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## YAMIM NORAIM: DAYS OF AWE

### More Important Changes for High Holy Days

In the prior issue of the BEKI Bulletin, we announced changes in how our High Holy Days services will be conducted and hope you are looking forward to joining us. In addition, we've been working on ways to improve safety and accessibility for the congregation.

New procedures have been put in place at each of the entrances to the synagogue building.

When arriving, you will see greeter stations outside each main entrance. Each worshipper will be asked to present their labeled High Holy Days admission card (ticket) at the welcome table before being allowed to enter the building. Please note:

Although non-member active military, full-time students and first responders are welcome to join us on a complimentary basis, we very strongly advise that arrangements be made in advance with the office so that a valid admission card can be issued for them and their name appears on any list of expected attendees. Valid ID will be required.

As in the past, packets can be left for "will call" with advance arrangements and can be picked up at the welcome table. Valid ID will be required.

Unless absolutely necessary, please do not bring any bags/packs with you to services. Please note that all bags/packs will

be subject to a security search by security personnel.

Additional security personnel have been engaged this year.

### Parking Lot Changes

Responding to the need to make our building even more accessible for those in need during the High Holy Days, the number of "handicapped only" and "easier access" parking spaces will be increased in the main lot. In addition to those already designated along the walkway, another section along the playground (closer to the end of the ramp) will be designated (with signs) for wheelchairs. Additionally, a section immediately opposite the entrance walkway will also be designated (with signs) for easier access.

To show respect for this need and to support this effort, if you drive and do not need a more accessible space, please park further away in the main lot, or in our overflow lot (municipal lot) at the corner of Blake St. and Whalley Ave.

Arrangement will have been made for the meters not to be monitored those days. Or, consider walking to shul to further your enjoyment of the holiday.

For additional information on the High Holy Days at BEKI, please watch your mail and email, or go to: [beki.org/hiho](http://beki.org/hiho).



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## High Holy Days

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### Schedules, Information, Order Forms

Information, schedules, registration and order forms for Yamim Noraim – Days of Awe – are available at [www.beki.org](http://www.beki.org) under the “Worship” tab. A schedule of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret services is available there as well.

### Need a Letter for Employer or School?

Shul members occasionally need letters to employers or principals explaining the nature of the Jewish holiday observance. Despite the high level of understanding in our community, there is still a need for education and information. It is important that our children be in shul for all of Yontif.

It is also important to defend your right – by tradition a God-given right – not to have to work on these days. So often, we find that if we can work, we must work. Nuanced reservations and distinctions are often lost in practice, and

so clear-cut and undifferentiated rules are needed.

If you would like such a letter for Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur or Sukkot, contact Rabbi Tilsen at [jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:jjtilsen@beki.org)

### Shofar So Good

The sound of the shofar calls us to teshuva each morning from Rosh Hodesh Elul through Rosh HaShana. Psalm 27 is also included in each morning and evening service until the festival of Hoshana Rabba.

### Selihot at BEKI

The first Selihot Penitential Prayers for this High Holy-days season will be at BEKI on Motse’ei Shabbat (Saturday Night) 21 September, with a Program and Service 9p– 10:30p. New and familiar melodies, poetry, meditation, reflection, and learning, will be explored in the George G. Posener Daily Chapel. The selihot (penitential) prayers are said during the middle of the night (or pre-dawn) during the period immediately before Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. It is believed that a heightened sense of spiritual awareness can be achieved during those hours.

# ROSH HASHANA

*See our website under “Worship / High Holy Days” for a complete schedule and additional information.*

Rosh HaShana services begin Sunday night 29 September 2018 at 6:15p with the Mincha service, followed by Maariv at 6:30p. Candle Lighting is at 6:18p. The service concludes by 7:15p. Morning services begin at 8:30a on Monday 30 September; several services for children and youth, and a learners’ service, are held as well. Shofar is sounded at about 10:30a in the sanctuary; please come to the sanctuary at that hour, or as directed by the ushers, if you are elsewhere in the building.

