

ק"ק בית־אל כתר־ישראל
2 Shevat 5781
15 January 2021



This Week & Beyond at BEKI
BEKI Happenings

- **Blood Drive at BEKI:** Monday 25 January 2021 9a-5p. The need is great. Sign Up to Donate Blood [HERE](#) or [Volunteer to Greet](#). Includes antibody testing. Children and non-donor guests not permitted. Separate entry and exit doors. Chairs and stations sanitized between donors. Temperatures taken on entry. Mask required. [More Info](#). Questions, contact Darryl (kuperst@gmail.com, 203-215-8555).
- **Schmoozes & Events [On-Line](#) ([Tinyurl.com/bekischmooze](https://tinyurl.com/bekischmooze))**
 - **Environmental Sustainability:** Talk with Nigel Savage, President & CEO of Hazon, the largest faith-based environmental organization in the country, and Shamu Sadeh, Managing Director of Education at Isabella Freedman. Wednesday 20 January 8p [On-Line](#) [Add to G-Calendar](#)
 - **Local Environment:** Talk with Caroline Scanlan, of New Haven's Urban Resources Initiative, a not-for-profit partnership that plants free street trees and creates park areas in New Haven. Wednesday 27 January 8p [On-Line](#) [Add to G-Cal](#)
 - **Book Talk: The Way Back**, with author Gavriel Savit, a New York Times Bestselling author and former BEKI member, will talk about his newest Young Adult novel, a National Book Award finalist. The BEKI Sisterhood Giftshop, giftshop@beki.org, is selling copies of the book. Wednesday 3 February 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#)

- **Feeding People During the Pandemic:** Talk with BEKI member Steve Werlin, executive director of Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK). Wednesday 10 February 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#)
- **Slavery & Atonement:** Georgetown University history professors Adam Rothman and Marcia Chatelain will lead a discussion about their university's financial reliance on slavery, the research process in unearthing this history, the resulting truth and reconciliation process, and finally what steps Georgetown has made to atone for this past. Wednesday 17 February 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#)
- **It is to Laugh: Comedian Rabbi Bob Alper.** We're starting Purim festivities a day early with comedian Rabbi Bob Alper. He will present "The Spirituality of Laughter," a new program that explores humor in ancient and modern Jewish tradition. It's an engaging and inspiring event -- while averaging two genuine belly laughs per minute. Wednesday 24 February 8p [On-Line + G-Cal](#)
- **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](#)
- **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 January through March 10a-10:50a. [Sign-In](#).
 - Rabbi Carl Astor 17 January introducing Parashat Bo [Add to Calendar](#)
 - Rabbi Eric Silver 24 January introducing Parashat BeShalach [Add to Calendar](#)
 - Nanette Stahl 31 January introducing Parashat Yitro [Add to Calendar](#)
 - Steven Fraade 7 February introducing Parashat Mishpatim (Shabbat Sheqalim) [+ G-Cal](#)
 - Jon Mohr in Jerusalem 14 February introducing Parashat Teruma (Shabbat Zakhor) [+ G-Cal](#)
 - Becky Seashore 21 February introducing Parashat Tetsave [+ G-Cal](#)
 - 28 February introducing Parashat Ki Tisa (Shabbat Para)
 - **Rashi Study Group:** Rashi Study Group begins the Book of Isaiah. For readers at all levels. Mondays 8a-8:30a. [On-line RSG](#). Text at Sefaria ([Isaiah 1:17](#))

- **Tehillim in Times of Trouble:** Explore the ancient poetry of the Biblical Psalms; Tuesdays; on break. Want to lead or participate? Info bekitefilla@gmail.com
- **Talmud Berakhot:** Thursdays in January & February 10a-10:55a [Sign-In](#) (text: [Berakhot 13a](#)).
- **In-Person Shabbat & Weekday Services**
 - **Friday Night:** Shabbat Friday Night Services in December & January, 6p - 6:40p in Sanctuary - Social Hall. (Limited Seating; expected attendance 18 or fewer.)
 - **Shabbat Morning:** Weekly in December & January, 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 service in December, contact Annie at anormanschiff@beki.org.
 - **Sunday Mornings:** Weekly in December & January, 9a-9:30a Courtyard and [On-Line](#) (Sanctuary in event of rain, snow, freezing.) (Alternate location: Parking Lot if Courtyard is unsuitable.)
 - **Monday Evenings:** Weekly in December & January, 5:45p-6p. Courtyard and [On-line](#) (Sanctuary in event of rain, snow, freezing.) (Alternate location: Parking Lot if Courtyard is unsuitable.)
 - **Info:** bekitefilla@gmail.com or jjtilsen@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. 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 (currently Sunday mornings and Monday nights) include Qedusha and Mourners’ Qaddish.
- **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 December, please write to jjtilsen@beki.org
- **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 jjtilsen@beki.org 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 jjtilsen@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).
- **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).
- **Chapel on the Green:** The date for distribution of our Winter Care Kits BEKI to be distributed with Chapel on the Green@DESK is this Sunday 10 January. In addition to the 75 adult care kits, we will provide approx. 40 kid-specific kits. Contact Darryl Kuperstock kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555. Thank you for your contributions to this effort (BEKI, memo: tikun olam - COTG)
- **Sunday Food Collection: 7 February** 10a to 11a in the BEKI parking lot. This month's food will go to the Jewish Family Service Food Pantry. The Pantry accepts non-perishable foods of all types, including canned foods, boxed foods and bagged foods. Call 203.671.4705 to arrange for Rob Lettick to be in the parking lot to receive your donation. If you have any questions, please write to Rob at robolettick@aol.com.
- **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, Tiquin Olam Committee kuperst@gmail.com 203-215-8555, and other organized efforts; info@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, Tiquin Olam Cmte, rabbinic counsel jjtilsen@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. Go to [BEKI's "members" FB page](#) and ask to join.
- **Eruv Status Link**
- **COVID-19 & Maimonides Fund Phase II:** Support or get help from Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation [COVID-19 & Maimonides Relief Funds](#). Donate now to benefit from matching fund challenge.
- **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.

