This Week & Beyond at BEKI

משנכנס אדר מרבים בשמחה
– When Adar Begins, Joy Rings In

May as well be happy

- **The Whole Megilla:** Hear the Book of Esther in its entirety and fulfill the mitzvot of Purim at the Megilla Reading on Monday 9 March 6:30p and Tuesday 10 March 7:00a

- **Big Gulp Purim Feast:** Feast Fun Food Friends on Purim afternoon Tuesday 10 March. RSVP to the BEKI Office: office@beki.org or 203-389-2108 x114 or sign up and pay up at www.beki.org/biggulp

- **It’s a Mitzva:** Observing personal and public health protocols is necessary to comply with the *mitzvat lo-ta`ase* (prohibition) against endangering one’s own life and well-being and that of others.

- **Synagogue Etiquette:** To promote public health, we recommend not shaking hands or kissing at BEKI, not touching or kissing the mezuza, and not attending if ill or especially vulnerable.

- **Cleanliness is Next:** Please wash hands thoroughly, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching others or one’s nose and eyes, to promote public health.

- **Kids & Coronavirus:** We recommend training children to avoid sticking their fingers up their noses, and the noses of others, as a matter of hygiene and etiquette, among other measures indicated by medical experts.

- **Mishloah Manot Safety:** We suggest delivering mishloah manot (Purim Baskets) in the Ding-Dong-Ditch style (ring and run), to avoid close bodily proximity or direct contact that can transmit viruses.
• **Mishloah Manot Safety (2):** We recommend portion-control and moderation, as a health measure, in consumption of Purim treats. When you have eaten 20 to 30 hamentaschen at one sitting, it may be time to push away from the table.

• **Ezra Gala:** Please join us for Ezra Academy’s Roaring Twenties and Gala Auction this Motse’ei Shabbat (Saturday Night) 7 March at 7p at Ezra Academy honoring Stephanie Green and Eric Grubman as well as Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee, Lynn (Zanger-Nadis) Kaye, class of 1995. Click here to join us: https://ezra.schoolauction.net/gala2020/homepages/show

• **Praying in BEKI’s Voice:** We are updating our website with new recordings of our service melodies. We are looking for volunteers of all abilities to demonstrate favorite parts of the Shabbat morning and Hallel services. Sing a short part of your favorite prayer and be recorded. For more details or to set up a recording time, contact Rachel Adelstein: radelstein@earthlink.net 860-849-1550

• **JCARR News:** To volunteer contact Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com. JCARR needs donations to continue this important work. Send contributions to The Jewish Federation, Attn: Amy Holt, 360 Amity Rd. Woodbridge, 06525 (JCARR in memo)

• **WZO Vote:** Vote in the World Zionist Congress elections by 11 March. The Masorti-Conservative Movement’s party is MERCAZ.

• **Columbus House Shelter Dinners:** March through May. Help prep at BEKI or serve dinners at the Columbus House shelter for those experiencing homelessness this winter. Sign up for specific dates HERE. Info: Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555.

• **Security Update:** In light of recent events and attacks on Jewish establishments, BEKI will have a hired security guard every Shabbat during morning services, at least for the next few weeks. The guard will augment our current security practices and will be primarily patrolling outside the synagogue. Questions or suggestions? Contact Jay Sokolow or Yaron Lew president@beki.org.

• **Youth & Family Programming Director:** BEKI is hiring a new paid, part-time person to help with children’s Shabbat and holiday programming, as well as with
other aspects of working with our youth, ages 0-16. Contact Mark Oppenheimer, Steve Werlin, Darryl Kuperstock, or Rena Cheskis-Gold.