### Tashlikh

Tashlikh (“casting”) services will be held on the first day of Rosh HaShana, Monday 30 September, from 5:15p to 5:30p, at three locations. The Edgewood Bridge and the Whitney Museum Covered Bridge have been the site for several years. The West River at West Rock Playground (105 Valley Street, New Haven) location is handicapped-



accessible and closer to BEKI, and will be held rain-or-shine even in stormy weather. The Tashlikh service is a popular outdoor event for people of all ages, and includes a brief prayer, poetry and singing. It is held beside a body of natural water. Please encourage friends and neighbors to join you. It is not necessary nor recommended to throw anything into the water. The access to the Edgewood Bridge is via a stairway; see park map for non-stair and handicap access at Edgewood Avenue and Pendleton Street.

On Monday afternoon of Rosh HaShana, mincha service begins at 6:15p, followed by the evening service at 6:35p. Candle lighting is after 7:18p. Candle lighting on the second night is about an hour later than on the first night because on the second night we wait until the first day of the holiday is complete before beginning the second day, whereas on the first night we light candles before sunset, thereby slightly extending the festival day beyond 48 hours.

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On Tuesday 1 October, morning services are also at 8:30a. Youth services are held as well. Shofar is sounded on Tuesday morning, also around 10:25a or 10:30a. Afternoon service (minha) begins at 5:45p on Tuesday. Havdala (Home Ritual) is at 7:16p or later.

### Tsom Gedalia Minor Fast Day

The day after Rosh HaShana, Wednesday 2 October, is observed as a minor fast day in commemoration of the assassination of Gedalia ben Akhikam, a puppet governor appointed over Judea by Babylonian King Nebukhadnezzar, around the year 582 BCE. The story is recounted in Jeremiah 41 as well as in Josephus' Antiquities. The fast is referenced in Zekharia 8:19. Because the assassination appeared to result in an intensification of the foreign-backed civil war and the complete collapse of any semblance of Jewish autonomy at that point, it is observed to remind us of the danger of political violence even when wielded against compromised officials.

### Qever Avot Cemetery Memorial Services

The annual Qever Avot Cemetery Memorial Services will be held at 10a at the Hamden Cemetery (Beth El), and at 11a at the West Haven Cemeteries (Keser Israel, Congregation Sinai, and others) on Sunday 6 October, which is the Sunday between Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Tilsen will lead a brief communal memorial service and will be available for individual prayers. Those who wish to visit the graves of their ancestors or loved ones but are unable to do so because of distance are invited to attend along with those whose loved ones are buried in the BEKI cemeteries. If you would like a ride to the service, please contact the office a few days in advance.

In addition, a representative of the Cemetery Association will be present to answer questions and concerns of those owning or considering the purchase of plots at the BEKI cemeteries. Now is a good time to purchase your choice of prime locations for traditional Jewish burial in these historic cemeteries. Members enjoy a substantial discount; only traditionally honored remains of legally Jewish persons may be interred in these cemeteries.

Directions to the cemeteries and more information can be found at <http://www.beki.org/about/directions-to-the-cemeteries/>. For information on cemetery purchases or upkeep, please contact the BEKI Cemetery Association at [cemetery@beki.org](mailto:cemetery@beki.org) or 203.389.2108 x57.

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## AWESOME TIPS



In preparation for the full-day fast of Yom Kippur, it is suggested that caffeine users reduce their intake to reduce withdrawal symptoms on the Holy Day. Some people avoid wearing leather shoes on Yom Kippur, so do not be surprised to see canvas sneakers or other non-leather shoes in use. Some also follow the custom of wearing a *kittel* (white robe) or other white garments on Yom Kippur. People who need to eat or drink or take medication on Yom Kippur may speak with an usher, or contact the office in advance, for assistance if needed. Rabbi Tilsen notes that "People for whom fasting represents a significant medical threat are prohibited from fasting. Water, milk or a simple meal should be consumed as needed."

### Taking a Stand

While it is customary to stand for some parts of the service, those for whom standing is difficult, impossible or dangerous should feel comfortable sitting. Rabbi Tilsen comments that "You get five points for answering 'Amen!' but only one point for standing, so keep it in perspective. This applies to people of all ages."

# YOM KIPPUR

On the afternoon before Yom Kippur, Tuesday 8 October, the Minha service begins at 6:00p. Candle Lighting is 6:03p (or earlier). The Kol Nidre and Maariv Evening services begin promptly at 6:15p and end by 8:30p.

On Wednesday 9 October, the Shaharit Morning services begin at 9:00a; the Yizkor Memorial service begins after 11:00a. The Minha Afternoon service begins at 4:30p, and is followed immediately by the Neila and Maariv services. The services end with Havdala and the sounding of the Shofar at 7:03p.

