

---

# THE SHOFAR

---

The Monthly Bulletin of the BJCC

December 2018 /Kislev-Tevet 5779



Blacksburg Jewish Community Center  
Corner of Church and Roanoke Streets, PO Box 782  
Blacksburg, VA 24063 (540) 300-BJCC  
Web site: [www.bjccblacksburg.org](http://www.bjccblacksburg.org)



## SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

### SERVICES

Dec.1–Vayeishev–Reform–E&G Colliver

Dec.8–Miketz–Reform–E. Hallerman

Dec.15–Vayigash–Reform–M&S Kranowski

Dec.22–Vayehi–Reform–R. Grene & Ester  
Hallerman

Dec.29–Shemot–Reform–S&M Kranowski

### “CANORAH” DONATION AND LIGHTING, DEC. 4

Chabad at Virginia Tech is building a “canorah”—a menorah built from cans of food, which will be donated to Montgomery County Emergency Relief. The structure will be built outside War Memorial Chapel on Dec. 4 from 5:00 to 5:45 PM. Donate cans, or send money via venmo @Chabad-VT. For more info, email [chabad@vt.edu](mailto:chabad@vt.edu).

### CHANUKAH PARTY & POTLUCK, DEC. 9

Our annual Chanukah party and potluck will be held on Sun., Dec. 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. at the Blacksburg Community Center, 725 Patrick Henry Drive. Bring a dish that serves 12 to share. Also, bring your dreidels and gelt (or pennies) to compete in the traditional Chanukah game. Please RSVP to Marta Brinberg at [martabrinberg@hotmail.com](mailto:martabrinberg@hotmail.com) or 552-7209.



### SHOFAR DEADLINE, DEC. 20

The deadline for submitting news for the next issue of the *Shofar* is Dec. 20. Send information to Richard at [richard@vt.edu](mailto:richard@vt.edu).

### GREAT JEWISH BOOKS BOOK CLUB

The Yiddish Book Center's Great Jewish Books Book Club has grown to include hundreds of readers around the world. Each year, Book Club members explore a diverse selection of Yiddish literature in English translation—novels, memoirs, essays, short stories, and poetry. These works, produced throughout the great upheavals of modernity, speak to our contemporary conflicts and challenges, and to the beauty and sweetness of our traditions. For more information on registering for the 2019 club, please see <https://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/language-literature-culture/great-jewish-book-club/about-book-club>.





### DUES ARE WAY PAST DUE

It is PAST 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](http://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](mailto: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>

## December 2018 / Kislev-Tevet 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>  23 Kislev <a href="#">Parashat Vayeishev</a> Reform service
<b>2</b>  24 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 1 candle</a>  	<b>3</b>  25 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 2 candles</a>  	<b>4</b>  26 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 3 candles</a> “Canorah” lighting  	<b>5</b>  27 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 4 candles</a>  	<b>6</b>  28 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 5 candles</a>  	<b>7</b>  29 Kislev <a href="#">Chanukah: 6 candles</a>  	<b>8</b>  30 Kislev <a href="#">Parashat Miketz,</a> <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Tevet</a> <a href="#">Chanukah: 7 candles</a> Reform service  
<b>9</b>  1 Tevet <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh</a> <a href="#">Tevet</a> <a href="#">Chanukah: 8 candles</a> Chanukah party & potluck at Comm. Ctr.  	<b>10</b>  2 Tevet <a href="#">Chanukah: 8th Day</a>	<b>11</b>  3 Tevet	<b>12</b>  4 Tevet	<b>13</b>  5 Tevet	<b>14</b>  6 Tevet	<b>15</b>  7 Tevet <a href="#">Parashat Vayigash</a> Reform service
<b>16</b>  8 Tevet	<b>17</b>  9 Tevet	<b>18</b>  10 Tevet	<b>19</b>  11 Tevet	<b>20</b>  12 Tevet Deadline for January issue of <i>Shofar</i>	<b>21</b>  13 Tevet	<b>22</b>  14 Tevet <a href="#">Parashat Vayehi</a> Reform service
<b>23</b>  15 Tevet	<b>24</b>  16 Tevet	<b>25</b>  17 Tevet	<b>26</b>  18 Tevet	<b>27</b>  19 Tevet	<b>28</b>  20 Tevet	<b>29</b>  21 Tevet <a href="#">Parashat Shemot</a> Reform service
<b>30</b>  22 Tevet	<b>31</b>  23 Tevet					

### BJCC Officers and Board Members 2018-19

(These email addresses are being protected against automatic spamming with a space before and after the @ sign. If you use one of these addresses, be sure to key it without the spaces.)

President	Marta Brinberg	martabrinberg @ hotmail.com
President-elect (V.P.)	Open	
Past President	Madeline Schreiber	mekeesee @ gmail.com
Treasurer	Stephen Scheckler	stephen @ vt.edu
Secretary	Aaron Goldstein	goldst @ vt.edu
Education Chair	Wendy Silverman	wssilverman @ gmail.com
Community Service/Tzedakah Chair	Ruth Grene	greneruth @ gmail.com
	Linda Deemer	lrdeemer @ comcast.net
Religion Chair	Muriel Kranowski	murielk @ vt.edu
Social Co-Chairs	Ruth Grene	greneruth @ gmail.com
	Open	
Building Chair	Brad Klein	bklein @ vt.edu
Culture Chair	Open	
Board members-at-large	Golde Holtzman	holtzman @ vt.edu
	Cindy Rosenbaum	cbrosenb @ hotmail.com
BJCC listserv keeper	Muriel Kranowski	murielk @ vt.edu
Membership Co-chairs	Linda Deemer	lrdeemer @ comcast.net
	Open	
<i>Shofar</i> Editor	Richard Hirsh	richard @ vt.edu