- **BEKI Art Committee**: The BEKI Art Committee is recruiting volunteers. We arrange exhibitions with artists, curate selections, install the exhibition, and other creative details. Learn on the job, or contribute your deep knowledge of art, either way, we want you on the BEKI Art Committee. Contact Helen Rosenberg helr12@aol.com

- **Greeters Needed**: We still need volunteer greeters. To volunteer or for more info, contact Rachel Gerber wisemangerber@gmail.com

- **Help Make Qiddush**: Qiddush Committee prep teams need reinforcements. Whether you appreciate BEKI’s weekly Shabbat lunch for its delicious food, its role in supporting community, or both, please consider joining a Thursday afternoon or evening qiddush team on either a monthly or more occasional basis. Contact Ellen Cohen ellen.cohen@snet.net 203-397-9430

- **BEKI Sisterhood Gift Shop**: We have everything you need for Purim. Need a very cool shot glass, we’ve got it. Need a mask? We have Esther, Mordechai and Haman. Muggle Megillas. Got them too. To help celebrate Purim we have noise makers, children’s books, coasters, and for the day after the “gantza megilla” insulated glass coffee mugs. We will be open the day of Purim and up until the reading of the Megilla. If you drink use discretion — Never drink so much that you forget to perform mitzvot. Giftshop@beki.org

- **Stop & Shop Gift Cards**: The BEKI office sells Stop & Shop gift cards. These cards can be used at any Stop & Shop location, like a debit card, to buy groceries or gasoline. This is an important ongoing fundraiser for BEKI which costs you nothing but has provided over $3000 in income. Please make arrangements with Peggy to buy some.

- **Donate**: Fast and easy at www.beki.org/give

- **Got Announcements?** Ask President Yaron Lew to include your BEKI event in live Shabbat morning announcements by writing to announcements@beki.org. “This Week at BEKI” listings may be up to 50 words
• **Shabbat Shalom Torah Study**: Study of Torah is considered equal or superior to prayers as a form of “worship.” Join Steven Fraade and other scholars for an hour of study (weekly portion, liturgy, Q&A) every other Shabbat morning 10:45a–11:45a in the office

• **Torah Reading Coordinator**: Noam Benson-Tilsen is coordinating the Torah Readings; contact him at noam@tilsen.org

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Shabbat Zakhor – Sabbath of Remembering 7 March 2020
- Bar Mitzva: Dylan Sachs 7 March 2020
- Adopt DST 8 March 2020
- Ta’anit Esther 9 March 2020
- Purim Night 9 March 2020
- Purim Day 10 March 2020
- Purim Seuda 10 March 2020
- Shushan Purim 11 March 2020
- Benot Mitzva: Teya Klein-Berger & Hannah Klein-Berger 13-14 March 2020
- Shabbat Para – Sabbath of the Cow 14 March 2020
- BEKI Art Gallery Artist Reception: Leslie Klein 15 March 2020
- Shabbat HaHodesh – Sabbath of the Moon 21 March 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Nisan 25-26 March 2020
- Shabbat HaGadol 4 April 2020
- Siyyum Bekhorot 8 April 2020
- Matsa Baking 8 April 2020
- First Seder Night 8 April 2020
- Second Seder Night 9 April 2020
- Holocaust Memorial Program 18 April 2020
- Chapel On The Green 19 April 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Iyar 24-25 April 2020
- Elm City Kallah 24-26 April 2020
- LaG BeOmer Night 12 May 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Sivan 24 May 2020
- Tiqun Leil Shavuot 28 May 2020
- Shavuot Days 29-30 May 2020
- Bar Mitzva: Nate Kempton 25-26 June 2020
- Fast of Tammuz 9 July 2020
- Tisha Be’Av 29-30 July 2020
- Tu Be’Av 5 August 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Elul 20-21 August 2020
- Bar Mitzva: Toby Manning 28-29 August 2020
- Rosh HaShana Night 18 September 2020
- Rosh HaShana First & Second Day 19-20 September 2020
- Kol Nidre Yom Kippur Night 27 September 2020
- Yom Kippur 28 September 2020
- Sukkot Night 2 October 2020
- Sukkot First Two Days 3-4 October 2020
- Hoshana Rabba 9 October 2020
- Shemini Atseret 9-10 October 2020
- Simhat Torah Evening 10 October 2020
- Simhat Torah Morning 11 October 2020
- Bar Mitzva: Ari Hurwitz 16-17 October 2020