For security reasons, tickets are required for all Yom Kippur services, including the afternoon and Neila services. If you arrive without your tickets, please introduce yourself to a Greeter who will be able to find your name on the Members and Guest list.

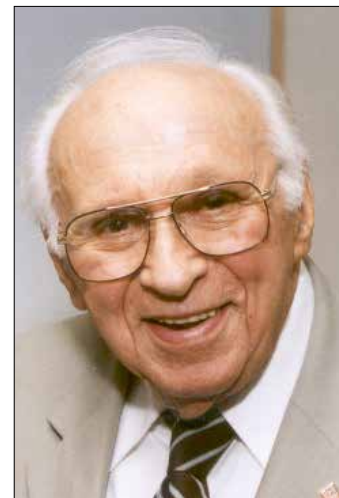
## George G. Posener Break Fast

Following the concluding Yom Kippur services on Wednesday 9 October, members and ticket holders are invited to gather for our amazing Break Fast. For many years, George G. Posener sponsored the break fast in memory of his family. George G. Posener died on Yom Kippur 5772 (2011), so the break fast now honors his memory as well.

The George G. Posener Family Memorial Break Fast is prepared entirely by members of the BEKI community.

Overseen by Darryl Kuperstock, most of the preparation and all of the cooking is done in advance, but the assembly and plating (and clean-up) of this banquet is done by the fantastic volunteers who join us in the kitchen during the afternoon break on Yom Kippur. It's fun, intense, and extremely satisfying – so come help us out this year. Help is also appreciated in the days before Yom Kippur.

The George G. Posener Family Memorial Yom Kippur Break Fast Fund at Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel in blessed memory of his wife, parents, sisters, brother and two precious sons was established by George G. Posener in 2001 to create a lasting memorial at the time of the yahrzeits of his family members. Proceeds from this endowment provide for a special and meaningful community gathering at the end of Yom Kippur. The Posener Fund is held and managed by the Jewish Foundation of Greater New Haven.



George G. Posener

## THROUGH BEKI EYES

### Photographs of Synagogues by our Members

“Through BEKI Eyes: Photographs of Synagogues by our Members” is the latest edition of BEKI’s high holiday exhibition drawing on the experiences of BEKI travelers who record their impressions of synagogues near and far with photography.

As notations of the experience of visiting synagogues, these photos speak to how Jews feel when entering a synagogue that may be new to them, and yet somehow the space of any synagogue still feels like home. It

is this fascination with the “same but different” feeling of the synagogues that makes this exhibition so compelling. We relish the universality of our spiritual homes, and we delight in the cultural influences of so many different sensibilities from around the world.

This year’s exhibition includes photographs from synagogues rarely visited by New Havenites, including Morocco, India, and Georgia (the country), as well as personal interpretations of better known synagogues

from Venice, Prague, and Amsterdam. Of particular interest in this edition of the exhibition is the number of North American synagogues represented, including Georgia (the State) and the Touro synagogue in Newport.

The exhibition is on view from early September until late October, and open to the public by appointment by contacting the BEKI office, 203.389.2108 x114 or [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org).

See a sample of the photos on **Page 9**

A complete schedule of services is available in table format at <http://www.beki.org/worship/sukkot-thru-simhat-torah/>

# SUKKOT IS COMING

If you feel a sense of loss at the end of the High Holy Days, do not despair: it is time for Sukkot, called the Festival by our ancestors. Lulav & Etrog are used each day of Sukkot except Shabbat, until and including Hoshana Rabba. Information on the festival observances and schedules are published at [www.beki.org/worship/sukkot-thru-simhat-torah/](http://www.beki.org/worship/sukkot-thru-simhat-torah/).

Set up of the Morris “Moishe” Schnitman Memorial Sukka is planned for Thursday 10 October from 3p to 6p. Come when you can. Add a personal touch by bringing some of your own sekhakh (evergreen branches are preferred) for the roof to enhance the beauty and aroma of our congregational sukka. Breakdown and storage are planned for Sunday 27 October, at 9:45a, following Shaharit. Bring gloves; portable power drivers and ladders are welcome. Please come and help. For information and to let us know if you can help, contact [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org).

