- To Judy Hoberman & Dominic Kinsley in honor of the birth of their granddaughter Ida by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To John Weiser & Shoshana Zax with sympathy on the passing of Maria Weiser by Dan & Sharon Prober
- To John Weiser & Shoshana Zax with sympathy on the passing of Maria Weiser by Bill Shragis

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A Message from Rabbi Tilsen

SATURDAY MORNING LIVE

The story is told of a sports fan who approaches the rabbi with a dilemma. “Rabbi, I feel terrible. The World Series – my team is playing – is on Kol Nidre Night. What can I do?”

“Not to worry,” says the rabbi. “That is why God created the VCR.”

A visceral release of tension and mild euphoria overcomes the sports fan. “Oh, rabbi, that is absolutely wonderful. I never realized you could record the Kol Nidre service.”

It turns out that in the decades since that story began making the rounds, live-streaming of High Holy Day and other key services has become popular and available all around the globe. For people who cannot attend a service due to illness, incarceration, distance or some other condition, this service has enabled the music and liturgy of the holy days to offer the comfort, challenge, support and inspiration we hope for in those services. While some of us in those circumstances would make do with a mahzor and private contemplation, there are those for whom this window into the synagogue is like a Godsend. Whether at synagogue or elsewhere, one hopes to have some sense of the presence of the Infinite.

That said, in my playbook, you can’t beat the live community. The music might be the same, but when you know the shaliahei tsibur (precentors) or Torah readers personally, the liturgy has a fuller resonance. When the person sitting next to you is holding a newborn or crying at the loss of a loved one, there is a deeper sense of the mystery and fullness of the themes of the Holy Day. There’s just nothing like saying ashamnu – “we have sinned” – sitting next to a traumatized victim or someone just out of prison.

And if you are that person holding a baby, crying for a lost loved one, feeling your trauma, or just out of prison, you need all the more to be with good people like yourself.

What holds for the High Holy Days and Festivals holds equally for Shabbat and for daily services. Hope to see you there.
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Mahzorim Retire to Italy

Three years ago, our congregation adopted Mahzor Lev Shalem as our High Holy Day prayerbook. The Mahzor Hadash edition, which BEKI had used in the prior two decades, were in good condition (used only three times a year) and have been redeployed to start-up congregations in Nigeria, India, Zimbabwe and, most recently, to Italy. Rabbi Aiello writes to Rebecca Weiner, who has organized the placement of the books, “The mahzorim arrived and will be used with great love here at Congregation Ner Tamid del Sud, in Serrastretta, Calabria Italy. This will be the first time since the dedication of our synagogue in 2006 that we will have in our hands ‘real’ prayerbooks. Prior to your generous donation we have used photocopied, spiral bound pamphlets. I can’t tell you how happy we are. Todah Rabissimo.”

Congregants in India hold mahzorim formerly used at BEKI.