This Week & Beyond at BEKI

BEKI Happenings

- **High Holy Days Series in September On-Line:**
  - Robin Goldberg, “Meditation & Teshuva, Part 2” 8p-9p Wed 9 September
  - Rachel Adelstein, “Majesty in Music for the High Holy Days” 8-9p Thu 10 September
  - Selihot Program & Service: Family Havdala, “Racial Justice & Teshuva,” Selihot Service with Isaiah Cooper, 8p-10p Sat 12 September
  - Jay Sokolow, “Heshbon Nefesh: Taking a Moral Inventory in Judaism & in the 12-Steps” 8p-9p Mon 14 September

- **Back Talk:** Recordings of BEKI Talks and Schmoozes are available at [https://www.beki.org/online-schmoozes/](https://www.beki.org/online-schmoozes/)

- **High Holy Days On-Line Services:** Check back for the consolidated schedule of in-person, on-line live (zoom or livestream) and recorded services and programs for the Days of Awe. This information will be on beki.org.

- **Conversation & Connection:** With Karen Kassap, 6:15p-7:30p Tuesdays after tefila in September 2020. [On-line on the Tefilla Channel](https://www.beki.org/online-schmoozes/).

- **High Holy Days Reminder:** If you have not already done so, please send back your High Holy Days form ASAP so that the HH Committee knows your intentions regarding in-person services and other related information - please return your form to the office by mail or by email to Jennifer Myer (jennifermyermd@hotmail.com) or Harold Birn (haroldbirn@aol.com) - if you did not receive the form that was mailed to you, please let Peggy, Jennifer or Harold know - this form will determine what services we can
accommodate and assign in-person attendance for, so your returning it as soon as possible helps move the planning forward.

- **Giftshop:** Make 5781 sweeter with local honey available at the gift shop. Shofarot and kippot and toys and books and so much more... Open in the courtyard after the services whenever you like (say when via giftshop@beki.com).

- **Last Chance for Lulav & Etrog:** Lulav & etrog sets **must be pre-ordered** this year. $40 per set, deadline is today 3 September. Contact the BEKI office at office@beki.org or 203-389-2108 x114

- **Riverse (Reverse) Tashlikh:** River Cleanup. 13 September 2p-3:30p at the West River by the parking lot at Blake and Valley St (behind BEKI). Kadima event open to other adults and their supervised children as well. We will be removing litter from the river and surrounds. Contact Becky May at bseashoremay@aol.com.

- **Tehilim in Times of Trouble:** Explore the ancient poetry of the Biblical Psalms with Corinne Blackmer, Tuesdays 8p-9p On-Line. On-going.

- **Rashi Study Group:** Book of Second Kings with commentary, Mondays 8a-8:30a.  On-line RSG. Text at Sefaria (2 Kings 19:29)

- **Outdoor Children's Shabbat Services:** For information about or to participate in a size-limited, socially-distant outdoor Shabbat family service in September, contact Annie at anormanschiff@beki.org.

- **Play & Pray:** The fenced playground areas adjacent to the parking lot are available on Shabbat mornings during services 9:30a-11a.

- **Outdoor In-Person Services** (Excludes Festival Dates). Rain Location: Sanctuary
  - **Qabbalat Shabbat:** Weekly Friday Night Services in September (excluding Rosh HaShana) 6p in the Courtyard and On-line.
  - **Shabbat Morning:** Weekly in September, 9:30a-11a, Shaharit-Torah Service-Musaf. 90 minutes, parking lot; RSVP Yes I'm Planning to Attend Shabbat Morning.
  - **Sunday** morning in-person in the Courtyard, 9a-9:35a, weekly in September. Also Sign in to Tefila On-line.
  - **Monday** afternoons-evenings in-person in the Courtyard info bekitefilla@gmail.com. 5:45p-6:15p. Weekly in September. Also Sign in to Tefila On-line.
  - Planning to attend, or want info? contact bekitefilla@gmail.com or jjtilsen@beki.org In-person participants must comply with public health protocols (masks, distancing, no loud singing, RSVP preferred to facilitate tracing). Prayer books and chairs provided or bring your own.
Washrooms available. On-line participants can recite “Amen” and Qaddish (assuming a quorum forms on-site).

- **On-Line Daily Services:** Info bekitefilla@gmail.com for weekday and Qabbalat Shabbat on-line prayer. See daily schedule below links – just click to join on-line. To request the “El Malei Rahamim” memorial prayer or a Prayer for Healing, write to jjtilsen@beki.org or tell the host or Rabbi Tilsen. Services based on an in-person quorum include Qedusha and Mourners’ Qaddish.