Events List in Chronological Order

- Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Carl Astor 17 January 2021
- BEKI Talk: Nigel Savage and Shamu Sadeh on environmental sustainability 20 January 2021
- Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Eric Silver 24 January 2021
- Blood Drive (American Red Cross) 25 January 2021
- BEKI Talk: Caroline Scanlon of Urban Resources Initiative in New Haven 27 January 2021
- Tu BeShevat 28 January 2021
- Parashat HaShavua with Nanette Stahl 31 January 2021
- BEKI Book Talk with Gavriel Savit 3 February 2021
- Food Collection 7 February 2021
- BEKI Talk: DESK with Steve Werlin 10 February 2021
- Rosh Hodesh Adar 12-13 February 2021
- BEKI Talk: Slavery & Atonement with Adam Rothman & Marcia Chatelain 17 February 2021
- Shabbat Zakhor 20 February 2021
- BEKI Talk: Comedian Rabbi Bob Alper 24 February 2021
- Purim Night Megila Reading 25 February 2021

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- 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
- 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
- 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 15 January 2021 – 2 Shevat 5781

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:35a [On-Line](#)
- Office by Phone & Email Only
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **4:30p EST** (home ritual)
- Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p-6:40p BEKI Sanctuary
- Yahrzeits 3 Shevat 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Max Garsen, Claire Abrams Goodwin, Sara Levine Goodwin, Gladys Kaufman

Shabbat 16 January 2021 – 3 Shevat 5781

- Shaharit, Torah Service, Musaf 9:30a-11:00a (**Indoors** due to rain and winds)
- Torah Reading: Parashat VaEra ([Ex. 6:2 - 9:35](#))
- Haftara: Ezekiel 28:25 - 29:21
- Children's Shabbat Havura & K-2 by RSVP
- Minha (Home Ritual) 12:05p or Later
- Minha Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Bo ([Ex. 10:1-11](#))
- Maariv & Havdala (Home Ritual) 5:30p EST or later
- Yahrzeits 4 Shevat (Motse'ei Shabbat & Sunday): Ronald Goldberg, Sara Kleiner, Irving Nabatoff, Fannie Rosenblat, Joseph Sachs, Frances Schwartz

Sunday 17 January 2021 – 4 Shevat 5781

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 9a - 9:35a Courtyard & [On-Line](#)
- BRS 9a-12m on-site and on-line

- Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Carl Astor 10:00a-10:50a [Participate On-Line](#) or [Watch LiveStream](#)
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- Maariv 5:45p-6p [On-Line](#)
- Yahrzeits 5 Shevat (Sunday Night & Monday): Ida Akresh, Maximilian Martin, Ruth Olmer, Bernice Oren

Monday 18 January 2021 – 5 Shevat 5781 -- MLK Day (Federal Holiday)

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit **9a - 9:35a** [On-Line](#)
- Torah Reading: Selection from Parashat Bo ([Ex. 10:1-11](#))
- Rashi Study Group **9a - 9:30a** Text at Sefaria ([Isaiah 1:17](#)) [On-Line](#)
- Office Closed
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- Maariv 5:45p-6p Courtyard & [On-line](#)
- Yahrzeits 6 Shevat (Monday Night & Tuesday): George Brunswick, Irene Greenberg, Evelyn Kahn, Rita Moskowitz, Haie-Bertha Naiman, Jack Nankin, Frances Saltz

Tuesday 19 January 2021 – 6 Shevat 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 7 Shevat (Tuesday Night & Wednesday): Paul Bell, Gerald Tyson, Motya Vysochek, Benjamin Yanekloff

Wednesday 20 January 2020 – 7 Shevat 5781

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:35a ([On-Line](#))
- Office by Email & Phone Only
- Rabbis' Study Group (Private) 10a-11a
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- BRS on-line only
- Maariv 5:45p - 6p [On-line](#)
- Yahrzeits 8 Shevat Tevet (Wednesday Night & Thursday): Ida Buckman, Esther Siegelbaum
- BEKI Talk: Environmental Sustainability: Nigel Savage & Shamu Sadeh 8p-9p ([On-Line](#))

Thursday 21 January 2020 – 8 Shevat 5781

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 8:15a-9a ([On-Line](#))
- Torah Reading: Parashat Bo ([Ex. 10:1-11](#))
- Office by Email & Phone Only
- Talmud Berakhot Study Group 10a-10:55a [On-Line](#)
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- Maariv 5:45p-6p ([On-Line](#))
- Yahrzeits 9 Shevat (Thursday Night & Friday): Ida Ammerman, Nathan Chorney, Esther Heller, Charles Seashore, Arthur Silver, Marion Trager

Friday 22 January 2021 – 9 Shevat 5781

- Pesuqei deZimra & Shaharit 7a-7:35a [On-Line](#)
- Office by Phone & Email Only
- Minha after 12:05p (Home Ritual)
- Shabbat Candle Lighting **4:38p EST** (home ritual)
- Qabbalat Shabbat & Maariv Service 6p-6:40p BEKI Sanctuary
- Yahrzeits 10 Shevat 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Yakira Fraade, Gitta Levine, Florence Lome, Forest London

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