## Lulav & Etrog Orders

BEKI Religious School will offer lulav and etrog sets. To order, please contact Ina at [principal@beki.org](mailto:principal@beki.org) 203.389.2108 x113.

## Sukkot & Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Sukkot begins on Sunday evening 13 October 2019. Minha afternoon service begins at 5:45p, followed immediately by the evening service, ending at 6:20p. The services will be held in the Sukka, weather permitting. Candle lighting on Sunday night is at 5:55p.

The morning services on Monday 14 October, and on Tuesday 15 October, begin at 9:15a and includes the recitation of Hallel, waving of Lulav and Etrog, and the recitation of a Hoshana for that day. A BEKI Family Sukka Hop will run (or hop) on Monday afternoon, beginning at a local residence; reservations and location of first stop at [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org). Services on Monday and Tuesday nights also begin at 5:45p, but candle lighting on Monday is after 6:55p. Havdala Tuesday night is after 6:55p.

Services on Shabbat Hol HaMoed Sukkot begin at 9:15a. We do not use Lulav and Etrog on Shabbat.

## Hol HaMoed Sukkot Dinner

Wednesday 16 October at 6:15p (after Minha-Maariv

services and after BRS), reservations required, Pizza in the Hut, in the Sukka. For payment and RSVP contact [office@beki.org](mailto:office@beki.org).

## Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Shabbat Hol HaMoed, Saturday 19 October 2019, is marked by reading selections from the Biblical Book of Qohelet (“Ecclesiastes”). Qohelet, attributed by tradition to King Solomon in his old age, is a “wisdom” book that many see as being out of step with the rest of the Torah. While it includes such well-known passages as “To everything there is a season” and “There is nothing new under the sun,” it also contains statements that seem cynical or nihilistic. The Book will be chanted according to its beautiful and ancient melody.

Shabbat (Saturday) afternoon service begins at 1p and ends about 1:35p. Havdala is after 6:48p.

## Hol HaMoed Sukkot

“Hol HaMoed,” also known as the “intermediate” days of the festival, are those days between the first two and last two days of Sukkot (and of Pesah). They have a “semi-holiday” status. The rules against melakha (“work”) that apply on Festivals are not fully in force during this period, although we are encouraged to take this time as a holiday and to avoid work as much as possible. Our weekday morning services are enhanced with a brief Torah reading, the recitation of the musical “Hallel” section of Psalms, and a brief Musaf (additional) service. Weekday morning services thus take 60 minutes, instead of our usual 30 to 45 minutes. Afternoon and evening services are the usual length. The lulav (branches) and etrog (citron) are waved each morning of Hol HaMoed Sukkot (except Shabbat), and one is obliged to dwell (to eat is to live) in a sukka. Some morning and evening services will be held in the BEKI sukka. Some people do not wear tefillin during Hol HaMoed; others (common Ashkenazic practice outside of Israel) wear them for shaharit but remove them before Hallel. Tefillin are never used on the full festival day.

## Hosanna! Hosanna!

The Hoshana Rabba (“Great Hosanna”) morning ser-

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## Sukkot

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vice on Sunday 20 October 2019 begins at 9a and ends by 11:10a. This is one of the most colorful, fun and tactile services of the year, featuring seven circuits around the sukka or shul with lulav and etrog (palm and citron) and the hoshana service in which willow twigs are beaten on the chairs. Special holiday melodies make this an unforgettable spiritual experience. Be sure to come to this “service for all ages.”

Hoshana Rabba is a semi-festival on which work is not strictly prohibited as it is on the major festivals. It serves as a “closing ceremony” for the weeklong Sukkot observance in preparation for the concluding festival of Shemini Atseret. If the sukka is dry and rain or snow is not imminent, the Hoshanot and Haqafot will be in the sukka.

## Shemini Atseret & Yizkor Memorial Service

The Festival of Shemini Atseret (“Eighth Day of Assembly”) serves as a conclusion to the autumn Festival of Sukkot (“Booths”). The festival begins Sunday night 20 October 2019. The minha service begins at 5:45p; the festival maariv service begins immediately after, about 5:55p. It is customary to light a memorial candle on that night immediately before lighting the Festival candles. Candle lighting is 5:45p (or earlier).