- **Service Leaders Needed:** If you would like to sign up to lead tefila or read Haftara or Torah at an outdoor service in September, please write to jjtilsen@beki.org

- **More Daily & Shabbat Services:** Learning? Hear selected recordings at beki.org. See online prayerbooks or buy a book on-line or request a free book from jjtilsen@beki.org or bekitefilla@gmail.com.

- **Need Torah?** Learn Sing Pray with the Conservative Masorti Online Beit Midrash in Jerusalem https://www.conservativeyeshiva.org/learn/ Texts available at www.sefaria.org. Selected audio prayers, Member Divrei Torah and Rabbi’s Writings are available at beki.org under “Learning.”

- **Rabbi Tilsen’s Video Messages:** See 3- to 6- minute messages

- **BEKI Walks virtual mission to Jerusalem:** A virtual and exercise adventure open to all BEKI members. Register and log your steps or miles in the exercise of your choice. We have a team of 19 members who have logged 139 miles in three days. We need more members (and miles) to reach our goal of Jerusalem by Simhat Torah. Info Jennifer Myer (jennifer.myer@yale.edu). Sponsored by Sisterhood and High Holidays Committee to get us geared up (and with healthy habits) for the New Year.

- **JCARR Update:** JCARR’s four refugee families are “muddling” through this unprecedented time of uncertainty. Unfortunately, JCARR has been unable to hold scheduled fundraising events to raise money to support the families. JCARR is reaching out to the congregants of five synagogues asking them to consider making a donation to JCARR at this time. Donations should be sent to “Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven” memo line “JCARR” Attn: Amy Holt. Also, sign up to donate school supplies for JCARR families:https://signup.com/go/QHEyfV Info: Madeleine Kleinman madk117@gmail.com.

- **Columbus House (CH) Dinners:** No prep or volunteer activities for Columbus House due to COVID19 precautions. However, the food is still needed. Help sponsor food supplies for CH meals in September, contact Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555.

- **Want to Help?** To assist in on-going and ad-hoc support for BEKI members and Greater New Haven residents with significant or urgent needs, volunteer to participate in Hesed Committee robolettick@aol.com
203-672-4705, Tiqun Olam Committee kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555, and other organized efforts; info office@beki.org

- buying and delivering groceries and medicines
- acquiring or making face masks
- assisting with technical difficulties
- making and mailing cards to folks in our community to help them feel connected
- offering suggestions for helping to keep our community connected and cared for

• **Need Help?** When you need help acquiring essential food, medicine, utilities, communication services, contact office@beki.org 203.389.2108 x114; we will connect you with Hesed Committee, Tiqun Olam Cmte, rabbinic counsel jjtlsen@beki.org 203.389.2108 x110, and other synagogue-based and community agencies and vendors. We are a community and we will help each other as much as we can.

• **Facebook:** Members’ and office posts about BEKI events, cultural activities, community news, and more. Subscribe to BEKI’s “members” FB page by writing to office@beki.org or request on site.

• **COVID-19 & Maimonides Fund:** Support or get help from Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation COVID-19 & Maimonides Relief Funds.

• **Vote:** USA Election Day 3 November 2020. Use this form to apply for an absentee ballot (mail-in ballot) and send it to your Town Clerk.

• **Is It Kiddush Yet?** - Unfortunately, it is not. We are still waiting to be able to cook together and to gather together for Shabbat lunch. But, that shouldn't stop you being able to enjoy some of the wonderful BEKI Kiddush Committee food we love. KC Cookbook is On Sale. Now available at the special price of $15 for pick-up (+$3 if mailed). Contact Darryl to order your copy (kuperst@gmail.com, 203-215-8555).

• **Building Closed:** The BEKI Building is closed to general traffic until further notice. If you think you need access, make an arrangement with Peggy office@beki.org so that public health and building security protocols can be observed.

• **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 ongoing fundraiser which costs you nothing but has provided over $3000 in income. Contact Peggy office@beki.org to participate.

