This Week & Beyond at BEKI
BEKI Happenings
Sukkot

- **High Holy Days Inspiration & Education**
  - President’s Greetings for Yamim Noraim ([Video](https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings) 18 min.)
  - Music & Video Recordings for Yamim Noraim ([Videos](https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings))
  - Rabbi’s Messages for Yamim Noraim ([All Videos](https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings))

- **Back Talk**: Recordings of BEKI Talks and Schmoozes [link](https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings)

- **Sukkot Services**: See [Sukkot & Simhat Torah Schedule](https://www.beki.org/schmooze-recordings) and daily listings in this issue of Happenings

- **Lulav & Etrog**: Lulav & Etrog ordered from BEKI are available in the Lobby and Office. (To be used on Sunday of Sukkot and Hol HaMoed, not Shabbat.) Guest sets available for use on-site.

- **Tefillin During Sukkot**: Tefillin are not worn on festival days (the first two days of Sukkot, and Shemini Atseret and Simhat Torah). Custom varies on Hol HaMoed: Some do not wear them, some wear them until Hallel. Rabbi Tilsen recommends that absent an established family custom, the standard practice is to not wear tefillin.

- **Yizkor Memorial Service**: The Memorial Service on Shemini Atseret (Shabbat 10 October) will be at 11:00a (or a little later), moved to the “end” of the sequence to accommodate the interests of those who particularly do or do not want to attend. Placement of the Yizkor service is discretionary and customs vary. The service this date is in-person only and 18 minutes.

- **Machzor Return**: If you borrowed a mahzor (High Holy Days prayer book) from BEKI, please return it by 31 October 2020. As the BEKI building remains closed for general purposes, please check with the office to
arrange a day to drop them off when Peggy is there to let you into the lobby only. The mahzorim should be left on the table by the entrance and should be signed back in on the list on the table so as to avoid the $50 replacement charge.

- **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 daily services or whenever you like (say when via giftshop@beki.com).

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

- **Rashi Study Group:** Book of Second Kings with commentary, Mondays 8a-8:30a. On-line RSG. Text at Sefaria (2 Kings 21.1)

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

- **Outdoor In-Person Shabbat & Weekday Services.** Rain Location: Sanctuary
  - **Friday Night:** Shabbat (& Festival) Friday Night Services in October 6p in the Sukka (Courtyard)
  - **Shabbat Morning:** Weekly in October, 9:30a-11a, Shaharit-Torah Service-Musaf. 90 minutes, parking lot; RSVP Yes I’m Planning to Attend Shabbat Morning. Shabbat Sukkot & Shemini Atseret Services end 11:30a
  - **Sunday Festivals:** Sukkot & Simhat Torah Sunday morning in-person in the Courtyard, 9:30a-11:30a
  - **Sunday Mornings** (non-Festival): Morning services 9a-9:30a Courtyard and On-Line
  - **Monday** afternoons-evenings in-person in the Courtyard info bekitefilla@gmail.com. 5:45p-6:15p. Weekly in October. 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).

- **Monday 12 October:** The morning service on Monday 12 October, a civic holiday (formerly “Columbus Day”) will be held at 9a-10a, and is now planned for in-doors (Sanctuary-Social Hall) (revised from earlier publications); Ari Hurwitz will lead and participate in services as a bar mitzva.
Want More On-Site Daily Services? If you would like to attend more on-site indoor daily services in October-November-December, and can make a commitment to attend, please write to jjtilsen@beki.org.

On-Line Daily Services: Info bekitefilla@gmail.com for weekday on-line prayer. See daily schedule below – 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 October-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.

Toward Improved Services: We continually seek to improve our technical skills. Experienced and novice leaders and readers alike will benefit from a review of “LaMenatseah -- Tefila Tips for the Leader at BEKI” (though tip # 1 is suspended). For language precision, see “Point of Grammar”.

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.”

Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Tilsen & Guests: Resumes Sunday 1 November 2020 10a-10:50a with guest Rabbi Eric Silver on Parashat VaYera Sign-In

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/QHEeYtV Info: Madeleine Kleinman adk117@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 October-December, 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

- **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 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.

- **Food Drive:** 18 October 10a-11a to benefit DESK

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

- **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**

- Sukkot Night 2 October 2020
- Sukkot First Two Days 3-4 October 2020
- USY Sukkot Hopschotch 7 October 2020
- Hoshana Rabba 9 October 2020
- Shemini Atseret Night 9 October 2020
- Yizkor Memorial Service 10 October 2020
- Shemini Atseret Day 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
- Food Drive 18 October 2020
- USY Apple Picking 18 October 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Heshvan 18-19 October 2020
- Resume Standard Time 1 November 2020
- Parashat HaShavua with Rabbi Eric Silver 1 November 2020
- Election Day USA 3 November 2020
- Parashat HaShavua with Steven Fraade 15 November 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Kislev 17 November 2020
- Parashat HaShavua with Nanette Stahl 22 November 2020
- Thanksgiving (USA) 26 November 2020
- Hanukkah First Night 10 December 2020
- Shabbat Hanuka 11-12 December 2020
- Rosh Hodesh Tevet 16 December 2020
- Hanukkah Last Night-Day 17-18 December 2020

