

THE SHOFAR

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

Sept. 1–NO SERVICE at BJCC. Colliver Bar Mitzvah at Hillel Center. See below

Sept. 8–Nitzavim–Reform–M. Kranowski

Sept. 15–Vayeilech–Reform–R. Scheckler

Sept. 22–Ha'azinu–Reform–E. Hallerman

Sept. 29–Chol Ha-moed Sukkot–Reform–S&M
Kranowski

COLLIVER BAR MITZVAH, SEPT. 1

Lauren and Ethan Colliver invite you to share a special moment in their lives when their son, Gideon Matthew, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah, Sat., Sept. 1, at 10:00 AM.

Please note the location:

Hillel at Virginia Tech

710 Toms Creek Road

Blacksburg, VA

Kiddush Luncheon following services.

RSVP is appreciated, colliver@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear BJCC Members,

The Jewish year 5778 is coming to a close, and 5779 will arrive with the High Holidays, a period of confession, reflection, and renewal. I will now confess that I am a home body. And, in this technological age with e-books, many news feeds, and hundreds of channels to watch on TV, I can stay happily at home for long periods of time.

Which brings me to my New Year's resolution: just show up. Watching a good show or reading a good book can't replace contact with people and being part of a community. My request to you as president this year is to show up on occasion. The success of our community depends on it.

Shalom,

Marta Brinberg, BJCC President

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

We'll have services on Erev Rosh Hashanah, both days of Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur (the Kol Nidrei service), Yom Kippur morning, and the closing service (Neilah). All High Holiday services will be held at the BJCC. There will be a children's service on Erev RH and on Erev YK.

If non-BJCC members would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of putting on these services, please mail a check (memo "HHD services") to BJCC Treasurer, PO Box 782, Blacksburg, VA 24063, or use the Paypal DONATE button on the High Holidays page of our website, bjccblacksburg.org. In the "add special instructions..." field, indicate that your donation is for High Holiday services. We very much appreciate your generosity!

We'll use our new Reform machzors for all services except on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and the closing Neilah service. (We'll use the Harlow Conservative machzors for those two services.) Cantor Irv Gertner will again chant much of our services.

ROSH HASHANAH

Sun., Sept. 9, 6:30-7:15 PM–Children's service

Sun., Sept. 9, 7:30 PM–Erev RH services** followed by a dessert reception

Mon., Sept. 10, 9:30 AM–1st day service**

Tues. Sept. 11, 9:30 AM–2nd day service

YOM KIPPUR

Tues. Sept. 18, 7:00-7:45 PM –Children's service (downstairs)

Tues. Sept. 18, 7:00 PM–Erev YK (Kol Nidrei) service (with child care)

Wed. Sept. 19, 9:30 AM–Daytime YK service, including Yizkor**

Wed. Sept. 19, 7:00 PM–Closing Neilah service** followed by a potluck vegetarian break-the-fast meal.

**See child care details on the next page.

**** Child care** will be provided for the Kol Nidrei service on Sept. 18. We will offer child care for the Erev RH, RH1 daytime, YK daytime, and YK closing Neilah services only by request, which must be sent no later than Sept. 2 to Eric Hallerman, ehallerm@vt.edu. Please provide the names and ages of children who will need child care and at which services they will attend.

DESSERT RECEPTION TO WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

Immediately following the Erev Rosh Hashanah services on Sun. evening, Sept. 9, join us for a dessert reception downstairs—apples and honey, fruits and nuts, and lots of desserts (including some that are gluten free). Bring your children, take time to schmooze with old friends, welcome new friends, and celebrate the New Year 5779.

BREAK-THE-FAST POTLUCK AFTER YOM KIPPUR NEILAH SERVICE, SEPT. 19

Following the Neilah service on Yom Kippur (Sept. 19), we will have a break-the-fast potluck meal. Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, SEPT. 23

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Sept. 23. Send information to Richard at richard@vt.edu.

DUES ARE DUE!

It is time to pay your dues for 2018-2019. New members may join without payment for a complimentary first year. You can find a membership form and pay online on our website, www.bjccblacksburg.org. Alternatively, send a check to BJCC, Attn: Steve Scheckler, PO Box 782, Blacksburg VA 24063. Renewing members pay \$350 for a single membership and \$700 for a family membership. Please pay your dues before the end of October—our operating budget depends on these funds! Contact Treasurer Steve Scheckler (stephen@vt.edu) if you need to discuss a payment plan.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS

We are grateful to the many people who have recently made kind contributions to the BJCC.