During the morning service, which begins at 9:15a on Monday 21 October, Hallel is chanted. The unique festival nusah (musical mode) is used for this service. For Past-President Carole Bass’s comment on Hallel, go to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak2Wqg2Xyks](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ak2Wqg2Xyks) (youtube cv “Carole Bass Hallel”).

The Yizkor Memorial Service is also incorporated into the Shemini Atseret liturgy. In the Yizkor service we call

upon the memories of our ancestors and loved ones who, while not physically present, are part of our “Assembly.” During that memorial service, individual and communal prayers and remembrances will be offered for all of our departed loved ones.

## Simhat Torah Celebration

Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel is the place to be for the evening and morning of Simhat Torah. Minha services begin at 5:45p and evening services begin at 6:00p on Monday 21 October 2019. Evening services include seven haqafot (circumambulatory dances) with Torah scrolls and a brief Torah reading, the only time that we read Torah in public at night. Candle lighting on Monday night is after 6:44p.

Festival Morning services begin at 9:15a on Tuesday 22 October. Three Torah scrolls are removed from the ark (around 10:00a) and seven brief haqafot are conducted. The final chapters of the Book of Deuteronomy, parashat Ve-Zot Ha-Berakha, are read, followed by the opening passages of the Book of Genesis, part of parasha Bereishit. This concludes the annual Torah reading cycle, and begins the new cycle. This is particularly joyful at BEKI because so many members are involved in Torah reading throughout the year, and these readers dedicate considerable effort to preparing accurate and melodious chanting. A maftir portion is read from Numbers, which describes the observance of Shemini Atseret in the ancient Temple. The haftara is recited from the opening passages of Joshua, which is the sequel to Deuteronomy, sometimes called the “sixth book” of the Five Books of Moses. Goodie Bags will be presented by the Sisterhood to all the deserving children at services evening and morning. Festival minha service is 5:45p; Havdala (Home Ritual) at 6:44p or later.



## Scope Out the Gift Shop

We are excited to announce that the BEKI gift shop has new inventory and will continue to expand its offerings over the next few months.

We are featuring new household religious items, such as hand washing cups and hand and dish towels, mezzuzot, Shabbat candlesticks and Sefad candles, qiddush cups, havdala sets, havdala candles and honey jars. Also in stock, Bar- and Bat-Mitzva gifts such as tzedaqa boxes, tallitot, and books, as well as Israeli-made jewelry, children’s toys and books, and snacks and sweets.

We have increased the hours in which someone is physically in attendance, and we have several volunteers available at a text message notice to help shoppers make a purchase.

New merchandise will be introduced over the next few weeks and months — especially in anticipation of the new year. Please check out our new windows in the entryway and in the hallway opposite the small chapel.



*Shabbatot (Saturdays)*

**דרשנים**

## 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:*

Special Guest, parashat Ki Tavo, 7 December 2019

Special Guest, parashat VaYishlah, 14 December 2019

Special Guest, parashat VaYeshev, 21 December 2019

Special Guest, Shabbat Rosh Hodesh Tevet & Hanuka, parashat Miquetz, 28 December 2019

Nanette Stahl, parashat Shemot, 18 January 2020

## 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



**Nanette Stahl**



**Steven Fraade**



**Alan Lovins**



**Nadav Sela**



**Isaiah Cooper**

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. Hebrew Word of the Week resumes after Sukkot.

## Rabbis' Study Group

The Rabbis' Study Group 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 continues under the direction of Rabbi Eric Silver, and is studying Sota. For more information, contact [J-J Tilsen jjtilsen@beki.org](mailto:J-J.Tilsen@beki.org).



**Murray Levine**

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### Adult Studies

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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 is on recess until after the festivals.



**Jon-Jay Tilsen**



## Through BEKI Eyes: Photographs of Synagogues by our Members



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Spanish Synagogue, Prague, Czechia

Avital Sokolow Silverman, 2010

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Scuola Grande Spagnola Synagogue, Venice, Italy, built ca 1555, rebuilt ca 1635

Jennifer Botwick, 2017

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Congregation Mickve Israel, Savannah, Georgia- building consecrated in 1878

Donna Levine, 2018

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Synagogue Aben Danan, Fes, Morocco - 17th Century, Restored 1998-1999

Richard Saltz, 2017

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## Rabbi's Tzedaka Fund (minimum \$25)

- Bruce & Angela Oren in memory of Ralph Oren
- Lou & Lisa Petrillo in memory of Peter Meyers

