
THE SHOFAR

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SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

[Saturday Shabbat services begin at 10:00 AM]

SERVICES

Mar. 2–Vayakhel–Reform–E. Hallerman

Mar. 9–Pekudei–Reform–R. Scheckler

Mar. 16–Vayikra–Reform–M&S Kranowski

Mar. 23–Tsav–Reform–R. Scheckler**

**Potluck lunch

Mar. 30–Shemini–Reform–E. Hallerman

PURIM CARNIVAL, MAR. 17

The BJCC is having a Purim carnival, Sun., Mar. 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Blacksburg Rec Center.

People of all ages are welcome! There will be a hamantaschen bake off, a kids and adult costume contest, a cake/dessert walk, and, of course, Purim themed carnival games. We are gladly accepting donations for prizes for the kids dessert items as well. Prizes can be gently used (not necessarily new) toys. Please contact Wendy Silverman at wssilverman@gmail.com if you have questions.

PURIM PARTY FOR ADULTS, MAR. 20

Don't miss the big Purim party on Wed., Mar. 20,

starting at 6:30 PM in the BJCC social hall (basement of BJCC building). We will enjoy the Megillah reading while imbibing wine (costumes encouraged, but optional). After the reading, we'll consume a buffet dinner catered by India Garden, with desserts of hamantaschen and donuts. Please RSVP to martabrinberg@hotmail.com



POTLUCK LUNCH, MAR. 23

On Mar. 23, we'll hold our regular potluck lunch after services (about 11:30 AM). Please bring a dairy or veggie dish to share. And following the lunch ... (see next item).

HILLEL FELLOW TALK, MAR. 23

Dor Kwiatek, VT Hillel's Israel Fellow, will speak on Mar. 23rd at 12:30 PM (after the potluck) at the BJCC. Dor will talk on "Travel with the Bible," a discussion that will connect different Bible stories to the land of Israel through archeology, geography, and history. Dor has a BA in Israel studies and is a licensed tour guide in Israel.

SHOFAR DEADLINE, MAR. 24

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

SEARCH FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Wendy Silverman, our current Sunday school Director, is stepping down from the job at the end of this academic year. Consequently, the Sunday school is searching for her replacement. This replacement can be either one person or a few people who work together. The Sunday school director, or the management team, will receive an annual stipend.

The main responsibility for this position is to manage the pre-K through B'nai Mitzvah education program. The BJCC participates in the Institute of Southern Jewish Learning's (ISJL) comprehensive curriculum, which means the teachers are given lesson plans and books.

The Sunday school director (or one member of the team) is expected to attend the ISJL summer conference in Jackson, MS; hire Sunday school and Hebrew teachers; purchase needed materials for the teachers; and organize activities, such as the ISJL visit and family programs

If you are interested (or know of someone who might be interested) in taking on this rewarding job, please contact Marta at martabrinberg@hotmail.com or 540-552-7209.

THANK YOU, SUZAN!

We are very grateful to Suzan Antin for managing our PJ Library Alliance subscription. Her grant applications to the Harold Grinspoon Foundation resulted in two awards for PJ totaling \$352.

HILLEL NEWS

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

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