Fiscal year 2019

Henry Hallerman
Irvin Gertner, Teaneck, NJ
Hirsh family
Cathy & Steven Jacobs

Marta Brinberg
Rhea Epstein and Al Kornhauser
Rita and Bradley Klein
Irene Jacobs
Sheila and Richard Winett
Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler, Draper, VA
Linda Rosenberg Deemer
Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Agawam, MA

Fiscal year 2018

Shamira and Joshua Shallom, Olney, MD
Irvin Gertner, Teaneck, NJ
Nitza and Amoz Katz
Jodi and Jonathan Rosenfeld, Phoenixville, PA
Samual Sadovnic, Christiansburg, VA
Claire Klein, Salem, VA
Finally Fit Forever, Virginia Beach, VA
Linda Chamowitz
Elinor and Sheldon Rosenbaum, Rocky Hill, VT
Victoria Taylor and Bernard Ross, Christiansburg, VA
Maeve Gould
Lili Ann and Gregg Lustig, Shaker Heights, OH
Ester and Eric Hallerman
Sara Schwartz, Radford, VA
Lauren and Frank DeLorenzo
Hirsh family
Brenda Springer and Matthew Nottingham
Lauren Colliver
Madeline Schreiber
Suzan and Jonathan Antin
Vickie and William Epstein
Wendy Silverman and Daniel Hindman
Linda Rosenberg Deemer and James (Jimmy) Deemer
Marcia Brumberg, Roanoke, VA
Henry Hallerman
Sarah and Sophie Landres, Portsmouth, NH
Howard Selznick, Palo Alto, CA
Marta and David Brinberg
Cathy and Steven Jacobs
Ruth Grene
Jo and Ezra Brown
Daniel Sable
Rita and Bradley Klein
Rhea Epstein and Al Kornhauser
Rebecca and Stephen Scheckler, Draper, VA

Shana tova

FAMILY AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Hello BJCC families! We have several events in Sept. that are geared just for you:

Sun., Sept. 9, 6:30-7:15 PM is our Erev Rosh Hashanah children/family service in the BJCC sanctuary. Child care will be offered during the adult service that begins at 7:30 PM. Goodies will be provided for the kids downstairs.

Tues., Sept. 18, 7:00-7:45 PM is our Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur) children/family service in the lower level of the BJCC.

Sunday School begins on Sept. 16 at 9:30 AM. Please contact Wendy if you would like to register your child for Sunday School and have not already done so. At this time, we have 20 Sunday School students for the 2018-2019 school year.

We will be having a joint consecration and Simchat Torah ceremony with Temple Emanuel in Roanoke on Sun., Sept. 30. Consecration welcomes our youngest Sunday School students to beginning their Jewish education. If your child is older and has not been consecrated, your child may join in this event as well. (There is no age limit to a consecration ceremony.)

This is a fun event, and we would love to have a good showing. Combined with consecration is Simchat Torah, an event in which the entire Torah is opened and spread around the sanctuary. It is most definitely a sight to see. This event is great for all ages, and it integrates our greater Jewish community.

Don't miss the consecration and Simchat Torah dinner as well. Details:

Time: 6:00 PM. Dinner cost: \$15.00 per adult (\$45.00 per family max) and children under age 13 are free.

Call the Temple Emanuel office at 540-342-3378 by Thurs., Sept. 27 to reserve your dinner ticket. The menu includes, as appetizers, marinated olives, potato burekas, hummus and pita, Israeli chopped salad, and tabbouli. The main course consists of meatloaf with sweet-and-sour tomato sauce, Sabbath rice, spinach with pine nuts, and raisins. Dessert consists of nut-filled pastry (sc)rolls. The Simchat Torah/Consecration ceremony begins after the meal, at 6:30 PM.

HILLEL NEWS

See the Hillel calendar, and obtain more info at <http://hillelatvirginiatech.com>

L' Shanah Tovah
Have a sweet year!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 21 Elul 5778 Parashat Ki Tavo Colliver Bar Mitzvah ceremony at Hillel Center
2 22 Elul 5778	3 23 Elul 5778	4 24 Elul 5778	5 25 Elul 5778	6 26 Elul 5778	7 27 Elul 5778	8 28 Elul 5778 Parashat Nitzavim Reform service
9 29 Elul 5778 Erev Rosh Hashanah Children's svc.: 6:30 PM Erev RH svc.: 7:30 PM Dessert reception follows.	10 1 Tishrei 5779 Rosh Hashana 5779 RH service, 9:30 AM	11 2 Tishrei 5779 Rosh Hashana II 5779 2 nd day RH svc., 9:30 AM	12 3 Tishrei 5779	13 4 Tishrei 5779	14 5 Tishrei 5779	15 6 Tishrei 5779 Parashat Vayeilech Shabbat Shuva Reform service
16 7 Tishrei 5779 Sunday School begins	17 8 Tishrei 5779	18 9 Tishrei 5779 Erev Yom Kippur Children's svc: 7:00 PM Erev YK svc.: 7:00 PM	19 10 Tishrei 5779 Yom Kippur YK svc.: 9:30 AM Neilah svc.: 7:00 PM Break-the-fast potluck follows svc.	20 11 Tishrei 5779	21 12 Tishrei 5779	22 13 Tishrei 5779 Parashat Ha'azinu Reform service
23 14 Tishrei 5779 Erev Sukkot Deadline for submitting info for Oct. issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	24 15 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot I	25 16 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot II	26 17 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot III (CH"M)	27 18 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot IV (CH"M)	28 19 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot V (CH"M)	29 20 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot VI (CH"M) Reform service
30 21 Tishrei 5779 Sukkot VII (Hoshana Raba) Joint consecration and Simchat Torah ceremony with Temple Emanuel						

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