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- In honor of Becky May by Lisa Yelon & Jesse Mattison
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Julie Cohen
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Susan Jacobson & Mike Teitelbaum
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by the Rastelli-Weiner family
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Freiman-Light family
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Michael & Caryl Kliffeld
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Rhoda Zahler Samuel & Al Samuel
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Steve & Rachel Wizner
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Sherry Kent
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Karel Koenig
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Rachel Bashevkin & Eric Dunsker
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Karen & Roy Herbst
- To Becky May and family with sympathy

on the passing of her aunt by Karen & Roy Herbst

- To Fania Levine in honor of the birth of her great-great-grandson by Karen & Roy Herbst
- To BEKI with thanks by Delci Lev
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Harriet Friedman, Charlie Bruce & family
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Eric Dunsker & Rachel Bashevkin
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Trish Loving & Alan Lovins
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by the Oppenheimer family
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- To Cyd & Mark Oppenheimer in honor of the birth of David by Cathie & Ron Miller
- To Daryl & David Kuperstock in honor of Dina's wedding by Cathie & Ron Miller
- Donna Kemper and Ron Zlotoff on the yahrzeit of Irv Zerwitz
- Donna Kemper and Ron Zlotoff in honor of the birth of granddaughter Emma, daughter of Ben and Sarah of Boston

## Synagogue Fund (minimum \$10) to support synagogue operations

- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Dan & Diane Krevolin
- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Avital Silverman in honor of completing her Masters by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Gilah Benson-Tilsen in honor of completing her Masters by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Karen Kassap & Carey Caldwell in honor of Myles, Naomi & Sam's college graduation by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Sarah Berry & Roger Colten in honor of Marcia & Reuben's graduation by David & Darryl Kuperstock

- To Harriet Friedman & Charlie Bruce on Sophie's graduation by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Rebecca Weiner & Mike Rastelli in honor of Sarah's graduation by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by David & Darryl Kuperstock
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Barbara Morris
- To Bruce & Angela Oren with sympathy on the passing of Ralph Oren by Bill Shragis

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- To Shoshana Lash with sympathy on the passing of Jane Manton Marshall by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- To Magda & Gerry Garcia in honor of the birth of Hannah Alina by Ina Silverman & Jay Sokolow
- Barzillai Cheskis BEKI Youth Israel Scholarship Fund
- To Sophia Colodner in honor of her high school graduation by Rena Cheskis-Gold & Marty Gold
- To Gail & Adam Miller in honor of the birth of baby Rachel by Rena Cheskis-Gold & Marty Gold

## Harold & Arthur Ratner Memorial Fund

- To Jeremy Chesler in honor of his birthday by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Sage Ratner
- To Barrie Drzen in honor of his milestone birthday by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Sage Ratner
- To Michael Schnitman in honor of his birthday by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Sage Ratner
- To Liann & Paul Cyr and family with sympathy on the passing of Adele Tyson by Betsy, Leah, Gary, Howie & Shilo Rather and children
- To Phil & Rhoda Moskowitz on their 50th wedding anniversary by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Sage Ratner
- To Jimmy & Melanie Wolf with sympathy on the passing of Andy Wolf by Betsy, Howie, Shilo, Indigo & Sage Ratner

## Yahrzeit Fund (\$5 minimum) to support synagogue operations

- In memory of Herman Braunstein by Irwin H. Braunstein
- In memory of Ben Marks by Lynne Marks
- In memory of Freda Dimenstein by Marcie & Jenna Dimenstein
- In memory of her beloved father Louis Rogoff by Eileen S. Rogoff
- In memory of Morris Maltin by Ted Maltin
- In memory of Lois Alper Rosenblatt by Joseph Alper

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## המקום ינחם

*HaMaqom Yinahem*

With sorrow we note the passing of

**Joshua Alvarez,**  
father of Ivan (& Cyndi) Alvarez

**Jack Landau,**  
grandfather of Eva (& Frank) Schultz

*May the Almighty comfort those who mourn*

## Mazal Tov to

Shirley Mattler on marking her 100th birthday in August  
Becca & Chris Halbert, and grandparents R' Richard & Judy  
Eisenberg, on the birth of Jackson Marshall