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

• **Write On:** To volunteer to write, edit (chief, associate, copy, distribution) or sell ads for the BEKI Bulletin, contact bulletin@beki.org.
Mark Your Calendar

- "Transplanting at BEKI" Help beautify BEKI's gardens 6 September 2020
- Robin Goldberg, "Meditation & Teshuva Part 2" 9 September 2020
- Rachel Adelstein "Majesty in Music for the High Holy Days" 10 September 2020
- Selihot Night with Isaiah Cooper et al. 12 September 2020
- Riverse Tashlikh (River Cleanup) 13 September 2020
- Jay Sokolow, “Heshbon Nefesh” 14 September 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 12 October 2020
- Talmud Berakhot Study Group Winter Term Begins 15 October 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 18-19 October 2020
- Resume Standard Time 1 November 2020
- Election Day USA 3 November 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Kislev 17 November 2020
- Thanksgiving (USA) 26 November 2020
- Hanuka First Night 10 December 2020
- Shabbat Hanuka 11-12 December 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Tevet 16 December 2020
- Hanuka Last Night-Day 17-18 December 2020

Friday 4 September 2020 – 15 Elul 5780

- Shaharit 7a-7:30a Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Minha & Qabbalat Shabbat 6p-6:35p Sign in to Tefila On-line and BEKI Courtyard
- Shabbat Candle Lighting 7:00 EDT (home ritual)
Shabbat 5 September 2020 – 16 Elul 5780

- Shaharit, Torah Service, Musaf Outdoors by RSVP 9:30a-11a (Or Home Ritual)
  RSVP Yes Will or Did Attend Shabbat Morning. (In case of rain: Sanctuary)
- Torah Reading: Parashat Ki Tavo (Deut. 26:1 - 29:8)
- Haftara: Sixth Haftara of Consolation (Isaiah 60:1-22)
- Minha (At Home) 1p–7p
- Minha Scriptural Reading: Selection from Parashat Nitsavim (Deut 29:9-28)
- Havdala 8:00p or Later (Home Ritual)
- Yahrzeits 17 Elul (Motse’ei Shabbat & Sunday): Rose Ann Epstein, Sylvia Fleischner, John Freedman, Sarah Greenberg, Freda Hankin, Rose Nabatoff, Dorothy Rutkin, Joseph Sagerman

Sunday 6 September 2020 – 17 Elul 5780

- Shaharit 9a–9:35a BEKI Courtyard and On-line
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Transplanting at BEKI
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:15p Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Yahrzeits 18 Elul (Sunday Night & Monday): Alexander Backer, Sarah Perkes

Monday 7 September 2020 – 18 Elul 5780 -- Labor Day (USA)

- Shaharit 9a-9:35a Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Nitsavim (Deut 29:9-28)
- Rashi Study Group 10a-10:30a Sign-In (Text: 2 Kings 19:29)
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p–6:15p Courtyard & Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Sisterhood Outdoor Sale 5:45p-6:30p Courtyard
- Yahrzeits 19 Elul (Monday Night & Tuesday): Aaron Joshua Bell, Mildred Brody, Lee Deitch, Rev. Louis Friedman, Morris Goldberg, Edith Goldstein, Lynn Sitrin

Tuesday 8 September 2020 – 19 Elul 5780

- Shaharit 7a–7:45a Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p-6:15p [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Conversation & Connection with Karen Kassap 6:15p-7:30p [Sign in On-Line](#)
- Yahrzeits 20 Elul (Tuesday Night & Wednesday): Philip Axelrod, Benjamin Epstein, Marcel Gutman, Sylvia Meiner
- Tehilim with Corinne Blackmer 8p-9p [On-Line](#)

**Wednesday 9 September 2020 – 20 Elul 5780**

- Shaharit 7a-7:30a [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Rabbis’ Study Group on recess
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p-6:15p [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Yahrzeits 21 Elul (Wednesday Night & Thursday): Jennie Chernikoff, Hyman Chernoff, Irving Kaufman, Barnett Popkin, Judith Sardi, Jacob Smirnoff, Helen Frances
- High Holy Days Series: Robin Goldberg, “Meditation & Teshuva, Part 2” 8p-9p [Sign-In](#)

**Thursday 10 September 2020 – 21 Elul 5780**

- Shaharit 8:15a-9:00a [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Nitsavim ([Deut 29:9-28](#))
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Talmud Berakhot Study Group recess until 15 October
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p-6:15p [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Yahrzeits 22 Elul (Thursday Night & Friday): Mary Arovas, Esther Brown, Morris Meiner, David Natkin, Nathan Rosenkrantz
- High Holy Days Series: Rachel Adelstein, “Majesty in Music for the High Holy Days” 8p-9p [Sign-In](#)

**Friday 11 September 2020 – 22 Elul 5780**

- Shaharit 7a-7:30a [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Shofar & Psalm 27
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Minha & Qabbalat Shabbat 6p-6:35p [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#) and BEKI Courtyard
- Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:48p EDT (home ritual)
• Yahrzeits 23 Elul (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Patricia Colodner, Margaret Feldman, Lea Gutman, Philip Levine, Bessie Pintell, Benjamin Steinlight

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