This Week & Beyond at BEKI

BEKI Happenings

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- **ШЧЯЯМ at BEKI: ספריOPSISMegila Readings**
  - Pre-Game Show Thursday Night 25 February 6:15p [Zoom On-Line LiveStream](#)
    - Siddur & Megila Text
    - Megila Slide Show
  - Morning Megila Reading Friday Morning 26 February 7:00a [Zoom On-Line LiveStream +G-Cal](#) or On-Site in Sanctuary (reservation not required in morning)

- **Schmoozes & Events On-Line** ([Tinyurl.com/bekischmooze](#))
  - BEKI Town Hall Meeting: Wednesday 3 March 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#). Please limit to one screen per household.
  - Book Talk: *A Beginner’s Guide to America*. With BEKI member author Roya Hakakian. A portrait of what the new immigrant experience in America is really like. The BEKI Giftshop, giftshop@beki.org, is selling copies of Roya’s book for just $20. Wednesday 10 March 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#)
  - Music of Pesah: Rachel Adelstein, BEKI Member and Ethnomusicologist, presents a pre-Pesah schmooze “Singing Around the
Seder Table:  The Music & Memories of Pesah.”  Wednesday 17 March 8p
On-Line + G-Cal

- Film Talk:  At the River I Stand.  Social Justice Film Discussion, Third in Series.  Wednesday 31 March 8p  On-Line +G-Cal
- Back Talk:  Recordings of BEKI Talks and Schmoozes https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings

- Study Groups & Classes
  - Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Tilsen & Guests:  Sundays in February 10a-10:50a.  Sign-In.
    - Nadav Sela 28 February introducing Parashat Ki Tisa (Shabbat Para)  + G-Cal

- In-Person Shabbat & Weekday Services
  - Friday Night:  Shabbat Friday Night Services in February, 6p - 6:40p in Sanctuary - Social Hall.  (Limited Seating; expected attendance 18 or fewer.)
  - Shabbat Morning:  Weekly in February, 9:30a-11a, Shaharit-Torah Service-Musaf.  90 minutes, Parking Lot (Sanctuary - Social Hall in event of rain, snow, freezing).  People of all ages welcome.
  - Shabbat Morning for Children with Adults:  For information about or to participate in a size-limited, socially-distant outdoor Shabbat family services this winter, contact Annie at anormanschiff@beki.org .
  - Sunday Mornings:  Weekly in February, 9a-9:30a Courtyard and On-Line (Sanctuary in event of rain, snow, freezing.)  (Alternate location:  Parking Lot if Courtyard is unsuitable.)

- Info:  bekitefilla@gmail.com or jtilsen@beki.org   In-person participants must comply with public health protocols (masks, distancing, RSVP preferred to facilitate tracing).  Books and chairs provided or bring your own.  Washrooms available.

- On-Line Daily Services:  Services are held on-line every morning and evening Sunday morning through Friday morning.  Info bekitefilla@gmail.com.  See daily schedule below – just click to join on-line.  Same link for all services.

- On-Line Hebrew Courses:  See Hebrew language classes from our affiliate AJU (Pacific time zone).

- Tefila Tips
○ Saying Qaddish?  People specifically interested in reciting mourners’ qaddish are directed to the Sunday morning and Monday night services (in person or on-line) and the Friday night and Shabbat morning services (in person only).  On-line participants can recite “Amen” and Qaddish when a quorum is constituted on-site.

○ Service Leaders Needed:  If you would like to sign up to lead tefila or read Haftara or Torah at an outdoor service in February, please write to bekitefilla@gmail.com.

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

● Summer Camp:  Camp Ramah in New England (Palmer, MA), Ramah Sports Academy (Cheshire, CT), and other fine Jewish Summer Camps are signing up campers and staff for Summer 2021.  Let us know your plans and we’ll help if we can with scholarships, transportation and the like; write to office@beki.org and see the Jewish Federation’s Scholarship Info.

● Giftshop:  Open in the courtyard after the daily services or whenever you like (say when via giftshop@beki.com).

● Sunday Food Collection:  New Date; Also collecting Clothing.  Next food collection Sunday 21 March, 10a to 11a, parking lot.  Give away unopened, non-perishable hametz before Pesah to Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen.  Also donations of new warm clothing (L & XL sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, hats, gloves, scarves) for New Reach.  Call 203.671.4705 to tell Rob Lettick.  If you have any questions, please write to Rob at robolettick@aol.com.

● Columbus House (CH):  BEKI continues its commitment to help feed those being served by the CH shelter by sending bulk food supplies monthly.  Contact Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555.  Thank you for your contributions to this effort (BEKI, memo: tikun olam - CH).

● 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 203-671-4705, Tiqun Olam Committee kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555, and other organized efforts; info office@beki.org

● 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, 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.  Go to BEKI’s “members” FB page and ask to join.
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**COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance for Age 65+:** If you are age 65+ and need assistance either making an appointment to schedule the vaccine online or by telephone; or if you need assistance with transportation to get a to a vaccine appointment, please contact Darryl Kuperstock (kuperst@gmail.com, 203-215-8555).