Friday 6 March 2020 - 10 Adar 5780

- Shaharit 7a-7:35a Beit Midrash
• Office Hours 9a-3p
• Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:31p (home ritual)
• Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p–6:50p Beit Midrash

Shabbat 7 March 2020 – 11 Adar 5780 – Shabbat Zakhor

• Shaharit & Musaf Services 9:15a-12m Sanctuary
• Torah Reading: Parashat Tetsave (Ex. 27:20–30:10) & Zakhor (Deut. 25:17-19)
• Haftara: I Samuel 15:2-34
• Darshan: Jon-Jay Tilsen
• Children’s Shabbat Havura 10:45a–11:15a Goodwin Youth Room
• K-2 Kehila 10:45a–11:15a Classroom 6
• Junior Congregation 10:45a–11:20a George Posener Daily Chapel
• Qiddush Sponsor: Robert & Betsy Sachs honoring Dylan as Bar Mitzva
• Minha at Special Time: 5:30p-6:20p Sanctuary
• Bar Mitzva: Dylan Sachs 5:30p–6:20p Sanctuary
• Minha Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Ki Tisa (Ex.30:11-21)
• Havdala 6:31p or Later (Home Ritual)

Sunday 8 March 2020 – 12 Adar 5780

• Adopt Daylight Saving Time (turn clock “ahead” one hour) 1a (2a)
• Shaharit 9a–9:35a Beit Midrash EDT
• BRS 9a-12m
• Giftshop 9:40a–12m
• Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:15p Beit Midrash


• Fast Begins 5:51a
• Shaharit 7a–7:55a Beit Midrash
• Office Hours 9a-5p
• Torah Reading: Ex. 31:11-14, 34:1-10
- Rashi Study Group 7:50a-8:30a
- Yoga 10a-11a
- Minha 5:45p–6:20p Beit Midrash
- Minha Torah Reading: Ex. 32:11-14, 34:1-10
- Minha Haftara: Isaiah 55:6–8
- Maariv & Megila Reading 6:30p–8p Sanctuary
- Fast Ends 7:26p

**Tuesday 10 March 2020 – 14 Adar 5780 – Purim Day**

- Shaharit & Megila Reading 7a–8:45a Beit Midrash
- BEKI Giftshop 7a–7:45a & 5:30N6:30p
- Office Hours by Appointment Only
- **Big Gulp Purim Seuda** (payment required) 5p–7p Downstairs Social Hall
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:15p Beit Midrash

**Wednesday 11 March 2020 – 15 Adar 5780 – Shushan Purim**

- Shaharit 7a–7:35a Beit Midrash
- Hebrew Word for the Day 7:28a–7:31a Beit Midrash
- Rabbis' Study Group (closed) 9a-10a Beit Midrash
- Office Hours 10a-6p
- BRS 4p-6:15p
- Benei Mitzva Program 5p-6:18p
- Sisterhood Giftshop 5p-6:30p
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:18p

**Thursday 12 March 2020 – 16 Adar 5780**

- Shaharit 8:15a–9:10a Beit Midrash
- Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Ki Tisa (Ex.30:11-21)
- Office Hours 9a-5p
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:13p Beit Midrash
Friday 13 March 2020 - 17 Adar 5780 – Benot Mitzva: Teya and Hannah

- Shaharit 7a–7:35a Beit Midrash
- Office Hours 9a-3p
- Minha & Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p–7p Beit Midrash
- Benot Mitzva: Hannah Klein-Berger and Teya Klein-Berger 6p-7p Beit Midrash
- Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:39p EDT (home ritual)

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