
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

Oct. 6–Breishit–Reform–M. Kranowski

Oct. 13–Noach–Reform–E. Hallerman

Oct. 20–Lech Lecha–Reform–R. Scheckler

Oct. 27–Vayera–Reform–E. Hallerman**

**Potluck lunch today

SHOFAR DEADLINE, OCT. 24

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Oct. 24. Send information to Richard at richard@vt.edu.

POTLUCK LUNCH, OCT. 27

On Oct. 27, we'll hold our regular potluck lunch after services (about 11:30 AM). Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share.



BJCC TEEN PROGRAM

Did you know that the BJCC offers a teen program? It's open to all Jewish teenagers in the community, so spread the word! The teens plan fun activities throughout the year, and there is no charge for participants. Some past activities have included: a tailgate party and a VT football game, a trip to Xtreme Springz Trampoline Park, bowling and games at the NRV Superbowl, a hike to the Cascades, blueberry picking and making homemade ice cream afterward, and a trip to the Blacksburg Escape Room. Our teens also performed a mitzvah last fall by gleaning at VT's Kentland Farm and donating the fresh vegetables they picked to a local soup kitchen.

We are currently planning fall activities, and we'd love for your teen to join us. Please contact Suzan Antin, the liaison, at suzan_antin@yahoo.com or 540-415-8672, if your teen is interested in participating.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear BJCC Members,

Thank you for your participation in the food drive for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. Your response to the drive was generous, with a total of sixteen bags of food and more than \$2,000 in cash contributions. These donations will greatly help families facing hard times in our community.

Shalom, Marta Brinberg, BJCC President

BBYO

Several of our teens are participating in BBYO, formerly known as B'nai Brith Youth Organization, an international program for Jewish youth from 8th through 12th grades. The Blacksburg BBYO chapter was reinstated three years ago and is co-ed. We are part of the North Carolina Council and participate in council conventions in Raleigh/Durham, Greensboro, and Charlotte. One of our teens attended the Chapter Leaders Training conference during the summer of 2017, and he attended International Kallah in Lake Como, PA during the summer of 2018. All BBYO camps and conferences offer our students the opportunity to make connections with other Jewish teens from the region and around the world.

BBYO membership is open to students in 8th grade through high school. There is a one-time dues payment (payable at bbyo.org) that covers membership through high school graduation.

A weekend orientation program for teens who are new to BBYO, MIT-AIT, will be held in Greensboro during the weekend of October 26-28. Registration is open now at bbyo.org.

Our local BBYO participated in BBYO's Global Shabbat program last December. Like other BBYO members around the world, they had Shabbat dinner, followed by fire-pit s'mores. One of our teens organized a DNA sample collection for the Gift-of-

Life bone marrow and platelet donor matching program—an effort that resulted from a presentation given at a BBYO conference.

Please contact Suzan Antin, 540-415-8672, for more information.

PJ LIBRARY AND PJ OUR WAY

The BJCC partners with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation to provide a free book each month to Jewish children, ages 6 months to 8 years, who live in the New River Valley. If you are interested in registering your child, you can sign up at pjlibrary.org.

Through the PJ Our Way program, children ages 9-11 can choose a free book each month—and sometimes music! Register your child at the same website, pjlibrary.org, and look for the link to PJ Our Way.

You may contact Suzan Antin at 540-415-8672 if you have questions about either program.

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.

HILLEL NEWS

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 22 Tishrei Shmini Atzeret	2 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah	3 24 Tishrei	4 25 Tishrei	5 26 Tishrei	6 27 Tishrei Parashat Breishit Reform service
7 28 Tishrei	8 29 Tishrei	9 30 Tishrei Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	10 1 Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	11 2 Cheshvan	12 3 Cheshvan	13 4 Cheshvan Parashat Noach Reform service
14 5 Cheshvan	15 6 Cheshvan	16 7 Cheshvan Yom HaAliyah	17 8 Cheshvan	18 9 Cheshvan	19 10 Cheshvan	20 11 Cheshvan Parashat Lech Lecha Reform service
21 12 Cheshvan	22 13 Cheshvan	23 14 Cheshvan	24 15 Cheshvan Deadline for info for next issue of the <i>Shofar</i>	25 16 Cheshvan	26 17 Cheshvan	27 18 Cheshvan Parashat Vayera Reform service and potluck lunch
28 19 Cheshvan	29 20 Cheshvan	30 21 Cheshvan	31 22 Cheshvan			

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