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

**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 contribute an article or sell ads for the BEKI Bulletin, contact bulletin@beki.org

**You Will Submit:** Organizing a BEKI event? Get it listed here by writing to happenings@beki.org; 50-word maximum.

**Rabbi Tilsen on Leave:** Rabbi Tilsen will be on sabbatical as of Monday 1 March through July and will not return to his position. Email, postal mail and phone messages will be forwarded to Rabbi Tilsen at the address and phone number at bottom. For help with synagogue business, contact office@beki.org, or one of the offices at bottom.

Events List in Chronological Order

- Purim Night Megila Reading 25 February 2021
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- Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Tilsen and Guest Nadav Sela 28 February 2021
- BEKI Town Hall Meeting 3 March 2021
- Shabbat Para (Sabbath of the Cow) 6 March 2021
- BEKI Book Talk: Roya Hakakian 10 March 2021
- Shabbat HaHodesh (Sabbath of the Moon) 13 March 2021
- Rosh Hodesh Nisan 14 March 2021
- BEKI Talk: Rachel Adelstein “Music of Pesah” 17 March 2021
- Food & Clothing Collection: 21 March 2021
• BEKI Talk: Annie Norman-Schiff “Making Seder Meaningful & Fun for Kids” 24 March 2021
• Taanit HaBekhorot - Fast of the Firstborn 25 March 2021
• Shabbat HaGadol 27 March 2021
• First Seder Night 27 March 2021
• Second Seder Night 28 March 2021
• BEKI Film Talk: Social Justice Film Discussion 31 March 2021
• Shabbat Pesah 3 April 2021
• Pesah Eighth Day & Yizkor 4 April 2021
• Rosh Hodesh Iyar 12-13 April 2021
• LaG BeOmer Night 29 April 2021

Friday 26 February 2021 – 14 Adar 5781 -- Purim Day

• Shaharit & Torah Reading & Megila Reading 7a-8:20a (Sanctuary; Zoom; LiveStream)
• Office by Phone & Email Only
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:21p EST (home ritual)
• Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p-6:40p BEKI Sanctuary
• Yahrzeits 15 Adar 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Irma Fiedler, Rebecca Jacobson, Tillie Saxe, Charlotte Voliansky, Benjamin Wiznia

Shabbat 27 February 2021 – 15 Adar 5781 -- Shushan Purim

• Shaharit, Torah Service, Musaf 9:30a-11:00a (Indoors due to freezing temperatures)
• Torah Reading: Parashat Tetsave (Ex. 27:20 - 30:10)
• Haftara: Ezekiel 43:10-27
• Pop-Up Children’s Shabbat Event by RSVP
• Minha (Home Ritual) 12:05p or Later
• Minha Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Ki Tisa (Ex. 30:11-21)
• Maariv & Havdala (Home Ritual) 6:21p EST or later
• Yahrzeits 16 Adar (Motse’ei Shabbat & Sunday): Harold Brown, Roman Froimowicz, Elsie Gesund, Marcie Goldberg, Edith Harrison, Marian Karsif, Susanne Korda, Lillian Popkin

Sunday 28 February 2021 – 16 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 9a - 9:35a Parking Lot or Sanctuary & On-Line
• BRS 9a-12m On-Site and On-Line
• Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Tilsen and guest Nadav Sela 10:00a-10:50a
  Participate On-Line or Watch LiveStream
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Maariv 5:45p-6p On-Line
• Yahrzeits 17 Adar (Sunday Night & Monday): Alan Abramovitz, Sarah Bajola, Pearl Jablonovsky Brown, Arthur Magid, Eunice Rogoff, Rosabelle Rosenberg, William Silverman, Marilyn Stern

Monday 1 March 2021 – 17 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a - 7:35a On-Line
• Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Ki Tisa (Ex. 30:11-21)
• Office Hours 9a-5p
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Maariv 5:45p-6p Courtyard or Parking Lot or Sanctuary & On-line
• Yahrzeits 18 Adar (Monday Night & Tuesday): Rose Witten

Tuesday 2 March February 2021 – 18 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:30a (On-Line)
• Office Closed or by Appointment Only
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Maariv 5:45p-6p Sign in to Tefila On-line
• Yahrzeits 19 Adar (Tuesday Night & Wednesday): Jack Sam Greenberg, Harry Gurian, Albert Heydemann, Ruth Rosen Lopatin, Marilyn Salk, Shoshana Sela

Wednesday 3 March 2021 – 19 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:35a (On-Line)
• Office by Email & Phone Only
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• BRS On-Line Only
• Maariv 5:45p - 6p On-line
• Yahrzeits 20 Adar (Wednesday Night & Thursday): Benjamin Abeshouse, Philip Abramowitz, William Handleman, Sonny Hennes, Melvin Klein, Mickey Kliger, Gabriel Opper, Violet Rosner
• BEKI Town Meeting: 8p-9p (On-Line)

Thursday 4 March 2021 – 20 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 8:15a-9a (On-Line)
• Torah Reading: Parashat Ki Tisa (Ex. 30:11-21)
• Office by Email & Phone Only
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Maariv On-Line Zoom;
• Yahrzeits 21 Adar (Thursday Night & Friday): Allan Kabel, Kevin Kirschner, Charles Rosenblat, Nathan Spear, Mildred Myers Weiner

Friday 5 March 2021 – 21 Adar 5781

• Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:30a Zoom
• Office by Phone & Email Only
• Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
• Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:30p EST (home ritual)
• Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p-6:40p BEKI Sanctuary
• Yahrzeits 22 Adar 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Marvin Botwick, Sophie Needler, Andrew Sardi

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