Amy Schwartz & David Levy, and brother Ezra, on the birth of  
Isaac Jacob Levy

Gloria Cohen on the birth of great-grandson Cooper Morris  
Howard

## Upcoming Benei Mitzva

Jacob Marx Schonberger, son of Amy Marx & Robert Schonberger, 25-  
26 October 2019, *parashat Bereishit*

## Contributions

### Contributions

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- In memory of their mother Pearl Small Teplitzky by Rhoda & Bruce Small
- In memory of Eli Slopak by David Schwartz
- In memory of her mother Katherine Robbins by Teddy Deitch
- In memory of Lillian P. Shubs by Rachel & Louis Parsitsky
- In memory of Morris Arovas by Rachel & Louis Parsitsky
- In memory of Ida Levine by Hilda Trueheart
- In memory of Harry J. Levine by Hilda Trueheart
- In memory of Malka Levine by Judah Levine & Adina Kling
- In memory of Allen Cohen by Daniel Jennes
- In memory of Rose Cohen by Doris & Stephen Brody
- In memory of Hajnalka Winer by Herb Winer
- In memory of Harry Kabakoff by Marvin Kabakoff
- In memory of Louis Melnick by Jay & Margie Hirshfield
- In memory of Samuel Kitzavitz by Betty Swinkin
- In memory of Gladys R. Lipkin by Roxanne Cutter
- In memory of Sara Gelbert by Joan Gelbert
- In memory of Dr. Samuel Gelbert by Joan Gelbert
- In memory of Taube Nuht by Joan Gelbert
- In memory of Mollie S. Nuht by Joan Gelbert
- In memory of Mendel Rosner by Sara-Ann & Hillel Auerbach
- In memory of Barbara Gilbert by Richard & Leatrice Brodner
- In memory of Regina Lowi by Richard & Leatrice Brodner
- In memory of Bernard Astor by Carl & Sharon Astor
- In memory of Louis Margolis by Bernice Margolis
- In memory of Diane Margolis by Bernice Margolis
- In memory of Arnold Levine by Fania Levine
- In memory of her beloved mother (and Bubbie) Tillie L. Friedman by Harriet Friedman & family
- In memory of Leonora Tomkins by Bruce Tomkins
- In loving memory of her mother Esther Ben Shalom by Tikva, Marc & Iris Shapiro
- In memory of Robert Zusman by Howard Zusman
- In memory of Frances Mann by Lynne Marks
- In memory of the Andrew Klein family by Lester & Arlynne Klein
- In memory of his mother Lillian Rosenblatt Jennes by Daniel Jennes
- In memory of Rose Feen by Hildy Feen
- In memory of George Feen by Hilda Feen
- In memory of Rose Parsitsky by Louis & Rachel Parsitsky
- In memory of Esther Parsitsky by Louis & Rachel Parsitsky
- In memory of William Palmer by Marsha & John Reynolds
- In memory of Alan Hodes by Lynne & Jeffrey Heisner
- In memory of Louis Hodes by Joyce Popowski
- In memory of Sophie Granoff by Jeff Granoff
- In memory of Dov-Bear Naiman by Polina Naiman
- In memory of Isaac Walinsky by Harriet Friedman & family
- In memory of Isadore Miller by Bobbie & Harold Miller
- In memory of Robert & Milton Pintell by Janet Chernikoff
- In memory of Tuvia Gutman Alperowitz by the Alper family
- In memory of Grace Goldberg Cohen Geisinger by Carol Cohen
- In memory of his loved ones by Robert Sagerman
- In memory of Mordechai Rosmarin by Ghislane Palumbo
- In memory of Richard Weinstein by Suzanne Weinstein
- In memory of Bernard Weinstein by Suzanne Weinstein
- In memory of Shirley Chain by Carol Marcus
- In memory of her aunt Lillian Senderoff-Resnick by Sherry Kent
- In memory of Rose Alderman by Sonny & Bernie Alderman
- In memory of Philip Greenberg by Sonny & Bernie Alderman
- In memory of Ida Katz by Sonny & Bernie Alderman
- In memory of Israel Alderman by Sonny & Bernie Alderman
- In memory of Dorothy Kagan by Janet Chernikoff
- In memory of Samuel Garfinkel by Lawrence & Doralee Garfinkel
- In memory of Raymond Snyder by Irwin & Zelda Snyder
- In memory of Shirley Goldberg by Eileen Schuman
- In memory of Jack Mendlestein by Rissa & Richard Mendlestein
- In memory of George Ralph Schnitman by Edward & Helene Vanderhoef
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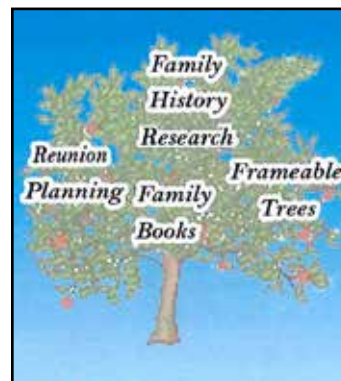
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## Saturday