Friday 2 October 2020 – 14 Tishrei 5781-- Erev Sukkot

- Shaharit 7a-7:30a [Sign in to Tefila On-line](#)
- Psalm 27
- Office By Phone & Email or Appointment Only
- Minha & Shabbat Festival Service 6p-6:30p BEKI Courtyard Sukka (Rain Location: Sanctuary)
- Shabbat Candle Lighting 6:12p EDT (home ritual)
- Yahrzeits 15 Tishrei 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Avraham Ben Shalom, Donald J. Cohen, Nathan Ersoff, Benjamin Milstein, Ann Shrebnik Ratoosh

Shabbat 3 October 2020 – 15 Tishrei 5781 -- Shabbat Sukkot

- Shaharit, Hallel, Torah Service, Musaf, Hoshana 9:30a-11:30a Parking Lot
• (Lulav & Etrog not used on Shabbat)
• Torah Reading: Sukkot (Lev 22:26 - 23:44) & Maftir (Num 29:12-16)
• Haftara: Zekharya 14:1-21
• Children’s Shabbat Havura by RSVP
• Minha (Home Ritual) 1p or Later
• Candle Lighting 7:13p or Later (Home Ritual)
• Festival Maariv (Home Ritual) evening
• Yahrzeits 16 Tishrei (Motse’ei Shabbat & Sunday): Samuel Singer, Florence Supowitz

Sunday 4 October 2020 – 16 Tishrei 5781 -- Sukkot Second Day

• Shaharit, Hallel, Torah Service, Musaf, Hoshana 9:30a-11:30a Parking Lot
• Lulav & Etrog used at services or Home Ritual
• Torah Reading: Sukkot (Lev 22:26 - 23:44) & Maftir (Num 29:12-16)
• Haftara: 1 Kings 8:2-21
• Minha after 1p (Home Ritual)
• Havdala (Gefen and HaMavdil only) after 7:12p
• Maariv (Home Ritual)
• Yahrzeits 17 Tishrei (Sunday Night & Monday): Myra Brunswick, Irwin Gerber, Emma Sydney, Chester Tomkins, Abraham Weiss, Sylvia Zeid

Monday 5 October 2020 – 17 Tishrei 5781 -- Hol HaMoed 1 Sukkot

• Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, Hoshana 7a-7:45a (On-Line)
• Torah Reading: Num. 29:17-25
• No Tahanun. Add Psalm 27
• Lulav & Etrog used at services or Home Ritual
• Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
• Minha & Maariv 5:45p-6:13p Courtyard Sukka Sign in to Tefila On-line
• Yahrzeits 18 Tishrei (Monday Night & Tuesday): Jacob J. Epstein, Murray Leiman, Sylvia Terk, Beatrice Worobow, Moe Zigler

Tuesday 6 October 2020 – 18 Tishrei 5781 -- Hol HaMoed 2 Sukkot

• Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, Hoshana 7a-7:45a (On-Line)
• Torah Reading: Num. 29:20-28
• No Tahanun. Add Psalm 27
• Lulav & Etrog used at services or Home Ritual
• Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
• Minha & Maariv 5:45p-6:13p Sign in to Tefila On-line
Yahrzeits 19 Tishrei (Tuesday Night & Wednesday): George Feen
Tehilim with Corinne Blackmer 8p-9p On-Line

**Wednesday 7 October 2020 – 19 Tishrei 5781 - Hol HaMoed 3 Sukkot**

- Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, Hoshana 7a-7:45a (On-Line)
- Torah Reading: Num. 29:23-31
- No Tahanun. Add Psalm 27
- Lulav & Etrog used at services or Home Ritual
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Rabbis' Study Group 10a-11a
- BRS 4p-6:15p
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p - 6:13p Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Yahrzeits 20 Tishrei (Wednesday Night & Thursday): Abraham Adelstein, Benjamin Brodner, Regina Faymann, Sylvia Feldman, Martin Knecht, Jay Moskowitz, Helene Pepper

**Thursday 8 October 2020 – 20 Tishrei 5781 -- Hol HaMoed 4 Sukkot**

- Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, Hoshana 8:15a-9:10a (On-Line)
- Torah Reading: Num. 29:26-34
- No Tahanun. Add Psalm 27
- Lulav & Etrog used at services or Home Ritual
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Talmud Berakhot Study Group recess until 15 October
- Minha & Maariv 5:45p - 6:13p Sign in to Tefila On-line
- Yahrzeits 21 Tishrei (Thursday Night & Friday): Tillie Hausler, Aryeh Hurwitz, Elaine H. Lettick, David A. Oppenheimer, Sol Rosenberg, Patricia Zusman

**Friday 9 October 2020 – 21 Tishrei 5781-- Hoshana Rabba -- Erev Shemini Atseret**

- Shaharit, Hallel, Musaf, Hoshanot (TBA) (On-Line)
- Torah Reading: Num. 29:26-34
- No Tahanun. Add Psalm 27
- Final use of Lulav & Etrog at services or Home Ritual
- Office Closed & By Phone & Email Only
- Minha & Shabbat Festival Service 6p-6:30p BEKI Courtyard (Rain Location: Sanctuary)
- Shabbat & Festival Candle Lighting 6:01p EDT (home ritual)
- Yahrzeits 22 Tishrei 5781 (Friday Night & Shabbat Day): Herbert Altman, Shirley Bober, Mildred Lidsky, David R. Miller

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