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9 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	8:15 a.m. Shaharit	7 a.m. Shaharit	9:15 a.m. Shaharit
5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	5:45 p.m. Maariv	6 p.m. Qabbalat Shabbat	1 p.m. Minha



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>Rosh Hashanah II</b> Office Closed 8:30am Festival Service 5:45pm Festival Minha 7:16pm Havdala  2 Tishri	<b>2</b> <b>Fast of Gedaliah</b> 9:00am Rabbi's Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program  3 Tishri	<b>3</b>   4 Tishri	<b>4</b> 6:10pm Candle Lighting   5 Tishri	<b>5</b> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Schwartz 1:00pm Minha  6 Tishri
<b>6</b> 9:00am Religious School 10:00am Qever Avot Service - Hamden 11:00am Qever Avot Service - West Haven  7 Tishri	<b>7</b> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour  8 Tishri	<b>8</b> <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> 6:00pm Minha, Kol Nidre & Maariv 6:03pm Candle Lighting  9 Tishri	<b>9</b> <b>Yom Kippur (Yizkor)</b> Office Closed No Religious School No Benei Mitzva Program 9:00am Festival Shaharit 4:30pm Minha, Neila, Maariv, Havdala, Shofar 7:04pm Posener Break-Fast  10 Tishri	<b>10</b> 3:00pm Sukka Construction   11 Tishri	<b>11</b> 5:58pm Candle Lighting   12 Tishri	<b>12</b> 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: TBA 1:00pm Minha  13 Tishri
<b>13</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 9:00am Religious School 5:45pm Minha & Maariv 5:55pm Candle Lighting  14 Tishri	<b>14</b> <b>Sukkot I</b> Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 3:00pm Sukka Hop 5:45pm Festival Minha & Maariv 7:02pm Candle Lighting  15 Tishri	<b>15</b> <b>Sukkot II</b> Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 6:00pm Festival Maariv  16 Tishri	<b>16</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot I</b> 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program 6:15pm Pizza In The Hut (reservations required)  17 Tishri	<b>17</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot II</b>   18 Tishri	<b>18</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot III</b> 5:47pm Candle Lighting   19 Tishri	<b>19</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot IV</b> 10:45am Children's Programs Qiddush: Rosenberg 1:00pm Minha  20 Tishri
<b>20</b> <b>Hoshanah Rabbah</b> 9:00am Religious School 5:44pm Candle Lighting  21 Tishri	<b>21</b> <b>Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)</b> Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit 5:45pm Festival Minha, Maariv & Haqafot (Dancing) 6:51pm Candle Lighting  22 Tishri	<b>22</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b> Office Closed 9:15am Festival Shaharit & Haqafot (Dancing) 5:45pm Festival Minha  23 Tishri	<b>23</b> 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program  24 Tishri	<b>24</b>   25 Tishri	<b>25</b> 5:37pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Jacob Marx Schonberger Bar Mitzva  26 Tishri	<b>26</b> Jacob Marx Schonberger Bar Mitzva 10:45am Children's Programs 10:45am Shabbat Shalom Torah Study Qiddush: Marx/Schonberger 1:00pm Minha  27 Tishri
<b>27</b> 9:00am Religious School 9:40am Sukka Deconstruction  28 Tishri	<b>28</b> 7:45am Rashi Study Group 10:00am Yoga Hour  29 Tishri	<b>29</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh I</b> 7:00pm Israeli Dance  30 Tishri	<b>30</b> <b>Rosh Hodesh II</b> 9:00am Rabbi's Study Group 4:00pm Religious School 5:00pm Benei Mitzva Program  1 Heshvan	<b>31</b>   2 Heshvan		

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